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Dear Voters.

This Voters' Pamphlet is provided for assistance in casting your vote-by-mail ballot. Local candidates and committees have paid to have their material printed here. Candidate statements are printed as submitted and not all candidates submit material. All federal and state candidates will appear in the states' section. Not all races will be on each ballot type.

Your ballot packet will arrive by mail approximately 3 weeks prior to election day. Enclosed you will receive your ballot and return envelope. *The county has chosen to discontinue the secrecy sleeve for cost savings and election board worker ease.* To vote, completely fill in the oval to the left of the response of your choice. When you have completed voting be sure to <u>sign the voter's oath on your return envelope</u>. Your ballot cannot be counted without your signature.

If you lose or spoil your ballot you may request a replacement ballot by calling our office at the number listed below. One will be mailed to you provided the request is made with sufficient time for mailing. Otherwise, you may pick up a replacement ballot in person at the county elections office. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. on election day. If you have moved or changed your mailing address you may update by going to www.oregonvotes.gov. All new registrations must be received or postmarked by April 30, 2024.

Election day is May 21, 2024. Ballots must be received by 8:00 p.m. on election day in a designated drop box or **postmarked by the USPS on that day.** Ballot drop sites will be available from April 5, 2024 through election day. Ballot deposit locations and hours available for use are printed in this section.

Unofficial returns will be posted on our website at <u>www.umatillacounty.gov</u> after 8:00 p.m. on election day. For questions or assistance in voting please contact our office at 541-278-6254.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP SITES

Location	Days	Hours
COUNTY COURTHOUSE 216 SE 4 th St. #18 basement COUNTY COURTHOUSE MAIN PARKII Pendleton	Monday – Friday Election Day NG LOT(s)	8:00a.m5:00p.m. 7:00a.m8:00p.m. 24 HOURS DAILY
STAFFORD HANSELL CENTER 915 SE Columbia Dr.(curbside island Hermiston	drive up)	24 HOURS DAILY
MILTON-FREEWATER CITY HALL/ POLICE STATION 722 S Main (curbside island drive up Milton-Freewater	p)	24 HOURS DAILY
NIXYAAWII GOVERNANCE CENTER 46411 Timine Way Pendleton		24 HOURS DAILY
UMATILLA CITY HALL 700 6 th St (walk up box at backside o Umatilla	f building)	24 HOURS DAILY
STANFIELD CITY HALL 160 S Main St. (walk up box at front Stanfield	of building)	24 HOURS DAILY
PILOT ROCK CITY HALL 144 N alder Pl. (walk up box at front Pilot Rock	of building)	24 HOURS DAILY
ATHENA CITY HALL 215 S 3 rd St. (walk up box next to ent Athena	ry)	24 HOURS DAILY
ECHO CITY HALL 20 S. BONANZA ST- On the corner of Echo	Bonanza and Bridge St	24 HOURS DAILY

City of Hermiston Mayor

City of Hermiston Mayor

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Jackie Linton

Occupation: Retired.

Occupational Background: Retired United States Postal Service; Substitute teacher, Umatilla & Morrow Co. 2014-2022

Educational Background: BA Evergreen state college 2017; Master of Arts, Teaching 2014 (EOU).

Prior Governmental Experience: City of Hermiston, budget/ Urban Renewal committee 2018-2020; Community Accountability Board 2019-present; Library Board 2021-2022; City Council Member; Faith Based Advisory Committee; & Public Safety Committee.

Hello, I am City Council woman Jackie Linton and I am very excited to be running for Mayor of Hermiston OR! I wish to share with you a little about my family and my life in Hermiston. My family moved to Hermiston OR approximately 70 years ago and now there is a park named after my grandfather Greenwood Luster. I was an active and concerned citizen and therefore attended the city council meetings for 6 years before running for office.

It's been an honor to serve this community by partnering with such great programs and clubs like CAB, Faith Based Advisory Committee, Public safety committee, Hermiston warming station, Altrusa International of Hermiston OR foundation committee, little library committee and I was also a past chair of Vocational Services. As you can see, I stay busy representing Hermiston

I am dedicated to Hermiston and as an Altrusa committee member, I participated in the clean up of Belt Park and made soup for Desert Rose Ministries to assist in feeding our most vulnerable population.

Now thanks to your past and future support I am running for Mayor so that we can take action and continue our due diligence to provide Hermiston with continued growth, development, and success. Every decision I make will be for the benefit of Hermiston and its citizens, I am not a politician, I am just like you, a concerned resident of Hermiston who will do what it takes to ensure our mutual success in our beloved hometown.

Therefore, I am asking you to vote for City Council woman Jackie Linton as your next Mayor!

Nancy R Peterson

Occupation: Columbia Basin College - Disability Services Accessibility Specialist

Occupational Background: Tutoring Center Assistant Program Manager, Employment Coordinator, GED Instructor, Public School Teacher

Educational Background: Bachelors of Science, Elementary Education (Montana State University); Masters of Arts, Teaching (Grand Canyon University); Masters of Education, Special Education (Grand Canyon University); Associates of Applied Science, Business Administration (Columbia Basin College)

Prior Governmental Experience: Hermiston City Councilor (current), Oregon Disabilities Commissioner (current), League of Oregon Cities Women's Caucus (current)

When I moved to Oregon in 2000, Hermiston's population was just over 13,000. We're now at more than 20,000, and show no signs of slowing. With that growth comes some benefits and some challenges. One benefit is that there are at least 5 restaurants you can drive through for a chicken sandwich (assuming you like them), followed by the challenge of getting onto the increasingly busy highway.

The safety of that highway and the people working in all of those restaurants is an important part of Hermiston. The maintenance and planning of the piping that brings drinkable water to the homes near that highway is an important part of Hermiston. The kids in those homes who want to play in the parks and grow up to raise their own kids in homes we haven't built them yet, are an important part of Hermiston. The technology infrastructure that will foster their education and support job diversification, is an important part of Hermiston.

Understanding all of that, is an important part of being the mayor of Hermiston. I have that understanding, and I know I'd do a good job as your mayor.

(This information furnished by Jackie Linton.)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

(This information furnished by Nancy R Peterson.)

City of Hermiston Mayor



Doug Primmer

Occupation: (Unpaid) Umatilla County Sheriff's Office (40 years) Sergeant - Reserve Coordinator/ Rescue Diver.

Occupational Background: Oregon Dept of Corrections - (31 years) Retired - Officer, Corpo-

ral, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Inspector 1 & 2 (Special Investigations Unit); Simplot (8 years)

Educational Background: Hermiston HS (1981) Graduated; Chemeketa Comm College 66 Credit hours

Prior Governmental Experience: (Elected) Hermiston City Council - 3 terms (12 years, with 6 as Council President); (Appointed) Oregon State Bar -House of Delegates - Region 1 Public Member (6 years)

Awards & Accomplishments: Life saving award from Dept of Corrections 2023/2024 Chairman of Washington Oregon Joint Interoperability Committee (WORJIC)

Family: Wife - Karen

Kids: Jason, Jessica, James, Cody & Shilo Grandkids: Klay, Cloie, Gadge & Gunnar.

I believe in full disclosure in Govt operations and full accountability for anyone involved in misconduct. I do not consider myself to be a politician, but rather an employee of the citizens of Hermiston. We are Hermiston and we have Hometown Values.

City of Hermiston Mayor



Manuel Salazar

Occupation: Audio Engineer 1360AM KOHU

Occupational Background: Intern Hermiston Chamber of Commerce

Educational Background:

Hermiston High School Graduate, 2024

Prior Governmental Experience: None

As the youngest candidate running for mayor in Hermiston, Oregon, I have served my community with the National Honor Society in events and cleaned the streets with "I Love My City" and "Eco Club." You may have also seen me at public events, singing with the Hermiston Chamber Choir, Majazzty, and performing at local Hermiston High School musicals and plays.

As mayor, I desire to lead Hermiston in a direction where we will improve our downtown to increase city revenue, which will fund our maintenance and improvements to our aging infrastructure. Then, we will begin the development of affordable housing within walking distance of our local businesses and increase the presence of police officers to keep Hermiston's streets and neighborhoods safe. However, accomplishing such development would not require an experienced, bold leader who sees things as they are without a dream. A leader with commitment, wisdom, and compassion would be needed to ensure we all have a bright future in Hermiston.

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(This information furnished by Doug Primmer.)

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(This information furnished by Manuel Salazar.)

City of Milton-Freewater City Council, Ward 2



Emily Holden

Occupation: Owner, Holden Hearts Boutique

Occupational Background: Agriculture Teacher and FFA Advisor, Mac-Hi

Educational Background: MS

in Agriculture Education, OSU; BS in General Agriculture, OSU

Prior Governmental Experience: None

It is time for Milton-Freewater to thrive again.

You've seen the pictures and heard the stories. Awarded the prestigious "All-America City" in 1960, we had bustling streets and industry that provided jobs to support a family. Some say our time is past, but I say otherwise.

Through my volunteer work over the past two years, I see a community ready for a comeback. Citizens are hungry for change, ready to build a new inclusive community, and willing to do the work.

We need leadership at the city level to reach our fullest potential—leadership that accepts its sacred duty to serve the needs and dreams of its citizens.

Our aging infrastructure has reached a critical point. We must address the electric and water issues now; further delays will lead to critical failures and increased prices.

Homelessness and public drug use are concerning citizens. It's time to get creative, find the necessary funding, and address these issues before they drive more families out of our community.

Next, we must make this community an irresistible place to live, do business, and play.

It has been decades since our city has attracted new industry and the jobs it would bring.

We have one pharmacy and two banks to serve a population of over 7,000.

Trust between citizens and city government is gone.

I can't promise to have all the answers. I can say that my history as an ag teacher, FFA Advisor, and entrepreneur shows that I can do what others consider impossible.

I'm prepared to pick up the phone and learn from counterparts in our neighboring communities. I'm prepared to work with the incredible people who make up this town to create a brighter future

While it is an honor, serving on the city council is a job, and I'm ready to do it.

(This information furnished by Emily Holden.)

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City of Pendleton Mayor



McKennon O'Rourke McDonald

Occupation: Grant Coordinator- InterMountain Education Service District

Occupational Background: Educator- Helix School District

Educational Background: University of Portland, BA-Political

Science; Eastern Oregon University, MAT- Elementary Education

Prior Governmental Experience: Pendleton City Councilor-2014 to Present; League of Oregon Cities Board; Pendleton Development Commission; Budget Committee; Airport Commission; Library Board; Air Quality Commission

With a decade in public service, I am strongly committed to making Pendleton a better city for us all. I will work to address our city's priorities so that all Pendletonians can live in the community they deserve.

Priorities:

Strengthening Connections:

Establishing partnerships locally, regionally, and statewide is crucial for our collective strength and addressing shared challenges. I will ensure our city maintains good relationships with businesses, schools, nonprofits, and neighboring communities. Building on Tradition:

Honoring Pendleton's vibrant history while exploring new opportunities is key. Recognizing our past guides us toward a brighter future. With four generations of my family in Pendleton, I value the needs of every segment of our population and aim for a community where we can all thrive.

Fostering Community:

All voices matter, and I'm committed to fostering engagement with local government. Providing quality services and addressing challenges openly builds community trust. Mental health and homelessness are priorities, and I'll collaborate with local partners to find compassionate, effective solutions within our city's capacity.

Commitment to Service:

My decade on the Pendleton City Council has centered on citizen needs. As Mayor, I will continue to approach service with an open mind, valuing community input and delivering results. Planning for Pendleton's Future:

Re-evaluating city goals is essential to ensure that they are relevant and address city needs. I support seeking opportunities to expand jobs, housing, and businesses within our community with a strategic mindset focusing on sustainable growth. Rooted in tradition and equipped with experience, I am ready to turn vision into reality and would be honored to serve as Pendleton's next Mayor.

https://mckennonformayor.org

City of Pendleton Mayor



Joseph Hull

Pendleton - Republican

Occupation: Vice-President Business Development Pendleton, OR.

Occupational Background: Vice-President of 3 large Commercial Construction Companies: Portland, Seattle and

Pendleton with over \$2.5B in Public Projects.

Educational Background: Bachelor's Degree Eastern Oregon University, University of Washington GC/CM; Certification. Presentations to Construction Management Departments: Oregon State University, Central Washington University; Grew up in Pendleton after earliest years Lewis & Clark Black Angus Ranch outside Tri-Cities.

Prior Governmental Experience: Created/Managed Internship Programs within large companies. Provided seminars in project delivery methods throughout the PNW. Presented projects over \$200M to City Councils and Board of Governors. 35-year career leading complex organizations with large financial responsibilities. Presented to Ways & Means at Traveling Road Show in Ontario and Salem.

Serves:

- Pendleton Planning Commission since 2017, last 2 years as President
- · City of Pendleton's Budget committee.
- President of Round-Up City Development Corporation for the last 2 years
- Worked for funding through State and Federal requests: Regional Youth Sports Complex with Senator Hansell and gained \$3M to design/construct phase I.
- Coached youth sports for decades: Pendleton Little League Majors Team and All-Stars in 2023.
- 2018 Chair of Chamber of Commerce EDC: Drew Bledsoe Chamber Dinner

Principal in charge of landmark projects in Pendleton: New Pendleton Fire Station # 1, EORA Airport Renovation, Design/Build Leader for the Round-Up Retail Project, and many more.

Joseph's experience is in leading complex organizations to help develop business in Pendleton. He has been involved in bringing businesses and residential developers to address Pendleton's housing shortage.

Goals as Mayor:

- I) Focus on Quality of Life in Pendleton by working with State, County and Regional governments including law enforcement and Correctional Leaders to address homelessness/mental health issues.
- 2) Build Homes!
- 3) Increase Economic Development
- 4) Committed to Communication with residents: "Meeting with the Mayor" Program.
- 5) Join City Council and City Manager Robb Corbett to create and refine Pendleton's 20-year plan for development and fund growth. "If we can envision it, we can achieve it!"

(This information furnished by McKennon O'Rourke McDonald.)

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(This information furnished by Joseph Hull.)

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City of Pendleton City Council, Ward 1



John E Thomas

Occupation: Therapist

Occupational Background: Psychiatric Social Worker (Oregon Health Authority) 2015-22, Child Welfare Case Worker (Hermiston) 2009-14, Supervisor Child Protective Services

(Pendleton) 2014-15, Lifeways 2006-09, Coffee Hour Host - KUMA 2003-05

Educational Background: Ontario (OR) High School (1987), Northwest University: BA - Church Ministry (1995), Walla Walla University: Master of Social Work (2011)

Prior Governmental Experience: Elected: Umatilla County Special Library District 2017 - Present; Appointed: Pendleton Airport Commission 2004-06, Pendleton Arts Commission 2015-16, Pendleton Historic Preservation Commission 2015-16, Pendleton Budget Committee 2024

I moved to Pendleton in 2002 to take a job at KUMA where I had the honor of hosting Coffee Hour for two years. Through the Coffee Hour, and participation in Leadership Pendleton (2004), I had the opportunity to get to know people from all walks of life doing the work (both paid and unpaid) I felt made Pendleton a really great place to live! I learned these people did their best at what they were passionate about and together they made our town something we are proud to call home.

Just like many of you, I can recognize there are things our community can do better. The economy, the pandemic, and divisive politics have made it more difficult to come together, but for the things that matter we still do. This is why I have decided to run for a position on the Pendleton City Council. I believe the things that unite us as Pendletonians are greater than the things which divide us.

If I'm elected to the City Council, I will focus my time and energy on: 1. Fixing our infrastructure—not just the streets, but also, our public buildings. 2. Building more housing for middle-and low-income working families. 3. Expanding the economy; as measured by the value of new construction, business permits, and activity at the airport. 4. Finding ways for the city to communicate effectively with its residents through newsletters, radio, and social media.

If you trust me with your vote, I'll work with the mayor, my fellow councilors, community leaders, and you to make these goals a reality.

City of Pendleton City Council, Ward 3



Brett Mulvihill

Occupation: Owner at "Brett's Books", 125 S Main St. Pendleton Occupational Background: Executive Owner of Insurance Technology Company, 35 years

Educational Background: B.S., University of Oregon; Business Management

experience

Prior Governmental Experience: Past Home Owner Assn. President; Junior Achievement Instructor: Rotary International.

I am honored to be running for Pendleton City Council, Ward 3. My family has a 40 year history in Pendleton, and I recently purchased the lone bookstore in town. I am committed to attracting and retaining businesses of all size to Pendleton. My prior business experience has been as an owner executive of an Insurance Technology company. I've been involved in local business groups, homeowner associations, and youth sports my entire life.

I am committed to working to improve infrastructure, expanding the economy, working to address the lack of available housing, better communication with the public in regard to decisions made by the city, and to work hard to find solutions to Pendleton's homeless, drug, and mental health situation. This is an area I feel strongly about, and hope to have an impact. In addition, I fully support the development of the regional sports complex. I will work hard to find the balance in helping Pendleton grow, while maintaining the safe, down home feeling that has always made Pendleton attractive.

Pendleton has always been a great place to live, and the community is a supportive, caring one. I want to be a part of Pendleton's future, and will work hard to represent Ward 3. I would be honored to receive your vote.

(This information furnished by John E Thomas.)

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(This information furnished by Brett Mulvihill.)

City of Pendleton City Council, At Large

Steve Campbell

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Occupation: Retired commercial banker

Occupational Background: 43 year career in commercial and municipal finance. Retired 01/05/24 as Vice President and Senior Relationship Manager at regional bank

Educational Background: Oregon State University - BS - Natural Resource Economics

Prior Governmental Experience: Elected Pendleton City Council 2020 to present; Appointed Pendleton Development Commission Advisory Committee 2014 to present

I have lived within the City of Pendleton for 22 years. I was raised in the small Eastern Oregon town of Condon on a commercial cow/calf ranch which my family has owned since 1918. I Eastern Oregon town of Condon. After several moves early in my career, my wife Martha and I chose to put our roots down in Pendleton. We raised our three children here and two children continue to reside in Pendleton. Before my retirement in January of this year, I had a 43 year career in Commercial Finance, and retired as Vice President and Senior Commercial Relationship Manager at a local bank.

I have been honored to serve on the Pendleton Development Commission Advisory Committee since it's inception in 2014. In 2020 I was appointed to fill a vacant position on City Council for a two year term and was reelected in 2020 for an additional two-year term. It is my most sincere goal to serve on City Council for the following term.

I ask for your vote. Thank you!

(This information furnished by Steve Campbell.)

Measure 30-164 Umatilla County

Ballot Title

30-164

ADDS RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR SHERIFF IN UMATILLA COUNTY CHARTER

QUESTION: Shall there be a Umatilla County residency requirement for Sheriff added to the Umatilla County Charter?

SUMMARY: If adopted, this proposal amends the Umatilla County Charter to require the Umatilla County Sheriff be a resident of Umatilla County at the time of taking office and during term of office.

The language in the Charter would be amended to add the following provision: A person must be a resident of Umatilla County to hold the position of sheriff.

Explanatory Statement

In 1992, the voters of Umatilla County adopted the Umatilla County Charter. Since that time, the voters have amended the Charter twice. The Charter establishes the form of county government and the powers of the county and its elected officials.

As required by the Charter, the Board of Commissioners appoints members of the public to review the Charter, and to make any recommended changes. The Umatilla County Charter Review Committee appointed in 2023, reviewed the Charter and made two recommended changes.

The requirements for the Umatilla County Sheriff do not include any residency requirements. The Committee recommended that the Sheriff be required to be a resident of Umatilla County upon election and for the duration of the term of office. The change has been referred by the Board of Commissioners to the voters to determine if the change to the Charter should be adopted.

The proposed language to be added to the Charter: A person must be a resident of Umatilla County to hold the position of sheriff. A yes vote to this measure will add the language to the Umatilla County Charter. A no vote will keep the current language of the Charter

(This information furnished by John M Shafer, Chair, Board of Commissioners.)

Measure 30-165 Umatilla County

Ballot Title

30-165

INCREASES MINIMUM AGE OF SHERIFF IN UMATILLA COUNTY CHARTER

QUESTION: Shall the age requirement for Sheriff be increased from 21 to 25 years of age in the Umatilla County Charter?

SUMMARY: If adopted, this proposal amends the Umatilla County Charter to require the Umatilla County Sheriff be at least 25 years of age to be a candidate for the office.

The language in the Charter would be amended to read: Any candidate for office of sheriff shall present to the county elections officer a written certification from the Oregon Board of Public Safety Standards and Training showing that the candidate meets the qualifications, is a citizen of the United States of America, and is at least 25 years of age.

Explanatory Statement

In 1992, the voters of Umatilla County adopted the Umatilla County Charter. Since that time, the voters have amended the Charter twice. The Charter establishes the form of county government and the powers of the county and its elected officials.

As required by the Charter, the Board of Commissioners appoints members of the public to review the Charter, and to make any recommended changes. The Umatilla County Charter Review Committee appointed in 2023, reviewed the Charter and made two recommended changes.

The current requirement for a candidate for Umatilla County Sheriff is that any candidate be at least 21 years of age. The Committee recommended that any candidate for Sheriff be required to be at least 25 years of age. The change has been referred by the Board of Commissioners to the voters to determine if the change to the Charter should be adopted.

The proposed revised language to the Charter: Any candidate for office of sheriff shall present to the county elections officer a written certification from the Oregon Board of Public Safety Standards and Training showing that the candidate meets the qualifications, is a citizen of the United State of America, and is at least 25 years of age. A yes vote to this measure will change the age requirement to 25 years. A no vote will keep the current language of the Charter and the age requirement at 21 years.

(This information furnished by John M Shafer, Chair, Board of Commissioners.)

Measure 30-163 Ukiah School District No. 80R

Ballot Title

30-163

BONDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO SCHOOL FACILITY AND SHARED COMMUNITY SPACES

QUESTION: Shall Ukiah School District issue \$1,500,000 in bonds, receive state grant, for deferred maintenance, facilities upgrades, and improve accessibility? 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 proposes general obligation bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,500,000 and has been awarded a \$1,500,000 State matching grant that will be available only if bonds are approved.

If approved bond and grant funds would finance capital costs, expected to include:

- Improvements and repairs to the existing main school building, including
 - o Upgrades to siding, main exterior doors, elevator,
 - o Removal of remaining asbestos
- · Construction of building extension to house
 - o community library to allow greater public access
 - o fitness center to provide indoor educational and activity space for students and community members
- Site improvements, demolition, furnishings, equipment, bond issuance costs.

Bonds may be issued in multiple series; each maturing within 30 years from issuance. The estimated average annual tax rate would be \$3.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Actual levy rate may differ due to final interest rates and changes in assessed value.

Explanatory Statement

Summary of situation:

Ukiah School District currently houses the community library in a building originally built over 100 years ago. Building components such as siding, exterior doors, interior lighting, elevator system are reaching or have reached their end of life. A small amount of asbestos that has been temporarily abated needs to be addressed. There are not District funds for these capital projects without the issuance of general obligation bonds.

If the bond is approved, the increased library capacity, increase in student classrooms spaces, new shared fitness center, and updated building access will greatly improve building functionality, public access, and student academic options. Public access to the library will be increased with increased services to our community. The improvements to the main building will increase energy efficiency, improve health and safety, increase accessibility, and replace needed aging infrastructure to meet current standards. These improvements would allow the District to better serve our community now and meet projected growth in the future.

What would the Bond do?

If approved by voters, the \$1.5 million of bond proceeds and \$1.5 million in matching grant already approved by the State would address two key District needs. The first would be to

provide a building addition to house the library and a new shared fitness center, improve access to the building and support improved ADA compliance. The second would address main building deferred maintenance such as replacing the building siding, replacing the antiquated elevator, upgrading remaining doors and windows, and improving building security.

If the bond is not approved, the District receives no additional funds and no project work will be completed.

How was this plan developed?

A facilities assessment and long-range planning study were conducted by an outside agency. This information was utilized by the school board and community group to develop a set of priorities and goals for the District.

What will this Bond cost?

The current estimate of the Ukiah School District bond project is \$3 million. Only half of this total would be raised by the bond, with the other half awarded to the District in matching funds from the Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching Program. This bond measure is estimated to cost property tax payers in Ukiah School District an average annual tax rate of \$3/\$1000 of assessed value. Actual levy rates may differ due to final interest rates and changes in assessed value.

How will the public be informed of progress?

Should the bond measure pass, the Ukiah School District would report progress on bond projects monthly to citizens as part of the regular school board meetings and would also provide periodic mailings, tours, and events related to construction and renovation updates.

(This information furnished by Laura Orr, Superintendent, Ukiah School District No. 80R.)

Measure 30-163 Arguments

Argument in Favor

To whom it may concern:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Ukiah to express our wholehearted support for the Ukiah School District's General Obligation initiative.

As stewards of our community, we recognize the critical role that education plays in the growth and prosperity of our city. Investing in our schools is an investment in the future of our children and the vitality of our community. The proposed bond will provide much needed funding to address essential infrastructure improvements, facility upgrades, and modernization projects within the Ukiah school district.

We understand the importance of providing a safe, conducive learning environment that empowers our students to excel academically and socially. By approving this bond, we demonstrate our commitment to ensuring that our schools have the resources necessary to meet the evolving needs of our students and educators.

We strongly believe investing in our schools not only enhances educational outcomes but also contributes to the overall economic development of our city. Well-maintained schools attract families and businesses, bolstering property values and fostering a vibrant community.

The City of Ukiah stands firmly behind the Ukiah School District General Obligation

Bond initiative and encourages all residents to support this vital investment in our

children's future. Together, we can build stronger schools and a brighter tomorrow for generations to come.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you require any further assistance or information. We look forward to the continued partnership between the City of Ukiah and the Ukiah School District in advancing educational excellence.

Mayor Clint Barber

City Recorder: Donna Neumann

The Ukiah City council:

Linda Kerr Robert Gasser Dustin Schock Allen Kendall

(This information furnished by Clint Barber, Mayor, City of Ukiah.)

Argument in Favor

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to support GO Bond for the Ukiah school district and library in the city of Ukiah, Oregon. Ukiah is a very small community at the very southern edge of Umatilla County. It is truly a remote community in which opportunities for development like this are not often available.

If Ukiah is awarded this grant, it would allow the school district to build a library that is truly accessible to all of the citizens of Ukiah. The library is currently inside (the very middle) of the public school. For obvious reasons, this makes it somewhat awkward and inconvenient for members of the public to use the library. If Ukiah receives this grant, it will truly be life changing for many in the community. It will be a service that has literally not been possible before now.

With this bond the library, together with the school, will be able to build a space with expanded hours that all can visit, and a community space for people to gather. The idea is to create a welcome and accessible space for community meetings, an easily accessible space to receive professional library services, and a space to access the so far inaccessible, online world. If there was ever a place in today's world that needs these services, it is the City of Ukiah. They are remote and in desperate need of a connection to the online world. Additionally, they have the key players in place through their current employees to make this dream happen. As the Director of the Umatilla County Special Library District, we support the library in Ukiah with tax money to operate. It is our desire to help the Ukiah Library grow and expand services in any way we can. This bond would go a very long way in helping to achieve this objective.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

(This information furnished by Heather Estrada, Umatilla County Special Library District Director)

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Measure 30-163 Arguments

Argument in Favor

To whom it may concern,

As past alumni of the Ukiah School who greatly appreciated the time we spent there, we want to reach out in support of a very important opportunity that would benefit the Ukiah School and Community. Each registered voter in the Ukiah School District area has the opportunity to vote YES on the upcoming School Bond in May. Please do! If together we act to pass this School Bond, the Ukiah School will receive a matching \$1.5 million grant from the Oregon School Capitol Improvement Matching Program. However, this grant will not be received if the School Bond does not get passed. In the century that the school has served our community, its members have never been asked to support in a Bond. This is our opportunity to give back.

The Ukiah School is and always has been the heart of the Ukiah Community. The funds from this bond / grant combination would be used for repairs for our school and improving opportunities fro our students and community. All of these repairs and improvements will greatly benefit current and future generations of students and townspeople.

So many have benefited from their time as part of the school community. We represent a small portion of the Ukiah School Alumni that support this Bond. Please consider voting YES! Best to All,

Lani Mentzer Bass; Tommy Mentzer; Andy Mentzer; Sonja Lawhead Jessen; Sara Gilliland Kinney; Debbie Gilliland Trent; Faith Larmay; Arla Barber Gammond; Lizette Sheff Berryessa; Heather Picard Garrett; Hilary Picard Myers; Bill Springer; Alana Eft Roe; Valdine Moore Skinner; Jason Hartenberger; Inez Douglas Freeman; Mikki Barnes McGirr; Chad Billings; Deanna Brehm Thomas; Debi Coiner Byrnes; Stephanie Zyph; Trista Lawhead Still; Dawn Bowe Alderman; Tracy Meyer; Scott Mays Bob Mays Georgia Hinton Burnett; Don Meengs; Dave Durfey; Tina Evans Cave; Norma Coiner; Cathy Ward Stelk; Amber Rhinehart; Robert Adams; Alea Grace Douglas; Carrie Peterson Chicken

(This information furnished by the Listed Ukiah School Alumni.)

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How the Primary Election in Oregon Works

Each major political party uses the Primary Election to nominate their party candidates for the November General Election. Each state has different rules governing Primary Elections. In Oregon, major parties have the option of choosing a "closed system," meaning only registered voters in that party can vote for candidates of the same party. Or, a major party can choose an "open system" where the major party allows registered voters who are not registered with any party to vote for candidates in their party's Primary Election.

Example of the "closed system": If you are registered with the Democratic Party, you may vote for Democratic candidates, nonpartisan candidates and local or state measures. You cannot vote for a candidate from any other party in the Primary Election.

Example of the "open system": The Republican Party can announce they are going to "open" their Primary Election so people who are not registered with any party can vote for Republican candidates in addition to, the nonpartisan candidates and local or state measures.

If you are registered with a <u>minor political party or as a nonaffiliated voter</u>, only non-partisan and local races will appear on your ballot. Office for the US President, US Congressional, US Senate and State Partisan races will not be listed.

All registered voters can participate in the General Election of the nominated candidates.

