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County of Yamhill

VOTERS' PAMPHLET

May 17, 2016
Primary Election

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Dear Fellow Yamhill County Voter,

This is your Yamhill County Voters' Pamphlet for the May 17, 2016, Primary Election. This pamphlet provides a forum for candidates to introduce themselves. You will also find information about various measures for your consideration. Each jurisdiction submitting a measure prepares its own Ballot Title and Explanatory Statement.

Candidate statements and measure arguments are included in this pamphlet after paying a fee. If a candidate does not appear in the pamphlet, it is because he or she chose not to be included.

We print the text of each statement or argument exactly as submitted by the author (or cut off after exceeding the maximum number of words allowed). The law forbids us from making corrections for punctuation, grammar, syntax errors or inaccurate information. Those submitting statements and arguments for the voters' pamphlet are solely responsible for the content. We cannot create content for those that do not submit statements.

The Secretary of State draws a random alphabet sortation unique to each election. Candidates appear in that order both in this pamphlet and on the ballot.

This pamphlet includes all measures and races in the county for this election - your ballot will include only those relevant to you.

Please note that the offices of Yamhill County Clerk and Treasurer are constitutional offices that must be elected in the General Election. Since only one candidate filed for each office, both races move directly to the November 8, 2016, General Election.

There is at least one "Official Ballot Drop Site" located in each city in the county. Look for the list of official drop sites in this pamphlet or on our website. You may deposit your ballot in any drop site listed, 24 hours per day.

Ballots deposited in an official drop site get to us postage-free.
If you mail your ballot, you must apply proper postage.

Remember, **postmarks do not count**. Your ballot must be in an Official Ballot Drop Site or at the Yamhill County Clerk's Office by **8:00 p.m.** Election Day, **May 17, 2016**.

We invite any voter who needs assistance in voting because of any disability to contact us. We will make every effort to meet your voting needs. Please contact us at 503-434-7518.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Van Bergen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "B" at the end.

Brian Van Bergen
Yamhill County Clerk

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**Please
Remember To
Sign Your
Return Envelope!**



**DON'T DELAY
VOTE TODAY!**

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To be eligible to vote in the May 17, 2016, election, a completed voter registration card must be on file with the Yamhill County Clerk by no later than 5:00 p.m., April 26, 2016.

YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE IF:

- You are a citizen of the United States
- You are at least 17 years of age (*you may vote if you will be 18 years of age or older on election day*)
- You are a resident of Oregon

YOU MUST RE-REGISTER TO VOTE IF:

- Your residence or mailing address changes
- Your name changes
- You wish to change party affiliation

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

When you receive your ballot packet in the mail, immediately examine it to make certain it is complete. It should contain the following items:

- A printed ballot on which you may vote your choice
- A secrecy envelope with voting instructions printed on it
- A pre-addressed blue trimmed return envelope in which to return your ballot

If any items are missing, contact the Yamhill County Clerk's Office, at 503-434-7518, and a replacement ballot packet will be sent to you.

VOTING & CORRECTING YOUR BALLOT

If you make an error on your ballot, spoil it in any way, or lose it, you may obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Yamhill County Clerk's Office at 503-434-7518.

RETURNING YOUR VOTED BALLOT

- Follow the instructions on the secrecy envelope
- Fold your ballot along the pre-scored fold and insert it into the secrecy envelope
- **SEAL** the return envelope and **SIGN** the statement on the back of the envelope
- Your ballot will not be counted if your envelope is not signed

IMPORTANT NOTE:

IF YOU HAVE MOVED OR YOUR NAME HAS CHANGED AND YOU HAVE NOT YET RE-REGISTERED, YOU MAY STILL BE ABLE TO DO SO. CONTACT THE YAMHILL COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE. CALL 503-434-7518 or 503-554-7850.

**Yamhill County Commissioner
Position 2**



Allen Springer

OCCUPATION: Yamhill County Commissioner

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Yamhill County Commissioner 2013 - present; Allen Springer Construction Inc. 1989-2015

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: McMinnville High School; AOC

County College

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:

McMinnville City Councilor: 2002–2006; Builder’s Advisory Committee: 2001-2006; Oregon Economic Development Committee: 2003-2006; Ad Hoc Committee for the McMinnville Police Station: 2005-2006

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Chapel volunteer at the Federal Corrections Institute in Sheridan: 2001-2014; Northwest Harvest Church Leadership Team

PERSONAL:

My family has lived and worked in this great county since 1920. My wife Kerri and I have been married for 27 years and have 4 amazing children. Our 2 oldest sons are successful professionals, our daughter will graduate from college in June and our youngest son is serving in the military.

Support for Taxpayer Rights

With over 27 years of small business experience, I see a need for government to be creative in its approach to solving the unique challenges of our time without additional government regulations or taxation. As Commissioner, I have held the line with no tax increases.

Public Safety

Law enforcement and our 2nd Amendment rights are extremely vital to the safety of our county.

Property Rights

I am a proponent of land rights for farmers, foresters and individuals.

The People

I believe the people of Yamhill County are its greatest asset. The ingenuity and hard work they display is the trademark of our county.

Endorsements:

- Oregon Right to Life PAC
- Betty L. Carrier – President Betty Lou’s
- Brian Casey – Chief of Police Newberg
- Patrick M. Casey
- Senator Kim Thatcher
- Representative Bill Post
- Representative Jim Weidner
- Representative Mike Nearman
- Stan Primozich – Yamhill County Commissioner
- Bruce Parker – President – Parker Concrete Inc.
- Ken Wright – President - Ken Wright Cellars
- Kevin Starrett – Oregon Firearms Federation PAC
- Jon Kloor – HBA of Metropolitan Portland
- Brett Slaughter – President Elk Creek Forest Products – McMinnville

Information furnished by Allen Springer

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**Yamhill County Commissioner
Position 2**



**Richard ‘Rick’ L
Olson**

OCCUPATION: Retired – McMinnville Mayor

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Head Start of Yamhill County - Transportation Supervisor / Vehicle Fleet Management / Budget Management / Planning. Oregon Mutual Insurance Company -

Technical Support / Project Management / Customer Service.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: McMinnville High School, PSU Project Mgmt Cohort Certification, PSU Communications Beyond Barriers.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: City of McMinnville Mayor, City Council, Budget Committee, Planning and Airport Commissions, McMinnville Water & Light Board Member, Yamhill County Parkway Committee, League of Oregon Cities Board Member and Legislative Transportation and Energy Policy Committees, Oregon Mayors Association Board, Mid-Willamette Valley Area Commission on Transportation Alternate.

A Tradition of Service & Involvement

Dedicated to achieving citizens’ desires for the success of Yamhill County. If elected I will strive to practice effective public participation in a deliberative decision-making process that involves stakeholders from county government, public and private partners, and citizens who share responsibility ensuring decisions and solutions respond to the needs and concerns of residents. I will attempt to positively influence and bring consensus to the Board of Commissioners that demonstrates that Yamhill County is governed for its citizens by its citizens through its elected officials.

Core Values Propositions

Citizen Participation, Communication, Courtesy, Integrity, Respect, Honesty, Customer Service - All Yamhill County Citizens must be involved in the decision-making process. The County must strive to keep citizens informed by open and honest communications with all citizens who will be treated with courtesy and respect. In addition, the County must demonstrate to the citizens that all elected officials and staff have a high level of integrity and can be trusted with the people’s business. The Commission must respect the input from its citizens whether they personally agree or not. Citizens expect their elected and appointed leaders to be honest in all their dealings with each other and the public. Citizens are our most important customers.

Information furnished by Olson4YamhillCounty

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The names of candidates on the ballot are ordered as provided in ORS 254.155.

The following is the random ordering of the letters of the alphabet for which candidates' names will be placed on the ballot for the May 17, 2016, Primary Election.

1	Z
2	R
3	B
4	W
5	C
6	D
7	N
8	U
9	G
10	F
11	S
12	I
13	P
14	X
15	J
16	Y
17	K
18	L
19	V
20	T
21	A
22	O
23	Q
24	H
25	M
26	E



If you move or change your name, you must update your voter registration.

You may update your voter registration online at www.oregonvotes.gov

Yamhill County Clerk

1 candidate filed

When fewer than 3 candidates file for Clerk, those candidates proceed directly to the November General Election. The Clerk is one of the Constitutionally created positions within the county, and since only one candidate filed for that position, that contest will not appear on the Primary ballot. It will only appear on the November 8, 2016, General Election Ballot.

Yamhill County Treasurer

1 candidate filed

When fewer than 3 candidates file for Treasurer, those candidates proceed directly to the November General Election. The Treasurer is one of the Constitutionally created positions within the county, and since only one candidate filed for that position, that contest will not appear on the Primary ballot. It will only appear on the November 8, 2016, General Election Ballot.

Precinct Committee Persons

71 candidates filed

If you are a member of the Democratic or Republican party, you will receive a ballot with "Precinct Committee Persons" (PCP's) on it. These are men and women who represent their political party in each precinct on a countywide "Central Committee".

Precinct Committee Persons do not file Voters' Pamphlet statements.

- You **do not have to vote** for any PCP's
- You do not have to vote for each position
- "Write-in" candidates are allowed
- A successful "write-in" candidate must receive at least 3 votes from members of their party
- We encourage writing in only names of people you know want to serve, and who live in your precinct
- More information is on page 26

Yamhill County Assessor



Derrick C Wharff

OCCUPATION: Yamhill County Chief Appraiser

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: West Coast Bank, VP Commercial Loan Production Manager; Columbia River Bank, SVP Commercial Lending

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Willamina Union High School, General Studies, High School Diploma; Western Oregon University, Business Management-Economics, Bachelor of Science Degree; Appraisal Institute, Commercial Appraisal, Certified General Appraiser

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

I am proud to serve as your Yamhill County Chief Appraiser. I am responsible for overseeing the valuation program for all of Yamhill County. I hold an Oregon Certified General Appraisal License as well as a Registered Appraiser 3 designation from the Oregon Department of Revenue. These are the highest appraisal designations in the State of Oregon.

Professionally, I have extensive experience in finance, appraising, and leading teams while focusing on results and process improvements. This is a great fit for the Assessor's office. I respect, appreciate and enjoy the time and hard work it takes to make a life in Yamhill County. Property taxes are a large part of every property owner's annual expenses. This makes a fair and equitable tax system as important as ever.

My wife, two daughters and I have called Newberg home for 9 years. Having graduated from Willamina and living in the Willamette Valley for my entire life, I understand the unique aspects of Yamhill County. Our county has the lush soils at the heart of the Willamette Valley and the premiere forestland of the coastal range. Agri-business and agri-tourism have created new economic opportunities, while our long established businesses continue to grow and thrive within our commercial trade corridor along Highway 18 and 99W.

Oregon's property tax system is very complex. I enjoy sharing my expertise with citizens who are looking to be better informed and may have questions or concerns regarding their assessed property value and taxes.

I would appreciate your vote for Yamhill County Assessor.

Information furnished by Derrick C Wharff
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Yamhill County Assessor



Jeanie K Sandall

OCCUPATION: Currently working as a Licensed Caregiver for Northwest Senior and Disability Services

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: For the last 6 years have had various jobs that are not directly related my passion which is to

serve this County.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Bachelor of Arts Degree in Accounting, Linfield College 1985. Various Computer classes: Chemeketa Community College, 1981 Graduate Sheridan High School

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Started with Yamhill County Assessor's Office in 1990, as an Office Specialist II, handling Real and Personal Property Returns, as well as doing all the Data Entry for the Appraisers. After one year of employment, applied to become an Appraiser Trainee, was accepted into the program around August 1991. Learned the appraisal business and took the test to become an appraiser in August 1992. I continued to work as an appraiser for 18 more years during which time; I became responsible for Data Analysis duties as well as still handling general appraisal duties.

The Yamhill County Assessor is responsible for administering the Property Tax System and since approximately 1996 is also responsible for the Collection of said Taxes. Prior to that that year Taxes were collected in the Accounting/Treasurer's office. The Assessor's Office must maintain integrity and equality in the Assessor's Office.

Homegrown: Resident of Yamhill County over 50% of my life as well as ancestrally. My Grandfather was born and grew up in McMinnville.

Principled: As your Assessor, I will handle any question personally and with integrity. I will invite any taxpayer into my office to discuss the taxes and value of their property.

Thrifty: As the Assessor, I will deal with any Budget cuts from the top down! That means, unless absolutely necessary, I will lose money from my pocket first. I will also use my thrifty spending to use less Taxpayer money to run this office.

Check out my website: SANDALL4ASSESSOR.com

Information furnished by Jeanie K Sandall
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Amity Fire District

Referred by the Amity Fire District Measure 36-178

Five Year Local Option Tax for District Operations, Capital Projects

Question: Shall the District Levy \$0.45 per \$1,000 each year for 5 years beginning 2016 for operations and capital projects? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: This measure authorizes Amity Fire District, Board of Directors to levy a property tax not to exceed \$0.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value each year for five years, beginning 2016. The taxes would be used to help increase and upgrade operations and personnel. The funds would also be used to replace, repair and upgrade District equipment and technology including:

- Personal protective clothing up to industry standard.
- Emergency Medical Equipment.
- Wildland equipment and response vehicle(s).
- Enhanced training, personnel development, recruitment and retention of volunteers.
- Upgrade technology for training and reporting.
- Partnership with McMinnville Fire Dept. for a 40 hour staffed Ambulance with one paid Firefighter/Paramedic and one Firefighter/EMT Basic.
- Vehicle and Equipment maintenance and replacement to industry standard.
- Facility and landscape maintenance.

The proposed rate would raise approximately \$123,455 a year for 5 years for the Amity Fire District. This is estimated to be a \$68.00/year increase on a \$150,000 home; that is about \$5.70 a month.

**NO ARGUMENTS
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MEASURE**

Amity Fire District

Explanatory Statement Measure 36-178

Amity Fire District's annual budget is 47% base tax and 53% bonded debt. The District's permanent tax rate is \$.84 per thousand. This rate was set by the Oregon Department of Revenue as a result of Measure 50 in 1997. The bond is \$.94 per thousand passed in 2008. That's a combined rate of \$1.78 per thousand. This measure would raise that rate \$.45 cents, for a combined tax rate of \$2.23 per thousand. The last levy was passed in 1997 and purchased one Engine and one Rescue. The District has relied on good financial management and grants to maintain the current levels of service for 16 yrs with no additional taxes until the Bond.

The construction and capital bond helped purchase land, make site improvements and build two new stations on those properties. It also purchased a used fire engine, and brush unit for the Perrydale station.

This leaves the district with \$.84 per thousand for yearly operations. Since 1990, obvious inflation and advanced technology have raised the cost of doing business and maintenance on the district facilities, vehicles and equipment. Little funds have been left for recruitment, training, development and retention for the volunteers of the district. This Local Option Levy would help fill gaps that have been created over the last 16 years.

This Levy would help pay for:

- 1) Personal protective equipment (PPE): the district's current supply of PPE does not meet quantity and quality of the industry standard.
- 2) Emergency medical services (EMS) equipment: with 78% of the District's call volume being medically related, it is a high priority to update and maintain that equipment. Our current automatic external defibrillator's (AED) are over 20yrs old.
- 3) Wildland equipment and response vehicles: with ever increasing wildland fires and protecting land and homes in rural areas, it is important to bring our equipment and vehicles up to date. We currently are using two brush units that are both over 44 yrs old.
- 4) Support to personnel and volunteers: to boost our volunteer's value and training they need access to quality programs and conferences for professional development, recruitment and retention. Succession planning is also an important financial responsibility.
- 5) The levy would help support a 40 hr. staffed Ambulance unit that responds out of the Amity Station, under a mutual aid and financial agreement with McMinnville Fire Dept., providing one paid Firefighter/Paramedic and one paid Firefighter/EMT Basic.
- 6) Technology: advances in technology, training and reporting programs as well as state and federal mandates on the quality, quantity and documentation that is required has dropped our district below standards. Updated technology is needed.
- 7) Vehicle, equipment, and facility maintenance: we are behind on industry standards for frequency and quality of maintenance. Our hoses and ladders need to be tested annually per national standards, which is expensive and may require replacements. Our vehicles need to be emergency response ready in order to safely protect our personnel and serve our citizens.

*Information furnished by Dean E Schulze / Board Member
Amity Fire District*

City of Dundee

City of Dundee

**Referred by the City of Dundee
Measure 36-180**

**Explanatory Statement
Measure 36-180**

Charter Amendment to Clarify Urban Renewal Provisions and Voting Requirements

Question: Should the Charter be amended to conform with state law and cap maximum urban renewal indebtedness at three percent?

Summary: In 1998 Dundee approved an Urban Renewal Chapter in the Charter ("Chapter"). State law changes have been adopted since the Urban Renewal Chapter was passed, and ambiguities in the Chapter need to be resolved to clarify provisions of the Chapter. This measure, if approved, would resolve those ambiguities, conform the Chapter to state law, and clarify when and how an urban renewal plan would be voted on by city electors.

This measure if approved would repeal the current Chapter, and adopt a section that would limit the maximum urban renewal indebtedness to no greater than three percent of the total market value of taxable properties in the city. It would also cap urban renewal bonding and require voter approval for any bonds with a maturity date greater than ten years. The City would follow state law requirements for all other urban renewal matters.

In 1998 Dundee approved an Urban Renewal Chapter in the Charter ("Chapter"). Urban renewal is a tool that can be used by the city in areas that, because of blight, or other factors, are detrimental to the safety, health or welfare of the community. State law changes regarding urban renewal have been adopted since the Urban Renewal Chapter was passed, and it is likely that there will continue to be changes made to the state statutes in the future.

Additionally, ambiguities in the Chapter have been identified which, if resolved, would clarify provisions of the Chapter. This measure, if approved, would resolve those ambiguities, conform the Chapter to state law, and clarify when and how an urban renewal plan would be voted on by city electors.

This measure, if approved would repeal the current Chapter, and adopt a section that would limit the maximum urban renewal indebtedness to no greater than three percent of the total market value of taxable properties in the city. It would also cap urban renewal bonding and require voter approval for any bonds with a maturity date greater than ten years. The City would follow state law requirements for all other urban renewal matters, that are not specifically limited by the new section. The city would follow changes to state law requirements, as those changes to state laws occur.

**NO ARGUMENTS
WERE FILED IN
SUPPORT OF OR IN
OPPOSITION TO THIS
MEASURE**

*Information furnished by Rob Daykin, City Manager
City of Dundee*

Gaston School District

Referred by Gaston School District Measure 34-246

Bonds Allowing Possible Grant for Safety, Security and Facility Improvements

Question: Shall Gaston School District issue \$12,000,000 in bonds for capital costs and qualify for possible \$4,000,000 in State matching grants? 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: The District is first on the waiting list for a \$4 million State grant which will be available only if voters approve these bonds and a higher-ranked district fails to receive voter approval for their bonds. The bonds, along with grant funds, if received, are expected to:

- Provide energy upgrades district wide, including outdated heating and ventilation systems;
- Improve safety and security systems;
- Construct, furnish and equip a new multi-purpose structure which would include but not be limited to a new gym, performance stage, larger cafeteria and new classrooms;
- Construct, furnish and equip permanent classrooms and related renovations to replace portable classrooms;
- Parking lot upgrades and construction of a covered play area for elementary school;
- Site improvements, demolition and bond issuance costs.

If grant funds are not received, some of these projects may not be accomplished. Bonds would mature in not to exceed 30 years. The estimated tax rate is \$2.13 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Rates depend upon actual interest rates and assessed value growth which may be higher or lower than estimated.

**NO ARGUMENTS
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MEASURE**

Gaston School District

Explanatory Statement Measure 34-246

Safe and More Sustainable Gaston Schools

The last significant investment in Gaston School facilities occurred in 1995 when voters passed a \$500,000 bond for general facility improvements. While the District has regularly maintained its structures with periodic investments from the general fund, today those buildings are reaching the end of their expected life.

In 2015, a citizen-led Facilities Committee, with the assistance of independent architecture and planning experts, reviewed the condition and expected life span of the existing buildings and recommended that they be either improved or replaced with safer, more efficient structures.

New investment would allow the district to create safe and sustainable learning spaces for students and a common space for the community. A new school bond would improve campus safety and technology, replace portable classrooms and build a new multi-purpose cafeteria/gym for school and community events.

A new \$12 million bond would cost a Gaston property owner an estimated \$2.13 per thousand of assessed value, or approximately \$35.50 per month for a property assessed at \$200,000. Actual rates may differ depending on interest rates incurred and changes in assessed value.

The District is first on the waiting list for a \$4 million State grant that will be available only if voters approve these bonds and a higher-ranked district fails to receive voter approval for their bonds. If grant funds are not received, some of these projects may not be accomplished.

Facility upgrades that reduce operating costs and support student achievement

The School Board believes these selected projects will accomplish the key goals of improving campus safety and technology, replacing portable classrooms, creating safe and sustainable learning spaces for students and providing a common space for community events.

- Provide energy upgrades district wide, including outdated heating and ventilation systems;
- Improve safety and security systems;
- Construct, furnish and equip a new multi-purpose structure which would include but not be limited to a new gym, performance stage, larger cafeteria and new classrooms;
- Construct, furnish and equip permanent classrooms and related renovations to replace portable classrooms;
- Parking lot upgrades and construction of a covered play area for elementary school;
- Site improvements, demolition and bond issuance costs.

New property owners moving into the community will pay for the projects through new property taxes that could reduce the share paid by existing property owners.

If voters approve the bond, a citizen bond oversight committee would be appointed by the School Board to ensure that bond proceeds are spent properly and responsibly.

*Information furnished by Susan McKenzie, Superintendent
Gaston SD No. 511J*

Gaston School District

Measure 34-246 Argument in Support

Safer, Smarter and More Sustainable Gaston Schools

A \$12 million school bond will improve campus safety and technology, replace portable classrooms and build a new multi-purpose cafeteria/gym for school and community events.

A safer school community

- Improve safety and security systems
- Replace the six, 1970-era portable classrooms (built to last twenty years; five have no plumbing) with safe, energy efficient instructional spaces
- A new gym with restrooms/locker rooms that the current gym lacks
- A new cafeteria where students can be better supervised and get a full lunch period without eating in hallways, classrooms or outside

Smarter operations that support student achievement

- Provide energy upgrades district wide, including outdated heating and ventilation systems that could help save thousands of dollars in operating costs
- Replace the "Old Gym" and Cafeteria with an energy efficient, earthquake-safe, multi-purpose structure with new classrooms, cafeteria and full-size gym (with a stage for drama and music programs) for school and community-wide gatherings

Sustain Gaston for the generations to follow

- Investing the bond in the local economy helps protect our property values
- If the bond passes, the District may be eligible for \$4 million in additional state grants
- Provides new residents with the opportunity to invest in our community
- Sustaining the schools our parents and grandparents built will help ensure that Gaston schools remain the heart of this community and will be here to serve our citizens well into the future

Historically low interests rates and the possibility of additional state funding will allow us to create safe, smart and sustainable learning spaces for students and a gathering place for our community for many years to come.

If the bond passes, we will appoint a citizens oversight committee to insure that bond proceeds are spent properly and responsibly.

**Please VOTE YES for Measure 34-246 --
the Gaston School Bond**

Your Gaston School District School Board

Information furnished by Gaston School District School Board

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Gaston School District

Measure 34-246 Argument in Support

The Gaston PAC encourages a YES vote. Help make Gaston Schools even greater!

Is your workplace rotting beneath you? Do you take fewer than 15 minutes for lunch? Are you invested in Gaston's future?

Community members have joined together to ask you to support Gaston's school bond. Your yes vote will provide a safe and healthy learning environment for everyone's children.

Safety and Efficiency – This bond would fund the long overdue removal of 6 rotting portable classroom structures, the circa 1920 gym and cafeteria, improve facilities infrastructure and erect a new, sustainable building. This multipurpose building would house classrooms, a larger cafeteria, and flexible space doubling as a community resource center for gatherings. It funds seismically sound structures, auto-locking doors and safety features ensuring our children are part of Gaston's high graduation rates.

Health and Education - Extreme space constraints in the old cafeteria require that our K - 6th graders acquire their lunch, eat what they can and exit within 15 minutes, allowing the next grade to enter. This is insufficient time for a complete lunch, and doesn't prepare them to focus in the afternoon. Most 7th - 12th graders sit on the hallway floor, in the gym, or leave campus (9th+).

Our student evaluations are improving and they are now getting access to science, technology, agriculture, arts and business. Help us sustain the momentum.

Finance - Gaston would maintain the lowest bond rate of all nearby districts, accompanied by low interest rates. Gaston's last bond passed in the early 90's. If you are a property owner of a \$250k home, it would cost a reasonable \$10 a week. Should this bond pass, your school district administration has positioned Gaston with a very high likelihood of being awarded up to \$4M in matching grants to augment current plans. If ever there was a time to stretch our dollars, that time is now!

(Information furnished and paid by Support Gaston Schools Political Action Committee)

Information furnished by Support Gaston Schools PAC

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Gaston School District

Measure 34-246 Argument in Support

Join the Knights of Pythias, Lodge 104
in Voting Yes on Measure 34-246

For Safer, Smarter and More Sustainable Gaston Schools

Improve Safety and Security Systems: There are no automatic locks on the doors and the portables limit the line of sight for staff to see who might be attempting access at each school. In addition, there are seismic and safety concerns in the old gym and portables.

Removing the Portables: Installed in the '70's with a twenty-year life span. The floors are rotting out and in five of them, there is no plumbing. They are becoming unsafe for students.

Replacing the "Old" Gym: The gym, built in the early 1900's, currently houses the cafeteria, the old gym and an area for a stage. It is not seismically sound and must be replaced soon. There are no restrooms in the building and the cafeteria is so small that children have to eat in shifts beginning at 10:30 a.m. They have about fifteen minutes from the time they enter the door to get their food, eat, and be out for the next group. Many of the junior and senior high students simply eat sitting in the hall of the school or bleachers.

With passage of the Bond, the District will remove portables and replace the "old" gym with a multi-level building that houses a gym, a cafeteria, drama facilities, and instructional spaces that meet the needs of the district, are safe, energy efficient, and provide space for community gatherings. Other upgrades to areas include parking, heating and ventilation systems that will improve efficiency.

Join the Knights of Pythias, Lodge 104 in Voting Yes: The District is the heart of this community. Many of us have graduated from Gaston, have children, grandchildren and great grandchildren that have also graduated from this District. Anyone who has graduated from Gaston has had the support of the community. That tradition must continue for generations to follow.

Information furnished by Knights of Pythias, Lodge 104

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Gaston School District

Measure 34-246 Argument in Support

Join us, Ron Hoodenpyl and Pat Rasmussen,
in Voting Yes on Measure 34-246

I have lived in this community my whole life. Pat moved here with her late husband and family in the early '60's. Pat and Ralph opened the grocery store that has employed students and provided lunch to generations. I had the gas station and served this community as the Fire Chief for 36 years. Our children and grandchildren have grown up attending Gaston schools. We have both always supported the schools and it is the heart of how we define this community.

It has been decades since the District has gone to the voters for a Bond. While we certainly appreciate the effort to keep taxes down, the District can no longer delay in upgrading the facilities to keep Gaston School District sustainable.

The "old" gym is nearly 100 years old. It is seismically and functionally inadequate. It needs to be replaced to sustain the school for the next generations. The portables are forty years old. They had a twenty year life span. The floors are rotting out and they are beginning to be unsafe for the children. The District also needs to upgrade safety measures to adequately protect our children in this day and age.

The District can't kick the can down the road for future residents. If something isn't done to upgrade the facilities, the District will face a time when they must address the possibility of merging with another district and possibly losing the sense of community that we hold dear.

If this community wants to keep local control, steps need to be taken now to ensure safer, smarter and more sustainable schools.

Join us, Ron Hoodenpyl and Pat Rasmussen, in voting YES on Measure 34-246

Information furnished by Ron Hoodenpyl and Pat Rasmussen

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Gaston School District

Measure 34-246 Argument in Support

When I walked my first grade daughter around the School grounds this year, I was concerned with the state of the older facilities.

I grew up in Waldport, Oregon, as did two generations of family before. The center of that community has always been the school. Now, I know that when Gaston fought to keep its district during recent budget constraints, you each knew your school was the heart of your community. Every small town that merges schools with another knows they've lost something when it's gone, and it never comes back. We built a home in Gaston five years ago, and this is the community in which we will live out our lives. I want my daughter to grow up in a community that is truly a community, and in a school where she can participate in and experience many activities no longer available in our larger neighboring districts. There is something undeniably special about a small town.

Our facilities need real attention, and unless we take action now to shore up existing infrastructure, replace aging buildings that are literally rotting down, and provide the framework to grow upon, the future isn't bright. It will only be a matter of time until pressure mounts to consider alternatives.

Consider what happens if our school were to merge with Forest Grove. Today, FG bonds cost ~30% more than our proposed Gaston bond. Many nearby districts are even higher. Saying no to sustaining our own local school could very well mean that 5 or 10 years from now, you are paying a higher rate to a neighboring community. I want to keep our children and my money here in Gaston.

A YES vote is a vote for our children and our community! You live in this community for the same reason we chose to, and if we don't vote to support this bond, our community may change forever.

Information furnished by Brian Walter

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Referred by McMinnville School District Measure 36-177

Explanatory Statement Measure 36-177

Bonds for Energy Upgrades, Safety, Repairs, Renovations, and Vocational Education

Question: Shall McMinnville School District make safety upgrades, repair, renovate, and improve schools by issuing \$89,400,000 in general obligation bonds? 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 would finance energy and safety upgrades and renovate, repair, and improve district facilities. Due to retiring previous bonds, the overall bond tax rate is not expected to increase over the McMinnville School District's 2014-15 rate of \$2.80 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Specifically, this measure is expected to:

- Provide energy upgrades district-wide to increase building efficiency, including replacement and upgrade of windows, lighting, deteriorating roofs, outdated heating, ventilation, mechanical, and plumbing systems, and other building repairs and site improvements.
• Improve safety and security including: security cameras, intercoms, emergency phone systems, door access controls, technology infrastructure, fire sprinkler systems, seismic upgrades, and emergency lighting.
• Construct, furnish, and equip a vocational technical center on the McMinnville High School campus.
• Renovate McMinnville High School to address increased enrollment and outdated facilities to include demolition and construction of classrooms, library, music space, gymnasium, cafeteria addition, furnishings, equipment, and site improvements.
• Replace maintenance shop including possible land/building purchase.
• Pay bond issuance and building costs.

Bonds would mature in not to exceed twenty-three (23) years.

McMinnville School District is proposing an \$89,400,000 capital bond measure that would:

- Protect the community's investment in school buildings by replacing deteriorating roofs; outdated heating, ventilation and plumbing systems.
• Reduce school operating costs by making energy saving improvements district-wide.
• Increase school safety and security district-wide.
• Provide equitable facilities for elementary students with additional improvements at Newby Elementary School.
• Add a new vocational technical building at the high school.
• Renovate the current high school to increase and update instructional space.

McMinnville School Board's unanimous decision to place this measure on the ballot is based on the recommendations of community volunteers on its Long Range Facilities Task Force and a survey of district voters.

Specifically, bond measure proceeds would:

- Provide energy upgrades district-wide to increase building efficiency and reduce operating costs.
• Improve school safety and security district-wide, including upgrading security cameras, intercoms, emergency phone systems, door access controls, technology infrastructure, fire sprinkler systems, seismic improvements, and emergency lighting.
• Construct a vocational technical building on the high school campus to provide industrial classrooms and equipment for engineering, fabrication, manufacturing, construction and horticulture programs.
• Renovate the high school to address increased enrollment and outdated facilities. The renovation would add additional classrooms, including classrooms for 3D art, computer sciences, health services, fire and emergency services, and other programs, as well as replacing the section of the high school that includes the current commons, library, music space, gymnasium, and boys and girls locker rooms.
• Make repairs and improvements at all district facilities and additional site improvements at Newby Elementary, one of the oldest elementary schools, to include a new HVAC system and playground improvements. Repairs to include replacement of deteriorating roofs, carpeting, outdated mechanical and plumbing systems, and other general improvements.

If the bond measure is approved, the District may be eligible for more than \$7 million in state matching funds that would allow for additional facility improvements including the replacement of the current district maintenance facilities.

What would the Bond cost?

Due to a previous bond retiring, the bond measure is estimated to continue the District's 2014-15 tax rate of \$2.80 per \$1,000 assessed property tax values. The new bonds would mature in 23 years or less and may be issued in one or more series.

Informing the Public

Regular audits would be performed. District staff would provide monthly bond progress reports to the McMinnville School Board and regular updates to the community. In addition, the District would establish a citizen oversight committee to ensure bond proceeds are only used for purposes indicated.

Information Source: McMinnville School District Business Office

Information furnished by Maryalice Russell, Superintendent McMinnville School District No. 40

NO ARGUMENTS WERE FILED IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE

McMinnville School District

Measure 36-177 Argument in Support

Vote Yes for Strong, Safe Schools Vote Yes on Measure 36-177

As members of the McMinnville School Board we urge you to vote yes on Measure 36-177.

Measure 36-177 offers a unique opportunity to invest in our schools without increasing the current property tax rate.

The bond will focus on five major areas:

Energy Efficiency– District wide energy improvements will save daily operating costs that can be redirected to support teaching and learning.

Vocational Technical Center – Construct a new career technical building at the high school so the district can provide more vocational classes like engineering, fabrication, and computer science.

District-wide Repairs and Renovations – The district has prioritized repairs and renovations to address safety and to ensure our long term investment in facilities including renovations to Newby Elementary, and increased space at the high school.

Safety and Security Improvements – Schools in the district will get safety and security upgrades like security cameras, emergency intercom systems, door access controls, fire sprinkler systems, emergency back-up lighting, seismic upgrades and other improvements to enhance school safety district-wide.

Fiscal Responsibility – The district paid off an existing bond before asking the community for this investment in schools. Your tax rate is estimated to remain the same. The district has already applied for state matching funds that may become available if the bond passes, and the district is third in line on the eligibility list for up to \$7 million.

Please join us in voting yes. Our kids, our future, our responsibility.
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McMinnville School District

Measure 36-177 Argument in Support

A History of Investment in Schools A History of Success for our Community

Nearly 140 years ago, long before the term 'pay it forward' was coined, the community leaders of McMinnville levied the first school tax and formed the McMinnville School District.

At the foundation of their vision of the future was the understanding that a strong system of public education would be critical if the young community were to thrive.

This spring, like all springs past, our community will come together with pride and optimism, as we watch our youth walk across the graduation stage to receive their diplomas and begin this journey called life.

We have those founding leaders to thank, those who paid it forward so that their children, and their children's children, and generations on to our children, would have a future filled with promise and opportunity.

Now, it's our turn to pay it forward by voting yes on Measure 36-177.

The facilities bond, which is expected to maintain the current tax rate, will fund projects focused on:

- **Increased energy efficiency** to reduce operating costs, enabling the savings gained to be redirected to support teaching and learning
- **Career Pathway/Vocational-Technical education** to prepare students for high wage careers, many of which do not require a college degree, here in the mid-valley
- **Increased instructional space** at McMinnville High School to strengthen the Career Pathway program and address enrollment growth now and into the future
- **Improved safety and security** to better equip our schools to prevent and deal with emergencies
- **Facility repairs and improvements** to protect the community's assets and ensure school buildings are conducive to student learning and growth

Pay it forward! Join us in voting yes for schools!
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McMinnville School District

Measure 36-177 Argument in Support

Strong Schools Make A Strong Community

No matter where we are on life's journey, there's one thing we can all agree on: strong schools are essential to a strong community. As retired citizens who care deeply about the education of all the children in our community we ask you to join with us in voting yes on Measure 36-177.

Bond together: Strong communities build and maintain strong schools! No Increase in Tax Rate

Your yes vote will:

- Construct a Career Pathway/Vocational Technical Center on the MHS campus that will prepare students for careers that earn a living family wage
- Increase the energy efficiency of district facilities, reducing daily operating costs
- Add instructional space at McMinnville High School to accommodate enrollment growth well into the future
- Make critical safety and security upgrades, ensuring that schools are sanctuaries for teaching and learning
- Make repairs and improvements to maintain the assets in which our community has already invested
- Keep your tax rate the same

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McMinnville School District

Measure 36-177 Argument in Support

As a retired Yamhill County sheriff, I care deeply about the safety and security of our schools.

That's why I strongly advocate for a yes vote on Measure 36-177.

In addition to the potential risks posed by natural disasters, we are all equally aware of the increasing threats facing our schools and public spaces.

We believe it is essential that our schools are equipped with the 21st century tools and technology that can prevent emergencies, and mitigate potential harm done if disaster strikes.

Schools must be a safe haven wherein students can learn and grow. Numerous studies have found a direct link between school safety and student achievement.

Creating a safe learning environment is an essential prerequisite to learning; a school cannot implement instructional innovation if it does not first establish a culture and climate in which students feel free of threat and harm.

That is why the McMinnville School District places safety first and foremost at the core of their mission and why first responders collaborate closely with the district, day in and day out.

Among the safety improvements, the facilities bond will equip district facilities with:

- Door access controls
- Security cameras, intercoms, and emergency communications systems
- Emergency backup lighting
- Fire sprinkler and smoke detector systems
- Seismic upgrades

In addition to improved safety, the facilities bond will increase energy efficiency, strengthen vocational-technical education, increase instructional space at MHS, and make critical facility repairs.

The bond is reasonable and the investment in school safety is well warranted. By replacing a bond that is retiring this year, the new bond is not expected to increase the current property tax rate. Safe and strong schools make for a safe and strong community. Stand for our students and our schools. Vote yes!

Sheriff Jack Crabtree,
Retired Yamhill County

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McMinnville School District

Measure 36-177 Argument in Support

Join Us in Supporting Our Community by Voting Yes on Measure 36-177

We believe that nurturing engaged citizens and building future leaders through strong schools is essential to maintaining a high quality of life. Strong schools can only remain strong with ongoing community support and commitment.

We urge the voters of McMinnville and Lafayette to support our local schools by joining with us in voting yes on Measure 36-177.

We are in a unique position right now to provide much needed **investment in our schools without increasing the property tax rate**. Because an old bond is retiring this year, the new bond will simply take its place and the tax rate will remain the same.

The bond will be used to:

- **Construct a Vocational Technical Center** on the MHS campus, focused on engineering, manufacturing, fabrication, horticulture, and construction, in order to prepare students for high-wage jobs that are in demand locally.
- **Add instructional space at MHS** to address current and future growth, including Career Pathway labs, a visual arts lab, instrumental and vocal music practice spaces, physical education facilities, and school infrastructure such as an expanded cafeteria.
- **Reduce operating costs by increasing the energy efficiency of district facilities** by repairing or replacing leaky windows and doors, old and inefficient HVAC systems, other electrical, mechanical, and plumbing systems, and adding insulation.
- **Improve school safety and security** by installing security cameras, intercoms, emergency communication systems, door access controls, smoke detectors and fire sprinkler systems, emergency backup lighting, and by making seismic upgrades.
- **Make priority facility repairs district-wide** as identified by a comprehensive facilities assessment performed by industry professionals in consultation and collaboration with the Long Range Facilities Task Force, comprised of citizens and district administrators.

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McMinnville School District

Measure 36-177 Argument in Support

Good Schools are Good for Business

A highly-skilled workforce is critical to ensuring economic prosperity and maintaining a robust community. In fact, there is a direct link between strong schools and a strong community. **When schools perform well, property values increase and local businesses thrive.**

The Career Pathway program at MHS, which is the result of ongoing collaboration between the district and local business and industry partners, has a proven record of effectiveness in preparing students for college and careers.

Last year, MHS students earned more than 9,700 college credits through the dual credit program—most of it in career-related classes—representing a college tuition savings of over \$880,000.

That's money that remains in the hands of families, money that remains here in the local economy.

Ninety-three percent of the class of 2015 graduated high school with a college transcript and countless MHS graduates are now pursuing their career aspirations here at home.

Such results are worth supporting and investing in, and that is what Measure 36-177 does. Show your support for our community and for the future of our children and youth by voting yes on Measure 36-177.

This facilities bond is good for our schools because it will:

- Increase the energy efficiency of our schools
- Reduce operating costs
- Improve school safety and security
- Make needed facility repairs and improvements district-wide
- Protect the community's assets

Additionally, the bond will:

- Construct a Career Pathway/Vocational Technical Center adjacent to the high school
- Add instructional space on the main high school campus
- Strengthen and enhance the Career Pathway program
- Accommodate current and future enrollment growth

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, I urge the citizens of McMinnville and Lafayette to stand with us in voting yes on Measure 36-177.

Nathan Knottingham
President/CEO

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McMinnville School District

Measure 36-177 Argument in Support

As McMinnville school district staff and active members of the McMinnville Education Association and the Oregon School Employee Association, we are asking voters to vote yes on Measure 36-177.

The facility bond measure is not expected to increase the current property tax rate because it will replace an old bond that is retiring this year and interest rates are at an all-time low.

The facilities bond will pay for:

- Energy efficiency upgrades, including repairing and replacing leaky windows and doors, adding insulation, replacing inefficiency HVAC systems, and repairing other mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems so that they run at maximum efficiency.
- A new Career Pathway/Vocational Technical Center on the MHS campus to prepare students for high wage careers and trades that are in high demand in our region.
- Additional instructional space at MHS to accommodate growth up to the year 2048 and to strengthen the Career Pathway program in areas such as the arts, publishing and broadcasting, and computer sciences, to name a few.
- Improved safety and security to protect the health and wellbeing of students and staff, including automatic door access locks, security cameras, emergency communications systems, seismic upgrades, emergency backup lighting, and other improvements.
- Repairs at all district facilities to ensure they are adequately maintained and that the community's assets are cared for and protected.

Please join with the teachers and classified staff of McMinnville School District and vote yes for our students, our future, and our schools!

Kathleen M. Stocks
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Referred by Yamhill Carlton School District Measure 36-179

Explanatory Statement Measure 36-179

Authorizes General Obligation Bonds to Construct and Renovate School Facilities

Question: Shall Yamhill Carlton Schools issue \$14,200,000 bonds to construct and renovate school facilities and obtain a \$4,000,000 State grant? 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 bonds are approved the State will provide \$4,000,000 for the project. If not approved, these State funds will go to another District. The bonds will finance improvement projects at school facilities including:

- Replacing and updating building systems in all buildings – i.e. roofs, heating and electrical systems, parking lots, windows, siding, insulation – which is estimated to save thousands of dollars in annual operating costs
- Constructing new and remodeling existing science and technical education facilities at high school and middle school
- Safety and security improvements at all schools
- Improvements to high school/intermediate school cafeteria stage
- Remodeling high school classrooms for art room and study center
- Constructing high school gymnasium/community disaster shelter

Bonds will mature in 21 years or less from date of issuance. If approved, the incremental tax rate above current levels is estimated to be approximately \$1.36 per \$1,000 of assessed value or \$136 annually for property assessed at \$100,000. Actual tax rates may differ, depending on interest rates incurred and growth in assessed value.

In 2015, a citizen-led Facilities Committee and independent assessments confirmed that district buildings need major renovations to continue to be viable places to educate children. In addition, the State of Oregon has chosen the district to receive \$4 million in matching funds if voters approve new school construction funding.

The district's last construction bond, approved by voters in 2001, funded many needed improvements, including new high school classrooms, a new high school/intermediate school cafeteria, a track and other small projects. Since then, the district saved taxpayers nearly one million dollars in interest costs by re-financing that bond at lower rates.

The 2001 bond however, did not touch many of the systems "behind the walls," i.e., heating and electrical systems and safety infrastructure. Most of these systems are long past their expected life and need replacing. The district now desires to protect the community's investment in its schools with a new \$14.2 million bond. Should voters approve the bond, the district will receive the additional \$4 million in matching funds from the State of Oregon.

The bond proposal includes:

- Replacing outdated building systems – i.e. roofs, heating, electrical systems, flooring, and insulation in all buildings. New energy efficient technology could save thousands of dollars in annual operating costs
- Expanding career/technical education and science and computer opportunities to prepare students for college and careers by constructing new and remodeling facilities at the middle and high schools. These facilities would support students' ability to be career and tech school ready
- Making improvements to our security systems in all schools
- Improvements to the HS/IS Cafeteria stage to make it more functional for school and community use and to remodel some existing space at the high school for an art room and study center
- Gymnasium /Community Disaster Shelter - Concrete dome design that is two-thirds the cost of traditional construction and is earthquake and major storm safe. Fitted with an emergency generator, it will also provide the community with a disaster shelter.

Yamhill Carlton School District staff work everyday to prepare students to be successful, whatever path they choose in life.

- The district has developed career and technical programs that are aligned with local business partners to produce pathways to good jobs. A first-in-the-state viticulture program is a partnership with the Future Farmers of America, Yamhill Carlton Winegrowers and Chemeketa Community College to establish a working vineyard at the high school.
- The district was recently awarded a \$222,000 grant to develop the Yamhill Carlton Career Academy (YCCA), to provide high school students with the technical knowledge and skills to step into a well-paying job or a college technical program.
- Through the Willamette Promise, a partnership with area colleges, the district added more college credit classes at the high school, including math, Spanish and writing, so that students who are college bound can get into and thrive in great universities.

A citizen bond oversight committee would be appointed by the School Board to insure that bond proceeds are spent properly and responsibly.

**NO ARGUMENTS
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OPPOSITION TO THIS
MEASURE**

*Information furnished by Charan Cline, Superintendent
Yamhill Carlton School District*

Yamhill Carlton School District

Measure 36-179 Argument in Support

A cost-effective bond for Yamhill Carlton schools

Energy efficient improvements to protect our investment in schools

Safer and more secure classrooms

Career/technical opportunities for students

A \$4 million match from the State of Oregon -- if we pass the bond

You said the 2014 school bond proposal was too expensive and didn't emphasize your priority projects. So we refocused the proposal on projects you said you could support that would help to raise student achievement and provide a safe learning environment for students and staff.

The bond proposal includes:

- Protect the community's investment in its schools by replacing or repairing outdated building systems – i.e. roofs, heating and electrical systems, flooring, and insulation. New, energy efficient technology could save thousands of dollars in annual operating costs.
- Expand career/technical education and science and computer opportunities to prepare students for college and careers by constructing new and remodeling facilities at the middle and high school. These facilities directly support our Career Academy – to further students' ability to be career and tech school ready.
- Improve the safety of our schools with secure entrances, barrier fencing and video cameras.
- Reconfigure the HS/IS Cafeteria stage to make it more functional for school and community use and remodel some existing space at the high school for an art room and study center.
- Gymnasium / Community Disaster Shelter - Concrete dome design is much less than the cost of traditional construction and is earthquake and severe storm safe. Fitted with an emergency generator, it will provide the community with a disaster shelter.

We are committed to a transparent process so that the community will have confidence in the way bond dollars are spent. We will appoint a citizens oversight committee to insure that bond proceeds are spent properly and responsibly.

**Please join us in VOTING YES for Measure 36-179 --
the Yamhill Carlton School Bond**

Your Yamhill Carlton School Board

Jami Egland, Chair Tim Pfeiffer, Vice Chair
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Yamhill Carlton School District

Measure 36-179 Argument in Support

To our fellow community members,

In the past, our school district was one that attracted new families into our small community, brought back past citizens to raise their children, and made families proud to be here for multiple generations.

Our school district is in a crisis mode and is asking for our help to maintain and improve the school buildings and infrastructure. Sections of existing building systems and infrastructure have been assessed as "unsafe", and not one of our gyms meet OSAA requirements. The bond levy project will repair and update worn-out building systems, update security at all schools, construct new and retrofit existing facilities for the expansion of career/technical, science, computer and arts education for middle and high school, and build a new gym to serve the needs of our student population and become a community emergency shelter in the event of a natural disaster.

We feel this bond levy is **extremely important** to the livability and future of our community, the learning environment of our children, and reestablishing pride in our schools.

We understand the financial pressures of these past few years have negatively impacted many households, but the reality is that not doing something now will cost all of us much more in the future.

Please vote YES on the Yamhill-Carlton School District Bond measure on May 17, 2016.

Sincerely,

Paula Terp, Mayor
Kay Echaui, Council President
Jay Disbrow, Councilor
Jo Weinstein, Councilor
Rita Gilmore, Councilor

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Yamhill Carlton School District

Measure 36-179 Argument in Support

The Yamhill-Carlton FFA Alumni Association Urges a YES vote on Measure 36-179

We are a small town with a big community. Whether we have lived here for a year, a decade or a generation, we stand together. We have big dreams, long-standing traditions, and we celebrate our successes together.

Yamhill-Carlton schools continue to be the bedrock of our growing community. We have an opportunity to set a future course for a level of performance we've come to expect. When you vote YES on May 17th for the Yamhill-Carlton bond, you are saying:

YES - Improving security systems in all our schools

YES - Improving the High School/Intermediate School Cafeteria stage to make it more functional for school and community use

YES - Replacing roofs, heating and electrical systems, flooring and insulation in all buildings. By doing this, it could save the district thousands of dollars in operating costs.

YES - Adding a gymnasium that can also be used as an emergency shelter by the community if the need arises.

YES - Constructing new and remodeling facilities at the middle and high school to enhance our career/technical and science/computer opportunities to better prepare our students for college and technical careers. These facilities will be a direct support for our Career Academy, to further students' ability to be career and tech school ready.

Yamhill-Carlton is a great place to live, work, learn, and play. The Yamhill-Carlton School District has provided an excellent education for many and the May 17th bond ballot asks us to continue that level of opportunity for future students.

Thank you in joining us by voting YES on Measure 36-179.

Yamhill-Carlton FFA Alumni Association

President - David VanDeWalle

Vice President - Charmaine Berhorst

Secretary - Kim Sheridan

Treasurer - Kim VanDeWalle

Information furnished by The Yamhill-Carlton FFA Alumni Association

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Yamhill Carlton School District

Measure 36-179 Argument in Support

On March 1, 2016, the Carlton City Council passed Resolution 2016-222 in support of Yamhill-Carlton School Bond Measure 36-179. The Resolution declared that the citizens of Carlton have a vital interest in the construction, operation and maintenance of adequate school facilities to serve the citizens of Carlton. The Yamhill-Carlton School District operates facilities located within the cities of Carlton and Yamhill. Children residing in Carlton attend these public school facilities. The City Council is aware of the challenges facing local governments charged with restoration and repair of public facilities in order to operate safe and suitable school facilities.

The School District has placed a \$14,200,000 capital facilities general obligation bond measure on the May, 2016 election ballot. The State of Oregon is prepared to match local school district bond funds up to an amount of \$4,000,000 if the measure is approved by the voters of the school district. This will greatly leverage local funds.

In Resolution 2016-222 the Carlton City Council declared its support for passage of the Measure 36-179 as a prudent and necessary financing measure. The City Council further declared that the opportunity to secure significant State of Oregon funding for local school facilities is in the public interest. The City Council finally declared that safe and adequate public school facilities are of critical importance to the citizens of the City of Carlton and urges that all registered voters residing within the City to participate in the May, 2016 election, and express their own concerns and opinions through such participation.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathie Oriet, Mayor
City of Carlton

Information furnished by The City of Carlton

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Yamhill Carlton School District

Measure 36-179 Argument in Support

We urge everyone to vote "Yes" for this school bond. This bond costs almost a dollar less per mil than the previous bond.

Our schools desperately need the equipment replacement and repairs that the bond will fund if they are to last far into the future. There is much wasted money every year paying for temporary repairs. And, eventually, no amount of temporary repairs will work anymore.

There will be much needed school security enhancements, such as secure entrances, better fencing, and surveillance cameras. And there are some provisions that will creatively fund better programs, such as remodeling the cafeteria stage to make it into a real theater.

The new gym costs less than the gym that was in last year's bond, but is better designed and will last longer. This gym will also double as a disaster relief site as it is designed to withstand a strong earthquake and major storms. The old gym does not meet Oregon high school standards anymore.

Finally, the Yamhill-Carlton School District was awarded \$4,000,000 in matching funds from the state to help pay for bond measures. This was only offered to a few schools thru a lottery, and will not happen again anytime soon. We must take advantage of this award.

Yamhill-Carlton families need safe, functioning, and up to date schools for their children. Vote YES!

John Donehoo and Tara Patterson

Yamhill, Oregon

**Please
Remember To
Sign Your
Return Envelope!**



**DON'T DELAY
VOTE TODAY!**

Information furnished by John Donehoo and Tara Patterson

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Track Your Ballot

New Program Provides Ballot Status Alerts!

Would you like to receive a text or e-mail message when your ballot has been received by our office?

The Yamhill County Clerk, in partnership with the Oregon Secretary of State and i3Logix, is offering a program to Yamhill County voters that gives status updates of their ballot.

Participating voters will receive alerts at different points on their ballot's journey. Text, email or voice alerts will tell voters when the Yamhill County Elections Office has mailed ballots and when a completed ballot has been received back at the Elections Office. Alerts will say that the ballot has been accepted, whether it has a non-matching signature or another defect that requires further action by the voter.

There is no charge to Yamhill County voters to sign up for this service*. Voters will have the option of receiving text, email or voice alerts. Sign up today to begin receiving messages.

<https://yamhillcounty.i3ballot.net>
(link is external)

The Yamhill County ballot tracking pilot program is in partnership with i3Logix using their patent-pending solution called "BallotTrax".

Additional information on the elections in Yamhill County is available at:

<http://www.co.yamhill.or.us/content/current-year-elections>

If you have any questions about this service, please call Yamhill County Elections at 503-434-7518 or e-mail us at elections@co.yamhill.or.us.

** Text message charges may apply if you select the text message option. Consult your phone carrier.*

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Welcome to Yamhill County
Powered by BallotTrax

The BallotTrax system tracks the status of your mail-in ballot and sends a series of proactive alerts notifying you where your ballot is in the election process, from printed to accepted!

Note: This system does not change or update your voter registration.

To log in, please complete the information below

If you have any issues, please contact
Yamhill County
by Phone at (503) 434-7518 or by Email at elections@co.yamhill.or.us

First Name:

* Last Name:

* Date of Birth:

* Zip Code:

* required fields

LOGIN

Scan this QR code to sign up
to Track Your Ballot



Scan this QR code to visit the
Yamhill County Clerk's website



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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What if I forgot to put my ballot in the secrecy envelope and I have already sealed my white/blue envelope?

The secrecy envelope is not required for your ballot to be counted. However, if you wish to use it, you may carefully reopen and tape it closed again or simply come to our office for a replacement envelope.

What if I did not receive a ballot?

Call the Yamhill County Elections Office at 503-434-7518 or 503-554-7850 from Newberg. You might need to update your voter registration.

I went to the DMV and got (or updated) my license but didn't receive a ballot. Why? What do I do?

There are many reasons why the new "Oregon Motor Voter" process was not completed in your case. Please call our office immediately for assistance.

What if I have moved and changed my residence or mailing address?

You may update your voter registration at www.oregonvotes.gov, or come into our office personally. You will be issued the correct ballot for your new precinct.

Is postage required if I place my ballot in an official drop site?

No.

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web: www.co.yamhill.or.us/clerk

e-mail: elections@co.yamhill.or.us

414 NE Evans St, McMinnville, Oregon 97128-4607

ph: (503) 434-7518

(503) 554-7850 - Newberg

tty: (800) 735-2900

Is it too late to update my voter registration?

No, you actually have up until Election Day, May 17th to update your voter registration and receive a ballot if you are currently registered in Oregon, but the last date to change your party is April 26th.

If I choose not to vote for a candidate or race, will the rest of my ballot count?

Yes.

When is the last day to mail my ballot and have it received by the Yamhill County Clerk’s Office?

Under normal circumstances, the last “safe” day to mail your ballot is Wednesday, May 11th for your ballot to reach us on time. Postmarks do not count!

When will results be available?

The first results should be available just after 8:00 p.m. Election Day, May 17th. You may visit our website at <http://www.co.yamhill.or.us/clerk> for results *(be sure to “refresh” your browser each time you look for new results).*

What if a candidate is shown on the ballot but I do not find information for that candidate in this Voters’ Pamphlet?

That candidate chose not to pay the fee to be included in this Voters’ Pamphlet.

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Precinct Committee People

What is a Precinct Committee Person?

If you are a member of the Democratic or Republican party, you will receive a ballot with “Precinct Committee Persons” on it.

- These are men and women who represent their political party in each precinct on a countywide “Central Committee” (an equal number of both per precinct).
- Precinct Committee People help set the party agenda and party platform.
- They act as directors of the local party Central Committee, attend meetings of the committee, help candidates run for office, and conduct the business of the party.
- Central Committees elect people to represent the county at the state level, and those members select the representatives to the national committees.
- They also help select replacements for vacated state offices (Oregon House or Senate offices).

Voting for Precinct Committee Persons (PCP's):

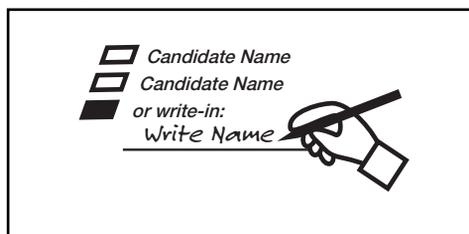
To qualify as a Precinct Committee Person (PCP), one must have lived in the county and have been registered in their political party for at least 180 days prior to the Primary Election. A person can represent the precinct in which they live or an adjacent precinct (within the same county). They serve a two-year term.

A Committee Person of each sex is elected in each precinct for every 500 voters (or major part thereof) that are registered in the precinct as of January 31st. There is a list showing the positions available as well as a list of current position holders from both parties on our website’s “Precincts & PCPs” page:

<http://www.co.yamhill.or.us/content/precincts-pcps>

Your ballot will indicate how many offices are available in your precinct. For instance, it would say “Vote For Six” if there are six offices available for your precinct (in this case there would be six female and six male positions). If you are not registered as a Democrat or Republican, Precinct Committee Persons will not appear on your ballot.

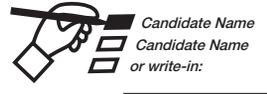
- You **do not have to vote** for any PCP’s (yes, the rest of your votes will still count).
- You do not have to complete each available position if you do not want to.
- Where a candidate has filed, mark your selection like any other race.
- If you want to write in a name that is not on the ballot, fill the box next to “Write-in”, then neatly write the person’s name of your choice on the line provided.
- A “write-in” candidate must receive at least 3 (three) votes from members of their party from within that precinct to be elected.
- We encourage you to write-in only those names of people you know want to serve and who live in your precinct or an adjacent one.



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 box next to the "write-in" line, then neatly write the name of the person on the line provided.

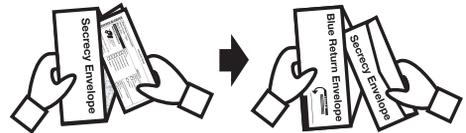


2 Check for errors

- You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still count.
- 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 Yamhill County Elections Office.

3 Using the optional "Secrecy" envelope

If you use the optional "Secrecy" envelope, put only your voted ballot inside. Then, put only your Secrecy envelope inside your return envelope.

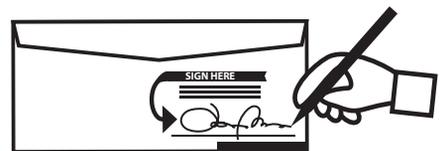


You are not required to use the "Secrecy" envelope.

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
- At any official drop site (*see list on the back of this pamphlet*)
- At the Clerk's/Elections Office

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NOTICE

You may deliver your voted ballot to the following official Yamhill County ballot drop sites, postage-free 24 hours a day — 7 days a week.
Election Day, May 17, 2016, all drop sites close at 8:00 p.m.

Amity City Library
307 S Trade Street
Amity

Dayton City Hall
416 Ferry Street
Dayton

Lafayette City Hall
486 3rd Street (99W)
Lafayette

Courthouse (inside lobby)
535 NE 5th Street
McMinnville

Newberg Public Safety Parking Lot
414 E 3rd Street
Newberg

Willamina City Hall
411 NE C Street
Willamina

Carlton City Hall
191 E Main Street
Carlton

Dundee City Hall
620 SW 5th Street
Dundee

Yamhill County Clerk's Office
414 NE Evans Street
McMinnville

Chehalem Aquatic Center
1802 Haworth Avenue
Newberg

Sheridan City Hall
120 SW Mill Street
Sheridan

Yamhill City Hall
205 S Maple Street
Yamhill

Courthouse Drive-Through Drop Box
East end of Courthouse Parking Lot
Enter on 5th and Ford Streets
McMinnville