

WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED
PRIOR TO THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' SESSION
ON
THURSDAY, May 26, 2022
AT
10:00 A.M.

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Megan Marasco

From: Mary Starrett
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2022 9:21 AM
To: BOC Info
Subject: Fwd: Term Limits

Mary Starrett
Yamhill County Commissioner

Begin forwarded message:

From: chiefjg4@frontier.com
Date: May 25, 2022 at 9:07:26 AM PDT
To: Lindsay Berschauer <berschauerl@co.yamhill.or.us>, Mary Starrett <starrettm@co.yamhill.or.us>
Subject: Term Limits

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

Greetings, Yamhill County Commissioners.

We believe the county should seriously consider aligning with state law, regarding term limits. That said, our belief is that non-partisan positions, such as County Clerk, Sheriff, Assessor, and Commissioners would seem to make more sense in not being subject to term limits. We do believe the election cycles should continue, and that these positions should be on the ballot periodically as they are today. This continues to allow citizens to hold elected officials accountable for the results they achieve for our county and the communities therein.

Sincerely,

John and Diane Gallup
604 NW Mt Bachelor St
McMinnville, OR 97128

We are registered voters in Oregon

Sent from Frontier Yahoo Mail for iPad

Megan Marasco

From: tom@tomhammerfarms.com
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2022 9:56 AM
To: BOC Info
Subject: SEDCOR contract
Attachments: BOC SEDCOR May 25, 2022.docx

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Please accept this attached public comment for the Board meeting May 26, 2022.

May 25, 2022

Thomas S Hammer
23701 Wallace Rd. NW
Wheatland, OR 97304

Board of Commissioners
Yamhill County
434 Evans St.
McMinnville, OR 97128

Recently Cascade Rolling Mills faced an unacceptable rate increase in electricity and water proposed by the City of McMinnville. Fortunately, Cascade was able to find support among enough on City Council to achieve a reasonable rate increase at a fraction of that first demanded by the City.

Where was SEDCOR when McMinnville's largest employer was facing a do or die situation? No where to be found. This wasn't the first time SEDCOR stood by while a fiscally irresponsible municipality tried to arbitrarily use utilities rates to shore up its budget.

SEDCOR extracts large dues from the municipalities and is beholden to them. The businesses left to fend for themselves provide the jobs that SEDCOR takes credit for creating and maintaining. Does SEDCOR really do enough to maintain "family wage" jobs? It would appear not.

SEDCOR will likely get a renewal to their contract with Yamhill County for the year 2022-2023. It should be probationary with the understanding that future contracts will not be automatically renewed. SEDCOR needs to be a timely advocate for employers facing cost pressures from municipalities regardless if the municipality is a dues paying to SEDCOR. Future contracts must reflect the reality of jobs created and maintained.

Megan Marasco

From: Val Blaha <music@valblaha.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 12:57 AM
To: BOC Info
Subject: re: BOC meeting 5/26/22; public comment (general)

[This email originated outside of Yamhill County]

re: BOC meeting 5/26/22 - public comment (general)

5/26/22

Dear Commissioners,

I'd like the names of the latest gun massacre (Uvalde, TX, 5/24/22) victims to be part of the permanent record for this meeting. These innocent victims (primarily 4th graders) were killed by an 18 year old with legally purchased gun. And this massacre was only 10 days after another gun massacre in Buffalo, NY in which 10 people were slaughtered, also by an 18 year old with a legally purchased gun.

Irma Garcia
Eva Mireles, 44
Jaliah Nicole Silguero, 10
Jackie Cazares, 10
Annabelle Guadalupe Rodriguez, 10
Uziyah Garcia, 8
Amerie Jo Garza, 10
Xavier Lopez, 10
Alithia Ramirez, 10
Eliahana Cruz Torres, 10
Rojelio Torres, 10
Nevaeh Bravo
Jose Flores, 10
Eliahna "Ellie" Garcia, 9
Jayce Carmelo Luevanos, 10
Alexandria "Lexi" Aniyah Rubio, 10
Tess Marie Mata
Makenna Lee Elrod, 10
Layla Salazar, 10
Maite Rodriguez
Miranda Mathis, 11

I'd also like the record to show that as of 5/25/22, Mary Starrett has received \$10,500 in campaign contributions from the Oregon Firearms Federation PAC, and Lindsay Berschauer has received \$1,750 from the Oregon Firearms Federation PAC.

Sincerely,

Valerie Blaha
Yamhill county resident
McMinnville, OR

Megan Marasco

From: Mary Starrett
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 7:03 AM
To: BOC Info
Subject: Fwd: Letter of Support To Amend the Ordinance 832
Attachments: Letter to the BOC May 25 2022 Amend Ordinance 832.odt; Letter to the BOC May 25 2022 Amend Ordinance 832.pdf

Mary Starrett
Yamhill County Commissioner

Begin forwarded message:

From: Manson <daddeespattie@aol.com>
Date: May 26, 2022 at 12:37:47 AM PDT
To: Mary Starrett <starrettm@co.yamhill.or.us>, Lindsay Berschauer <berschauerl@co.yamhill.or.us>, Casey Kulla <kullac@co.yamhill.or.us>
Subject: Letter of Support To Amend the Ordinance 832
Reply-To: Manson <daddeespattie@aol.com>

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Attached is my letter in support of amending the Ordinance 832. Please include my letter in your packet of testimonies that will be considered during your BOC meeting. I've provided my letter to you in two different formats to ensure you are able to print it accordingly.

Regards,

Patricia Manson

To: Commissioner Lindsay Berschauer – Chair
Commissioner Mary Starrett
Casey Kulla

Date: May 25, 2022

Sub: To consider whether to amend Ordinance 832, the Term Limits Ordinance, to make term limits inapplicable to the Yamhill County Sheriff, Yamhill County Clerk, Yamhill County Assessor, and the Yamhill County Treasurer.

Dear Commissioner Lindsay Berschauer, Commissioner Mary Starrett and Casey Kulla,

It is imperative that Yamhill County amend Ordinance 832.

I was one of the many individuals who voted in favor of term limits when it was on the ballot several years ago. I felt term limits would act as a safety net “for the people” to be able to rid our County of selfish, unethical, theatrical career politicians who demonstrate the unwillingness to represent the County and Co-Commissioners responsibly and respectfully. The example that comes to mind is Casey Kulla. He has grossly failed his duties as a Yamhill County Commissioner. He literally voted against issues that clearly support the very best interests of the Yamhill County People. In addition, I find his involvement in the Lindsay Berschauer Recall absolutely disgusting, unethical and extremely unprofessional. With this said, **the term limits would be ineffective in his case.** My faith in the Yamhill County Voters would prevail. “Fool us once”... We are a smart people and would not allow him to serve 3 terms. This is the case with any individual who proves to be ineffective. Put it to a vote.

The voters of Yamhill County are wise. We give credit where credit is due. We support those who utilize their voices in a manner that mirrors our expectations as representatives. Some may argue this point, but the truth has been presented again, as we recently voted loud and clear in support of Commissioner Lindsay Berschauer and Commissioner Mary Starrett. “We the people have spoken!” It is the right of the people to have a say as to who will represent them. We have a right to choose from new candidates and seasoned candidates. This is the beauty of our democracy. Please respect this right and amend the Ordinance 832. **The ordinance does not make sense.** Why eliminate qualified, experienced candidates “just because.” Let the people decide.

To add to my testimony, I would like to share that my experience with our Yamhill County Clerk, Brian Van Bergen and Sheriff Tim Svenson has been impeccable. Both are solid, respectful and intellectual individuals. Both are critical professionals in our County. Our voters did a fine job voting these two warriors into office. There is no question that they are both the best of the best. Their mindsets are healthy. They make decisions that are in the best interest of the Yamhill County people while upholding the law proudly. It would be detrimental to lose either one of these fine men. I believe it would be virtually impossible to replace either one of these gentlemen. Both have such a poise about them. They have the education, integrity, and experience it takes to master their roles indefinitely. Both set a standard that surpasses other Counties. The wisdom and expertise that Mr. Van Bergen and Sheriff Svenson so humbly demonstrate adds to the value of our County. We are a wealthy County! They both have impeccable characters and represent our communities well. Again, The ordinance does not make sense. Why eliminate qualified, experienced candidates after so many years “just because.” **Let the people decide.**

Let us agree, and amend the Ordinance 832. It is what’s best for our County. **“We The People” of Yamhill County deserve the right to retain valuable County employees and representatives. It is our constitutional right.** We deserve the respect to be allowed to practice our democratic right. Allow us to vote accordingly. Please amend the Ordinance 832. After one term, the individual, should they desire, would be placed back on the ballot. This would allow “The People” to reevaluate their worth as our representative, regardless of the seat they hold, as Commissioner, Sheriff, Clerk, Assessor or Treasurer. It really is that simple. I do not believe a qualified, ethical, responsible, reliable amazing individual should be shunned after serving respectfully for so many terms. Their many years of experience and expertise is extremely important as we all know. In addition, **it has been proven in the Douglas County Circuit Courts that term limits are unconstitutional.** Trust the people. Trust your community. **Please amend Ordinance 832 accordingly.**

Sincerely,
Patricia Manson
Yamhill, Oregon
Daddeespattie@aol.com