

Letter: Commission Candidates

Voices of the Community

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Life can get in the way of voting.

When you don't have a "sexy" ballot, when it's a Board of Commissioners election, it can fall through the cracks.

But did you know that county government in Oregon has the highest degree of local discretionary authority of any state in the nation?

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners (LCBOC) makes decisions affecting us all in an immediate and concrete ways. So the upcoming election for who will serve us on the LCBOC is about as "sexy" a ballot as it gets.

Walter Chuck served 14 years as commissioner for the Port of Newport and brings that experience, along with being on many advisory committees, to his current role on the LCBOC. His focus is responsible budgeting, balancing community livability with tourism, and keeping public safety and emergency response at the forefront. He should continue his service on the BOC.

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committed to ensuring the various diverse communities within our county are all represented.

Cathie Rigby, having built a small business, believes that government should enable local businesses rather than hinder them. Her focus is strengthening our local economy, expanding attainable housing, supporting working families, and protecting the coastal environment that defines who we are.

In this time of budget shortfalls from federal cutbacks, having reasoned, thoughtful, far-sighted community members set our county budget and allocate resources is critical.

Walter, Cristen, and Cathie are all long-term residents of our county. They love where we live and want to see us thrive into the future. They are exactly who we need on the BOC.

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