

JOSEPHINE COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 7, 2006



ATTENTION

This is the beginning of your county voters' pamphlet. The county portion of this joint voters' pamphlet is inserted in the center of the state portion. Each page of the county voters' pamphlet is clearly marked with a blue color bar on the outside edge. All information contained in the county portion of this pamphlet has been assembled and printed by County Clerk Georgette Brown.



Dear Josephine County Voters:

Please take the time to read this Voters' Pamphlet, which will provide you with information you can use in casting your ballot in this November 7, 2006 General Election.

Voters' Pamphlets have been distributed to Post Office mailing addresses and to Rogue Community College.

Because of the number of candidates and measures on the ballot, only the caption and question on measures will appear on the ballot. The entire ballot question with summary will be included on a flyer in your ballot envelope. Your ballot will only contain the measures and candidates on which you are eligible to vote. This pamphlet contains the complete text of the measures as well as any paid arguments for or against the measures. It also contains candidate statements for those candidates who have paid the fee and chosen to be included in the pamphlet.

If you are a registered voter and have not received a ballot in the mail by October 27th, please call our office without delay at 474-5243. If you receive a ballot for someone who has moved from your address, we ask that you put it back in the mail, indicating that the person has moved.

You may return your voted ballot by mail or hand carry it to the County Elections Office or, for added convenience, you can insert it in an Official Drop Box location listed on the next page.

Post marks do not count so all ballots must be delivered by **8:00 p.m., November 7.**

Please remember, EVERY VOTE COUNTS – your one vote could be the deciding factor in a close race!

Sincerely,

GEORGETTE BROWN
Josephine County Clerk and Recorder

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Voting Instructions

At the **NOVEMBER 7, 2006 General Election** the voters of **Josephine County** will cast their votes on the ballot illustrated below.

TO VOTE YOU MUST COMPLETELY FILL IN THE OVAL (●) TO THE LEFT OF YOUR RESPONSE.

TO WRITE-IN A NAME – FILL IN THE OVAL (●) TO THE LEFT OF THE LINE AND WRITE-IN THE NAME ON THE LINE.

TO VOTE ON A MEASURE OR CANDIDATE ON THE BALLOT SIMPLY FILL IN THE OVAL COMPLETELY NEXT TO THE YES OR NO OR CANDIDATE'S NAME.
USE A PENCIL OR BLUE INK PEN.

EXAMPLES:

PRESIDENT
VOTE FOR ONE

JOHN ALLEN
 THOMAS JEFFERSON
 J. Q. PUBLIC

Or Write In

PRESIDENT
VOTE FOR ONE

JOHN ALLEN
 THOMAS JEFFERSON
 J. Q. PUBLIC
 Billy Kidd

Measures

YES
 NO

YES
 NO

~~YES
 NO~~

IF YOU VOTE FOR MORE CANDIDATES THAN ALLOWED, OR IF YOU VOTE **BOTH YES AND NO** ON A MEASURE, IT IS CALLED AN OVERVOTE. YOUR VOTE **WILL NOT COUNT** FOR THAT CANDIDATE OR MEASURE.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO VOTE ON ALL CONTESTS. THOSE YOU DO VOTE ON WILL STILL BE COUNTED.

IF YOU CHANGE YOUR CHOICE, SPOIL YOUR BALLOT OR LOSE IT, CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 474-5243.

REMEMBER TO VOTE BOTH SIDES OF YOUR BALLOT

–Returning Your Voted Ballot–

Vote your ballot.

Fold the ballot and insert it into the secrecy envelope.

Seal the secrecy envelope and insert into colored envelope.

Seal the colored return envelope and sign the statement on the back of the envelope.

Your ballot will not be counted if your envelope is not signed.

Place the appropriate first class postage on the return envelope and mail it so that it is received in the Josephine County Clerk's Office or at an Official Ballot Drop Site location not later than 8:00 p.m. November 7, 2006.

IMPORTANT: YOUR BALLOT WILL NOT BE COUNTED IF IT IS NOT RECEIVED BY 8:00 p.m. November 7, 2006.

Josephine County Official Ballot Drop Site Locations

Open from October 21st until 8 pm, November 7, 2006

Josephine County Courthouse:

The County Clerk's Office (7 am-9 pm, Monday-Friday) *Open until 8 pm on election day*

Justice Building side, ground floor next to the elevator. (24 hours / 7 days)

Next to the tax payment Drop Box at the "C" Street entrance. (24 hours / 7 days)

Drive-up Ballot Drop: Parking lot behind library. Enter from "C" Street (24 hours / 7 days)

Merlin: **Umpqua Bank**, Merlin Rd. & Monument Dr., parking lot (24 hours / 7 days)

Murphy: **Ray's Sentry Market**, in front, on the left side of the building (24 hours / 7 days)

Cave Junction: **Cave Junction City Hall**, lobby

(8 am-12 pm & 1 pm-5 pm, Monday-Friday) *Open until 8 pm on election day*

MEASURE 17.15

BALLOT TITLE: Williams Rural Fire Protection District Five-Year Local Option Tax.

QUESTION: Shall the District levy \$0.53/\$1000 assessed value for five years beginning in 2007-2008 to finance public safety equipment? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: The Board of Directors of the Williams Rural Fire Protection District has determined that public safety equipment is necessary to serve the community and for the continued operation of the District.

This measure authorizes the District to levy property tax at a rate of \$0.53 per \$1000.00 assessed valuation each year commencing the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 for five consecutive years. This levy would fund the acquisition of public safety equipment, to include: a structural fire engine, portable electric generator, a cardiac monitor and the costs of borrowing. The District may issue bonds or other obligations payable from this levy to finance the acquisition of the equipment.

An estimate of the total amount to be raised each fiscal year is:

2007-08	\$61,367.18
2008-09	\$63,622.20
2009-10	\$66,434.96
2010-11	\$68,974.87
2011-12	\$71,236.59

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: The residents of the Williams Rural Fire Protection District currently pay \$1.0552 per \$1000 of assessed property value to support the operation of the Williams Volunteer Fire Dept. Emergency response equipment maintenance and replacement needs have been met by a combination of the tax base, grants, donations, and a few other minor income sources. This patchwork combination of funding is insufficient to support the purchase of three major pieces of capital equipment that the Board believes the District needs in order to offer the level of service that the residents of Williams deserve. The three pieces of equipment are a portable generator, a new cardiac monitor, and a new fire engine for structural fire response.

An additional \$0.53 per \$1000 assessed value for a period of five years will raise the tax rate to a total of \$1.5852 per \$1000 assessed value. This rate is still significantly less than the rate paid by residents of the Applegate Fire District and the Illinois Valley Fire District. At the end of five years, the tax rate will return to the current rate of \$1.0552 per thousand of assessed value.

The portable generator to be purchased with these funds will be used to provide power to the Fire Station in the event of an extended power outage such as occurred in January of 2005. This will allow the Fire Department to maintain all response functions including emergency communications even if the community is without power. The portable generator can also be transported to fire scenes to provide light and heat in support of fire response operations. The new cardiac monitor will allow trained personnel to identify a heart attack on-scene thereby enabling early activation of the cardiac care unit at the Rogue Valley Medical Center. The monitor can also be used as a defibrillator. The new fire engine will replace the 1978 Ford structural pumper which has become expensive to maintain and for which replacement parts have been difficult to find. This truck has served the district well for almost 30 years and it is time to retire it and equip the District to meet the demands of structural firefighting in the 21st century.

Provided by the Board of the Williams Rural Fire Protection District

MEASURE 17.15

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The Williams Fire/Rescue Support Group exists for one reason; to provide physical, emotional, and material support for the volunteers of the Williams Rural Fire Protection District. Allow us to make our bias perfectly clear, we believe our community is extremely fortunate to have a talented and dedicated team that responds to emergencies 24 hours a day, seven days a week. But these people must also have equipment and equipment doesn't volunteer; it must be purchased.

A fire station without power during a natural disaster is partially disabled. An emergency generator would assure that all vital station functions can continue to operate when they are most needed.

Does the District really need a new fire truck for structural firefighting? Well, let's face it, the 1978 Ford pumper currently being used will have to be replaced eventually. Do we really want to wait until it completely disintegrates before we think about getting a new one? The community would not be well served by a Fire District that would allow that to happen. The greater reliability, ease of operation, and suitability of a new fire truck purchased specifically for fighting rural structure fires argues in favor of upgrading the District's response capabilities now.

The Life Pack 12 Cardiac Monitor proposed for purchase is the same model used by ambulance services in both Josephine and Jackson Counties. This unit can be used as a defibrillator, cardiac monitor, and can also be used by trained personnel to diagnose heart attacks on-scene.

If the Support Group could buy these three pieces of equipment for the District by having garage sales, we would do so. But this level of financial commitment is beyond even the best efforts of our small group. So we are asking the voters of Williams to join us as members of a larger "support group" by voting in favor of Ballot Measure 17-15.

Support Group for Williams Fire/Rescue
Robert J. Deltour Vice Chair

(This information furnished by Support Group for
Williams Fire/Rescue, Robert J. Deltour, Vice Chair)

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MEASURE 17.16

BALLOT TITLE: Form Library Special District; Establish Permanent Tax Rate Limitation.

QUESTION: Shall Josephine County Library District be formed with permanent rate limit of \$0.55 per \$1,000 of Assessed Value Beginning 2007/2008? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: This measure will form a library special district and establish a permanent rate limit for operating taxes for the new Josephine County Library District. The purpose of the formation of the district is to provide and sustain library service throughout Josephine County. Libraries will be available to all city and county residents within Josephine County. The tax revenues from this measure will be used exclusively to finance library service, staffing and materials, and to provide for facilities improvement. The boundary of this district includes all of Josephine County, including the cities of Cave Junction and Grants Pass. This measure will establish, beginning in fiscal year 2007/2008, a permanent tax rate limit of 55 cents per \$1,000 of assessed real property value; approximately \$110 per year for real property assessed at \$200,000 taxable value. In the first year of imposition it is estimated that the proposed rate will raise \$2.66 million for the new district.

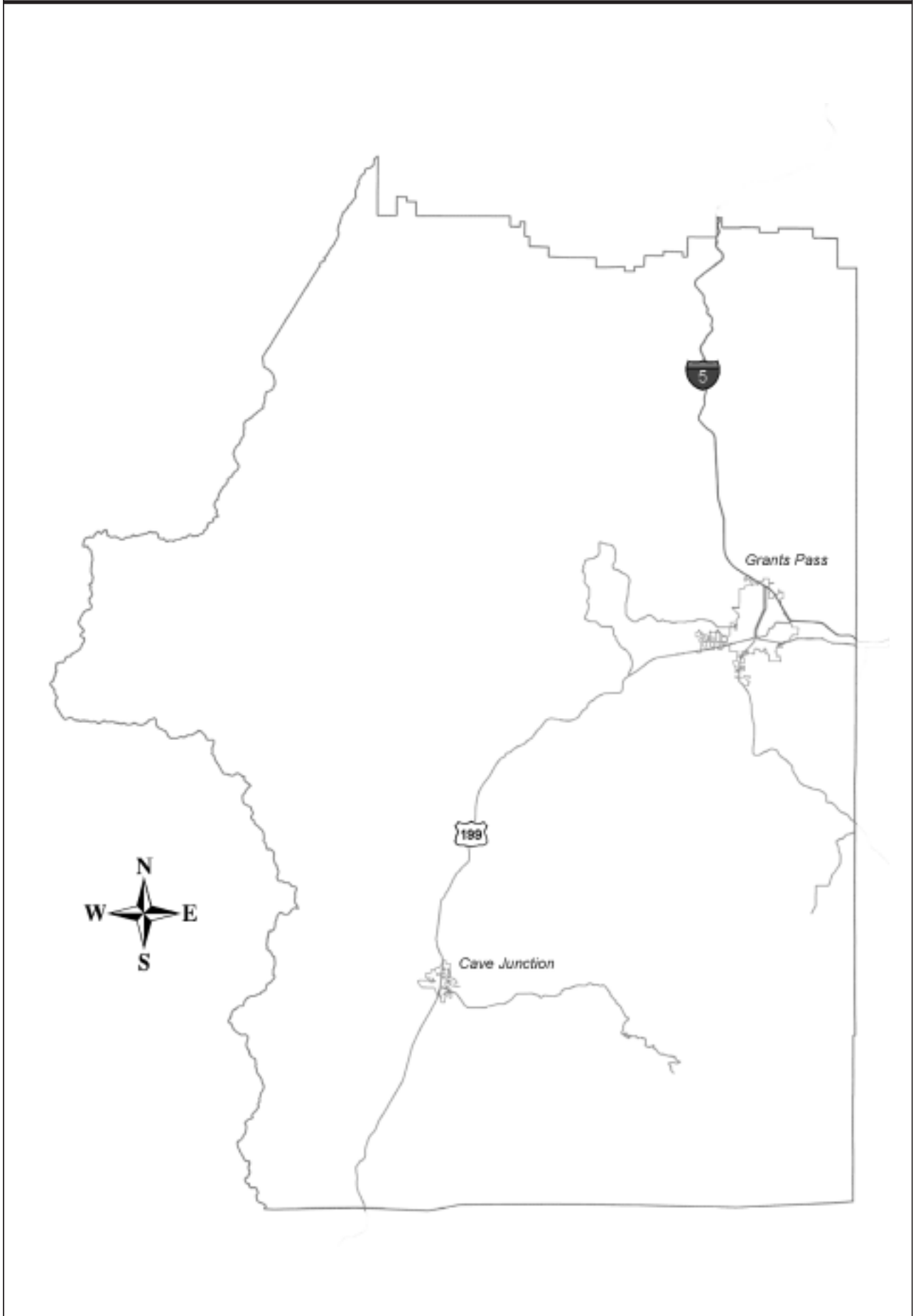
EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: Passage of this measure would authorize the formation of a library special district and establish a permanent tax rate to fund the operation of the district. The purpose of the district would be to operate libraries in Josephine County that would be available to all city and county residents.

The Josephine County Board of Commissioners has determined that County funds should no longer be used to support the library system. Passage of this measure would provide funding independent of County government and for the exclusive use of libraries. The library system consists of the Main Library in Grants Pass and three branch libraries in the Illinois Valley, in Williams and in Wolf Creek. The library system includes participation in the Southern Oregon Library Information System (SOLIS), which provides Josephine County residents with access to the libraries of Jackson County and Rogue Community College. Through inter-library loans using the SOLIS system, the library system can borrow books from the other libraries and make them available directly to the County library system patrons.

Formation of the library district would allow the library system to increase the number of hours of operation and increase the library of materials available to Josephine County residents. The

revenue generated by the formation of the district would be used exclusively for library purposes, which would include staffing, materials acquisition and facilities improvement. Revenue raised by the library district could be used only for purposes related to the operation of the library system.

Passage of this measure would result in a permanent tax rate of 55 cents per one thousand dollars of assessed real property value. This means that the tax would amount to approximately \$110 per year for real property valued at \$200,000. The tax rate would be permanently limited at 55 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value and could not be increased by the library district. The tax rate would first be collected for the fiscal year 2007/2008 and for that year would result in revenues estimated to be approximately \$2.66 million.



MEASURE 17.16

JOSEPHINE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT BOUNDARY

201.170 Josephine County. The boundary of Josephine County is as follows: Beginning at the east quarter corner of section 13, township 33 south, range 5 west, Willamette Meridian, which point is on the range line between ranges 4 and 5; thence west one mile; north one and one-half miles; west one and one-fourth miles; north one-half mile; west one and three-fourths miles; south one-fourth mile; west one mile; north one-fourth mile; west two miles; north one-half mile; west one-fourth mile; south one mile; west one and one-half miles; south one mile; west one-fourth mile; north one-fourth mile; west one mile; south one-fourth mile; west one mile; south one-half mile; west one-half mile; south one-fourth mile; west one-half mile; north on the range line between ranges 6 and 7 to the east quarter corner of section 13, township 33 south, range 7 west; thence west one and one-half miles; north one-half mile; west two and one-half miles; north one-half mile; west one mile; north one-half mile; west one-fourth mile; north three-fourths mile; west one-fourth mile; south one-fourth mile; west one-half mile; north to the township line; west on the township line to the southeast corner of section 31, township 32 south, range 8 west; thence north three-fourths mile; west one-half mile; north one-fourth mile; west one-half mile to the range line; south to the southwest corner of section 31, township 32 south, range 8 west; thence west to the southwest corner of section 36, township 32 south, range 9 west; thence north to a point on the line separating Douglas County on the north from Curry County on the south and due north of the head of Kelsey Canyon; thence down Kelsey Canyon to Rogue River; thence on a straight line to the head of a prominent butte situate on the top of the dividing ridge between the waters of Rogue River and Indigo Creek, and about two miles northeast of Bear Camp; thence to the nearest waters of Indigo Creek; thence following down Indigo Creek to the Illinois River; thence up the Illinois River to the mouth of Collier Creek; thence up Collier Creek and up the south branch of such creek to the top of the dividing ridge separating the waters of the Illinois River on the east from the waters of the Chetco River and the north fork of Smith River on the west; thence following along on the divide to the south boundary of the state; thence east along the boundary to the range line between townships 4 and 5, west of Willamette Meridian; thence north to the place of beginning.

MEASURE 17.16

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

When we moved to Grants Pass in 1977, libraries were open every day with consistent hours and trained staff. We spent many wonderful hours in the library and as a result, our two children have become avid readers and we have enjoyed numerous books, tapes and CDs.

However, cuts have been made year after year, diminishing the capacity of our libraries to serve. As a result of the massive budget cuts over the past five years, citizens of our community can no longer access the services we feel are vital to the health of families and our community.

If this Library District isn't created, we will have no library services and other families will have limited opportunities to experience the joy of reading.

Our communities deserve REAL libraries. Vote YES to create a library district that will increase the hours, staff and programs for all ages.

We are voting YES for a future where:

- Parents won't have to spend over \$10 for each book their child reads
- A trained children's librarian helps guide children to appropriate books to keep their interest
- Staff and resources at the library help the unemployed hone skills, conduct research and make important connections
- Large print books, tapes, and CDs, are available and up to date
- Finding materials and other resources are easy with knowledgeable staff
- Volunteers deliver books to the home bound
- CDs and audio books are available to take on trips
- A wide variety of newspapers and magazines are available
- Internet is accessible and library staff can assist in navigating it to obtain the right information

Vote YES for Measure 17-16 to secure adequate library services in Josephine County.
It is the right thing to do!

(This information furnished by Carolyn and Bill Kohn)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

As lifelong Josephine County resident, father and Vice Chairman of the Three Rivers School District Board of Education, I strongly urge voters to approve Measure 17-16, in support of our libraries.

Growing up here, our Josephine County Library played a vital role in my success as an adult, and continues to benefit my family today. Though less so, due to limited access, the library remains a valuable asset to us all.

As a long standing parent volunteer in our local schools, I cringe to imagine the consequences the loss of our libraries will have to our students, as well as the added demand to be expected on our already over burdened schools.

How can community members rightfully demand more rigor, higher test scores and better citizens of our schools, yet continue to eliminate resources for education? We have a right and an obligation to demand high standards of our schools and our children, but we have an equal obligation to provide the tools necessary to meet those demands.

Many of our children, as well as adults, do not have access to the computers and Internet service so important in today's world. Libraries make them available. There are families in our community that simply can't afford to buy books and reference materials. Libraries make them available.

Beyond their importance to our children, our future, libraries offer opportunities for people to get a hand up and better themselves through learning and resource access. Everyone from the elderly and less fortunate to the young and most fortunate, benefit from our libraries.

Accessible, well stocked and well staffed libraries, like good schools, are essential to attracting and growing local business, and the social and economic benefit that brings us all.

Please, consider the myriad of benefits we all enjoy from our library system and vote in support of Measure 17-16.

Dave Strahan
Vice Chairman, Three Rivers School District Board of Education

The REAL Library Committee

(This information furnished by David E. Strahan,
The REAL Library Committee)

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MEASURE 17.16

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Josephine County citizens have a critical decision to make. As a community, do we value and support our libraries? Passage of Ballot Measure 17-16 will maintain and strengthen the libraries that exist in Cave Junction, Grants Pass, Williams and Wolf Creek. Failure to pass Ballot Measure 17-16 will, in all likelihood, mark the end of our existing countywide library system.

The Board of County commissioners has notified the Library Board that funding will cease effective July 1, 2007*. County support has already dropped 68% over the past 5 years, making even current levels inadequate to maintain minimal library operations*. Do we really want the reputation of being the largest county in Oregon without a public library? This will be the case if our community doesn't come together to ensure alternative support.

Josephine County is enjoying growth and renewed vibrancy. Many positive changes have occurred over the past 10 years. A short list of initiatives include the new Grants Pass High School, the John Reinhart All Sports Park, Morrison's Park, Three Rivers Community Hospital, the Boys and Girls Club, and Siskiyou Community Health Center. These projects all contribute to making Josephine County a great place to live. An excellent library system is another essential ingredient in a healthy, livable community.

In my work as hospital administrator, I know the important role excellent community services play in attracting physicians and healthcare professionals to our area. These professionals gravitate to communities where good schools, libraries and other essential amenities exist. In the absence of a library, Josephine County will be less attractive. A community without an adequate supply of doctors and nurses not a great place to live.

A requirement for a first class community is to have a first class, full-time library. Don't we deserve the best? Other communities have successfully created library districts. To protect our library, it's time for Josephine County to do the same.

*Feasibility Report, Josephine County, Oregon Library District, January 28, 2006.

(This information furnished by Paul Janke.
The REAL Library Committee)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

We need a REAL library. One that can help:

- provide access to literature and entertainment to all of our community
- professionals stay current
- young people learn about the misinformation of the internet and research topics for their education, and
- children learn how to read and love literature.

A REAL library with 60 hours or more of services at least six days/week at the main branch, trained professionals, quality research materials, and current literature available, service throughout the entire county, and financed to meet our current and future needs.

The Library District measure 17-16 will establish an elected, unpaid board, independent of Josephine County. This district's purpose is to provide the best possible libraries within the tax limitation voters decide. Without action we will lose our libraries.

The library is not a bookstore or a private club with membership fees. It is the open and free access to information allowing opportunity to all residents, regardless of economic status. Measure 17-16 is a long-term solution to making sure our citizens have access to a REAL library.

The tax rate for the district is 55¢ per thousand of assessed value. Assessed values for residential properties are lower than market value. The average assessed value is 46-48% of the real market value of residential property. The average real market value for all improved, residential property in Josephine County is approximately \$260,000. The average assessed value for this home is approximately \$122,000. This would result in about \$67 per year for the current year library tax, or about \$5.58 per month.

"Do we want libraries?" Libraries are an essential service in a healthy, economically vital community. Please join us in voting yes for measure 17-16. Let's form the Josephine County Library District!

Endorsements for the library measure include:

Three Rivers/Josephine County Unit Joint School District Board of Directors
Jim Liddell, Certified Financial Planner

(This information furnished by Whitney Lard,
The REAL Library Committee)

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MEASURE 17.16

ARGUMENT AGAINST

Don't vote on the Library tax until you read this!

Some of your neighbors want to tax your home to pay for their social programs. Now, that's not very neighborly. The crowd supporting the library tax doesn't want a temporary economy model Chevrolet tax; they want a big bucks model Rolls-Royce tax in the form of a permanent property taxing district that never goes away, like relatives that come to visit and stay. And to make sure you pay the tax, your home will have an unregistered lien placed against it. If you don't pay your property taxes, you will be forced out of your home. There are exceptions for seniors whose tax can be deferred until death. You should be outraged that these folks have the gall to want to use your home as collateral to pay for their social programs.

The proponents say the tax is just 55 cents per thousand of assessed property value. If you are taxed on a \$250,000 dollar home, it's going to cost you an extra \$137.50 in addition to all the other taxes on your present tax bill. That includes Rogue Community College, the various school districts, state forestry, and other home tax gobblers. Grant Pass residents look out, you pay both city taxes and county taxes (a double whammy), and the city is again looking to raise your taxes.

Property taxes hurt seniors on Social Security, children in low income homes, folks working minimum wage jobs, the disabled, the unemployed, etc.

We all know it's nice to have a library, but taxing your neighbor's home just isn't right. We all need to do the right thing and tell these folks so with a no on the library taxing district. There are other ways to fund a library such as users' fees, and it appears county funds are again coming in for next year.

Read more reasons to vote no at
<http://www.newswithviews.com/Taft/john9.htm>

(This information furnished by John Taft)

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MEASURE 17.17

BALLOT TITLE: Grants Pass Public Safety Fire/Police General Obligation Bonds.

QUESTION: Shall the City of Grants Pass be authorized to issue general obligation bonds for fire and police facilities? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: This measure provides bond funding for two fire and police facilities. These funds will be used to pay capital construction and improvement costs for:

- A new fire/police station located on land owned by the City on East Park Street.
- A new fire/police station on land the City will acquire on Leonard Road.
- A replacement for the existing, condemned multi-story tower used for fire and police training at Hillcrest Fire Station.
- Three fire trucks.
- Road, water and site improvements for the fire/police stations and bond issuing costs.

The Bonds will be issued in a principal amount of \$9,875,000, or less, and may be issued in one or more series. The City does not expect the bond levy to exceed .53/\$1,000 assessed value.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: The City of Grants Pass is proposing a bond to fund the location and construction of a fire-police station on East Park Street, a smaller fire-police station on Leonard Road, and the purchase of fire apparatus and station equipment. The bond would be no greater than \$9,875,000 with an annual property tax assessment estimated at 53 cents per \$1,000 of valuation until retired.

MEASURE 17.17

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Voters of Grants Pass,

We are your local Grants Pass Professional Firefighters and we are asking for your support of the Grants Pass Public Safety Bond. This bond will fund two new fire stations and replace older-high maintenance fire engines. This bond will help provide better emergency services to the entire city. Currently there are two fire stations and one police station for the city. Ten years ago this was sufficient but the city's growth south of the river has impacted the emergency services and the ability to respond quickly.

With the old station at Baker Park, the response times are too long to provide you with the best level of service. By building a new station at East Park & Parkdale, the city will be able to house a fire engine and move the ladder truck to a central location for the city. Also this new station will be used by the police. This will help keep police officers south of the river and closer while responding to calls from the station.

The planned station in the Redwood area will be located next to Redwood Elementary School on Leonard Road. This station will add a third engine to our current response levels and allow police officers a place to complete office details. Currently a house on fire would call the only two city engines and one from Rural Metro. This leaves no city engines to cover any other calls until off-duty firefighters can return to work to staff another engine, and at times there are no off-duty firefighters available.

Approving this bond will allow the city to purchase three new fire engines, enabling the city to retire an older piece of equipment and will have a positive effect on ALL city residents. Join us in supporting the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety by voting YES for the bond.

Sincerely,
Grants Pass Professional Firefighters
IAFF Local 3564

(This information furnished by Timothy James Stacy
Grants Pass Professional Firefighters)

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MEASURE 17.18

BALLOT TITLE: Rogue Community College District General Obligation Bond Authorization.

QUESTION: Shall the District be authorized to contract general obligation bonded indebtedness in an amount of not more than \$15,000,000? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: If approved, this measure would provide funds to finance or refinance capital construction and improvements of District buildings within Josephine County, including but not limited to:

- Remodeling and converting classrooms on the Redwood Campus, such as:
 - (1) a new Science, Health Care, Natural Resources Building; and,
 - (2) a new Art, Cultural and Humanities Complex;
- Construction of a new Business Industry Center;
- Expansion and renovations to the Kerby Building in Illinois Valley;
- Purchase of furnishings and equipment for renovated/remodeled buildings and newly constructed buildings; and,
- Payment of all costs incidental to the aforementioned projects, including costs of issuing the bonds.

The bonds would mature in twenty-one (21) years or less from issuance date and may be issued in one or more series.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT: This bond levy would allow Rogue Community College (RCC) to renovate, repair, and develop facilities needed to support local economic development, job training, and enrollment growth projected over the next two decades. Facilities would be renovated and expanded in two locations in Josephine County, each supporting different college education and job training programs.

The Redwood campus location in Grants Pass would see development of a business-industry training center, renovation of health care and science training labs as well as construction of an art, cultural, and humanities facility. Additional projects in the Illinois Valley would include renovation of the Kerby building and creation of a small business center for regional business/technical and job training needs.

This bond levy is estimated to add 19 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value (or \$38 per year for a home

with an assessed value of \$200,000) to Josephine County property taxes over 21 years. RCC has provided community college programs in southern Oregon for more than 30 years. This bond levy would allow the college to expand its service and support to students residing in Josephine County. The facilities would increase access to college programs, and establish a base for regional training and education in support of continued economic growth and development.

Provided by Rogue Community College Board of Education

MEASURE 17.18

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

"A Passion for Education" is a motto that could be used to describe my feelings for what Rogue Community College has accomplished for Josephine County's citizens over the last thirty-five years. Thousands of students, young and old, have walked the halls and paths of what was once a simple Job Corps Center in the 1960's and now a thriving institution of advanced learning. Whether it be in a trade, vocation or the first steps toward earning a bachelor's degree at a four year college, it has happened at Rogue Community College and all at bargain basement prices.

While walking through the labs, classrooms and other facilities, a need for updating hits one right in the face. We must give our students the tools to learn their trades and meet their lifetime goals.

Now is the time to look to the future and bring Rogue Community College in Josephine County into the 21st century.

Please VOTE a big positive YES on Measure 17.18

Midge Renton
Founding Board Member,
Rogue Community College - 1971-1999

(This information furnished by Midge Renton,
Committee to Support RCC)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

I write to urge the voters of Josephine County to support the Rogue Community College bond levy. This bond will provide important improvements to RCC's Josephine County facilities. Voters in Jackson County recently approved a measure that is already showing a return on the voters' investment by providing critical job training, general education and adult basic education services. Now it is time for the voters here to show that they will continue their 35-year commitment to the college.

I believe this bond measure is vitally important to the citizens and economy of Josephine County. The RCC bond will provide new science facilities that are essential for training those in our healthcare profession. It will provide a new business center on the Redwood Campus designed to allow us to take advantage of the tremendous demands of a rapidly changing workplace. It will also provide major improvements and expansion to the Kerby Learning Center, a key to economic progress in the Illinois Valley.

From a hospital perspective there is a critical shortage of available nurses and other health-care workers throughout the country. In southern Oregon, RCC performs a vital role in training our future professionals, and experience shows that these graduates choose to stay and work in our communities. All efforts on the part of the college that improve facilities and other training opportunities will have a direct impact on the hospital's opportunities to hire an adequate supply of qualified people in the future - the same people who will care for our friends and family when they become ill.

The cost of this bond levy to the typical voter will be reasonable, perhaps \$30 to \$40 per year for the owner of an average residence. The return, in the form of jobs, a better educated workforce and a college poised to educate our community for the next 35 years, will be far, far greater.

Linda Rankin,
Vice President, Patient Care Services
Three Rivers Community Hospital

(This information furnished by Linda Rankin
Committee to Support RCC)

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Nonpartisan for

Josephine County Commissioner, Position 1



**DAVE
TOLER**

OCCUPATION:
Development Director.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:
Executive Director, Administrator, Resource Development Consultant, Forestry Technician.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:
B.S. Western Washington University, Graduate School of Economics, University of Oregon.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Three Rivers School Board 1997-2006, Three Rivers School District Budget Committee, Jo. Co. Regional Transportation Planning Committee, Regional Problem Solving Committee, Illinois Valley Community Response Team.

Dave Toler-Proven Leadership

A COUNTY COMMISSIONER IS A TEAM POSITION

For nearly 10 years, Dave has been working effectively with four other members of the Three Rivers School Board - regardless of their political affiliations.

MORE EFFICIENT COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Currently, the County is managed by 3 commissioners at a cost of over \$260,000. No experience is required for the job. Dave has led the call for more efficiency by hiring 1 professional manager and reducing the commissioner positions to part-time. **This will save taxpayer dollars and reduce unnecessary bureaucracy.**

QUALITY OF LIFE - OUR ECONOMIC ASSET

It's the law of supply and demand. There are fewer and fewer places that possess the beauty and rural pace we enjoy everyday in Josephine County. Meanwhile, there are more and more people wanting to live here.

If we utilize our assets wisely, we can improve our local economy AND protect the quality of life we all cherish.

FISCAL DISCIPLINE WORKS

During his 10 years on the Three Rivers School Board, Dave has worked to bring fiscal discipline to the forefront of District operations. Dave and other Board members have **reduced operating costs and completed \$24 million in construction projects under budget.**

This year, Three Rivers added back teaching positions and added to the District's reserves to protect the District from future cuts. Today, Three Rivers is in the best fiscal shape it has been in for many years.

Proven Leadership-Vote Dave Toler

(This information furnished by The Dave Toler Campaign)

Josephine County Sheriff



**BRIAN
ANDERSON**

OCCUPATION: Undersheriff, Josephine County Sheriff's Office.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Deputy Sheriff, Josephine County Sheriff's Office 1984-1986 and 1988-present; Police Officer, Medford Police

Department 1986-1987; Reserve Deputy Sheriff, Lincoln County Sheriff's Office 1984; Tax Auditor, State of Oregon Employment Division, 1983-1984.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Oregon State University-Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, 1983; University of Virginia; Graduate of the FBI National Academy and the Oregon State Sheriff's Association Command College; Graduate of the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training basic police class, supervision, and middle management courses.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Operations, Support Services, and Corrections Lieutenant, Josephine County Sheriff's Office; 911 Governing Board; Community Dispute Resolution Program Board; Josephine Interagency Narcotics Team Board.

Brian's combined experience, training, and education demonstrate his preparedness to serve as the top law enforcement officer in Josephine County.

He is currently your Undersheriff and handles the day-to-day operations of the Sheriff's Office. Brian is a certified police officer in the State of Oregon with over 3500 training hours.

Brian was born and raised in Oregon. His family has made Josephine County their home since 1984.

Over the next several years Josephine County will be faced with many issues concerning funding from O&C lands. There are no simple solutions. Brian will work with the BCC to find long term funding solutions for the Sheriff's Office and the Criminal Justice System.

He will emphasize community policing in the Sheriff's Office. As the number of deputies continue to decline, it will be important to involve community partners in problem solving.

Brian will focus on crimes against persons. Child abuse, elder abuse, domestic violence, and identity theft are a problem and will continue to be a problem.

"I am committed to keeping Josephine County a great place to live, using my experience and education to serve the community that I am involved with."

VOTE FOR BRIAN ANDERSON
EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION, NEIGHBOR
www.andersonforsheriff.org

(This information furnished by Brian Anderson)



**GIL
GILBERTSON**

OCCUPATION: Police (retired).

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Waterloo Police Department, Iowa; International Police Task Force (Bosnia & Kosovo), DynCorp Intl., Ft. Worth, TX; Special Tactics Association,

Ltd., Waterloo, IA (Instructor/Consultant); Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo, IA (Iowa Police Academy Instructor).

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: West High School (Waterloo, IA); Hawkeye Institute of Technology (Waterloo, IA), A.A.S. Police Science, Upper Iowa University (Fayette, IA), B.A. Public Administration; Redstone Arsenal (Huntsville, AL), FBI & US Army-Hazardous Device School; Iowa Air National Guard Supervisory Academy; Iowa Army Reserves (Fort McCoy, WI) Supervisory School; Basic incident Command School (N.A.T.O./CIVPOL, U.N) in Kosovo.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: U.S. Navy (Viet Nam Veteran); U.S. Air National Guard; U.S. Army National Guard; U.S. Army Reserves; International Police Task Force (representing the U.S. Department of State).

Gil Gilbertson has been a resident and property owner of Josephine County since 1991. He is a retired police officer, instructor, and administrator with nearly 30 years experience. During that time, served as Patrol, S.W.A.T., Bomb Squad, Dispatcher, Jailer, Traffic Investigator, Recovery Diver, Instructor at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy / Waterloo Police Department / and several colleges in Iowa as well as providing instruction to civilian law enforcement agencies and military units world-wide, Qualified Expert Witness in Use of Force Litigation, Police Consultant, Author of police related training manuals, and a computerized performance evaluation program, Colonel in charge of an Intelligence Fusion Center, Senior level Liaison between the International Police Task Force and N.A.T.O. military units in Bosnia, Chief of Operations of the United States Kosovo Diplomatic Observer Mission, Police Station Commander, Chief of Highway Patrol, and Deputy Regional Commander for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), to mention a few of his accomplishments.

Gil has a wide array of experience spanning a lifetime career in all aspects of law enforcement. Gil has successfully demonstrated an elevated level of ethics and leadership, innovative thinking, and keen ability to turn bad situations around.

Want integrity, experience, and sense of community? Vote for Gil.

(This information furnished by Gil Gilbertson)

Nonpartisan for

Grants Pass City Councilor, NW Ward 1



**DEL
RENFRO**

OCCUPATION:
Business Owner – NDR
Products Co. Inc., MBC Mini
Storage.

**OCCUPATIONAL
BACKGROUND:**
Schneeman Electronics,
Gen. mgr. 1962-75; Thrifty
Sweeping Service, Owner
1977-1981; So. Oregon Health Service 1959-1962.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Graduated GPHS - 1952.
Pasadena City College 1957-1958.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Chairman-Merlin/North
Valley General Service District Advisory Com.; Stakeholder-
Regional Problem Solving Advisory Committee; Merlin/
North Valley CAC; Secretary-Grants Pass Airport Advisory
Committee.

DEL RENFRO is committed to:

Working as an advocate for the citizens of Grants Pass:
Del Renfro believes in truly representing the interests of
the citizens by being a good listener. By listening to the
concerns of the people he can get a better idea of what can
or should be done to maintain a good quality of life in this
town. He believes in an open forum between the citizens
and the City Government.

Managing growth with safety in mind: **Del Renfro** sees
what is happening to our community as a result in the fast
growth in residential development in the Redwood area.
There has to be slowing of the growth so the infrastructure
has a chance to catch up. As it is, we are years and
hundreds of thousands of dollars behind.

Promoting Economic Development: **Del Renfro** believes a
healthy community depends on quality jobs that pay a
living wage. He would like to see incentives developed that
would attract new businesses to our area that pay more
than the minimum wage. We need to spread seeds world
wide to let people know what we have to offer.

Del Renfro grew up in Grants Pass. He raised his two sons
here and now has grandchildren here. He wants to help
keep this town a great place to live.

VOTE TO ELECT: DEL RENFRO Grants Pass City Council

(This information furnished by Del Renfro)

Nonpartisan for

Grants Pass City Councilor; NE Ward 2



**JACK A. (AUTO DOC)
BROWN JR.**

OCCUPATION: President,
Family Enterprises Ltd, dba
Auto Doc.

**OCCUPATIONAL
BACKGROUND:** Saw Filer.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:
New Hope Christian School;
Prairie Bible Institute.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Taxpayer.

My vision for Grants Pass: A peaceful place of personal safety with economic and recreational opportunity, a place that no one is forced to join by annexation votes they cannot participate in, a place where those already here are not forced to conform to a cookie-cutter point of view, and a place where the taxpayers' money is spent frugally. **Is this your vision? Vote Auto Doc.**

My philosophy of growth: Those causing the need, not those already a part of the structure should fund essential infrastructure upgrades required because of growth. Isn't that where part of the increased revenue from newly annexed properties should go? Essentials in commercial areas like sidewalks are not automatically essentials in the outlying residential neighborhoods. Merely nice-to-have items should be optional, not forced on everyone just to satisfy the tastes of one segment of society. **Is this your philosophy? Vote Auto Doc.**

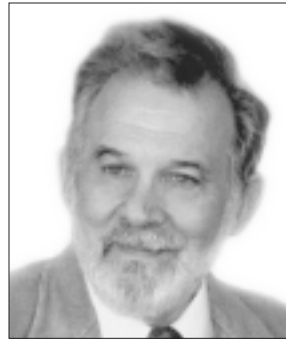
We taxpayers are not getting everything we pay for. We city dwellers are sometimes dunned for things we shouldn't be forced to have. Urban area residents have been particularly hard hit. The city management team isn't satisfied and wants even more of our money to spend, though we told them "no" on the restaurant tax. **You voted "no" on more taxes? Vote Auto Doc.**

As a fifty-eight year old native of Josephine County, a long time resident of Grants Pass, and a businessman for twenty-seven years, I have some serious concerns about the way our city is managed. **To improve our local economy we need to minimize regulations and taxation of business.**

Words don't fail me; the space in this pamphlet does! For details go to my website at www.jackbrown.org or call me at 474-9343. **Share my concerns? Vote Auto Doc.**

P.S. For better county government, write-in James Rafferty for Commissioner.

(This information furnished by Jack Alan Brown Jr.)



**WILLIAM (BILL)
KANGAS**

OCCUPATION: Semi-Retired;
part time Electronics.

**OCCUPATIONAL
BACKGROUND:** Social Service
Director for Royal Gardens
Health and Rehab Center;
Program Manager and part
time coordinator for Josephine
County; Test Technician at

Met one; Hach Ultra Analytics; Litton Guidance; Small Business Owner.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Eastern Oregon State University Bachelor of Science Psychology; Rogue Community College Associate Science in Human Services/Counseling; Laney College Associate Science Electronic Technology; San Francisco State Engineering courses; Chabot College Management/Supervision courses.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Planning Commissioner Urban Area Planning Commission; Josephine County Community Services Program Manager of Senior Health and Awareness Program and part time co-coordinator of Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP); U.S. Air Force.

BILL KANGAS believes in well-planned growth thus helping to eliminate major traffic congestion.

BILL KANGAS has outstanding communication skills.

BILL KANGAS will work for sufficient job opportunities.

BILL KANGAS will listen to the citizens' views and will represent those views to the City.

BILL KANGAS is a strong proponent of seniors' rights.

BILL KANGAS will insure that all citizens' rights are respected.

BILL KANGAS will work for operating the City within funds available.

BILL KANGAS is a strong advocate for safety in all areas of the City.

BILL KANGAS will represent your interests for the best quality of life possible in our City.

BILL KANGAS has been a resident of Grants Pass for twenty-nine years. His wife, Linda, has been a resident for over sixty-years. They have raised children in this wonderful community and believe this is an exceptional place to live and work. Bill wants to keep Grants Pass a safe and great city.

BILL KANGAS is dedicated to making Grants Pass a safe and better place to live. He will represent the citizens of the community in their views of operating the City. Bill intends to restore trust in local government. **Bill is the best choice for City Councilor NE Ward 2.**

**VOTE
WILLIAM (BILL) KANGAS
CITY COUNCILOR**

(This information furnished by William D. Kangas)

Nonpartisan for

Grants Pass City Councilor; SE Ward 3



TIM CUMMINGS

OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Owner - Cummings Construction, Inc.; In construction industry for 33 years.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Rogue River High School; Attended Rogue Community College and Southern Oregon College.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Urban Area Planning Commission: 1992 to present; Juvenile Advisory Board - City Council.

TIM CUMMINGS...ROOTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Tim has lived in Southern Oregon all his life. He started a small business here and is raising his family here. He knows the issues that affect the people of Grants Pass. He knows the challenges that families and businesses face in our community.

TIM CUMMINGS...HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

Tim has worked hard to help a number of local non-profit organizations such as Family Friends and the "Paint Your Heart Out" program. He has served as a volunteer for a number of public committees and commissions such as the Urban Area Planning Commission and the Juvenile Advisory Board. This is the kind of experience that we need on the City Council.

TIM CUMMINGS...A PHILOSOPHY OF GOVERNMENT WE CAN SUPPORT

Tim believes government, especially city government, must have a commitment to serving the people. The people of Grants Pass are the customers of city government. The most important approach city government can take is an obligation to provide "customer service" to the people of this community. Whether it is a problem with a water bill or a problem with starting a new business, city government must treat people with the same kind of respect and diligence that any business would in dealing with a customer.

TIM CUMMINGS...A RECORD OF FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Tim believes in fiscal conservatism. That approach is what made his business successful. He believes such an approach must apply to government at all levels. Government should do only those things which the people cannot do for themselves and it must do those things as efficiently and as cost-effectively as possible.

TIM CUMMINGS THE BACKGROUND AND PHILOSOPHY WE NEED IN CITY GOVERNMENT

(This information furnished by Timothy B. Cummings)



RICHARD MICHELON

OCCUPATION: Retired.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Certified Public Accountant, private practice in Grants Pass. Tax preparation software company founder, designer, programmer.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Bachelor of Science 1967; University of California at Berkeley.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Grants Pass City Budget Committee; Grants Pass Irrigation District board member.

I've been a resident for 35 years. One of our current challenges is the building boom and the impact on traffic congestion. **I believe in policies that serve the interests of our ENTIRE community**, such as having new residents and developers pay their full share of the added burden they create on our streets, parks, etc.

Let's be intelligent and manage our growth while being ever vigilant in protecting what we care about...our quality of life.

VOTE: Richard Michelon – Grants Pass City Council

(This information furnished by Richard Michelon)

Nonpartisan for

Grants Pass City Councilor; SE Ward 3



**RONALD F.
SCHUTZ**

OCCUPATION: Retired from California Department of Transportation (Supervisor).

**OCCUPATIONAL
BACKGROUND:** Supervisor for the California Department of Transportation.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

High School G.E.D. Some college at Shasta College, Redding CA.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Vice-Chairman of the Urban Tree Committee (Grants Pass).

Retired as Supervisor from California Department of Transportation on Route 199. San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge Traffic Emergency Services. Received commendation for 1989 Earthquake Response and Recovery Team. Served in U.S. Air Force 1961 to 1965 on the X-15 Project at Edwards Air Force Base CA.

City Council spending 2.7 million dollars for purchase of land outside city limits is wrong. Restaurant tax was wrong, not preparing for growth is wrong. I am retired and have no conflict of interest and have more time to devote to the job.

My motto is FOR THE PEOPLE BY THE PEOPLE.

(This information furnished by Ronald F. Schutz)

Grants Pass City Councilor; SW Ward 4



**LISA
BERGER**

OCCUPATION: Business Owner.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Acupuncturist; Computer programmer and system designer; Operations and General Manager.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Emperor's College Master of Science 1989; University of California Santa Barbara Bachelor of Arts 1974; Loyola/Marymount University.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Coordinator for Redwood School Wetlands Project; Vice-Chairperson for Middle Rogue Watershed Council; Co-chairperson for Citizens for a Voice in Growth; Citizen Volunteer Grants Pass Development Task Force.

Quality of Life

Lisa Berger's primary concerns are public safety, lack of adequate infrastructure to support the building boom, traffic congestion and all other quality of life issues resulting from rapid growth.

Lisa Berger has spent many hours studying issues concerning the impacts of growth on our local community.

Lisa Berger has attended Urban Area Planning Commission meetings, City Council meetings, Community Development Task Force meetings, and meetings with City Staff to educate herself on the problems and policies of the City of Grants Pass.

A New Vision for Grants Pass

Lisa Berger will work as an advocate for all citizens. Her aim is for a more open form of government, one that is welcoming to everyone. She will listen to concerns and suggestions relating to city government and its involvement in daily life.

Lisa Berger believes that Grants Pass is seriously behind with infrastructure. It is her belief that this is due to policies adopted by our present City Council as they have encouraged growth while ignoring the upgrading of roads and other facilities to support a rapid and large increase in our population.

Elect Lisa Berger

We can do better! We need to slow down the building boom.

Elect Lisa Berger to Grants Pass City Council. Help her by electing a new City Council --- a council that will face the tough decisions confronting our city without imposing the full financial burden on the current residents.

VOTE: Lisa Berger - Grants Pass City Council

(This information furnished by Lisa Berger)



**DENVER E.
HUFF**

OCCUPATION: Private Consultant; paid. Employed part time by Home Valley Bank; paid.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Commercial Banker; 1957-1976; First National Bank of Oregon. 1976-1983; Valley of the Rogue Bank. 1983-1998; Home Valley Bank (retired) 1999-current; Consultant.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: 1956; graduate Ronan High School, Ronan Montana. Two years; Portland State College, Portland Oregon. Numerous American Institute of Banking courses. Graduate; Oregon Bankers Director College.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Budget Committee Member; City of North Bend, Oregon. Member Josephine/Jackson Regional Strategies Board. Grants Pass Urban Area Planning Commission (current).

Born in Portland Oregon, attended High School in Ronan Montana, served in the U.S. Army and have been working in the Banking industry for 49 years.

I have been actively involved in civic, educational and governmental affairs throughout my adult life; serving eight years on the Rogue Community College Board, two years as Chairman; and on the Rogue Community College Foundation Board. I firmly believe that all citizens should take part in the betterment of their community.

Important issues: Growth; Continued growth of Grants Pass and the Urban Area Boundary is inevitable. The important issue is that it be sensible well planned growth.

Public Safety; As the city grows it is critical that adequate public safety facilities be provided in a proactive way.

City Center; The downtown area of our city is the main focal point for all who visit the area. Future development and beautification of this treasure must be a priority in our planning process.

Housing; As the community grows it is becoming more difficult to provide affordable housing for those who are unable to pay the price of current housing. We must find a means by which we can assure that housing is affordable for these citizens.

I seek your support in helping to assure these issues become items of priority in our City.

(This information furnished by Denver E. Huff)

Nonpartisan for

DIRECTOR, PROPOSED LIBRARY DISTRICT, POSITION 1



**WILLIAM A. "BILL"
PETERSON**

OCCUPATION: Director of Finance and Administration; Copeland Paving, Sand and Gravel.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Municipal management in Grants Pass, Hermiston Oregon, and Riverton Wyoming.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: KWHS, Casper Wyoming, High School Diploma; UW, Laramie Wyoming, BS Political Science; UW, 34 Semester Hours, Graduate Studies; Public Administration (no degree).

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: City Manager in three separate communities over 29 years; duties included Budget Officer, Personnel Officer, Utilities Manager, Special District Manager, Utility management, as well as four years operating a municipal library (with the capable help of a library director). Experiences include numerous governmental boards, commissions, committees, and community based service delivery systems.

My family is dedicated to our library. My three children all love reading, and received the benefit of a quality library. All three attended and graduated from GPHS as valedictorians, two have successfully attained their college degrees (the other is now at Oregon State). A big part of our success is attributed to effective reading programs in the library, and library research support.

Commitment to the library is a measure of a community. Library is opportunity, opportunity for all residents to access information, to learn, to be entertained, and to enrich the fabric of our community. If we believe in our county and our society, we must create opportunities for all residents to succeed. One of those opportunities is the library.

We need a REAL library. Not one open 16 hours a week, with an aging collection, and forced into irrelevance because we do not care to provide opportunity. Join me in supporting the formation of the district, and allow me to bring my experience and skills to the board of directors of the library to establish a quality library district for our county.

The library district will not be associated with the county commission, or the county government. This board of volunteers will dedicate the time and energy to make our library great. Please permit me to represent you on the board of a REAL library.

(This information furnished by William A. Peterson)

Nonpartisan for

DIRECTOR, PROPOSED LIBRARY DISTRICT, POSITION 2



**LOU
LEVISON**

OCCUPATION: Purchasing Agent, Rogue Truck Body

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Machinist; Production Manager; Test Technician; Woodworker

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Graduate Lakewood NJ High

School; attended Ocean County College NJ; and San Jose City College CA.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Illinois Valley Airport Advisory Board; Illinois Valley Community Response Team; Josephine County Library Blue Ribbon Committee; Enterprise Community Coordinating Council.

I love it! Parenting, gardening, cooking, guitars! Horses, guns, chocolate, and stars! Yard sales, e-bay, bicycling and reading! Concerts and aeroplanes, what else am I needing?

As far as I'm concerned, life doesn't get much better than here in Southern Oregon. But it could be worse real fast. If we don't support the Library Tax District on this ballot, we could end up in a county with million dollar houses but no library! We've been messing around for too many years with wasteful band-aids. It's time to stop making excuses and give our library the adequate and stable funding it deserves, then move on to tackle the next issue. Vote for the Library Tax District!

If it passes, and if I am elected, I will do everything in my power to insure our tax dollars are used wisely and our library system provides the best service possible. I have a good track record of helping boards work toward a unified goal. I also have been a long time library volunteer and activist. I take quite seriously, the role libraries play in a free and competitive society. And I believe a library must be friendly, responsive, and respectful of the taxpayers and users in order to maximize its potential.

But all of this is dependent upon one thing, passing that Library Tax District! Remember, you enjoyed access to free public libraries provided by previous generations. Now its our turn to carry on this proud tradition. Don't let China or India roll over us, a strong America begins with strong communities. This is our duty. Please vote to keep your library open!

(This information furnished by Lou Levison)

Nonpartisan for

DIRECTOR, PROPOSED LIBRARY DISTRICT, POSITION 3



**FRANK
IVERSON**

OCCUPATION:
Mediator/Arbitrator.

**OCCUPATIONAL
BACKGROUND:** Josephine
County Commissioner.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:
Rutgers Law School Doctorate
(JD); Rutgers University Pre-

Law; BA Equiv.; University of Hawaii - 1 Year, Mediation
Law; University of Guam - Graduate of Police Academy.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: U.S Commissioner @
Johnston Island; Oregon Court Appointed Advocate; Chair,
Guam Board of Education; Human Resource Manager,
Hawaii Naval Air Station; Human Resource Manager, U.S.
Army Station.

There are all sorts of communities across this nation:
some forward-looking; some so backward looking that
they are nearly museums; some that seem to care greatly
for the needs of its citizens and some where business and
the bottom line take precedence.

The question before us is what kind of community we
want Josephine County to be. When prospective
employers comes to this town, what will they see? Will
this be a place where a business can thrive? Where
employees will want to live and raise their families; or will
it be a place for mere existence until those employees can
save enough to move to a real community?

Services such as libraries say a lot about a place. Do
people reach out to care for one another or are they just
cold isolationists? Does this place care about its children,
its seniors and shut-ins? Does it see the trees or just a
forest?

I want to see Josephine County as a caring place where
the needs of every citizen are addressed. I also look to
make the library services transparent to its citizens with an
open budgeting system, open policy meetings and clear
goals. I want to see up-to-date, reliable information
available to every voter, every child doing a research paper
for school, and every senior seeking to understand his
doctor's diagnosis. I want to see that every professional is
able to keep abreast of their field whether it is education,
medicine, law, or business.

Most of all, I want to know that future voters will have free
access to all sides of an issue, so that they can vote
intelligently. That is the essence of democracy.

What do you want our community to look for the future?

Vote for FRANK IVERSON...for a community that cares!
What do you want our community to look like for the
future?

(This information furnished by Frank Iverson)

Nonpartisan for

DIRECTOR, PROPOSED LIBRARY DISTRICT, POSITION 4



**WHITNEY
LARD**

OCCUPATION: Josephine County Library Advisory Board, Chair; Library Volunteer; The Real Library Committee, Chair; Volunteer Co-ordinator.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Legal Assistant in Oregon and Alaska; Partner, print shops in Alaska and Washington; Partner, equipment holding and leasing company in Alaska.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Alaska Computer Institute, Certificate, Valedictorian.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Josephine County Library Advisory Board, Chair.

Dear Josephine County Residents:

Almost two years ago I made the commitment to serve on the Josephine County Library Advisory Board. Since that time, the Commissioners requested the Board find alternate and sustainable funding for the library. In order to get the measure on the ballot, I served as the volunteer coordinator for the signature drive, gathered signatures, chaired the political action committee and strategized campaign issues to inform and educate the residents of the county on the library issues.

I want to continue to use my skills to build a library system that serves all residents of Josephine County and which addresses the needs of the individual communities within the county. I want our libraries to become a place where everyone in our community can continue to learn, explore and communicate.

Libraries are so important to the health and economic welfare of the community that I feel it is important to donate the time and energy needed to ensure that the new library district has a strong foundation and that it addresses the concerns of the residents of Josephine County.

With your vote, we can have better, more useful libraries than the county has ever had before. Accessible libraries with up to date materials are my priority. I will continue to advocate for libraries and provide you with the services and materials you want and need.

I ask for our vote in support of the Library District and for me to serve you as one of your library board directors.

(This information furnished by Whitney Lard)

Nonpartisan for

DIRECTOR, PROPOSED LIBRARY DISTRICT, POSITION 5



**PAMELA
BICK**

OCCUPATION: Office Co-ordinator, Glendale Ambulance District, 2001-present.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Community Education Co-ordinator, Umpqua Community College, 1995-2000; Volunteer Emergency Medical Technician, Glendale Ambulance District, 1988-2001; Communications Technician, Pacific Bell, 1966-1987.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: El Rancho High School, Pico Rivera, CA. San Jose State College, 3 years, Major in English, minor in Art; Mt. San Antonio College 1 year, Business Law and Small Business Management. Umpqua Community College, Emergency Medical Technician, Basic and Intermediate.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Director, Azalea Rural Fire Protection District, 1995-1999; Budget Officer, Azalea Rural Fire Protection District, fiscal 1997-98 to present; Budget Officer, Glendale Ambulance District, 2001-present; Recording Secretary, Glendale Ambulance District, 1995-2001.

I am running for the position of Director for the Library District because;

1. I have 4 years experience as a Director for Azalea Rural Fire Protection District and understand the process. I also helped establish the Glendale Ambulance District and have worked to make it a success.
2. I have 9 years experience as Budget Officer for a special district and am familiar with local budget law.
3. I currently serve as Office Coordinator for a special district and report directly to the Board of Directors. One of my duties is to complete all preparation work for Board meetings.
4. I strongly believe in open, honest government.
5. I am a team player and consensus builder. If we all pull together, we can accomplish great things.
6. I will listen to area residents to determine their needs and work to fulfill them.

Libraries are an important component of our county's communities. I believe my experience will be a genuine asset to our library system.

(This information furnished by Pamela J. Bick)



**JUDITH K.
CHRISTENSEN**

OCCUPATION: 19 years as an Educational Assistant at Riverside School in Grants Pass School District #7.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Catering/Chef at Faire With Flaire and Catered Cuisine; Volunteer at Family Friends.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: 1968 graduate of Grants Pass High School; 1972 graduate of University of Oregon with a Bachelor of Arts in English.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: 11+ years on the Josephine County Library Board of Directors; Josephine County Library Foundation Board of Directors since the beginning but not continuously.

The access to information is the foundation of a free and independent society. I have used my time as a volunteer on the Josephine County Library Board of Trustees to learn the operations of a library. I see this library district as an opportunity to make our library an asset to our community.

(This information furnished by Judith K. Christensen)

Nonpartisan for

DIRECTOR, PROPOSED LIBRARY DISTRICT, POSITION 5

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**RODNEY F.
HANNON**

OCCUPATION: Retired.

**OCCUPATIONAL
BACKGROUND:** Forester;
Wildland Fireman; Forest
management; U.S. forest
Service; Forester; Wildland/
structure Fireman; Nevada
Division of Forestry; Security
Officer; Red Lion Casino;

Soil Conservationist; Soil Conservation Service; Mining
reclamation specialist; Bureau of Land Management.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: University of Nevada,
Reno, Master of Science, Natural Resources; Humboldt
State College, Bachelor of Science, Forest Management;
Oregon State College, Forestry; San Jose State College,
Police science; City College of San Francisco, Police
science.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: U.S.F.S; Forestry tech-
nician; Forester; G.S. 7. Nevada Division of Forestry;
Northern Area Forestry; Grade 36. Red Lion Casino;
Security officer; Soil Conservation Service; Soil
Conservationist; G.S. 9. Bureau of Land Management;
mining reclamation specialist G.S. 11.

I believe libraries are important to the community not only
as a source of information and reading pleasure, but as a
meeting place for friends and information exchange.
Libraries provide facilities for people involved in civic
groups, home schools, computer education and pre
school reading. A community without a library denies its
people an opportunity to better themselves and expand
their desire for a broader outlook on life.

(This information furnished by Rodney F. Hannon)

Nonpartisan for

Director-at-Large, I.V. Soil and Water Conservation District; Position 2



**FREDERICK
MITTLEMAN**

OCCUPATION: Forest Farmer.

**OCCUPATIONAL
BACKGROUND:** Secondary
School Teacher; Welding
Shop Owner.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:
California State College, B.A.
Industrial Arts, Teaching

Credential, 1965. Southern Oregon University-Extended
Campus Program, Mediation and Conflict Management,
Certificate, 2001.

GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None.

Our planet earth is a wonder. We share it with amazing
plants and animals, and an abundance of precious non-
living gifts.

But through human actions some of these gifts have been
lost, and others are headed for loss. Our global climate is
heating up and getting more unstable. We are losing plant
and animal species. Soils are becoming depleted. There
are ever increasing demands on water resources. And all
the while world population is rapidly increasing. And this
is only the short list.

I like the phrase "Think globally, act locally." Our Illinois
Valley Soil and Water Conservation District and its
attached Illinois Valley Watershed Council recommend
and facilitate local resources affecting projects. We need
to carefully choose among these potential projects for
maximum good long-range effects on our local environment.

Some projects I would like to encourage are: periodic
public forums on important natural resource issues; a
trend from growing hay for meat production to using
scarce water and land directly for fruits, vegetables, and
grains, thus more efficiently producing human food; more
use of water-saving drip irrigation instead of water
cannons and sprinklers; conservation easements to
protect farm lands from future development; eradication
of noxious weeds such as yellow star thistle and scotch
broom; and more restoration work on our rivers and
riparian areas to give our wild fish and animals better
chance.

Providing for our real human needs while maintaining
abundant beautiful wildlife is a good trick. Maximum
openness and dialog will help.

Basically, I believe we all on this earth could benefit by
striving to learn to be even more happy and healthy while
consuming less, especially those of us who consume a lot.
Let's reach for a long and inclusive future.

(This information furnished by Frederick Mittleman)