

Jackson County voters' pamphlet



Oregon Vote-by-Mail Special Election

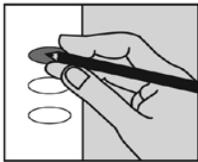
November 7, 2017

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Examine your **Official Ballot** and locate the response of your choice. To vote, you must completely darken the oval (●) to the left of the response of your choice with black or blue ink.

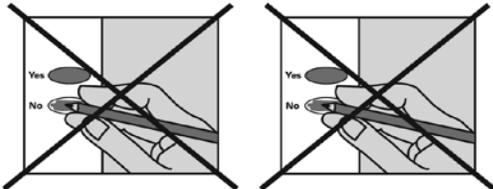
check your ballot!

Make sure you have completely filled in the ovals 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 count.

Contact Jackson County Elections 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.

Jackson County Elections

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Assistance in Marking Ballot; Allowances and Limitations

Any voter who, due to a disability or inability to read or write, is unable to mark their ballot may receive assistance. The assistance is provided either by two persons of different political parties provided by the county clerk or by some other person chosen by the voter. Any person assisting a voter must follow the direction of the voter as to how to vote the ballot. Also, the person assisting the voter must not afterwards give out any information about how the voter voted. Additionally, a person may not provide such assistance if they are an employer of the voter or an agent of the employer. Also, a person may not provide such assistance if they are an officer or agent of a union of which the voter is a member. (ORS 254.445)

RETURN YOUR BALLOT

• **By mail:** Attach first-class postage to the signed and sealed return identification envelope. Mail it as soon as possible to arrive at the Jackson County Clerk's office no later than 8:00 p.m. Election Day. **Postmarks do not count!**

• **In person at the official drop site:** Deliver the signed and sealed return identification envelope to the official drop site no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Postage is NOT required if delivered to the official ballot drop site.

DROP SITE LOCATION

Jackson County Elections

1101 W. Main St., Suite 201
Medford, OR 97501

Curbside ballot drop box open 24 hours daily (left lane – W. Main St.)
-Opening Saturday, October 21, 2017
-Elections office open 8 am to 4 pm (7 am - 8 pm on Election Day)

VOTER REGISTRATION

Registering to Vote

To vote in Oregon you need to be registered in the county where you reside.

You can register if you can answer yes to these three questions:

- Are you a resident of Oregon?
- Are you a US citizen?
- Are you at least 17 years of age?

If you are 17 years of age, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.

How to register

You can register to vote online at www.oregonvotes.gov or you can get a voter registration card at any of the following places:

- any county elections office
- the Secretary of State's Office
- some state agencies such as the Division of Motor Vehicles
- a voter registration drive

You can fill the card out in person or send it in by US mail.

You can also print out a registration card online at:

www.oregonvotes.gov.

Updating your voter registration

Once you have registered, you are responsible for keeping your information up to date. You can do this online at www.oregonvotes.gov or by completing and returning a voter registration card with the new information. You should update your registration if you do any of the following:

- change your home address
- change your mailing address
- change your name
- change your signature
- want to change or select a political party
- will be away from home on election day

DEADLINE TO RECEIVE BALLOTS: 8 P.M. ELECTION DAY, November 7, 2017

Measure 15-171 Phoenix-Talent School District No. 4

Referred to the People by Phoenix-Talent School District No. 4

15-171

Bonds to Improve Safety, Security, and Learning Environments in Schools

Question: Shall Phoenix-Talent Schools improve safety, security, and learning environments by issuing \$68,000,000 in principal amount of general obligation bonds? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: The District will receive a \$4,000,000 state matching grant if voters approve the bonds. If voters do not approve the bonds, these grant funds will be diverted to another school district.

The bonds would finance capital costs, including:

- improving safety, security, and learning environments at all schools;
- increasing accessibility for people with disabilities at all schools;
- construction of new classrooms and educational facilities and major renovations to Career Technical Education buildings, academic buildings and athletic facilities at Phoenix High School;
- seismic upgrades at all schools;
- addressing future growth; and
- modernizing all schools, which may include improvements to heating, ventilation, energy efficiency, and lighting.

Bonds may be issued in multiple series, with each maturing in 31 years or less. Upon issuance of the bonds, the projected levy rate on the District's bonds is estimated to be \$1.49 per \$1,000 of assessed value, an incremental increase of approximately \$0.54 per \$1,000 over the life of this issue.

Actual levy rates may differ due to changes in interest rates and assessed value.

Explanatory Statement

Beginning in 2015, Phoenix-Talent Schools began the work of analyzing facility needs, given projected future growth and the availability of existing properties by way of a Long-Range Facility plan conducted by CSA Planning, Ltd. The Bond committee, made up of community members, district staff and school board members worked to review the needs of the school district, related to the following goals:

- improving safety, security, and learning environments at all schools;
- increasing accessibility district-wide for people with disabilities;
- renovating and constructing Phoenix High School's educational facilities, including Career Technical Education (CTE) buildings, to improve its learning environment and updating athletic facilities to address safety concerns;
- providing seismic upgrades at all schools;
- addressing future growth; and
- modernizing all schools, including improvements to heating, ventilation, energy efficiency, and lighting.

Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching (OSCIM) Grant: The District will receive a \$4,000,000 OSCIM Grant if voters approve this measure. If voters do not approve this measure, these funds will be diverted to another school district. The Bond Steering Committee chose to offset the total costs of these projects (\$72 million) with these funds. The cost information below is based on a borrowing amount of \$68 million.

The final bond measure recommendation includes projects that would:

- 1) Increase safety and security district-wide
 - Secure building and campus entry points
 - Apply Seismic upgrades
 - Improve fire-alarm systems
 - Improve emergency alert systems and intercoms
 - Improve lock-down systems
- 2) Increase access for people with disabilities
 - Replace door hardware throughout the district with ones that are ADA compliant
 - Increase accessibility to all areas of schools
- 3) Expand cafeteria capacity to better align with current and future student population
 - New cafeteria addition to support the future growth at Orchard Hill Elementary
 - Expand the existing cafeteria at Talent Middle School to allow more room for students to flow through safely
- 4) Upgrade and replace building systems to maximize energy efficiency
 - Replace HVAC systems at all schools
 - Remove and replace roof for all end of life roofing structures
 - Revamp and replace existing lighting
- 5) Construction and updates to the facilities at Phoenix High School;
 - New academic wing with dining and commons
 - New and updated facilities to accommodate CTE, FFA and the Arts
 - Upgrade athletic facilities including track, bleachers and playing fields

Cost Information: If approved, this \$68 million bond is projected to increase the 2017 tax rate by \$0.54 per \$1,000 of assessed value, which would equal to approximately \$108 per year (or \$9 per month) on a home assessed at \$200,000. Actual rates may differ and depend upon interest rates and assessed valuation growth.

(This information furnished by Brent Barry, Superintendent, Phoenix-Talent School District No.4.)

Argument in Favor

As community leaders, business owners, parents, teachers, and elected officials, we strongly support the improved learning opportunities and safe facilities that measure 15-171 will provide for all Phoenix-Talent Public Schools.

Measure 15-171 addresses critical safety needs, upgrades high school facilities, provides energy savings, and solves overcrowding in schools that have experienced rapid growth. Schools are economic drivers - this bond will ignite economic and civic growth by creating greater hubs of education, civic engagement, and economic mobility through attracting new families, employers, and employees. Modern and safe 21st century school facilities are crucial for increasing access to Career Technical Education (CTE) and Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) opportunities, and providing spaces for team teaching, hands-on learning, and space to support industry partnerships.

Please join us in voting YES for Measure 15-171

Pam Marsh - Oregon State Representative District 5
Darby Ayers-Flood - Mayor City of Talent
Patti Kinney - Former Talent Middle School Principal
Clint Roderick - Phoenix High School Teacher, PTEA President
Mary Nitche - President Phoenix-Talent OSEA Chapter 96
Phoenix High School Scholarship Alumni Association
Diana M. Nelson - Former Phoenix City Councilor
Stan & Carolyn Bartell - Phoenix Auto Center Tire Pros
Mehdi Ghavam, DMD - Talent Dental Group
Darren Ravassipour, DDS, MS - Ravassipour Orthodontics
Teresa Sayre - Former Phoenix-Talent Schools Superintendent
Jani Hale - Former Phoenix High School Principal
Orchard Hill Elementary PTA
Talent Elementary PTA
Craig L. Prewitt - Phoenix Talent School Board Chairman
Nate Shinn - Phoenix Talent School Board Vice Chairman
Sara Crawford - Phoenix Talent School Board
Lori Ghavam - Phoenix Talent School Board
Richard A. "Rick" Nagel - Phoenix Talent School Board
Shana Vos - Phoenix Talent School Board
Dawn Watson - Phoenix Talent School Board

Paid for by Back The Bond - Phoenix Talent Schools

(This information furnished by Dawn Watson, Back the Bond - Phoenix Talent Schools (PAC #18749).)

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