

Democrat Candidates

Marion County Commissioner, Position 1

[Mary Lou Cornejo](#)

OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner, Latina Enterprises; Program Assistant, OSU Extension Program, Marion County

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Retired Oregon Army National Guard, 24 years

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Graduated, Rochester High, Washington; Continuous College Courses, Vincennes University, Vincennes, Indiana

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Member of American Veterans Association; Human Rights Commissioner, City of Salem; Member of OSU's Presidents Commission on Women; Salem/Keizer Schools Superintendent District Oversight Committee; Member of the Marion Co. Bar, Outreach Program; Chair, Salem Cultural Awareness and Law Enforcement Services; Member of the Woodburn Downtown Association

Commitment

I will put the we back into government through collaborative decision-making.

I pledge to protect our farmland and promote the selling of Marion County produce in our markets.

Tough on Crime

Marion County is rated as the fastest growing area in Oregon for violent crime. We must adopt a preventative strategy. One that embraces our diversity, promotes mentorship programs for our youth, and gives our children the extra curricular activities that create opportunities and keeps them safe. Education is critical to reducing crime, as are good paying jobs. The more resources we put into our children the less we spend on our jails.

Diversifying The Economy

Education is key!

Marion County needs to adopt a portfolio approach to our economy. We must attract new industries and businesses to our community that are diversified, provide family wage jobs and benefits. Important components to this strategy: - a good infrastructure - an educated workforce so we can compete locally, nationally and globally — and a clean and healthy environment which affects our quality of life and attracts and retains talented people who drive our economy.

Colleagues speak out for Cornejo

Michael Parker, Salem/Keizer School Board Member "Mary Lou Cornejo will build bridges where we need them."

John Gest, Stayton Chamber of Commerce, Director of Economic Development: As a business owner I know our community will benefit from Mary Lou Cornejo's vision and priorities for a diversified economy and educated workforce.

(This information furnished by Mary Lou Cornejo and is printed exactly as submitted.)

Marion County Commissioner, Position 2

Sonya L. Heard

Bill Burgess

OCCUPATION: Pharmacist, Oregon State Hospital, Medicine Shoppe

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Pharmacy manager; juvenile group home worker; electrical construction; farm work; pizza delivery manager.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Lewis & Clark College, Master of Public Administration (Outstanding Graduate), 1995; Oregon State University, Bachelor of Science, Pharmacy, 1976.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Present: Salem-Keizer Public Schools Bond Steering Committee. Past: Salem City Council, 1990-1998, (President 1998), Salem Budget Committee; Task Forces: Water and Sewer (Chair); Fire Services; Police Services; Transportation. Committees: Financial Audit (Chair); Legislative; Boards and Commissions Appointments; Marion County Solid Waste Committee. Boards: Salem Area Ambulance Services (Chair); Marion County/Salem Computer Center; Oregon State Pharmacists Association; Marion/Polk/Yamhill Pharmacy Association (President); Liberty-Boone Neighborhood Association (Chair).

Bill Burgess... Gets Results for Us All

Dear Marion County Voters,

I am running to protect our quality of life in Marion County by promoting public safety and controlling urban sprawl.

Results! While serving on the Salem City Council I made sure we:

- Strengthened our police force by 30 and firefighter paramedics by 15.
- Improved emergency response times significantly.
- Protected our excellent drinking water from pollution and shortage.
- Made it safer for children to get to and from school with

street and sidewalk improvements and flashing caution lights around schools throughout Salem.

My Top Priorities for Marion County:

- Promote prevention and early intervention to reduce crime and suffering.
- Increase deputy patrols.
- Protect our farmlands, forest lands and watersheds.
- Work cooperatively, both within the commission, and with others to prioritize and provide public services effectively, efficiently and responsibly.

As a husband, father, pharmacist and former elected official, I know that protecting our community's health requires hard work, persistence, and a true spirit of cooperation. I would be honored by your vote to allow me to work for you on the Marion County Commission.

Thank You----Bill Burgess

(This information furnished by Bill Burgess and is printed exactly as submitted.)

Republican Candidates

Marion County Commissioner, Position 1

[Patricia Milne](#)

OCCUPATION: Marion County Commissioner

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Small Business Owner

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Graduate, Mt. Lakes, High School, Claremont School

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: 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; Woodburn School Board, vice-chair, 1992, School District Strategic Planning Committee; Marion County Educational Service District Budget Committee.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Woodburn Chamber of Commerce; Blanchet School Board; St. Joseph's Shelter Advisory Board; Willamette Valley Hospice Board.

Dear Friends,

When I first ran for the Marion County Board of Commissioners, I promised to work toward rebuilding the faith and credibility in county government, returning our government to its core functions, restoring employee moral, and regaining control of the county budget.

Since taking office more than three years ago, I have worked hard to keep those promises. I have been to every one of the 20 communities that make up our county, helping literally hundreds of people who have had problems with Marion County government. I have worked hard to build relationships not only with elected officials, but also with county employees who are the backbone of Marion County. And, yes, I have made the hard votes when I've had to, standing up for the principles we share.

I have worked with farmers to ensure they can continue to work their land. I have worked with businesses on vital economic stimulus issues. I have worked with law enforcement to keep our communities safe. And, I have worked with state transportation officials to improve our roads.

There is more to do, however, and I am asking for your vote so I can return to the Board of Commissioners to continue working with you and for you.

Thank you for your continued support. You can always trust me to work hard to put your interests first.

Sincerely,

Patti Milne

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

Marion County Commissioner, Position 2

[Jim Keller](#)

OCCUPATION: Owner, Keller One Hour Photo 1988-Present

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Manager for Stanley Smith Security in Portland, San Francisco and Trojan Nuclear Power Plant, Regional Manager 1976-1988; Marion County Deputy Sheriff, 1970-1976; Correctional Officer for Oregon State Penitentiary, 1969-1970; US Navy 1965-1969.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: American Management Association; Chemeketa Community College; Oregon College of Education, Law Enforcement; North Salem High School.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Member, Keizer City Councilor, 1992-2000; Council President, 1999; Liaison to Community Policing Committee; River Road Redevelopment Board; Keizer Tomorrow Committee; Keizer Chamber of Commerce, Keizer Chamber President- two terms; Chair, Noise Ordinance Task Force; Liquor License Task Force; Marion County Fair Board.

Community Involvement:

Member: Keizer Rotary, Elks, St. Edward Church, Keizer Heritage Foundation and Gubser Neighborhood Association. Volunteered at Keizerfest for 14 years. Also voted Merchant of the year 1995 and Keizer First Citizen 2001.

Editorial Statement:

Jim is a consensus builder. He takes the time to know those he works with so he can bring divergent needs together. Jim prides himself on bringing opposing sides to the table and getting them to agreement, while at the same time achieving results as quickly and fairly as possible. To prepare for serving as Commissioner, Jim has spent a good deal of time getting to know the Commissioners so that he can work with them more closely and productively.

As a small business owner, Jim understands community. Active in his neighborhood association, church and various community groups, Jim understands that it is the people in our neighborhoods, who working together accomplish great results. As an elected official, he listened closely to community concerns and found that they often provided useful insights in addressing issues that came before him.

Jim has been a strong proponent of effective, community based law enforcement. His background and extensive training in law enforcement has shown him the importance of protecting citizens from crime while at the same time involving citizens in preventing crime. Jim will bring understanding to the Marion County Commission.

Craig Campbell

(This information furnished by Jim Keller and is printed exactly as submitted.)

[Michael W. Forest](#)

OCCUPATION: Oregon Public Utility Commission, Fiscal Analyst

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: State of Oregon, September 1985-present, Accountant, Payroll Administrator, Discrepancy Analyst; Salem Transit District, Secretary/Treasurer, Non Profit; United States Air Force, Security Police

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Chemeketa Community College, Associate of Science Degree; Chemeketa Community College, GED; Merritt Davis College of Business, Certificate of Accounting; United States Air Force, Security Police; McNary High School; Whitaker Jr. High School; Lake Labish Grade School

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

Marion County. It is time the Government is returned to the people, for the people and not for the self serving Politicians who are trying to be politically correct. We need Patriotic Americans back in Government whose first priority is the people.

Government Experience. I have had the privilege to work in state government since September 1985 in various levels and positions.

Accountability. I believe that Marion County Commissioners and management need to be held accountable for their decisions in all areas of the operation in Marion County. For example, I would like to see what services are being provided and if all people using these services are eligible to receive these benefits.

Leadership. I will provide direction and guidance to Marion County to the best of my ability with my first priority being the people. A vital piece of leadership is Teamwork. Teamwork is best served by example. I plan to set that example to accomplish the needs of the citizens by working with the citizens, management, and other Commissioners.

Dear Marion County Voters:

I am asking for your vote for Marion County Commissioner. I was born and raised in Marion County and now I want to be sure it is taken care of. It will be an Honor and a Privilege to serve you, if elected.

(This information furnished by Michael W. Forest and is printed exactly as submitted.)

[Janet Carlson](#)

OCCUPATION: State Representative; Small Business Owner

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Junior high and high school teacher; student activities director; state agency manager and budget analyst

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Ph.D., Education, University of Oregon; M.A., Political Science, Brigham Young University; B.A., Political Science, Willamette University; McNary High School

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: 2001-2002, Vice Chair, Revenue Committee; Joint Ways & Means Subcommittee on Human Services; Vice Chair, Interim Business and Commerce Committee; Chair, Special Committee on Patient Choice in Health Care; 1998-2002, 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 Director and Regional Coordinator, Oregon Commission on Children and Families; 1989-1991, Budget and Policy Analyst, Oregon Executive Department

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Governor's Task Force on the Future of Seniors and Persons with Disabilities; National Conference of State Legislators Children and Families Committee; State Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Intervention and Early Childhood Special Education; Oregon Commission on Children and Families; Oregon Commission on Black Affairs; Salem Social Services Advisory Board; Treasurer, Marion County Republican Central Committee; Coordinator, Teen Parent Program and Downtown Learning Center business partnerships, State Employee Food Drive.

Family: Husband Dee Kevin Carlson; children Erika 23, Justin 19, and Christian 16

JANET CARLSON-ENERGY & EXPERIENCE

“The energetic teacher turned child and family policy specialist ... Carlson has considerable experience as a teacher and policy expert in children and families issues.”

Statesman Journal, October 19, 2000

JANET CARLSON-DECISIVE & FAIR

“Quick learner. Factual decision maker.”

Oregon Business Association

Top 20 Lawmakers, July 2001

JANET CARLSON- FOR A HEALTHY ECONOMY & LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

“As a small business owner, Janet Carlson understands that family wage jobs are at the heart of a healthy economy. She'll work aggressively for livable communities, while making sure we have affordable homes for families.”

George Puentes, Community Leader

OREGON FARM BUREAU “A” GRADE

Oregon Agriculture, Summer 2001

SAVE OREGON SENIORS “SENIOR CHAMPION” AWARD

Statesman Journal, December 12, 2001

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

Carl Pitts

OCCUPATION: Accountant, Marion County, 1986-present

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Accounting Manager, Colonial Pacific, 1982-84; Auditor, State of Oregon, 1980-82; Assistant Controller, Evergreen Helicopters, 1978-80

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: California State University, Long Beach California, B.S., 1971

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

Marion County has a very adequate General Fund balance to continue present level of all Public Services with no cuts or new taxes.

My goals are:

1. To maintain all General Fund Services (ie: staffing of Sheriff's Office and jail)

2. Stop excess spending on defunct computer system(s) and other unnecessary projects.
3. Increase Public Safety to all areas of the County(especially the Canyon Area)
4. Unify all cities in Marion County by including them in decision making for County issues.
5. Bring unity of purpose and intent to the Marion County Board of Commissioners.

(This information furnished by Carl D. Pitts and is printed exactly as submitted.)

Nonpartisan Candidates

Marion County Assessor

[Doug Ebner](#)

OCCUPATION: Marion County Assessor

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: 15 years as Marion County Assessor; three years as Chief Deputy Appraiser; six years appraising Manufactured Structures and Personal Property; three years as Sales Analyst; one year with Clackamas County Assessor's Office; one year with the Department of Revenue in Assessment and Appraisal; two years as Operations Foreman with the Oregon State Fair

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Graduate of Regis High School in Stayton; Associate of Science Degree in Real Estate Technology from Salem Tech (Chemeketa Community College); registered appraiser with the state of Oregon since 1969

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Marion County Assessor, January 1987-present; Precinct Committeeman, 1980; United States Marion Corps Reserve, six years, Honorable Discharge; Oregon National Guard, six years, Honorable Discharge; City of Sublimity Planning Commission

ASSESSOR DOUG EBNER has made major changes in his office to benefit all Marion County taxpayers:

- With a 20% increase in the number of accounts, Doug has been able to maintain the same staffing level he had in 1987 through the use of technology and streamlining the mass appraisal process.
- The completed, computerized parcel map base allows timely and efficient changes to a property.
- Doug considers public safety a priority and assists by working with law enforcement agencies to place account information on laptops in their cars. This same information is being used by 911 for up-to-date location and owner information.

ASSESSOR DOUG EBNER'S #1 priority is enhanced public relations and customer service.

ASSESSOR DOUG EBNER'S future goals:

1. Continue to be fiscally responsible to the taxpayers and provide excellent customer service.
2. Develop a recalculation process that will enable the Assessor's Department to be even more efficient.

3. Continue to be the leader in data sharing with other governmental agencies to benefit the citizens of Marion County.

DOUG EBNER has been active in the following service organizations: Lion's Club, East Salem Optimists Club, and J.C.s.

DOUG EBNER is 54 years of age and was born and raised near Sublimity where he currently resides.

(This information furnished by Doug Ebner and is printed exactly as submitted.)

East Marion County Justice of the Peace

Steven R. Summers

City of Salem, Mayor

[Janet Taylor](#)

OCCUPATION: President of Taylor Metal Products

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: 1957-1959, Production Line, Blue Lake Packers; 1960-1963, Circulation Department Clerk, Capital Journal; 1965-1969, Customer Service Rep., Allstate Insurance Co.; 1971-1982, Office Manager, Frank Hrubetz & Co.; 1982-1985, Owner, Business & Accounting Services; 1985-Present, Owner/President, Taylor Metal Products.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: North Salem High School; Chemeketa Community College; Salem Aviation (Pilot's license)

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Chair, South East Mill Creek Neighborhood Association; Chair, Salem Economic Development Corporation; Conference Center Task Force; Chair, Downtown Task Force; Willamette River Crossing Task Force; Vice-President, Salem Chamber of Commerce.

ORGANIZATIONS THAT BENEFIT FROM JANET'S TIME AND/OR CHARITABLE GIVING: Salem City Club; Salem Rotary; Family Building Blocks; Salem Leadership Youth; Friends of Opal Creek; A.C. Gilbert House; Salvation Army.

As a 45-year resident of Salem, I've built relationships with diverse groups by listening and fostering cooperation. The priorities of these groups are as different as the personalities that make them up. There are certain priorities that are consistent with all groups. It is towards these priorities that I will focus the council's attention. We'll work to:

- Ensure a healthy economy by keeping businesses strong.
- Recruit businesses that provide new jobs and will be active in our community.
- Provide lower police, fire and emergency response times.
- Make our downtown a place where people want to live, work, and play.

- Protect the best drinking water in the country and improve the health of the Willamette River.
- Secure stable funding so our library can keep consistent hours.

ENDORSEMENTS:

Former Salem Mayors: Tom Neilsen, Kent Aldrich

Former City Councilor: George Puentes

Salem First Citizens: Ted Stang, Ken Sherman Jr., Jerry and Vicki Berger

Salem Police Employees Union

“Janet’s 45 years of service and life in the Salem community, coupled with her experience running a successful business make her the right person to lead Salem as our Mayor.”

Larry Wacker, Former Salem City Manager

(This information furnished by Janet Taylor and is printed exactly as submitted.)

[Bill Isabell](#)

OCCUPATION: Division Manager, Clean Sweep Cleaning Services

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Manager, Salem National Weather Service Office; Chief Weather Forecaster, KBZY Radio; Vietnam Veteran, USAF

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Grants Pass Public Elementary and High School; Colorado Mountain College; National Weather Service Training School; Oregon Student University

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Vietnam Veteran, USAF; Salem Human Rights & Relations Advisory Commission; Chair, Oregon Governor’s Commission on Black Affairs; Current Chair, Salem Police Chief’s Community Policing Advisory Committee; Chair, Oregon Department of Corrections, Salem Area Prison Advisory Committee; Manager, National Weather Service, Salem

BILL ISABELL: SERVED HIS COUNTRY

- Volunteered for and served in Vietnam •

BILL ISABELL: SERVES HIS COMMUNITY

CRIME PREVENTION & CONTROL:

- Chair, Salem Police Chief’s Community Policing Advisory Committee
- Chair, Salem Area Prison Advisory Committee

SENIORS:

- Emcee, 2000,2002 Salem Senior Center Annual Appeal Kickoffs

EDUCATION:

- Member, Salem/Keizer Schools Operation Welcome Program
- Member, Salem/Keizer Schools Multicultural Advisory Resource Team

HUMAN RIGHTS:

- Past Member, Salem Human Rights & Relations Advisory Commission
- Chair, Oregon Governor's Commission on Black Affairs
- Founder & First President, Salem/Keizer NAACP

COMMUNITY:

- Co-founder, Salem World Beat Festival
- Vice-Chair, South Salem Gateway Neighborhood Association
- Member, Festival of Lights Holiday Parade Board

YOUTH:

- Co-Founder and President, Sugar Company (Olympic style) Boxing Club
- Six-year Board Member, United Way Mid-Willamette Valley
- Board Member, Salem Child Abuse Prevention Center (ESCAPE)

BUSINESS:

- Membership Drive Chair, Salem Area Chamber of Commerce
- Ambassadors Co-chair, Salem Area Chamber of Commerce
- Past President, Salem Area Federal Executive Association

BILL ISABELL: SUPPORTED BY SALEM'S LEADERS

ENDORSED BY:

- RAUL RAMIREZ, MARION COUNTY SHERIFF
- MIKE SWAIM, MAYOR OF SALEM
- OREGON LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS
- OREGON PUBLIC EMPLOYEES UNION

We need a strong leader with courage and conviction... We need a leader who has worked in our community for years, not just at election time... We need a leader who is supported by those already trusted to protect and serve us...

Bill Isabell is that leader.

(This information furnished by Bill Isabell and is printed exactly as submitted.)

City of Salem, Municipal Court Judge

Frank R. Gruber

City of Salem, Councilor Ward 2

[William Smaldone](#)

OCCUPATION: Professor of History, Willamette University (1991-present)

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Visiting Professor, Ramapo College, New Jersey (1989-1991).

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: B.S., M.A., Ph.D., State University of New York

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Salem City Councilor (1999-present); Salem City Council President (2001-present); Budget Committee (1999-present); Youth Compact (1999-present); Mid-Willamette Council of Governments (1999-present); Youth Commission (1999-2000); Salem Joint Transportation System Advisory Subcommittee (1999-present); Revenue Task Force (1998-present)

Although the local newspaper tries hard to convince people otherwise, a lot of good things are happening in Salem's City government.

There's more consensus within the City Council than there has been in decades. Council votes are usually 7-2, 8-1, or unanimous. People like it. Since this Council took office, the number of citizens applying for city boards and commissions has quadrupled. The number of residents speaking at council meetings is rising steadily, month after month.

Bill Smaldone, Mayor Swaim, and the council majority care about the needs of all of Salem's residents.

We support:

Locally-owned businesses, which hire Salem residents and keep profits in the community

Revitalizing downtown (this council began this effort and brought it to public attention)

Full library services

Environmental protection (this council created Salem's Environmental Commission)

Living wages to support working families

Sidewalk installation and repair

Well-maintained parks

Increased police and fire protection

The big issue in Salem these days is whether citizens' tax dollars will go into developers' pockets to fund sprawl, or be invested in Salem's existing neighborhoods.

The newspaper supports the land speculators and developers who are its biggest advertisers, and attacks those like the mayor and the council majority, who support the neighborhoods. Don't let them fool you.

Bill Smaldone and the council majority side with the neighborhoods. We believe city government should provide residents an array of quality services, with the costs distributed equitably.

To protect and enhance the quality of life for all Salem's residents,

Reelect Bill Smaldone to City Council

(This information furnished by Bill Smaldone and is printed exactly as submitted.)

[Jim Randall](#)

OCCUPATION: Self employed marketing consultant; Development Director, Salem's Historic Elsinore Theatre

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Salem Hospital, Director of Marketing and Community Relations

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Attended McKinley Grade School, graduated from North Salem High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Southern Oregon University.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Appointed to the Marion County Health Advisory Board and the Policy Board of the Child Health Initiative.

Our city is at a crossroads.

There are many opportunities for Salem. But we have serious problems that can no longer be ignored or glossed over with new taxes:

- Increased loss of jobs
- Shrinking city revenues
- Millions needed for neighborhood repairs
- Revival of our historic downtown
- Retirement funds at risk
- Rising home break-in rate
- Increased number of homeless families
- Mismanaged city budgets

To address these problems requires the combined efforts of all parties. City Council meetings continue to be an ideological battlefield. Any citizen who dares to disagree runs the risk of verbal assault. And we the taxpayers lose the opportunity to make our city work.

I've watched one faction or another take control of the city and muscle through its own agenda. Any success came at the cost of a divided community and loss of any chance for voter approval. Promoting special interest agendas is not the purpose of city government.

We have a great pool of talent in Salem, but the current City Council fails to use that talent. We need individuals willing to explore a range of opportunities for our neighborhoods and downtown. We need to get everyone involved ...from risk-takers to neighbors ...to craft solutions that all parties can support.

The next four years are critical to Salem's future. To make Salem work, we need leaders willing to work with all sides to secure community-wide support.

With your vote, that's the agenda I will bring to the City Council

(This information furnished by Jim Randall and is printed exactly as submitted.)

City of Salem, Councilor Ward 4

[Wes Bennett](#)

OCCUPATION: Current Ward 4 Councilor.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: National Guard (1950-52); U.S. Air Force (1952-56 during the Korean conflict); Permit Engineer for Department of Public Works & Development Services for county government; Permit Engineer for the final 15 of 32 years.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Fresno City College, A.A. Degree; California State University, Fresno.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: National Guard, three years; U.S. Air Force, four years; Salem City Budget Committee (chair); Riverfront Oversight Committee; Salem Joint Transportation Advisory Sub-Committee; Salem-Keizer Area Policy Advisory Committee; Water/Wastewater Task Force (chair); Boards/Commissions Appointments; Cable Regulatory Commission & Manager's Performance Review (chair).

Councilor Bennett's accomplishments:

AVAILABLE: Wes Bennett promised to be a full-time councilor. He's kept that promise. He's available to any citizen, eight hours a day, six days a week. His home telephone number is on his council business cards, and listed in the city directory.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROTECTION: When inappropriate development proposals threatened the character and property values of three south Salem neighborhoods, Wes Bennett rallied the citizens, led the fight and stopped those projects, changing them to projects more acceptable to the neighborhoods.

TOBACCO ORDINANCE: Wes Bennett introduced and had passed a tobacco ordinance to prevent minors from purchasing tobacco products.

LAND FOR PARKS: Wes Bennett worked with city staff to get land set aside for parks in Sunnyside, Wiltsey, Pringle, Hilfiker & Battlecreek neighborhoods. Those proposals were adopted by the council.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND BLIGHT: Thanks to Wes Bennett's work, south Commercial Street can be saved from becoming another Lancaster Blvd. Funds were set aside in the budget to develop an overlay zone along Commercial Street.

ENDORSEMENTS:

Mike Swaim (Mayor)

Daniel D. Saucy, D.M.D. (Park Board Chair)

Wendy Kroger (Park Advocate)

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Oregon National Resources Council Action (PAC)

Edward Schultheiss, M.D.

Kris Gorsuch (Attorney)

Mark Grenz (Civil Engineer)

WES BENNETT: Defending South Salem Neighborhoods since 1997.

(This information furnished by Wes Bennett and is printed exactly as submitted.)

[Paul Rushing](#)

OCCUPATION: September 2000-Present, President of Rushing Commercial Property Management

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: October 1998-Present, Oregon Army National Guard, E4 Specialist; Director of Business Development of Coleman Construction; Outside Salesman, Best Heating and Control; Manager of Homebase; E4 Sargent, United States Airforce (Fire Protection Specialist)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: High School Graduate; Linn Benton Community College

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Current member of 21st Century Advisory Committee (State Board of Education); October 1998-Present, Oregon Army National Guard, E4 Specialist; E4 Sargent, United States Airforce (Fire Protection Specialist)

What I Have Done For Salem:

- Facilities Task Force for Salem-Keizer School District
- Staff Development Task Force for Salem-Keizer School District
- Leadership Salem (Salem Area Chamber of Commerce) Class 2003
- Education Committee (Salem Area Chamber of Commerce)
- Design, build and manage local retail shopping centers

What I Will Do:

As your City Councilor, I will bring "Common Sense" to city government. My campaign themes are simple; I want to create more jobs for Salem, guard the city's natural resources (watersheds and parks) and make sure South

Salem continues to have affordable housing. In addition, I want to continue to provide strong public safety to the community.

My goal is to give a complete voice to the residents of Ward 4 and South Salem.

(This information furnished by Paul Rushing and is printed exactly as submitted.)

City of Salem, Councilor Ward 6

[Thomas L. Smith](#)

OCCUPATION: Accountant, Accountemps, Salem; Volunteer, Master Recycler, Marion County

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Accountant, OraSure Technologies, Beaverton; Accounts Payable Manager, RainTree Healthcare, Scottsdale; Assistant Controller, Crowne Plaza Northstar Hotel, Minneapolis.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Scottsdale Community College, 1992-1994, Hotel/Restaurant Management Program

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Two term chair, Northeast Salem Community Association (NESCA), 2000-Present; Secretary, Salem Neighborhoods Inc.; Member, Sidewalk Construction and Maintenance Plan (SCAMP) Task Force, '00-'01; Stakeholders Advisory Group for Salem Street Utility Fee Study, '01-'02.

Personal: Single. Moved to Salem in 1999, becoming a homeowner in the NESCA neighborhood of Ward 6. My brother and I share in assisting our mother, who is disabled due to blindness; we live in separate residences at the same address.

Based on my experiences and observations of NESCA, SNI, SCAMP, City Council and Staff and many of our community's volunteer groups, I believe:

A Councilor's chief duty is to represent the views and interests of the citizens of his ward.

Recent changes in national and local economies, in local governing and educational leadership and in the makeup and spirit of the local populace both allow and require fresh thought and diligent, cooperative action on all sides.

Citizens are becoming ever more aware of the needs for campaign financing reform, stronger support for local business, and new, integrated approaches to transportation problems. Salem is a special place — keeping Salem special for our sake, the future of our children and as a model to other cities demands from each of us the best we can give.

(This information furnished by Thomas L. Smith and is printed exactly as submitted.)

[Bruce R. Rogers](#)

OCCUPATION: Manager of Planning and Scheduling for four regional line dispatch centers at Portland General Electric

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: 31-year employee of Portland General Electric Company as Line Dispatcher, Planner/Scheduler, Service & Design Manager, and Customer Field Representative

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Graduate of Sheridan High School, U.S. Navy, Vietnam Veteran

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Former Chair of Northeast Salem Community Association (NESCA), Chair of NESCA Land-use Committee; Hoover Elementary School, Local School Advisory Committee member; Council of Governments, member of Transportation Study Committee, 1985 Graduate of Leadership Salem.

VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: AC Gilbert House Build Project, Team Captain; Chelsea's Place Play Area, volunteer construction worker; Roaring River Fish Hatchery, volunteer host; Pioneer Little League coach, umpire, and board member; Riverfront park boat ramp construction; United Way board member and Days of Caring committee member. Days of Caring Projects: Boys and Girls Club picnic table construction project, Northwest Human Services Greenhouse and Recreation Room coordination team, Garten Senior Center Park Cleanup Project, House of Zion training facility painting project.

personal: Married 35 years, 3 adult children. Resident of Salem since 1972.

BRUCE ROGERS... WILL PROTECT SALEM'S QUALITY OF LIFE

"Livability is one of Salem's most valuable assets. I support win-win solutions benefiting a balance of interests in our city so we can have both a healthy economy and a healthy environment."

- Promote diverse economic development
- Create meaningful, family wage jobs
- Find sensible transportation solutions

BRUCE ROGERS... VALUES COMMUNITY SAFETY

"Safe, secure neighborhoods are the cornerstone of our community. Every family deserves to know their emergency response teams are able to provide the highest standard of service."

- Maintain and improve emergency response and rescue times
- Support community drug enforcement

BRUCE ROGERS ... BELIEVES IN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

"Respect for all citizens, and genuine dedication to serving them, is the foundation of good government."

- Provide a balanced approach to issues affecting our city
- Commit to keeping an open door and seeking broad input

www.brucerogersforcitycouncil.com

Authorized and paid for by Citizens for Bruce Rogers

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Measures

[Measure 24-77 : City of Stayton- 3 yr local option tax](#)

Referred to the People by the City Council

Three Year Local Option Tax for Library, Pool, Parks Support

Question: Shall the City of Stayton implement a \$236,300 operating tax annually for three years, beginning in Fiscal Year 2002-2003?

This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: This measure may be passed only at an election with at least a 50 percent voter turnout.

The City of Stayton is seeking a three-year local option tax of \$236,300 per year, beginning in Fiscal Year 2002-2003, to partially fund specific elements of the library, swimming pool and park programs.

A portion of the proposed tax will offset the loss of the previous 3-year library/pool local option tax passed in 1998. An allowance is also made for delinquent and uncollectible taxes. This tax would raise \$708,900 over the three year period.

Library support will include reinstating or increasing audio-visual, reference material and book budgets to former levels, replacing obsolete computers, deferred building maintenance and offsetting anticipated loss of regional library reimbursements.

Pool support will include offsetting increased utility costs, reinstating operating hours and, over three years, constructing a new boiler room, chlorination system replacement, refurbishing shower rooms and miscellaneous equipment repairs.

Parks program support will include replacement of playground equipment in Westown, North Slope and Community Center Parks (one each year).

It is estimated that this tax will result in a rate of \$.684 per \$1,000 of assessed value in the first year. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate.

[Explanatory Statement](#)

The City of Stayton is seeking a 3-year local option tax of \$236,300 per year for partial support of the City's library, pool and parks programs. A portion of the tax will offset the loss of an existing library/pool local option tax that expires at the end of the current fiscal year (June 2002). Some of the proposed tax will be used for capital improvements that could not otherwise be afforded within the City's regular budget. A specific list of the proposed uses of local option tax proceeds is as follows:

<u>Stayton Public Library:</u>		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Replace funds from expiring 1998 Local Option Tax	\$56,000	√	√	√
Replace anticipated loss of Regional Library Service funds	\$8,000	√	√	√
Increase book budget	\$10,000	√	√	√
Reinstate audio-visual and reference materials budget	\$10,000	√	√	√
Replace computers which access Chemeketa Regional Library Service	\$8,000	√		
Replace public use computers	\$8,000		√	
Deferred library building maintenance needs	\$8,000			√
<u>Stayton Family Memorial Pool:</u>				
Replace funds from expiring 1998 Local Option Tax	\$38,000	√	√	√
Reinstate weekend/other hours that existed prior to 9/2000	\$22,000	√	√	√
Offset increased cost of natural gas and electricity	\$12,000	√	√	√

Construct new boiler room	\$30,000	√		
Replace chlorination system	\$22,000		√	
Miscellaneous equipment upgrades and repairs	\$8,000		√	
Re-plumb and refurbish shower rooms	\$30,000			√
<u>Stayton City Park System</u>				
Replace playground equipment (Westown Park)	\$28,200	√		
Replace playground equipment (North Slope Park)	\$28,200		√	
Replace playground equipment (Community Center Park)	\$28,200			√
<u>Other:</u>				
Necessary allowance for delinquent and uncollectible taxes	\$14,100	√	√	√
<u>TOTAL ANNUAL TAX:</u>		\$236,300	\$236,300	\$236,300

Based on the most current information available from the Marion County Assessor's office, the proposed tax would represent a tax rate of sixty-eight cents (\$.684) per \$1,000 of real property assessed value (not market value). For example, estimated first year cost for a home assessed at \$100,000 would be approximately \$68.40. Because the previous local option tax passed in 1998 will cease, and will not overlap the proposed new local option tax, the estimated additional tax cost (from the tax bill now being paid), using the same example, will be approximately \$39.50 per year.

Submitted by:
Chris Childs, City Administrator
City of Stayton

[Argument For 24-77](#)

LIBRARY AND POOL FUNDING ENDS JUNE 30 TH

The current three-year levy to help support Library and Pool operations will expire soon. Stayton citizens, recognizing these great community assets could not be funded entirely by the general fund, and are too important to lose, passed the initial option tax levy in 1998. A renewal levy must be passed, replacing the expiring levy, to continue the basic level of Library and Pool services.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 24-77

Measure 24-77 is the new Option Tax Levy needed to continue Library and Pool services. This measure also has the added benefit of providing a minimal amount of much needed funds to replace worn out play equipment in Northslope, Westown, and the Community Center parks.

PLEASE JOIN WITH US IN SUPPORTING THE LIBRARY, POOL AND PARKS. VOTE YES!

Michael and Katie Jaeger

William and Terri Smith

Steve and Catherine Cromer

Arthur and LaVeta Christiansen

Don and Henrietta Nielson

Scott and Patricia West

John and Kathy Kaczynski

Eric and Vikki Pointer

John and Susan Brandt

Dick and Joan Morley

Steve and Marci Strawn

Darrell Mooers

Henry and Sandi Porter

John and Debra Murray

Tom Williams

Paul and Janis Anderson

Ross Miller

Bob and Margaret Anderson

Michael and Melody Sweet

Dennis and Bonnie Stephenson

Mike and Katie Fleming

Dan and Susan Goodman

Don and Ruth Koenig

Erna Barnett

Don Eubank

Michael Aus

Gerry and DeeAnne Aboud

Patrick and Kim Hearn

Tracy and Julie Louden

Randy and Kristi LaFollett

Mike Hallam

John Rickman

Marilee Mack

Michael and Merilee Meiners

David and Maryann Nielson

Dr. Tom Van Veen

Jean Frederic

Patrick and Carol Tabor

David Kinney

Ruthann Mills

Natalie Barnett

Emilee Rutten

Melody Ross

Dolores Heuberger

Sharon Russell

(This information provided by David A. Nielson, Citizens for Stayton)

[Argument For 24-77](#)

Once again, the Library, Parks and Pool local option tax measure is before you for a vote. And, once again, we are counting on your support! Voters supported the levy in the last election, but not enough people voted. Please support it again! Please vote, and vote "Yes"!!

This measure replaces an expiring three year levy of \$100,000 per year with a new three year levy of \$236,300 per year that will help support the Library and Pool and also add needed equipment to some of our existing parks. So much potential good, yet for most of us it shouldn't cost more in additional taxes than the value of renting a video each month (about \$40 per year).

We need to replace outdated computer technology in the Library, restore hours open to the public and purchase new books and periodicals. Many maintenance projects have been put on hold due to a chronic finding shortage, which the passage of this levy will help overcome.

The Pool needs upgrades to its chlorination system, boiler room and showers that will make the Pool run more efficiently and safely. Our Pool is used by citizens young and old throughout the day and we have championship swimmers who are counting on us to keep the pool open with our vote on this important levy!!

We have a Parks system that we can be proud of and keeping our parks safe for children to play in is an important part of that system. The Parks portion of the levy does that, with new play equipment in three of our different neighborhood parks.

When we look at the livability of a community like ours the things that make us want to be here good libraries, beautiful parks and functional swimming pools for our children and ourselves ought to be among our highest priorities!

Please vote "Yes" on Measure 24-77

Susan Brandt

(This information provided by Susan Brandt,
Citizens for Stayton PAC)

[Measure 24-78 : City of Salem- City Charter Amendment](#)

Referred to the People by the Salem City Council

Amends Charter: Prohibits Public Official's Participation In Decisions Requiring Disclosure

Question: Shall charter be amended to require disclosures and prohibit public officials from participating in decisions at public hearings, with exceptions?

Summary: Provides that elected or appointed city officials and participants in decision-making process must disclose at public hearings relationships, gifts and contributions when a decision is likely to result in a financial benefit to a person or entity. When such disclosures are required, and matters disclosed create appearance of bias or impropriety, officials cannot participate as decision-makers in decisions made at public hearings, unless absolutely necessary to render effective decision, or all persons participating in proceeding waive objection to participation. Disclosures include past or present business or family relationships with, or direct or indirect campaign contributions or gifts totaling at least \$501 during preceding two years for Mayor and four years for other officials from, persons or entities or their representatives participating in decision-making process. Decision-makers shall participate or abstain as necessary to achieve purpose of public confidence in high ethical standards when a reasonable person would conclude that campaign contributions were made or disclosed, or waivers granted or withheld to manipulate composition of voting members of decision-making body. Violation would prejudice parties' substantial rights.

[Explanatory Statement](#)

The measure would add a section to the city charter concerning family or business relationships with, or campaign contributions or gifts to, elected or appointed city officials who participate in decisions made at public hearings. If such a decision would be likely to result in a financial benefit to any person or entity, the official would be required to disclose at the beginning of the hearing:

1. Any business relationships in the last four years, or family relationships, with persons or entities, or their representatives, who participate in the decision-making process.
2. Any direct or indirect campaign contributions or gifts that:
 - a. Are from persons or entities, or their representatives, who participate in the decision-making process; and
 - b. Total \$501 or more during the preceding two years, for the mayor, or four years, for other officials; and
 - c. Are known or should have been known to the official.

All persons and entities participating in the decision-making process would be required to disclose such matters.

An official required to make such disclosure could not participate in the decision if the matters required to be disclosed would create the appearance of bias or impropriety in the mind of a reasonable person. However, if the official's action were absolutely necessary to render an effective decision, the official would be required to participate after disclosure. In addition, unless participation were prohibited by state statutes on Government Standards and Practices or the city code on ethics, the official could participate if all persons participating in the proceeding waived objection.

When a reasonable person would conclude that campaign contributions were made or disclosed or waivers were granted or withheld to manipulate the composition of the voting members of a decision-making body, the decision-makers would be required to participate or abstain from participation as necessary to achieve the purpose of public confidence in high ethical standards for government officials.

If a reviewing court, agency, board or commission determined that a decision violated the measure's requirements, the reviewing body should rule that the parties' substantial rights are prejudiced.

"Family relationship" would mean the relationship between an official and the official's spouse, son, daughter, mother, father, brother, brother-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, cousin, stepparent, stepchild, grandparent or grandchild.

"Representative" would mean a person who represents a person or entity, who or which participates in the decision-making process, including, but not limited to, an attorney, planning consultant, expert witness, or employee.

"Business relationship" would include employer, employee, partnerships, contractor, lessor, lessee, current and prospective parties to contracts and professional representation or acting as another's agent or any other business relationship which a reasonable person would conclude raises ethical concerns under the measure.

"Gift" would be defined as in ORS 244.020(8), excluding the exceptions in that statute. "Gift" would not include voluntary work not required to be reported under laws on contributions and expenditure reports.

Submitted By:

Salem City Council

[Argument For 24-78](#)

1000 Friends Of Oregon Urges You To

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 24-78

Support Government Ethics for Salem! Campaign contributions in exchange for future favors are eating away at our democracy. Current campaign disclosure laws are inadequate and fail to protect us from the corrosive effect of big money in local decisions.

Measure 24-78 would limit the influence of big money in politics. Current law allows city officials to accept thousands of dollars from developers and other business interests and then vote on their proposals to the city. Developers spent over \$30,000 in an effort to buy a single city race in the last election cycle. You'd better believe they expected a return on their investment. Vote YES to prevent this abuse!

Measure 24-78 would better inform the public and shine a light on questionable relationships. City officials should be required to disclose all conflicts of interest before voting on public business. Vote YES to require full disclosure. The people of Salem have a right to know!

Measure 24-78 would increase trust in government. From 1964 to 1994, the number of people who said they believed "Government is run by a few big interests looking out for themselves" increased from 29% to 76%. The number who believed "Public officials don't care what people like me think" shot up from 37% to 69%. Vote YES to return integrity to government!

By limiting the ability of city officials to take actions benefiting their large donors, measure 24-78 would discourage wealthy interests from trying to buy local elections through campaign contributions.

THE WELL-FUNDED OPPONENTS OF REFORM WILL ALWAYS FIND EXCUSES NOT TO ACT. THE TIME FOR MEANINGFUL REFORM IS NOW.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 24-78!

(This information provided by Sid Friedman, 1000 Friends of Oregon)

FRIENDS OF MARION COUNTY
SUPPORTS GOOD GOVERNMENT

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 24-78

It is time to take back our government from the special interests.

Measure 24-78 establishes critical ethical standards for Salem officials and requires them to disclose large campaign contributions and conflicts of interest before voting.

Everyone knows money in politics is a serious problem.

On October 10, 1994, the Statesman Journal called for “relief from the power of groups and individuals who buy an office for their favorite candidate by feeding him or her the money needed to buy advertising and expertise.”

“Even the most dedicated and conscientious politicians will have trouble showing their independence . . . when they know who their financial sugar-daddies are,” continued the Statesman Journal.

Nearly eight years later, little has changed.

Nationally, the Enron scandal highlights the golden rule of politics: whoever has the gold sets the rules. Around Oregon, public officials make decisions benefitting their relatives or business associates. Locally, development interests spent more than \$50,000 trying to influence the outcome of a single Salem city race in the 2000 election—\$30,000 from one homebuilders PAC.

Our current laws lack the teeth to prevent these abuses, feeding public cynicism about the integrity of public decisions.

Now we finally have a chance to make a difference.

Measure 24-78 gives voters the opportunity to enact genuine reform.

By requiring city officials to step aside if business or family relationships or large contributions create the appearance of impropriety, Measure 24-78 will ensure that decisions are fair and in the public interest.

And if it discourages developers—or development opponents—from trying to buy local elections, so much the better.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 24-78

(This information provided by Bob Lindsey, Friends of Marion County)

PROTECT OUR CITY FROM BIG MONEY INTERESTS!

Vote Yes on Measure 24-78!

Getting large sums of money for their campaigns gives some candidates a huge advantage over grass roots candidates. But when these well funded candidates become city councilors they are often asked to return the favor and make decisions that directly benefit their campaign contributors.

This is called “conflict of interest!”

THAT’S NOT HOW DEMOCRACY IS SUPPOSED TO WORK!

We've investigated and we know:

- There are constant and continuing efforts to CONCEAL BIG POLITICAL DONATIONS that come from development interests.
- HUGE CHECKS, some as large as \$30,000 or even \$45,000, have been written by development interests to fund campaigns for Salem mayor and council.
- Sometimes the money is shipped out of Salem and filtered back into local campaigns through other organizations.
- Developer donations have also been laundered through a local model home project into local elections.
- Sometimes developer candidates, or developer ballot measure campaigns, simply FAIL TO REPORT the full amount of developer dollars that they receive.
- The local newspaper FAILS TO PUBLISH even the full amount of those developer dollars that do get reported by the donors, or by their candidates.

Today developers don't have to declare their huge contributions when they seek council approval for their projects.

SALEM VOTERS DESERVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW when big campaign contributors are asking "their" councilors for a favor.

Measure 24-78 REQUIRES that potential conflicts of interest MUST BE DECLARED.

We need government by the people, not government by the money.

CITYWATCH URGES YOU TO VOTE YES ON MEASURE 24-78

(This information provided by Jack Holloway, CityWatch)

[Argument Against 24-78](#)

Campaign finance reform is a very important issue and we should take the time to pursue the issue correctly and legally.

Ballot measure 24-78 raises issues of free speech, added time and confusion at public meetings and other constitutional questions.

The measure was rushed through at a special meeting with little or no public input. In fact, it was done in such a rush that the City Councils own attorney said they did not have time to review and analyze the measure and that "this measure could be postponed to a later election date, rather than the May election."

That's not all the City Attorney had to say about this rushed and unwise measure. In a March 4th staff report to the City Council, she said:

"This will add to the time the process takes and may frustrate meeting mandatory time lines..."

"Application of the law can easily become unworkable."

(this) "raises questions of decision making authority."

"The scope of the decisions contemplated by the measures is not clear."

"Many of the terms used in the measure are undefined and ambiguous."

“this provision may be used to manipulate the decision making process...”

These comments are just some from a multi-page list of issues that the City Council ignored in the rush to get this measure out.

As past mayors, we are shocked and saddened to see such disregard for the City Attorneys thoughtful legal advice. The push to put this flawed measure in our City Charter is irresponsible and highly unwise.

Join with us in turning back this poorly thought out measure and give the public a chance to provide input.

Vote “NO” Ballot Measure 24-78

Former Mayors:

Tom Neilson

Sue Miller

Kent Aldrich

(This information provided by Mike McLaran)