

JOSEPHINE COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION
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ATTENTION

This is the beginning of the Josephine County voters' pamphlet. The county portion of this joint voters' pamphlet is inserted in the center of the state's portion. Each page of the county voters' pamphlet is clearly marked with a gray color bar on the outside edge. All information contained in the county portion of this pamphlet has been assembled and printed at the request of County Clerk Rhiannon Henkels.



Greetings,

The county voter's pamphlet for the **November 3, 2020 General Election** has been inserted within the state pamphlet in a cost-savings cooperative effort between Josephine County and the Secretary of State. Each page of your county voters' pamphlet is clearly marked with a gray color bar on the outside edge. Please read through your pamphlet as it will provide you with information regarding the candidate races and ballot measures at hand.

Are you registered to vote?

Voters' Pamphlets are mailed to each household rather than each registered voter. Therefore, the receipt of this voters' pamphlet does not guarantee you are a registered voter. You may check your registration status at www.oregonvotes.gov or by contacting your local elections office at (541) 474-5243. The deadline to register to vote in the November 3, 2020 General Election is October 13, 2020. Additional voter registration information is available in the state portion of your voters' pamphlet.

Ballots!

Ballots are scheduled to be mailed to each registered voter on October 14th. If you are a registered voter and have not received your ballot in the mail by Wednesday, October 21st, please call your County Clerk's office at (541) 474-5243.

What's on the Ballot?

Your ballot will only contain the races and measures in which you are eligible for. You are only eligible to vote on the issues pertaining to the districts in which you reside. Therefore, it is important to remember that not all of the races and measures contained within this pamphlet will appear on your ballot.

Postmarks do not count!

Your ballot must be received by your County Clerk's office or deposited in an Official Ballot Drop Site no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 3rd. If you have not mailed your ballot by October 27, you should consider depositing it in an Official Ballot Drop Site to ensure that it is received before the deadline.

It's your choice and it's your voice!

I encourage you to exercise your right to vote. Casting your ballot is an easy and effective way to make your voice heard throughout your community, your state, and your nation.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rhenkels".

RHIANNON HENKELS
Josephine County Clerk & Recorder

Notice: The County Voters' pamphlet contains measure arguments and candidate statements submitted by those who have chosen to pay the required fee. The candidate statements and measure arguments contained in this pamphlet are printed as submitted and have not been verified for accuracy by the county.

HOW TO CAST YOUR VOTE:

1. Complete your ballot

To vote, completely fill in the box next to your choice.

To vote for a person not on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the “write-in” line, then neatly write the name of the person on the line provided.

You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still count.

2. Check for errors

If you vote for more options than are allowed, your vote **will not count** for that contest.

If you think you made a mistake, call the Josephine County Elections Office.

If you would like to change your choice on a contest, draw a solid line through your original choice, then make your next selection.

3. Optional: Use the “secrecy” sleeve

If you use the optional “secrecy” sleeve, put only your voted ballot (not another person’s ballot) inside. Then, put only your secrecy sleeve inside your return envelope.

(If we receive an envelope with more than one ballot inside, all enclosed ballots are rejected and not counted.)

You are not required to use the “secrecy” sleeve.

4. Sign your return envelope

You must sign your return envelope or **your vote will not count.**

We verify every signature on every envelope against the voter files.

5. Return your ballot

- By mail – Stamps are no longer required (ballot return envelopes in Oregon now use prepaid postage)
- At any Official Ballot Drop Site (see list on the back of this pamphlet)
- At the County Clerk’s/Elections Office

WHAT IS A PREPAID POSTAGE ENVELOPE?

You don’t have to find a stamp

With prepaid postage, you no longer have to search for a stamp to mail back your voted ballot.

Beginning this year, all ballots in Oregon will be sent to voters with a prepaid postage return envelope.

How does it work?

If you mail back your voted ballot, the Post Office will charge the State of Oregon for each ballot sent back to an Elections Official.

Only those ballots sent back through the mail will be charged to the State.

What about Drop sites?

Using one of Josephine County’s 8 drop sites is faster, cheaper and will reach us before the deadline.

Postmarks DO NOT count

In Oregon, an Elections Official must have your ballot by 8:00 p.m. on Election Night. If your ballot is still with the Post Office after 8:00 p.m. on Election night **your vote will not count.**

Postmarks **DO NOT** count
for ballots in Oregon!!

If we have not received your ballot by 8:00 p.m. on Election Night, your vote will not count.

Return your ballot

- By mail (only if you mail them by October 27, 2020 - a week before the election)
- At any Official Ballot Drop Site (see list on the back of this pamphlet)
- At the County Clerk’s/Elections Office

Josephine County Elections

web: www.co.josephine.or.us
email: clerk@co.josephine.or.us

ph: (541) 474-5243
tty: (800) 735-2900

Measure 17-95 City of Grants Pass

Referred to the People by the Grants Pass City Council

17-95

Proposed amendments to the Grants Pass City Charter.

QUESTION: Shall the City Charter be amended to change special meeting requirements and other changes?

SUMMARY: The City Council proposes changes be made to the City Charter. Proposed changes include: Permitting three Councilors to call a special meeting; removing the Mayor's de facto veto power for City Manager appointment or termination; clarification of language pertaining to vacancies and appointments; and other minor changes.

Explanatory Statement

The proposed measure makes amendments to the City Charter. The City Charter defines roles and authority for the governance of the City.

The proposed amendments to the Charter include:

- I. Three Councilors may call a special meeting;
- II. Removes Mayor veto power in appointment and termination of City Manager;
- III. Clarifies language pertaining to vacancies and appointments;
- IV. Other minor revisions.

A "yes" vote would favor making the amendments. A "no" vote would be against making amendments.

(This information furnished by Karen Frerk, Grants Pass City Recorder.)

Measure 17-96 City of Grants Pass

Referred to the People by the Grants Pass City Council

17-96

Three-year City Police & Fire Local Option Tax.

QUESTION: Shall Grants Pass levy \$1.89 per \$1,000 assessed value, continuing City police and fire services three years beginning July 2021? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent

SUMMARY: The current levy for Grants Pass police and fire operations ends June 30, 2021. The proposed levy would continue funding emergency police/fire response – 24 hours/day, 7 days/week. Public Safety services include patrol, detectives/investigation, traffic, fire protection/prevention, rescue, drug/gang enforcement, dispatch, crisis support, Citizens Public Safety Academy, and response to emergency medical calls. The proposed levy would help maintain current police and fire response time standards to emergency calls.

This levy would fund only City police and fire operations and would ensure City police officers and firefighters are not laid off when the current levy ends on June 30, 2021.

This three-year local option levy of \$1.89 per \$1,000 assessed value would fund City police and fire operations. The levy would be approximately \$347/year for the average homeowner for Fiscal Year 2022.

Projected cost is an ESTIMATE ONLY, based on County Assessor information at the time of estimate. Proposed rate would provide approximately \$6,153,000 in Fiscal Year 2022, \$6,276,000 in Fiscal Year 2023, and \$6,402,000 in Fiscal Year 2024.

Public Safety Academy, vehicle crash response and emergency medical response.

TAX IMPACTS. This proposal is for a three-year local option tax levy to fund City Police and Fire Services from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2024. The tax rate for this levy would be \$1.89 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The proposed rate would provide approximately \$6,153,000 in Fiscal Year 2022, \$6,276,000 in Fiscal Year 2023, and \$6,402,000 in Fiscal Year 2024. For a single-family home in Grants Pass with a real market value of approximately \$260,532 and a taxable assessed value of \$183,610, if the levy is approved, the property owner would pay a tax of \$1.89 per \$1,000 assessed value or approximately \$347 for Fiscal Year 2022.

IMPOSITION OF NEW LOCAL OPTION TAX. Approving the Local Option Tax would continue to provide tax funding for Public Safety. If the levy is not approved, this tax resource would not be available to Public Safety. This levy is to help maintain the current City Police and Fire response time standards for emergency calls.

A “yes” vote would be in favor of the Local Option Tax Levy. A “no” vote would be against the Local Option Tax Levy.

(This information furnished by Karen Frerk, Grants Pass City Recorder.)

Explanatory Statement

CONTINUED POLICE AND FIRE SERVICE. This tax would replace the current City police and fire levy of \$1.79 per \$1,000 assessed value with a rate of \$1.89 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Since 1986, City voters have approved police and fire financing by approving levies. In 2017, local voters approved the current levy for Police and Fire/Rescue Services. It expires June 30, 2021. The proposed levy would replace the expiring levy to continue to fund City police and fire services for the next three years.

POLICE AND FIRE FUNDING. Public Safety in Grants Pass includes Police, Fire/Rescue, Emergency Communications, 911 and Dispatch, Code Enforcement, and Crisis Support Services. All property taxes collected in Grants Pass are used exclusively for these police and fire services. Over the past two decades, the permanent property taxes have not been enough to support police and fire services. Police and Fire local option taxes, such as this one, have been approved to provide public safety funding.

WOULD MAINTAIN CURRENT POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES. This Local Option Tax Rate Levy would maintain current services including police and fire/rescue emergency responses, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, 911 and dispatch services, traffic enforcement, gang prevention, major crimes investigations, neighborhood patrols, crime/fire prevention, school programs, drug enforcement, K-9 program, community policing, Citizen

Measure 17-96 Arguments

Argument in Favor

On behalf of the Grants Pass Professional Firefighters and the Grants Pass Police Association, we urge you to vote yes on Measure 17-96. This ballot measure, a justifiable increase to the Public Safety levy, is crucial for firefighters to continue to provide prompt, highly skilled and professional services you deserve in times of crisis.

For more than 20 years the Grants Pass Department of Public Safety has been funded in part by a Public Safety levy, which has remained unchanged for over a decade. As the size of the community has increased, operational costs have increased. The difference has been made up by utilizing the general fund which has caused the city to drop below its needed savings for unforeseen events. A yes vote will ensure the following:

Continued Funding

The proposed levy rate at \$1.89 per \$1000 assessed value will help provide vital funding for the next three years. Approval of this measure will allow time for our City Council to establish a permanent funding solution for your Public Safety, rather than putting YOUR safety on the line every 3 years.

Maintain Service Levels

A yes vote will also maintain the services provided by the Department of Public Safety. This ensures that ALL fire stations remain open, ALL police units are on patrol and that the dispatch/911 center can continue to answer your calls for assistance. If the levy is not approved, resources and staffing across the department will be reduced, in addition to eliminations of contracts for the Sobering Center and Hearts with a Mission Youth Shelter. Both are proactive programs that benefit our community.

Our community should continue to have prompt, highly skilled and professional firefighting/emergency medical response, and police services. A no vote could put you and your family's safety in jeopardy. Vote Yes on Measure 17-96.

(This information furnished by Marty Adamo, President, Grants Pass Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local 3564.)

Argument in Favor

The top priority for the Grants Pass City Council is to keep citizens safe. This means providing sustainable funding for police and fire services for those in our community. Members of the Council have worked hard to maintain police and fire rescue services and keep them affordable for residents.

The Council has managed to keep the Public Safety levy rate the same for the past 12 years by maximizing general fund support to Public Safety, and in part by supporting partnerships with other organizations, such as Women's Crisis Support Team, the GP Sobering Center, School District 7 and St. Vincent de Paul.

Budget realities have now caused City Council to ask voters to raise the Public Safety levy from \$1.79 to \$1.89 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. However, thanks to paying off the Public Safety bond to build and outfit two new fire stations, voter approval of this levy will still result in a lower total city property tax rate than a few years ago.

Grants Pass has been using Public Safety levies to fund police and fire services since the 1980s, and the levy currently accounts for approximately 25 percent of the Public Safety budget. For the money, Grants Pass citizens would continue to receive a wide range of services, from fire protection to the school marshal program in our local schools.

Please join GP Citizens for Public Safety in approving this essential Public Safety levy. It will mean an increase of only about \$18 a year for the average household. We think the services provided are well worth it. In 2019, Public Safety responded to more than 11,000 calls for help, while 9-1-1 staff handled more than 132,000 phone calls. Your yes vote will ensure our vital Public Safety services are always available.

Signed: City Councilors Valerie Lovelace, DJ Faszler, Dennis Roler and Rick Riker, Mayor Roy Lindsay and Budget Committee Chair Tom Bradbeer

(This information furnished by Dennis Roler, GP Citizens for Public Safety.)

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Josephine County Commissioner, Position 2



**Daniel E
DeYoung**

Occupation: Josephine County
Commissioner Position 2

Occupational Background:
Business Owner: All Seasons
Heating and A/C - 36 years;
US Navy 1968-1972; Service
Manager: Rogue Valley Heating
and A/C 1974-1981

Educational Background: Grants Pass High School 1967; US
Navy Tech School 1968-1972; AOC County College 2017

Prior Governmental Experience: Josephine County Commis-
sioner 2017-Present; City Council 7 years; City Council President
3 years; RV Area Commission on Transportation 6 years; Middle
Rogue MPO 3 years

Commissioner Liaison to:
Public Works
Community Corrections
Airports
Fair Board
Josephine County Sheriff's Office
Josephine County Forestry
Veterans
Building Facilities

As your Commissioner, it has been a pleasure seeing the prog-
ress toward improving funding for law enforcement, the bright
future of the fairgrounds and the much needed improvements
to our airports. I am committed to this positive work, already in
motion, to completion.

Today, Josephine County is facing many challenges including
homelessness, affordable housing, drug abuse and the ever
changing COVID-19 pandemic. With your vote, I will work tire-
lessly with an open door and open mind to address challenges
we face.

I will use my experience in business as both an employer and
employee, as well as my prior government background to be
part of a winning team to move Josephine County forward.

Endorsed by:

Dave Thomason - Thomason Hospitality Group
Mark Owens - House District 60 State Representative
Jim Doherty - Morrow County Commissioner & President of AOC
Dan Calvert - former Josephine County Sheriff

"Dan De Young fights tirelessly and faithfully addressing our
challenges with courage, insight and common sense." - Dennis
Dickson, Pastor at Lions Gate Church

"I've witnessed Dan De Young's innovative thinking and leadership
for 30 years. Don't waste this vote...Dan has the guts, integrity
and perseverance this job needs. Josephine County needs the
leadership Dan will bring to the office." - Kurt Heater

(This information furnished by Daniel E. DeYoung.)

Candidate statements are printed as submitted. The above information has
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Josephine County Commissioner, Position 2



**Ron
Smith**

Occupation: Electric Sign In-
dustry

Occupational Background:
Former small business owner;
Business management; Leader-
ship Christian Ministry; Grass-
roots organizer; Property Rights
advocate.

Educational Background: Highline High School, Highline Com-
munity College, Christian leadership training.

Prior Governmental Experience: Ron has worked on the peo-
ple's side of government for over twenty years. He has defended
our property rights, our liberty and freedom from government
overreach and intrusions into our lives.

* Nominated "**Citizen of the Year 2001**" by Cave Junction
Chamber of Commerce for his community activism.

Elect Ron and You'll Get "The People's Commissioner"
Born in Josephine county, Ron will represent all the people as
a real team player not a politician. He will never forget he works
for The People!

As YOUR Commissioner, Ron will:

• Fund **PUBLIC SAFETY FIRST**

Ron will seek out every long term solution possible for
funding and supporting the Sheriff's office without raising
taxes! We CAN reduce crime and illegal drug use, while
discouraging outside vagrants and rioters ... it just takes
making it a priority.

• Fix the **HOUSING SHORTAGE**

Ron has a 3-part plan to bring affordable living conditions
to the county:

- Simplify the permitting process
- Reduce regulations
- Lower costs associated with building reasonable
priced housing.

• Support Local Control of **COVID-19 RULES**

The people of Josephine County are sick and tired of the virus
and very sympathetic towards anyone who has suffered or lost
a loved one. Ron will make clear to State government that we
need to reopen our economy and small businesses. That this
economic downturn can and may hurt / or kill more people and
businesses than the virus. We need more local control.

**If You are done letting politicians waste our tax dollars on
nonsense, while we're robbed by drifters, choked by forest
fires and gouged by outrageous housing costs, vote for
conservative RON SMITH.**

Endorsements

Gordon Anderson

Chris Barnett

Keith Heck

VoteRonSmith.com

(This information furnished by Ron Smith.)

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not been verified for accuracy by the county.

Josephine County County Treasurer



**Eva L I
Arce**

Occupation: Josephine County Treasurer

Occupational Background: Josephine County Treasurer 2013- Present; Chief Deputy Treasurer/Chief Administrative Supervisor Josephine County

2006-2013; Chief Deputy Tax Collector 2002-2013; Accounting Technician Josephine County 1999-2002; Accounting Specialist Josephine County 1995-1999; Bakery owner/manager; Cashier.

Educational Background: Grants Pass Public Schools grade 1 through 12; Rogue Community College, Technology and Business classes; Rosny College Hobart Tasmania Australia Accounting and Australian History; Continuing Education classes in Taxation and Treasury Management; Session leader in various continuing education classes in Taxation.

Prior Governmental Experience: Josephine County Treasurer 2013- Present; Chief Deputy Treasurer/Chief Administrative Supervisor Josephine County 2006-2013; Chief Deputy Tax Collector 2002-2013; Accounting Technician Josephine County 1999-2002; Accounting Specialist Josephine County 1995-1999; President of Oregon Association of Tax Collectors 2005.

Eve Arce has worked diligently as the Treasurer of Josephine County to maintain the high standard of customer service to the public and receiving the best possible return for money invested. Eve Arce has worked in the Josephine County Treasurer's office since 1995. Eve has implemented many cost saving and efficiency measures in the Treasury office. The same work today is accomplished with three less staff than in 1997. Eve Arce understands the need to continually find ways to reduce costs and improve efficiency and will work to maintain excellent customer service.

The Treasurer is the county banker, managing cash and investments ranging from \$30 million to over \$80 million and accounts for all County income and pass-through receipts. Eve Arce believes the County Treasurer plays a very important role in the county government, keeping cash safe, maximizing investment returns, and making sure money is available to pay the bills on time.

Eve Arce has the integrity, experience and ability to continue the safe and efficient management of the Treasurer's office in the best interests of the citizens of Josephine County. Eve will ensure continued efficient and productive financial management as well as friendly and courteous service in the Treasurer's office.

(This information furnished by Eva L.I. Arce.)

Candidate statements are printed as submitted. The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

Josephine County County Treasurer



**James (Jim)
Rafferty**

Occupation: Business Owner

Occupational Background: Currently owner, manager, Selma Hardware co. Store; 1992-2018 Owner of Hardwoods Plus Company; Harris Corp, Farinon Division 1969-1989.

Educational Background: Graduated, Sequoia High School; Attended Jr. College night-school 1969-1972.

Prior Governmental Experience: Team-member, Hwy-199 Expressway Upgrade, Citizens Advisory Committee 2005-2008; USAF 1965-1969 Honorably Discharged.

Hello, I'm Jim Rafferty

Seeking the office of Josephine County Treasurer, and your vote.

I, exceed all the requirements to hold this very important county position.

County's Organizational Chart list all eight Josephine Counties elected officials **Answerable**, to you, the Citizens and are Bound by Law and their Oath of Office.

Treasurers' activities **are** mandated by Oregon law. When the Treasurer issues legal documents they **shall** be, complete and accurate.

However, when a misprint on the counties Real Property Tax Statement occurred on the July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020-statement, and was dated and sent out as (**July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019**). You would expect the department to reissue or at least inform the public of their error.

Neither happened. I do not fault the Treasurer's Tax Department for making the mistake. However, I do

blame the department for their unprofessional attitude dealing with this issue, that probably reflected on the Treasurer.

If Elected, I will,

report to you, the citizens in a timely manor, on matters dealing with the Treasurers Department(s).

contact all of Josephine Counties Department Heads (managers) to discuss how they would like their surplus funds invested.

Not accept any type of **retirement** (PER's) or **health** benefits.

I've always felt that Josephine County elections must have at least two candidates to vote for.

Especially for our eight Josephine Counties elected officials, running for office. Our Treasurer, as with other county positions have had only **one candidate** running, typically the incumbent.

I've stepped up, to allow you the voter, to have a **real choice** for the office of Treasurer.

Thank-you

www.w4acg.com, e-mail rfcc@w4acg.com call (541) 597-4942

(This information furnished by James Rafferty.)

Candidate statements are printed as submitted. The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

City of Cave Junction Mayor



Christopher Hall

Occupation: Author; Seed Genetics Breeder; President, Cave Junction Farmers' Market; Treasurer, Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Occupational Background: Homesteader/ Equipment Operator;

Fundraiser & Technician for RiverStars and KXCJ; Co-Founder & Producer of Eveoke Dance Theatre (San Diego); Theatrical Lighting Designer; Farm Kid in Vermont -- worked on farm until 18.

Educational Background: Westminster School, Diploma; Earlham College, B.A.; UC Irvine (3 years of graduate study in Design & Production)

Prior Governmental Experience: Centre City Advisory Committee -- Elected 2004 -- 2006 (San Diego) Oversaw redevelopment of downtown and the 20-year community plan for growth.

Vision: A healthy body politic that efficiently serves and benefits the citizenry, promoting community well-being and economic development.

To-Do List:

- 1) Revise the City Charter along the lines of Grants Pass -- they got it right! Fix our governing structure to clarify roles, responsibilities & accountability. Strengthen our foundation.
- 2) Review the city budget going back 10+ years and streamline it for efficiency and transparency like never before. Carve out fat and address the problems of skyrocketing water/ sewer fees and unplanned expenses.
- 3) Restructure staffing needs to be in alignment with the revised City Charter and Budget. Provide accountable elected leadership.
- 4) Revise the outdated Comprehensive Plan for development and the Stormwater Management Plan. Clean up the rag-tag patchwork that is the Municipal Code to simplify it; remove slap-dash ordinances. Review the Transportation Plan and the other city plans that are adrift and then implement them.
- 5) Rebuild city hall's reputation where citizens are greeted with smiles, their ideas and input are welcomed and deeply appreciated, where the Public Comment period is the highlight of every meeting, and citizen committees are cherished for their civic duty!

Our town has a cherished heritage we can nurture and grow through honest, transparent and dignified leadership.

Endorsements:

Dennis Hoke
Jim Frick
Rick Morgan
Rick Derringer
Joel Dierkes
Ethan Lane

(This information furnished by Christopher Hall.)

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City of Cave Junction Councilor, Position 2



Tina Casey Jones

Occupation: Freelance writer and marketing consultant

Occupational Background: Freelance writer, Illinois Valley News, 2019 to present; General Manager, Training Director, New Store Opening Director, Disney

Stores, 1997-2016; Operations Manager, Pacific Universal Brewing Guam 1994-1997; Catering & Conference Services Director, Indian Wells Resort, 1991-1994; Sales Manager, Guam Hilton International, 1987-1991

Educational Background: Centralia College, Centralia, WA, 1977-1978; University of Guam, Hotel Management, 1988

Prior Governmental Experience: Cave Junction City Council Position 2, appointed January 2020

The Illinois Valley became our forever home in 2016. I have always tried to find a way to volunteer in giving back to my community, and in Cave Junction I put that into practice by joining Rotary International, becoming a radio host for Valley News & Views on KXCJ Radio, joining the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce as a member of the Board of Trustees, and in January of 2020 was appointed to the recently vacant position of City Council Position #2.

During my brief 9 months as a City Councilor I was appointed as liaison to the Cave Junction Parks and Recreation division, where we have begun work on the expansion of Jubilee Park; became a part of the steering committee dedicated to revitalizing the downtown Hwy 199 corridor, including a welcoming entrance sign on the north end of Cave Junction.

My goal in being a part of the City Council is simple - to be an active and interested conduit to the community; to help create an environment where businesses can thrive, creating jobs for the local residents; create and expand opportunities for recreational activities that will attract and delight both tourists and our local community; and to partner with local organizations to source a means of assistance for our less-fortunate residents.

To make Cave Junction a place where visitors want to stop and enjoy the beauty of their surroundings; a place the residents of Cave Junction can be PROUD to call home!

(This information furnished by Tina Casey Jones.)

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**City of Cave Junction
Councilor, Position 2**



**Jason
Gill**

Occupation: Business Owner -- Aquasource, LLC.; Owner, Advanced Water, LLC.

Occupational Background: Past President, IV Golf Association; Co-Owner, Clouser Well Drilling; President, Land & Mineral Development Group, LLC.

Educational Background: 3-12 grade -- Three Rivers School District -- Diploma; Rogue Community College, classes and credits.

Prior Governmental Experience: None.

I've always believed that if you want something done, you do it yourself, so I'm running for city council.

I grew up in the Illinois Valley since 1980 and my family has been here for three generations. I worked with my family business, Clouser Drilling from 1993 to 2010 drilling wells all over the county helping families and farms get the water they need. Now I pump and treat water for farms, businesses and bottling facilities. I have a strong business and entrepreneurial background and believe I can bring these skills to city hall.

One of the most important jobs the city has is making sure our drinking water and sewage treatment plants are functioning properly, are safe, and are secured for the future. The quality and price for these services need to meet customer demands. Fees have been raised over the years and we ought to get what we pay for.

As a businessman I want the city run well and efficiently. I also want it to be safe, inviting and fun to shop and dine at. Most important to me is attracting visitors, businesses and families to live work and play in our beautiful town. This means beautifying our town, supporting a strong police presence and attracting new development. We can no longer put up with the vagrants and transients who do not share this vision.

(This information furnished by Jason Gill.)

Candidate statements are printed as submitted. The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

**City of Cave Junction
Councilor, Position 4**



**Joel
Dierkes**

Occupation: Business Owner/ Operator -- True Value Hardware.

Occupational Background: Construction/ Housing Development; Taylor's Sausage Inc.

Educational Background: K-12 Three Rivers School District -- Diploma.

Prior Governmental Experience: None.

I've lived in Cave Junction since 1991, and have seen it change over the years. I am running for City Council to volunteer for my home town because what I have seen done is not effective and is not working. I would like to make a positive impact for my family, friends and the community I care for.

I am not going to stand by and let the open drug use continue on our streets, so I'm running for office. I am not going to stand by and let the homeless suffer on our streets, so I'm running for office.

I am not going to stand by and let the sewer and water fees take food from our dinner tables, so I'm running for office.

I am not going to stand by and watch my friends and community members move out of town because they can't find jobs and homes to rent or buy, so I'm running for office.

But I will stand for clean beautiful parks and downtown, so I'm running for office.

But I will stand for increased police presence, so I'm running for office.

But I will stand for increased economic development and a pro-business attitude, so I'm running for office.

I am endorsed by:

- Babbalou's Burgers
- Jeanette Montgomery, Cave Junction Liquor
- Katrina Mason, River Valley Restaurant
- Samantha Quinn, Munchkin Moo Crew
- Terry Taylor, Taylor's Sausage
- Gene Miranda, D&M
- Gina Dierkes, True Value Hardware
- Nick Navarro, A&W Autobody
- Rick Morgan

(This information furnished by Joel Dierkes.)

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City of Cave Junction Councilor, Position 4



**Jesse
Dugas**

Occupation: JPS Computers - Owner; Illinois Valley High School - Head Baseball Coach; Illinois Valley High School - Assistant Girls Basketball Coach; Illinois Valley Adult City League Softball - President

Occupational Background: Dugas Construction; Illinois Valley Little League; Illinois Valley High School - Assistant Football Coach; Boys and Girls Club

Educational Background: Illinois Valley High School; Lane Community College; Southern Oregon University

Prior Governmental Experience: N/A

My family moved to Selma when I was 12, and I graduated from Illinois Valley High School in 2000. I left for college and moved back with my wife in 2007. We have 4 kids; the oldest is 19 and in his first year in the Army and our youngest was born this past April.

I bring the ability to think outside the box on all issues and embrace the challenges that come with being a City Council member. Being able to respect people who you don't agree with and finding common ground on issues is very important. We need to move Cave Junction in the right direction. We are facing a number of problems that need to be resolved and it's going to take us all to bring our city to a place that people want to visit, a place where not only the children, but everyone in our town feels safe and takes pride in living in such an amazing town.

We need to be more proactive. We can't always foresee problems but we can introduce change that will limit the unforeseen problems. If we show that we care about the city, if we can come together as a community and show those who don't care about our community that we will not be driven out.

We need to get to a place where neighbors want to help neighbors, and the city and the people that the city serve need to work together to show that we will not give up on our town. We need to show that we will not be pushed out or away by those who have high self-interest reasons for doing so. We need to show that we will not give up on Cave Junction. I will not be pushed, I will not back down. I am the change that is needed and I will fight for what I believe in, I will fight for the people of Cave Junction, and I will fight for Cave Junction. I believe in OUR community, OUR valley and that is why I'm running for City Council Seat 4, and that is why I am asking for your vote.

(This information furnished by Jesse Dugas.)

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City of Grants Pass Mayor



**Sara
Bristol**

Occupation: Marketing, Rogue Community College

Occupational Background: Journalist; small business owner.

Educational Background: GPHS, 1994; Rotary Exchange;

Colorado College; Southern Oregon University, BA; Communication, 1999.

Prior Governmental Experience: Yakima City Council, 2012-13; Yakima Economic Development Committee, chair; Yakima Regional Public Facilities District; GP Tourism Advisory Committee, 2017-present; PAVE Committee, 2019-20.

City Hall needs firm, savvy oversight, not cheerleaders or those afraid to ask tough questions. I'm running for mayor because I care about our community, and I'm concerned about the way some decisions have been approached in recent years.

My goal is to improve transparency and accountability. In these uncertain times, I believe our city needs to focus on fiscal responsibility, not raising taxes. I believe the public's business should be conducted in public and on the record, not in secret.

A Grants Pass native, I've spent my career in communication, digging for facts and sharing information. Since returning home in 2013 from Yakima, Washington, where I served on the city council, I've participated on two city committees and have gotten to know many of the players at City Hall. As mayor I can help the Council set priorities, find its voice and stay on track.

I'm particularly concerned by a series of questionable financial decisions:

- Developing Dollar Mountain and Beacon Hill Park despite a \$700,000 maintenance backlog at existing parks and no plan to renovate Caveman Pool;
- Coming in over budget on the new police headquarters, then asking for another tax increase;
- Spending \$400,000 on an old gas station before having the conversation about what to do with it.

We need City Hall to provide services without always asking for more. We need a solid plan to increase affordable housing and living-wage jobs, contain costs, and decrease homelessness while also keeping our community safe.

I'm not running for a title. I'm running for mayor because I'm willing to put in the work, and I'm asking for your support. Thank you.

(This information furnished by Sara Bristol.)

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City of Grants Pass Mayor



**Jill
Hamm**

Occupation: Grants Pass Broadcasting Corp; aka KAJO/KLDR Radio; Administrative Assistant to Carl Wilson; Office Manager; Traffic Director; Human Resources; Sales Representative

Occupational Background: Small business owner; Interim Business Staffing; President and Rental Agent for Fruitdale Grange #379

Educational Background: Attended Grants Pass High School Grades 9-11; Graduated from Hidden Valley High School 1978

Prior Governmental Experience: None

As a long-time resident of Josephine County, I have had the opportunity to see all the great things that makes our community unique. Neighbors helping neighbors, community members helping our youth and small business owners supporting one another. It is what makes this community a special place to live, work and play. I have also seen things we can work on to make it better.

*Transparency. The decisions the Council make that directly affect the citizens of Grants Pass should be fully understood by the residents as well as each member of the Council.

* Community Outreach. Remove any barriers to communication between the Council, Mayor, City staff and residents. Using old fashioned and new technology, find a way to reach and encourage more people to speak up. Then listen.

*Be Fiscally Conservative. If you do not need it, do not buy it. If you must spend money, has EVERYONE been properly presented of all the facts? The money the City spends needs to serve our community, matched to Community goals, taking care of current needs and preparing us for a vibrant future.

I am community focused. My love for Grants Pass and Josephine County are reflected in the ways I have served my community over the past 30 years. I was proud to be presented the award for Person of the Year in January by the Grants Pass/Josephine County Chamber of Commerce. I am a born Ambassador and promise to represent Grants Pass well. More importantly, as your Mayor, I will listen to you.

You're here, you count, speak up!

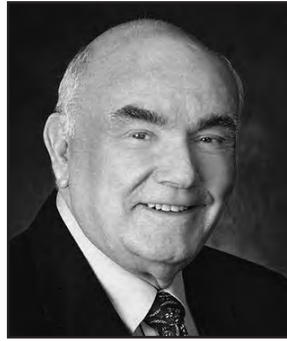
GET INVOLVED!

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(This information furnished by Jill Hamm.)

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City of Grants Pass Mayor



**Roy
Lindsay**

Occupation: Not Employed

Occupational Background: Pilot USAF; Assistant Budget Manager - non profit; Executive Assistant; Computer Scientist; Treasurer and Board Member; Business Owner

Educational Background: Hamden High, Senior, Diploma; Oberlin College, Senior ; BS

Prior Governmental Experience: Josephine County Sheriff's Advisor Committee; County Committees; City Budget Committee; Councilor; Mayor

Grants Pass is a wonderful community in which to live, work and play. It has been my honor to serve as your Mayor for the last 21 months, and I need your vote to continue to work with my colleagues on the City Council toward solving the many critical issues our city is facing the next few years.

As a veteran Air Force pilot serving during critical times, I flew heavy cargo planes to places around the world. As an Aircraft Commander in the Air Rescue Service, I was considered a "Long Range First Responder," and that experience provided me a better understanding of the importance of having a dependable Public Safety Department. I am a strong supporter of our local police officers and firefighters, and I believe in their professional and deep concern for the citizens of Grants Pass. I am a graduate of the Ford Family Foundation Leadership Training program and was selected to assist in other classes. I served as your city councilor from 2015 to 2018 and was re-elected to the council in 2018. In December 2018 I was selected to be Mayor. I have served on many county and city committees and chaired many.

I am currently the chair of the Rogue Valley Council of Governments Board, chair of the Josephine Housing and Community Development Council, and chair of the Family Solutions Board. I want your vote to help me continue applying my extensive experience toward further developing the great promise our community represents. We have a great city, I am grateful to be a part of it, and proud to serve as your Mayor.

(This information furnished by Roy Lindsay.)

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City of Grants Pass Councilor, Ward 1



**Rob
Pell**

Occupation: Owner, Sunshine Natural Foods, GP: 25 years

Occupational Background: Owner, Five Seasons Restaurant, Boston: 15 years

Educational Background: Attended SUNY at Oneonta

Prior Governmental Experience: GP: Budget committee; Bikeways/Walkways Committee; City Council; Charter Task Force twice; Parking Task Force; Historic Commission 3x; JoCo: Employee Compensation Committee

Working people, seniors, and everyone on a tight budget need a voice at City Hall. I can be that voice. I'm independently minded and fiscally conservative. Among other things, to me that means putting the lid on excessive city spending and instead, bringing our overdue financial obligations up to date on maintenance of our existing: parks, swimming pools, buildings, roads, etc. It also means making sure city officials verify that contracts are completed properly and on-time. These sensibilities are rare on the City Council.

For 25 years I've owned and operated a successful downtown business creating at least a dozen jobs annually. My family's financial well-being is totally linked to the local economy as are the households of my kids and grand-kids living in GP.

In contrast, my opponent's business is far away in Phoenix, Arizona. About City Council he stated, "the time commitment can be tough."* This may explain why he was absent for 75% of the 2020 Budget Committee meetings and his poor attendance at the Council's weekly workshops. That's not right. Attendance must be a top priority for city councilors. *Daily Courier 6/19/2020

A first-rate Councilor will always do their best to represent the people and make a positive difference in GP. Another critical quality is being persistent enough to ask the City Manager questions multiple times if that's what it takes to get factual, transparent answers. I'll do it.

The stresses of big city living make the idea of moving to Grants Pass look better every day. Our population will continue to grow. We need to improve our game managing: housing, budgeting/spending, growth, and Public Safety while maintaining the hometown feel we all appreciate.

(This information furnished by Rob Pell.)

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City of Grants Pass Councilor, Ward 1



**Brian
DeLaGrange**

Occupation: Underwriting Surveyor, Information Providers, Inc.

Occupational Background: Property Appraiser, Josephine County Assessor's Office; Energy Specialist, Evergreen Consulting, LLC

Educational Background: Grants Pass High School, Diploma with Honors; University of Oregon, Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Prior Governmental Experience: School Board, Grants Pass School District 7 (current); Vice-chair, City of Grants Pass Parks Advisory Committee (current)

My name is Brian DeLaGrange, and I'm running for Grants Pass City Council. I was born and raised here, and choose to raise my daughter here. I love our city, and believe I can help make our city government work better for everyone.

Grants Pass is a great place to live, and I'm running for City Council to ensure we keep it that way. My goal is to see our city government make its operations more efficient, while also becoming more responsive to the needs of the community.

My priorities:

- Encourage a culture of fiscal responsibility throughout city government.
- Seriously address the housing crisis. We need to identify a range of solutions and begin implementing them immediately.
- Press pause on the current plan for a new water treatment plant. There are more affordable, straightforward options that have not been considered that don't include requiring the use of eminent domain against a longstanding local business.
- Reevaluate how the water bill is structured. Excessive base charges and fees give every household a \$50/month water bill before turning on the tap.
- Seriously address the homelessness issue. The problem won't go away on its own, so we must identify and implement solutions.
- Prioritize the renovation/rebuilding of Caveman Pool, a Grants Pass institution that has served our community for over 60 years.
- Develop a City Resource and Resiliency Plan that will make our community stronger.

My vision is to make Grants Pass a great place to live, for everyone.

I would be honored to receive your vote on election day.

Thank you,
Brian DeLaGrange

(This information furnished by Brian DeLaGrange.)

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**City of Grants Pass
Councilor, Ward 4**



**Cami Rae
Walter**

Occupation: Food Service;
Volunteer

Occupational Background:
Teacher; Paralegal; Office Man-
ager; Business Owner

Educational Background: AA
Moorpark College; BA CSUN;
Post Graduate SDSU

Prior Governmental Experience: San Diego Neighborhood
Watch Captain; Oak Park Neighborhood Association VP; 2012
Graduate, City of Chattanooga Neighborhood Leadership Institute

“Putting the Service into Public Service”

I’M RUNNING

To bring balance, diversity and representation of all socio-
economic groups.

To embrace “All Voices Matter;” to be willing to listen and
digest every viewpoint, and bring that representation to the
public forum.

To work hard to improve the quality of life and growth of
our city for the enhancement of every citizen.

I’M QUALIFIED

Because I actively assisted in reducing crime as a San
Diego City Neighborhood Watch Captain.

Because I’m a 2012 graduate of the City of Chattanooga
Neighborhood Leadership Institute: fully trained to under-
stand the workings of City Management.

Because my educational and employment background
trained me to read, digest, understand and act upon com-
plex issues and expansive topics.

Because of my “low-income” status, I am fiscally con-
servative, vastly resourceful and capable of strict budget
management.

Because I’m endorsed by the incumbent, Barry Eames.

I APPRECIATE YOUR VOTE

Because having a chance to represent you gives me the
chance to fulfill my civic duty.

Because I look forward to being totally accessible to all
constituents.

Because our Council will benefit from the balanced per-
spective, volunteer spirit and consensus building skills I
bring to the table.

**“A great person is one who lives among the people
and earns their unshakable trust.”**

-Daisaku Ikeda, For Today and Tomorrow, p. 395

I am determined to be that “great person.”

(This information furnished by Cami Rae Walter.)

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**City of Grants Pass
Councilor, Ward 4**



**Rycke
Brown**

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background:
Natural Gardener; casino gam-
ing; pumping gas; file clerk;

Educational Background:
East Lathrop High, graduate;
University of Alaska, one year;

Rogue Community College; 2 years; Rogue Community College;
2 years; Certificate Landscape Management

Prior Governmental Experience: Josephine County Parks
Advisory Board

I am running for Grants Pass City Council to reform our water
and sewer rates, because everyone should be able to afford to
water their yards, and everyone should pay the same charge for
sewer within their water service size class. This means:

- * No unit rates on sewer; minimal unit rates on water;
- * All water overhead paid for with monthly base rates;
- * Water unit costs covered by a single unit price;
- * All sewer costs paid for with base rates only; no extra charges;
- * Rates to rise only by inflation of actual costs, not the Con-
sumer Price Index.

I am running because the Council is ignoring over 1000 people
who signed two advisory petitions to reform our water and
sewer rates.

I handed in those 1000+ signatures each to the City Council
early this year. I am still collecting signatures on these advisory
petitions and handing out leaflets on this issue on Saturdays
from 10 to noon at 6th and G, until the election.

I also want the city to facilitate a couple of large hostels, cheap
places to shower and sleep, one for families and teens and
one for adults only, so the city can enforce its ban on camping
on public properties. These can be self-supporting if built big
enough to shelter all who would use them.

I have frequently attended County Commissioners meetings
since 2005 and City Council since 2007, listening and speak-
ing, and have learned a lot about how our local governments
work and don’t work. Having recently retired from gardening
other’s yards, I am ready and able to help make this city a more
beautiful and prosperous place to live.

(This information furnished by Rycke Brown.)

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City of Grants Pass Councilor, Ward 4



Vanessa Ogier

Occupation: Police Dispatcher
Oregon State Police

Occupational Background:
Financial Sector

Educational Background:
Rogue Community College;
Cornell University Certificate of Nutritional Studies

Prior Governmental Experience: None

As an almost 20 year resident of Josephine County Vanessa recognizes now more than ever that Grants Pass needs bold leadership. Vanessa is ready to roll up her sleeves and get to work beginning on day one. Our community's sentiment is not reflected by the council. Vanessa will lead by changing that immediately. As a candidate she pledges to you she will be a strong voice for the needs of all.

Accessible Government

With Vanessa on City Council the public meetings will be made as transparent as possible. She believes detailed minutes archived on the city's website need to be reestablished and thumbs up votes need to be eliminated. Each council vote should be recorded and available for the public.

Housing

Grants Pass has been facing a housing crisis for too long. Our community needs an advocate to work aggressively towards housing solutions. It is not acceptable for 62% of our neighbors to be rent burdened. Solving this issue takes political will that is unique to Vanessa.

Fiscal Responsibility

Grants Pass deserves a council that will use their tax-payer dollars on a priority basis. It is irresponsible to spend our community's funds on frivolous projects, like spending \$42,000 on downtown parking signs, before our basic needs are met. The development of new parks should be kept on hold until our existing parks have been brought up to date and the backlogged maintenance has been completed.

A vote for Vanessa Ogier is a vote for a public servant.

Proudly endorsed by:

Southern Oregon Central Labor Chapter
Grants Pass Professional Firefighters IAFF 3564

Reach the campaign at

www.facebook.com/VanessaOgierGP
vanessaogier@outlook.com

"It is irresponsible to spend our community's funds on frivolous projects, like spending \$42,000 on downtown parking signs, before our basic needs are met."

-The Daily Courier 1 /9/20

"It is not acceptable for 62% of our neighbors to be rent burdened."

-A Community Discussion To Address Rent Burden, City of Grants Pass 12/30/19

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BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED BY 8:00 PM ON ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 3, 2020

Josephine County Official Ballot Drop Site Locations

Open from October 14, 2020 until 8:00 p.m. on November 3, 2020

Josephine County Courthouse:

The County Clerk's Office (7:50 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday) *Open 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on election day*

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

Next to the "C" Street Entrance (Tax Office Entrance) (24 hours / 7 days)

South Grants Pass:

Washington Federal, 290 Union Avenue, front parking lot (24 hours / 7 days)

Library Drive-up Ballot Drop:

Josephine Community Library, 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:

Hidden Valley Market, in front, on the left side of the building (24 hours / 7 days)

Cave Junction:

Cave Junction City Hall, near front entrance (24 hours / 7 days)