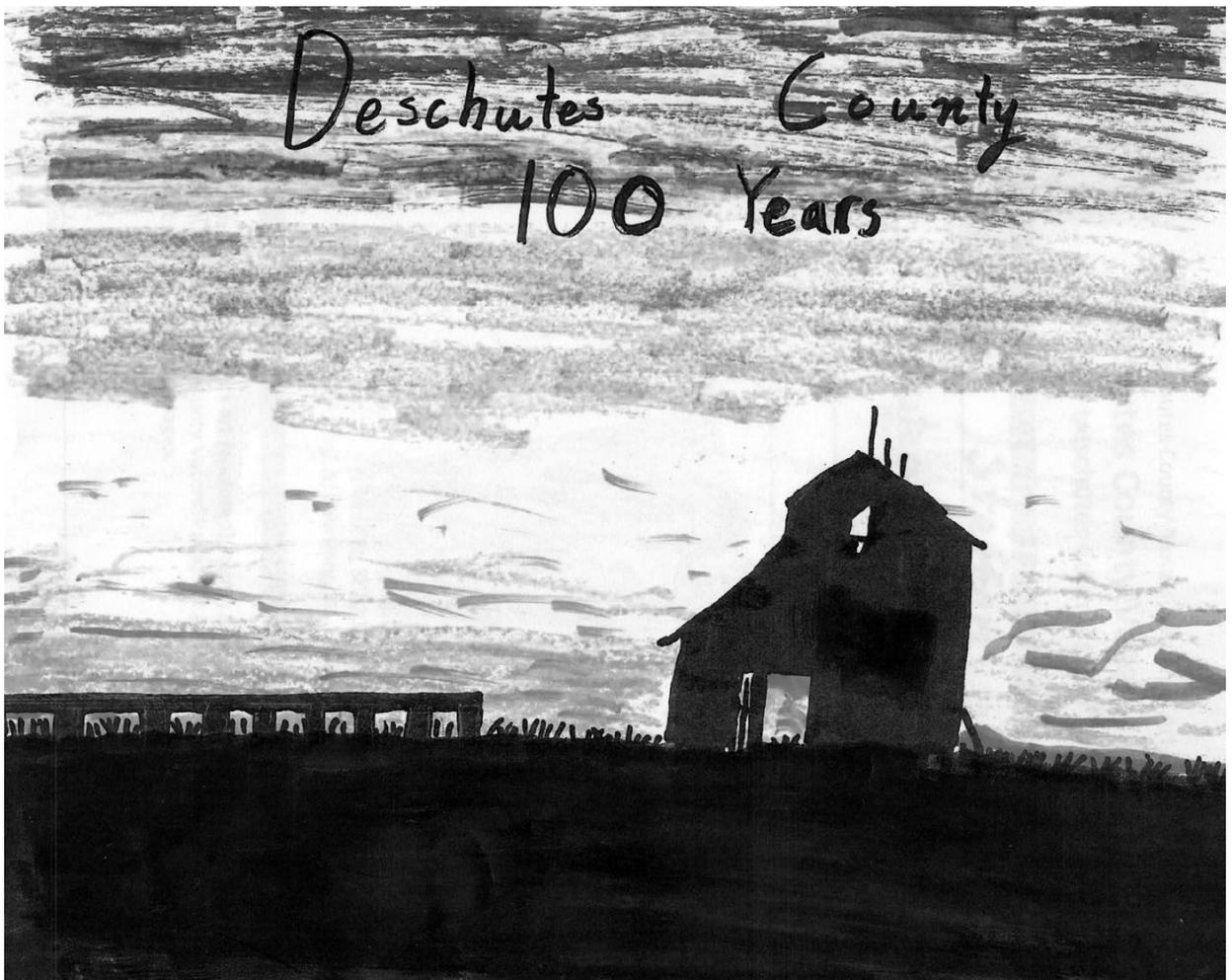


# voters' pamphlet



Oregon Vote-by-Mail Primary Election | **May 17, 2016**



In 1916, Deschutes County was born after voters passed a ballot measure to create a new county from western Crook County territory. In conjunction with the County's 100th Anniversary Celebration, a student art contest was held and the winning entries, themed "Celebrating 100 Years", will be featured on the cover of the County's 2016 Primary and General Election Voters' Pamphlets.

Congratulations to Adriene Steffen, 5th Grade, Sisters Middle School for the winning entry for the Primary Voters' Pamphlet.

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## Attention

This is the beginning of your county voters' pamphlet. The county portion of this joint voters' pamphlet is inserted in the center of the state portion. Each page of the county voters' pamphlet is clearly marked with a color bar on the outside edge. All information contained in the county portion of this pamphlet has been assembled and printed by your county clerk.



## County Clerk's Office

Nancy Blankenship, County Clerk

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Dear Deschutes County Voter:

This is your May 17, 2016 Primary Election Voters' Pamphlet provided by your Deschutes County Clerk's office. It includes information about candidates and measures from local jurisdictions within the boundaries of Deschutes County. Major political parties choose their candidates at primary election. We have inserted the Deschutes County Voters' Pamphlet in the State Voters' Pamphlet to save on mailing costs. The State Voters' Pamphlet includes federal and state candidates and measures.

This pamphlet contains the ballot measures and explanatory statements designed to provide you with impartial and fair information. It also contains paid arguments for or against certain measures. Candidates may also pay to place a statement in the pamphlet to provide you with additional information about them.

Ballots will be mailed by Wednesday, April 27, 2016, to each registered voter. Here are a few things you should know:

- ◆ Voted ballots **MUST** be received at our office or an official drop site location by **8:00 pm, Tuesday, May 17, 2016** to be counted. Remember to sign your ballot envelope.
- ◆ The names of the candidates on your ballot will appear in random alphabetical order. In accordance with ORS 254.155, random ordering of the letters is conducted prior to each election.
- ◆ Not all the candidates or measures in this Voters' Pamphlet will be on your ballot. Your residence address determines those districts for which you may vote. Your official ballot will contain only those issues on which you are eligible to vote, based on where you live.
- ◆ Not all candidates submit information for the Voters' Pamphlet so you may have candidates on your ballot that are not in the Voters' Pamphlet.
- ◆ This Voters' Pamphlet is online at [Deschutes.org/clerk](http://Deschutes.org/clerk). After 8:00 pm on election night, preliminary election results will be posted online at [Deschutes.org/electionresults](http://Deschutes.org/electionresults).
- ◆ If a ballot was delivered to your residence for someone who should no longer be receiving a ballot at your address, please write "RETURN" on the envelope and place it back in your mailbox.

Sincerely,

Nancy Blankenship  
Deschutes County Clerk

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All candidates had the opportunity to submit a picture and statement regarding their candidacy in this pamphlet. The following candidates submitted information. The text of the candidate statements, measures and arguments were printed as submitted.

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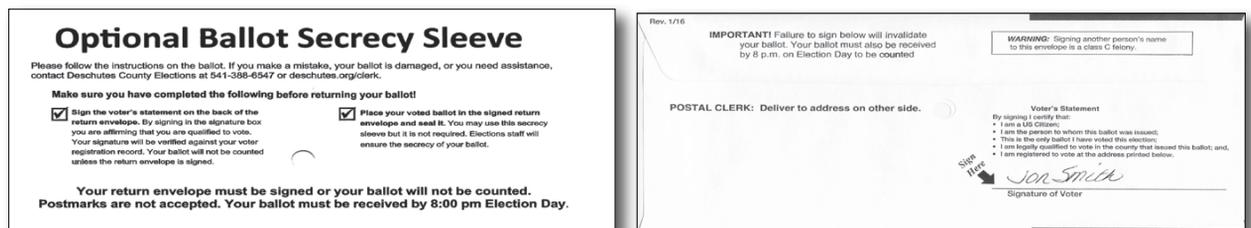
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## New to your Ballot Packet Optional Secrecy Sleeve

Deschutes County is proud to introduce the Optional Ballot Secrecy Sleeve. If you do not use the Optional Secrecy Sleeve, your ballot will still be counted as long as you sign the return ballot envelope.



Your Ballot Packet should contain at least the following items:

- ~ Printed ballot
- ~ A pre-addressed return envelope
- ~ Secrecy sleeve

Deschutes County  
**May 17, 2016 Special Election**  
**Official Ballot Drop Site Locations**

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### **Bend**

Deschutes Service Center  
1300 NW Wall St  
*(Box located on Parkway side of building)*  
Available 7 days a week  
Election Day, Tuesday, May 17: open until 8 pm

#### **Drive-By Drop Site**

**Corner of Wall St and Lafayette Ave**  
*(Parking Area)*  
Fri & Mon, May 13 & 16: 8 am – 6 pm  
Election Day, Tuesday, May 17: 7 am - 8 pm

**Deschutes County Road Department**  
61150 SE 27<sup>th</sup> St  
Available 7 days a week - opens April 29  
Election Day, Tuesday, May 17: open until 8 pm

### **\* New Site in Bend \***

**Drive-By Drop Site**  
459 SW Bluff Dr  
*(Box located on the knoll above Old Mill District in parking lot south of Hilton Garden Inn hotel - look for signs and banners)*  
Beginning Friday, May 13: 24-hour drive-by  
Election Day, Tuesday, May 17: open until 8 pm

### **La Pine**

**Drive-By Drop Site**  
La Pine Public Library  
16425 1st St  
*(1<sup>st</sup> St & Huntington Rd)*  
Beginning Friday, May 13: 24-hour drive-by  
Election Day, Tuesday, May 17: open until 8 pm

### **Redmond**

Redmond Public Library  
**Drive-By Drop Site**  
*(Located on west side of Library)*  
827 SW Deschutes Ave  
Available 7 days a week - opens April 29  
Election Day, Tuesday, May 17: open until 8 pm

### **Sisters**

**Sisters City Hall**  
520 E Cascade Ave  
April 29 – May 16: 8 am - 5 pm  
*(Usual Business Hours & Days)*  
Election Day, Tuesday, May 17: 8 am - 8 pm

### **Sunriver**

Sunriver Area Public Library  
**Drive-By Drop Site**  
Sunriver Business Park  
56855 Venture Ln  
Friday, May 13: 8 am - 5 pm  
Monday, May 16: 8 am – 6 pm  
Election Day, Tuesday, May 17: 8 am - 8 pm

### **Terrebonne**

Terrebonne Sheriff Substation  
8154 11th St, Suite 3  
Fri & Mon, May 13 & May 16:  
8 am - 1 pm & 2 pm - 5 pm  
Election Day, Tuesday, May 17:  
8 am - 1 pm & 2 pm - 8 pm

### **Postmarks Do Not Count!**

All ballots must be received at an official drop site or the Deschutes County Clerk's office no later than 8 pm, Election Day.

***If you have not mailed your ballot by Wednesday, May 11, 2016,  
use an official ballot drop site.***

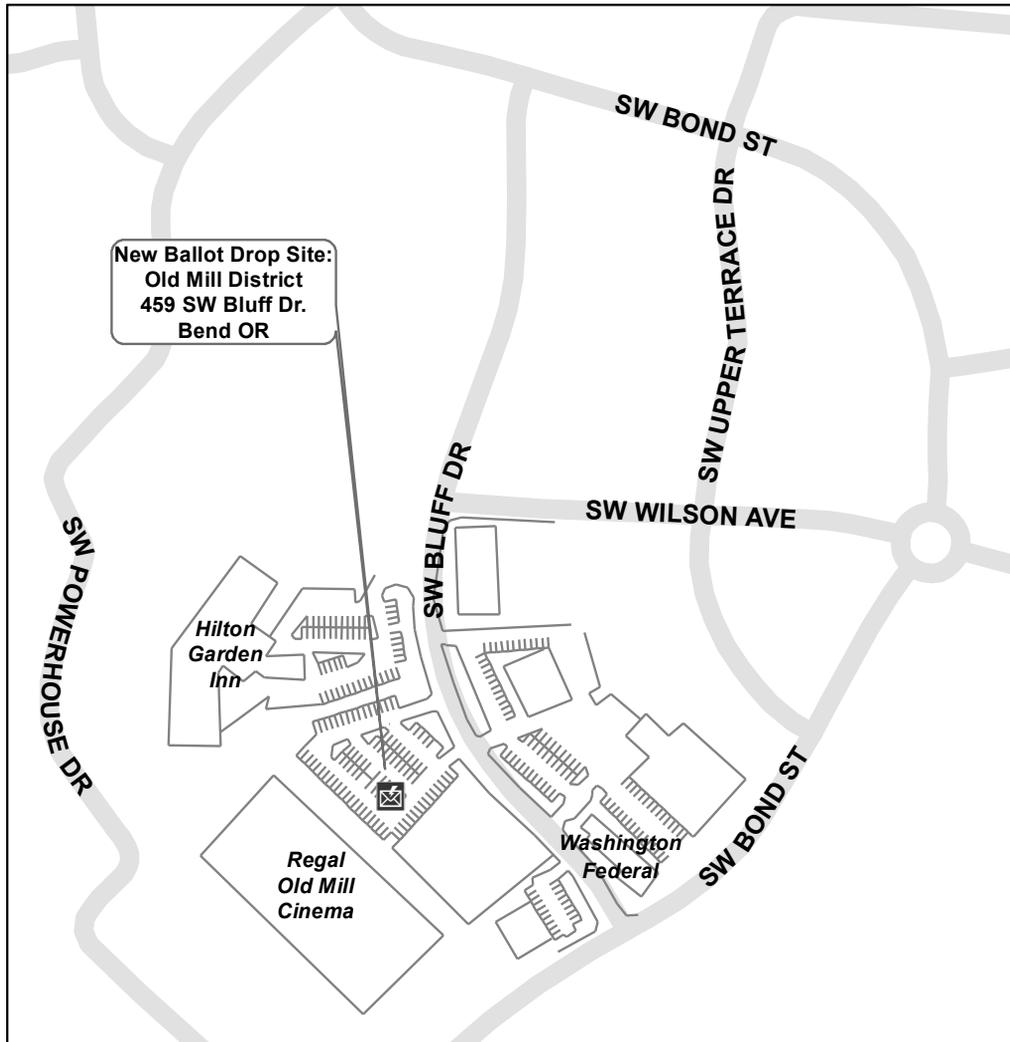
**County Clerk's Office, 1300 NW Wall St, Upper Floor, Bend - Privacy Booths Provided**  
Monday through Friday: 8 am to 5 pm ~ Election Day: 7 am to 8 pm

## Directions to Bend's Newest Ballot Drop Box Site

The drop box is located at 459 SW Bluff Drive in the parking lot south of the Hilton Garden Inn, on the knoll above the Old Mill District.

Access either end of Bluff Drive from SW Bond Street.

Watch for signs and banners to direct you to the drop site.



# Voting Information

## Registering to Vote

To be eligible to vote in the May 17, 2016 Primary Election, a completed voter registration card must be postmarked by Tuesday, April 26, 2016.

### To Register To Vote In Oregon, You Must Be:

1. A resident of Oregon.
2. A United States citizen.
3. At least 18 years old by election day.

### You Must Update Your Registration If:

1. Your residence or mailing address changes.
2. Your name changes.
3. You wish to change your party affiliation.

**Important Note:** If you have moved or your name has changed and you have not yet updated your registration, you are still eligible to vote. Contact the Deschutes County Elections office, 541-388-6547 for further information.

### Voters With Disabilities:

If you are unable to vote your ballot without assistance, contact the Deschutes County Elections office at 541-388-6547. We will provide two persons to assist you in voting. To assure your voted ballot is received by election day, contact the elections office early to arrange for assistance. You may also select someone else of your own choice to assist you.

An audio edition of the Voters' Pamphlet is available. To order, please contact Independent Living Resources at 503-232-7411 or TTY 503-232-8408.

## Voting Instructions

### Check Your Ballot!

To vote you must blacken the oval (●) completely with a pen (black or blue ink).

To write-in a name — Write the name on the solid line and fill in the oval (●) to the left of the write-in line.

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 on all contests. Those you do vote on will still be counted.

Contact Deschutes County Elections office at 541-388-6547 to request a replacement ballot if:

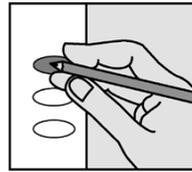
- you make a mistake
  - your ballot is damaged or spoiled
  - your ballot is lost
- or for any other reason.

1-866-ORE-VOTES (se habla Español)  
www.oregonvotes.gov  
TTY 1-800-735-2900

**Remember, if stated on your ballot, vote both sides of your ballot.**

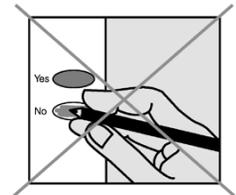
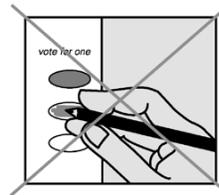
## check your ballot!

Make sure you have completely filled in the oval next to your choices.



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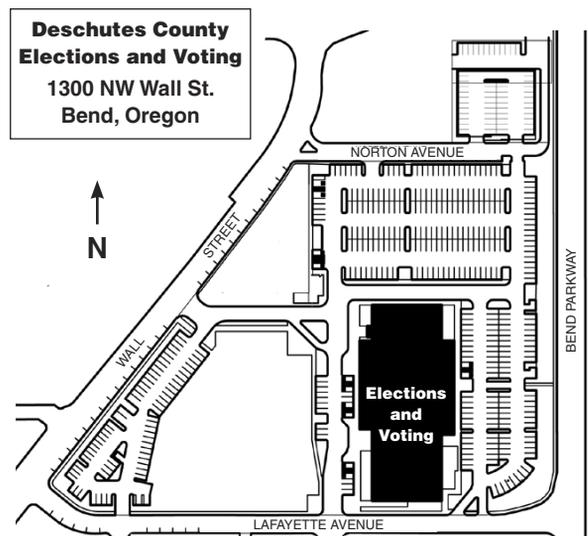
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# Measure 9-106 Deschutes River Recreation Homesites Unit 8, Part 3, Special Road District

## Ballot Title

# 9-106

## Establishing a Permanent Tax Rate Limit for a Road District

**QUESTION:** Shall DRRH U8P3 Special Road District establish a permanent tax rate limit of \$2.00 per \$1,000 assessed value beginning 2016-2017?

**SUMMARY:** If approved, this measure would authorize the Special Road District to tax properties within the District to improve and maintain public roads contained within the District's boundaries at a maximum permanent tax rate limit of \$2.00 per \$1,000 assessed value and is estimated to raise \$17,610.00 in operating funds for the District in the 2016-2017 tax year.

## Explanatory Statement

Deschutes River Recreation Homesites U8P3 Special Road District ("District") is located in Deschutes County.

The purpose of the District is to improve and maintain public roads contained within the District's boundaries and engage in the powers of the District authorized by ORS 371.336.

Funds for operating the District will be provided by levying taxes on all real property within the District as well as possible grants or loans. The governing body shall consist of three members elected from the District at large for two-year terms with the first members having staggered terms.

If approved by the voters, the District will levy taxes beginning with the 2016-2017 tax year. Prior to the 2016-2017 tax year, the District will likely seek revenues from other sources such as contributions from District residents.

If approved, the measure would authorize the District to tax properties within the District for the above-listed services at a maximum permanent tax limit of \$2.00 per \$1,000 assessed value and is estimated to raise \$17,610.00 in operating funds for the District in the first year. The District, however, need not levy the full amount of the permanent tax rate in any given year. The District governing body will determine the amount to levy each year after taking into account the fiscal budget approved each year by the District budget committee, consisting of the District governing body and three electors from the District appointed by the District governing body, and after public comment. The District budget committee and, with a few exceptions allowed by law, District meetings will be open to the public. For the first year, which shall be the 2016-2017 tax year, the ad valorem tax levy is \$2.00 per \$1,000 assessed value and is expected to raise \$17,610.00 in operating funds for the District.

*(This information furnished by Shawn McDaniel, DRRH U8P3 Special Road District.)*

# Measure 9-107 Deschutes County 9-1-1 County Service District

## Ballot Title

# 9-107

## Form 9-1-1 District with Permanent Rate, Withdraw from Existing District

**QUESTION:** Should a new 9-1-1 district be formed with a \$.425/\$1,000 permanent tax rate beginning 2016-2017, and current district territory withdrawn?

**SUMMARY:** Since 1990, the 9-1-1 Service District has depended on temporary tax measures to fund 9-1-1 emergency and non-emergency call-taking and police, fire and EMS dispatch services for District residents. The 9-1-1 User Board, comprised of all local police and fire chiefs, adopted a strategic plan to improve 9-1-1 service and replace the end of life radio communications system by establishing stable funding prior to the expiration of the existing, temporary operating levy in 2018. Stable funding would assure the continuation of quality, responsive 9-1-1 emergency service responses for everyone in the District.

This new tax would replace both the current permanent tax rate of \$.1618 and the expiring temporary rate of \$.20. The Governing Board has committed to maintaining the levy rate at \$.3618, the current level, for the next two years.

The maximum levy rate of \$.4250 is not expected to be reached until 2030 or later. If levied at the maximum amount, the total increase over the current levies on a property with an assessed value of \$200,000 would be \$1.05 per month.

## Explanatory Statement

Why is this on the ballot?

Since 1990, the 9-1-1 Service District has depended on multiple temporary tax measures to fund 9-1-1 emergency and non-emergency call-taking and police, fire and EMS dispatch services for District residents. The 9-1-1 User Board, comprised of all local police and fire chiefs, adopted a strategic plan to improve 9-1-1 service and to replace the end of life radio communications system by establishing stable funding prior to the expiration of the existing, temporary operating levy in 2018.

Stable funding would ensure the continuation of quality, responsive 9-1-1 emergency service for the public and emergency responders.

This new tax would replace both the current permanent tax rate of \$.1618 and the expiring temporary rate of \$.20. The District's Governing Board has committed to maintaining the levy rate at \$.3618, which is the current tax level, for the next two years.

The maximum levy rate will be \$.4250. If levied at the maximum amount, the total increase over the current combined rates on a property with an assessed value of \$200,000 would be \$1.05 per month.

How does this benefit the public?

Today, dispatchers are usually working a radio dispatch console at the same time they're taking 9-1-1 calls. This results in

frequent interruptions by field responders calling on the radio who don't know their dispatcher is on a 9-1-1 emergency call. Dispatchers are proficient at "multi-tasking", but they serve the public better when they're able to talk to 9-1-1 callers without interruptions. Stable funding will allow the District to strategically add more dedicated 9-1-1 call receivers as call volumes grow.

How does this benefit police, fire and EMS responders served by the 9-1-1 District?

Stable funding would ensure the District can operate, maintain and eventually replace the new radio system currently under construction. When it's completed in late 2016, police and fire crews will be safer because they'll be able to talk to dispatchers from inside dense buildings and remote geographic locations where their radios don't work today. Also, if there's a local disaster situation, the new system will allow responders from outside the region to talk to local dispatchers and responders.

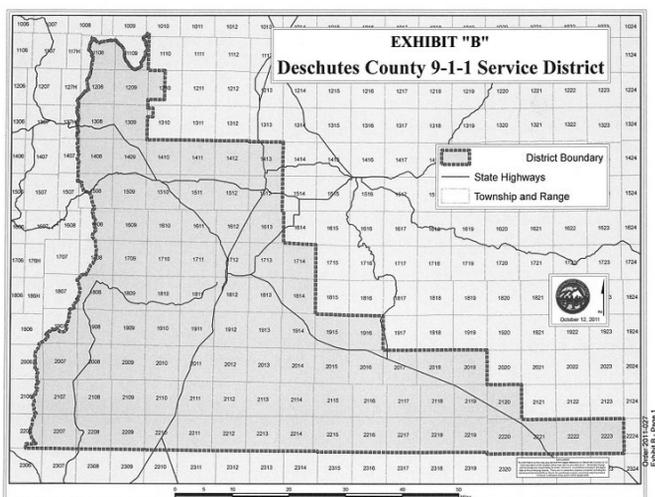
Local agencies have been using an outdated radio system well past the end of its lifespan. (Think Windows 95 software and "Pentium" processors.) A 2014 consultant's report said a new radio system would cost \$13 million. To avoid duplicating infrastructure already being built for the State Police, the District fostered a partnership with the state, which cut the project cost in half to \$6.5 million. The lower cost means the District can construct the new system without incurring any debt.

Permanent, stable funding will allow the District to maintain, operate and eventually replace the new system at the end of its service life.

Why the complicated process?

Per state law, the existing District cannot change its permanent rate, but with voter approval a new, replacement District may be formed with a new permanent rate.

(This information furnished by Tony DeBone, Commissioner, Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.)



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# Measure 9-107 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

The New 911 District With a Permanent Funding Rate Needs To Be Formed:

The 911 District has implemented a new communication system. This system and the new permanent levy will benefit the county residents by reducing the administrative expense of passing a new temporary levy every few years. This will enable the new service district to do long range planning with a known funding level and reduce costs and improve efficiency. The 911 Service District has stated the plan is to not levy an amount above the current levy amount of 36.18 cents per thousand of assessed value until 7-1 2018 when the levy now in effect would have expired. This will not increase the tax burden until then, with current reserves being drawn down to support the increased operating cost.

An additional benefit to the county will be the ability for seven different communication systems to be merged into one. This will be a significant improvement and all users will be able to communicate with each other in a timely and efficient manner.

This means the different agencies are not required to individually upgrade their communication systems. The increase in the levy amount will mean the different agencies do not need to pass their own levies to support user fees for the 911 district. This will reduce administrative overhead and the associated costs considerably. The funds will still come from the same taxpayers but will not need to be funneled through the various agencies.

The new levy amount will also provide sufficient funds to be set aside to implement a new system as needed in the future, just as the current levy has done.

The 911 Service District was able to get the state to partner with the district to pay for the new system thereby saving the county approximately \$6.5 million.

This is the final outcome of Government agencies working together for the good of all the citizens of Deschutes County.

*(This information furnished by Larry W Fulkerson.)*

## Argument in Favor

The 9-1-1 Employees Association strongly supports the new tax levy proposed by the 9-1-1 Service District. The District has taken a tremendously proactive approach in addressing and greatly improving operations for dispatchers as well as for our police, fire, and EMS counterparts. As "the first, first responders," your calls for emergency services are of utmost importance to us and we want to ensure we are able to provide you with service that is second to none.

Radio communications is the largest, most complex, and one of the most vital aspects of our job. When you call 9-1-1 and require expedited emergency services, the responding field units must be advised where to go, why they are going, how many people are in need of assistance, as well as other vital information. Requests from emergency responders for additional units or agencies are frequently made. Responders also often request assistance from power and natural gas companies and air ambulances. In these situations, having up-to-date communications equipment is absolutely essential. We need to ensure we are reliably transmitting and receiving the most accurate information at all. The proposed levy for stable funding will make it possible for us to improve the service we provide to you, by providing us with the tools we need to fulfill our mission, which is:

**TO PROVIDE PROMPT SERVICE IN A CARING, RESOURCEFUL AND PROFESSIONAL MANNER TO THOSE WE SERVE.**

The 9-1-1 Employees Association would like to strongly encourage you to vote 'YES' on Measure 9-107.

*(This information furnished by Cari Elliston.)*

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# Measure 9-107 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

Citizens for 9-1-1 Stable Funding supports the Deschutes County 9-1-1 Service District's measure to ensure 9-1-1 will have reliable, permanent funding to fulfill its critical public-safety mission.

9-1-1 is our life-line! When we have an emergency, professional call receivers and dispatchers find out exactly where we are, what we need and immediately send us help. While that help is on the way, in life-threatening situations, they calmly and compassionately guide us through instructions that save lives.

9-1-1 is always there to help us – now it's time for us to help them!

Our independent 9-1-1 Service District has been operationally sound and fiscally responsible for almost 30 years, earning the trust and confidence of the public and their police, fire and EMS customer agencies.

A good example is how replacing the area's end of life radio systems is being handled. 9-1-1's customer agencies have operated seven different independent systems for decades. When it became obvious their outdated systems needed to be replaced and modernized, they all agreed the 9-1-1 District was the right place to consolidate their systems to lower costs and improve efficiency. That's remarkable confidence, but 9-1-1 went further!

Instead of buying its own \$13 million system, 9-1-1 partnered with the state radio project. By sharing radio sites and infrastructure, the project cost was cut in half to \$6.5 million *and* the new system will deliver better coverage and be more reliable. It will also be available for use by other public agencies, so they won't have to build or maintain radio systems of their own.

9-1-1 has been fiscally responsible, levying the lowest possible tax level needed. In 2008, its operating levy was \$.23 cents. In 2013, 9-1-1 dropped the current operating levy by \$.03, and *still* banked the money necessary to pay cash for the new radio system.

Our critical, life-saving 9-1-1 emergency call answering and dispatching service needs stable, reliable permanent funding. Please vote YES on Measure 9-107. Thank you!

*(This information furnished by Dennis Luke, Treasurer, Citizens for 911 Stable Funding.)*

## Argument in Favor

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Employee Association and the Bend Police Association urge you to vote "YES" on Measure 9-107.

When you dial 9-1-1, District employees are there for you! They answer your call quickly; accurately determine the help you need; and immediately dispatch emergency responders to your precise location. If you need medical assistance while paramedics are en-route, they can teach you over the phone to do CPR or stop severe bleeding. They can even help you deliver a baby!

These dedicated professionals also help us! As we're responding, they update us with critical incident information about dangerous suspects, situations and hazardous materials. If someone flees a crime scene, they relay detailed information that gives law enforcement the best possible chance to apprehend dangerous suspects. They track our activity and make sure we have back-up when necessary. And, if a dangerous incident gets worse while we're en-route, they tell us so we can react appropriately and stay safe.

Our 9-1-1 dispatchers are our life-line, and we couldn't help you nearly as well without them!

Recently, the 9-1-1 District took responsibility for consolidating, building, operating and maintaining a new, technically advanced radio communications system that lets us talk to dispatch and each other from places that have no coverage now. They banked money over several years to build the system without incurring debt and then they saved millions in construction costs by partnering with the state's radio project.

Permanent, stable funding for 9-1-1 will allow the District to continue to deliver the help YOU need and the help WE need for many, years into the future.

**PLEASE VOTE YES!**

*(This information furnished by Steve Mangin, Deschutes County Sheriff's Employee Association.)*

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# Measure 9-108 Sisters School District 6

## Ballot Title

# 9-108

## Sisters School District General Obligation Bond Authorization for Capital Improvements

**QUESTION:** Shall Sisters School District issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$10,700,000 to pay for capital costs? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**SUMMARY:** If approved, this measure would primarily finance needed improvements to the District's facilities. Specifically, this measure is expected to fund:

- Installation of security systems
- Safety and ADA improvements
- Facility and site improvements including HVAC renovations and parking lot repairs
- Athletic facilities improvements
- Refinancing of outstanding obligations for prior capital improvements
- Bond issuance costs.

Bonds would mature in a period not to exceed fifteen (15) years. The estimated tax rate is approximately \$0.41 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The tax rate may vary based upon actual interest rates incurred and changes in assessed values.

## Explanatory Statement

Sisters School District currently serves approximately 1,100 students at three school sites. Additionally, the Cloverdale School site is serving approximately 20 high school students in alternative programs.

During the past year, Sisters School District convened a Long Range Facilities Task Force Committee led by citizen volunteers. The Long Range Facilities Task Force Plan states that improvements to school safety and security are crucial. They also concluded that there is a need to make facility improvements that exceed the scope of what the current facilities operating budget can withstand. Years of budget reductions have deferred upgrades to school building operational and safety systems in order to fund learning materials and keep teachers in the classrooms.

To protect the community's investment in our schools and create effective, accessible and inclusive learning environments that help all students achieve, the committee agreed that capital bonds would be required in order to complete the necessary upgrades to our schools.

The estimated tax rate for this proposed \$10.7 million bond issue would be \$.41 per \$1,000 of assessed property value over the 15 year life of the bonds.

The Sisters School District currently has the lowest school tax rate in Deschutes County and one of the lowest in Central Oregon. It has been almost 14 years since the community passed a construction bond for a new high school and turned

the then 12-year-old high school building into the new Sisters Middle School. This 2001 construction bond will be paid off in 5 years and will reduce the District's tax levy rates by approximately \$1.04 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Guided by the Facilities Task Force Committee's findings, the Sisters School Board proposes that bonds fund capital projects for school and classroom renovations including safety upgrades to door and locking systems, creation of more controlled school access points and safe and ADA compliant athletic facilities.

Specifically, this bond measure is expected to fund:

- Installation of upgrades to building door and locking systems,
- Creation of controlled access to building entrances including modern surveillance systems,
- Upgrades to emergency backup generators and failing communication systems,
- Interior and exterior building improvements to meet safety requirements,
- Corrections to high school HVAC system deficiencies and upgrade building automation systems at all sites,
- Purchase and installation of a backup condensing boiler at the elementary school and renovation of heating, cooling and ventilation systems at all sites,
- Repairs to deteriorating parking lot and sidewalk systems,
- Renovation and upgrades to Reed Stadium to meet safety and ADA requirements
- Improvements to plumbing and drainage systems ,
- Refinancing of existing obligations used for prior capital improvements in 2007 which included energy efficient building upgrades and the addition of a two classroom modular at the elementary school and remodeling at the middle school to create additional classroom space.

*(This information furnished by Sandy Tartaglia, Business Manager, Sisters School District #6.)*

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# Measure 9-108 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

In May, we have the opportunity to vote on an important school bond measure which will provide necessary revenue for unfunded capital improvement projects. This bond will pay for overdue upgrades and renovation in security/safety systems, heating/cooling systems, IT infrastructure, athletic facilities, water systems, and other time related facility improvement projects in the Sisters schools.

Having a strong and successful school system is the foundation of a successful town. It is one of the best economic stimulus programs we can have. Consider the value placed on the Folk Festival, My Own Two Hands and Starry Nights. Or the fact that there are 1100 registered adult volunteers for all three schools. Or the partnership between local businesses and student groups who raise funds for athletics and music while providing a necessary workforce for events such as the Quilt Show, Sisters Rodeo, and Folk Festival. Or school sporting competitions that bring many participants and visitors to Sisters every year who leave their dollars in our local economy. Our community supports our kids and our kids support our community.

We moved to Sisters because of the excellent school system. We could have chosen to move anywhere but came here believing there was strong community support for the schools and knowing our kids would receive a great education.

In today's challenging financial times, it is difficult to ask voters to support an increase in property taxes when one personally may not realize its direct benefit. As citizens, we feel we have a civic responsibility to look past today and collectively plan well for tomorrow.

The proposed bond of 10.7 million dollars over 15 years sounds expensive. Broken down, it translates in to \$123 per year or \$10.25 per month or \$0.35 per day for a home valued at \$300,000. Although few want higher taxes, this Bond measure is a good return on our investment by ensuring a strong, well functioning school district with up to date facilities.

*(This information furnished by Joseph F Bachtold.)*

## Argument in Favor

Sisters is a community brimming with creativity, physical beauty and diverse activities nurturing citizens young and old, a village which sustains individuals, families and their passions. This village is why I accepted a health teaching position at Sisters High School fifteen years ago. The people and this place helped me raise my own children and over a thousand students (my other "children") in a safe, positive, nurturing environment. Within each school there are dedicated teachers in partnerships with community members building authentic experiences and programs unlike any in our state. Examples include: The Americana Project, Interdisciplinary Environmental Expedition, the Luthier Program, Flight Science, Pursue Your Passion, the Culinary Program, the EMS/Medical Program and Seed to Table. Every child should have the opportunity to spring from the soil of these unique programs while becoming vital stewards of their community, just like the teachers and volunteers who nurtured them. Yet, these programs that ignite our community with pride and purpose are at risk. With annual budget cuts, we've rallied to keep our unique programs and community partnerships intact while our facilities suffered. This is why representatives from all facets of our community are working together to pass this bond so we can meet program, facility and safety needs for Sisters students. Our investment is much greater than patching up three schools. It is a strong mantra that reverberates throughout our community, "Be dedicated to leaving our community and its resources in better shape for future generations." The recent "facelift" to downtown Sisters creates a welcoming ambiance for all, adding charming character to our humble town and eliciting undeniable pride from each of us. New lighting, ADA upgrades, improved sidewalks and pavement creates a safer environment. Let's "facelift" our schools similarly and provide the safe, positive, and nurturing experience which brings families and economic strength to our community. Remember, we are all connected because we share our community together.

Heather Johnson

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# Measure 9-108 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

We are writing today in support of the Sisters School District Bond Proposal. We have lived in Sisters for the past 17 years and have four children. We have two children at the elementary school, one at the middle school, and one high school student. In addition, we are owners of Dyer Construction & Renovation, Inc. which specializes in building and remodeling custom homes.

We are obviously vested in the quality of the education system for our children, but we would like to share how we see the proposed bond affecting local business.

Research shows that investing in education, transportation, and health care will promote strength in local and statewide economic stability. The Assistant Director of State Fiscal Research writes:

“For example, spending on education, transportation, and health has been shown to stimulate growth in the short run and is an important determinant of economic growth and job quality in the long run.[1] Research also shows that expanding and improving upon these investments through well-targeted tax increases (in other words, finding new money to pay for better services) stimulates income and job growth.[2]”

Erika Williams, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities  
2014

As small business owners, we believe that improving our school facilities, implementing safety procedures, and employing more teachers will benefit not only local children but our community as a whole. It is the idea of improving a community from the inside out, starting with children, and encompassing a scope city wide.

We have reviewed the Bond Proposal and believe it to be sound financially, both as business owners and parents. We need your support as constituents of this fine community to continue the trajectory of growth and excellence in Sisters, Or.

Mike and Jill Dyer

*(This information furnished by Mike Dyer.)*

## Argument in Favor

I support the May 2016 bond measure because schools are a critical component of healthy communities. Sisters is unique because the many people who live in and around Sisters, but don't have kids in school, use our school facilities regularly. Activities include walking within the schools during inclement weather, gym and auditorium usage, and exercising in our open track and field facility. On our fields, community members and groups work their dogs, fly airplanes, and play with their families. None of our outdoor facilities are gated or locked. Our mission as a School District is to always welcome Sisters residents to our facilities but we need them to be safe and operational.

The second reason I support this bond is because, when schools are safe and functional, local businesses and the City of Sisters thrive through income generation. For the past two years the hosting of major track meets and other large events have been cancelled due to unusable facilities. Hosting these events brings hundreds (sometimes thousands) of people to Sisters. Sisters High School was slated to host this year's Sky-Em League track championships. However, we were forced to pass on this income generator due to the unsafe condition of our track and field facilities. Sisters hotels, restaurants, and merchants lose significant revenue when Sisters Schools are unable to host these events.

Finally, I support the bond because our school district constantly competes with neighboring schools for enrollment. When new families come to Central Oregon open enrollment allows them to attend any school. During school tours, families compare our programs and facilities to those of our neighbors. In such a competitive environment it is essential that we continue to provide top-notch educational programs and maintain safe facilities for all current Sisters students, while at the same time working to attract new ones. Please support our community, families, and schools by voting yes!

*(This information furnished by Tim Roth.)*

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# Measure 9-108 Arguments

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## Argument in Favor

As a parent with two children – one currently in the Sisters School District and one soon to be - I am in full support of the Sisters School Bond. Safety and security of our students as well as repairs and upgrades to current facilities to maintain our community assets just makes sense.

Our school board and district administration has been and will continue to be good stewards of our tax dollars. They have stretched the limited maintenance dollars over the last several years and done their best for our kids with what little they have.

Every student deserves working heating systems, functional roofs, working kitchen equipment, safe sidewalks, and well-lit parking lots at their schools. These items, along with others listed throughout the bond, will enhance the learning environment to help students to be more successful and instill a sense of pride throughout our community.

With my background in the travel and tourism industry I believe renovated athletic facilities, including the stadium and track, will enhance the economy of Sisters, bringing more visitors to our community during typical off-season months.

New facilities will mean additional home games, which means more visiting families. Rotary will have the opportunity to host its Sisters Outlaw Invitational Track Meet once again. The expanded field at Reed Stadium means soccer and lacrosse will be able to host more tournaments and home games. A new baseball field behind SHS opens up the possibility of our community becoming a part of national tournaments already hosted throughout central Oregon.

Our students will have a functional place to hone their craft and the community will have an asset they are able to enjoy on more than Friday nights in the fall.

As a community we have a RESPONSIBILITY to care for the assets we own and support our economy. With this bond proposal we have the opportunity to do both. Vote yes for the Sisters School Bond.

**Erin M. Borla**

*(This information furnished by Erin Borla.)*

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## Deschutes County Commissioner Position 2



**Alan  
Unger**  
Democrat

**Occupation:** Deschutes County Commissioner

**Occupational Background:** Multnomah County Sheriff Department-Corrections Officer; Central Oregon Paint Supply – Business Partner; A Unger

Contracting – Business Owner; Central Oregon Partnership – Community Advocate

**Educational Background:** Redmond Schools – Diploma. University of Portland – BS (general science)

**Prior Governmental Experience:**

- Board of County Commissioners – Chair
- Mayor of Redmond
- Central Oregon Area Commission on Transportation, COACT – Chair
- ODOT Oregon Freight Advisory Committee, OFAC Member
- Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council, COIC - Vice Chair
- Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project, DCFP Steering Committee – Chair
- Deschutes River Conservancy, DRC - Board Member
- Deschutes Water Alliance, DWA – Chair
- Upper Deschutes Watershed Council, UDWC - Board Member
- Central Oregon Workforce Consortium, COWC - Chair
- East Cascades Workforce Investment, ECWIB - Board Member
- OSU Cascades Liaison
- Central Oregon Childcare Initiative
- Redmond Economic Development, Inc. REDI - Board Member
- AOC Economic/Community Development Committee

It is my privilege to serve as your County Commissioner. During the past eight years I have represented your interests by focusing on bringing jobs to Deschutes County; improving forest health through the Deschutes Collaborative Forest Project; supporting water planning through Deschutes Basin Working Group to provide water for agriculture and growing cities while putting more water back into the river; addressing local transportation issues including expanding public transit; and other issues that affect our citizens.

I have been a strong voice for Deschutes County, working with leaders statewide to find solutions that will work here – solutions like improvements to all of our airports that connect us to the world and provide jobs, and forest management improvements to protect vital water supplies.

There is still much to be done, such as restructuring our state workforce system to provide businesses with qualified workers and offer a path for our children to better jobs right out of high school. I am asking for your support and vote to continue working for you as your Deschutes County Commissioner.

*(This information furnished by Alan G Unger.)*

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## Deschutes County Commissioner Position 2



**Phil  
Henderson**  
Republican

**Occupation:** Homebuilder, President, Phil Henderson Homes and Remodeling, 2011 – 2016.

**Occupational Background:** Attorney:Henderson Law Office, Private civil law practice

(Deschutes County); 1989 - 2003; Business Executive: Regional Construction Company (Deschutes County); President, Vice-President, Director of Sales; 2003 - 2011; Owner, Energy Conservation Company.

**Educational Background:** Yale University, Political Science (with honors), B. A.; University of Oregon, School of Law, J.D.; Hood River Valley (Oregon) High School, Valedictorian.

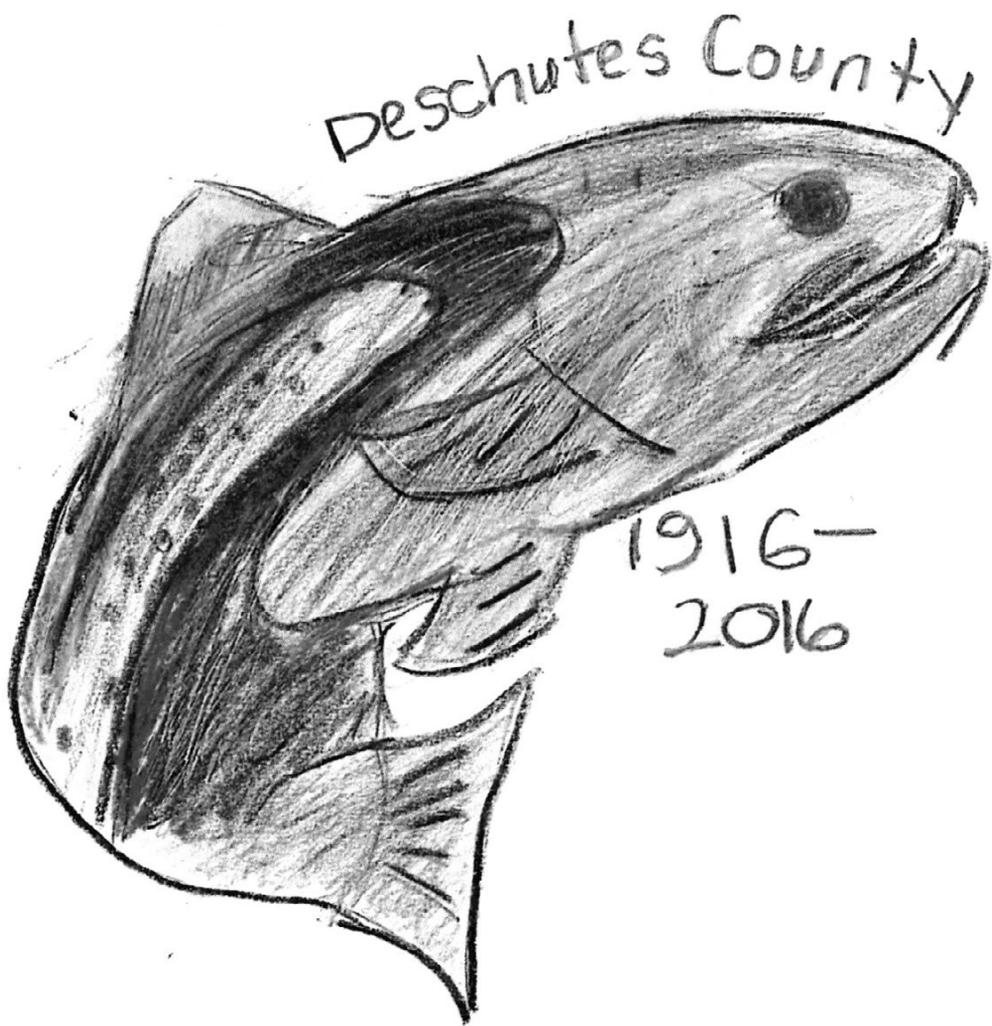
**Prior Governmental Experience:** City of Bend, Budget Committee, 1997-2002

Deschutes County is turning 100 years old in 2016. It is a great place to live, work and recreate, but many people can no longer afford to live here. Not that long ago we had a serious recession and the largest issue was recovering from that. The economy has now improved due to the tenacious character of our residents, but we face many new challenges. These include the results of restrictive land use, lack of affordable housing, homelessness, commercial marijuana, lawsuits to prevent use of the Deschutes River for farming; mismanagement of Federal forest and desert lands, and the continued growth of local government, to name a few.

As a 27-year Bend resident, family man and 5th generation Oregonian, I believe that free enterprise, local control and limited government are some of our most important and unique American values. I will fight to protect and enhance them in the decisions I make as your next Deschutes County Commissioner. As an experienced and successful businessman, attorney and home builder, I have the skills necessary to be an effective Commissioner to resolve tough problems, whatever shape or size. I also learned in the private sector how to create jobs, reduce budgets and cut costs. I will work to insure that we get our money's worth from Deschutes County, while growing the economy.

*(This information furnished by Philip G Henderson.)*

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Congratulations to Brody Duey, 5th Grade, Sisters Middle School, runner-up in the Kid's Art Contest for the Primary Voters' Pamphlet.