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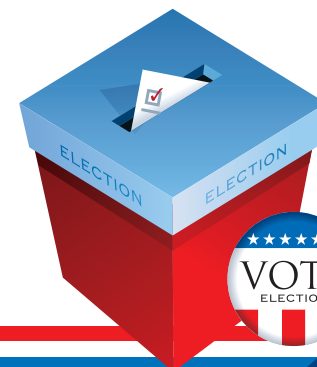
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2026 ★★★

Spring Primary Edition

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OFFICIAL TILLAMOOK COUNTY BALLOT DEPOSIT LOCATIONS

May 19, 2026, Primary Election

Below you will find the drop site locations and the available days and hours, the sites will be open for you to drop off voted ballots. You have the choice of mailing your ballot or returning it to any designated drop site in the state. The voted ballot must be received in any county election office or designated drop site by 8:00 p.m. on election night or postmarked by 5/19/2026. Your ballot must be received inside the ballot return envelope with your signature on the outside.

Each ballot is inspected carefully, and signatures are compared to the voter registration on file.

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DAYS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
SOUTH		
Cloverdale Drop Box - 34370 Hwy. 101 South Cloverdale, OR 97112	4/29/2026 to 5/19/2026	8:00 a.m. (open 24 hours) until 8:00 p.m.
Pacific City Drop Box - Kiawanda Community Center 34600 Cape Kiwanda Drive Pacific City, OR 97135	4/29/2026 to 5/19/2026	8:00 a.m. (open 24 hours) until 8:00 p.m.
CENTRAL		
Tillamook County Clerk's Office Tillamook County Courthouse 201 Laurel Avenue Tillamook, OR 97141	4/29/2026 to 5/19/2025 5/19/2026 Tue.	8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Mon. - Fri. 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tillamook City Drive-Up Drop Box NW Corner of 3 rd & Laurel Tillamook, OR 97141	4/29/2026 to 5/19/2026	8:00 a.m. (open 24 hours) until 8:00 p.m.
Tillamook City – Library Main Branch 1716 3 rd Street Tillamook, OR 97141	4/29/2026 5/19/2026	8:00 a.m. (open 24 hours) until 8:00 p.m.
NORTH		
Bay City - City Hall Drop Box 5525 B Street Bay City, OR 97107	4/29/2026 to 5/19/2026	8:00 a.m. (open 24 hours) until 8:00 p.m.
Garibaldi - City Hall Drop Box 107 6 th Street Garibaldi, OR 97118	4/29/2026 to 5/19/2026	8:00 a.m. (open 24 hours) until 8:00 p.m.
Rockaway Beach - City Hall Drop Box 276 Hwy. 101 South Rockaway Beach, OR 97136	4/29/2026 to 5/19/2026	8:00 a.m. (open 24 hours) until 8:00 p.m.
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Welcome to the Spring Primary Election Tillamook County Voter Guide 2026

As the May primary election fast approaches, the Tillamook Headlight Herald is offering this Voter Guide to help our readers prepare to vote in races for Tillamook County commissioner, state senator and state representative, as well as the question of whether to form a new fire district combining the Tillamook Fire District and Bay City Fire Department.

We invited representatives of the proposed fire district to submit a message explaining the measure and asked candidates to respond to the following

questions:

1. What is your name, how old are you and how long have you lived in Tillamook County?

2. What is your work background and what professional, volunteer or personal experiences do you feel make you qualified for the position you are seeking?

3. What is the biggest issue facing the city, district or department you are running to represent?

4. What would your priorities be if elected?

All responses received are included here.

On May 8, 2026, at 10 a.m. the certification test for the May 19, 2026, Primary Election will be held at the office of the Tillamook County Clerk.

Those in attendance will be required to sign a certification of their witness to the testing of the ballot counting equipment.

**May 19, 2026,
Primary Election**

April 2026

- 28** Voter registration/Change Party affiliation deadline (Registration cards postmarked April 28, 2026, are valid)
- 29** First Day ballots will be mailed and Dropsites Open

MAY 2026

- 8** Certification Test of the Ballot Counting Machine
- 14** Last Election Official to mail replacement ballots
- 19** Election Day

June 2026

- 15** Last day to certify election results

The Elections office in the Tillamook County Courthouse will be open on Election Day 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Returning your ballot to Tillamook County Elections Office



Mail your ballot so it is postmarked by Election Day May 19, 2026.

**Do not put your ballot in a mailbox after 5 p.m. on election Day.

OR

Deposit your ballot in an official Oregon ballot dropbox by 8 p.m. on election Day May 19, 2026. List of official ballot dropsites in the front of this Vote Guide or on the County Clerk's website.



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Candidates

State Senate - Democratic Primary



Rachel Armitage

My name is Rachel Armitage. I'm 35 and have been a proud resident of Senate District 16 for six years. In 2022, I was appointed to represent this community in the Oregon State Senate.

As your State Senator, I secured over \$2 million in funding for crucial infrastructure

projects on the North Coast. I then worked at the Oregon Community Foundation as the North Coast Program Officer, where I collaborated with community leaders and organizations to address challenges facing Tillamook, Clatsop and Columbia counties.

I give back because I know firsthand how tough it can be to face struggles like putting food on the table or keeping a roof over your head. No one should have to face those challenges alone. Over the holidays, I assembled and delivered gifts for Meals on Wheels recipients. I've also volunteered as an Oregon Battle of the Books coach, served on the St. Helens Main Street Alliance, and am currently serving on the Columbia County Port Budget Committee.

From Vernonia to Wheeler, folks I talk to are tired of basic costs like gas, food, and rent skyrocketing out of control. Too many people find it impossible to breathe, let alone get ahead. When taxes are added to that list, the government better have something to show for it. I'm committed to putting money back in your pocket and providing real value to North Coast taxpayers now.

The North Coast economy deserves a champion in Salem. I will prioritize innovation, small

businesses, and industry. I'll work hard to fully fund R&D and worker training programs like OMIC, Tongue Point Job Corps and Small Business Development Centers that make prosperity possible. I'll

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State Senate - Republican Primary



Tripp Dietrich

My name is Howard "Tripp" Dietrich III—ballot name: Tripp Dietrich (47). I'm an eight-generation Oregonian with deep roots across the state. My family has long called Tillamook County a sanctuary, and I grew up playing on these north coast beaches. I've lived

and worked in and around Senate District 16 my entire life, traveling back and forth to Portland for work just like so many other here. This is home.


I'm a self-employed local business owner and employer with a background in business development, project management, customer service and hospitality. I earned a bachelor's degree in finance and entrepreneurship from Babson College. I've built and grown businesses that put food on Oregonians' tables and created real jobs, while navigating regulations firsthand. I've never held elected or appointed office. Unlike career politicians, I've made my own way in the private sector. My only government experience comes from dealing with agencies while developing across the

state—and that's exactly why I'm qualified. I understand what it takes to meet payroll, fight burdensome rules from Salem/Portland and deliver practical solutions for families, small businesses, timber, agriculture, fishing and our coastal economy. As an eight-generation Oregonian with pioneer grit, I'm outside the political swamp and focused on what actually works for you.

The biggest issue facing senate district 16 in overreach from Portland politicians who ram through one-size-fits-all, big-government policies that ignore our rural north coast realities. Crushing regulations, high taxes and anti-business agendas are killing jobs in timber, agriculture, fishing,

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Voting Instructions

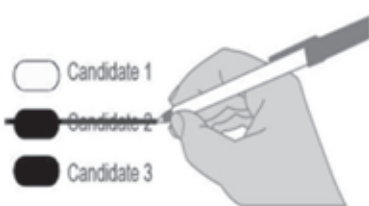
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- Fill in the write-in oval
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Candidates

State Senate - Republican Primary



Courtney Bangs

My name is Courtney Bangs. I'm 46 years old, and I've lived in Senate District 16 for nearly two decades. We live on our sixth-generation family farm in Knappa.

Most of my career has been spent as an educator. Whether I've been teaching agriculture, dance, working in general edu-

cation or serving as a substitute teacher like I do now, I've dedicated a big part of my life to preparing the next generation. I also currently serve as a Clatsop County Commissioner, and I sit on several boards and committees focused on forests, conservation, economic development, and our county fair. I am also proud to be the Chair of Northwest Senior and Disability Services and a past President of the Clatsop County chapter of Oregon Women in Timber.

As commissioner, I've worked hard to protect our working forests, reduce the red tape in building housing, improve rural infrastructure, support our local law enforcement and keep government accountable to the people it serves.

The biggest challenge

we face in District 16 is the growing overreach from state government into our lives and livelihoods. We've seen it in the gradual restrictions on sustainable forest management, in the loss of local control over our schools and communities, in rules that limit our law enforcement, and in state funding tied to mandates that don't reflect our values. No one understands our communities better than the people who live and work here. If elected to the Senate, I'll work every day to return more decision-making power to the local level, where it belongs.

I'll also continue fighting for better rural roads, reliable broadband and the infrastructure investments our region needs. Our roads are in rough

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State Senate - Republican Primary



Dr. Frank Mansfield

My name is Dr. Frank Mansfield, I am 71, I have lived in the district for ten and a half years.

I have a PhD in Aerospace Engineering and retired at GS-15 level from DoD Navy Warfare Labs after more than 32 years. A few positions I held included Office of

Naval Research Science and Technology Science Advisor at the Pentagon, Research and Development Branch Head, Deputy Advanced Technology Coordinator for Integrated Warfare Systems, Chief Engineer for Infrastructure Assurance Division, Area Program Manager for Theater Ballistic Missile Defense Office, and Co-Chair of the Program Management and System Engineering IPT for BMDO/AIT Interceptor Test Bed. Other jobs I had included Air Force, Microwave Relay Repair and Electronics Instructor, Navy Reserve as a Nuclear Power Candidate, Senior Airframe Engineer for Israel's F-35 fighter jet, Systems Engineer for the F-35 follow-on modernization Block 4 effort and Deputy Program Manager Engineer at General Dynamics

Mission Systems.

My Public volunteer experience includes serving as Director East Kern County Resource Conservation District for Kern County, CA for three years, Chair of the Board of Zoning Appeals for Colonial Beach, VA for five years, and on the Clatsop County board of tax appeals for two years.

The biggest issue facing the district is taxes and spending. To address it I would establish elected board members for all agencies so that they return their focus to the needs of all the people and not political agendas; rescind a large portion of the tax bills passed in the last few sessions; and work with the Justice Department to get federal forensic audits for

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Candidates

County Commissioner



George Jeffrey Spink

My name is George Jeffrey Spink; I go by Jeff. I've lived and worked in Tillamook County for more than 25 years. Prior to moving to Tillamook, I published a tourist magazine that included businesses from Tillamook as well as Lane, Lincoln and Clatsop Counties. My experience in the automotive business and publishing gave me an early connection to the community and local economies.

I've worked in business and community service

for most of my career. I'm currently the General Sales Manager at Tillamook Motor Company and previously ran the Oregon Coast Guide, a tourism magazine covering the coast from Astoria to Florence. I also serve on the Tillamook County Economic Development Council and spent ten years as a Reserve Deputy with the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

I was born in upstate New York and served in the U.S. Air Force before continuing my education and eventually settling in Oregon in 1993. Over the past 25 years, Tillamook County has become home.

My business background, public service and interest in economic development give me a practical perspective on the challenges facing working families and local businesses.

The biggest issue facing Tillamook County is the economy and the

loss of family-wage jobs. When those jobs disappear, it affects everything—from local businesses to the county's tax base.

Tillamook County has strong natural resources and a long history tied to forestry, agriculture and fishing. Supporting responsible development of those resources while encouraging new industries will be critical to rebuilding a strong local economy.

My priority is helping rebuild a stable, diverse local economy. That means supporting responsible natural resource industries while also encouraging new opportunities in tourism, small business and emerging industries.

A strong, stable economy benefits the entire community—from students entering the workforce to retirees who want to continue living here.

County Commissioner



Mary Faith Bell

My name is Mary Faith Bell. I was born December 28, 1964. I am a native Oregonian. I moved to Tillamook County in 2005 with my young son for the extraordinary natural beauty, outdoor recreation opportunities and rural quality of life.

I was working as a reporter at the Tillamook Headlight Herald (HH), when I fell in love with the community and its people. The old-fashioned barn-raising values. The tremendous level of volunteering. The generosity of spirit to come together to make the community a better place.

From the editor of the HH I moved to Adventist Health Tillamook, as the director of communications and marketing.

Commissioners are of service to everyone in the county. It is a servant leadership role, which aligns deeply with my values. As a commissioner I have the opportunity to drive change

in ways that serve people, such as emergency preparedness. There is nothing more important that the safety of our citizens, and that must include preparing for the risks we face living near the Cascadia subduction zone, at risk of a major earthquake and tsunami.

When I became commissioner, it was my goal for every coastal community in Tillamook County to have the tools and support necessary to become as prepared as north county, where the Emergency Volunteer Corps of Nehalem Bay (EVCNB) was doing groundbreaking work on preparedness.

We have made tremendous progress on that goal. Volunteer emergency preparedness groups have formed in every area at risk. The EVCNB provides training and support. Dynamic collaboration between volunteer groups, the county, the cities, and the state are growing, to everyone's benefit. Together, we are making dramatic progress, leagues ahead of other counties.

I champion emergency management at every opportunity. For example, pushing to include emergency preparedness in the county strategic framework, bringing emergency management into the commissioners' office, and working with the emergency manager to make neighborhood preparedness

groups a priority. Recently, I was invited to apply to the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) governing board. If appointed by the Governor, I will represent the Oregon coast on the board with a focus on coastal hazards.

Financing is among the biggest issues facing the county. Since the 1990s the county has experienced declining federal timber revenues. Growth has been constrained, maintenance deferred, and essential investments like asphalt severely curtailed. With the new state Habitat Conservation Plan state timber revenues are expected to flatten at best. Timber revenues cannot keep pace with the rising costs of doing business and providing services.

The board of commissioners is currently engaged in initiative-taking that will allow us to continue funding vital county services in the future. Strategies include improving efficiency through technology; raising fees appropriately (some haven't been raised for decades); advocating for use of more transient lodging tax revenues; and investing in county tourism facilities that generate revenue. We are implementing a new approach to financing that has stabilized the budget in the short term and promises to continue to bear fruit.

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I believe your State Senator should work just as hard as you do. I'll deliver real

results in Salem by making sure every bill that comes across my desk actually works for rural communities like ours, not just the I-5 corridor. I'll address our lack of housing and crumbling infrastructure. I'll fight to keep pharmacies and hospitals open. I will make sure that

our students can get a decent education that prepares them for the future.

I'm loyal to the North Coast, not special interests. It doesn't matter if you're a Democrat, Republican, or something else. If you're on the North Coast, it's my job to listen and put you first.

Measure 29-185 Dissolution of Tillamook Rural Fire Protection District
Measure 29-186 Formation of a new Tillamook Bay Fire & Rescue RFPD

• What would these measures do?
 Each former fire organization (Tillamook Fire District and Bay City Fire Department) would dissolve and create one new district that would serve approximately 18,385 permanent residents in the Tillamook and Bay City areas.

• What would the tax rate be?
 A new district would replace any existing fire tax rate with a new tax rate of \$1.49 per \$1,000 assessed property value for Tillamook and Bay City property owners. This new tax rate could generate \$2.46 million annually for district operations.

• How is the tax rate changing?
 Tillamook property owners are currently

paying \$0.69 per \$1,000 assessed property value. This rate was created in 1993 and has not increased since.

Bay City property owners are currently paying \$1.80 per \$1,000 assessed property value. This rate was created as a five-year levy in 2022 and is set to expire in 2027. This tax rate would dissolve in the event of the formation of the Tillamook Bay Fire District.

• What will the tax rate go towards?
 District operations for Tillamook Bay Fire & Rescue Rural Fire Protection including:

- Staffing
- Training
- Upgrades (when necessary) to reliable

fire gear and apparatus

• Long-term sustainability for the district overall without coming back to the voters for years to come

• How long will the tax rate be in place?
 Indefinitely or until the district proposes a tax change to the voters.

• Who will oversee the new district?
 A Tillamook Bay Fire & Rescue Rural Fire Protection District would operate under the direction of a new board of directors, elected by voters.

• Who will vote for the measure?
 Voting residents currently served by Tillamook Fire District including those in: Tillamook, Cape Meares, Idaville and the areas of Juno Hill, Trask,

Wilson, Fairview, South Prairie, Bewley Creek and Pleasant Valley, as well as voting residents currently served by the Bay City Fire Department in Bay City, Oregon.

• What will be on the ballot? Tillamook voters will need to vote YES twice:

1. To dissolve the existing Tillamook Fire District
2. For the creation of a new fire district

• Bay City voters will only need to vote YES once:

1. For the creation of a new fire district (Bay City City Council has already passed a resolution to dissolve the Bay City Fire Department in the event of the creation of the new Tillamook Bay Fire & Rescue District.)

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 Tillamook County Commissioner

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Candidates

Oregon State Representative



Max Sherman

My name is Max Sherman. I have lived in House District 32 for 25 years with my wife Lynda. We have been married for 47 years and are proud to call the North Coast home.

I spent 35 years as an Agricultural Science Instructor and FFA Advisor, teaching agriculture, welding, and biology. Over that time, I worked closely with students, families, and local industries, helping prepare young people for the workforce and higher education. Beyond the classroom, I have been actively involved in public policy for nearly 40 years through Farm Bureau, Timber Unity, and legislative engagement at the local and state levels. I've served on agricultural and legislative committees and have worked directly with lawmakers on issues affecting rural Oregon.

Those experiences have given me a deep understanding of how policy decisions in Salem impact our communities.

The biggest issue facing our district is the rising cost of living, driven in large part by burdensome regulations, taxes and policies that do not reflect the realities of rural Oregon. Families and businesses are being squeezed, and we are seeing jobs and opportunities leave the state. If elected, I will work to reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens, push for greater accountability in state agencies, and prioritize policies that support economic growth in agriculture, forestry, fishing and small business. We need practical solutions that lower costs and allow our communities to thrive.

Like many in our district, I was deeply concerned when our current representative cast the deciding vote for a massive transportation tax and later changed parties. In response, I joined thousands of Oregonians gathering signatures to refer that tax to the ballot, and I later served as the Tillamook County plaintiff in a statewide lawsuit defending voters' rights when the election date was changed. I believe elected officials must be accountable to the people they serve.

Over the past several months, I've traveled thousands

of miles across District 32, listening to farmers, fishermen, loggers, small business owners and working families. The message is consistent: they feel ignored, overregulated and left behind by policies coming out of Salem. Our natural resource industries are struggling under one-party control, and when our current representative chose to switch parties, he chose to become part of that problem. This district doesn't need a turncoat—it needs a champion. I've shown up, stood with our crabbers, farmers and workers, and I will continue to fight alongside them to restore opportunity, accountability and a strong rural voice.

If elected, my priorities will be clear: restoring trust in government, strengthening our local economy and supporting public safety and education. That includes fully funding law enforcement, ensuring our schools get back to basics and expanding Career and Technical Education programs that prepare students for real-world success. I will also advocate for responsible transportation funding by improving oversight and efficiency before asking taxpayers for more.

I am running to restore trust in north coast leadership.

I would be honored to serve the people of House District 32.

■ **DIETRICH,**

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tourism and small businesses—driving up costs and making it harder for working families to get by.

If elected, I'll fight back by demanding every regulation pass a simple test: how does this affect jobs and putting food on the table here at home? I'll oppose any new taxes or hikes, cut red tape, prioritize pro-growth policies that support our natural resource

industries and defend our freedoms. My goal is simple: get Salem/Portland politicians out of our way so local communities can thrive again.

My priorities are straightforward: protecting our freedoms by standing up for free speech, second amendment rights, law enforcement, border security and parental rights in education. Strengthening our economy with no tax increases, stopping punishing success, supporting timber, agriculture, fishing and tourism by slash-

ing government bloat and burdensome rules. Empowering families by defending parental control over education and delivering real solutions for healthcare and livelihoods without more interference from Portland politicians. Putting Oregon first; government should serve the people, not the other way around. I'll bring common-sense, principle-driven leadership that aligns with the values that built this state and supports the Republican agenda.



Candidates

Oregon State Representative



Cyrus Javadi

My name is Cyrus Javadi. I am 49 years old, and I moved to the North Coast in 2008.

I am a practicing dentist, small business owner and State Representative since 2023. Before health care, I studied accounting and worked in finance. Those experiences shaped how I serve. I know what it means to meet payroll, manage a team, care for people one-on-one and make hard choices when money is tight. In the legislature, I have tried to bring that same grounded approach to public service.

In office, I have worked to deliver practical results for the North Coast. That includes passing legislation to bring more funding for our coastal roads, water, sewer, and other basic city and

county services that people depend on every day. I also introduced and passed legislation that supported more resources and options for rural health care, especially for families, seniors, and women who often have fewer options and longer drives to get care. I also backed efforts to keep prescription drug prices lower, increase the Earned Income Tax Credit for working families, exempt tips and overtime from taxation for workers, keep drugs off our streets, and increase the housing supply so people can actually find and afford to live here.

The biggest issue facing our district is affordability. Tariffs, foreign wars and tax breaks for the wealthy are driving up costs for Oregonians. Housing costs too much. Health care costs too much. Groceries, utilities and transportation all cost too much. Families on the North Coast feel squeezed from every direction. If reelected, I will keep working to expand housing, protect local health care access, improve roads and infrastructure and find new ways to reduce burdens on families, seniors, and everyone who lives, works and goes to school on the Coast.

My other priorities would

be tax reform, public safety, support for small businesses, and protecting the economic future and character of the North Coast. I want government to be more practical, more accountable and more focused on results. I also believe many voters are tired of leaders who would rather inflame people than solve problems. They are tired of leaders who think every policy, every tweet, every speech, or every social media post should be about how to get elected rather than how to get results that matter to Oregonians and the communities where they live and work. They want someone who will think for himself, tell the truth and do the work. That is the kind of representative I have tried to be, and it is the kind of representative I will keep being.

I am running because this district deserves steady leadership, not slogans. I still believe good government is possible. I believe we can be honest about the challenges in front of us without becoming cynical about the future. This district deserves someone who understands real life, respects people who disagree, and is willing to stand up to bad ideas no matter which party they come from.

Oregon State Representative



Christian Honl

My name is Christian Honl. I'm 53 years old and a lifelong North Coast resident, born and raised in Astoria, where my family has lived for five generations. My brothers work in commercial fishing and timber. We have family in river piloting. When I talk about fighting for the industries that built this region, I'm not speaking in abstractions. I grew up watching those industries sustain families, communities and a way of life worth preserving.

After graduating from Astoria High School, I earned an electrical engineering degree from the University of Washington and spent nearly 30 years at Intel as a Director of Engineering and Marketing for CPU Products. I led teams of over 100 engineers,

managed a \$5 million operating budget, and helped shape the future of a multi-billion-dollar business. In that environment, results mattered and accountability was real. When organizations resisted change, I learned to build consensus, cut through bureaucracy and keep moving toward the goal. Those skills don't belong in a corporate office. They belong in Salem, where too many politicians have mastered the art of excuses and forgotten the art of getting things done.

I came home to care for my family and build a small business. I also ran for and won a seat on the Clatsop Care Center Health District Board, where I work to protect our senior community's access to compassionate, locally accountable healthcare. Serving the community I grew up in isn't an obligation to me. It's a privilege.

The biggest challenge facing our district is whether working families can afford to stay here. Fishing and logging families are being squeezed from every direction: permits that never come through, regulations written by people who've never stood on a boat deck or run a chainsaw, and taxes that keep rising while our roads fall

apart. Highways 6 and 26 are our lifelines to the rest of Oregon, and they have been neglected for years. Then our own representative cast the deciding vote on a \$4.3 billion transportation package that raised gas and payroll taxes on the very families who can least afford it. He called it bipartisan. We call it a betrayal. I'll work to repeal that tax and fix our roads using the dollars already being collected. We don't have a revenue problem; we have a priorities problem.

My other priorities are safety, affordability and protecting the industries that define us. Oregon's soft-on-crime experiment has made our towns less safe, and our first responders deserve full funding and community respect. I'll push for real, accountable drug treatment rather than a revolving door that cycles people back to the same streets. I'll also fight government overreach that makes it harder and more expensive to build homes, run small businesses and raise a family on the North Coast.

I am unapologetically conservative and unquestionably from here. I'm Christian Honl, and I'm running to be the representative this district deserves.

■ BANGS,

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shape, our internet service is often unreliable and too often our tax dollars are sent elsewhere instead of coming back to support Rural Northwest Oregon. I'll build on the strong foundation laid by Senator Suzanne Weber so that our communities finally get the attention and resources we deserve.

Right now, many families in our district are struggling to find affordable housing and quality childcare

because of excessive rules and bureaucracy coming from Salem. I'll work to cut through that red tape so we can build more housing and better support the childcare options our families need.

In education, I believe our dollars should reach the classroom first: supporting teachers and students, not layers of administration or unrelated political programs. As a mom, I want the total focus of our schools to be getting our kids the best possible education. We

also need leaders who will always protect the right of parents to choose the best educational options for their own family.

Finally, I strongly oppose Oregon's proposed \$4.3 billion transportation tax increase. It raises gas taxes, title fees, registration fees, and payroll taxes while limiting your voice. I worked to ensure this measure goes to a vote of the people in May, and I'm encouraging everyone to vote NO.

■ MANSFIELD,

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all agencies in Salem.

I propose that Oregon require $\frac{3}{4}$ in each house to pass any law or ordinance, and want to limit agencies' ability to set policy, fees and fines as defined in law. Agencies cannot make laws.

If elected, I would work with all legislators to concentrate on the needs of Oregonians, not party interests or special interest groups. I wish to instill transparency, to mean all meetings will be broadcast in real time and recorded for the public. All phone

calls related to state work will be recorded and made available to the public. This will make state employees and elected officials accountable.

I also wish to amend state constitution so that all new taxes, all tax increases, and fees to be voted in by a majority of the registered voters.

Some other priorities include eliminating or significantly modifying the emergency clause, reining in ODOT, DEQ, FWD, Forestry Department, eliminating taxpayer socialistic lifestyles for the homeless and illegals, amending the state constitution

for school choice, implementing actual Timber and forestry management that encompasses good stewardship. Also, supporting the fishing industry by shipping the seals back to their natural habitat.

Other policies I believe in are law and order funding and oversight, eliminating personal property taxes and all sales taxes applied to purchases by invented names, either having property tax or a single sales tax, giving counties and towns all the local transient housing tax collected and the authority to spend as needed to support emergencies services and law enforcement.



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