



ROSEBURG ELECTION INFORMATION

Special Election
Tuesday, May 16, 2023

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General Information

Welcome to the 2023 City of Roseburg Election Information pamphlet. This pamphlet is meant to provide voters with valuable information about candidates and measures that will appear on the ballot in Roseburg, Oregon. Printed copies of the City of Roseburg Election Information pamphlet are available in the Roseburg City Hall lobby at the Finance Department window, 900 SE Douglas Ave.; Roseburg Public Library, 1409 NE Diamond Lake Blvd.; and the Roseburg Public Safety Center, 700 SE Douglas Ave.

Candidates

Candidates for the Roseburg Public Schools Board, Roseburg Urban Sanitary Authority (RUSA) Board, Umpqua Community College (UCC) Board, and Douglas Education Service District (ESD) Board may submit information for the City of Roseburg Election Information pamphlet. No other candidates will be included in the pamphlet.

Candidate statements are printed as submitted. The City does not correct punctuation, grammar, syntax errors or inaccurate information. The City may, but is not required, to correct spelling errors.

Measures

Measures, as well as arguments for or against measures, for the City of Roseburg, Roseburg Public Schools, Roseburg Urban Sanitary Authority (RUSA), Umpqua Community College (UCC) and Douglas Education Service District (ESD) may be submitted for inclusion in the City of Roseburg Election Information pamphlet. No other measures will be included in the pamphlet.

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Registering to Vote

You may register to vote online at [State of Oregon: Voting - Oregon Online Voter Registration](https://www.oregonvotes.gov) or you can get a voter registration card at Douglas County Elections, the City Recorder's Office, the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles or other locations around the city. Your voter registration card must be postmarked no later than 21 days before the election in which you intend to vote. To register to vote in Oregon, you must be at least 16 years old, a resident of Oregon and a citizen of the United States. If you are 16 years old, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday. For the May 16, 2023, Special Election, your completed voter registration card must be either:

- Postmarked by Tuesday, April 25, 2023.
- Delivered to a county elections office by Tuesday, April 25, 2023.
- Delivered to any voter registration agency (e.g., DMV) by Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

If you register to vote online (with a valid Oregon Drivers' License or State issued ID card), your registration must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2023. To check on the status of your voter registration or ballot, go to [MyVote](https://www.oregonvotes.gov). To find out more about how and where to register to vote, go to [State of Oregon: Elections - Voting in Oregon](https://www.oregonvotes.gov).

Voter Information

In Oregon, elections are all vote-by-mail. Registered voters are mailed a ballot approximately two weeks before an election. To vote, follow the instructions on the official ballot. Your return identification envelope must include your signature. Return your ballot by mail to any official ballot drop site location or by mail to Douglas County Elections, 1036 SE Douglas Ave., Room CH124, Roseburg, OR 97470. Ballots must be postmarked or received at an official drop site location by 8 p.m. on Election Day, May 16, 2023. A list of drop site locations is included with your ballot material. Drop site locations in Roseburg include:

Douglas County Clerk's Office

1036 SE Douglas Ave., Room CH124 & Hallway Slot

- Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Election Day: 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Douglas County Courthouse, Front Lawn

1036 SE Douglas Ave.

- Walk-Up: 24 hours a day
- Election Day: Until 8 p.m.

Roseburg Public Library, Parking Lot

1409 NE Diamond Lake Blvd.

- Drive-Up: 24 hours a day
- Election Day: Until 8 p.m.

Umpqua Community College, Admin Bldg. Drop Slot

1140 Umpqua College Road

- Drive-Up 24 hours a day
- Election Day: Until 8 p.m.

Roseburg West

1381 NW Garden Valley Blvd., East Side/Bi-Mart Parking Lot

- Drive-Up: 24 hours a day
- Election Day: Until 8 p.m.

Resources

Oregon Secretary of State: www.oregonvotes.gov or call 1-866-ORE-VOTE (1-866-673-8683).

City Recorder's Office: For information about the City of Roseburg Election Information pamphlet, contact the City Recorder at 900 SE Douglas Ave., Roseburg (541-492-6866 or phitt@cityofroseburg.org). Office hours are 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Douglas County Elections: For information about your ballot and local voting processes, contact County Elections (541-440-4252) or visit their website at www.douglascounty-oregon.us/178/Elections. Public office hours, 1036 SE Douglas Ave.:

- 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday;
- 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Roseburg Public School District #4

Position 1

Brandon Bishop



I have been volunteering on the Roseburg Public Schools (RPS) School Board since August 2020. Although I am not a formal educator by training, I am a parent of 3 children attending our schools and have a strong interest in their education. I work as a foot/ankle surgeon and small business owner for Cascade Orthopedic Specialists. Prior, I was employed at Mercy. As an adult, I have lived in: Utah, Iowa, Michigan and Ohio. They were all good places, but I prefer Roseburg and Douglas County. I received my undergraduate education in Utah, medical education in Iowa, and finally my residency was in Michigan.

Since 2020, we have dealt with complex situations. We have not been perfect, yet I am proud of what we have accomplished and weathered. RPS, like every other school district, shutdown in-person learning due to Covid-19, but we were the first 6A school district to return to in-person learning. We have dealt with constant changes to: social distancing, online/in-person learning, activities/athletics, ODE standards/recommendations and finally sickness to both educators and students. During my time on the Board, RPS had its highest graduation rate. We increased security for our students, staff and families to ensure safety at school. We are implementing changes to curriculum to better align with local family values. We have continued support and investment in Career Technical Education, Vocational Education, workforce development, and the trades this community needs. The School Board has a strategic plan that focuses on: care, support, instruction, graduation, and future success of our students.

We have learned much. We could have done some things better, but we did a lot that was good for both our students and staff. An investment in our students strengthens our community. We still have work to do, and I would like to continue volunteering on the board to see those goals through. I would love to have your vote and support.

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Roseburg Public School District #4

Position 1

Michael Leone

No information submitted.

Roseburg Public School District #4

Position 4

Rodney Cotton



OCCUPATION: Retired

OCCUPATION BACKGROUND: Director of Operations/Operations Supervisor for McDonald's Restaurants, (46 years).

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: 1975 Graduate of Roseburg High School. Classes at UCC. Credited classes thru McDonald's pertaining to Operations, Leadership, Training, HR, Marketing and financials.

PRIOR GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE: Currently in my 29th year as a Director on the Roseburg School Board. Currently in my 31st year of serving on Fire District 2 Civil Service Board. Served 3 years on the Roseburg School District Budget Committee.

PAST AND PRESENT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Previous served on the Roseburg High Booster club, RSVP Board, Numerous sub-committees on the School Board including: Building & Sites, Curriculum, Administration & Personnel, Employee Bargaining and Policy. Currently a committee member of YoungLife, an organization that introduces adolescents to Jesus Christ and helps them grow in their faith.

I was born, raised and have remained in Roseburg for the past 65 years. I am a product of Roseburg Public Schools. I understand all Roles and Responsibilities of being an effective School Board Member. Listed below are some of my traits that I have practiced for the past 29 years as a School Board Member:

- I gather facts and data; communicating with stake holders and professionals to make wise decisions.
- Understand the Board's vision for the district, "All students will receive the care, support and instruction needed to graduate from High School with plans for their most successful future."
- I represent the community well.
- I have always been honest and have impeccable integrity.
- I respect staff, students, fellow Board members and all members of the community.
- I keep up-to-date on bills in Oregon Legislature concerning Schools.
- Participate/attend as many school activities as possible.
- Know the curriculum taught in our schools.
- Have strong leadership and management skills.

I have enjoyed being a member of the Roseburg School Board. I look forward to the future. We need to support and love our kids.

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Roseburg Public School District #4

Position 4

Joni Sherman



My name is Joni R Sherman, and I am running for Roseburg Public School Board Position #4 because our students deserve an education that will prepare them for their future endeavors. Roseburg Public Schools accomplishes this mission by increasing the number of Career and Technical Educational courses and community partnerships. This will increase the graduate rate at Roseburg High School. In Douglas County, RHS is the only high school which demonstrated a drop-in graduation rate during the 21-22 school year according to Oregon Department of Education.

Covid 19 has had an impact on academic progress for students in Roseburg. Because of this, Roseburg Public Schools could use grant funding, including Title I funding to provide after school tutoring for students who need additional academic support. Direct Instruction leads to increases academic success. This includes increasing the support of targeted support for students struggling Reading and Math, Prek-8th. The district is accountable for the academic progress of all students.

Students who receive Special Education services, under IDEA 2004 have same education rights as their non-disabled peers. They need to go to school with their classmates, full-time, and must be taught by highly qualified educators. We need to ensure that all students receive the education they are entitled to under state and federal law.

Safety is very important for academic success for all students. Students need to learn in an environment where they feel safe. Students need to be in an environment where there is no bullying. In addition, counseling support, including mental health counseling needs to be available to our students. Roseburg School District needs to be an active participant in the 7-million-dollar grant partnership with the Douglas County ESD and Bushnell University.

I am a retired educator, have served as school administrator, school counselor, school psychologist and I would appreciate your vote for Position 4. So that I continue to advocate for the students and their families.

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Roseburg Public School District #4

Position 5

Steve Hammerson

No information submitted.

Roseburg Public School District #4

Position 5

Charles Lee



I am the incumbent serving the Roseburg School Board in Position 5 since 1995.

I am proud that all three of my children graduated from Roseburg High.

I am and have been an attorney in Roseburg since 1975, service 12 years as a deputy district attorney and 35 years as an attorney for individuals and small businesses.

I graduated from high school in Hopkins, Minnesota, from Reed College in Portland, and from the University of Oregon Law School.

I think that it is difficult to find ways for all students to prosper in our schools, and I support the efforts of our teachers and administrators to provide and promote learning for all students. They are professionals working hard to help students and I do not pretend to know more about teaching than our professionals know. When students struggle I can see that educators work extra hard to help those students.

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Roseburg Public School District #4

Position 5

Celia Vander Velden



Current Occupation:

- Direct Service Provider
- SMA Advocate

Occupational Background:

- Mama to a Medically Complex Warrior (Angel now)
- Security Guard
- Customer Service

Educational Background:

- 10 years of Medical Practical Skills
- Associates of Sociology '10, SLCC

My name is Celia Vander Velden and I'm running on a platform of Equality and Inclusivity. I don't possess a degree in Childhood Education but I do have experience with raising a child and educating her at grade level.

I was the mom to an amazing Medically Complex Warrior for 10 years. In those 10 years I was gifted with lessons that forever changed me. I learned things about the meaning of life; What actual respect for our fellow humans looks like; What true Inclusivity entails; What living a service based faith looks like; That our children are precious gifts in and of themselves and a sustainable stable future with unlocked doors is the gift we can return to them.

Knowledge and access to a thorough education are what is going to grow our community and make sure that we are not left behind. I pray that as we grow we will have planned for a future full of Innovation, an All-inclusive Community, and Success. Somewhere I can feel confident in raising my future family.

We may live in a small city, but our children deserve for us to think bigger. Our children deserve an education that will prepare them for life beyond Roseburg if that's what they choose. I'm running to advocate for that future, to actually Save Our Students from the restrictive constraints of the past.

I believe in:

- Separation of Church and State
- Disability Rights
- LGBTQIA+ Rights
- Science Matters
- Revisionist History is a threat to our country
- Books are a gateway to growth

Vote for Celia Vander Velden

Because Equality and Inclusivity Matter

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Roseburg Public School District #4

Position 5

Anna Allen

No information submitted.

Roseburg Public School District #4

Position 5

Darrell Orth



I am the only candidate that is born and raised in Roseburg. I am a local restaurant owner here in Roseburg and have been for the last 6 years. I am a retired Senior Radiological Technician from the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Richland Washington.

My educational background is as follows. I went to Fir Grove elementary school. I then went to Fremont Junior High School and of course finished with Roseburg Senior High School.

I am running for position number 5. I believe that we have lost common sense in the direction that our schools are going. I feel that knee-jerk reactions to the ever-growing problems that our schools are facing could be handled in a different way.

I am a Christian and have conservative beliefs. I believe that our constitution was written for all men and women regardless of their belief system and everyone is entitled to their opinion, but all decisions should be based on the benefit of the whole group and never on special interests.

If elected I will bring to the table my beliefs and my willingness to serve our children to the best of my ability.

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Roseburg Public School District #4

Position 6

Rebecca Larson



OCCUPATION: Mother of 5 children, Teacher, Graduate Student

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Teacher (Beaverton School District, Nebo School District); Substitute Teacher (Hillsboro School District, Durham Public Schools); Piano Instructor (20 years)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: BS, Biology Composite Teaching, Brigham Young University; MA, Education (Teaching Pedagogy and Gifted Education), Arizona State University (in progress)

PRIOR GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE: Roseburg Public School Board (5 years)

As a trained educator and parent, I am passionate about supporting public education. I have always been in and around public schools, working to make them successful. I have experience with nine different school districts in five states as a classroom volunteer, teacher, PTA President, parent, substitute, and school board member.

I am grateful to have made Roseburg my home and am proud to have my children attend Roseburg Public Schools. I believe parents play a critical role in their children's education, which is why in addition to my work on the school board, I am a frequent volunteer in my children's schools. Additionally, I recognize that our students are fortunate to be served by many dedicated and engaged professionals. I am committed to our community and our schools. I want to see them succeed. I would be honored to continue to serve on the Board of Directors.

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Roseburg Public School District #4

Position 6

Andrea Miner



OCCUPATION: Retired

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Branch Office Administration, Human Resources, Executive Office Administration.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Winston-Dillard School district (1-8th grade). Graduated with honors from Willamette High School in Eugene, OR.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: 2015-2022 Aviva Health Board of Directors (formerly Umpqua Community Health Center). Served as Executive Committee Vice Chair, Governance Committee Chair, and various other committees. Aviva provides medical, dental and behavioral services in multiple locations, namely a school-based health clinic at Roseburg High School. Served as a Smart Reader for Green Head Start and have a history of working with children through various programs (directing musicals, reading programs, coaching volleyball, and organizing field trips).

I come from generations of family members who have been shaped by Douglas County schools. Families, and particularly, children are my priority. I've been married for over 40 years, have two children and 7 grandchildren; some will soon be attending Roseburg schools. I took an early retirement to better enable me to be with my children and grandchildren in Pennsylvania and here in Roseburg. Children are paramount! They need to be seen and heard – to feel significant.

Through volunteering for the Aviva Board of Directors, I am familiar with the workings of a Board – particularly navigating the complexities of working with an organization that must adhere to various federal requirements.

As a parent, I have experience in walking my children through multiple public school systems, a private school environment, as well as home-schooling. As a grandparent, I am currently learning how to advocate for two children who have been diagnosed with autism. Because of my diverse experiences, I am confident I can represent the vital concerns of various constituents.

My desire is to promote curriculum that teaches basics of a sound education – reading, writing, math, science and where parents are encouraged to continually be involved and heard.

We need to carefully steward how our hard-earned tax dollars are being invested in the leaders of tomorrow – our precious children!

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Roseburg Public School District #4

Position 6

Samantha Frost

No information submitted.

Roseburg Urban Sanitary Authority

Position 3

Dan Hults

No information submitted.

Roseburg Urban Sanitary Authority

Position 3

Tom Dole



The management of Roseburg Urban Sanitary has done a fine job! They appear to have adequate funding allocated to sinking funds, for when capital improvements are necessary, such as upgrading the infrastructure for safe processing of effluent. Attention to upgrading facilities and new technologies can save money in the long run.

As a board member, I will closely review the budget. I will analyze each line item to ensure proper funds are being withheld to maintain and improve our sewer system. I will also be watchful for any indications of overspending. I will urge management to go to great lengths to uncover governmental grants to lessen the cost to local residential customers. The upcoming years bring unique challenges, facing the 34+-year-old wastewater treatment plant. Some pipe sections are over 100 years old. New equipment and processes have been developed to improve plant effectiveness and efficiency.

Roseburg Urban Sanitary has a well-designed website that should be used as a cost-effective vehicle to inform, as well as to change behavior. For Example, customers should not "use the toilet as a trashcan," know which medications are safe to flush, and "Call Before You Dig."

Transparency is key. Metrics should regularly be communicated in easy-to-follow reports. Through effective social media marketing and search engine optimization, customers will click through to the website for the information that they need. I propose using a survey application be used to gauge our customers' view on many issues, thus involving customers in the process. My master's degree is in Applied Information Management. I have expertise in the aforementioned areas through training and through my business experience.

I want customers to know that they have a watchdog, and a qualified board member in me. I look forward to working with other board members and management to solve the issues facing the district's plants.

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Roseburg Urban Sanitary Authority

Position 4

Kelsey Wood

No information submitted.

Umpqua Community College

Zone 1

John Aschim

No information submitted.

Umpqua Community College

Zone 1

Twila McDonald

No information submitted.

Umpqua Community College

Zone 1

Avelina Avila

No information submitted.

Umpqua Community College

Zone 2

Melvin “Bud” Smith

No information submitted.

Umpqua Community College

Zone 3

David Littlejohn

No information submitted.

Umpqua Community College

Zone 6

Caroline Lydon

No information submitted.

Douglas Educational Service District

Zone 1

Tom Dole



I'm passionate about protecting our kids from half-baked theories. Far-left agendas, such as "Woke" theory and "Critical Race Theory," have no place in our K-12 classrooms! Our children need to learn the basics (mathematics, science, grammar, computer science, etc.). What is missing are courses focusing on life skills, such as personal finance. Our ESDs can make a difference in the training and materials that students are exposed to within Douglas County classrooms.

My faith is important to me. I am an active member of Christian Life Center church in Roseburg. I am responsible for the church's website.

I recently retired. I was an educator, working for the University of Oregon, teaching coursework in data mining and social media. Working with the Lane County Juvenile Department, I counseled at-risk children. Much of my career was in the field of advertising; I worked for firms, such as Chiat-Day (Los Angeles) and Richardson Advertising (Portland). I earned my master's degree and bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon. I'm a Roseburg High School graduate (class of 1975).

A few of my volunteer activities include:

- Douglas County Republican Central Committee, Treasurer
- Precinct Committee Person
- The Boy Scouts of America
- Roseburg Fireworks Committee
- Website for the Sutherlin Memorial Wall

Here are some of the endorsements that I have received:

"I know Tom Dole will be a dedicated and engaged member of the ESD Board and I encourage your support of his candidacy."

David Brock Smith Oregon State Senator Senate District #1

"Tom has shown me that he is caring and dedicated to good morals and ideals that align with not only my own, but those that are good for our children."

Virgle J Osborne State Representative House District #2

"I have worked hand in hand with Tom for the last year, and I have confidence in his abilities and drive to support our youth."

Larry D Reeves Chairman Douglas County Republican Central Committee

"I believe Tom is very qualified for this position."

Dick Heard President Heard Farms, Inc.

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Douglas Educational Service District

Zone 1

Celia Vander Velden



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I was the mom to an amazing Medically Complex Warrior for 10 years where I was gifted lessons that forever changed me. I started on the path to leadership a few years back when we were rudely awakened to the fact that Roseburg had never experienced a child with particular needs like mine. I saw cookie-cutter solutions being used; Place kiddos with Special Needs on specific campuses in specific classrooms and call it sufficient. Not all needs are met this way.

I believe I can bring and advocate for innovative perspective that Roseburg has yet to be shown. To my knowledge we were the first to bring remote access education to Roseburg before Covid. I am part of an international community where we troubleshoot problems for children with alternative needs and find solutions that are thorough and sufficient. I believe Oregon still needs a little help in that department and I would like to assist where I can.

We may live in a small city, but our children deserve for us to think bigger. I was referred to as "Relentless" when pushing for what my daughter needed. I always took it as a compliment. I can see more for Roseburg. I just pray that in that growth we will have planned for a future full of Innovation, an All-inclusive Community, and Success. Somewhere I can feel confident in raising my future family.

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Douglas Educational Service District

Zone 1

Meredith Bliss

No information submitted.

Douglas Educational Service District

Zone 3

Gayl Bowser

No information submitted.

Douglas Educational Service District

At-Large Position 2

Chris Rusch

OCCUPATION: I am retired from the US Forest Service where I worked for 35 years as a Silviculturist and Botanist on the Umpqua National Forest.

PRIOR GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE: I have been an elected board member of the Douglas ESD for 10 years. Prior to taking on my duties at the ESD I served on the Days Creek School Board for 25 years. I am an elected official on the Tiller Rural Fire Department BOD. We provide emergency services to our rural community. I have served as the secretary and treasurer for our department since 2010.

PAST AND PRESENT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: I have been a Master Gardener for 13 years. I have been the President of the Oregon Master Gardener Association for 4 years. I am also the Plant Clinic manager in Roseburg where we work to solve gardening problems for our community. Along with being a Master Gardener, I am a Master Watershed Steward and Master Naturalist.

EDUCATION BACKGROUND: I have an AS from Umpqua Community College in Forestry and a BS from Southern Oregon University in Environmental Studies.

I live in Tiller on a 30-acre homestead with my husband Kevin where we have lived for over 40 years. We have two children born and raised in Tiller; Mark is a graduate of beaver nation and is a forester at the BLM in Roseburg. Julia graduated from the University of Oregon and works as a Middle School Science teacher. We are also lucky to have two amazing grandchildren that attend Fir Grove Elementary School.

I believe:

- Honesty and integrity are vital characteristics for anyone representing the interests of others, whether in the public or private sector.
- Community Resources should be efficiently and effectively managed for the interests of our citizens and the betterment of our community.
- Public participation is essential. I want to help bring constituent's ideas and concerns back to the forefront.

Chris Rusch
Tiller, Oregon

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Douglas Educational Service District

At-Large Position 2

Barbara Crawford



STATEMENT: I want a brighter future for our children in the Douglas County. My children, grandchildren, and currently a great-grandson attended school in the Oakland School District. My kids had an amazing education and I want the same for all children in Douglas County. Parent's rights are extremely important in the educational system, from curriculum transparency to medical freedoms, special education to student performance.

I will work to bring the focus back to academics, parental involvement, and transparency in Douglas County. Specifically, I want to simplify the curriculum, focus on students having the skills and knowledge needed to succeed. As an academic myself, I know the rewards of education and hard work. We need to let our children know that their pathway does not necessarily need to be college it might be a trade school and that's ok.

I believe my broad work experience, especially in education will be a great asset as a board member. I have developed numerous programs, been an associate professor teaching different age groups, evaluated CNA programs at various high schools, drove school bus (K-12), developed curriculums, worked with the state for compliance, developed policies, been on various committees both at colleges and Mercy Medical Center, worked at Roseburg Forest Products and Drive-N-Save.

OCCUPATION: Red Cross

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Umpqua Community College (8 Years), Glendale Community College (Arizona) (2 years) Mercy Medical Center (20 years) Roseburg Forest Products, in the mill (6 years), Drive N Save (3 years), Prendergast Elementary School (2 years)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Glendale Community College business, AAS-Umpqua Community College-nursing, BSN-Excelsior College, MSN-Western Governors University Education, Leadership and Management.

GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE: VHA-WCPA-Veteran's Administration and Precinct Committee Person Past and Present

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: UCC developed and taught the CNA program at RHS and coordination with Douglas County High Schools for students to attend if desired. Volunteered in my children's classrooms to assist students with their studies. Currently volunteering for the Red Cross and previously C.A.S.A. of Douglas County, Inc.

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City of Roseburg

Measure 10-205

City Charter Amendment

BALLOT TITLE:

City of Roseburg Charter Amendment

QUESTION:

Shall the City adopt amendments to the current City Charter?

SUMMARY:

Charters grant legal authority to cities, specify how ordinances are adopted, list qualifications for officers, and assign duties to city officials. This measure would adopt amendments to the current Charter, which was enacted in 1872 and last revised in 1982.

The Roseburg City Council has referred the Charter amendments to voters on the recommendation of a City Charter Review Committee.

The amendments are based, in part, on the League of Oregon Cities model charter, but keep those provisions that are unique and important to Roseburg. The proposed amendments retain the current form of government with a Mayor and eight Councilors to govern, and a City Manager to run administrative affairs. The amendments update the Charter to be more straightforward and modernized to clearly define the legal authority of the City.

The proposed Charter amendments remove current Charter language that is inconsistent with state law and contains other minor changes.

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City Charter Amendment Explanatory Statement

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The Roseburg City Council formed the Roseburg City Charter Review Committee and requested that the Committee review the current Charter and recommend changes. The Committee recommended the new Charter and the City Council has referred it to the voters. The major changes are:

- Adds language regarding the residency requirement for the City Manager, giving Council discretion to waive the City Manager residency requirement on an individual basis when they deem appropriate.
- Adds language to allow the City Manager to delegate some duties to other staff when appropriate to increase the City Manager's flexibility and efficiency.
- Adds a section to clarify the current practice that a new Mayor or City Councilor appointed to fill a vacancy would serve the remainder of the term of the person last elected to the seat and then have the opportunity to run for election when the original term expires. Currently, the City Charter states that someone appointed to fill a vacancy has to run in the next earliest election – rather than when the vacated term would normally end.
- Removes sections in the Charter that are not enforceable or legal, or are covered by state statute.

The new Charter Revision contains other minor changes as well.

A "Yes" vote adopts the amendments to the current Charter for the City of Roseburg and replaces the current Charter. A "No" vote keeps the current Roseburg City Charter unchanged.

City of Roseburg

Measure 10-205

City Charter Amendment

Argument in Favor

No information submitted.

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Argument Against

No information submitted.



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