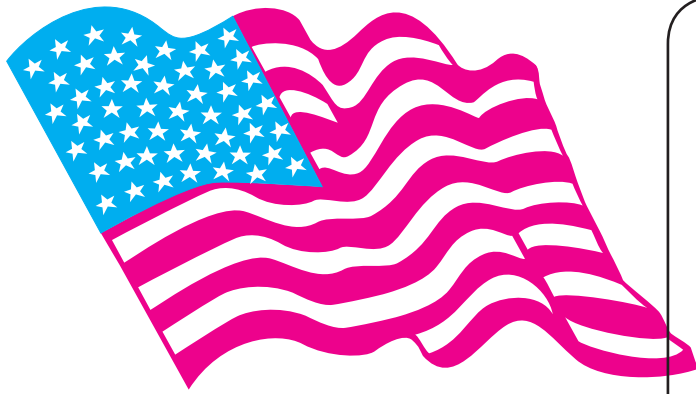


Official Marion County Voter Pamphlet

A Voter's Guide to Local Candidates and Measures
Primary Election • May 18th, 2010



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- ★ Ballots for this Election will be mailed to registered voters on April 30th.
- ★ Voted ballots must be received in an Elections Office or an Official Oregon Ballot Drop Site by 8:00 p.m. May 18th, 2010.

Bill Burgess, Marion County Clerk

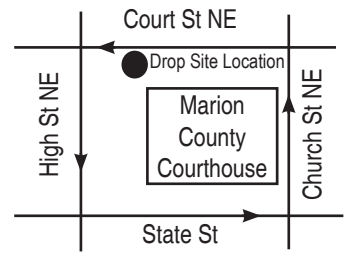
Official Marion County Drop Sites

Notice:

The only outside **Drive-thru** ballot drop site is located in the 500 Block of Court Street, on the north side of the Marion County Courthouse.

Drive-thru Open:

Monday, May 17th and Tuesday, May 18th from 6:00 AM to 7:00 PM *



*** Tuesday, May 18th** the drive-thru will close at **7:00 PM**, however, the walk-in ballot drop site located in the Courthouse Lobby will remain open until **8:00 PM**.

All Marion County Ballot Drop Sites are open normal business hours beginning on May 3rd and will remain open Election Day, May 18th, 2010 until 8:00 PM.

Central & North County

<p>Marion County Courthouse 100 High St. NE, Lobby, Salem</p>	<p>Mon - Fri 8 AM - 5:30 PM</p>	<p>Donald City Hall ** 10710 Main St. NE, Donald</p>	<p>Mon - Fri 8 AM - 4 PM</p>
<p>Marion County Extension 3180 Center St. NE, # 1361, Salem</p>	<p>Mon-Thur: 8:30 AM-5 PM <i>Closed 1 PM - 2 PM</i> Fri: 8:30 AM - 1 PM</p>	<p>Hubbard City Hall 3720 2nd St., Hubbard</p>	<p>Mon - Fri 8 AM - 5 PM <i>Closed Noon - 1 PM</i></p>
<p>Marion County Public Works 5155 Silverton Rd. NE, Salem</p>	<p>Mon - Fri 8 AM - 5 PM</p>	<p>Mt. Angel Public Library 290 E. Charles St., Mt. Angel <i>Closed Mondays</i></p>	<p>Tue: Noon - 6:30 PM Wed: 11 AM - 5 PM Thur & Fri: Noon - 5 PM Sat: 1 PM - 5 PM</p>
<p>Oregon State Fire Marshal 4760 Portland Rd. NE, Salem</p>	<p>Mon - Fri 8 AM - 5 PM</p>	<p>Silverton City Hall 306 S. Water St., Silverton</p>	<p>Mon - Fri 8 AM - 5 PM</p>
<p>U.S. Bank - Keizer ** 5110 River Rd. N, Keizer</p>	<p>Mon - Fri 9 AM - 6 PM</p>	<p>U.S. Bank - St. Paul 20259 Main St. NE, St. Paul</p>	<p>Mon - Thur Noon - 5 PM Fri: Noon - 6 PM</p>
<p>Keizer City Hall 930 Chemawa Rd. NE, Keizer</p>	<p>Mon - Fri 8 AM - 5 PM</p>	<p>Woodburn City Hall ** 270 Montgomery St., Woodburn</p>	<p>Mon - Fri 8 AM - 5:30 PM</p>
<p>Gervais City Hall ** 524 4th St., Gervais</p>	<p>Mon - Fri 8 AM - 5 PM <i>Closed 1 PM - 2 PM</i></p>		

South & East County

<p>Marion County Elections ** <i>Inside Service Only</i> 4263 Commercial St. SE, # 300, Salem Saturday, May 15th 8:30 AM - 1 PM Election Day, May 18th 7 AM - 8 PM</p>	<p>Mon - Fri 8:30 AM - 5 PM</p>	<p>Jefferson Fire Department 189 N. Main St., Jefferson</p>	<p>Mon - Fri 8 AM - 5 PM</p>
<p>DMV, Sunnyslope Shopping Cntr. 4555 Liberty Rd. S., # 300, Salem <i>Closed Mondays</i></p>	<p>Tue - Thur 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM Fri 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM</p>	<p>Stayton Public Library 515 N. First St., Stayton</p>	<p>Mon & Tue: 10 AM - 5:30 PM Wed: Noon - 8:30 PM Thur: 10 AM - 8:30 PM Fri: Noon - 5:30 PM Sat: 10 AM - 4 PM</p>
<p>Aumsville City Hall 595 Main St., Aumsville</p>	<p>Mon - Fri 8 AM - 5 PM</p>	<p>Sublimity City Hall ** 245 NW Johnson, Sublimity</p>	<p>Mon - Fri 9 AM - 4:30 PM <i>Closed for Lunch</i></p>
<p>Turner City Hall 7250 3rd St., Turner</p>	<p>Mon - Fri 8:30 AM - 5 PM <i>Closed Noon - 12:30 PM</i></p>	<p>U.S. Bank - Mill City ** 400 N. Santiam Blvd., Mill City</p>	<p>Mon - Fri 10 AM - 3 PM</p>

**** The site indicated (**)** above has a private area to vote your ballot. You must bring the ballot and Return/Secrecy envelope you received through the mail.

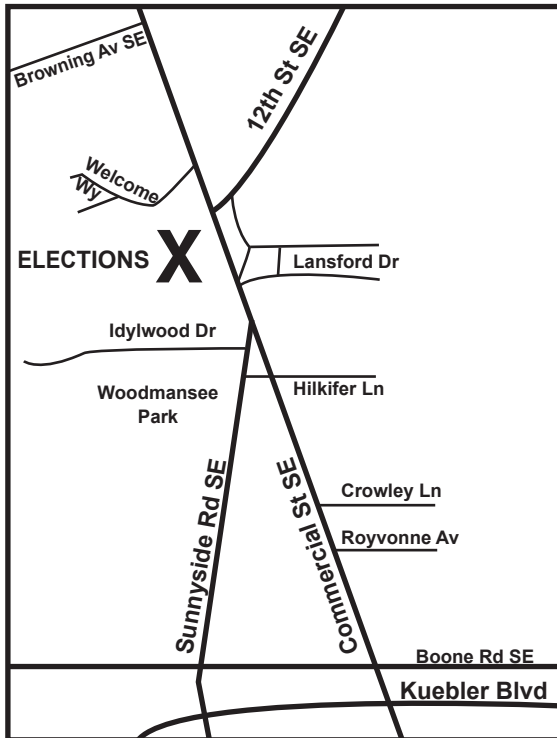
**Ballots for Marion County voters will only be issued from the County Elections Office,
4263 Commercial Street SE, Room 300, Salem.**

Directions to Marion County Elections

A Message from the Clerk . . .



4263 Commercial Street SE #300
Salem, Oregon 97302
503.588.5041
In Kelly Greens Office Park



State Ballot Drop Box Locator



New

Go to <http://www.sos.state.or.us/dropbox/>

The State of Oregon **Ballot Drop Box Map** provides a listing of all official ballot drop sites across the state. Just type in your current address and a list of drop sites close to you will appear along with the hours of operations and driving directions.

Dear Marion County Voters,

This Oregon Primary Election has two purposes. All voters decide on candidates for nonpartisan offices, and on local, county and state measures. Voters registered as Republican or Democrat select candidates to represent that party in the November General Election. Republicans and Democrats also choose precinct committeepersons using a second, smaller, yellow or green ballot.

Contact us if you have not received your mailed ballot by Friday, May 7th.

Please note that we have moved the curbside ballot drop site to the Marion County Courthouse for improved safety, security and wider voter convenience. The election office is still open for walk-in service.

You may now register to vote or update your voter registration on-line at www.oregonvotes.org. For new Oregon voters, April 27th is the last day to complete registration (and obtain postmark if mailed) for the May 18th Primary Election. This is also the last day for currently registered voters to change party affiliation.

If your residential or mailing address has changed, please update your registration with us now. Voter registration forms are available at the courthouse, elections office, most libraries, city halls and post offices, some phone books, and our web site, <http://www.co.marion.or.us/CO/elections/>.

This voter pamphlet is also available in downloadable audio on our website. Independent Living Resources, 503-232-7411, will mail a voter pamphlet on CD or tape on request.

We offer assistive technology for people with ballot access barriers such as blindness, vision or movement limitations. We have a computer-assisted voting station in the election office and by appointment with advance notice at the Clerk's office in the Courthouse. Please bring your ballot envelope. Call our office for additional options, including large print ballots, e-mail deliverable Alternate Format Ballots, or tactile ballots for aid in voting privately and independently. We will problem solve with you to assure any registered voter who wishes to vote does vote.

If you need assistance voting, or have any questions on voting, registration, or the election process, please visit or contact Marion County Elections in Salem at 503-588-5041 or 1-800-655-5388.

Your participation is essential to making democracy work.

Sincerely,

Bill Burgess
Marion County Clerk

Registration Information for the May 18th, 2010 Primary Election


- On-line Voter Registration is now available. Go to www.oregonvotes.org.
- New registrations must be completed and **postmarked** by April 27th, 2010.
- Registration update may be completed through 8:00 PM Election Day, May 18th, 2010.
- To check if you are registered to vote go to:

★ <https://secure.sos.state.or.us/eim/vr/showVoterSearch.do>

If you have questions about registration or voting,
contact the Elections Office: 4263 Commercial St. SE, #300, Salem
Phone 503.588.5041 or 1.800.655.5388 (TTY/TDD line at 503.588.5610)
Fax 503.588.5383 • E-mail: elections@co.marion.or.us
Website: <http://www.co.marion.or.us/CO/elections/>


IMPORTANT BALLOT INFORMATION

If the ballot delivered to you is addressed to someone who does not live at your address or claim that address as a permanent residence:

1. Mark through the address like this: 
2. Return to your mailbox, post office or letter carrier.

~~J.M. Anyone
123 Main St.
Anywhere, USA~~

If the ballot delivered to you is addressed to someone who is deceased:

1. Mark through the address like this: 
2. Write "DECEASED" on the envelope.
3. Return to your mailbox, post office or letter carrier.

~~J.M. Anyone
123 Main St.
Anywhere, USA~~

Notify Marion County Elections **BEFORE** voting the ballot delivered to you if:

- Your name is different than that on the envelope; or
- Your residence address has changed; or
- You have added, deleted or changed a mailing address.

REVIEW THE BALLOT PACKET

When you get your ballot packet in the mail, after May 1st, immediately examine it to make certain it is complete. It should contain the following items:

- Printed ballot(s).
- Insert(s).
- A pre-addressed Return/Secrecy envelope.

If any items are missing, contact Marion County Elections.

Instructions for Voting Your Ballot(s) - To make sure your ✓ote counts:

- **DO NOT** use a felt tip pen to mark your ballot(s). Use a pencil or black ballpoint ink pen.
- Vote the ballot on a hard surface.
- To vote for a candidate whose name appears on the ballot, complete the arrow next to the name of the candidate of your choice like this:

LIKE THIS

JANE DOE ← →
BOB BROWN ← →
SALLY SMITH ← →



NOT THIS

JANE DOE ← →
BOB BROWN ← →
SALLY SMITH ← →



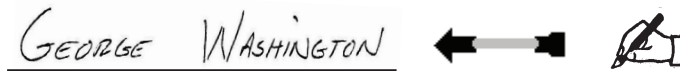
NOT THIS

JANE DOE X ← →
BOB BROWN ← →
SALLY SMITH ← →



- To vote for a candidate **whose name does not appear on the ballot**, write the person's name on the line provided for that office heading labeled "Write In, If Other", then complete the arrow pointing to the write-in line. **It is very important that you complete the arrow pointing to the write-in name. You must do both for your vote to be counted!**

GEORGE WASHINGTON ← →



- To vote on a measure, complete the arrow pointing to either the "Yes" or "No".
- Make no extra marks on your ballot(s). Do not write in the margins.
- If you make an error on your ballot(s), spoil it in any way or lose it, you may obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Elections office at 503.588.5041 or 1.800.655.5388.

★ CHECK YOUR BALLOT(S)

- Make sure you have completely filled in the arrows next to your choices.
- If you vote both Yes and No on a measure or vote for more candidates than allowed, it is called an overvote. Your vote will not count for that measure or candidate(s).
- You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still count.
- If you make an error on your ballot(s), spoil it in any way or lose it, you may obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Elections Office at 503.588.5041 or 1.800.655.5388.

★ RETURNING YOUR VOTED BALLOT(S)

- Place the ballot(s) in the Return/Secrecy envelope and seal it. Do not remove the label.
- Sign the Voter Statement on the back of the Return/Secrecy envelope. Your ballot will not be counted if you do not sign your envelope. →
- To return your ballot by mail, place **one first class** postage stamp on the envelope.
- To return your ballot(s), other than through the mail, you may refer to the list of ballot drop sites in the pamphlet on page 2.
- Your ballot must be received in the Elections Office or an Official Ballot Drop Site by 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 18th, 2010. **Postmark Does Not Count.**

SIGN HERE

VOTER'S STATEMENT

By signing I certify that:

- I am the person to whom this ballot was issued;
- I am legally qualified to vote in the county that issued this ballot;
- I still live where I am registered to vote;
- I voted my ballot and (did not unnecessarily show it to anyone);
- This is the only ballot I have voted this election.

SIGNATURE OF VOTER

WARNING: SIGNING ANOTHER PERSON'S NAME TO THIS ENVELOPE IS A CLASS C FELONY.



Voters with Disabilities Information

Alternate Format Ballot

The Alternate Format Ballot (**AFB**) is a voting tool that is available to voters with disabilities to vote privately and independently if they have access to a computer with a web browser and a printer.

Call 503.588.5041 or 1.800.655.5388 for more information.

Accessible Computer Stations

To accommodate voters with disabilities that do not have access to the required technology to vote the AFB, we have two Accessible Computer Stations (**ACS**). The ACS is available in two locations. You must bring the ballot packet you received through the mail.

1. Marion County Elections, 4263 Commercial St. SE, Salem.
To avoid possible delays, please call 503.588.5041 in advance.

2. Marion County Courthouse, Room 1331, Clerks Office, Salem.
By appointment only. Access is from the first floor. Dates available:
Wed. May 5th thru Tues., May 18th
Hours: Mon - Fri 10 AM- 3 PM.
To schedule an appointment, call 503.373.4473.

Voting Assistance

Any voter can request assistance from the county elections office for help with marking a ballot, using the ACS and AFB. Call 503.588.504, 1.800.655.5388 or TTY/TTD 503.588.5610 to request assistance.

Marion County Voter Pamphlet

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Special Ballot Notes

If you have more than one candidate filed for an office on your ballot, you may notice that the names do not appear in alphabetical order as might be expected. A "random alphabet" is drawn for every election which determines the order in which the names of candidates will appear on the ballot. The alphabet for the May 18th, 2010 Primary Election is as follows:

S, O, P, L, K, X, B, N, Y, Z, J, V, G, E, C, R, D, U, H, M, T, F, I, A, Q, W.

Remember: All ballots will be mailed April 30th.

SAMPLE BALLOT MAY 18th, 2010 • PRIMARY ELECTION

This sample ballot is a composite of all measures and offices appearing on ballots in Marion County. Not all voters will vote on every measure or office.

Republican

NATIONAL

United States Senator
Vote for One

Tom Stutzman
Robin S Parker
Loren Later
G Shane Dinkel
Jim Huffman
Walter H Woodland
Keith Waldron

Write In,
If Other

Representative in Congress
5TH District
Vote for One

Scott Bruun
Fred Thompson

Write In,
If Other

STATE OF OREGON

Governor
Vote for One

Bill Sizemore
John Lim
Darren Karr
Clark Colvin
William Ames Curtright
Chris Dudley
Bob Forthan
Allen Alley
Rex O Watkins

Write In,
If Other

State Treasurer
2 Year Term
Vote for One

Chris Telfer

Write In,
If Other

State Senator
10TH District
Vote for One

Sarah Arcune
Jackie Winters

Write In,
If Other

State Senator
11TH District
Vote for One

Michael W Forest

Write In,
If Other

State Senator
13TH District
Vote for One

Larry George

Write In,
If Other

State Representative
17TH District
Vote for One

Sherrie Sprenger
Bruce Cuff

Write In,
If Other

State Representative
18TH District
Vote for One

Vic Gilliam

Write In,
If Other

State Representative
19TH District
Vote for One

Kevin Cameron

Write In,
If Other

State Representative
20TH District
Vote for One

Vicki Berger

Write In,
If Other

State Representative
21ST District
Vote for One

Marvin Sannes
John Alamarez

Write In,
If Other

State Representative
22ND District
Vote for One

Kathy LeCompte
Tom M Chereck Jr

Write In,
If Other

State Representative
23RD District
Vote for One

Jim Thompson

Write In,
If Other

State Representative
25TH District
Vote for One

Douglas J Heuer
Kim Thatcher

Write In,
If Other

State Representative
59TH District
Vote for One

Britt Storkson
John E Huffman

Write In,
If Other

MARION COUNTY

Commissioner
Position 1
Vote for One

Patricia R Milne

Write In,
If Other

Commissioner
Position 2
Vote for One

Janet Carlson

Write In,
If Other

Democratic

NATIONAL

United States Senator
Vote for One

Pavel Goberman
Loren Hooker
Ron Wyden

Write In,
If Other

Representative in Congress
5TH District
Vote for One

Kurt Schrader

Write In,
If Other

STATE OF OREGON

Governor
Vote for One

Roger Obrist
John Kitzhaber
Bill Bradbury

Write In,
If Other

State Treasurer
2 Year Term
Vote for One

Rick Metsger
Ted Wheeler

Write In,
If Other

State Senator
10TH District
Vote for One

Jeff Goodwin
William Dalton

Write In,
If Other

State Senator
11TH District
Vote for One

Peter Courtney

Write In,
If Other

State Senator
13TH District
Vote for One

Timi Parker

Write In,
If Other

State Representative
17TH District
Vote for One

Richard Harisay

Write In,
If Other

State Representative
18TH District
Vote for One

Rodney E Orr

Write In,
If Other

State Representative
19TH District
Vote for One

Claudia Kyle

Write In,
If Other

State Representative
20TH District
Vote for One

Mike Powers

Write In,
If Other

State Representative
21ST District
Vote for One

Brian Clem

Write In,
If Other

State Representative
22ND District
Vote for One

Betty Komp

Write In,
If Other

State Representative
23RD District
Vote for One

Wesley W West

Write In,
If Other

State Representative
25TH District
Vote for One

Jim Dyer

Write In,
If Other

State Representative
59TH District
Vote for One

Will Boettner

Write In,
If Other

MARION COUNTY

Commissioner
Position 1
Vote for One

Jason Freiling

Write In,
If Other

Measures

See State Voter Pamphlet for full Ballot Title Text of Measures 68 & 69.
The full Ballot Title Text of Local Measures are located on
pages 15–37 in this guide.

Democratic

MARION COUNTY
Commissioner
Position 2 Vote for One
No Candidate Filed
Write In, If Other

Non-Partisan

STATE OF OREGON
Superintendent of Public Instruction
Vote for One
Susan Castillo
Ron Maurer
Write In, If Other

Judge of the Supreme Court
Position 5 Vote for One
Jack L Landau
Allan J Arlow
Write In, If Other

Position 4 Vote for One
Incumbent Rives Kistler
Write In, If Other

Judge of the Court of Appeals
Position 3 Vote for One
Incumbent Darleen Ortega
Write In, If Other

Position 7 Vote for One
Incumbent Robert Wollheim
Write In, If Other

Judge of the Circuit Court
3rd District, Position 4 Vote for One
Incumbent Claudia M Burton
Write In, If Other

Position 6 Vote for One
Incumbent Mary M James
Write In, If Other

Position 10 Vote for One
Incumbent John B Wilson
Write In, If Other

Position 13 Vote for One
Incumbent Tom Hart
Write In, If Other

MARION COUNTY
District Attorney
Vote for One
Walter M Beglau
Write In, If Other

Assessor
Vote for One
Richard K Kreitzer
Write In, If Other

CITY OF SALEM
Municipal Court Judge
Vote for One
Jane Aiken
Write In, If Other

Mayor
Vote for One
Anna Peterson
Chuck Bennett
Write In, If Other

Councilor
Ward 2 Vote for One
Peter J Dassow
Laura Tesler
Write In, If Other

Councilor
Ward 4 Vote for One
Rich Clausen
Write In, If Other

Councilor
Ward 6 Vote for One
Sheryl Ann Dash
Write In, If Other

STATE OF OREGON
Referred to the People by the Legislative Assembly

68
Revises Constitution: Allows state to issue bonds to match voter approved school district bonds for school capital costs.

Result of “yes” vote:
“Yes” vote allows state to issue bonds to match voter approved school district bonds for school capital costs. Dedicates lottery funds for matching funds and repayment.

Result of “no” vote:
“No” vote retains current law prohibiting state and restricting local districts from issuing bonds to pay for school capital costs, including acquisition, construction, repair and improvement.

69
Amends Constitution: Continues and modernizes authority for lowest cost borrowing for community colleges and public universities.

Result of “yes” vote:
“Yes” vote continues and modernizes state authority to issue lowest cost bonds to finance projects for the benefit of community colleges and public universities.

Result of “no” vote: “No” vote rejects modernization of authority to issue lowest cost bonds to finance projects for the benefit of community colleges and public universities.

MARION COUNTY
Proposed by Initiative Petition
24-292

Changes form of Marion County government; adopts home rule charter.

Question: Shall Marion County change its form of government from a statutory general law county to a home rule charter county?

CITY OF STAYTON
Referendum Order by Petition of the People
24-293

Stayton’s Urban Renewal Plan.

Question: Should Stayton’s electors approve the City’s Urban Renewal Plan?

CITY OF JEFFERSON
Referred to the People by the City Council
24-294

Measure proposing a revised Charter for the City of Jefferson

Question: Shall the proposed Jefferson City Charter of 2010 be adopted to replace the Jefferson City Charter of 1988?

CITY OF AURORA
Referred to the People by the City Council
24-295

Amends City Charter provisions on public contracting.

Question: Shall the city amend the city charter’s public contracting provision to require contracting processes be consistent with state law?

Candidate statements are printed in alphabetical order within the contests.

Not all candidates submitted a paid statement to be included in the voter pamphlet.

Measure Arguments are grouped by endorsement type and then placed in order of submission.

**Marion County Commissioner
Position 1**



**Patricia
Milne**
Republican

Occupation: Marion County
Commissioner

Occupational Background: Small
Business Owner

Educational Background: Graduate, Mt.
Lakes High School, Claremont School

Prior Governmental Experience: Marion

County Commissioner; State Representative (1993-1998); Majority Whip, 1995; chair, Human Resources Committee; Task Force on Juvenile Court System and Juvenile Delinquency; chair, Joint Interim Committee on Hispanic Affairs; chair, House Education subcommittee; Ways and Means General Government subcommittee; Vice-chair Woodburn School Board, 1992; Marion County Educational Service District Budget Committee.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: SEDCOR Board of Directors; Blanchet Catholic School President's Advisory Board; Woodburn Chamber of Commerce; Woodburn Rotary

Dear Friends,

Together we've been through good times and tough times — none tougher than this recession that has cost jobs, homes and businesses. **As your Marion County Commissioner, I will continue to work to bring people together to find solutions for today's challenges.** Your continued support is humbling and I look forward to working with you to strengthen our economy and create jobs, keep our communities safe, be a strong voice for agriculture and protect productive farm land.

Sincerely,
Patti

James L. Rasmussen, President/CEO, Modern Building Systems, Inc., former chair of SEDCOR, says:

"As a member of both SEDCOR and the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce boards, I have seen firsthand how Patti Milne has supported Marion County businesses, encouraging them to retain, grow, and create jobs. I trust her to run the county with the same integrity that I run my business."

Peter McCallum, Woodburn City Councilor, Marion County Public Safety coordinating Council member, says:

"As chair of the Marion County Public Safety coordinating Council, Patti Milne has provided strong, positive leadership on public safety issues, making Marion County a safer place to live."

Greg Bennett, President Lake Labish Farms, Inc., says:

"I met Patti several years ago over a farm land use issue. I know where her heart is on productive farm land that produces safe food and provides jobs. Help keep Marion County the leading county in agriculture in Oregon. Please vote Patti Milne for Marion County Commissioner."

*(This information furnished by Patricia R. Milne
and is printed exactly as submitted)*

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

**Marion County Commissioner
Position 2**



**Janet
Carlson**
Republican

Occupation: Marion County
Commissioner

Occupational Background: Small
business owner (consultant), junior
high and high school teacher, student
activities director, state agency manager,
budget analyst

Educational Background: Ph.D., Education and Public Policy, University of Oregon; M.A., Political Science, Brigham Young University; B.A., Political Science, Willamette University; McNary High School graduate

Prior Governmental Experience: 2003-2010 Marion County Commissioner; Association of Oregon Counties Board of Directors (First Vice President), Budget Committee, Children & Families Commission (Executive Committee), Community Corrections Board, Enterprise for Employment and Education (Executive Committee), Fair Board, Housing Authority Board, Jobs Council (Vice Chair), Keizer RIVERR Task Force, Mid-Valley Behavioral Care Network (Chair), Northwest Senior and Disability Services (Budget Committee); 2001-2002 State Representative: Revenue Committee (Vice Chair), Joint Ways & Means Human Services Subcommittee, Commerce Committee, Interim Patient Choice in Health Care Committee (Chair); 1998-2010 Precinct Committee Person; 1997-1999 Administrator, House Human Resources and Children & Families committees; 1996 Interim Director, Lane County Commission on Children and Families; 1991-1995 Budget Manager and Regional Coordinator, Oregon Commission on Children and Families

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Marion County Reentry Initiative; Mid-Valley Mentors (formerly Youth Impact), Board of Directors/Treasurer; Volunteer & Mentor Center Steering Committee; "How Are the Children," producer and co-host of public affairs program on CCTV

FAMILY: Husband D. Kevin Carlson, three grown children, and two grandsons

JANET CARLSON

ENERGY EXPERIENCE RESULTS

"For Position 2, Carlson is the obvious choice. ... Children and families have been her focus as a legislator and in a variety of previous state and local staff positions. ... Her earlier jobs have involved program planning; budgeting and evaluation – skills needed to oversee the county's operations, as well."

– Statesman Journal, October 6, 2002

"The Children of Incarcerated Parents project shows Carlson's ability to carve out one slice of a huge problem and work to solve it. ... Her other priorities include reviewing county programs for effectiveness and protecting farmland."

– Statesman Journal, October 17, 2006

www.janetcarlson2010.com

*(This information furnished by Janet C. Carlson
and is printed exactly as submitted)*

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

**Marion County Commissioner
Position 1**



**Jason
Freiling
Democratic**

Occupation: Operations Manager,
T-Mobile Wireless.

Occupational Background: Sales
Management, Construction, Teamster,
Farm Laborer

Educational Background: Graduated
Silverton High School, Graduated B.S.

Business Administration PSU

Prior Governmental Experience: Silver Falls School District Facility
Planning Commission 2008

Community Involvement: Friends of French Prairie Board, SEDCOR
Board, Salem Chamber, Salem Young Pros Founding Sponsor, United
Way Days of Caring, Marion/Polk Food Share

Committed to Our Community

I was born and raised in Silverton. My family and I continue to reside
in Silverton. I love my community and am committed to maintaining
Marion County as the best place to live and raise a family.

Committed to Quality of Life

I'm committed to maintaining our small towns and rural communities.
As I have traveled around the county I have found that the number of
threats to our quality of life is abundant including such things as the
Sublimity Rock Quarry, Aurora Airport, LNG Gas Line, PGE Power Line
Expansion, and the toll road through North Marion County. All of these
issues have come up in the last couple of months and as Portland
Metro tries to expand into Marion County I can assure you I will be a
voice of balanced reason that will not let our community be destroyed
by special interests.

Committed to Families and Children

I'm committed to improving Marion County's low performance in number
of children at risk and elementary reading performance. This can only
be accomplished by forming strong partnerships between professionals
on the front lines, the business community, non-profits, and the families
themselves having a voice.

Committed to Open Government

I'm committed to all County Management and Board meetings being
open, as well as easily accessible so that hard working residents and
families of our community are heard and a part of the decision making
process.

I ask for your vote to support me in my drive to bring openness, balance,
and accountability to our County Government.

Endorsements:

Marion County Farm Bureau
Oregon League of Conservation Voters

*(This information furnished by Jason Freiling
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Marion County Assessor



**Richard K.
Kreitzer**

Occupation: Marion County Property
Assessor and Property Tax Collector.

Occupational Background: Currently
serving as Assessor and Tax Collector
and have for the past four years; Five
years as residential and farm appraisal
sections Supervisor; Five years as the
farm/rural section Lead Appraiser; Seven
years experience appraising residential,
manufactured structures, farm and
rural properties for tax assessment
purposes.

Educational Background: Education specific for this position:
Bachelor of Science: Western Oregon State - Major in Business
Management & Minor in Mathematics and Statistic; 20 years of
various Oregon Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers
Appraisal and Management courses; Graduate of Stayton High
School in 1974.

Prior Governmental Experience: Local government experience and
longevity this position deserves: Over 20 years in the Marion County
Assessor's Office; Two years in the Polk County Assessor's Office as
a Property Appraiser.

KREITZER:

- I guarantee the collection and distribution of \$330,000,000 + in property taxes to 434 taxing districts and special districts including over \$118,000,000 to school districts alone.
- I recognize that the economy in Marion County has diminished which requires streamlining the property tax system to increase efficiency and cost effectiveness.
- I will continue to improve the web site to allow greater transparency in local government and provide desired information to the public 24/7.
- I will continue to strive for a more cost effective and flexible computer system.
- **I will continue to lead the Assessor's Office with my management experience, integrity and commitment to enhance public relations and customer service.**

I am from Stayton, where my parents owned and operated Kreitzer's
Men's Clothing Store, which is still in the family. My wife of 29 years,
Meera Luthra Kreitzer is from Mt. Angel, she is a principal for the
Salem-Keizer School District. I am also blessed with two wonderful
daughters.

**I CARE ABOUT SERVING YOU, AND ALL CITIZENS
OF MARION COUNTY!**

PLEASE VOTE: RICHARD KREITZER FOR ASSESOR

LEADERSHIP WE CAN TRUST

*(This information furnished by Richard K. Kreitzer
and is printed exactly as submitted)*

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**City of Salem
Municipal Court Judge**



**Jane
Aiken**

Occupation: Salem Municipal Judge

Occupational Background: Private law practice (1984-2006); Salem Municipal Judge Pro Tem, (2000-2006); Deputy District Attorney (1980-1984).

Educational Background: University of Oregon School of Law, J.D. (1978); University of Oregon, B.S. (1975).

Prior Governmental Experience: Chief Justice DeMuniz's Special Courts Advisory Committee; Oregon Department of Transportation - Traffic Safety Committee; Governor's Advisory Committee on DUII; Deputy District Attorney: Marion, Coos, and Benton Counties; Salem Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee; Historic Deepwood Estate Long-Range Planning Committee.

"In my first three years as Salem's Municipal Judge the court has made significant progress in modernizing court practices, improving access to justice and prudently managing our resources."

Judge Jane Aiken worked with our justice system and:

- Established a Violations Bureau;
- Significantly reduced backlogs of minor traffic cases;
- Streamlined the jury trial process;
- Hosted Annual Stakeholder Meetings with members of our justice system to identify areas for court improvement;
- Adopted performance measures for court.

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Salem as Municipal Judge. It is a privilege to work with a dedicated court staff and supportive city leaders who are committed to providing a fair, timely and impartial local court to serve our community."

Judge Jane Aiken will:

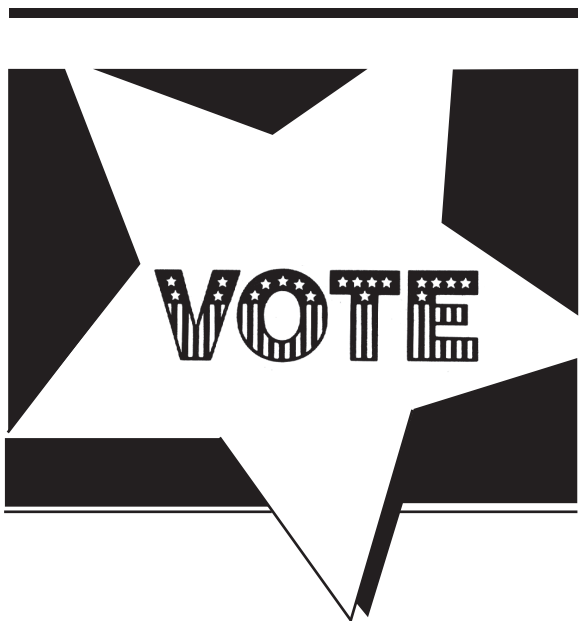
Build on the progress established in her first three years on the bench by:

- Resolving the remaining inventory of backlogged criminal matters;
- Expanding the Violations Bureau;
- Enforcing court orders; collecting delinquent fines and increasing accountability;
- Developing innovative approaches to address increasing caseloads and limited resources.

Judge Jane Aiken has demonstrated proven, successful judicial leadership in Salem's Municipal Court.

Vote to Re-Elect Judge Jane Aiken

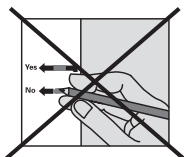
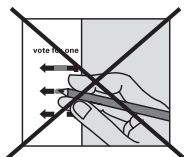
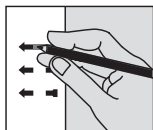
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check your ballot!

Make sure you have fully completed the arrows next to your choices.

If you vote for more candidates than allowed, or if you vote **both** Yes **and** No on a measure, it is called an overvote.



Your vote **will not count** for that candidate or measure.

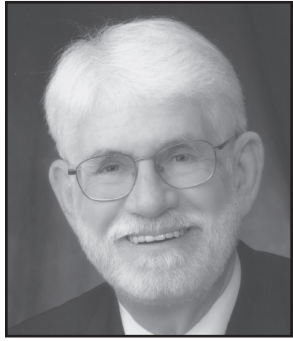
You do not have to vote for everything on the ballot. The contests you do vote on will still count.

Contact Marion County Elections to request a replacement ballot if:

- you make a mistake that cannot be corrected
- your ballot is damaged or spoiled or for any other reason.

503-588-5041 or 1-800-655-5388
<http://www.co.marion.or.us/CO/elections/>
503-588-5610 (TTY/TDD)

**City of Salem
Mayor**



**Chuck
Bennett**

Occupation: Director of Government Relations

Occupational Background: Owner, Santiam Information Services, Inc.; newspaper reporter and editor

Educational Background: BA, Willamette University

Prior Governmental Experience: Salem City Councilor; Salem Planning Commission; Salem Budget Committee; Salem Cultural and Tourism Advisory Board; Salem Library Board; Oregon Law Commission on Government Ethics; Opal Creek Wilderness Advisory Board; Salem Parks Master Plan; Salem Housing Authority; State Representative

Chuck Bennett's record speaks for itself:

- **Jobs:** siting Sanyo (Renewable Energy Industrial Park), developing Mill Creek Industrial Park, Boise Cascade site redevelopment
- **Livability:** unparalleled support for police and fire services, parks, library, streets and planning
- **Balanced budget:** 9 years on Salem Budget Committee keeping high quality services without raising taxes

Chuck Bennett will safeguard our neighborhoods as we respond to state law requiring the city to plan for 300,000 residents jointly in Salem/Keizer. He has the experience and demeanor to successfully lead that effort without rancor while nurturing the qualities we love about Salem.

Chuck Bennett has made a difference in his City Council Ward: Sidewalks being repaired; a railroad quiet zone nearing reality; residential and commercial areas working together; street, water and sewer projects underway. His can-do attitude makes all the difference for livable neighborhoods.

Chuck Bennett brings valuable skills to city issues:

- stable, safe neighborhoods
- well-run essential services
- enhanced livability
- vibrant downtown
- the right businesses in the right places

Endorsed by Salem's Professional Firefighter's Association, Local 314

Vote Chuck Bennett for Mayor

Call Chuck at 503-362-6617

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**City of Salem
Mayor**



**Anna
Peterson**

Occupation: Former business owner and printing company manager

Occupational Background: Manager, Capital Press Printing; Director, Commercial Bank, Loans, Audit and Trust Committees; Development/Marketing Director, Garten Foundation; Director of Development, Alumni Relations, University of Oregon Law School.

Educational Background: BS Journalism, University of Oregon

Prior Governmental Experience: State: Oregon Criminal Justice Commission; Chair, Governor's Meth Task Force. County: Marion County Public Safety Coordinating Council; Meth Task Force. City of Salem: Police Department Community Policing Advisory Committee; President, Public Library Foundation; Downtown Advisory Board; Transit Occupancy Tax Task Force.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP: Co-founder, chair, NO METH-Not in MY Neighborhood; Chair, SEDCOR; President, Historic Elsinore Theatre Board; President, Oregon Symphony Association in Salem; President, Oregon Artists Series Foundation; Oregon Medical Association Amphetamines Task Force; Salem First Citizen, 2003; two-time recipient of Marshall Award, Salem's highest citizen award; Salem Police Department Award of Excellence; Oregon Partnership Drug Prevention Business Leader Award;.

PROGRAM: Make Salem stronger, safer and better by

- Keeping jobs here; attracting new jobs
- Supporting police, fire, ambulance services
- Upgrading water, sewer connectivity systems
- Making Salem more inclusive for all people

--BEING A FULLTIME VOLUNTEER MAYOR

"MY ONLY BOSS WILL BE THE PEOPLE OF SALEM"

ENDORSEMENTS:

Janet Taylor, Salem Mayor	Ellen L Weyant	Cori Frauendiener
Thomas Neilsen, former Salem Mayor		Christine Neilsen
Walter Beglau	Kenneth Sherman, Jr	Nathan Levin
Richard Harcourt	Carolyn Harcourt	Gina Anne Johnnie
Paul J Lipscomb	Michael F Carrick	Byron Hendricks
Karl W Raschkes	Mark Wulf	Charles E Weyant
Michael T McLaran	Gil Feibleman	Jim Heltzel
Bill Mainwaring	William E Brickey	Erich M Paetsch
Richard Pine	Linda Wooters	Mike Wooters
Christopher Casebeer	Alan Costic	Jim Rasmussen
Edwin J Peterson	Salem Area Chamber of Commerce	
Cynthia Addams	Barbara Smith	Michelle Vlach-Ing
Maureen Thomas	Robert J Saalfeld	Alex Sanchez
Dick Withnell	John K Miller	Elaine Sanchez
Gladys H Blum	Warren Bednarz	George M Jennings
John Zielinski	Teresa M Lulay	Darr Goss
Charles A Swank	Page Merrill	Mary Mainwaring
Scott Casebeer	Chris Strum	Yvonne Tamayo
Mike Erdman	Ryan W Collier	Jack Munro

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**City of Salem
Councilor, Ward 2**



**Peter J.
Dassow**

Occupation: Assistant Attorney General,
Oregon Department of Justice

Occupational Background: Attorney/
Consultant, Oregon School Boards
Association; Governmental affairs liaison,
Oregon Restaurant Association

Educational Background: Willamette
University College of Law, J.D. 2003;

Hillsdale College, B.A. 1995

Prior Governmental Experience: n/a

Community Involvement:

Salem Sunrise Rotary
Mentor, Willamette Law
Guest lecturer, Willamette Law
Coach, Salem Parks and Recreation youth basketball

Creating Jobs for Salem’s Future

Without a robust economy, we cannot sustain our current obligations to the people of Salem. We need family wage jobs to beat this recession and keep Salem a great place to live, work, and raise a family. Limiting the barriers for small businesses to grow, expand, and hire more people will mean a better place for us all.

Maintaining Our Quality of Life

I moved to Salem to attend Willamette’s law school and have stayed because I love the neighborhood, the parks, and genuine sense of community. My wife, Bethany, was born here and we live just two blocks from where she grew up. Maintaining Salem’s quality of life depends on working together on a common vision for our future.

Practical Solutions and Knowledgeable Decisions

My experience helping governmental agencies has better allowed me to understand and appreciate the important decisions government makes. I have experience as a volunteer mediator for the Marion County Circuit Court, bringing people together to find solutions for problems they face. My work has shown me that by listening to people’s concerns, preparing for meetings, and understanding all sides of issues, you can find answers to difficult problems. I commit to prepare for and show up at meetings, listen to you, follow through on issues, and work with neighborhood associations and the business community to ensure solutions are practical and reasonable.

Endorsed by:

Bethany Evans,
David Glennie,
Chane Griggs,
James C. Griggs,
Jana Gunn, Gunn & Gunn,
Edward J. Harri,
Jerry Hayes, real estate appraiser,
Karen Kohne,
Wilmar Kohne,
Brian Lathen,
Neil Lathen,
Edwin Peterson, and
Gerald Thompson.

Follow me on Facebook: “Friends of Peter Dassow”

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and is printed exactly as submitted)*

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**City of Salem
Councilor, Ward 2**



**Laura
Tesler**

Occupation: Restoration and
Enhancement Program Coordinator,
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Occupational Background: Natural
Resources Conservation Service 1994-
1997; Oregon Department of Agriculture
1997-2002; Oregon Department of Fish
and Wildlife 2002- present

Educational Background: Oregon State University, B.S. Fisheries
Science 1996

Prior Governmental Experience:Salem City Councilor 2007-present

Thank you for your support over the past three years. As your city councilor, I have worked hard to create jobs, protect natural resources, and respond to the needs of the citizens of Ward 2. Please see www.laurateslerforcitycouncil.com for more information.

If you elect me to a second term, I plan to:

- Continue to put neighborhoods first when making policy and budget decisions
- Support sustainable development that creates jobs and protects resources
- Support construction of a pedestrian bridge to Minto Brown Park – linking three parks into a continuous loop trail
- Continue to support policies that keep downtown Salem vibrant and attractive
- Ensure that important City boards and commissions have broader citizen representation.

The next four years will be critical as far as funding essential services such as fire, police, library, neighborhood support, sustainable planning, and parks. Many policy decisions remain: balancing growth and natural resource protection, keeping downtown businesses healthy, and keeping neighborhoods historic, attractive and livable.

It will be essential to have a knowledgeable and effective representative who will be a strong advocate for Ward 2- and who knows how to get work done. I believe I am the person with the proven skills and experience to represent you on City Council.

Thank you for voting.

Endorsed by:

Oregon League of Conservation Voters
City of Salem AFSCME Union Local 2067
Salem Professional Firefighters Local 314

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**City of Salem
Councilor, Ward 4**



**Rich
Clausen**

Occupation: Project Coordinator, Salem Keizer Public Schools

Occupational Background: Project Manager, Sunco Homes & Remodeling; Project Engineer, Robinson Construction Co.

Educational Background: BS Mechanical Engineering, Oregon State University

Prior Governmental Experience: South Gateway Neighborhood Association Board Member

A City Councilor fills a key position overseeing our local parks, land use and development issues, water and sewer utility rates, public safety, and City fees. Each of these issues affects the quality of life in our neighborhoods and impacts the City's economic environment. Effective representation in our Council will ensure that the City continues to move forward in improving each of these areas in the future.

To be effective, our Council needs to have a broad perspective of Salem's future. This can be gained from work, social, and life experience as well as from solid advice, research, and history lessons. A broad perspective can also be gained from those closest to us. My wife and I have a two-year old daughter who makes me consider events much farther down the road than I have previously. Council needs to develop long term strategies that will enable Salem to be competitive in our local and regional economies.

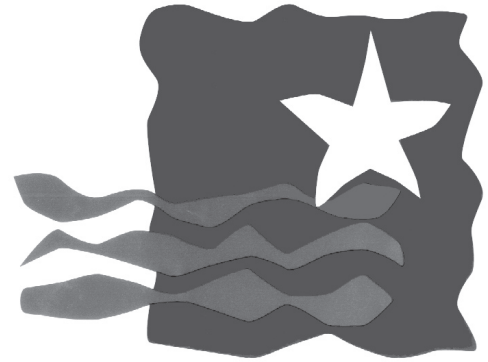
If elected to this office, I will expand my perspective by seeking input from my neighbors in Ward 4 regarding their vision for Salem. This input will come through my position as a board member of the South Gateway Neighborhood Association, the local Neighborhood Watch that my wife and I organize, and through outreach to other community groups. I will also strive to build partnerships with local leaders, service groups, and businesses. This diverse relationship base will enable me to weigh each issue against the City's current strategies, advocate for a balanced City budget, help develop a business-friendly economic environment, and continue the strong leadership established by our current Councilor.

If you would like more information please visit my web site at www.ClausenForCouncil.com.

(This information furnished by Rich Clausen and is printed exactly as submitted)

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DEMOCRACY
...it's not a spectator sport.



VOTE

**Measure No. 24-292
Marion County**

Proposed by Initiative Petition

Changes form of Marion County government; adopts home rule charter.

Question: Shall Marion County change its form of government from a statutory general law county to a home rule charter county?

Statement: Approval of measure would change the form of county government from general law county to home rule charter county. A general law county exercises its powers and duties pursuant to state statutes and by county ordinance. A home rule county performs its functions under the county charter.

The proposed charter would: increase the number of commissioners from three to five; establish five districts of generally equal population; make the offices nonpartisan and elected by district, rather than at large; limit initial commissioner salaries to 2009-10 level; require appointment of charter review committee every ten years; change procedures for adoption and effective dates of ordinances; disqualify county employees from election to county office.

The proposed charter describes the duties for elected nonpartisan offices of clerk, assessor and sheriff; raises the minimum age for these positions to 25 years; eliminates elective office of treasurer and changes justice of the peace from elective to appointive office.

The charter could be amended, revised or repealed only by initiative or referendum approved by the voters.

**HOME RULE CHARTER FOR
MARION COUNTY, OREGON**

The citizens of Marion County adopt this Charter to provide for the exercise of authority over matters of county concern to the fullest extent permissible under the constitution and laws of the United States of America and the State of Oregon.

SECTION 1. Name, Nature, Boundaries and County Seat.

- A. **NAME.** The name of the County as it operates under this Charter shall continue to be Marion County.

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- B. **NATURE AND LEGAL CAPACITY.** Upon this Charter taking effect, and at all times thereafter, Marion County shall continue to be:
 - (i.) An agency of the State of Oregon; and,
 - (ii.) A body politic and corporate.
- C. **BOUNDARIES.** The boundaries of Marion County as it operates under this Charter shall be the boundaries now or hereafter prescribed for Marion County by the laws of the State of Oregon.
- D. **COUNTY SEAT.** The seat of government for Marion County as it operates under this Charter shall continue to be in the City of Salem, Oregon.

SECTION 2. Powers.

- A. **GENERAL GRANT OF POWER.** Except as this Charter provides to the contrary, Marion County shall have authority over matters of county concern to the fullest extent granted or allowed by the laws of the United States of America and the State of Oregon, as if each power comprised in that general authority were specifically granted by this Charter.
- B. **CONSTRUCTION OF POWERS.** This Charter shall be liberally construed to the end that, within the limits imposed by this Charter and the laws of the United States of America and the State of Oregon, Marion County shall have all powers necessary and convenient for the conduct of its affairs, including all the powers that counties may assume under the statutes of the State of Oregon and the provisions of the Oregon Constitution concerning county home rule. The powers shall be construed to be continuing powers. In this Charter, the mention of a particular power or the enumeration of similar powers shall not be construed as exclusive or as restricting the authority that the County would have if the particular powers were not mentioned or the similar powers not enumerated.

SECTION 3. Governing Body.

- A. **MEMBERSHIP.** The governing body of and for Marion County shall be a board of five (5) county commissioners (the "Board of Commissioners" or the "Board").
- B. **DISTRICTS.** For the purpose of electing the county commissioners, five (5) districts shall be established and one (1) commissioner shall be elected from each district. The districts shall be identified as "District 1," "District 2," "District 3," "District 4" and "District 5." Districts shall be apportioned in such a manner so that they

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are generally equally-populated, with no district containing more than one hundred three percent (103%) of any other district. All districts shall be contiguous in land area and as compact as possible. The initial formation of the Districts is as follows:

“District 1” shall include the following precincts: 350,351,352,400,401,402,403,404,405,406,407, 690,691.

“District 2” shall include the following precincts: 301,302,303,310,311,312,313,314,315,320,321, 322,323,324,325,326,327,328,332,333,334,335, 360,361,362,370.

“District 3” shall include the following precincts: 330,331,340,341,342,343,344,345,346,371,372, 373,374,705,715,725,780,781,782,783,784,785, 786,787,788,790,792.

“District 4” shall include the following precincts: 353,505,515,525,535,545,555,580,581,582,583, 584,585,586,587,588,589,590,615,625,635,680, 681,791,815,825,835,845,855,865.

“District 5” shall include the following precincts: 304,316,329,336,354,355,356,363,645,655,665, 682,683,684,685,686,687,688,689,692,693,694, 695,696,697,789,905,915,925,935,981,982.

C. RESIDENCY. In addition to satisfying all other requirements of this Charter pertaining to eligibility and qualification for elective office, county commissioners must have established and maintained, for not less than one (1) year immediately prior to filing to be a candidate for election, his or her principal residence in the district associated with such candidacy.

D. ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

- (i.) A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for its business, but a smaller number may meet and compel the attendance of absent members. No action of the Board shall be valid or binding unless adopted by an affirmative vote of at least three (3) of its members.
- (ii.) The Board shall generally meet twice each month in regular session in a public place in Marion County. At least one of these meetings shall be convened after 5 p.m.
- (iii.) The Board may hold special meetings upon the call of the Board's Chair or a majority of its commissioners, provided notice is delivered to each commissioner not less than twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting.

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- (iv.) Emergency meetings and telephone meetings may be held as provided by the Oregon Open Meeting Law in effect at the time.
- (v.) No commissioner present at a Board meeting shall abstain from voting without first disclosing the reason for the abstention.
- (vi.) At its first regular meeting of each calendar year, one of Commissioners shall become Chair of the Commission and another Commissioner shall become Vice Chair of the Commission. The offices of Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission shall rotate among the Commissioners as follows:
 - a. Year 1 following adoption of this Charter District 1 Commissioner shall be Chair and District 2 Commissioner shall be Vice Chair;
 - b. Year 2 following adoption of this Charter District 2 Commissioner shall be Chair and District 3 Commissioner shall be Vice Chair;
 - c. Year 3 following adoption of this Charter District 3 Commissioner shall be Chair and District 4 Commissioner shall be Vice Chair;
 - d. Year 4 following adoption of this Charter District 4 Commissioner shall be Chair and District 5 Commissioner shall be Vice Chair;
 - e. Year 5 following adoption of this Charter District 5 Commissioner shall be Chair and District 1 Commissioner shall be Vice Chair; and
 - f. The rotation delineated above shall repeat in subsequent years.

If the Commissioner designated to be Chair or Vice Chair is unable or unwilling to carry out his or her duties, then the Board may designate an interim Chair or Vice Chair until such time as the Chair or Vice Chair is able to resume his/her duties, but in no event shall the interim designee serve for longer than the unexpired term of the Chair or Vice Chair. The Vice Chair shall assume the duties of the Chair when Chair is absent.

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- (vii.) The Chair's duties shall include:
 - a. Presiding over the Board's meeting;
 - b. Preserving order at the Board's meetings;
 - c. Enforcing the Board's rules;
 - d. Determining the order of the Board's business under the Board's rules and setting the agenda for any such meeting; and,
 - e. Calling special meetings and executive sessions of the Board as needed.
 - (viii.) The Board Chair has the right and is entitled to discuss and vote upon all questions and issues presented to the Board.
 - (ix.) The Board shall adopt a conflicts of interest policy which, at a minimum, must require disclosure, on the record and prior to any vote, of any potential conflict of interest and recusal from voting where an actual conflict of interest exists.
- E. COMPENSATION FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.** The County Clerk for Marion County shall appoint a five-member compensation commission, composed of qualified human resource professionals with compensation experience, by January 1 of each even-numbered year. This commission shall recommend salaries for the Board's members. The basis for the commission's recommendation shall be documented. No elected or appointed Marion County officer or employee shall serve on the commission. The Board is not obliged to accept the commission's recommendation and may adopt some or all of the commission's recommendation. In addition to salaried compensation, Board members shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses incurred when conducting County business.
- F. PERSONNEL POLICY.** The Board shall establish by ordinance a personnel system for all County employees.
- G. NONDISCRIMINATION.** The appointment and tenure of County personnel shall be in accordance with all state and federal laws pertaining to nondiscrimination.
- H. CHARTER REVIEW.** The Board shall appoint and cause to be convened a Charter Review Committee for the purpose of comprehensively reviewing and recommending amendments to

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Marion County

Text of Proposed Charter Amendment (Cont.):

this Charter. The Charter Review Committee shall be comprised of not less than five (5) members, none of whom are State Senators or Representatives representing districts in Marion County or who are members of the Board. The Charter Review Committee shall be appointed on or before every 10-year anniversary of this Charter's adoption. If necessary, the Charter Review Committee shall adopt rules for the performance of its functions. The Charter Committee may use all appropriate methods of study including but not limited to public hearings and meetings, the taking of testimony, interviewing of witnesses and the use of outside experts and consultants. Not later than one hundred twenty (120) days before the next general election following the Charter Review Committee's appointment, the Charter Review Committee shall report to the voters of Marion County and the Board its findings, conclusions and recommendations including any amendments proposed to this Charter. All amendments recommended by the Charter Review Committee shall be submitted by referendum to Marion County voters at the next general election following the Charter Review Committee's appointment.

I. APPORTIONMENT OF DISTRICTS.

- (i.) Not later than August 1 in the year of the official release of each federal decennial census for Marion County, the County Clerk shall determine the population distribution among the five (5) districts specified by this Charter. If the population of any district is more than one hundred three percent (103%) of the population of any other district, the County Clerk shall prepare by not later than August 10, an apportionment plan for modifying the boundaries of the districts so that the population of no district shall be more than one hundred three percent (103%) of the population of any other district. The County Clerk shall (a) cause the apportionment plan to be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county and (b) convene at least one (1) public hearing for the purpose of obtaining citizen review and comment concerning the apportionment plan. Within ten (10) days after the public hearing, or the last public hearing if more than one is convened, the County Clerk shall submit an apportionment plan to the Board.
- (ii.) The Board shall, within forty-five (45) days after receiving the apportionment plan from the County Clerk, alter the boundaries of the districts to conform to the boundaries

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specified in the Clerk's apportionment plan provided the districts meet the criteria set forth in Sec. 3B above.

- (iii.) No boundary creation, position re-designation or boundary change shall disqualify a commissioner from completing the term of office to which that commissioner was elected or appointed.
- (iv.) The County Clerk and the Board shall make all reasonable efforts to cause any revisions to district boundaries to be effective at least six (6) months prior to the next general election.

SECTION 4. Ordinances.

- A. LEGISLATIVE ACTION.** All legislative action by the county shall be by ordinance or resolution. This section does not preclude the Board from issuing orders or adopting administrative rules.
- B. ORDAINING CLAUSE.** The ordaining clause for an ordinance of the county shall be "Marion County ordains as follows."
- C. ADOPTION.**
 - (i.) Except as this Charter provides to the contrary with reference to emergency ordinances, before an ordinance is adopted it shall be read during regular meetings of the Board on two different days at least six days apart.
 - (ii.) The reading of an ordinance shall be full and distinct unless (a) a copy of it is available for each person at the meeting who desires a copy and (b) the Board directs that the reading be by title only.
 - (iii.) An ordinance to meet an emergency may be introduced, read once and passed at a single Board meeting by unanimous consent of all the Board members present. The ordinance shall specify the nature of the emergency and factual findings sufficient to demonstrate that delay in passing the ordinance will cause immediate harm to life, property or the environment, or that such emergency action will prevent further damage to life, property, or the environment. Ordinary business conditions or a rise or fall in market prices or other foreseeable business conditions shall not constitute an emergency.
- D. AUTHENTICATION.** An ordinance adopted by the Board shall, within three (3) days of its adoption, be signed by the chair of the Board or

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the commissioner who presided at the meeting at which the ordinance was approved.

E. TIME OF EFFECT.

- (i.) A nonemergency ordinance shall take effect on the thirtieth (30th) day after it is signed by the chair of the Board unless (a) it prescribes a later date for it to take effect or (b) it is referred to the voters of the county, in which event it shall take effect only upon passage.
- (ii.) An emergency ordinance may take effect immediately upon being signed by the chair of the Board, or at some other date specified in the ordinance.

SECTION 5. County Officers.

- A. QUALIFICATIONS.** To be qualified to hold an elective office, a person must:
 - (i.) Have established and maintained, for not less than one (1) year immediately prior to filing for election, his or her principal residence in Marion County;
 - (ii.) Be a legal elector of Marion County; and,
 - (iii.) Not be employed by Marion County at the time of election or during the term of office.
- B. ELECTIVE OFFICERS.** In addition to the county commissioners, a Sheriff, Clerk, and Assessor shall also be elected officers of Marion County. This charter shall not affect the selection, tenure, compensation, powers, or duties prescribed by law for the District Attorney.
- C. TERMS OF OFFICE; SUCCESSIVE TERMS; RUNNING FOR OFFICE IN MIDTERM.**
 - (i.) The term of office of a person elected to an elective county office shall:
 - a. Begin the first day of the year immediately following his or her election to the office; and,
 - b. Continue for four (4) years thereafter.
 - (ii.) No elected officer may run for another office in midterm. Filing for another office in midterm shall be the same as a resignation, effective as of the date of filing. "Midterm" does not include the final year of an elected official's term. Filing for another office in the last year of an elective term shall not constitute a resignation.

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D. VACANCIES.

- (i.) An elective office shall become vacant upon the office holder's (a) death, (b) adjudicated incompetence, (c) conviction of a felony or other offense pertinent to his or her office or unlawful destruction of public records, or release of records or breach of confidentiality prejudicial to county administration, (d) resignation, (e) recall or (f) failure to maintain his or her personal residence in Marion County.
- (ii.) The office of county commissioner shall also become vacant if the commissioner is (a) absent from the county for thirty (30) consecutive days without the consent of a majority of the Board, (b) fails to attend all meetings of the Board during any 60-day consecutive period without the consent of a majority of the Board, or (c) fails to maintain his or her personal residence within the district associated with his or her election.
- (iii.) Upon the occurrence of a vacancy in an elective office, the Board shall by ordinance prescribe procedures for designating an interim occupant of the office if the vacancy is to be filled. The person so designated shall serve as acting chair, commissioner, sheriff, assessor or clerk, as the case may be, until the office is filled by election or appointment as hereinafter provided.

E. FILLING VACANCIES. If a vacancy occurs in an elective office and the term of the elective office expires:

- (i.) One (1) year or longer after the vacancy occurs, then a person shall be elected at the next available election date to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of office. If no candidate receives a majority of votes cast at that election, the Board shall call for a special election in which the names of the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall appear on the ballot. The candidate receiving a majority of votes cast will be deemed elected to fill the balance of the unexpired term.
- (ii.) Less than one (1) year but ninety (90) or more days after the vacancy occurs, then the Board shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term of office.
- (iii.) Less than ninety (90) days after the vacancy occurs, the vacancy shall not be filled.

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SECTION 6. County Clerk.

CHIEF RECORD-KEEPING AND ELECTIONS OFFICER. The County Clerk of Marion County shall be the Chief Record-keeper and Elections Officer and shall be an elected official residing within the County. The County Clerk shall devote full time to the duties of the office during the County Clerk's tenure. The County Clerk shall be elected on a county-wide basis, not by district.

A. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The County Clerk of Marion County shall be responsible for:

- (i.) Keeping and maintaining the records of the County governing body;
- (ii.) Recording all files and records of deeds and mortgages and other interests and title to the real property of the County;
- (iii.) Conducting the County's elections; and,
- (iv.) Other duties and responsibilities as may become necessary or as directed by the Board.

B. ELIGIBILITY. A candidate for County Clerk, in addition to possessing the qualifications hereinabove specified as necessary for holding elective office in Marion County, shall be a minimum of twenty-five (25) years of age.

SECTION 7. County Sheriff.

CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER. The Sheriff of Marion County shall be the Chief Law Enforcement Officer and shall be an elected official residing within the County. The Sheriff shall devote full time to the duties of the office during the Sheriff's tenure. The Sheriff shall be elected on a county-wide basis, not by district.

A. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The Sheriff of Marion County shall be responsible for:

- (i.) The enforcement of State law and County ordinances, except as determined otherwise by the Board;
- (ii.) The handling of criminal and civil processes as prescribed by State law and County ordinance;
- (iii.) Administration of the County jails;
- (iv.) The employment or termination of deputies and other personnel of the department in conformance with the County's Personnel Policies; and,

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- (v.) Establishing a basic standard of law enforcement within the County.
 - (vi.) Other duties and responsibilities as may become necessary or as directed by the Board.
- B. **ELIGIBILITY.** A candidate for Sheriff, in addition to possessing the qualifications hereinabove specified as necessary for holding elective office in Marion County, shall:
- (i.) Possess the minimum standards required of a Sheriff under the laws of the State of Oregon;
 - (ii.) Be a minimum of twenty-five (25) years of age; and,
 - (iii.) Possess or obtain not later than one year after taking office, an Intermediate Police Certification from the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. A copy of the certification shall be filed with the County Clerk. The Board shall declare the office of Sheriff vacant if the person serving as Sheriff does not have an Intermediate Police Certification within one (1) year after taking office.
- C. **VACANCY.** In the event of a vacancy in the office of Sheriff, the next most senior ranking officer shall serve as interim Sheriff until the hereinabove provisions for filling a vacancy in an elective office are implemented as prescribed in Section 5(E) hereinabove.

SECTION 8. County Assessor.

CHIEF PROPERTY ASSESSMENT AND TAX COLLECTION OFFICER. The County Assessor of Marion County shall be the Chief Property Assessment and Tax Collection Officer and shall be an elected official residing within the County. The Assessor shall devote full time to the duties of the office during the Assessor's tenure. The Assessor shall be elected on a county-wide basis, not by district.

- A. **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.** The Assessor of Marion County shall be responsible for:
- (i.) Keeping and maintaining the property tax records of the County;
 - (ii.) Assessing the value of real property in the County;
 - (iii.) Collecting property tax in the County; and,

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- (iv.) Other duties and responsibilities as may become necessary or as directed by the Board.
- B. **ELIGIBILITY.** A candidate for Assessor, in addition to possessing the qualifications hereinabove specified as necessary for holding elective office in Marion County, shall be a minimum of twenty-five (25) years of age.

SECTION 9. Elections.

- A. **NONPARTISAN ELECTIVE OFFICES.** All elective offices shall be nonpartisan. Ballots, petitions or declarations of candidacy shall not refer to any political party or to the political party affiliation of a candidate.
- B. **ELECTION PROCESS.** Interested persons shall submit their names for inclusion as a candidate in accordance with the timing and procedures established by the County Clerk. The names of all candidates shall appear on the primary election ballot. If a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for a position at the primary election, the candidate shall be elected to the position. If no candidate for a position at a primary election receives a majority of the votes cast for the position, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared nominees and their names shall appear on the general election ballot.
- C. **TIE-VOTE.** In the event of a tie vote for candidates for an elective office of the county, the successful candidate shall be determined by a public drawing of lots in a manner prescribed by the Board.
- D. **INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.** The manner of exercising the initiative and referendum with reference to a County proposition shall be in the manner prescribed by the constitution and laws of the State of Oregon, unless prohibited by County ordinance passed prior to the instigation of the initiative or referendum, and another manner of exercising the initiative or referendum process has been established by ordinance prior to the instigation of the initiative or referendum.
- E. **RECALL.** An elective officer of the county may be recalled in the manner and with the effect prescribed by the constitution and laws of the State of Oregon.
- F. **CHARTER AMENDMENT AND REPEAL.** This Charter may be amended, revised or repealed by the voters of the County at either a biennial primary or general election or a special election called by the Board.

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- (i.) A completed initiative petition to submit a Charter amendment, revision or repeal to the voters shall be filed with the County Clerk at least ninety (90) days before the election at which the measure is to come before the voters.
- (ii.) The number of signatures of registered voters required on a petition to amend or revise this Charter shall be eight percent (8%) of the total number of voters of the County who voted for the position of governor of the state in the last general election at which this office was filled for a four-year term.
- (iii.) The number of signatures of registered voters required on a petition to repeal this Charter shall be fifteen percent (15%) of the total number of voters of the County who voted for the position of governor of the state in the last general election at which this office was filled for a four-year term.
- (iv.) An ordinance to refer a Charter amendment, revision or repeal to the voters shall be enacted at least sixty (60) days before the election at which the measure is to come before the voters.

SECTION 10. Administration.

- A. ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS AND FUNCTIONS. For purposes of county services and the administration of county affairs, the Board may establish, alter and abolish administrative departments. The Board shall prescribe the functions of each administrative department of the county and may change the functions of any of the departments from time to time.
- B. APPOINTIVE OFFICERS.
 - (i.) Appointive officers of the County are the County Chief Administrative Officer and the County Counsel, each of whom the Board shall appoint and may remove. If a vacancy occurs in any appointive office, or any appointive officer is unable to perform the office's duties, the Board may appoint an interim replacement officer who shall possess all the powers and duties of the office until the Board appoints a successor.
 - (ii.) All appointive officers of the County shall be appointed by the Board based solely on his or her qualifications for the appointive office without regard to political affiliation. All appointive officers shall be responsible for

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- carrying out county policies established by the Board.
- (iii.) All appointive officers shall be appointed for an indefinite term and serve at the pleasure of the Board.
- (iv.) Justices of the Peace shall continue to be appointed in accordance with current County ordinance and state law.

SECTION 11. General Provisions.

- A. EXPENSES AND CAPITAL BUDGETS. Budgets shall be made and approved in accordance with the local budget laws of the State of Oregon.
- B. AUDITS AND PUBLIC CONTRACTS. Audits shall be made and public contracts carried out and approved in accordance with the laws of the State of Oregon.
- C. SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICTS. Special Service Districts shall be created and administered in accordance with the laws of the State of Oregon.
- D. IMPROVEMENTS. The procedure for making, altering, vacating or abandoning a public improvement shall be governed by general ordinance, or, to the extent not so governed, by the applicable state laws.
- E. PROTESTS. A protest or complaint by the owners of two-thirds (2/3) of the property to be specifically assessed for a proposed public improvement shall suspend action regarding the improvement for six (6) months. For the purpose of this section, "Owner" shall mean the record holder of legal title to the land, except that if there is a purchaser of the land according to a recorded land sale contract or according to a verified writing by the record holder of legal title to the land filed with the County Clerk, the said purchaser shall be deemed the Owner.
- F. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT. The procedure for levying, collecting and enforcing the payment of special assessments for public improvements or other services to be charged against real property shall be governed by general ordinance.

SECTION 12. Miscellaneous Provisions.

- A. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Charter shall become effective on the sixtieth (60th) day following adoption by Marion County voters.
- B. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this Charter is held invalid, the other provisions of

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this Charter shall not be affected thereby. If the application of this Charter or any of its provisions to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the application of this Charter and its provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

C. CONTINUITY AND TRANSITION.

- (i.) There shall be no break in the existence or legal status of the County upon or in connection with this Charter's adoption and effect.
- (ii.) All rights, claims, causes of action, contracts, and legal and administrative proceedings of the County that exist when this Charter takes effect continue unimpaired by this Charter after it takes effect.
- (iii.) All County legislation, orders, rules and regulations that are in force when this Charter takes effect remain in force after that time, insofar as consistent with this Charter, without change until amended or repealed.
- (iv.) Elected County officials who are in office at the time this Charter takes effect may continue in office for the term to which each was elected.
- (v.) The County departments existing at the inception of this Charter shall continue until reorganized, unified, abolished or new departments are established.
- (vi.) The County Clerk shall certify the election within twenty (20) days of the election date and shall, within thirty (30) days after this Charter's adoption (a) apportion the districts required by this Charter based on the most recent federal decennial census for Marion County and (b) identify and report the districts to the Board. The Board shall establish a process for verifying the districts and shall adopt the districts by ordinance within thirty (30) days of receipt of the County Clerk's districting report. Districts shall be apportioned in such a manner so that they are generally equally-populated, with no district containing more than one hundred three percent (103%) of any other district. All districts shall be contiguous in land area and as compact as possible. Districts with no elected commissioner residing within their boundaries when established shall not be declared to be vacant. Any such vacancy shall be filled at the next county-wide election occurring

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more than forty (40) days after this Charter's adoption.

- (vii.) Commissioners shall be elected by plurality vote at the first general election held in November following the adoption of this Charter. Thereafter all elections shall be held in accordance with Sec. 9B hereinabove.
 - (viii.) In the first year following the enactment of this charter, salaries and benefits paid to commissioners shall not exceed that of fiscal year 2009-2010. Any existing wage or union contracts shall not be impaired by this Charter's adoption. Thereafter, compensation for elected officials shall be determined by the Compensation Committee pursuant to Section 3(E) hereinabove. This Charter does not change the right of any union to negotiate for wages, benefits or other working conditions.
 - (ix.) Notwithstanding Section 5 of this Charter, for purposes of the election of commissioners in the first election following the adoption of this Charter:
 - a. The commissioner whose term of office expires in 2013 shall be assigned to represent the district in which the commissioner resides on the effective date of this Charter.
 - b. If the commissioner whose term of office expires in 2013 is assigned to an odd-numbered district, then the first term of office of the even numbered districts shall be six years.
 - c. If the commissioner whose term of office expires in 2013 is assigned to an even numbered district, then the first term of office of the other even numbered district and District 5 shall be six years.
 - d. All subsequent elections shall have four year terms pursuant to Sec. 5c. above.
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Argument in Favor:

What's the Problem? The current county governmental system is:

- 1) Outdated. In 150 years it has not once been modernized.
- 2) Unrepresentative. Three partisan commissioners represent all 300,000 population.
- 3) Lacks accountability for decisions. Each commissioner runs at large with limited knowledge of specific area concerns
- 4) Puts all control and decisions in the hands of just two commissioners.
- 5) Prevents commissioners from engaging in informal discussions without violating Oregon's open meeting law, necessitating communication through highly paid staffers.
- 6) Ties county government to only what State statutes allow.

What does this measure do?

- 1) Establishes a Home Rule Charter.
- 2) Increases County's ability to act independently without seeking State authority.
- 3) Establishes five electoral districts of equal population.
- 4) Changes the number of commissioners from three to five who must live in their electoral district.
- 5) Provides cost-savings and administrative efficiencies.
- 6) Changes voting from partisan to non-partisan.
- 7) Provides a transition plan.

Why is this measure good for the County?

- 1) Insures representation by district.
- 2) Removes political bias.
- 3) Creates accountability of one commissioner for 60,000 people rather than 300,000.
- 4) Modernizes government and brings it in line with other large counties which have adopted and used Home Rule effectively.
- 5) Places decision-making into the hands of more people.
- 6) With five commissioners, informal conversations could occur without violating open-meeting laws, resulting in less divisiveness and more collaboration.

Why is this measure good for you?

- 1) You will have a commissioner living in your district who is knowledgeable about your area and issues.
- 2) You will have a designated commissioner directly accountable and responsive to you.
- 3) You will be able to select the best person for commissioner regardless of political affiliation.

*(This information furnished by Mary L. Kamppi,
CityWatch)*

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Argument in Favor:

**Join us, Rick Kimball, non-affiliated voter; Rick Stucky, Democrat; and Bob Cannon, Republican,
in voting Yes on 24-292**

Looking at the facts and not the scare tactics, measure 24-292 will provide **better representation, more accountability, less partisanship and save taxpayers money.**

24-292 **does not change the way the county operates.** It keeps the current county-manager form of government. The change is electing by district, five non-partisan commissioners, and moving the treasurer's functions into the county administrator's department. These changes are no different than how several Oregon counties and most cities in Marion County currently operate.

The duties and responsibilities of the commissioners are very similar to those of the many volunteer city councilors in Marion County. Yet **each commissioner, paid \$100,000 salary/benefits each, employs an expensive personal policy advisor (\$100,000 salary/benefits)** to communicate with the other commissioners prior to decision-making because they cannot have a one-on-one conversation without violating the Public Meetings Law. In essence, we have 3 elected decision-makers and 3 appointed decision-makers. The charter would change that to 5 elected, accountable decision-makers.

The charter **gives voters more representation** while making **communication more efficient, less costly.** The commissioners would no longer need these three expensive personal advisors, thus saving over \$300,000 in salary and benefits to provide for the additional 2 commissioners.

Similar to five other home rule charter counties and all cities, the charter eliminates the elected treasurer position, allowing those **functions to be handled by the County's finance director.**

The proposed charter was reviewed by the County Counsel, who the commissioners rely upon for legal advice. County Counsel determined the charter language **meets Oregon constitutional requirements.**

Contrary to opponents' claims, the charter does not take away the right of citizens to talk with any of the five commissioners.

What the Home Rule Charter does is provide voters with **a more direct means of holding their elected officials accountable.** The rural areas of the county will have **more influence in electing their commissioner.**

(This information furnished by Rick Stucky)

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Argument in Favor:

Vote YES for the Marion County Charter, 24-292

Who asks you to vote YES?

These groups and individuals endorse the Home Rule Charter:

- 1) **League of Women Voters - Marion and Polk Counties**
- 2) **Numerous Marion County farmers, nurserymen, nut growers, vintners and dairymen including:
Dan Goffin (livestock)
Lolita Carl (grass seed)
Marshall Christiansen (dairy)
Melinda Nikko (asian foods)
Victory Estates Olive Orchard (Olives)
Bruce Hunt (hazelnuts)
Elizabeth Miller (Minto Island growers)
Mikkelson Farms (strawberries)**
- 3) **Oregon League of Conservation Voters**
- 4) **Salem Audubon Society**
- 5) **St. Paul City Council**
- 6) **City of St. Paul, Planning Commission Members:
Marcie Garritt, Jim Zielinski, and Sam Smith**
- 7) **Aurora City Council**
- 8) **Bob Cannon, Salem City Councilor, Ward 7
Diana Dickey, Salem City Councilor, Ward 5**
- 9) **Salem Professional Firefighters Assn., Local 314**
- 10) **Prominent Citizens: Robert S. Zeigen, Laura Tesler**
- 11) **Oregon Pioneer PAC**
- 12) **Marion-Polk-Yamhill Counties Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO**
- 13) **Friends of French Prairie**
- 14) **Friends of Marion County**
- 15) **People for a Livable Santiam Valley**

This measure provides for better representation through the election of non-partisan commissioners by district. No matter your interest or location in the county, this measure gives you a voice of your own. We all have unique problems that can be better solved without partisanship by someone near us willing to pay attention. Rural or urban, farming or development, schools or roads, families and children -- you will have a commission which focuses on issues you care about.

Marion County now has a population of over 300,000 people and a budget of more than \$300 million. We are too big for only 3 commissioners. We are the only Oregon county left of our size which still has only 3 commissioners. We are well into the 21st Century; we do not need 19th Century government.

Remember, budget increases will **not** be needed.

We urge you to vote YES.

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*(This information furnished by Roger Kaye,
Have a Voice Everyone (H.A.V.E.))*

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Argument in Favor:

Vote YES for the Marion County Home Rule Charter, 24-292

Measure 24-292 gives voters better, more responsive, accountable representation and a voice of their own.

Measure 24-292 was not written in a back room. Volunteers held two public forums. Two Marion County commissioners participated, as did numerous interested citizens and public officials. Salem City Councilors, plus the City Councils of Keizer, Turner, Aumsville, Stayton, Aurora, St. Paul, and Silverton were consulted. Citizen input was gathered at community events throughout the county in 2008 and 2009.

Attorneys drafted the Charter based on principles established from other Oregon Charter counties with more than 40 years experience under Home Rule. Volunteers collected over 7,000 signatures to get the measure on the ballot.

Decisions by the Marion County Commissioners leave citizens feeling unrepresented. The Charter can:

- **Improve representation, transparency & accountability - District election of Commissioners gives you a Commissioner responsive to your concerns**
- **Reduce the size of government - you get 5 elected representatives, instead of 3 representatives and 3 unelected bureaucrats as currently structured**
- **Save money - approximately \$270,000. The Sheriff, Clerk, District Attorney, and Assessor will not be impacted**
- **Improve democracy - more people would be willing and able to run due to districts**
- **Give citizens a greater voice - you will have an advocate. Night meetings would be required**
- **Improve quality of services without disruption**
- **Improve decision making - 5 heads are better than 3. Resolves quorum problem**
- **End the partisanship inherent in the current system**

Marion County is the only large Oregon county with only 3 commissioners. We're ruled by two. We deserve better. We deserve a Board of Commissioners who will take the advice of its appointed boards and commissions and will seriously consider testimony given at hearings.

If you want a place at the table, vote YES for the Home Rule Charter.

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Argument in Favor:

YES FOR HOME RULE CHARTER MEASURE 24-292

As we write this statement, due March 22, we do not know what the opposition will be saying. Thus far, the only opposition has come from the three sitting highly paid Marion County Commissioners and the Salem Chamber of Commerce. All of their arguments are misleading. Follow the money.

Land use is a big issue when thinking about the Marion County Commission. This is because land use is one of the areas where the commissioners have immense power over people's lives.

We have been volunteering since 1986 helping residents with county land use issues. We have come to realize that Marion County needs five commissioners instead of three. We are too large to have to rely on the decision making abilities of two commissioners (the current quorum).

The proposed five will have a special connection with the area they will represent. Thus, we prefer they be elected by district instead of at large. By coincidence, the current three live in different parts of the county. However, their land use voting records show they do not represent the concerns of the majority of people in those parts of the county.

Marion County voters, in 2007, voted 66% in favor of Measure 49, which protects farm, forest, and groundwater limited land. However, the voting record and public comments made by the current commissioners show their disdain for this and other laws.

Cases in point--approval of:

1. The sale of a portion of a county park to a private owner for the first time in Marion County history despite the fact that all, including their own Parks Commission, testified against it. The sale is not in the public interest and sets a dangerous precedent;
2. A large subdivision on high value farmland in a south Salem groundwater limited area, overruling the neighbors and their Planning Commission;
3. A subdivision in the pristine Elkhorn area.

**Aileen Kaye
Turner, Oregon**

(This information furnished by Aileen Kaye)

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Argument in Favor:

Fictions and Facts about Measure 24-292

Fiction: Adding two county commissioners will increase costs.

Fact: The commissioners set their own salary/benefits (over \$100,000) and hire their own staff. Each current commissioner has a high-paid personal "policy advisor" who makes more money than a commissioner. The Measure's revamping of county treasury functions and elimination of one policy advisor will pay for both new commissioners without affecting other county services.

Fiction: Electing commissioners by district will reduce access to local elected officials.

Fact: Currently the three partisan commissioners are elected countywide, so each represents over 300,000 citizens. Measure 24-292 will elect five non-partisan commissioners by district, so each will represent about 60,000 citizens. It isn't true that people will only be able to talk to the commissioner in their own district. Does any local elected official do this?

Fiction: The proposed charter violates the Oregon Constitution.

Fact: The Marion County Clerk and Legal Counsel reviewed Measure 24-292 and concluded it meets constitutional standards. So has Bob Cannon, a local government lawyer for 30 years who is a former Marion County Counsel and serves on the Salem City Council.

Fiction: If the Measure passes, you will not see growth in Marion County for some time.

Fact: This is a ridiculous scare tactic. Nothing in the Measure changes the county's land use policies. Nothing makes it more difficult for existing businesses to grow and flourish. It's also claimed that urban growth boundaries won't be expanded if the Measure passes, but there is nothing in Measure 24-292 about this.

Fiction: If Measure 24-292 passes, Marion County will need to hold a special election immediately to elect two new commissioners at a cost of \$100,000 to \$250,000.

Fact: The Measure says new county commissioners will be elected at the next November general election. So there won't be any special election or additional costs.

More info: <http://bit.ly/aB9YWP>

(This information furnished by Brian Hines)

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Argument in Opposition:

**SHERIFF OPPOSES CHARTER THAT
IMPACTS PUBLIC SAFETY**

The proposed Marion County Charter will have a significant impact on the Sheriff's Office and public safety in Marion County. This Charter will increase the number of paid County Commissioners to five and grow government in an area that is currently doing an excellent job of serving all citizens of Marion County equally and fairly under its current structure. The proponents say there are no costs increases associated with this change in government; however, after careful review of this charter, I disagree.

Increasing the number of paid Commissioners will increase the operational costs of the Board of Commissioners Office. While the Charter proposes to eliminate the position (and office) of the Treasurer to cover the costs of the additional Commissioners there is no mention of who will assume these very important duties and responsibilities. New positions will need to be created within the County to fill this void.

In my position as Sheriff I have had the opportunity to work closely with our Commissioners on a variety of issues. In each and every situation I have found them to be responsive, engaged, accountable and committed to the greater good of our entire County. The current structure of three Commissioners who are elected at large works; in fact, it works well.

Public Safety is a priority for our Commissioners and our Community. This priority is evident, as 75% of the County's general fund operating budget is appropriated for public safety. Any shift of general fund appropriations (as this charter would require) will create a financial impact on public safety.

Now is not the time to grow our government in an area that is already meeting the needs of our Community. This growth will only compete with public safety funding where the need for these services is great and the resources are few. Please join me in voting NO on measure 24-292.

Jason Myers
Marion County Sheriff

(This information furnished by Jason Myers)

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**Measure No. 24-292
Marion County**

Argument in Opposition:

Please join me in voting **no** on Measure 24-292. Measure 24-292 fundamentally alters our form of government, fragmenting our community into five politically driven districts. Clearly, it expands government.

One cannot help but ask - Was Measure 24-292 written by the people, for the citizens of Marion County, with their collective interests in mind? And Measure 24-292 will cost money. The lion's share of your taxpayer dollar pays for deputy sheriffs, local jail beds and prosecutors. Public safety.

At a time when we can least afford further reductions in public safety, Measure 24-292 threatens the funding of law enforcement services. All at taxpayer expense.

Please join me in voting **no** on Measure 24-292.

*(This information furnished by Walt Beglau,
Marion County District Attorney)*

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**Measure No. 24-292
Marion County**

Argument in Opposition:

WHY DOES MARION COUNTY NEED AND DESERVE AN ELECTED COUNTY TREASURER?

- **An elected county treasurer** is elected by the citizens to represent the citizens.
- **An elected county treasurer** enhances transparency and accountability.
- **An elected county treasurer** lives in the community and has a commitment to that community. County employees can live in any county.
- **An elected county treasurer** has independence in operations and is not subject to political pressures. Investment decisions should be made based on clear, defined criteria, not a political agenda. Your elected county treasurer has the ability to defy that pressure.
- **An elected county treasurer** intimately understands the cash flow requirements of Marion County. Planning for sufficient cash flow is the single greatest investment challenge in any government. This is especially true for counties because of property tax collection. Your elected county treasurer understands these unique requirements.
- **An elected county treasurer** understands that good internal controls and cash handling practices are critical to collecting and safeguarding all of the County's money. Your elected county treasurer has created and trained more than 400 county employees in cash handling and internal controls.
- **An elected county treasurer** has only Marion County as their investment client. A professional money manager has many clients, none of which is exactly like Marion County.
- **An elected county treasurer** understands and works with Oregon Revised Statute requirements that provide safety for your investments. Investment options are strictly detailed in the Statute and are much more restrictive than they were in the 1980's.
- **An elected county treasurer** has personal liability to ensure that taxes are appropriately distributed under Oregon statute. This personal liability provides tremendous incentive to accurately and appropriate distribute your tax dollars.

The citizens of Marion County deserve to have an elected County Treasurer. By electing a County Treasurer you have a choice. You have a voice in how your government works. **Exercise your choice and vote no on 24-292.**

*(This information furnished by Laurie Steele,
Marion County Treasurer)*

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**Measure No. 24-292
Marion County**

Argument in Opposition:

Vote "NO" on 24-292 to:

PROTECT your right to vote for all county commissioners

PROTECT your right to full representation by all county commissioners

PROTECT your right to vote on county tax measures

PROTECT your right to participate in county decisions (no back room dealing!)

PROTECT public safety from potential budget cuts

PROTECT taxpayers from the costly implementation requirements of 24-292 for two additional commissioners' salaries, benefits, staffing and office needs

PROTECT taxpayers from unnecessary and expensive lawsuits to clarify constitutional questions and ambiguities in 24-292's text.

Please join us in voting "NO" on this ill-conceived, poorly written initiative to totally overhaul Marion County government, just as voters rejected this idea in 1964, 1974 and 1982.

Initiative 24-292 would dramatically change the structure and functions of Marion County government, eliminate a critical elected position, take away your right to vote for all county commissioners, reduce your representation in county government, put public safety programs and services at risk, and all at an exorbitant cost to taxpayers.

**Commissioner Sam Brentano, Sublimity
Commissioner Janet Carlson, Salem
Commissioner Patti Milne, Woodburn**

(This information furnished by Janet Carlson, Commissioner)

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**Measure No. 24-292
Marion County**

Argument in Opposition:

What is broken at Marion County that requires over \$500,000 annually in new taxpayer spending to fix? Nothing.

The extended Silverton community has been responsibly represented and well served by being able to elect all of our County Commissioners and then hold them accountable for their work on our behalf. Expanding spending for two new commissioners, office construction, additional support staff, special elections and other costs to the tune of more than **\$500,000 per year** makes no sense. The proposed Home Rule Charter would eliminate our right to elect all of our County Commissioners and limit our direct voter influence to one Commissioner, elected from a small district, rather than three Commissioners. We have enjoyed a solid working relationship with the County Commission, and appreciate having all three commissioners to discuss issues and problems with, not just one.

Open Meetings and Open Public Discussions - Gone?

Marion County has always taken pride in open discussions of the public's business. Commissioners take public discussion very seriously - as they should. The proposed Home Rule Charter will allow any two Commissioners to meet in secret behind closed doors and discuss any public business and make decisions that should be reached in public! Recall the 2004 deliberations by 4 of the 5 Multnomah County Commissioners behind closed doors regarding legalizing same-sex marriage!

The free-flow of public debate could be replaced by back door special interest decisions!

Worse, it will divert scarce tax dollars from public safety to administration. About 75% of the County's general fund supports public safety, including corrections, law enforcement, the courts, and juvenile services. **Absent new taxes** to pay for 2 more commission offices, cuts will come from public safety budgets! We don't need to grow government with more administration. We need those dollars for services that protect public health and safety.

Bigger Government? No Way! Please join me in voting **NO** on Ballot Measure 24-292.

Ken Hector Mayor of Silverton 1993 - 2008

(This information furnished by Ken Hector)

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**Measure No. 24-292
Marion County**

Argument in Opposition:

Salem Area Chamber of Commerce Opposes Home Rule Charter on May Ballot (Measure 24-292)

The Salem Area Chamber of Commerce represents a wide cross section of private sector businesses. The Board of Directors includes small, medium, and large businesses that are committed to the Salem area community and the people of Marion County. The Chamber Board voted unanimously to oppose Measure 24-292 and here's why:

- The proposed charter will add two commissioners to the Marion County Board of Commissioners. Additional commissioners will require an increase in salary, benefits, equipment, and overhead after the first year.
- Additional staff members and advisors will be necessary. For example, the Lane County Commissioner's office, a five-member board, has 21.3 full time equivalent (FTE) employees with an annual budget in excess of \$3.1 million*, while Marion County Commissioner's office has only 14 FTE and a budget of \$1.9 million. Similarly, Clackamas County Commissioner's office has a budget of \$3.2 million*. Thus, the proposed charter could easily cost taxpayers an extra \$1 million dollars in general revenue a year.
- Currently, Marion County residents have access to all three Commissioners providing greater representation for their interests rather than one representative from a specific geographic area.
- Too much power is given to the Marion County Clerk to draw district lines in favor of special interest groups.
- Voters must approve all changes to the charter at a cost of between \$100,000 and \$200,000 per election.
- Several provisions in the proposed charter either violate the Oregon Constitution outright or are so poorly drafted that their meaning is unclear. Passage of the proposed charter will lead to needless and costly litigation.

Marion County is well governed and adequately represents the residents within the county. The last thing we need is to make government bigger and add costs to taxpayers.

Vote **NO** on Measure 24-292

Mike McLaran, CEO
Salem Area Chamber of Commerce

*Source: Marion County Budget, Adopted June 2009

*(This information furnished by Mike McLaran,
Salem Area Chamber of Commerce)*

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**Measure No. 24-292
Marion County**

Argument in Opposition:

**Proposed County Charter Will Divert Scarce Tax Dollars
From Services to Administration**

Marion County currently targets 75% of its general fund operating budget for public safety. This includes the county jail, enforcement, prevention, prosecution, justice courts, and juvenile services. Measure 24-292 will add two new county commissioners to the existing three-person board. Proponents assert that the charter is cost neutral. Even suggesting that adding additional commissioners will reduce expenditures! (Have we ever heard this one before?). None of their suggested budget reductions is required by the charter itself. In fact, proponents have offered three separate spending plans in a futile attempt to cover the natural increased costs of this expensive scheme.

Proponents point to Lane County as a model for Marion County government. They offer budget information out of context to support their idea for cutting board support staff. In actuality, the Lane County Commissioners' administrative office has budgeted 21.3 full-time equivalent positions in 2009. Compare this with 14 positions in the Marion County Board of Commissioners Office.

Declining revenues caused Marion County to cut its budget in 2009 by more than 30 positions. Fifteen of those positions were in the Sheriff's Office.

So ask yourself, would you rather pay for two new commissioners? Or, restore needed jail space? Would you rather pay for increased administrative support staff? Or, would you rather restore needed law enforcement officers?

In the current economic times it seems as though increased county administration may not be the highest and best use of our limited tax dollars. Vote NO on Measure 24-292. Vote to support those services that best protect our health and safety!

(This information furnished by Tyson Pruett, CPA)

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**Measure No. 24-292
Marion County**

Argument in Opposition:

**MARION COUNTY MAYORS OPPOSE
COUNTY CHARTER**

We, the mayors of the Marion County Cities listed below, oppose Measure 24-292 for the following reasons:

- **COST.** There WILL be increased cost. Is this the RIGHT measure to accomplish MORE for Marion County cities to justify the increase in cost? NO. We are concerned that added costs associated with the charter would reduce county resources for public safety and not improve County government. If Marion County residents want five commissioners, there is a better way.
- **REPRESENTATION.** Currently ALL Marion County Cities have THREE commissioners working for them. If the charter is changed, Marion County Cities will have ONE dedicated county commissioner who will have to compete with four others in representation of their city (ies). This is NOT an improvement for Marion County Cities. We need to retain our elected at large status regardless of the number of commissioners and allow ALL commissioners to work for ALL county cities.
- **SUPPORT.** The process used to create the charter provisions did not involve ANY Marion County cities. There were no opportunities for public input that involved our city governments prior to filing of the charter.

What's broken? Why do we need this change? How does it improve county government? Marion County Cities are better served by having ALL commissioners advocate for ALL Marion County Cities. We urge voters in Marion County to reject Measure 24-292.

Mayor Gerry Aboud, Stayton
Mayor Lore Christopher, Keizer
Mayor Todd Deaton, Donald
Mayor Gene Ditter, Sublimity
Mayor Roel Lundquist, Mill City
Mayor Mike Myers, Jefferson

Mayor Shanti Platt, Gervais
Mayor Rick Schiedler, Mt. Angel
Mayor Carly Strauss, Turner
Mayor Janet Taylor, Salem
Mayor Harold White, Aumsville

(This information furnished by Lore Christopher, Mayor)

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**Measure No. 24-292
Marion County**

Argument in Opposition:

Voters Should Not Get “Fleeced” by Voting for Measure 24-292, a Measure That Expands the Number of County Commissioners from Three to Five, Costs Over \$500,000, Limits Who You Elect and Promotes “Secret Meetings”.

Voters beware! By passing Measure 24-292 you will be trading more money into public safety in place of electing two new politicians as County Commissioners. In addition, there will be new offices, new staff, and new expense accounts while the public safety sector of County Government gets slashed. Is that what you want?

By Voting for 24-292, Voters Will Get to Vote for 20% of the County Commission Compared to a 100% Like You Do Today.

It’s true. Today in Marion County, voters get to vote for all three County Commissioners, not just one of them. By passing measure 24-292, voters will get to vote on only 1 of the 5 County Commissioners leaving the decision for the other four up to other voters. Today, as a voter, you have total control over who you support or oppose for all three County Commission positions.

By Voting for 24-292, You will be Supporting “Secret Meetings” by the County Commission Limiting Government Transparency

Currently, Commissioners must open all meetings to the public under Oregon law. The proposed charter will reduce government transparency by allowing the Commissioners to meet in private to decide County matters without any public disclosure before or after the private meetings. Public decisions should be made in public—not during secret meetings held behind closed doors.

For Common Sense Government, Vote NO on Measure 24-292

*(This information furnished by Ross Day,
Common Sense for Oregon, PAC)*

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**Measure No. 24-292
Marion County**

Argument in Opposition:

COUNTY CHARTER IS POORLY WRITTEN

Measure 24-292 would permanently change the structure of the Marion County government. It was written by a handful of people, with no public input, or community participation. It is legally flawed and unconstitutional.

For example, it prohibits a person who works for the county from exercising his or her constitutional right to run for elective office. Besides being unconstitutional, it doesn’t make sense to ban qualified people, who have the experience and training to run a county office, from running for an elected position in that office.

The proponents know the proposed charter is flawed. In fact some have stated that “they will change it once it is adopted.” The problem with that thinking is that you can’t easily “fix” these problems. Even if you can change the problems, it will require a new election to change anything at a significant cost to Marion County citizens.

Additionally, there are many other sections of the charter that are vague, contradictory, or confusing and are likely to be settled in court through litigation. That, too, will be time consuming and an expensive waste of our tax dollars.

If Marion County citizens really want a charter, let’s take the time to do it right. Oregon statutes allow counties to set up a charter committee that invites public testimony, makes sure everyone’s ideas are included, and ensures that it is carefully thought through and written accordingly. Proponents of this charter didn’t do that — and it shows.

The people who are pushing the county charter did *not* do their homework.

Poorly Written Charter + Expensive Litigation = Bad Result

The County Charter Just Doesn’t “Add Up”

Vote NO on Measure 24-292

Mark D. Shipman

(This information furnished by Mark D. Shipman)

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**Measure No. 24-292
Marion County**

Argument in Opposition:

Marion County Republican Party Opposes Measure 24-292

On March 11th, the **Marion County Republican Central Committee** voted unanimously to **OPPOSE Measure 24-292**, the proposed charter. After careful review of this measure, the **Marion County Republican Party** has determined that passage of Measure 24-292 will create an unnecessary expansion of government that will adversely impact the financial as well as the organizational stability of our County government. The Marion County Republican Party urges voters to:

Vote No on Measure 24-292, if you don't want to increase the size and cost of Marion County government by adding two new County Commissioners in the wake of one of the worst recessions since the Great Depression. Measure 24-292 will limit taxpayer dollars needed for public safety officers and critical County services.

Vote No on Measure 24-292, if you don't want to see Marion County's current General Law Charter replaced by a poorly drafted "Constitution" pushed by a small group of people without consultation with Marion County government, Marion County's 22 incorporated cities and towns, the private sector business community, or the general public.

Vote No on Measure 24-292, if you don't want to be disenfranchised as a voter by being limited to voting for only one Marion County Commissioner instead of three, and being unable to vote for the County Treasurer or the County Justices of the Peace.

Vote No on Measure 24-292, if you don't want the Marion County Clerk to have broad unilateral powers to redistrict the County after the 2010 United States Census without any input from elected County officials, or oversight by any board or commission.

Vote No on Measure 24-292, if you don't want Marion County government to be caught up in costly litigation (paid for by taxpayers) triggered by legal inconsistencies of the proposed charter in relationship to the Oregon State Constitution.

Don't pay more for less voting rights! Please join the **Marion County Republican Party** in voting **No on Measure 24-292**.

*(This information furnished by David M. Williams,
Marion County Republican Party)*

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**Measure No. 24-292
Marion County**

Argument in Opposition:

Vote No on Measure 24-292: Don't Expand Government and Cut Law Enforcement

Please vote no on Measure 24-292. By supporting this measure you will be increasing the cost of county government by over \$500,000. You will be expanding the current make up of the County Commission from three to five and you will be increasing expenses for offices, staff and professional expenses.

Vote No on Measure 24-292: We Need more Patrol in our Neighborhoods, Not More County Commissioners

We need to set priorities. Adding two new elected County Commissioners isn't important compared to increasing funding for the Sheriff's office, expanding Search and Rescue operations and beefing up support for our county Jail.

The Sheriff's office has had to make dramatic cuts to their department as a result of a terrible economy. It makes no sense to be adding career politicians to the tax roles while we are cutting essential services like law enforcement.

Oregon Ranks among the Highest in Unemployment, Hunger and Homelessness. Why?

Why does Oregon continue to rank among the highest in unemployment, hunger and homelessness? These are issues we need to focus on, not expanding government and adding new elected representatives at the county commission with added cost in office space, staff and expenses.

Please, Vote NO on Measure 24-292. Let's Get Our Priorities Straight.

*(This information furnished by Kevin Cameron,
State Representative)*

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**Measure No. 24-292
Marion County**

Argument in Opposition:

Vote No: Protect Vital County Services like Public Safety.

It will cost \$500,000 or more to expand the number of paid County Commissioners from three to five members and add the corresponding support staff. How will Marion County pay for this? With approximately 75% of Marion County's general fund operating budget going towards public safety, it is expected that these monies would have to come from cuts to public safety programs like sheriff patrol, the District Attorney, work release and other law enforcement programs. It makes no sense to cut public safety in order to expand County government.

Vote No: County Commission meetings should be held in public, not in private.

If Measure 24-292 passes, two County Commissioners would be allowed to meet in private to shape critical County policies without the public or media's knowledge or involvement. It is this kind of policy that allows for backroom deals with no public input or accountability.

Vote No: Don't restrict Voters ability to elect their County Commissioners and County Treasurer.

By passing Measure 24-292, voters would be restricted to electing only one in five of the County Commissioners compared to the current system, where voters have a say in electing all three of the County Commissioners. Furthermore, Measure 24-292 takes away your right to elect the County Treasurer.

DON'T BE FOOLED. VOTE NO ON MEASURE 24-292

Mike Erdmann, Mid-Valley Affordable Housing Coalition PAC

*(This information furnished by Mike Erdmann,
Mid-Valley Affordable Housing Coalition PAC)*

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**Measure No. 24-292
Marion County**

Argument in Opposition:

Protect Public Safety, Vote No on 24-292—The Expansion of County Commission from Three to Five Costs More than \$500,000

While the Sheriff's Office is Being Cut, Proponents of 24-292 are Proposing Increasing the County Budget to Fund Two New County Commissioners and Their Staff

Measure 24-292 increases the number of County Commissioners from three to five, dramatically increasing the County's budget. At the same time that proponents are proposing to expand the County Commission, the Sheriff's office budget is being cut and patrol units are being scaled back. This leaves citizens throughout the county more vulnerable to crime.

We Need Better Sherrif's Office Response Time, Not More County Commissioners

If Measure 24-292 passes, the Sheriff's patrol response time is at risk of being dramatically cut. This leaves vulnerable citizens, seniors and children left to wait because the Sheriff's office will have far fewer Sheriff's patrol circulating throughout the county.

The Sheriff's Office, the District Attorney, Search and Rescue, Parole and Probation and Jails Could Face Over \$400,000 in Cuts if Measure 24-292 Passes

The Sheriff's office isn't the only area of County Government that could face massive cuts; Search and Rescue, Parole and Probation and jails could all face significant cuts with the money going to fund two new County Commissioners and their staff. This is wrong. We should vote no on Measure 24-292.

*(This information furnished by Charles Adams,
Oregon Anti-Crime Alliance)*

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Measure No. 24-293
City of Stayton

Referendum Order by Petition of the People

Stayton's Urban Renewal Plan.

Question: Should Stayton's electors approve the City's Urban Renewal Plan?

Summary: Stayton's Downtown Urban Renewal Agency presented its urban renewal plan for downtown Stayton which was reviewed, approved and enacted by the Stayton City Council.

The plan's purpose is to facilitate improvements to downtown Stayton, implementing Stayton's Downtown Revitalization and Transportation Plan.

The plan is financed by property taxes which are not increased but, rather, reapportioned in accordance with section 1c, Article IX, Oregon Constitution and ORS 457.420 — .460. The cost of the Plan per average household is zero dollars.

Measure No. 24-293
City of Stayton

Argument in Favor:

Please vote **YES** for the urban renewal district. **YES** means a better community.

- Property owners will not see any increase in their taxes because of the urban renewal district (URD).
- Stayton is, and has been experiencing a slow, but continual deterioration. Improvements in the district will help reverse the deterioration of the district as well as the entire city.
- Improvements in the district will be a catalyst for rejuvenating the city.
- The URD represents approximately 18% of the city's assessed valuation and less than 7% of the fire district's. This is not a fight between the city and the fire district. Most of us have supported the fire district's call for financial help in the past. The city needs our help now.
- The city and the fire district will not get the incremental property tax revenues within the district, but will continue to receive the current property taxes they now collect.
- In the long run both the fire district and the city benefit.
- The incremental taxes collected above current taxes will fund the urban renewal district.
- Most of the money would be used on infrastructure projects such as streets, sidewalks, water lines, lighting and plantings.
- While 5% of the total funds collected (less than \$500,000) can be used for public buildings, a new city hall will not be built with URD funds. That would come from a city bond levy which needs voter approval.
- This issue is about what is good for the entire community. This is about the future. It is about having a vision. Without a vision, and the will to implement it, the town will continue to decline.

Vote: **YES** for a better community. Vote: **YES** for a better future.

Gerry Aboud
Stayton Mayor

(This information furnished by Gerry Aboud)

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Measure No. 24-293
City of Stayton

Argument in Favor:

Vote **YES** on Stayton’s Urban Renewal Plan.

Why you should vote **YES**:

1. Take pride in your city. Urban renewal is specifically designed to reinvigorate a blighted area of a city and return it to an economically viable district. Compare downtown Stayton (which today is blighted) to Albany, Newport, Tualatin, and Independence which have all enacted urban renewal plans. Urban renewal has been successful in dozens of cities across the state. After *much* citizen input into the planning process over several years, our city council voted to enact a plan which is modeled after other successful plans.
2. You will *not pay a penny* in additional tax. That’s right. Urban renewal is funded from property taxes and property tax will not increase as a result of enacting an urban renewal plan. Only the increases in taxes that would normally occur is used to fund urban renewal. Future incremental revenue from the district is redirected back to the district. Some argue that urban renewal takes revenue from the agencies that are currently receiving it (e.g., the fire district). This is not true. Agencies currently receiving property tax revenue from the district will continue to receive all of what they receive today. These agencies will benefit in the long run as the city’s total property tax revenue increases naturally with the city’s overall development — spurred by urban renewal.

We urge a **YES** vote on Stayton’s Urban Renewal Plan.

“Make a good town better.”

Stayton Urban Renewal PAC, Steve Robinson, Treasurer

*(This information furnished by Steve Robinson,
Stayton Urban Renewal PAC)*

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Measure No. 24-293
City of Stayton

Argument in Favor:

PALS Supports Urban Renewal for Stayton

The Peoples Alliance for Livability in Santiam Valley endorses the vote of the Stayton City Council to establish an urban renewal area encompassing Stayton’s historically important downtown and residential neighborhoods surrounding it.

PALS is a citizen activist group concerned with improving local livability and we believe a vigorous and vibrant downtown is one of the best measures of a healthy community.

We believe the best mechanism to revitalize our slowly deteriorating downtown is the creation of an urban renewal district. Carefully managed this district would allow the city to focus funding on improving infrastructure and beautification projects.

We’ve observed that the decision to initiate this district was the result of extensive citizen involvement including both elected officials and many interested residents. We believe that that’s how democracy works and that the proposal to create an urban renewal district in Stayton reflects the will of citizens to move Stayton into a vitally progressive future.

PALS commends the Stayton city council for its vision and urges voters to approve an urban renewal district as a positive step forward for the livability of the whole Stayton community.

John Brandt

*(This information furnished by John Brandt,
The Peoples Alliance for Livability in the Santiam Valley)*

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Measure No. 24-293
City of Stayton

Argument in Opposition:

You are urged to vote **NO** on Stayton's Urban Renewal Plan, Measure 24-293.

Reasons for a **NO** vote include:

1. The area affected by the plan is too large; it extends from Water Street on the south to Cedar Street on the north; from Evergreen Street on the west to 7th Avenue on the east.
2. Although there will be a cost to all divisions of the City of Stayton as well as the Stayton Fire District, the North Santiam School District, the Willamette Educational Service District, Chemeketa Community College, the Mill Creek Soil & Water District, and Marion County, the only benefits, if any, will be to the area outlined by the plan.
3. There is no way of determining what projects, if any, will be completed although tax money will be withheld from each of the taxing districts identified above.
4. Urban Renewal will impose unfunded mandates on the Stayton Fire District. There will be no increased tax revenue to offset the cost of the responsibility to provide fire protection to the increased value in the area.
5. 25% of the estimated \$9,755,240.00 capital cost of the project is to be applied to Street, Pedestrian and Parking Improvements; 25% to Infrastructure Improvements; 5% to Parks and Natural Improvements; 5% to Beautification and 5% to Public Buildings and Facilities. All are the responsibility of the City of Stayton, yet other taxing districts will be required to contribute to those costs, without any opportunity to say **NO**.
6. The City Council of the City of Stayton made the determination to enact Urban Renewal by a 3 to 2 vote. Their lack of universal commitment is a danger sign that should not be overlooked,

Improvements to the downtown area of Stayton need to be made, but they need to be made utilizing City of Stayton resources; not those of the other taxing districts. Your **NO** vote will send that message.

(This information furnished by Ronald L. Lierman)

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Measure No. 24-293
City of Stayton

Argument in Opposition:

The city of Stayton's Urban Renewal proposal (Measure 24-293) is **BAD PUBLIC POLICY**.

A **NO** vote on 24-293 is a statement that voters want their property tax money being used as it is intended; money intended for the Stayton Fire District will be used by the Stayton Fire District; money intended for the North Santiam School District and for Chemeketa Community College will be used as intended. Passage of this measure will result in tax money being **DIVERTED** to purposes for which it was not intended and is **BAD PUBLIC POLICY**.

By the City of Stayton's estimate, the proposed Urban Renewal District will cost the Stayton Fire District in excess of \$900,000.00 during the next 20 years and it will require an additional 11 years for the loss to be recouped. Support of this measure results in unfunded mandates being imposed on the Fire District. Unfunded Mandates are **BAD PUBLIC POLICY**. The City of Stayton reports no loss of revenue will be suffered by the North Santiam School District but that position is disputed. It is estimated there will be a loss of \$156,000.00 in tax revenue to the North Santiam School District over the 20 year life of the proposal. The plan is currently designated to exist for a period of 20 years but there are no assurances there will not be an attempt to extend it for a longer period nor to extend it beyond the current boundaries. The Urban Renewal proposal is **BAD PUBLIC POLICY**.

Even City of Stayton services will suffer if Urban Renewal is approved. The Stayton Police budget will be reduced by approximately 14%; the public library budget by 4%. Utilization of these funds to benefit only the identified Urban Renewal area is **BAD PUBLIC POLICY** and places the remainder of the City of Stayton and its residents at a disadvantage.

Please join with Stayton Citizens for the Right to Vote in voting **NO** on Measure 24-293.

*(This information furnished by Dick Morley
Stayton Citizens for the Right to Vote)*

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Measure No. 24-294
City of Jefferson

Referred to the People by the City Council

Measure proposing a revised Charter for the City of Jefferson

Question: Shall the proposed Jefferson City Charter of 2010 be adopted to replace the Jefferson City Charter of 1988?

Summary: Approving this measure would adopt a revised City Charter, replacing the current Jefferson City Charter of 1988. The Jefferson City Council approved the proposed Charter revisions and by this measure referred the Charter's adoption to the City voters. Adoption of the revised City Charter requires a vote of the people.

The proposed Jefferson City Charter of 2010 makes revisions to the Jefferson City Charter of 1988 that include: modernizing some City procedures, harmonizing internal references to defined terms, codifying historical practices, incorporating authority provided to all cities under state law, modernizing municipal court authority and procedures, removing outdated election procedures that deviate from state law, deleting a provision concerning the City's contract authority that is already governed by state law, and formalizing City Council administrative and quasi-judicial authority as allowed by state law. If approved, the revised Charter would take effect July 1, 2010.

A complete copy of the proposed Jefferson City Charter of 2010 is available for review at City of Jefferson City Hall, 163 North Main Street, Jefferson, Oregon.

Measure No. 24-294
City of Jefferson

Explanatory Statement:

Background

A City Charter acts as the organizational document for a City by establishing the basic structure and powers of city government. A Charter may only be amended by a vote of city voters.

What this Measure Proposes

A yes vote on this measure will adopt several amendments to the City of Jefferson Charter.

The City of Jefferson currently operates under a Charter adopted in 1988. The Charter of 1988 contains several provisions that have been superseded by state law or that unnecessarily restrict the operations of the City in areas that are already governed by state law. The Charter of 1988 also contains procedures that are antiquated and lacks provisions that would allow the City to take advantage of some modern governmental processes. In proposing this revised Charter, the City Council intended to update the Charter and make the most of state laws governing the City.

The proposed Charter contains many amendments. A complete analysis of all the changes is not possible in this explanatory statement. In broad terms, the revised Charter accomplishes the following: modernizes gender neutral references, harmonizes internal references to defined terms, allows state law to control the process of recording council meetings, clarifies Councilor and Mayor vacancy procedures, updates the council committee appointment process to meet current practices, modernizes Municipal Court authority and procedures, removes outdated election procedures that deviate from state law, deletes a provision concerning the City's contract authority that is already governed by state law, allows state law to govern the City's debt limits, and formalizes City Council administrative and quasi-judicial authority as allowed by state law. If approved, the revised Charter would take effect July 1, 2010.

To review the entire proposed Charter and a comparison of the proposed Charter to the current Charter, visit City of Jefferson City Hall at 163 North Main Street, Jefferson, Oregon.

Submitted by:
Sarah Cook, City Recorder
City of Jefferson

Measure No. 24-295
City of Aurora

Referred to the People by the City Council

Amends City Charter provisions on public contracting.

Question: Shall the city amend the city charter's public contracting provision to require contracting processes be consistent with state law?

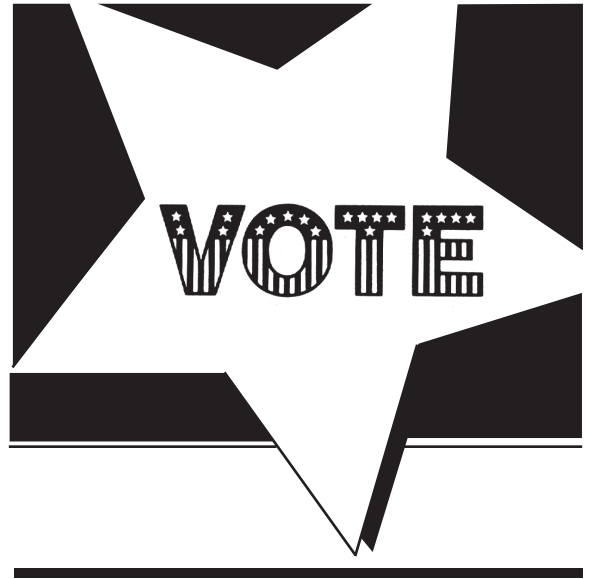
Summary: Currently, the City Charter requires competitive bidding for public contracts greater than \$2,000 and publication by newspaper advertisement for public contracts of \$7,500 or greater. State law has changed and places different requirements on local governments. State law now provides that a city may let contracts of \$5,000 or less in a manner it finds practical and convenient and is consistent with city rules. Contracts of \$5,001 to \$150,000 in value (other than public improvement contracts) may be let after three quotes are solicited. Cities must publish bid solicitation for all public improvement contracts and contracts of \$150,000 or greater. Adoption of this amendment requires the City to let and administer all public contracts in a manner consistent with state law.

Explanatory Statement:

State law on how cities should conduct their public bidding has changed from those in place at the time Aurora's City Charter was adopted. State law now provides that a city may enter into contracts of \$5,000 or less in a manner it finds practical and convenient and is consistent with city rules. Contracts of \$5,001 to \$150,000 in value (other than public improvement contracts) may be entered into after three quotes are solicited. Cities must publish bid solicitation for all public improvement contracts and contracts of \$150,000 or greater.

Adoption of this amendment requires the City to enter into and administer all public contracts in a manner consistent with state law. The proposal does not authorize any spending.

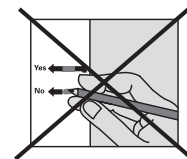
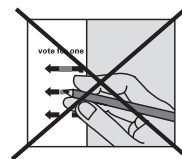
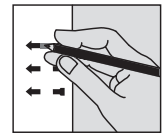
Submitted by:
Kelly Richardson, City Recorder
City of Aurora



check your ballot!

Make sure you have fully completed the arrows next to your choices.

If you vote for more candidates than allowed, or if you vote **both** Yes **and** No on a measure, it is called an overvote.



Your vote **will not count** for that candidate or measure.

You do not have to vote for everything on the ballot. The contests you do vote on will still count.

Contact Marion County Elections to request a replacement ballot if:

- you make a mistake that cannot be corrected
- your ballot is damaged or spoiled or for any other reason.

503.588.5041 or 1.800.655.5388
<http://www.co.marion.or.us/CO/elections/>
503.588.5610 (TTY/TDD)

Visit the Marion County Elections Web Site

"...a valuable resource tool to enlighten and inform..."

<http://www.co.marion.or.us/co/elections>

The Marion County Elections Division is responsible for the development and maintenance of this site, under the direction of the County Clerk. The information is subject to change without prior notice.



**State of Oregon
Ballot Drop Box Locator**
Just type in your current address and a list of drop sites close to you will appear along with the hours of operations and driving directions.
Very Cool. . .



Bill Burgess
County Clerk

Sharon K. Ricks
Elections Supervisor

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May 18th, 2010
Primary Election } **Current**
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Ballot Return Rates
Click on this link to see how many ballots are received for each day of the election. You may compare to other specific elections.
Interesting. . .

- Drop Sites Near Me
- Ballot Drop Sites
- Ballot Daily Return Rates
- Price List for Orders/Order Form
- Demographics
- Election Maps

Election Information
Links to important election dates and deadlines, who has filed for offices, link to the voter pamphlet, and Election Results.
Quick, Fast and Easy. . .

Election Calendar
This provides a resource for a variety of time lines and date specific information as it relates to individual election events.
Serious. . .

- Election Calendar
 - Office News
 - Our location
- Past election results
 - Past measures by district
 - Redistricting Information
 - Voter Eligibility & Registration
 - Voter Pamphlet
 - Candidate and Argument Forms
 - Precinct Committee Persons List- 12/22/09

- Related Links:**
- Election Publications and Filing Forms
 - Oregon Secretary of State
 - "Am I Registered" - Click to Check
 - Voter Registration Card
 - On-Line Voter Registration

Past Election Results
Wow. . .
We have election reports dating back to November, 1989. Looking for grand total results, click on the link that says "**Election Totals**" or "**Accumulative Results**". You want a report by Precinct, click on the "**Canvass**" link.
BROWSER HINT: You may need to scroll left or right.

Shortcut Links to...
Oregon Secretary of State
Check to see if you are registered to Vote in the State. If you are not listed, you may click to print out a paper Voter Registration Card or use the On-Line Voter Registration link.

Avid Surfer?

Visit the Marion County Clerks Home page <http://www.co.marion.or.us/co/> or call 503.588.5225 for information on:

- Board of Property Tax Appeal
- Marriage Licenses
- Recording Deeds, Mortgages, Liens, other
- Liquor License Applications
- Livestock Districts
- Domestic Partnership
- Passport Applications

What If I...?

What if I make a mistake on my ballot?

If you make a mistake that cannot be corrected, call the Marion County Elections Office and request a replacement ballot.

What if I change my mind after I turn in my ballot?

Your ballot has been cast as soon as you deposit it in the mail or at a ballot drop site. After that, you cannot receive a new ballot.

What if I don't vote on everything on the ballot?

Your ballot will be counted.

What if I don't receive my ballot?

If you are a registered voter and don't receive your ballot within five days after they are mailed, call us at Marion County Elections Office at 503.588.5041, 1.800.655.5388, TTY/TDD 503.588.5610.

E-mail: elections@co.marion.or.us

Website: <http://www.co.marion.or.us/CO/elections/>

Can I Vote?

You are eligible to register and vote if:

- You are an Oregon resident.
- You are a U.S. citizen or will be a U.S. citizen before Election Day.
- You are 18 years old by Election Day.
- New registrations must be completed and postmarked by April 27th, 2010.

You need to update your registration if:

- You move or change your mailing address.
- You change your name.
- You wish to change your party affiliation.

What if I've moved?

If you are currently registered to vote in Marion County but have moved within the county, you will need to update your registration by providing your current address(es) to the Elections Office and request that a ballot be mailed.

From Another Oregon County?

If you have been registered in another county in Oregon, but have moved to Marion County, you may still register and be eligible to vote a Marion County ballot.

Voter registration forms are available at:

- All Election Offices, State or County
- U.S. post offices, public libraries, Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles offices or <http://www.oregonvotes.org>
- On-Line Voter Registration is now available.

Remember to . .

SIGN HERE

VOTER'S STATEMENT

By signing I certify that:

- I am the person to whom this ballot was issued;
- I am legally qualified to vote in the county that issued this ballot;
- I still live where I am registered to vote;
- I voted my ballot and (did not unnecessarily show it to anyone);
- This is the only ballot I have voted this election.

SIGNATURE OF VOTER

**Sign
Your
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Envelope!**



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When you are finished with this voter pamphlet please recycle it.

Thank You

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Primary Election

May 18th, 2010

Save this guide
to assist you in voting.

Ballots for the Election will be mailed to registered voters on April 30th.



*“It’s not the hand that
signs the laws that holds
the destiny of America.
It’s the hand that
casts the ballot.”*

President Harry S. Truman