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Critical Election Notice

Supplemental Ballot for McMinnville City Council

Yamhill County, Oregon – October 20, 2014.

The Yamhill County Clerk created ballots for McMinnville voters that included all three Council Wards on every ballot. In McMinnville, only those living in a Ward can vote for that Ward's Councilor. Understandably, this caused confusion for many voters as they began reviewing their ballots.

After consulting with other County Clerks, the City of McMinnville, the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners, Yamhill County Counsel with confirmation and support of the Secretary of State and her team, the decision was made to create new ballots for City of McMinnville voters where each voter would receive a "supplemental" ballot showing just that City Council race for which they are entitled to vote. The Yamhill County Clerk will issue supplemental ballots to all McMinnville voters that will only show the race for their City Councilor.

The Yamhill County Clerk's office will create new ballots, have them printed, inserted, addressed and mailed to voters as soon as possible with the goal of getting these supplemental ballots in voters' hands by Saturday (10/25/14).

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It is critical for voters to be mindful of several things. These include:

- Voters need to complete their original ballot as normal and return that ballot back to the Yamhill County Clerk's office as soon as they are able.
- Voters must place **ONLY ONE** ballot inside the blue "return" envelope, sign that envelope and send that to our office.
- Voters should not vote for McMinnville City Council on the original ballot.
- To vote for McMinnville City Council, voters must vote the "supplemental" ballot and return it to the Yamhill County Clerk's office in addition to their original ballot.
- The election for McMinnville City Council will not be postponed. It will run in conjunction with the regular General Election to be held November 4, 2014.
- All candidates that were on the original ballots will remain on the supplemental ballots in the same order with no changes.
- No additional allowances will be made for adding or subtracting from voters' pamphlet information.
- Any voter who may not have physical access to the supplemental ballot (those serving, working or traveling overseas for instance) may log on to oregonvotes.gov and vote remotely (instructions available online and on request).

A special team will be assembled to monitor this operation that includes periodic "spot checks" and office visits by staff from the Oregon Secretary of State's Office. Invitations will also be presented to each City Council candidate as well as local and state political parties.

Even though the McMinnville City Council races will be determined by a separate "supplemental" ballot, all dates and times remain the same as the General Election:

- When:** Tuesday, November 4, 2014
Where: Yamhill County Clerk's Office, 414 NE Evans St, McMinnville, Oregon
When: 8:00 p.m. (all ballots must be at the Clerk's office or a drop site by the deadline)
What: 2014 General Election (all races and contests – even McMinnville City Councilors)
Who: All McMinnville voters (Precincts 14-19)

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