


# Jackson County voters' pamphlet

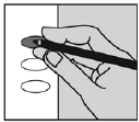


Oregon Vote-by-Mail Special Election

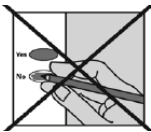
**November 2, 2021**

## VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Examine your Official Ballot and locate the response of your choice. To vote, you must completely darken the oval (  ) to the left of the response of your choice with black or blue ink.



If you vote **both Yes and No** on a measure, it is called an overvote. Your vote **will not count** for that measure.



Contact Jackson County Elections to request a replacement if:

- you make a mistake
- your ballot is damaged or spoiled
- your ballot is lost

or for any other reason.

## RETURN YOUR BALLOT

**By mail:** Mail your ballot as soon as possible to ensure it arrives at Jackson County Elections no later than 8 pm on Election Day.

**Postmarks do not count!**

**In person at an official drop site:** Deliver your ballot to an official drop site no later than 8 pm on Election Day.

### Jackson County Elections

1101 W. Main St., Suite 201, Medford, OR 97501  
(541) 774-6148 [www.jacksoncountyor.org](http://www.jacksoncountyor.org)

## DROP SITE LOCATIONS

DEADLINE TO RECEIVE BALLOTS:

8 PM ELECTION DAY, November 2, 2021

### Jackson County Elections

1101 W. Main St., Suite 201, Medford, OR 97501  
Curbside ballot drop box open 24 hours daily (left lane—W. Main)  
Elections office open 8 am to 4 pm  
(7 am - 8 pm on Election Day)

### Ashland Library

410 Siskiyou Blvd., Ashland, OR 97520  
Curbside ballot drop box open 24 hours daily (alley off Gresham St. by book drop)  
Closes at 8 pm Election Day

### Central Point Library

116 S. 3rd St., Central Point, OR 97502  
Walk up ballot drop box open 24 hours daily (south side of library building, main entrance)  
Closes at 8 pm Election Day

### Eagle Point Library

239 W. Main St., Eagle Point, OR 97524  
Walk up ballot drop box open 24 hours daily (library main branch entrance)  
Closes at 8 pm Election Day

### Medford Library

205 S. Central Ave., Medford, OR 97501  
Curbside ballot drop box open 24 hours daily (parking lot entrance off 10th St.)  
Closes at 8 pm Election Day

### Phoenix Library

510 W. 1st St., Phoenix, OR 97535  
Walk up ballot drop box open 24 hours daily (library main branch entrance)  
Closes at 8 pm Election Day

### Rogue River Library

412 E. Main St., Rogue River, OR 97537  
Walk up ballot drop box open 24 hours daily (library main branch entrance)  
Closes at 8 pm Election Day

### Assistance in Marking Ballot; Allowances and Limitations

Any voter who, due to a disability or inability to read or write, is unable to mark their ballot may receive assistance. The assistance is provided either by two persons of different political parties provided by the county clerk or by some other person chosen by the voter. Any person assisting a voter must follow the direction of the voter as to how to vote the ballot. Also, the person assisting the voter must not afterwards give out any information about how the voter voted. Additionally, a person may not provide such assistance if they are an employer of the voter or an agent of the employer. Also, a person may not provide such assistance if they are an officer or agent of a union of which the voter is a member. (ORS 254.445)

# Measure 15-201 Jackson County

## Ballot Title

# 15-201

## Amends County Charter to Make County Assessor Not Elected Position

**QUESTION:** Should the Jackson County Charter be Amended so that the County Assessor is Not Elected?

**SUMMARY:** Section 20 of the Home Rule Charter of Jackson County ("Charter") provides that the Assessor is an elected administrative officer of the County. Section 21 of the Charter sets forth the qualifications for elected officers of the County including the Assessor. If approved, this measure amends Section 20 of the Charter by deleting the Assessor from the list of elected administrative officers of the County and Section 21 of the Charter by deleting the reference to the Assessor in the list of elected offices for which the qualifications for an elected officer of the County applies.

## Explanatory Statement

The Home Rule Charter of Jackson County, Oregon, which became effective January 8, 1979, identifies which County officers are to be elected. By a vote of the people on November 2, 1999, the Charter was amended to make the County Treasurer an appointed position rather than an elected position. Under Section 20 of the current Charter, the County Commissioners, Sheriff, Assessor, Clerk, and Surveyor are to be elected.

Presently, the qualifications for an elected Assessor are: 1) a U.S. Citizen; 2) age 18 or more; 3) elector and resident of the County one year prior to election; 4) the person has qualified as a registered appraiser or is an appraiser trainee under ORS 308.015 and if an appraiser trainee, notwithstanding ORS 308.015, becomes a registered appraiser within two years after taking office; and 5) the person either has two years of office and accounting experience, including experience in office management activities, or has two years of full-time employment in the office of a county Assessor.

The proposed amendment would remove the Assessor from the list of County elected officers. The County would be able to set different qualifications, including higher education and experience requirements, for the position of County Assessor, it would avoid the distraction of campaigning every 4 years and, if job performance is less than desirable, a recall for an elected official takes much more time and public energy than to remove someone who is appointed. The duties of the County Assessor are heavily regulated by State law so political views have little impact on office operations.

If the proposed amendment to the Charter is approved, the Assessor would be an appointed position in Jackson County. By ordinance, the Board of Commissioners has established that appointed officials report to the County Administrator, who is responsible to the Board. The Assessor in office when the Charter amendment takes effect may continue in office for the term for which then elected.

## Text of the Measure

Be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Jackson County:

**Paragraph 1.** Section 20 and Section 21 of the Home Rule Charter of Jackson County are amended to read:

### Section 20. ELECTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

- (1) The elective administrative officers of the County shall include, in addition to the County Commissioners, the Sheriff, *[the Assessor,]* the Clerk, and the Surveyor.
- (2) The Sheriff, *[the Assessor,]* the Clerk and the Surveyor shall have the powers and duties, and shall serve for the terms of office, presently prescribed, or as may be hereafter prescribed, for them under State law.

### Section 21. QUALIFICATIONS

- (1) An elective officer of the County:
  - (a) Shall be a legal voter of the State; and
  - (b) Shall have resided in the County one year immediately before assuming office.
- (2) In addition to the foregoing qualifications, the Sheriff, *[the Assessor,]* Clerk and Surveyor shall have those qualifications as are now prescribed, or may hereafter be prescribed for them under State law.
- (3) Appointive personnel of the County shall have whatever qualifications the Board of County Commissioners prescribed or authorizes.

**Paragraph 2.** The amendments proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people of Jackson County for their approval or rejection at a special election to be held on November 2, 2021.

**Paragraph 3.** The Assessor in office when this Charter amendment takes effect may continue in office for the term for which then elected.

Note: **Boldfaced** type indicates language proposed to be added; *[brackets and italics]* type indicates language proposed to be deleted.

*(This information furnished by Rick Dyer, Chair, Board of Commissioners, Jackson County.)*

## City of Shady Cove Council Member



### Tanda Murders

**Occupation:** Operations Payments Manager, Rogue Credit Union

**Occupational Background:** Rogue Credit Union 2012-current; Wauna Credit Union 2004-2012

**Educational Background:** None

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

I am a concerned citizen invested in seeing our community thrive. Growing up as a military brat I had an opportunity to experience different community environments. A key reason my husband and I purchased our home in Shady Cove was to raise our family in a small-town environment where community involvement and neighborly support was a focus that we could instill in our child(ren).

I have dedicated my career advocating the philosophy of 'People Helping People' with 17 years of service to members in the credit union industry. Throughout my career I have focused on volunteering:

- Governmental Affairs Committee, Internal Chair, Rogue Credit Union; focusing on education, communication, and advocating for consumer right of choice.
- Southern Oregon Chapter of Credit Union, President; promoting unity through communication, training, and participation in local, state and national projects that support the cooperative spirit.
- Orchard Glade Water Improvement District, Vice President
- Southern Oregon Music Festival Board
- Kiwanis Club of Clatskanie
- Astoria-Warrenton Chamber Business Education Committee

Our city council should be focused on one end goal; develop, maintain, and improve the city we call home. My first goal is to bridge the gap in our council and promote unity. We need to listen to the citizens when developing city ordinances and resolutions. My objective is to bring all perspectives to the table on matters that impact our citizens, support local businesses and events that unite the community while creating an inviting location for tourist and locals alike.

As a full-time working mother, I will provide a fresh perspective to the issues facing our city. With efforts centering on revitalizing the town's beauty, restoring community support, and investing in the future. I will represent the voices of families and refocus efforts to promote and improve our city for a sustainable future.

*(This information furnished by Tanda Murders.)*

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

## City of Shady Cove Council Member



### Paige Winfrey

**Occupation:** Board Chair of a Nonprofit 501(c) (3); Personal Chef for Nonprofit fundraising events; Celebrate Recovery Ministry leader since 2012

**Occupational Background:** Management roles in various event related businesses since 1986; Small

Business owner-operator since 1989; State Certified Peer Support Specialist, Board member, Counselor, and Cooking Skills Instructor at the Nonprofit, Foundations For Recovery

**Educational Background:** Associate of Arts degrees in both Christian Counseling as well as Biblical Studies from Pacific Bible College

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

As a native Southern Oregonian and a resident of Shady Cove since 1999, I have a strong desire to see our community flourish. I raised children here and have grandchildren here as well. Involvement in my community is a priority and an honor. Coming together in unity with a desire to uplift and improve life in Shady Cove is my agenda.

**BRIDGING THE GAP**

Although I have no prior government experience, I have spent the last 12 years committed to community through outreach and service. Through life's experiences and the gifts and talents I have been blessed with, I have been honored to walk alongside many who struggle with life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. I believe that this along with my education puts me in a uniquely qualified place to bridge the gap that plagues our beloved community.

- If elected, I am committed to remaining focused on unifying the leadership and citizens of Shady Cove.

I believe that every decision we make needs to provide opportunity to show understanding and to build relationships. To connect authentically and unite in building a better Shady Cove. As a part of the city council of Shady Cove, this will be my goal.

*(This information furnished by Paige Winfrey.)*

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# VOTER REGISTRATION

*The deadline to register to vote is the 21st day before an election.*

## Registering to Vote

To vote in Oregon you need to be registered in the county where you reside.

You can register if you can answer yes to these three questions:

- Are you a resident of Oregon?
- Are you a U.S. citizen?
- Are you at least 16 years of age?

If you are 16 or 17 years of age, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.

## How to register

You can register to vote online at [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov) or you can get a voter registration card at any of the following places:

- any county elections office
- the Secretary of State's office
- some state agencies such as the Division of Motor Vehicles
- a voter registration drive

You can fill the card out in person or send it in by US mail. You can also print out a registration card online at [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov).

## Updating your voter registration

Once you have registered, you are responsible for keeping your information up to date. You can do this online at [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov) or by completing and returning a voter registration card with the new information. You should update your registration if you do any of the following:

- change your home address
- change your mailing address
- change your name
- change your signature
- want to change or select a political party
- will be away from home on election day



**REMEMBER!**

**All ballots must be received at an official drop site or at Jackson County Elections no later than**

**8 pm, November 2, 2021**

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