



Lincoln County Voters' Pamphlet Special Election November 3, 2009



This Voters' Pamphlet is provided to give you, the voter, additional information on candidates and measures. You will not vote on every issue in this pamphlet. Your ballot will contain only those issues for which you are eligible to vote - based on where you live. If you have any questions, please call our office at (541) 265-4131. Also visit our website: www.co.lincoln.or.us/clerk/ **"Customer Service is our #1 Priority!"**

Dana W. Jenkins, Lincoln County Clerk

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 write-in line and write in the name on the write-in line.

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

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.

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

→ **After voting—SEAL the ballot** in the ballot secrecy envelope.

→ **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 November 3rd, or drop it off at a designated drop site (see drop sites below).

→ 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.

Ballot Drop Site Locations

★ **Privacy Booth Available**

★ **LINCOLN COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

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Measure 21-133 Lincoln County Library District

Ballot Title

21-133

Local Option Tax For Library Funding

Question: Shall Library District renew levy of 9¢ per \$1,000 assessed value for five years, beginning 2010-2011, to fund your library?

This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: This measure will renew the expiring local option tax. Approval of this measure continues providing funding at its present level for the Lincoln County Library District and the funding it provides to libraries in Lincoln City, Newport, Siletz, Toledo and Waldport.

It is estimated that this measure would raise approximately \$313,285 in tax revenues for 2010-2011, \$322,684 in tax revenues for 2011-2012, \$332,364 in tax revenues for 2012-2013, \$342,335 in tax revenues for 2013-2014, and \$352,605 in tax revenues for 2014-2015. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate.

Explanatory Statement

Before the formation of the Lincoln County Library District, people living in unincorporated areas of Lincoln County and Depoe Bay did not have access to a public library without paying for a library card. In 1991 the city libraries of Lincoln City, Newport, Siletz, Toledo and Waldport began contracting with the Library District to receive funds for providing fee free library service to all residents of Lincoln County. In order to continue this service, voters in 2004 approved a local option tax levy at 9¢ per \$1000 assessed value which expires in 2009-2010. Approval of this measure will renew the levy for another five years and allow the service to continue.

Who votes on this measure?

Every voter living outside the city limits of Lincoln City, Newport, Toledo and Yachats.

Why is renewal of the 5-year local option tax needed?

To ensure that you will continue to have full access to the public libraries in Lincoln City, Newport, Siletz, Toledo and Waldport.

The library services include:

- Check out books, videos, DVD's and other library materials.
- Reserve books, videos, DVD's and other library materials 24 hours a day through the Internet
- Internet access to reference databases
- Computer use for checking your e-mail and using the Internet
- Courier service which brings materials you request from other libraries to your local library

What happens if the tax does not pass?

Dollar losses to libraries based on 2008-2009 revenue:

- Driftwood (Lincoln City) - \$60,686
- Newport - \$89,451
- Siletz - \$16,716
- Toledo - \$25,592
- Waldport - \$32,798

Some or all of these things may happen at your local library if tax does not pass:

- Fewer books and other materials being purchased for your library
- Reductions in hours of library operation
- Reductions in courier service and interlibrary loans
- Reductions in library staffing levels
- Possible changes in agreements for city library usage by Library District residents
- Elimination of some library programs and services
- May require people living outside the city limits of Lincoln City, Newport and Toledo to purchase a library card in order to use these city libraries

(This information submitted by Chris D. Boyle, President, Board of Directors, Lincoln County Library District.)

Argument statements for this measure begin on next page →

Measure 21-133 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Vote YES for Ballot Measure 21-133.

Continue support for our local libraries at current tax levels.

This measure does NOT increase your taxes.

We don't know what we would do without our libraries! Libraries are even more important in economic hard times. Today Lincoln County's libraries are being challenged to do more with less--less money, less staff, and less time. The very services we value are at risk if libraries lose these funds.

Renewing the local option tax of 9¢ per \$1,000 assessed value on your property is only \$18 for a \$200,000 home. For less than the cost of one book, we have access to over a quarter of a million books, movies, CDs, magazines, newspapers, 24-hour access to online databases, AND MORE.

We especially appreciate these services:

- Children and their parents find in their library a place to explore books, magazines and other material.
- Students get a head start on early reading success by being given opportunities to attend library story times and other library sponsored programs.
- Students who use libraries are more successful in school and often go on to be successful lifelong learners.
- We depend on the public library as a place to use critical technology, networking and internet services.
- We use library services to find jobs, prepare resumes, to obtain current, factual health information and to satisfy many other needs.
- We communicate with family and friends via e-mail and other social networking tools available through the public library's free Internet access.
- Trained library staff help us with our wide-ranging interests and needs.

Every person in Lincoln County has access to the diverse resources of the Driftwood Public Library in Lincoln City, Newport Public Library, Siletz Public Library, Toledo Public Library, Waldport Public Library and all the libraries in Tillamook County. These materials are delivered free of charge. The public library is our meeting place.

Vote YES to preserve library services.

*(This information furnished by Janet Webster,
People for Lincoln County Libraries.)*

Argument in Favor

We support our local libraries. Please join us in voting **YES** on Ballot Measure 21-133 - the **RENEWAL** of our local option tax for Lincoln Counties Libraries.

Voting **YES** means that every person in Lincoln County continues to have access to our wonderful libraries with their diverse resources and excellent service.

Jill Tierce
Norman Hooker
Jan Hansen
George & Susan Boehlert
A.T. Ronan
Yvonne Zink
Jan Titgen
Janet Webster
Jack & Maggie Brown
Matt Love
Ron Hahn
Burt & Bobbie Lippman
Richard Beemer
David Bigelow
Sally Houck
Judy Fontanini
Carol Fisher
Paul & Pat Reed
Patti Littlehales
Don & Rebecca Cohen
Jim & Louise Webb
Virginia Tardaewether
Rex Krabbe
Jan Christensen
Robert Line
Bill Rogers
Tina Retasket
Patrick O'Connor

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**There were no arguments filed
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Measure 21-134 Lincoln County

Ballot Title

21-134

Local Option Tax for Animal Shelter and Control Services

Question: Shall County levy 11¢ per \$1000 assessed value for five years, beginning in 2010-2011, for animal shelter and control services?

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

Summary: Approval of this measure would allow Lincoln County to continue to provide funding for animal shelter and animal control services for all areas of Lincoln County, including all cities.

It is estimated that this measure would raise approximately \$648,341 in tax revenues for 2010-2011, \$661,308 in tax revenues for 2011-2012, \$674,534 in tax revenues for 2012-2013, \$688,025 in tax revenues for 2013-2014, and \$701,785 in tax revenues for 2014-2015.

Explanatory Statement

The Lincoln County Animal Shelter provides food, care, and temporary shelter for homeless dogs and cats. The Animal Shelter also provides animal adoption services.

Lincoln County Animal Control investigates cases of animal abuse and neglect, and carries out and enforces state and local laws that regulate dogs running at large and dogs that are a public nuisance.

While dog license fees provide some limited funding for a portion of these services, they are inadequate. Historically, the County General Fund and some city contracts have provided most of the funding for animal shelter and animal control services in Lincoln County.

Recent reductions in County General Fund resources led to the elimination of County General Fund support for public animal shelter services in 2009-2010. One-time funding has extended these services through June 30, 2010. Without additional funding, the animal shelter may be closed to the public beginning July 1, 2010.

This measure would provide dedicated funding for animal shelter and animal control services for all areas of Lincoln County, including all cities. This would stabilize services during the five years covered by this measure.

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

Argument in Favor

The Central Coast Humane Society strongly encourages a "yes" vote on this measure as it will provide a sustainable revenue stream to protect the Lincoln County Animal Shelter for the next five years from being closed. The monies collected from this tax are required to go directly to the operations of the animal shelter and will not be used in the county general fund or for any other county agency funding. Your "yes" vote will be an amazing gift to Lincoln County's homeless and abandoned animals. In practical terms this will mean:

Dogs that have strayed from home will continue to have a clean, safe kennel to await reunion with their owners or adoption to a new forever home.

Abandoned cats will continue to have warm, dry, spacious catteries where potential adopters can come and see the cats interact with other cats.

There will be THREE animal control officers covering all of Lincoln County, answering all county animal calls and bringing animals to the safety of the shelter.

The average additional cost on your property tax bill would be about \$20-25 ANNUALLY. The animals of Lincoln County need your "yes" vote.

(This information furnished by Kathleen Stander, Central Coast Humane Society.)

Argument statements for this measure continue on next page →

Measure 21-134 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Lincoln County is facing an opportunity to establish stable adequate funding for animal sheltering and control services. As president of the Lincoln County Veterinary Medical Association, I would like to strongly speak in favor of Measure 21-134, a local option for funding Lincoln County's animal services.

Our Association comprises all veterinary health providers in Lincoln County. We see first hand the needs of our animal population and the practical requirements for taking care of those needs.

Over the last 30 years, funding has been begged from the county budget by the local Humane Society and siphoned from an already underfunded Sheriff's budget. As a former governor stated, if we believe in a program, we need to pay for it. The public outcry at the possible closure of our shelter demonstrates the felt need of the shelter's functions. It is now our turn to vote for a small tax levy that will back up these needs with required funds.

We hope, as the primary care givers for our county's animals, to see the efforts of our shelter staff and animal control officers supported by the passage of Measure 21-134. Only with dedicated stable funding can we feel secure in knowing that the future of our county's animal care services will be guaranteed. If these services are as important to you as they are to your veterinarians, please vote in favor of this levy's passage.

*(This information furnished by Jay B. Fineman, VMD,
Lincoln County Veterinary Medical Association.)*

Argument in Favor

In good economic times, it is easy to take for granted the benefits our county animal shelter provides. Not until our shelter was threatened with closure this spring were we all forced to think about what that would mean to the animals of Lincoln County and the people who value them: euthanasia instead of adoption, more strays and feral animal populations living in misery and endangering public health and safety, and reduced options and greater distress for the many people forced by personal hardship to part with beloved companions. The community has made clear that this prospect is unacceptable.

Reliable, predictable funding is essential to protect the shelter from economic ups and downs. Without it, the shelter and its advocates must remain in permanent crisis and fundraising mode, diverting time, energy, and resources from activities that directly benefit the shelter and the animals and people it serves.

The proposed tax will fully fund the shelter's staffing and operations for each of the next five fiscal years, and will also pay for a third animal control officer, improving service to all areas of the county. The shelter will no longer depend on the county general fund or contributions from the cities, freeing public monies for other pressing local needs. And all revenue from this tax will be dedicated exclusively by law to the animal shelter.

The impact of the tax will be minimal. At the proposed rate of 11¢ per \$1,000 assessed value, the additional tax on the average property owner would be \$18.70 per year—\$1.56 a month—a nickel a day. After the five-year period provided for by this measure, the public can choose to renew this tax or to replace it with some other mechanism.

This measure benefits every resident of Lincoln County, whether or not you share your heart and home with animals.

Save Our Shelter—vote yes on Measure 21-134.

Friends of the Lincoln County Animal Shelter, Inc.
(an Oregon nonprofit corporation)

*(This information furnished by Emily DeHuff, Secretary,
Friends of the Lincoln County Animal Shelter, Inc.)*

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**City of Lincoln City
Council Member, Ward I**



**Sharon
Cannon**

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Antiques dealer; team writer for 1% Foundation, Portland, OR.

Occupational Background: Antiques dealer; freelance writer; Benton County Hospice

respite caregiver; wholesale nursery employee.

Educational Background:

John Marshall; 12th grade; diploma; general studies Mt. Hood Community; misc. classes O.S.U.; Master Gardener Program

Prior Governmental Experience: Lincoln City Planning Commission; Lincoln City Sustainability Committee

Lincoln City is a beautiful, expanding Coastal city, and I am proud to have resided here for the past four years. I appreciate our effective, well-run city government and strong citizen involvement.

As a current member of both the Lincoln City Planning Commission, and our Sustainability Committee, I am in solid support of the protection and enhancement of our natural, local environment. Due to such involvement, I am endorsed by the Oregon League of Conservation Voters.

As a City Councilor, I would continue to focus on the preservation of our area's natural resources and work to find solutions to challenges presented by growth. As our city grows, our top priority must remain quality of life for all. We can achieve that goal through environmental protection, quality education for our youth, continuing support for affordable housing, respecting diversity, and supporting our local economy.

Being a small business owner, I am very aware of the challenges facing all coastal entrepreneurs. As a resident, I support shopping locally. Together we must continue to develop and strengthen our economic base.

I am an independent thinker who if elected to City Council, will truly listen to the needs and opinions of all community members. I will work hard to represent and serve not only my ward, but all of our city.



Your Choice Counts

Vote!

(This information furnished by Sharon Cannon.)

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

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



New 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 October 1 through 8:00pm on November 3.

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.

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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.

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