

CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR POSITIONS ON Lyle Community Council
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Marty Denis, Position 5

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I joined Lyle Community Council last year. I ran because I wanted to help make a difference in the lives of people in our community. Progress never seems to happen as quickly as we want it to, but I believe we are moving in the right direction, and I'd like the opportunity to continue to help with that.

Marty Denis, 10/9/24

Oren Johnson, Position 6

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I was born and raised in Lyle, and offer that long term historic perspective and overview. I lobbied for the sidewalk to the school and fire hydrants on the north side of SR 14 for the better part of 20 yrs. Over the past 30 yrs, I've worked and developed good relationships with most County departments, agencies and County Commissioners. Most recently I sought the involvement and support of private citizens in the improvement of Lyle's boat launch site, and raised cash and in-kind donations totaling \$1160, procuring a new Santa Suit, tree lighting supplies & ornaments for Santa Night.

I hope to be continuing involvement in creating a new annual event for Lyle; refurbishing the 'Welcome to Lyle' signs; and the development of a sidewalk, lighting, drainage & beautification plan for SR 14 through Lyle!

I would appreciate your vote to remain on the Lyle Community Council for another term.

Oren Johnson, 10/1/24

Wendy Luisi, Position 7

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I recently bought land in Lyle and have a desire to make a difference in the community. I have lived in a number of small tourist towns across the U.S. and would like to put the variety of experiences I have, to use in a positive direction here. My academic endeavors are as diverse as my lived experiences, with minors in government and organizational behavior, with a focus on psychology from Harvard. I enjoy listening to others and finding a common solution for the whole. My superpower is organizing. My heart is to be part of the community, while also growing alongside the people who have been here for generations. I have deep desire to integrate all the diverse communities that bring this particular area alive: from the Native

Americans, to the fisherman, and the wind/water sport enthusiasts, to the farmers. It is a unique blend of simplicity and complexity, much like a good wine! Even though, I am relatively new to the area, I hope to bring with me a peaceful and patient energy, to turn the passions of this town's people into proactive projects for the present and future. Wendy Luisi, 10/9/24

Tracy McCune, Position 7

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I have lived in Lyle for the past 16 years. Some of the things I have done for the community include providing a voice for the Lyle community regarding the Lyle boat ramp improvement. The Klickitat County Board of Commissioners agreed to the improvements in 2024 rather than 2026 when it was scheduled.

I listen to the Board of Commissioners' meetings every Tuesday and regularly give comments during the public comment time.

I also was instrumental in bringing the 'Sound the Alarm' campaign to Lyle. All Lyle residents were able to get 10 yr smoke detectors installed in their homes for free through the Red Cross and the Lyle Fire Department.

Your support for me would be appreciated for Position 7. Tracy McCune, 10/9/24

Jessica Smith, Position 7

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With a wide background in sales & marketing, I gained a vast knowledge of tourism and hospitality while working in the Oregon Wine Industry managing Carlton Cellars. Once I became a licensed Real Estate Broker, I turned that expertise towards building community hosting events that served to enrich my clientele and neighbors. Having recently purchased a home here and relocating from Corvallis, we are thrilled to be part of this amazing town. A mother of two, our oldest boy is thrilled with the pre-K program at Lyle's school and really enjoys walking there every day. I'm excited to get involved; please feel free to reach out with any questions you may have. Jessica Smith, 10/9/24

PS In the spirit of full transparency, my husband and I are the primary caregivers of my elderly parents, in addition to our two small boys. I love to juggle a lot at once, but please know that is what I'm currently tackling.