

# UCFA Voter Guide

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**Governor**

Christine Drazan – R

**US Senator**

Jo Rae Perkins – R

**US Representative 2nd District**

Cliff Bentz – R

**State Representative**

Bobby Levy – R

**Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industry**

Cheri Helt

**La Grande Council Position #5**

Molly A King

**La Grande Council Position #6**

Denise Wheeler

**La Grande Council Position #7**

Cody R Vela

**La Grande Mayor**

Mat Miles

**Ballot Measure 111**

NO

**Ballot Measure 112**

NO

**Ballot Measure 113**

NO

**Ballot Measure 114**

NO

**Prohibit Psilocybin in Union County**

YES

**Prohibit Psilocybin in La Grande**

YES

# **FURTHER DISCUSSION BELOW ON LG CITY COUNCIL, BALLOT MEASURES AND PSILOCYBIN BELOW**

## **HERE'S WHY UCFA IS VOTING FOR MAT MILES, CODY VELA, DENISE WHEELER AND MOLLY KING**

### **TIME FOR A NEW DIRECTION FOR LA GRANDE - STATUS QUO MUST GO**

Denise, Cody Mat and Molly are all hard working, God-fearing, freedom-loving Americans. They are running for office because they are tired of our city government being an exorbitant burden on taxpayers without producing effectively. We believe Denise, Cody, Mat and Molly are the right people to help make some positive change. It's time to stop overspending and start coming up with new solutions that will get the job done more efficiently. Their opponents want more of the same. But Denise, Cody, Mat and Molly won't put up with the same old, same old. They will bring fresh energy, new ideas and innovative solutions for our community.

### **TIME TO INCREASE SUPPORT POLICE AND FIRE**

- Denise, Cody, Mat and Molly will do a better job supporting LGPD and LGFD and make sure they have the funding and tools they need to do the best job possible, increase public safety and law and order.
- In their roles in city government, their opponents have not supported LGPD and LGFD well enough. Nor have they helped increase public safety or supported law and order effectively enough.

### **TIME TO REDUCE BARRIERS TO LOCAL BUSINESS**

- Their opponents have been involved in city government for years, yet businesses still flock to Island City.
- Denise, Cody, Mat and Molly will work to reduce the tax burden and the regulatory hoops that prevent businesses from staying in, moving to, and succeeding in La Grande. They will also look at how to revise the historic preservation policies that prevent businesses from maintaining and improving their property in effective and common-sense ways.

### **TIME FOR MORE RESPONSIBLE SPENDING AND A TRULY BALANCED BUDGET**

- No more city government that overspends and underperforms.
- No more "feeding the beast" and "more of the same" as their opponents say they want to do.
- The city has overspent so much in the past several years that they've had to pull money from other places like Urban Renewal to balance the budget. No matter how much they claim it is, this is not a fiscally conservative approach (and possibly not even legal).

### **TIME TO GET OUT OF THE WAY OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT**

- Current city government has helped create an environment that makes housing development difficult. And they are looking at limiting you from turning your property into short term rentals.
- Denise, Cody, Mat and Molly will work to remove barriers to housing development and will never presume to have the authority to tell you what to do with your property.

### **TIME FOR CREATIVE AND INTELLIGENT SOLUTIONS**

- Denise, Cody, Mat and Molly will be innovators and explore things like how to privatize snow removal by leasing equipment to a private company to reduce cost and increase efficiency.
- Denise, Cody and Mat will look to creative solutions like how to privatize Max Square and/or write a city loitering ordinance. They will work with local churches and nonprofits to support programs like the Oxford House, which helps people in need who are ready to help themselves but doesn't enable people who want to continue to harm themselves and others.

### **SOME PERTINENT QUESTIONS ABOUT THE OPPONENTS**

- DAVID MOYAL
  - Why would David Moyal want to be on city council when his wife or ex-wife is already on it?
  - Do you want someone who supports the broad legalization of drugs to be in your city government?
- JUSTIN ROCK
  - Should Justin Rock be working on city vehicles? Isn't this a conflict of interest?
  - Is Justin Rock's job to hold the city manager's hand or hold him accountable?
- CORINNE DUTTO
  - Why does Corinne Dutto think campaign law does not apply to her? Why did she fail to disclose who paid for her campaign advertising?
  - Do we really want someone in city council who is rated a hard-democrat, when democrat-controlled city councils across the country worked to defund the police over the last few years?

## **HERE'S WHY UCFA IS VOTING NO ON BALLOT MEASURES 111, 112, 113 AND 114.**

Any ballot measure that will amend the constitution is a red flag according to representative Cliff Bentz. All four of these measures are attempting to do just that.

**Measure 111** is a fast track to bigger government, more government spending and more burden on tax payers, less competition in health care, less health freedom, and less efficiency and cost effectiveness in health care.

**Measure 112** would make it so inmates could not be forced to work while incarcerated (they should have to do something for as much as we have to pay in taxes to put them up.)

**Measure 113** would make legislative walkouts much harder which is the only tool that republicans currently have against leftist laws being pushed through by the democratic super majority (if the democrats were the minority, they wouldn't want this either).

**Measure 114** will virtually eliminate your ability to defend yourself and your family.

## **HERE'S WHY UCFA IS VOTING YES TO PROHIBIT PSILOCYBIN IN LA GRANDE AND UNION COUNTY**

UCFA will vote YES to prohibit psilocybin (magic mushrooms) in La Grande and Union County. A NO vote would broadly legalize psilocybin in La Grande and Union County without any regulation established yet. There is no framework for using it for PTSD or veterans or anything established yet. Initially, we were going to leave this off the voting guide because we understand both sides of this issue and its potential health properties. We're not against mushrooms being used for medicinal purposes and for healing from various mental issues. Although, we do believe the same type of healing can be found through our loving heavenly Father and other holistic health methods. What we are concerned about however is to legalize the manufacturing and sale of these mushrooms in LG and UC without more discussion and a solid game plan for this. We've seen both the pros and cons of magic mushrooms and I've seen people who fried their brains with them. Without a solid plan in place for distributing them medicinally, we are concerned for the risk to our youth of these being more readily available in our community and what type of activity this might draw here and other unintended consequences. This measure is not about legalizing them in the state, it's about whether we want them manufactured and distributed here. And that's where we believe more conversation is needed to decide whether we want this in our community or not.