



# ROSEBURG ELECTION INFORMATION

General Election  
Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024

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## **General Information**

Welcome to the 2024 City of Roseburg Election Information pamphlet. This pamphlet is meant to give voters valuable information about candidates and measures that will appear on the ballot in Roseburg, Oregon. Printed copies of the Roseburg Election Information pamphlet are available in the Roseburg City Hall lobby, 900 SE Douglas Ave.; Roseburg Public Library, 1409 NE Diamond Lake Blvd.; and the Roseburg Public Safety Center, 700 SE Douglas Ave.

## **Candidates**

Candidates for Roseburg Mayor and City Council, Roseburg Public Schools Board, Roseburg Urban Sanitary Authority (RUSA) Board, Umpqua Community College (UCC) Board, and Douglas Education Service District (ESD) Board may submit information for the City of Roseburg Election Information pamphlet. No other candidates will be included in the pamphlet.

*Candidate statements are printed as submitted. The City does not correct punctuation, grammar, syntax errors or inaccurate information. The City may, but is not required to, correct spelling errors.*

## **Measures**

Measures, as well as arguments for or against measures, for the City of Roseburg, Roseburg Public Schools, Roseburg Urban Sanitary Authority (RUSA), Umpqua Community College (UCC), and Douglas Education Service District (ESD) may be submitted for inclusion in the City of Roseburg Election Information pamphlet. No other measures will be included in the pamphlet.

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## **Registering to Vote**

You may register to vote online at [State of Oregon: Voting - Oregon Online Voter Registration](#) or you can get a voter registration card at Douglas County Elections, the City Recorder's Office, the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles, or other locations around the city. Your voter registration card must be postmarked no later than 21 days before the election in which you intend to vote. To register to vote in Oregon, you must be at least 16 years old, a resident of Oregon and a citizen of the United States. If you are 16 years old, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday. For the Nov. 5, 2024, General Election, your completed voter registration card must be either:

- Postmarked by Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024;
- Delivered to a county elections office by Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024;
- Delivered to any voter registration agency (e.g. DMV) by Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024.

If you register to vote online (with a valid Oregon Drivers' License or State-issued ID card), your registration must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2024. To check on the status of your voter registration or ballot, go to [MyVote](#). Learn more about how and where to register, go to [State of Oregon: Elections - Voting in Oregon](#).

## **Voter Information**

In Oregon, elections are all vote-by-mail. Registered voters are mailed a ballot approximately two weeks before an election. To vote, follow the instructions on the official ballot. Your return identification envelope must include your signature. Return your ballot by mail to any official ballot drop site location or by mail to Douglas County Elections, 1036 SE Douglas Ave., Room CH124, Roseburg, OR 97470. Ballots must be postmarked or received at an official drop site location by 8p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 5, 2024. A list of drop site locations is included with your ballot material. Drop site locations in Roseburg include:

### **Douglas County Clerk's Office**

1036 SE Douglas Ave., Rooms CH124 & Hallway Slot

- Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Election Day: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### **Douglas County Courthouse, Front Lawn**

1036 SE Douglas Ave.

- Walk-up: 24 hours per day
- Election Day: until 8:00 p.m.

### **Roseburg Public Library, Parking Lot – NE Corner**

1409 NE Diamond Lake Blvd.

- Drive-Up: 24 hours per day
- Election Day: until 8:00 p.m.

### **Umpqua Community College, Admin Bldg. Drop Slot**

1140 Umpqua College Road

- Drive-Up: 24 hours per day
- Election Day: until 8:00 p.m.

### **Roseburg West, East Side of Bi-Mart Parking Lot**

1381 NW Garden Valley Blvd.

- Drive-Up: 24 hours per day
- Election Day: until 8:00 p.m.

## **Resources**

**Oregon Secretary of State:** [www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov) or call 1-866-ORE-VOTE (1-866-673-8683)

**City Recorder's Office:** For information about the City of Roseburg Election Information pamphlet, contact the City Recorder at 900 SE Douglas Ave., Roseburg (541-492-6866 or [anytes@roseburgor.gov](mailto:anytes@roseburgor.gov)). Office hours are 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 5 p.m., Monday -Friday.

**Douglas County Elections:** For information about your ballot and local voting processes, contact Douglas County Elections at 541-440-3636 or visit their website at <https://douglascounty-oregon.us/178/Elections>

Public office hours: 8a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday, and 7a.m. - 8p.m. on Election Day.

# ***City of Roseburg***

***Mayor***

Larry Rich



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**CURRENT OCCUPATION:** Retired

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Assistant Principal at Roseburg High School, Math and Computer Teacher at Junction City High School

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Administration License, University of Oregon; MS, Math Education, Oregon State University; BS, Physical Education, Oregon State University

**PRIOR GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE:** Mayor of Roseburg (1998 – to present); Roseburg Planning Commission; City Council Junction City

**Past and Present Community Involvement:** YMCA Board, United Way Board, United Way's Day of Caring Committee, Tourism Committee for Roseburg's Visitor's Center, Douglas County Duck Race for Children, North Roseburg Rotary, Japanese Sister City Program, Saving Grace Animal Shelter Board, UCAN Board, Vista Advisory Committee, Chamber of Commerce Greeter

Dear Fellow Citizens, I have worked hard to fulfill the promises I made to you when I first ran for mayor. I first ran for this office because I believe that it is the role of government to listen and serve the needs of the entire community. I have worked to serve all the people of Roseburg - regardless of their income, social status or special interests.

Honesty, fairness, respect and open communication are the core beliefs in my personal life as well as in my role as your mayor. I deeply appreciate the trust you have placed in me and will continue to work for you – committed to making Roseburg the Best Small Town in Oregon.

# ***City of Roseburg***

## ***City Councilor, Ward 1, Position 2***

David Mohr

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**CURRENT OCCUPATION:** IT Director of Security

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

- Information and Business Continuity Management, 24+ years
- U.S. Marine Corps, 8 years 11 months

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

- BA in Management
- Masters of Business Administration

As a disabled veteran and lifelong Roseburg native, I am deeply committed to serving our community. Having attended Winchester, Jo-Lane, and graduated from RHS, I bring a unique perspective to the City Council. For the past 20 years, I have proudly called Ward 1 my home. My decision to volunteer for City Council stems from a sense of duty and a desire to contribute meaningfully to our city.

Roseburg needs a clear vision that reflects the community we aspire to be and the values we hold dear. This vision will guide us towards our goals, setting priorities and establishing measurable benchmarks for success. As your representative, I believe the Council should lead with transparency and integrity. When information is withheld or decisions are made without Council participation, trust is eroded. It is imperative that both the Council and the City serve the community with honesty and accountability.

I am committed to collaborating with my fellow councilors to define our vision, set clear priorities, and establish measurable goals. I will continue to ask the tough questions and focus on doing what is right, avoiding the distractions of petty politics and drama.

Our city faces significant challenges, including the availability of affordable housing, illegal drug usage, homelessness, mental health services, and the destruction of public lands. Addressing these issues requires dedication and a clear plan of action.

At heart, I am an introvert who cares deeply about our community and wants to ensure that the voices of ordinary citizens are heard. Having been a part of Roseburg for 50 years, Roseburg is my home. My goal is to make Roseburg a place we can all be proud to call home.

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***City of Roseburg***

*City Councilor, Ward 1, Position 2*

Katie Williams

# ***City of Roseburg***

***City Councilor, Ward 2, Position 2***

**Andrea Zielinski**

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**OCCUPATION:** Human Resources Manager

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Human Resources Manager at FCC Commercial Furniture, Community Outreach Coordinator at Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Office Manager at Roseburg Public Schools, and Department Assistant at Douglas County Juvenile Department.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

- Douglas High School Graduate
- Attended UCC, SOU, OSU and Trend Business College
- Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce Project Leadership
- Ford Institute Leadership Program
- American Leadership Forum of Oregon

**PRIOR GOVERNMENT EXPERIENCE:**

- Roseburg City Councilor (2015 – Present)
- Roseburg Urban Renewal Agency Board Member (2015 – Present)
- Roseburg Historic Resource Review Commission Chair (2017 – 2019)
- Roseburg Library Commission Chair (2019 – Present)
- Douglas County Traffic Safety Commission (2012 – 2015)

Giving back to my community is something I am passionate about. Currently, I serve as a board member for Greater Douglas United Way, Family Development Center, Umpqua Heart, and Children's Public Private Partnership (CP3). I am a volunteer and committee member for Music on the Half Shell and Friends of the Umpqua Valley Police K9 Programs, and I help organize and coordinate the annual Shop with a Cop Program.

Roseburg is my hometown. This is where I grew up and have lived for most of my life. My husband and I have lived in the same home and neighborhood for 25 years, raising our son. It has been my honor to serve and represent my neighbors as your Roseburg City Councilor for the past 9 years. I am committed to continuing to serve with integrity, compassion, and optimism, with a thoughtful, informed approach to decision-making. I will remain engaged, transparent, accountable, and responsive.

Improving our community is a priority for me. Issues that I feel are important to address are public safety, expanding affordable housing, economic growth, and finding workable solutions to address homelessness. I am committed to working with community partners, fellow councilors, and city staff to tackle tough issues and work towards finding solutions and opportunities that will positively impact the residents of the City of Roseburg.

# ***City of Roseburg***

***City Councilor, Ward 2, Position 2***

Steve Hammerson

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**OCCUPATION:** Claims Adjuster

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Risk Management, Law Enforcement, Security, Firefighting, Restaurant Management

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** B.S. in Criminal Justice, Western Oregon University, *Summa Cum Laude*

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Roseburg School Board Director, Precinct Committee Person

Roseburg, we've got a great city. But we can make it even better!

With a background is in public safety, risk management and business, Steve has the experience to lead our community in the right direction. As School Board Director in Roseburg, he protected our kids from the far-left policies of Portland legislators. *We need Steve* because he'll do the same thing for the City of Roseburg.

So, when lawmakers in Salem throw us a curve ball, Steve has the playbook to keep Roseburg on the right track:

- Create a happy, welcoming atmosphere for all citizens and visitors. Roseburg deserves to shine!
- Address homelessness with compassion while keeping our streets and parks safe for everyone.
- Attract businesses and quality jobs to Roseburg - because our economy is ready to take the next step.
- Making it easier for local entrepreneurs to succeed - small businesses are the backbone of our community.
- Keep our traditions strong and economy thriving. Champion our local timber industry and supporting our hardworking loggers – the lifeblood of Roseburg!
- Finding *creative solutions* to our parking issues—whether it's abandoned cars or ticketing, Steve will get things moving again.
- Give law enforcement the tools and resources they need to tackle the challenges we face.
- Make our parks safe and fun for families, seniors and everyone who enjoys the outdoors.
- Support our veterans—because they've supported us.

In politics there's good guys and bad guys. Steve is one of the good guys. He's down-to-earth, approachable and ready to listen. He's a husband, a father and he loves the American Flag. With Steve, Roseburg will stay the kind of place we're proud of, no matter what obstacles come our way.

[www.WeNeedSteve.com](http://www.WeNeedSteve.com)

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***City of Roseburg***

*City Councilor, Ward 3, Position 2*

Tom Michalek

# ***City of Roseburg***

***City Councilor, Ward 3, Position 2***

Sam Starns



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**OCCUPATION:** Adventure Elopement Photographer

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** paralegal, coastal interpretive ranger, naturalist (interpretation - marine biology)

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Bachelor of Arts, International Affairs (Peace, Conflict, Diplomacy) - University of Oregon; Associate of Applied Sciences, Paralegal Studies - Umpqua Community College

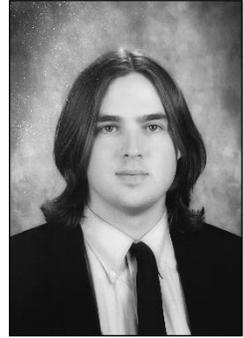
Sam Starns, a dynamic and dedicated local business owner, is running for Roseburg City Council, Ward 3, Position 2. A lifelong resident of the area, Sam has a deep connection to the community and a proven track record of leadership. She has served on the boards of the Downtown Roseburg Association and the Umpqua Actors Community Theatre (UACT), where she not only organized the beloved Light Up Downtown event but also played a role in modernizing UACT's marketing and ticketing systems. As a TEDx speaker, Sam has shared her passion for community engagement and innovation. Now, she is eager to bring fresh perspectives to the council, with a focus on combating food deserts, addressing homelessness with compassion, and advocating for affordable housing/increased inventory. Infusing renewed energy into downtown by being a part of shaping the Rite Aid/Safeway properties and being involved in potentially creating more housing inventory with the Charter Oaks development are high on her list of hopes and plans. Sam is committed to listening to the concerns of her Ward 3 neighbors and working tirelessly to create a vibrant, inclusive future for Roseburg.

# ***City of Roseburg***

*City Councilor, Ward 4, Position 2*

Blake Mecham

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**OCCUPATION:** Elementary music teacher

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Teacher, substitute teacher, courier, food service

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Bachelor's in Science, Southern Oregon University

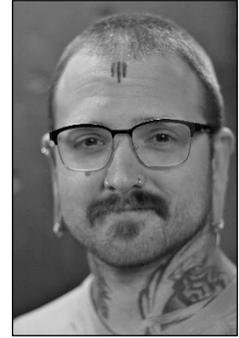
Roseburg is a place many call home, and a place I myself am proud to call home. In these times that we are under the most stress, it can be easy to let time slip by, and to miss the simple things. Do we realize that it is Autumn when the leaves are already gone, or as they are falling? The only way to see and understand things before it's too late is to listen, which is something I try to get better at everyday. I think if we all listened to each other a little more deeply, compassion alone would move things to a better place, and is where I will start if I am elected into council. I promise to listen to the people of Roseburg and do my part to make it home.

# ***City of Roseburg***

*City Councilor, Ward 4, Position 2*

Zack Weiss

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**OCCUPATION:** business and real estate owner

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** body piercer

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** graduated from high school and immediately entered the workforce.

My goals as a member of city council are to be an active representative of the city and a dedicated participant in the community. I will focus on revitalizing Ward 4 by prioritizing safety, cleanliness, and historic preservation.

We are actively working to establish a neighborhood watch downtown, promoting regular cleanups, and documenting our progress online. By showcasing these positive changes, we aim to restore faith in Ward 4 and highlight its unique character.

The Downtown and Ward 4 district should be cherished parts of our city. I'm committed to preserving the historical integrity of my own properties and supporting other property owners in restoration efforts.

This statement reflects my current initiatives, as I believe in the power of action over promises. While I have long-term goals, such as the neighborhood watch, a downtown organization, and accessible community resources. My investment in this city is evident through my home, family, and businesses. I hope joining the city council will allow me to expand my contributions to our city, and help Roseburg reach its potential.

Follow me on Facebook (Zack Weiss) or Instagram (@zackrightnow) to stay updated on our community projects."



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