

Official Voter's Pamphlet

**Baker County
General Election
November 8, 2016**



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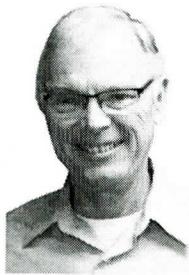
Candidate Statements

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Bruce A Nichols, CPA



Occupation: Certified Public Accountant; Owner Nichols and Mitchell, CPAs, PC, Baker City, OR

Occupational Background: CPA, US Air Force, Safeway Grocery Stores

Educational Background: B.S. Business and Economics, Eastern Oregon State College, 1979

Prior Governmental Experience: 1979 to present; governmental, non-profit, and private business auditing. Governmental budgeting, managing, and consulting.

I am a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Oregon Society of CPAs.

My priorities - Minding the County's Business.

As a CPA, I believe I am well suited for the tasks of a County Commissioner. My government and private business experience, coupled with fiscally conservative management will serve the County well. I view the Commissioner position as part of a team. Successful leadership requires a well-managed team striving to reach a common goal.

My years of experience working with government agencies and agricultural land owners gives me the insight that agriculture, timber, mining and tourism are the backbone of Eastern Oregon's fragile economy. Baker County needs to expand its opportunities with small businesses, start-up businesses and mid-sized manufacturing business. I will encourage County and City officials to eliminate unnecessary restrictions and fees on businesses in order to help establish a stronger small business economy to partner more effectively with the agriculture and timber industries.

I will strongly support continued partnering with regional community colleges and high school education programs that are necessary to build our foundation of employable individuals. The education of our work force is critical to both Baker County businesses and industries but also to the well-being of Baker County's citizenry.

I will continue to be an advocate for:

- Baker County's cities, fire districts, irrigation districts and all special districts within the county.
- Fiscal responsibility, economic development, use of our natural resources, and care of public lands.
- Law enforcement, health care, senior citizens, and veterans.
- Our wildlife and our scenic beauty.

People matter too!

Name: John Hoopes
2725 9th Street
Baker City, Oregon 97814
Phone: 541-519-5696

Office: Baker County Sheriff

Occupation:

Deputy for Baker County Sheriff's Office

Occupational Background:

Current-2002: Deputy for Baker County Sheriff's Office; 2002-2001: Corrections Deputy for the Baker County Jail; 2001-2000: Reserve Deputy and Temporary Parole Officer for Baker County Sheriff's Office; 2000 & Prior: Professional Mechanic; 1991-1986: United States Marine Corps, Infantryman

Educational Background:

Oregon Department of Public Safety and Standards Training: Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Police Certifications; Eastern Oregon University: General Studies; 1985 Graduate Baker High School

Prior Governmental Experience:

2011-2016: Baker County Law Enforcement Association President and Board Member

Optional Information:

I believe the Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land, and as an official for law enforcement, I sustain my oath to support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Oregon. As Sheriff, it is my goal to represent, protect and stand for the citizens of Baker County and I will listen to and serve the people with honesty, dignity and respect. I believe my law enforcement background, work history, professionalism and the countless relationships I have gained with the residents of Baker County, have prepared me to be an effective Sheriff; however, I cannot put forth my endeavors alone. I encourage every eligible Baker County resident to become a registered voter and to exercise his or her right to vote through the election process. Please feel free to contact me with your questions and concerns—I am ready to listen to learn, and eager to find solutions. Please help me serve and protect Baker County-- Vote Hoopes for Sheriff.



Name of Candidate: Travis Ash

Office: Baker County Sheriff

Occupation: Baker County Sheriff

Occupational Background: 20 year law enforcement career. 10 years Baker County Sheriff's Office, Patrol Lieutenant, Drug Recognition Expert, SWAT Member, Patrol Sergeant, Reserve Academy Instructor, Detective, Patrol Deputy. 8 years Prineville Police Department, Patrol Officer, Drug Recognition Expert, School Resource Officer, Field Training Officer, Mounted Patrol, Defensive Tactics Instructor, Armorer, CERT Member. OSP Cadet. Wallowa County Sheriff's Office Reserve Deputy. Oregon Peace Officer's Association/Harold R. Berg Life Saving Awards, Red Cross Law Enforcement Heroes Award.

Educational Background: Bachelor of Science Eastern Oregon University. Minors in Biology and Psychology. Pine Eagle High School graduate. Over 2000 law enforcement training hours including: Executive Leadership, SWAT, Incident Command Systems, Interviewing, Drug Recognition Expert, Field Training Officer, Defensive Tactics. Supervisory and Advanced Police Certificates.

Prior Governmental Experience: Responsible for overall operations of the Baker County Sheriff's Office including Jail, Parole and Probation, Patrol, and Search and Rescue. Management of the Sheriff's Office budget including evaluating expenditures, securing grants, and leveraging resources to augment county funds. Providing emergency preparedness and active shooter response training to area schools and county government.

Optional Information: Travis is deeply invested in Baker County and the Sheriff's Office and has over 20 years of progressive law enforcement experience. Travis has the leadership skills, training, and abilities critical to being an effective Sheriff and has a proven history of fiscal responsibility with regards to managing taxpayer monies. He is committed to delivering fair and effective law enforcement services to the people of Baker County and will continue to build and maintain relationships with community members and agency partners to provide the highest level of service possible. Travis has a proven record of holding people accountable for their actions, yet he is also a compassionate professional willing to take time to listen. Sheriff Ash is dedicated to keeping Baker County a safe and peaceful community where we can live, work, and raise our families.



Name of Candidate: G. LeAnne Woolf

Office: Mayor of the City of Sumpter

Occupation: Small business owner

Occupational background: Small business owner; sales; lunch lady; Boeing engineer

Educational background: Baker High School; Air Force ROTC; University of Washington Bachelors of Science degrees

Prior governmental experience: Sumpter City Council, 2011-2015; City of Sumpter Planning Commission, 2015-present

Optional information: I'm a small town kid that went out to serve the world at large. ROTC taught me leadership skills, being at a large college introduced me to a huge variety of people to work with, and becoming a mom kept me involved in volunteer organizations. I discovered that I really just wanted to be back in my small town in the mountains. For me, Sumpter is world enough to serve.

I've been attending Sumpter council meetings very consistently for six years. I feel like I have a pretty good handle on the issues facing our community from various State agencies. I offer continuity from previous service on Council. I offer local insight from living eighteen of my first nineteen years in Sumpter. I offer fresh ideas from my time in the world outside Baker County.

I consider myself a passionate, yet level-headed advocate for Sumpter. I'd like your vote. Thank you.

Name of Candidate: Daniel K. Lowe, M.D.

Office: City Councilor

Occupation: Retired General Surgeon

Occupational background: General Surgeon, Colonel US Army Reserve

Educational background: Baker High School, B.S. University of Oregon, M.D. Oregon Health Sciences University, M.S. (Strategic Sciences) US Army War College

Prior governmental experience: development of Oregon state trauma system, government contract work developing Afghanistan National Army health care system.

Optional Information: My retirement in Baker City allows me to enjoy outdoor activities as well as to serve the city. I adore my wife, family including children and grandchildren. My interests include gourmet cooking, bread baking, reading, hiking, hunting, fishing and golf.

State Measures

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Measure 94

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CAPTION: 94 Amends Constitution: Eliminates mandatory retirement age for state judges.

Summary: Article VII (Amended), section 1a, of the Oregon Constitution, requires state judges to "retire from judicial office at the end of the calendar year" in which they turn 75 years old. Section 1a(1) authorizes laws that establish a lesser age – not younger than 70 years – for mandatory retirement. Measure amends constitution to remove provision requiring mandatory retirement at age 75, as well as provision authorizing statutes requiring mandatory retirement at age 70 or older. Measure retains constitutional provision that authorizes statutes permitting retired judges to be recalled to temporary active service. Measure retains constitutional provision that authorizes laws permitting or requiring judges to retire due to a physical or mental disability or any other cause that renders them incapable of performing their judicial duties.

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Measure 95

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CAPTION: 95 Amends Constitution: Allows investments in equities by public universities to reduce financial risk and increase investments to benefit students.

Summary: This measure allows investments in equities by public universities to reduce financial risk and increase investments to benefit students. Additional investment income could benefit students by minimizing tuition increases and enhancing student programs.

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Measure 96

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CAPTION: 96 Amends Constitution: Dedicates 1.5% of state lottery net proceeds to funding support services for Oregon veterans.

Summary: Amends Constitution, dedicates lottery funding for veterans' support services. Currently, constitution requires that state lottery proceeds be used to create jobs, further economic development, and finance public education; dedicates some net lottery proceeds as follows: 18% to finance education stability fund, 15% to finance state parks, restoration and protection of native fish and wildlife, watersheds, water quality and wildlife habitats, 15% to finance school capital matching fund. Measure dedicates 1.5% of lottery net proceeds to fund services for Oregon veterans. Veterans' services include assistance with employment, education, housing, physical/mental health care, addiction treatment, reintegration, access to government benefits, and other services for veterans, spouses and dependents. Other provisions.

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Measure 97

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CAPTION: 97 Increases corporate minimum tax when sales exceed \$25 million; funds education, healthcare, senior services

Summary: Current law requires each corporation or affiliated group of corporations filing a federal tax return to pay annual minimum tax; amount of tax is determined by tax bracket corresponding to amount of corporation's Oregon sales; corporations with sales of \$100 million or more pay \$100,000. Measure increases annual minimum tax on corporations with Oregon sales of more than \$25 million; imposes minimum tax of \$30,001 plus 2.5% of amount of sales above \$25 million; eliminates tax cap; benefit companies (business entities that create public benefit) taxed under current law. Applies to tax years beginning on/after January 1, 2017. Revenue from tax increase goes to: public education (early childhood through grade 12); healthcare; services for senior citizens.

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Measure 98

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CAPTION: 98 Requires state funding for dropout prevention, career and college readiness programs in Oregon high schools

Summary: Currently, the Oregon legislature provides General Fund revenues to the State School Fund based on constitutionally required quality goals; those funds are distributed directly to school districts under a specified formula. Measure requires legislature to separately provide at least \$800 per high school student – adjusted upward annually for inflation/population – to a Department of Education (ODE) administered account. ODE distributes those funds to school districts to establish or expand high school programs providing career-technical education, college-level courses, and dropout-prevention strategies. School districts must apply for grants, meet specified requirements. Districts may use limited portion of fund for administration costs but not unrelated activities. ODE monitors school district performance, ensures compliance, facilitates programs; Secretary of State audits biannually. Other provisions.

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Measure 99

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CAPTION: 99 Creates "Outdoor School Education Fund," continuously funded through Lottery, to provide outdoor school programs statewide

Summary: Presently, Oregon does not fund outdoor school programs statewide, but, under current law, OSU assists school districts by awarding grants according to specified criteria and providing program maintenance, conditioned on funding. Measure creates separate "Outdoor School Education Fund" (Fund) that is financed by Oregon State Lottery money distributed for economic development. Caps annual distributions of Lottery revenues to Fund. Specifies Fund's purpose to provide every Oregon fifth- or sixth-grade student week-long outdoor school program or equivalent. Continuously appropriates Fund to OSU to administer and fund outdoor school programs statewide consistent with current law's grant program criteria; may require Fund dispersal outside of grant program. Allocations to Fund shall not reduce lottery proceeds dedicated under Oregon Constitution to education, parks, beaches, watersheds, fish, wildlife.

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Measure 100

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CAPTION: 100 Prohibits purchase or sale of parts or products from certain wildlife species; exceptions; civil penalties

Summary: Existing Oregon law does not prohibit sale of wildlife parts/products for non native species, except shark fins. Existing federal law does not prohibit intrastate sales of wildlife parts, with exceptions. Measure amends ORS 498.022 to prohibit purchase, sale, or possession with intent to sell parts/products from elephant, rhinoceros, whale, tiger, lion, leopard, cheetah, jaguar, pangolin, sea turtle, shark, ray. Imposes civil penalties. Creates exceptions: law enforcement activities; activities authorized by federal law; fish managed under federal plan; certain antiques (over 100 years old) and musical instruments with less than 200 grams of parts; noncommercial transfers through estates, trusts, gifts; possession by tribal members. Other exceptions. Fish and Wildlife Commission may adopt rules, including prohibiting purchase/sale of parts "closely" resembling species parts.

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Measure 1-74

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Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, an election will be held in Baker County, Oregon. This will be a vote-by-mail election. The following shall be the ballot title for the measure submitted to the electors thereof:

CAPTION: 1-74 Changes selection of Baker County Commissioners from Partisan to Nonpartisan

QUESTION: Shall Baker County Commissioner positions become nonpartisan offices effective 2017?

Summary: In Baker County, all elected county officials are nonpartisan except for the County Commissioners. Candidates for the Baker County Commissioner are currently nominated from political parties. Oregon law allows the voters of a county to determine whether to designate the position of County Commissioner as a nonpartisan office. This initiative measure would make the County Commissioner positions nonpartisan effective in 2017.

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Measure 1-74 - Vote Yes Statement

Kick Politics Out of Baker County's Business

A "Yes" vote on 1-74 means Baker County Commissioner positions will become nonpartisan.

Under Baker County's current system, voters can only vote in the primary election for candidates in their registered political party. A "Yes" vote for 1-74 allows all local registered voters (Republican, Democrats, Independent, Nonaffiliated, etc.) to vote for any Baker County Commission primary candidate on the ballot.

Today in Baker County, all 167 elected officials are nonpartisan except for the County Commissioners. In Oregon, 27 of 36 counties have already opted to put county business above divisive politics by choosing to elect their County Commissioners in a nonpartisan fashion. Neighboring counties, Union, Wallowa and Grant recognized the wisdom of this idea, and voters overwhelmingly supported making their commissioners non-partisan positions.

The facts:

- Measure 1-74 does not impact State or Federal elections.
- Measure 1-74 does not require Baker County Commissioner candidates to hide their political positions. If you want to know where they stand, just ask them!
- Measure 1-74 actually increases local representation should a Commissioner resign. Measure 1-74 removes the selection process from a small group in a political party and opens it to all citizens.

Of the 10,143 registered voters in Baker County who were eligible to cast a vote in May's primary election, 48% were unable to voice their choice for County Commissioner because of their party registration.

Measure 1-74 simply makes Baker County Commissioner candidates accountable to all voters in primary elections. Why would any candidate or political special interest be opposed to that?

Supporters of 1-74 include: Baker County business leaders, civic leaders, elected officials, parents, neighbors, friends and volunteers. They are hardly, as some might suggest "wolves in sheep's clothing". They are working hard to make our community great.

Join them and Vote "Yes" on measure 1-74.

Kick Politics Out of Baker County's Business!

Thank You.

Kate Rohner, Republican, Michelle Kaseberg, Republican, Mike Rudi, Non-Affiliated

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Measure 1-74 – Vote No Statement

Vote NO on Measure 1-74 to maintain transparency in Baker County Government

Why would you want to know less about a person's core beliefs if they are running for office?

We asked this question in May of 2015 and the voters of Baker County **defeated** the exact same measure.

Yet the same group, with the same players rearranged, is back in 2016 trying to change a system in Baker County (again), which is not broken. Why?

The official chief petitioners this time around are Michele Kaseberg (10), Kate Rohner (25) and Mike Rudi (0). Between the three of them they collected 35 signatures of the needed 427 signatures. 2015 Chief petitioner, Randy Joseph collected 11 pages, almost ¼ of the needed signatures. Jan Kerns collected 7 pages. So, ask yourself who is really behind round two of changing our county commissioners?

Making our County Commissioners Non-Partisan (NP) does not remove ideology; it only hides it from public view.

The concept of Non-Partisan County Commissioners is being advanced by those who possess liberal beliefs contrary to the conservative principals of the majority of people in Baker County.

ALL individuals, including Non-Affiliated with any party affiliation have the opportunity to vote IF THEY WANT TO VOTE in the general election.

All parties have the opportunity to run candidates in the County Commissioner elections.

Our County Commissioners are the legislative body for the County. They set policy unlike other county positions which just carry out policy and laws.

If our County Commissioner seats become NP, the replacement process changes from up to 48 representatives from all over Baker County to just one or two making the selection. Worst case scenario, if two resign then Oregon's Governor makes the selection.

The Baker County Republican Party unanimously believes the non-partisan measure is an attack on the American political party system and a move toward a single party political system.

Vote NO on Measure 1-74
Baker County Republican Party
www.BakerRepublicans.com

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Measure 23-56

NOTICE OF MEASURE ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, an election will be held in Baker County, Oregon. This will be a vote-by-mail election. The following shall be the ballot title for the measure submitted to the electors thereof:

CAPTION: 23-56 Bonds for Career/Technical Facility Improvement, Security, Safety and Upgrades

QUESTION: Shall TVCC expand/improve the workforce career/technical facility and make other campus upgrades by issuing \$4,800,000 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: If voters approve this measure and provide funding for the workforce career/technical education (CTE) facility, \$2,830,250 in State matching funds are available to Treasure Valley Community College ("TVCC").

If approved, this measure is expected to:

*Expand and improve the workforce career/technical education (CTE) facility, including purchasing temporary classroom space that would be repurposed by TVCC upon completion of the project.

*Fund site improvements, furnishings, equipment, and other related project costs and bond issuance costs.

*Improve safety and security including required ADA improvements; fund remodeling, deferred maintenance and upgrade projects.

Bonds would mature in a period not to exceed 21 years and may be issued in one or more series. The estimated incremental tax rate is approximately \$.16 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value above next year's levels. Actual rates may differ based upon interest rates incurred and growth in assessed value.

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Measure 1-75

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CAPTION: 1-75 Imposes city tax on marijuana retailer's sale of marijuana items

QUESTION: Shall City of Huntington impose a three percent tax on the sale in the City of Huntington of marijuana items by a marijuana retailer?

Summary: Under state law, a city council may adopt an ordinance to be referred to the voters of the city imposing up to a three percent tax or fee on the sale of marijuana items in the city by a licensed marijuana retailer. Approval of this measure would impose a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items in the city by a licensed marijuana retailer. The tax would be collected at the point of sale and remitted by the marijuana retailer.

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Measure 1-75 – Explanatory Statement

Approval of this measure would impose a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items by a marijuana retailer within the city. If approved, the annual revenues from this tax are estimated to be \$40,000. There are no restrictions on how the city may use the revenues generated by this tax. Under Measure 91, adopted by Oregon voters in November 2014 and amended by the Legislature in 2015, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission must license the retail sale of recreational marijuana. The 2015 Legislation provides that a city council may adopt an ordinance imposing up to a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items (which include marijuana concentrates, extracts, edibles, and other products intended for human consumption and use) by retail licensees in the city, but the council must refer that ordinance to the voters at a statewide general election. The City of Huntington city council has adopted an ordinance imposing a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items by a retail licensee in the city, and, as a result, has referred this measure to the voters.

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Measure 1-76

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Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, an election will be held in Baker County, Oregon. This will be a vote-by-mail election. The following shall be the ballot title for the measure submitted to the electors thereof:

CAPTION: 1-76 Prohibits certain marijuana registrants and or licenses in Halfway Oregon.

QUESTION: Shall Halfway prohibit medical marijuana processors, producers, and dispensaries and recreational marijuana producers, processors, wholesalers and retailers within City limits?

Summary: Shall Halfway allow the operation of registered medical marijuana processors, medical marijuana dispensaries and licensed recreational marijuana producers, processors, wholesalers and retailers? State law also allows an initiative petition, by the people, adopting a municipal ordinance regulating or banning medical marijuana processors, producers and dispensaries and recreational marijuana producers, processors, wholesalers and retailers within the city limits. This measure would, if passed, ban all marijuana activity including medical marijuana producers, processors and dispensaries and also all recreational marijuana producers, processors, wholesalers and retailers within city limits.

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Measure 1-77

NOTICE OF MEASURE ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, November 18, 2016, an election will be held in Baker County, Oregon. This will be a vote-by-mail election. The following shall be the ballot title for the measure submitted to the electors thereof:

CAPTION: 1-77 Tax on Cannabis Retailers, Manufactures sale of cannabis and bi-products.

QUESTION: Shall Halfway impose a three percent tax on the sale of cannabis and bi-products by retailer, manufacturer within city limits?

Summary: Under state law, a city council may adopt an ordinance to be referred to the voters of the city imposing up to a three percent tax or fee on the sale of cannabis and all bi-products in the city by a licensed cannabis retailer and/or manufacturer. Approval of this measure would impose a three percent tax on the sale of cannabis and all bi-products in the city by a licensed cannabis retailer and/or manufacturer. The tax would be collected at the point of sale and remitted by the cannabis retailer/manufacturer.

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Measure 1-77 – Explanatory Statement

Approval of this measure would impose a three percent tax on the sale of cannabis and all bi-products by a cannabis retailer and/or manufacturer within the city. If approved revenues from this tax are estimated to be \$40,000. There are no restrictions on how the city may use the revenues generated by this tax. Under Measure 91, adopted by Oregon voters in November, 2014 and amended by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission must license the retail sale of recreational cannabis and all bi-products. The 2015 Legislation provides that a city council may adopt an ordinance imposing up to a three percent tax on the sale of cannabis and all bi-products (which includes cannabis concentrates, extracts, edibles, and other products intended for human consumption and use) by retail licensees in the city but the council must refer that ordinance to the voters at a statewide general election. The City of Halfway city council has adopted an ordinance imposing a three percent tax on the sale of cannabis and all bi-products by a retail licensee in the city, and as a result, has referred this measure to the voters.

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Measure 1-78

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CAPTION: 1-78 Three Percent Tax On Marijuana Sales

QUESTION: Shall the City of Sumpter impose a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana products by a marijuana retailer?

Summary: Approval of this measure would impose a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana by a recreational marijuana retailer within the City of Sumpter. Revenues generated by this tax are restricted to public safety operations. Oregon voters adopted Measure 91 in November, 2014, which was amended by the Oregon Legislature in 2015. Pursuant to this law the Oregon Liquor Control Commission must license the retail sale of recreational marijuana. The law provides that a city council may adopt a resolution imposing up to a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana products which include marijuana concentrates, extracts, edibles and other marijuana products intended for human consumption and use. Council must refer the resolution to the voters at the general election. The Sumpter City Council has enacted a resolution imposing a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana by a recreational retailer in the city and is referring the measure to the voters.

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Measure 1-78 – Explanatory Statement

The City of Sumpter did not opt out of having marijuana businesses within its city limits. An ordinance has established guidelines for conducting such business in the City of Sumpter. The State allows the City to set a sales tax on marijuana sales if the residents approve the sales tax. Three percent is the maximum allowable. The tax allows the City to take advantage of income generated by non-residents coming to Sumpter to make marijuana purchases. If you vote down this tax, the businesses are still allowed to operate, but the City will be unable to collect extra revenue.

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