

# Lincoln County Voters' Pamphlet



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

**Sample Ballot Included**

Dear Lincoln County Voter:

This Voters' Pamphlet is provided to give you, the voter, additional information on candidates and measures. You will not vote on every office in this pamphlet. Your ballot will contain only those issues for which you are eligible to vote—based on where you live and your party affiliation. Each candidate had the opportunity to submit a picture and statement regarding his/her candidacy.

This Primary Election will be held completely by mail. Your ballot will arrive in the mail on or near April 30th. After voting your ballot, you may drop it in the mail or deposit it at one of our drop sites listed on page 21-2 in this pamphlet. And, for your convenience,

**Official Drive-up Ballot Drop Boxes** are now available in Lincoln City, Newport, and Waldport. See page 21-3 for directions. If you have any questions please call our office at (541) 265-4131. Also visit our website: [www.co.lincoln.or.us/clerk/](http://www.co.lincoln.or.us/clerk/)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dana W Jenkins'.

**Dana W Jenkins, Lincoln County Clerk**

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## **Attention**

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

# Ballot Drop Site Locations

You may mail in your ballot or deposit it at any of the drop sites listed below:

★ **LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

225 W Olive, Room 201; Newport  
**INSIDE BOX:** 8:30am to 5pm M-F  
(April 7 through May 16)  
May 17th ONLY (Election Day) 7am-8pm  
**OUTSIDE BOX:** Drive-up ballot box in rear parking lot—open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 8pm on May 17th (beginning April 7)

★ **LINCOLN CITY CITY HALL**

801 SW Hwy 101; Lincoln City  
**INSIDE BOX:** 8am to 5pm M-F  
(April 7 through May 16)  
May 17th ONLY (Election Day) 8am-8pm  
**OUTSIDE BOX:** Drive-up ballot box in lower parking lot—open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 8pm on May 17th (beginning April 7)

★ **DEPOE BAY CITY HALL**

570 SE Shell; Depoe Bay  
8am to 5pm M-F (April 27 through May 16)  
May 17th ONLY (Election Day) 8am-8pm

★ **NEWPORT CITY HALL**

169 SW Coast Hwy; Newport  
8am to 5pm M-F (April 27 through May 16)  
May 17th ONLY (Election Day) 8am-8pm

**TOLEDO CITY HALL**

206 N Main; Toledo  
8am to 5pm M-Th  
(April 27 through May 16)  
May 17th ONLY (Election Day) 8am-8pm

**SILETZ CITY HALL**

215 W Buford; Siletz  
9am to 5pm M-F  
(April 27 through May 16)  
May 17th ONLY (Election Day) 9am-8pm

**WALDPOR CITY HALL**

125 Alsea Hwy; Waldport  
**INSIDE BOX:** 8am to 5pm M-F  
(April 7 through May 16)  
(closed 12:30pm to 1:30pm)  
May 17th ONLY (Election Day) 8am-8pm  
**OUTSIDE BOX:** Drive-up ballot box in City Hall parking lot – open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until 8pm on May 17th (beginning April 7)

★ **YACHATS CITY HALL**

441 Hwy 101 N; Yachats  
8:30am to 4:30pm M-F  
(April 27 through May 16)  
May 17th ONLY (Election Day) 8:30am-8pm

★ **EDDYVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

20742 Hwy 20; Eddyville  
May 17th ONLY (Election Day) 10am-8pm

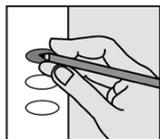
## ★ Privacy Booth Available

Your ballot must be received at a designated drop site (including the Courthouse) by 8:00pm on May 17th. You may mail it in or take it to a drop site any day before that also. (Postmarks do not count.)

**POSTAGE IS NOT REQUIRED AT THESE DROP SITES!**

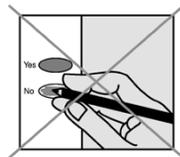
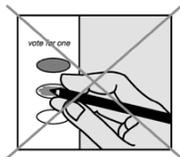
### check your ballot!

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



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

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



You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still be counted.

Contact Lincoln County Elections at 541-265-4131 to request a replacement ballot if:

- you make a mistake
- your ballot is damaged or spoiled
- your ballot is lost

or for any other reason.

1 866 ORE VOTES (se habla Español)  
www.oregonvotes.org TTY 1 866 350 0596

**! Be sure to sign your Return Envelope! !**

# Drive-Up Ballot Drop Boxes Now Available in Newport, Lincoln City and Waldport



Drive-up ballot drop boxes are now available at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Newport, the Lincoln City City Hall in Lincoln City, and the Waldport City Hall in Waldport.

These drive-up ballot boxes will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from April 7th through 8:00pm on May 17th.

## **Newport:**

Lincoln County Courthouse – located in rear parking lot at the east end of the second row of parking.

Go west on West Olive Street to 4-way stop by the jail.

Turn left onto SW Nye Street.

Turn left into second entrance to courthouse rear parking lot.

Go all the way to the end of the row and you will see the ballot box on the left side. (It is marked “Official Ballot Drop Site.”)

Put your ballot in the box without having to get out of your car!

## **Lincoln City:**

Lincoln City City Hall – located in the lower parking lot under the City Hall.

Turn west at the stop light by the City Hall. (across from Burger King).

Enter the one-way entrance to the parking lot under the building.

The ballot box is near the elevators next to the water payment box and the book and video drops.

(It is marked “Official Ballot Drop Site.”)

Put your ballot in the box without having to get out of your car!

## **Waldport:**

Waldport City Hall – located in the City Hall parking lot at the east exit.

Go to City Hall on Highway 34.

Turn south between the City Hall and the school.

Take an immediate right into the City Hall parking lot.

Continue around the island and you will see the ballot box on the left by the exit. (It is marked “Official Ballot Drop Site.”)

Put your ballot in the box without having to get out of your car!

“Customer Service is our #1 Priority!”

**Dana W Jenkins**  
**Lincoln County Clerk**

**Visit Our Website For More Information**  
**[www.co.lincoln.or.us/clerk/](http://www.co.lincoln.or.us/clerk/)**

## Lincoln County Commissioner, Position 2



**Bill  
Hall**

Nonpartisan

**Occupation:** County Commissioner

**Occupational Background:** Radio and newspaper reporter (25 years)

**Educational Background:** BA, Pacific University; MS, Northwestern University

**Prior Governmental Experience:** County Commissioner; co-chair, Oregon Ending Homelessness Advisory Council; Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Programs; chair, Cascades West Council of Governments board; chair, Community Services Consortium board; Regional Investment Board; Workforce Investment Board; Association of Oregon Counties First Vice-President.

### **BILL HALL: A Record of Service**

Twelve years ago, you gave me the honor of serving you. I'm proud of my record in delivering efficient, effective quality services to you and you can count on me to continue that leadership on your behalf.

We made it through the worst economic downturn in recent memory. We tightened our belts and lived within our means. We partnered with our employees to introduce a high-deductible health plan that saves us nearly one million dollars a year and we keep looking for ways to do business more effectively.

### **BILL HALL: A Record of Results**

My efforts have been instrumental in starting Drug Court, Mental Health Court, Project Homeless Connect, the Community Land Trust, bringing Veterans Administration doctors to Newport and Lincoln City, securing supportive housing, transitional housing and a federal Drug Free Communities Grant. I've been able to bring partners and resources together that have saved money, increased public safety and improved lives.

### **BILL HALL: A Record of Caring**

I'm committed to serving every citizen, but am particularly proud to be known as a voice for those who too often have no voice—children, seniors, those living in poverty, those with mental illness. Former Vice President Hubert Humphrey once said the moral test of government is how it treats those in the shadows of life. I hope I've helped bring light to those in the shadows.

Much has been accomplished, and yet a lot remains to be done. I'm asking for your vote so I can continue working on your behalf.

*(This information furnished by Bill Hall.)*

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

## Lincoln County Commissioner, Position 2



**Tom  
Runions**

Nonpartisan

**Occupation:** Business Owner/Construction.

**Occupational Background:** US Navy, 28 Years Lincoln County Road Department, Construction company owner.

**Educational Background:** Linn - Benton community college.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Lincoln County school district budget committee, Lincoln County Road Department supervisor for 18 years; Lincoln County voting constituent.

**Volunteer work:** Lincoln County school District; Children's advocacy Center; Lincoln County fair.

### **These are just a few goals I would like to achieve:**

Improve the Veterans health clinic; make it more responsive to call ins for treatment and less about annual visits to stay qualified for coverage.

Job creation is the best way to deal with the homeless and affordable housing issues in Lincoln County.

I will not increase taxes or fees without referring it to the voters.

Ensure the community is supported by its local government.

Build working relationships with local businesses and contractors to create jobs.

Create better methods of informing and involving citizens in local government.

For example; Lincoln County's homeless and affordable housing issues were undermined by the Board of Commissioners decision to purchase two occupied apartment buildings for parolees and displace those Newport families currently living in the apartment buildings. This is the type of issues that should have had public input.

Transparent government; we should create an online chat forum and conduct County Commission meetings at night as most local government entities already do to improve constituent access.

Find out why a portion of the private timber tax is not given to the county to offset low timber property taxes as was originally intended.

Expand on buy local program through utilization, not just verbal endorsement.

If elected, I would serve only two terms. Lincoln County was a great place for my wife Denise and I to work and raise our three children, Tom Jr., Sarah and Alex. It would be an honor to serve and work with the citizens of Lincoln County.

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541-270-6064

*(This information furnished by Tom Runions.)*

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# Measure 21-164 City of Newport

## Ballot Title

# 21-164

## Resumption of Fluoridation of City of Newport Water Supply

**QUESTION:** Shall the City of Newport resume fluoridation of the city water supply?

**SUMMARY:** The City of Newport supplies water to city residents and businesses. In the past, the City of Newport fluoridated the city water supply. Currently, the city water supply is not being fluoridated.

This measure requires the City of Newport to resume fluoridation of the city water supply. The measure requires fluoridation at state and federal recommended levels. The measure is a referral of Ordinance No. 2088, adopted by the City Council on February 1, 2016. The date for resumption of fluoridation of the city water supply will be established by resolution of the City Council. Fluoridation products used in the city water supply must meet NSF International standards. The measure requires recordkeeping and testing of the city water supply in accordance with state and federal standards. The measure also requires the city to conduct tests for fluoridation levels in the city water supply in accordance with state and federal requirements. Preliminary cost estimates are approximately \$300,000 for implementation. Initial estimates for operations are \$18,000 annually. Costs are paid through water rates in the city budget.

the resumption of fluoridation of the city water supply should be approved.

Preliminary cost estimates to resume fluoridation of the city water supply are approximately \$300,000 for implementation. Initial estimates for operations are \$18,000 annually. Costs are paid through water rates in the city budget.

Ordinance No. 2088 will become effective, if passed by the vote of the electors, upon certification of the election by the Lincoln County Clerk.

The full text of the ordinance can be obtained at City Hall or at [www.newportoregon.gov](http://www.newportoregon.gov).

*(This information submitted by Margaret M Hawker, City Recorder/Elections Officer, City of Newport.)*

## Explanatory Statement

On June 25, 1962, the City of Newport adopted Resolution No. 1165-A which authorized and directed the fluoridation of the city water supply.

Resolution No. 1165-A was adopted following a vote on November 8, 1960, by the electors on a ballot measure containing the following question: "Shall the Common Council of the City of Newport add fluorine to the public water supply, under the supervision of the Oregon State Board of Health?" The measure passed.

After the election of November 8, 1960, a citizen's measure was placed on the ballot for May 18, 1962, with the following question: "Shall the Charter of the City of Newport be amended to prohibit fluoridation of the city's public water supply by adding fluorine or fluoride compound thereto?" The measure failed.

During the week of August 26 – 31, 2005, fluoridation was suspended due to the overflow of the recycle pond into Big Creek. Thereafter, because of physical limitations of the chemical room, staff suspended fluoridation of the city water supply until such time as appropriate changes could be made to the chemical room. When the new water treatment plant was designed, and budgetary constraints were encountered, the fluoridation equipment was eliminated without any specific action being taken by Council.

In January 2015, members of the Lincoln County Public Health Advisory Committee met with members of the city staff regarding resumption of fluoridation of the city water supply.

Following the initiation of these discussions, the City Council held a series of public meetings and public hearings on the topic of fluoridation of the city water supply. The City Council determined that it is in the best interests of the city and its residents to refer to the electors the question of whether an ordinance directing

# Measure 21-164 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

The evidence on the safety and effectiveness of water fluoridation is overwhelming. Every major public health and medical organization, and well over 2000 studies and peer-reviewed papers, support the benefits and safety of water fluoridation in preventing unnecessary tooth decay. This includes the American Dental Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the past five US Surgeon Generals.

Kids throughout the country, and right here in Newport, suffer unnecessarily from painful oral health problems. And so do older adults. Optimal water fluoridation is the first line of defense in a lifetime of fewer cavities for young, old, rich and poor.

Fluoride is a mineral that exists naturally in water supplies, even in the ocean. In the 1930's and '40's, American researchers discovered there was an ideal level for fluoride that would help to prevent tooth decay. This is why so many communities add a little more fluoride to their water as do our neighbor cities to the east on Highway #20, Philomath, Corvallis, Albany and Sweet Home. The City of Albany has had 50 years of continuous community water fluoridation. And close to Newport in the Willamette Valley, Monmouth, Independence, Salem and Keizer also have fluoridation. Other coastal cities who fluoridate their water are Florence and Coos Bay to our south, and to our north the City of Astoria.

We heartily recommend Newport resume fluoridation of its city water. Fluoridation is a public health measure that benefits everyone.

Vote Yes!! Resume Newport's Fluoridation of City Water.

Dan and Sandy Roumagoux

Newport

*(This information furnished by Dan and Sandy Roumagoux, Newport.)*

## Argument in Favor

We recommend a **YES VOTE** on measure **21-164**. The best and most widely tested science support community water fluoridation. The following statements refute common arguments against water fluoridation.

1. Fluoridation of community water in the US is not declining. Over 75% of community water systems fluoridate water with more than 210 million US residents receiving this benefit.
2. Fluoride occurs naturally in water at various levels, including in the ocean.
3. Severe white spotting or streaking of teeth (fluorosis) is virtually non-existent in the US when water is fluoridated to the recommended amount. Moderate fluorosis may occur when children swallow toothpaste containing fluoride which is much higher in fluoride content.
4. Linking fluoride in water with lower IQ refers to studies done in China, Mongolia and Iran where water sources have extremely high fluoride levels, 10 times or more those recommended in the US. The research quality was poor, and the Harvard scientists who reviewed the study did not support anti-fluoridation claims.
5. No credible scientific research shows water fluoridated at the recommended amount to cause thyroid disease, bone cancer, kidney or heart disease.
6. Quality control tests performed on fluoride additives found unwanted contaminants, if any, at levels far below recommended safety.
7. The Oregon Supreme Court found community water fluoridation to be constitutional.
8. A 2006 National Research Council report found no unwanted health effects when fluoride is added to community water at recommended levels.
9. In European countries 13.5 million people have fluoridated public water. Some countries choose to add fluoride to milk or salt (like the US does with iodine).

John Aylmer  
David Bice MD  
Cynthia Jacobi  
Former Mayor Mark McConnell  
Cindy McConnell  
Jay Fineman  
Rose Reed  
Jerry J Robbins MD  
Darleen Searcy  
Donald Searcy  
Frances VanWert  
John Watkins MD  
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Bill Wiist

*(This information furnished by Gary Lahman, Co-Director, Committee to Support Community Water Fluoridation, PAC.)*

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# Measure 21-164 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

Vote **YES on 21-164**. We are proud that in 1962 Newport residents voted “Yes” to begin fluoridation of Newport’s water supply. Their vote reduced by 25% the risk that they, their children and their grandchildren would get dental cavities. We want to continue that legacy. Currently over forty communities in Oregon fluoridate their water systems. The Oregon Dental Association and the Oregon Health Authority support water fluoridation. We recommend Newport join this group of healthy communities – **resume community water fluoridation in Newport**.

Fluoridation of Newport’s water was stopped in 2005 by a Newport city employee. Over the last 10 years the lack of fluoridation has likely caused some children and adults needless pain, expense and suffering. In 2014 visits to Lincoln County hospital emergency rooms for non-trauma dental pain cost \$110,000. Newport’s school age children miss an estimated cumulative 863 school days a year because of dental problems. In 2012, 51% of children 6-9 years old, 73% of 8th graders, and 78% of 11th graders in Lincoln County had dental cavities. You can change this situation – **VOTE YES on 21-164**, resume Fluoridation!

Rebecca Austen  
Anjanette Baker  
John H Baker  
Maryann Bozza  
Lon Brusselback  
Donald A Davis  
Michelle Giammona  
Nancy Hale  
Gayle I Hansen  
Michele Longo Eder  
Patricia R Lewis  
Patti Littlehales  
Ursula Marinelli  
Mary J Markland  
Mary Lou Mate  
Jerryann Olson  
Robert Olson  
Kathleen Ann Schonau  
Nancy Steinberg  
Heather Stout  
Janet Webster

*(This information furnished by Cynthia Jacobi, Co-Director, Committee to Support Community Water Fluoridation, PAC.)*

## Argument in Favor

Fluoridation of community water reduces decay by strengthening tooth enamel. Adding fluoride to water in small recommended amounts is a proven, scientific way to prevent tooth decay. Water is “fluoridated” when a public water system adjusts the fluoride to a level known to prevent tooth decay.

Adding fluoride to water benefits everyone. In fact, as more and more communities have added fluoride to water supplies, our nation has seen a significant reduction in cavities and other dental problems. For example, the average number of decayed, filled or missing teeth among 12-year-olds in the US fell 68 percent between 1966 and 1994. Recent scientific studies confirm this earlier data. “Children’s teeth are healthier than ever, but pediatricians around the country are still seeing kids, especially those from low-income areas, with high levels of decay,” said Mary Brown, MD, FAAP, an Oregon pediatrician and past board member of the American Academy of Pediatrics. “Expanding fluoridation would really help improve children’s oral health. It’s such an effective strategy because it doesn’t require families to spend extra money or change their daily routine.” Source: American Academy of Pediatrics (Copyright © 2012)

The American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Medical Association, the American Dental Association, the Institute of Medicine, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and others have endorsed fluoridation as a safe, effective way to reduce tooth decay.

The Coastal Pediatric Associates recommends resuming water fluoridation in Newport

Stephen Burns, MD, FAAP

Sean Rash, MD, FAAP

Linell Wood, PA-C

The following pediatric physician recommends resuming water fluoridation in Newport

Jennifer Wrazen MD, FAAP

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## Argument in Favor

We are dental professionals working in your community. We want you to know the facts about community water fluoridation. Fluoridation of water systems in the United States has been the accepted public health practice for seventy years. In Newport, following two citizen votes, the city adjusted its water supply to recommended levels of fluoride from 1962 to 2005. In 2005 the city stopped fluoridation with minimal public notice and no actions to revoke prior resolutions supporting fluoridation.

We want you to know the facts. More than 100 organizations support community water fluoridation. Among the organizations are respected medical, dental and public health groups including the:

- American Dental Association (ADA)
- American Medical Association (AMA)
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- American Public Health Association (APHA)
- US Surgeon General(s)

The US Public Health Service and the CDC calls Community Water Fluoridation one of the ten great public health achievements of the 20th century.

We support the regulated **RESUMPTION** of water fluoridation in Newport's municipal water system for the following reasons:

- It **reduces cavities** and **dental pain!**
- It requires no change in a person's behavior to impart benefits
- The return on investment estimate is \$38 saved for every \$1 spent on fluoridation
- It strengthens primary teeth
- It aids in the development of cavity resistant adult teeth
- It reduces cavity size when a cavity occurs
- It aids seniors, a group that may lack dental insurance, by increasing protection of exposed root surfaces

### The following dental professionals highly recommend a YES vote on measure 21-164

Richard W Davenport DMD  
Brett Hulet DDS, RN  
Ryan Millet DDS  
Mark L Palmer DMD  
Neal Redman DMD  
James D Windell DMD

Quanita Anwar RDH  
Angela Acosta RDH  
Jenifer Blaser RDH  
Cynthia Eshleman EFDA  
Charisa Lockman RDH EPP  
Dianne Miho, RDH  
Joyce Shepherd EFDA  
Rhonda Thompson DA

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# Measure 21-164 Arguments

## Argument in Opposition

### Newport Area Residents Opposed to Fluoridation

We're local residents opposed to adding fluoridation chemicals to our water.

We represent people from all walks of life – laypersons, medical professionals, teachers, students, business owners, non-profit workers, Democrats, Republicans, Independents, retirees, stay-at-home moms and dads and many more .

Newport residents should have a CHOICE whether to ingest fluoride. Putting it into drinking water takes away that choice.

Please save our right to choose and vote NO on Measure 21-164.

Perry Adams, DC

Mark Aiassa

Rosalind Aiassa

Susan Andersen,  
ND, LAc

Edward Arnold

Kathleen Arnold

Kevin Ayotte –

Tree House Realty

Jason Paul Baley

Ted Baley

Robin Becker, LMT

Gayle Bekish

Suzette Bell

Ashley Buckingham

Gary Burda

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James Burt

Ralph Busby

Cyd Cannizzaro

Terry Cannon, DC

Laurie Card –

Café Mundo

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Carol Perkins

Carla Perry

Janna Pijoan

Oliver Pijoan,

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Lorenne Preston

Patricia Quick

Ollie Richardson

Bernadette Robinson

Gregory Rockholt

Lyllian Ruegsegger

Neal Ruegsegger

Reatha Ryan,

PMHNP

Mark Saelens

Tanya Sauer

Maria Sause

Sky Schroeder, OD

Jeffery Shirley

Marilyn Smith

Heather Swift

Monica Teem

LM Thomason

Jai Tomlin, DC

Iori Uchihata

Marie Wakefield

Jana Westhusing

Elizabeth Williams -

Harmony Yoga

Center

Barbara Rogers

Wilson, PhD

Paul Schones, DC

Schones Chiropractic

Tim Ward

Asia Richardson

Michael Bojarski

Amanda Bojarski

Carmen Bojarski

Jose Gonzalez

Noelle Cavanaugh

Susan Wright

Allie Wilson

## Argument in Opposition

### Clean Water Newport Opposes Fluoridation

Clean Water Newport is the all-volunteer organization leading the campaign against adding fluoridation chemicals to our drinking water.

Fluoride is a drug, as defined and regulated by the FDA.

Please preserve the right of every citizen to have a CHOICE on whether to ingest fluoride drugs. NO ONE should be forced to put a drug in their body they don't want.

- Fluoridation chemicals have little or no effectiveness in preventing tooth decay. Even the CDC admitted fluoride works mainly topically, and World Health Organization data clearly shows that fluoridated and non-fluoridated nations have virtually the same cavity rates.
- We have *effective* alternatives. Every low-income child in Newport is eligible for free professional dental care through Newport Public Schools and Head Start, and every low-income child and adult is eligible through the Oregon Health Plan at Advantage Dental. These can include basic dental supplies, dental sealants and varnish.
- A National Academy of Sciences report and other top researchers found fluoride interferes with brain functions, causes fluorosis, is an endocrine disruptor and lowers thyroid function. It can also increase the risk of diabetes, kidney disease and bone fractures.
- Fluoridation chemicals in drinking water are hazardous waste by-products that may contain lead and arsenic. EPA determined there are NO safe levels of lead and arsenic.
- Fluoridation chemicals are an enormous waste of ratepayers' money, costing an estimated **\$300,000** for installation and \$18,000 annually for chemicals. 99% literally goes down the drain through toilets, showers, fish processing, gardens, etc.
- Low income families use more infant formula. Mixed with fluoridated water, it has about 100 times the level of fluoride considered safe. Low income families can't afford filters or bottled water to avoid fluoridation. They have no choice but to use tap water.

**The vast majority of countries, cities, health and medical organizations worldwide DON'T endorse fluoridation because of health, cost and ethical concerns.**

**Please vote NO on fluoridation.**

*(This information furnished by Susan Andersen, ND.)*

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## Argument in Opposition

### National Academy of Science Dentist/Scientist Opposes Fluoridation

I'm the former head of Preventive Dentistry at the University of Toronto. In addition to being a dentist, I'm a scientist who has spent decades studying the effects of fluoride on teeth and bones.

I was one of 12 scientists in North America chosen to serve on the National Academy of Science's committee that produced the 2006 report *Fluoride in Drinking Water*. Taking three years to complete, it's considered the most comprehensive work ever done on the toxicity of fluoride.

I was trained in traditional dentistry, and for many years accepted the prevailing opinion of the establishment in Canada and the US that water fluoridation is effective and safe.

I was mistaken.

As I intensively studied the literature and performed my own research, the evidence clearly demonstrated that fluoridation is more harmful than beneficial. In 1999, I publicly changed my position.

In doing so, I joined the vast majority of governments and experts throughout the world that DO NOT endorse fluoridation.

Why do so many dentists and others in the US and Canada support it? I can't speak for any individual, but I believe most haven't reviewed the literature, especially on health risks. And if you speak out against fluoridation, you risk being criticized and shunned by your peers. I know many dentists and physicians who oppose it but won't take a public stance.

In Canada, citizens all over the country, reviewing much of the same science I did, are opposing it. In just the last 10 years, the percent of Canadians drinking fluoridated water has dropped from 60% to about 33%. Small towns and large cities, including Quebec City, QE, Windsor, ON and Calgary, AL, have voted to ban fluoridation.

For the sake of your health and your children's health, I urge all citizens of Newport to vote no on Measure 21-164.

**Dr Hardy Limeback, DDS, PhD**

*(This information furnished by Dr Hardy Limeback, Professor Emeritus, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON Canada.)*

## Argument in Opposition

### Former EPA Senior Scientist Opposes Fluoridation

My name is Dr William Hirzy. As a chemist, I've been involved in environmental and health risk assessment for 38 years. In the EPA as a senior scientist, I thoroughly evaluated the supposed benefits of fluoride and the developing science on its toxicity.

There is no doubt in my mind that fluoridation's major health risks far outweigh any minimal benefits. **The EPA Headquarters scientists' union concurred, voting in 1997 to officially oppose water fluoridation.**

The largest study on fluoridation's effectiveness was performed by the US National Institute of Dental Research in 1990. It failed to show a statistically significant reduction in cavities (less than one cavity per child), the hallmark of a conclusive epidemiology study. The CDC now acknowledges that fluoride's effect on preventing cavities is mainly topical, not from swallowing.

Last year, the Cochrane Collaboration, an independent organization considered the gold standard of evaluating effectiveness, found virtually no quality studies supporting fluoridation. Moreover, when comparing nations that fluoridate to those that don't, World Health Organization data found virtually no difference in cavity rates.

As determined by the National Academy of Science's landmark 2006 study, *Fluoride in Drinking Water*, there are several health risks of fluoride, including endocrine disruption, hypothyroidism, fluorosis, diabetes and kidney disease.

One that was particularly disturbing was the NAS's finding that **"fluorides have the ability to interfere with the functions of the brain."** Its preliminary review cited studies showing that fluoride could lower IQ in children and emphasized more research needed to be done.

Following up, a Harvard University 2013 meta-analysis (Choi et al) found that in 26 out of 27 studies comparing fluoridated and non-fluoridated villages, children drinking fluoridated water had an average IQ of seven points less. The quality of the studies varied, but this consistency demonstrated clearly that fluoride can NOT be confirmed safe for our children's brains.

I strongly urge you to vote NO on fluoridation.

*(This information furnished by William Hirzy, PhD.)*

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# Measure 21-164 Arguments

## Argument in Opposition

### A Physician's Opposition to Fluoridation

I oppose fluoridation from two perspectives: as a naturopathic physician and as a hypothyroid patient.

Hypothyroidism (low thyroid) affects over 4% of the US population: 400 residents in Newport. Common symptoms are fatigue, weight gain, depression, and muscle/ joint pain.

Prior to moving to Newport, while living in unfluoridated Portland, my thyroid blood tests were normal. However, in 2004, after drinking the fluoridated water in Newport for two years, I started showing symptoms and was diagnosed with hypothyroidism, using standard blood tests.

My story is anecdotal, but there is a significant wealth of scientific data showing that fluoride increases hypothyroidism. The landmark 2006 report by the National Academy of Sciences, **Fluoride in Drinking Water**, states unequivocally that fluoride lowers thyroid function. In the decade after, 10 more studies showing this link were published. Last year, a major study of most of the population of England found that people living in fluoridated areas had 30% - 60% higher rates of hypothyroidism, even factoring out other possible causes.

Like any hypothyroid patient, the last thing I want in my water is a drug that lowers my thyroid function even more.

Professionally, I have many patients with hypothyroidism. Prescription hormones treatments can help. However, with fluoridated water, the proper dose can vary, depending on how much fluoridated water is consumed. It is very difficult to keep in balance.

In addition, about 1% of all people have adverse reactions to fluoride, and may be afflicted with rashes, headaches, muscle aches, dizziness and fogginess. It's imperative that they have unfluoridated water.

As a physician, I follow the oath of "**First, do no harm.**" It is unethical to put the health of entire subgroups of the population of Newport at risk by putting this chemical into the drinking water. It's especially unfair to low-income families, who can't afford expensive filters or bottled water to avoid fluoridation.

Please join me. Vote NO on fluoridation.

Susan Andersen, ND.

*(This information furnished by Susan Andersen, ND.)*

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## Argument in Opposition

### Erin Brockovich Opposes Fluoridation

My life's work has been about making people aware of Safe Drinking Water and harmful chemical exposures.

After a great deal of research and personal thought, I am opposed to the continued policy and practice of drinking water fluoridation.

As a mother and grandmother, I am concerned about families in drinking water fluoridated communities. Using fluoridated drinking water from their tap to mix infant milk formula... is but just one example. I am concerned that the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences ([Fluoride in Drinking Water](#) – 2006) has designated kidney patients, children, diabetics and seniors as "susceptible subpopulations" that are especially vulnerable to harm from ingested fluorides. How can we in good conscience give susceptible persons an uncontrolled amount of fluorides in water?

Water fluoridation takes away people's freedom to choose what they take into their bodies. Low income families may not have the financial means to avoid over dosing with their drinking water.

The use of the public drinking water system to dispense any substance to achieve a medical result is fundamentally wrong.

I stand squarely with the volunteers of Clean Water Newport who are working so hard to prevent adding fluoridation chemicals to Newport's drinking water.

Please vote NO on Measure 21-164.

Thank you,

Erin Brockovich

*(This information furnished by Erin Brockovich.)*

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# Measure 21-164 Arguments

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### Chiropractic Physician's Personal Story

I grew up poor in central Wisconsin where our water supply was fluoridated. My mother was told it would help prevent cavities. In the first 20 years of my life, even though I had excellent personal dental habits, I acquired 11 cavities while drinking fluoridated water! Of course, my experience is anecdotal, but the best scientific studies measuring thousands of people also show that fluoridation is minimally effective, if at all.

I went to graduate school and was approached by my new dentist to exchange my old white fillings for mercury fillings. He was the doctor, so of course I complied. Two months later I was diagnosed with mercury poisoning from the dental work, which caused my hypothyroidism. I finally took the time to investigate the substances I was putting in and on my body.

Honestly, fluoridated water never crossed my mind. How could something that was in my drinking water be harmful to me? I have very serious reactions to fluoride - I cannot think straight and get dizzy and nauseous, which lasts for days depending on the amount I ingested.

I have to purchase fluoride-free toothpaste and pay out of pocket to go to a dentist that uses biocompatible products. I cannot go out to eat in a community that fluoridates because they wash their produce, make rice/pasta and clean the dinnerware in the fluoridated water. I have had to purchase an expensive water filter for travel away from the Oregon coast.

One of the main selling points on moving to this area was that they did not fluoridate the water. Unfortunately, I am not a rare case. Statistically, 4.6% of the US population has hypothyroidism. We need a choice about what is in our water.

I am fervently against putting fluoridation chemicals in the water supply, especially when they can cause physical harm to so many people.

Please join me in voting NO on Measure 21-164.

*(This information furnished by Nicole McCauley, DC.)*

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## Argument in Opposition

### Organic Consumers Association Recommends NO Vote on Fluoridation

Organic Consumers Association is a grassroots non-profit organization representing a network of more than one million consumers, farmers and retailers. Our mission is to promote health, justice and sustainability. We place a special importance on protecting children's health.

Whatever chemical that would be used to fluoridate Newport's water, you should know that it:

- **Is a toxic industrial byproduct from phosphate fertilizer manufacturing**
- **May contain lead, arsenic and other harmful by-products**
- **The EPA has determined that there are NO safe levels of lead and arsenic**

The claim that fluoridation would add a "natural" mineral to Newport's water is grossly misleading. There's nothing natural about a hazardous waste byproduct from the phosphate fertilizer industry. And even though fluoride can be found naturally in the ground doesn't mean it's harmless. So can lead and arsenic.

If you use fluoridated toothpaste, please read the label carefully. For children under six, it says that they should use a pea-sized amount and **"if more than used for brushing is accidentally swallowed, get medical help or contact a Poison Control Center right away."** This or similar wording, required by the FDA, shows how toxic fluoride itself can be.

Recent scientific evidence points to even greater harm from consuming fluoride than previously thought. Last year, the US Public Health Service lowered its guidelines for fluoride concentration in water from 0.7 – 1.2 parts per million (ppm) to only 0.7 ppm because fluorosis rates in children had skyrocketed in the US. Fluorosis is a disease of tooth enamel caused by too much swallowed fluoride.

We now know that fluoride works primarily topically, not by being swallowed, so there isn't even a meaningful benefit from drinking fluoridated water.

OCA supports *effective* solutions that address the root causes of dental health problems, such as improved diets that limit processed foods and sugar-laden drinks.

We urge a NO vote on fluoridation.

*(This information furnished by Ronnie Cummins, Organic Consumers Association.)*

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### Newport Chemical Sensitivity Patient Opposes Fluoridation

I developed chemical sensitivity in my 20's and have had a 30-year struggle to live a normal life.

I have hypothyroidism and extreme reaction to chemicals that I inhale, ingest or get on my skin. I can't speak intelligibly, get an immediate migraine and my skin flushes for days. I am out of commission and cannot work.

Adverse reactions such as mine to fluoride such as that used in water fluoridation chemicals (which can also contain lead and arsenic) affect about 1% of the population.

I moved to the Oregon coast in 2006 because I saw that Newport didn't fluoridate their water. It was one less thing I was going to have to worry about. I have so many things that I can't do, drinking water should not be one of them!

I don't have the money to buy an expensive fluoridated water filtration system for my house. I am against water fluoridation and will be voting NO on measure 21-164.

-Newport Citizen

NOTE: This is the statement of a patient of mine who prefers to remain anonymous. I have permission to use their story.

Nicole McCauley, DC

*(This information furnished by Nicole McCauley, DC.)*

## Argument in Opposition

### Chiropractors Oppose Fluoridation

We are local, state and national chiropractors united in opposition to water fluoridation.

Chiropractors represent a healthcare system whose purpose is to restore and optimize the innate recuperative powers of the human body. Accordingly, we share the value of clean, pure drinking water with Newport residents.

We consider it inappropriate to deliver a pharmacologic treatment through fluoridation chemicals in drinking water. There is no dosage control, and no allowance made for a person's size, water intake, health issues, or additional fluoride intake from dental products, other pharmaceuticals, and pesticide residues in foods and beverages. Fluoridation violates the principles of informed consent and patient centered care.

No government agency, nor the companies that sell these fluorosilicates with their co-contaminants, are responsible for their purity, efficacy, or safety.

Fluoride's biological toxicity is well established. We join the thousands of physicians and scientists who oppose water fluoridation, including 14 Nobel Prize winners, and the EPA scientists union.

Please vote NO on Measure 21-164.

Dr Perry Adams  
Dr Kristi S B Barnewolt  
Dr Jessica Benningfield  
Dr Terry Cannon  
Dr Shae Doran  
Dr Candice Huffman  
Dr Chad Jenkins  
Dr Jennifer Jozwiak  
Dr Nicole McCauley  
Dr Amy K McKee  
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Dr Sarah Stiff  
Dr Jai Tomlin  
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### Food & Water Watch: Fluoridation is the Wrong Choice for Newport

Food & Water Watch is a national non-profit organization that advocates for common sense policies protecting access to safe, clean, affordable drinking water and food. We believe everyone has the right to clean and safe water. We have hundreds of supporters in the Newport area.

#### Food & Water Watch is speaking out against the fluoridation of Newport's drinking water because:

- **Fluoridation takes away people's choice.** We respect every person's right to decide whether or not they consume fluoride. As defined and regulated by the FDA, fluoride is a drug. If people want to swallow it, they have that right. But they DON'T have the right to force it on those who don't want to consume it through the drinking water.

Even our doctors can't force us to take drugs we don't want to take – this is taking away our right of informed consent. This is OUR water and should be OUR choice.

- **There are health risks from fluoridation chemicals.** Families have very good reasons for wanting to avoid fluoridated water, which has been linked to fluorosis, hypothyroidism, endocrine disruption and effects on the brain.
- **Fluoridation hurts low-income families.** Expensive filters and bottled water, which can cost thousands of dollars, leave low-income families with NO choice and no chance of avoiding fluoridated water. Even for those families who could afford alternatives, it simply isn't fair to force them to spend so much of their income to avoid fluoride.
- **There are more effective, safer ways to lower cavity rates.** These include better nutrition, cutting down on processed foods and soft drinks, good home dental habits such as regular brushing and flossing, and regular professional dental care.

Newport is fortunate in that all low-income children are eligible for free professional dental care through Head Start, the public schools and the Oregon Health Plan at Advantage Dental.

Please vote NO on Measure 21-164.

*(This information furnished by Julie DeGraw, Food & Water Watch.)*

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## Argument in Opposition

### Clean Water Newport: Know the Facts

There has been much misinformation on fluoridation. Clean Water Newport wants to ensure all voters know the truth.

**Claim:** Fluoride isn't a drug

**Response:** Of course it is, as defined AND regulated by the FDA. Look at your tube of toothpaste and read the warning label for ingestion by young children – that's required by the FDA, which also requires a prescription for fluoride tablets or drops.

**Claim:** Fluoride is "natural" (i.e. good or safe)

**Response:** Lead and arsenic are natural too. That doesn't mean they're safe. And there's nothing natural about fluorosilicic acid, the chemical that's a hazardous waste by-product of the phosphate fertilizer industry used by nearly all fluoridating cities. It's a matter of public record that it can contain lead and arsenic, for which the EPA has determined that there are NO safe levels.

**Claim:** Fluoride is a "nutrient."

**Response:** A nutrient is a substance required for growth, development and normal physiologic functions. Unlike *real* nutrients like vitamin D, calcium and iodine, you'll never find fluoride in a multi-vitamin or in the nutrition section of any store. The FDA, Institute of Medicine and National Academy of Sciences have all concluded fluoride isn't a nutrient.

The EPA has classified fluoride as a toxin, and like most toxins, the higher the dose, the greater the harm. If it's in the water, you can't control the dose. If you can't control the dose, you can't control the harm.

Moreover, we also ingest fluoride through processed foods, drinks, soups and pesticide residues, adding greatly to the toxic load in our bodies.

Leaded gasoline, asbestos, DDT, DES and cigarettes were once accepted as safe by the US government and medical organizations 60 years ago. As scientific evidence on their serious harm mounted, they were banned or restricted.

This is precisely the situation with fluoridation today – it's only a matter of time.

Please vote NO on Measure 21-164.

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## Argument in Opposition

While we all consider whether we should add fluoridation chemicals to our clean water supply, the real problem goes unaddressed. Poor diet and lack of personal care are huge factors that lead to tooth decay not only in children, but in adults as well.

So a “yes” vote on adding fluoridation chemicals to our water will make the problem go away? **This is absurd.** It wouldn't be surprising if many of the children with excessive tooth decay even drink much water in a day. Sure sugar is one cause of tooth decay but many other foods including foods high in carbohydrates and processed foods in general are all culprits. More importantly, the longer one waits to brush the food remnants out of their mouth, the more susceptible they are to tooth decay. This isn't rocket science.

Unless homes or businesses install expensive reverse-osmosis filter systems, the water they serve and food they cook will also have fluoridation chemicals in it (these aren't naturally occurring chemicals either and it is not pharmaceutical grade Fluoride).

Water fluoridation isn't an exact science as claimed, otherwise 40% of teens in the USA wouldn't have dental fluorosis from over exposure to fluoridation chemicals; prompting the CDC to cut it's recommended level almost in half from 1.2 mg/l to .7 mg/l in 2015 after over 60 years of recommending 1.2 mg/l to be safe.

There are many people who experience negative effects from ingesting fluoridation chemicals. There are many people who don't want fluoridation chemicals in their water or environment. Then there are many people who won't even know it's in there. Look through this section at all the local names against it. These people should not be subjected to finding water at their own means.

The current trend going on nation *and* worldwide is to remove fluoridation chemicals from water. Please don't subject our community and visitors to fluoridation chemicals.

**Please vote NO on measure 21-164. Thank you!**

Amanda Bojarski

*(This information furnished by Amanda Bojarski.)*

## Argument in Opposition

We had a child in 2015 and were unable to breast feed him exclusively because he was born tongue tied. Even after we fixed it, my wife was unable to produce enough milk for him so we had to supplement with formula. We researched all of the companies and ingredients carefully and decided we could make our own formula with less additives and allergens. We ended up raising his weight from the 4th percentile to the 94th percentile after supplementing with our homemade formula. We never even considered our water source.

After hearing about the possibility of fluoridation chemicals being added to Newport's water, I discovered some pretty alarming facts about fluoridation in relation to babies. The CDC recommends an infant have no more than 8 micrograms which is .008 milligrams per liter (mg/l). At the proposed rate of .7 mg/l, that would mean an infant fed formula from tap water for 1 day would receive 700 micrograms!! Fluoride intake by an infant who is exclusively breast fed is generally less than 2 micrograms per day.

Adults excrete 50% of any fluorides ingested; infants can only excrete 10-15%. Their blood brain barrier is also not complete; leaving their brains exposed to accumulation as well.

<http://fluoridealert.org/issues/infant-exposure/>

Purchasing bottled water doesn't guarantee you won't get fluoride either.

<http://fluoridealert.org/content/bottled-water/>

The pro fluoridation people mean well, they really do! This is not the most effective or ethical approach though as this is not a blanket problem nor is it desired by 100% of the people. Forgotten in this debate are the millions of visitors we have annually. They don't have a say nor will they necessarily know about potential exposure when coming to visit.

What freedoms do we really have if we aren't free to control what goes into our bodies? I respect the effort and intention to help children; please respect our freedom to choose and protect those with no voice.

**Please vote NO on fluoridation.**

Michael Bojarski

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# Measure 21-165 Lincoln County

## Ballot Title

# 21-165

**Increases Lincoln County transient lodging tax from 9% to 10%**

**QUESTION:** Shall County lodging tax be increased 1%, with revenues for fairgrounds redevelopment and operations or similar projects?

**SUMMARY:** Since 2007, Lincoln County has levied a voter approved 9% tax on transient lodging. It is paid by tourists, business travelers and other visitors. Currently, a portion of the tax revenues are dedicated to tourism promotion, economic development, support for the Oregon Coast Aquarium and a Fairgrounds Facilities Improvement Fund. This measure would enact Ordinance # 485 to increase the transient room tax by 1%, from 9% to 10%. It is estimated the increase would raise \$176,000 annually. The additional revenue would be available for future fairgrounds redevelopment and operations, or similar facilities and operations throughout the County. A "Yes" vote enacts Ordinance # 485 and increases the County transient lodging tax to 10%. A "No" vote keeps it at 9%.

## Explanatory Statement

Lincoln County collects a voter approved transient lodging tax of 9%. It is paid by tourists, business travelers and other visitors. It was last changed in 2007.

A portion of the tax is currently dedicated to a Fairgrounds Facilities Improvement Fund. That funding is intended to support the redevelopment of the fairgrounds, recently renamed the County Commons, including the addition of a new exhibition hall of about 25,000 square feet.

This measure would enact Ordinance # 485 to increase the County transient room tax an additional 1%, from 9% to 10%, effective July 1, 2016. The new tax revenue would be dedicated to increase support for the redevelopment of the fairgrounds (County Commons), and also be available for operations of the facilities at that location. It could also be used to support similar facilities throughout the County.

It is estimated that this tax increase would generate approximately \$176,000 in revenue per year.

A "Yes" vote enacts Ordinance # 485 and increases the County transient lodging tax to 10%. A "No" vote keeps it at 9%.

*(This information submitted by Wayne Belmont, County Counsel, Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.)*

## Measure 21-165 Argument in Favor

**IT'S MORE THAN FAIR! VOTE YES ON 21-165 TO IMPROVE THE LINCOLN COUNTY COMMONS -- the home of the Lincoln County Fair.**

The Lincoln County Commons (Fairgrounds), home of the Lincoln County Fair, has suffered from decades of neglect. You have an opportunity to set in motion immediate steps to restore this vital asset by voting YES on Measure 21-165. The enhanced Commons will be a central meeting place for youth development, cultural attractions and community development.

One of the most exciting aspects of the new Commons is the emphasis on things for young people -- Lincoln County youth and visitors to Lincoln County.

Measure 21-165 raises the room tax by one percent on lodging properties outside of the incorporated cities of Lincoln County. That means the average visitor will pay about a dollar more per night. This is only the second time in 25 years that voters have been asked to increase this tax, and the new rate will still be competitive with other coastal communities.

Without any impact to local property tax payers, we'll be able to improve the infrastructure and structures at the Commons. Included in these improvements will be electrical, plumbing, sewer and internet services. All of these improvements will undergird a new exhibit hall which will serve the Lincoln County Fair, Festivals, 4-H, Winter Farmer's Market, sportsmen's shows, home shows, gem and mineral shows, animal shows, arts and craft shows, concerts, sporting events, emergency preparedness, large meetings and conferences and a host of other activities that will enrich county life both culturally and economically. ECONorthwest, a respected economic research firm, reported that a new exhibit hall can generate much-needed economic activity annually.

A new and improved fairgrounds will become our new Lincoln County Commons.

This is a plan to make the entire Commons property a vital destination for residents and visitors alike.

**VOTE YES! It's More Than Fair!**

*(This information furnished by The Committee for a Better Lincoln County Commons and Fair.)*

# Measure 21-166 Proposed Siletz Area Enhanced Law Enforcement Service District

## Ballot Title

# 21-166

## Formation of Enhanced Law Enforcement Service District/Establishment of Levy

**QUESTION:** Shall County form Siletz Area Enhanced Law Enforcement Service District, adopt permanent rate levy of \$1.31 per \$1,000 beginning FY2016-17?

**SUMMARY:** At the request of the City of Siletz, Siletz Tribe and surrounding community, Lincoln County initiated formation of the Siletz Area Enhanced Law Enforcement Service District and adoption of a permanent District tax rate levy, both subject to voter approval in a single vote. The intent of this measure is to provide the District with enhanced law enforcement services through the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. Supplemental funding is to be provided by the Siletz Tribe under contract with the District. The District formation was approved by the Siletz City Council. The District boundaries are the same as the existing boundaries of the Siletz Rural Fire Protection District.

Approval of this measure authorizes formation of Siletz Area Enhanced Law Enforcement Service District and adopts a permanent District rate levy of \$1.31 per \$1,000 of assessed value beginning Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17. A "yes" vote forms the District and establishes the District tax rate levy. A "no" vote will reject both the District formation and the establishment of the tax rate levy.

## Explanatory Statement

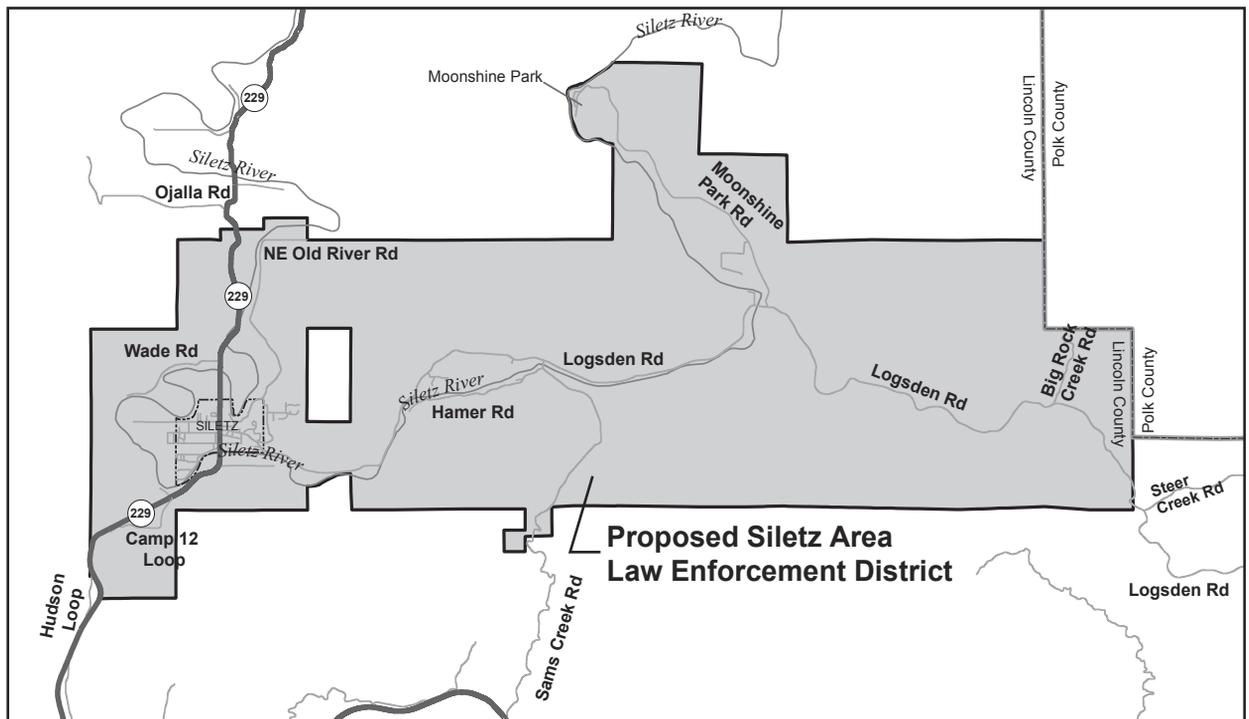
A group from the Siletz Community, consisting of the representatives from the City of Siletz, the Siletz Tribe and other residents of the unincorporated areas within the boundaries of the current Siletz Rural Fire Protection District approached the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners seeking additional law enforcement services for their community.

The mechanism for providing those services is the formation of a county service district under law. The proposed district would be named the Siletz Area Enhanced Law Enforcement Service District (District). Its boundaries would be the same as those existing for the Siletz Rural Fire Protection District at the time of initiation of the formation process. Under law, the District would be governed by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners as an entity separate from the County. All funds raised by the District would be dedicated to the District until expended as allowed by law.

The enhanced law enforcement services would be provided by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office under the direction of the elected Lincoln County Sheriff. As proposed, the District anticipates providing 80 hours of enhanced services per week. To accomplish this, the formation of the District would also include establishment of a permanent District tax rate levy of \$1.31 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This will pay for ½ of the projected costs of the services. The other half would be provided through a contract with the Siletz Tribe. The District has the authority to enter into binding contracts with the Tribe.

This measure asks voters to approve establishment of the Siletz Area Enhanced Law Enforcement Service District and a permanent District rate levy of \$1.31 per thousand dollars of assessed value dedicated for enhanced law enforcement purposes. A "yes" vote both approves the formation and the levy. A "no" vote rejects both the formation and the levy.

*(This information submitted by Wayne Belmont, County Counsel, Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.)*



# Measure 21-167

Proposed Southwest Lincoln County Water People's Utility District

## Ballot Title

# 21-167

## Formation of the Southwest Lincoln County Water People's Utility District

**QUESTION:** Should the Southwest Lincoln County Water People's Utility District be formed?

**SUMMARY:** At the request of petitioners, this measure would create a People's Utility District (PUD) to provide domestic water service in the area currently served by the Southwest Lincoln County Water District. The PUD is intended to replace the Southwest Lincoln County Water District as the water service provider. The boundaries of the proposed PUD will be the same as the existing boundaries of the Southwest Lincoln County Water District.

The PUD would be governed by a five member Board of Directors elected from the PUD. The PUD would have power to provide water services and set water rates. The PUD does not propose to provide electricity services. Formation does not include a tax levy.

For the area that is within both the City of Waldport and the proposed PUD boundaries (the overlap area), a majority of electors in the overlap area must approve formation of the PUD for the overlap area to be included within the PUD.

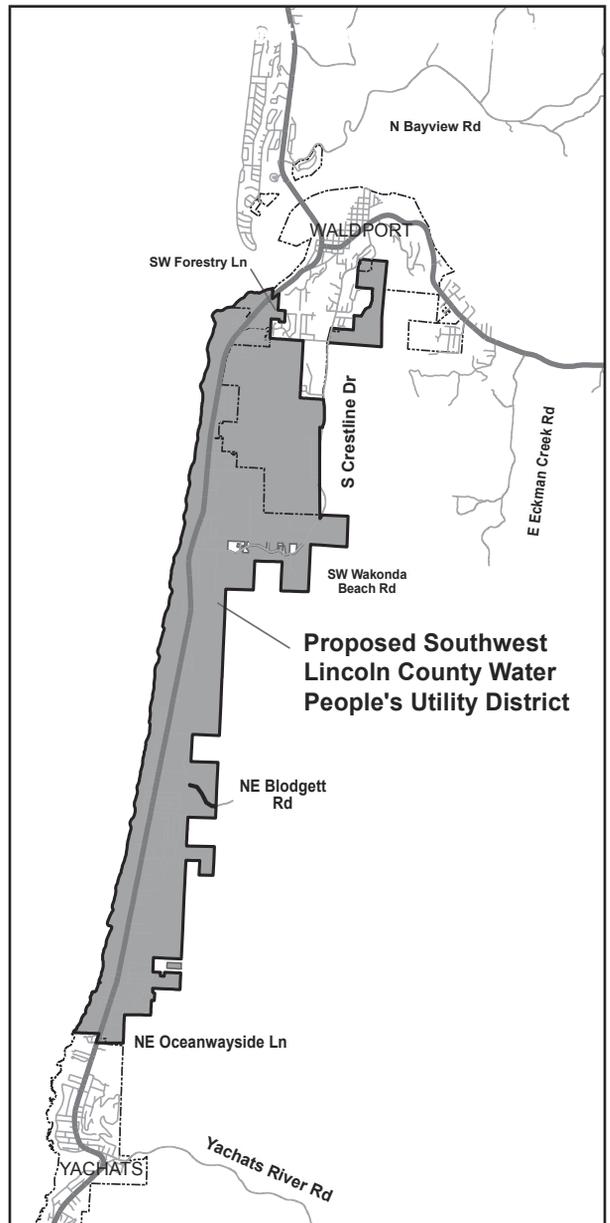
## Explanatory Statement

Petitioners initiated formation of the Southwest Lincoln County Water People's Utility District (PUD) to convert the existing Southwest Lincoln County Water District (Water District) to a PUD. The PUD boundaries will be exactly the same as the Water District boundaries. The intent is to dissolve the Water District after formation of the PUD and transfer of all assets and liabilities to the new entity. A five member Board of Directors of the PUD would be elected from qualified persons within the PUD to govern the new entity.

The PUD would provide water service only and not electrical service. The PUD does not propose a special levy authorized under law but requiring voter approval. The PUD will continue to rely on water rates to fund services.

Because a portion of the proposed boundaries of the PUD includes properties within the City of Waldport, special election rules apply. For the area within both the City and the proposed PUD (called the overlap area), a majority of the electors in the overlap area must approve formation of the PUD to be included within the PUD. If a majority within the overlap area does not approve, then the overlap area is excluded from the PUD. The PUD without the excluded area would still be formed if a majority of the overall vote within the proposed boundaries approves formation.

*(This information submitted by Wayne Belmont, County Counsel, Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.)*



# Measure 21-167 Arguments

## Argument in Favor

Vote yes on the formation of the Southwest Lincoln County Water People's Utility District.

The Southwest Lincoln County Water District is proposing to convert from a Water District to a People's Utility District that provides water service.

### Transparent to Customers/Constituents

This change will be transparent to the customers/constituents of the District. The District will have exactly the same boundaries and will continue to deliver exactly the same water. As far as customers/constituents of the Water District are concerned this is a change in name only. The high level of quality water furnished will not be affected.

### Reduced Costs

The single most important benefit of being a PUD rather than a Water District is the reduction in costs going forward. Particularly a reduction in the cost of replacing, expanding and upgrading the District's aging infrastructure.

### More Local Control/Less Red Tape

Another benefit of the PUD form of organization is that there is less statutory and agency regulation at the state level for PUDs than for water districts. This increased local control and decreased regulatory red tape leads to more efficiency and a better ability for the District to serve its customers/constituents.

### Please join us in supporting formation of the Southwest Lincoln County Water People's Utility District.

The Southwest Lincoln County Water District Commissioners:

Donald Tucker - Chairman

Bob Whitson - Vice-Chairman

Jon Culton - Treasurer

Gary Hodges - Secretary

Bill Turner - Member-at-Large

*(This information furnished by Corey Blake on behalf of the Southwest Lincoln County Water District.)*

## Argument in Opposition

I urge all voters to vote "NO" on the water district proposition 21-167.

Water rates will continually rise to meet the financial needs of the potential Public Utility District (PUD). The Water District of Southwest Lincoln County (SWLCWD) resident currently pays base water rates 50% higher than residents of the City of Waldport Water District (CWWD). The SWLCWD has favorable rates for larger users only.

Under Oregon law, a PUD can't receive any portion of your property taxes. This is an important revenue source. Whether a major repair or new extension, the only funding source will have to be ratepayers. Any added costs will insure increased water rates year after year.

The ratepayers of the SWLCWD will lose independence and control over decisions once another district joins the PUD. The stated goal of the PUD sponsors is to have the CWWD join the PUD. Resident's only hope is that a PUD will make the right decisions or force litigation.

A water district will operate in the best interests of the ratepayers. Why subject ratepayers to a PUD?

The SWLCWD is needed to maintain a separate entity to focus on specific district needs and negotiate with the City of Waldport as new growth forces decisions as to which entity can best meet the specific needs of new customers. If one district has prohibitive costs to provide service, it can be worked out between the water districts. A PUD complicates the decision-making.

PUDs are exempt from many Oregon Water District regulations currently in place. Supporters of the PUD point out that a PUD needn't pay a living wage to its employees. Should we balance the books by short-changing experienced employees? In my experience, deregulation seems to insure future problems.

Presently only five water PUDs exist in Oregon. SWLCWD has operated well for years. Why experiment with a successful water system?

Vote "NO" on proposition 21-167. A risk you don't have to take.

Greg Holland

Waldport City Councilor

*(This information furnished by Greg Holland)*

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# Measure 21-168 Central Oregon Coast Fire and Rescue District

## Ballot Title

# 21-168

## Five Year Local Option Tax #2 for COCF&RD

**QUESTION:** Shall COCF&RD levy \$1.27 per \$1000 assessed value for five years, beginning in 2016-2017, for operations?

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

**SUMMARY:** Approval of this measure would subject tax assessable property in the Central Oregon Coast Fire and Rescue District to additional property taxation for five years in the amount of one dollar and twenty-seven cents per \$1000 assessed property value (tax years 2016-2017 through 2020-2021).

It is estimated that this measure would raise approximately \$439,384 in tax revenues for 2016-2017, \$452,566 in tax revenues for 2017-2018, \$466,142 in tax revenues for 2018-2019, \$480,126 in tax revenues for 2019-2020, and \$494,530 in tax revenues for 2020-2021.

Revenues would be used by the Central Oregon Coast Fire and Rescue District to fund its fire, rescue, and Emergency Medical Services operations.

of Directors has determined that they must ask the voters of the District for a five year Local Option Tax in the amount of \$1.27 per \$1,000 of assessed value for continued operations. Revenue from this tax will provide personnel costs, fuel and other vehicle costs, equipment maintenance, small equipment replacement, financing costs and other expenses.

*(This information submitted by Ray Woodruff, Chair, Board of Directors, Central Oregon Coast Fire & Rescue District.)*

## Explanatory Statement

The Central Oregon Coast Fire and Rescue District (COCF&RD) is the governmental agency that levies taxes to support, and supervises Central Oregon Coast Fire. COCF&RD services the City of Waldport, part of the area around it, and the narrow corridor eastward and a short way up Five Rivers Road. COCF&RD provides fire protection services, emergency rescue services including water rescue, and emergency services for its patrons and visitors. About 90% of COCF&RD's revenue comes from property taxes.

Several years back, Tidewater Rural Fire Protection District merged with COCF&RD due to issues with funding. When this happened, a combined tax rate was established that was much lower than the original COCF&RD rate, and was much less than had been anticipated. COCF&RD attempted to increase their revenue from billing for emergency medical service to make up the shortfall, but over the years that revenue stream has been slowly losing ground against operational costs rising at 8 to 10% per year. In addition, increased requirements mandated Paramedic-level medical care, necessitating the hiring of additional personnel. Also, as experienced by most all other small Fire Departments, a shortage of volunteers also necessitated additional hiring. Personnel costs are expensive, and COCF&RD accordingly cut back on equipment upgrades and other expenses, but the problem did not get any better.

Today, COCF&RD is faced with the dire situation of being unable to continue to provide emergency service to its patrons without additional revenue. Without this new tax, COCF&RD will need to drastically reduce services.

COCF&RD's permanent tax levy for operations is \$0.8209 per \$1,000 of assessed value, in the bottom third of all Rural Fire Protection Districts in Oregon, including those that do not provide ambulance service. COCF&RD does already have one Local Option tax in place, with a rate of \$0.25 per \$1,000, but that is a ten year levy only for the purchase of major equipment. The money from that can not be used for operational expenses. The Board

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<p align="center"><b>County Measure</b></p> <p><b>21-165 Increases Lincoln County transient lodging tax from 9% to 10%</b></p> <p><b>Question:</b> Shall County lodging tax be increased 1% with revenues for fairgrounds redevelopment and operations or similar projects?</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Since 2007, Lincoln County has levied a voter approved 9% tax on transient lodging. It is paid by tourists, business travelers and other visitors. Currently, a portion of the tax revenues are dedicated to tourism promotion, economic development, support for the Oregon Coast Aquarium and a Fairgrounds Facilities Improvement Fund. This measure would enact Ordinance # 485 to increase the transient room tax by 1%, from 9% to 10%. It is estimated the increase would raise \$176,000 annually. The additional revenue would be available for future fairgrounds redevelopment and operations, or similar facilities and operations throughout the County. A "Yes" vote enacts Ordinance # 485 and increases the County transient lodging tax to 10%. A "No" vote keeps it at 9%.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p align="center"><b>Siletz Area Enhanced Law Enforcement Service District</b></p> <p><b>21-166 Formation of Enhanced Law Enforcement Service District/Establishment of Levy</b></p> <p><b>Question:</b> Shall County form Siletz Area Enhanced Law Enforcement Service District, adopt permanent rate levy of \$1.31 per \$1,000 beginning FY2016-17?</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> At the request of the City of Siletz, Siletz Tribe and surrounding community, Lincoln County initiated formation of the Siletz Area Enhanced Law Enforcement Service District and adoption of a permanent District tax rate levy, both subject to voter approval in a single vote. The intent of this measure is to provide the District with enhanced law enforcement services through the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. Supplemental funding is to be provided by the Siletz Tribe under contract with the District. The District formation was approved by the Siletz City Council. The District boundaries are the same as the existing boundaries of the Siletz Rural Fire Protection District.</p> <p>Approval of this measure authorizes formation of Siletz Area Enhanced Law Enforcement Service District and adopts a permanent District rate levy of \$1.31 per \$1,000 of assessed value beginning Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17. A "yes" vote forms the District and establishes the District tax rate levy. A "no" vote will reject both the District formation and the establishment of the tax rate levy.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p align="center"><b>Central Oregon Coast Fire &amp; Rescue District</b></p> <p><b>21-168 Five Year Local Option Tax #2 for COCF&amp;RD</b></p> <p><b>Question:</b> Shall COCF&amp;RD levy \$1.27 per \$1000 assessed value for five years, beginning in 2016-2017, for operations?</p> <p>This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Approval of this measure would subject tax assessable property in the Central Oregon Coast Fire and Rescue District to additional property taxation for five years in the amount of one dollar and twenty-seven cents per \$1000 assessed property value (tax years 2016-2017 through 2020-2021).</p> <p>It is estimated that this measure would raise approximately \$439,384 in tax revenues for 2016-2017, \$452,566 in tax revenues for 2017-2018, \$466,142 in tax revenues for 2018-2019, \$480,126 in tax revenues for 2019-2020, and \$494,530 in tax revenues for 2020-2021.</p> <p>Revenues would be used by the Central Oregon Coast Fire and Rescue District to fund its fire, rescue, and Emergency Medical Services operations.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>		
<p align="center"><b>City of Newport</b></p> <p><b>21-164 Resumption of Fluoridation of City of Newport Water Supply</b></p> <p><b>Question:</b> Shall the City of Newport resume fluoridation of the city water supply?</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> The City of Newport supplies water to city residents and businesses. In the past, the City of Newport fluoridated the city water supply. Currently, the city water supply is not being fluoridated.</p> <p>This measure requires the City of Newport to resume fluoridation of the city water supply. The measure requires fluoridation at state and federal recommended levels. The measure is a referral of Ordinance No. 2088, adopted by the City Council on February 1, 2016. The date for resumption of fluoridation of the city water supply will be established by resolution of the City Council. Fluoridation products used in the city water supply must meet NSF International standards. The measure requires recordkeeping and testing of the city water supply in accordance with state and federal standards. The measure also requires the city to conduct tests for fluoridation levels in the city water supply in accordance with state and federal requirements. Preliminary cost estimates are approximately \$300,000 for implementation. Initial estimates for operations are \$18,000 annually. Costs are paid through water rates in the city budget.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p align="center"><b>Southwest Lincoln County Water People's Utility District</b></p> <p><b>21-167 Formation of the Southwest Lincoln County Water People's Utility District</b></p> <p><b>Question:</b> Should the Southwest Lincoln County Water People's Utility District be formed?</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> At the request of petitioners, this measure would create a People's Utility District (PUD) to provide domestic water service in the area currently served by the Southwest Lincoln County Water District. The PUD is intended to replace the Southwest Lincoln County Water District as the water service provider. The boundaries of the proposed PUD will be the same as the existing boundaries of the Southwest Lincoln County Water District.</p> <p>The PUD would be governed by a five member Board of Directors elected from the PUD. The PUD would have power to provide water services and set water rates. The PUD does not propose to provide electricity services. Formation does not include a tax levy.</p> <p>For the area that is within both the City of Waldport and the proposed PUD boundaries (the overlap area), a majority of electors in the overlap area must approve formation of the PUD for the overlap area to be included within the PUD.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>			<p align="center"><b>WARNING</b></p> <p>Any person who, by use of force or other means, unduly influences an elector to vote in any particular manner or to refrain from voting is subject to a fine. (ORS 254.470)</p>
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# Registration and Voting Information

## Registering to Vote

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

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

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

### You Must Update Your Registration If:

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

**Important Note:** If you have moved or your name has changed and you have not yet updated your registration, you may be still eligible to vote. Contact the Lincoln County Elections office, 541-265-4131 for further information.

### Voters With Disabilities:

If you are unable to vote your ballot without assistance, contact the Lincoln County Elections office at 541-265-4131. We will provide two persons to assist you in voting. To assure your voted ballot is received by election day, contact the elections office early to arrange for assistance. You may also select someone else of your own choice to assist you.

### On-line Registration:

On-line voter registration is now available. If you go to our website: [www.co.lincoln.or.us/clerk](http://www.co.lincoln.or.us/clerk) and go to the left side of the page, then click on "Register to Vote Online".

## Voting Instructions

### Check Your Ballot!

To vote you must fill in the oval (●) completely with a pencil or pen.

To write-in a name — Fill in the oval (●) to the left of the dotted line and write-in the name on the dotted line.

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

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

You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still be counted.

Contact Lincoln County Elections office at 541-265-4131 to request a replacement ballot if:

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

1-866-ORE-VOTES (se habla Español)

[www.oregonvotes.org](http://www.oregonvotes.org)

TTY 1-800-735-2900

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

After voting—SEAL the ballot in the ballot secrecy envelope. **The secrecy envelope is optional – it is not required.**

SEAL your BALLOT (enclosed in the secrecy envelope), inside the return envelope, **SIGN THE RETURN ENVELOPE** in the space provided, and mail it in time to be received in the office of the County Clerk by May 17th, or drop it off at a designated drop site (see drop sites on page 21-2 of this county voters' pamphlet).

**! Be sure to sign your Return Envelope! !**

## REMEMBER!

All ballots must be voted and received at a drop site or the Lincoln County Clerk's Office by no later than 8:00 p.m., May 17, 2016.