

SPRINGFIELD ELECTION INFORMATION

General Information

Welcome to the 2017 *Springfield Election Information*. This *Springfield Election Information* is to provide you with valuable information about candidates and measures that will appear on your ballot in Springfield, Oregon. Printed copies of the *Springfield Election Information* are available at the Springfield City Manager's Office, Springfield Public Library, and Springfield Justice Center.

Candidates

Candidates for the City of Springfield Mayor and Council, Springfield Utility Board, Springfield Public Schools Board, and Willamalane Park and Recreation District Board may submit information for the *Springfield Election Information*. No other candidates will be included in the *Springfield Election Information*.

Candidate statements are printed as submitted. The City does not correct punctuation, grammar, syntax errors or inaccurate information. The City may, but is not required, to correct spelling errors if the word as originally submitted is in the dictionary.

Measures

Measures, as well as arguments for or against measures, for the City of Springfield, Springfield Utility Board, Springfield Public Schools, and Willamalane Park and Recreation District may be submitted for inclusion in the *Springfield Election Information*. No other measures will be included in the *Springfield Election Information*.

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Registering to Vote:

You may register to vote online at www.oregonvotes.gov or you can get a voter registration card at Lane County Elections, the City Recorder's Office (225 5th Street, Springfield, OR), the DMV, or other locations around the community. However, your voter registration card must be postmarked no later than 21 days before the election at which you intend to vote. In order to vote in Oregon, you must be at least 18 years old, a resident of Oregon and a citizen of the United States. An Oregon driver's license or state ID card issued by the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is required. Registration Cards are available at Lane County Elections, the City Recorder's Office at the City of Springfield, and other locations around the community.

For the May 16, 2017 Primary Election, your completed voter registration card must be either:

- postmarked by Tuesday, April 25, 2017;
- delivered to a county elections office by Tuesday, April 25, 2017; or
- delivered to any voter registration agency (e.g. DMV) by Tuesday, April 25, 2017

If you register to vote online, your registration must be submitted by 11:59pm on Tuesday, April 25, 2017.

To check on the status of your voter registration or ballot, go to www.oregonvotes.gov/MyVote

To find out more about how and where to register to vote, go to <http://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/voteinor.aspx>

Voter Information

In Oregon, elections are all vote-by-mail. Registered voters are mailed a ballot approximately two weeks before an election. To vote, follow the instructions on the Ballot Secrecy Envelope. Your return identification envelope must include your signature. Return your ballot by mail to any official ballot dropsite location or by mail to Lane County Elections, 275 West 10th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401.

A list of drop site locations is included with your ballot material. Dropsite locations in Springfield include:

- Springfield City Hall, 225 5th Street: At the north end of the covered parking lot between 5th and 6th Streets
- Lively Park Swim Center, 6100 Thurston Road: Just past the front of the building to the left of the driveway.

Drop-boxes are open 24 hours a day up until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Resources

- Oregon Secretary of State's Office: www.oregonvotes.gov or call 1-866-ORE-VOTE (1-866-673-8683)
- Register to Vote: Register online by going to <http://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/voteinor.aspx> or pick up a Voters' Registration Form at Lane County Elections (275 West 10th Avenue, Eugene), Springfield City Manager's Office or Springfield Public Library, 225 5th Street, Springfield. The deadline to register to vote for the May 17, 2016 Primary Election is April 26, 2016.
- City Recorder's Office: For information about the Springfield Election Information, contact the City Recorder at 541.726.4666 or asowa@springfield-or.gov, or visit the City Manager's Office at 225 5th Street, Springfield, Oregon. Office hours are 8:00am-5:00pm Monday through Friday.
- Lane County Elections: For information about your ballot and local voting processes, contact Lane County Elections at 541-682-4234 or visit their website at <http://www.lanecounty.org/Departments/CAO/Operations/CountyClerk/elections/Pages/default.aspx> Public office hours at Lane County Elections are 9am-Noon and 1:00-4:00pm Monday through Friday, and 7:00am-8:00pm on election day.

May 16, 2017 Special Election

Candidates:

The positions on the May 16, 2017 Special Election ballot include Springfield School District Board Positions 2, 3 and 5, and three Willamalane Parks and Recreation District Board positions. The information in this guide was provided by the candidates who are scheduled to be placed on the ballot or their treasurer per the Springfield *Voter's Pamphlet Policy*.

SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD

Springfield School District Board, Position #2
Emilio Hernandez, Jr.

Springfield School District Board, Position #2
Cassandra W. Anderson

Springfield School District Board, Position #3
Zach Bessett

OCCUPATION: Recreation Coordinator, Willamalane Park and Recreation

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: 15 years of working with youth in recreation and education.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Bachelor's Degree: Teacher Education, Northwest Christian University

PRIOR GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE: Currently Springfield Public Schools (SPS) Budget Committee Member

STATEMENTS OF ENDORSEMENT: Anne Goff, Springfield Education Association

This information provided by Zach Bessett



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Springfield School District Board, Position #5
Erik Bishoff

OCCUPATION: Commercial Photographer

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Architecture, Photography, Photojournalism,
Graphic Design & Marketing

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Masters of Architecture & Bachelor of Fine Arts,
University of Oregon
Bachelor of Science: Sociology, Southern Oregon University



PRIOR GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE:

I've served on the Springfield school board for the last 17 months and I'm running for a full four-year term, because I care, as a citizen and as the father of two Springfield school students, Hollander and Noemi. My wife, Bonnie, has worked in higher education for the last 10 years, so our family's interest in education is evident.

As my experience shows, I was actively volunteering in and for Springfield schools for a number of years, even before I became a board member. Since going on the board, I have spent many hours visiting schools, talking to teachers, students and parents. I want to continue because I believe in great schools. Public education is the foundation on which opportunity is built. Like never before, our students need a strong education to succeed in life.

To that end, I'll promote strong relationships between our community and schools, working to ensure strong career paths that line up with local workforce needs — with the help of local businesses — as well as college prep work for those planning on higher education. I will represent ALL students and families in the district regardless of ethnic, social, religious or other background.

I further promise:

- To continue to fight for fully funding schools.
- To maximize student learning by advocating for more time in the classroom and less on high-stakes testing.
- To improve accessibility and ADA compliance in district buildings.
- To make sure our education dollars are being well spent and that the district is creatively looking for new dollars.
- To continue to build my knowledge of local, state and national education policies and issues, to better support the district.
- To work for policies that empower teachers and administrators to better help students.

STATEMENTS OF ENDORSEMENT:

This information provided by Erik Bishoff

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Springfield School District Board, Position #5
Evan Lucart

WILLAMALANE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

Willamalane Parks and Recreation District Board
Denise Bean

Willamalane Parks and Recreation District Board
Lee Beyer

Willamalane Parks and Recreation District Board
Janis Ross