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Jamie McLeod-Skinner, right, and her wife Cass McLeod-Skinner pick tomatoes in their garden at their home in Crooked River Ranch on Oct. 13.

She aims to be Central Oregon's voice in D.C.

McLeod-Skinner hopes newly drawn 5th District sends her to Congress

BY TIM TRAINOR

Redmond Spokesman

There are no yard signs for Democrats on the 12 mile drive out of Terrebonne to Jamie McLeod-Skinner's home.

There isn't even a sign for the congressional candidate in front of her own house — a double-wide set on three acres where McLeod-Skinner has lived with her wife, Cass McLeod-Skinner since 2019.

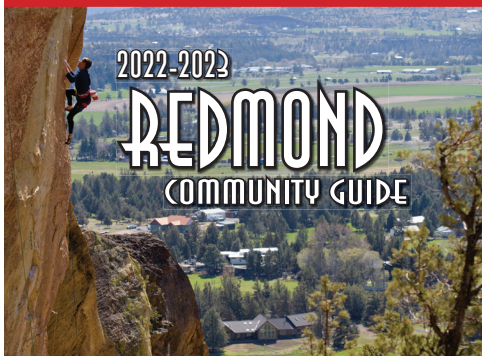
Their home, just outside the boundaries of Oregon's newly drawn 5th Congressional District, is one of hundreds of hobby ranches that make up the sprawling Crooked River Ranch development. The McLeod-Skinner plot has a drip-irrigation system that runs water through a vegetable garden, chickens that produce more eggs than the family can eat and an apiary — a project led by Cass, who is a year away from becoming a master beekeeper. There are a few goats and old dogs running around, too.

McLeod-Skinner had to be convinced about the goats, but Cass — and eventually the goats themselves — won her over. They keep the grounds tidy and seem to keep the chickens safe, too.

"They earn their keep," said McLeod-Skinner.

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SPECIAL SECTION



Redmond Community Guide

Learn the latest about fast-changing Redmond. **Inside today's edition**

Five vie for council

Editor's note: All candidates for Redmond city council were given the same questions at the same time and asked to keep their answers to 150 words for each. Their answers are included here with minimal editing. The order was chosen at random.

Kathryn Osborne

Age: 42
Neighborhood of residence: NW Redmond
Time in Redmond: 13.75 years
Political experience: Chair (two terms) Redmond Downtown Urban Renewal Advisory Committee (DURAC), vice-chair, current appointed member. Parking subcommittee chair, housing subcommittee member, past finance committee.
Work experience: I have served in marketing roles for large corporations and small local business alike in the housing, manufacturing, and photography industries. I currently provide digital marketing services for a wildland fire company headquartered in Redmond.

Education: Master of Business Administration — Concordia University; Global business award — Inventory Process Management Consulting; Bachelor of Science in Business Administration — Mars Hill University.

Family: Married. Proud mom of two kids at Tom McCall Elementary, a cute dog, and a hamster.

Why did you choose to run for a council seat?

I am passionate and experienced in serving our community. Serving on a variety of city committees has given me a unique understanding of how our local government works, our budgets, our successes, and our opportunities. Because of this, I wanted to bring that knowledge and proven success for Redmond families and businesses to city council in order to focus on collaborations, partnerships, and creative solutions to solve the issues facing Redmond today.

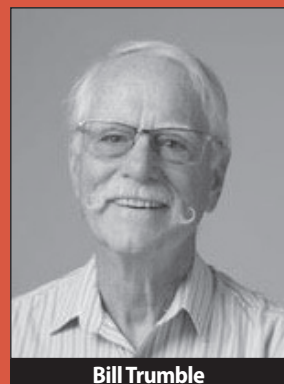
Our local rates of homelessness directly correlate to housing costs and rental vacancy rates. I have, and will, work to bring creative housing solutions to Redmond. I will continue promoting Redmond as a business friendly city and secure additional living-wage jobs. I will encourage the use of technology for communication, transparency, and access to data. Through innovative and proactive problem solving, we will manage growth and solve problems as they emerge.

What in your background gives you the skills to succeed in this position?

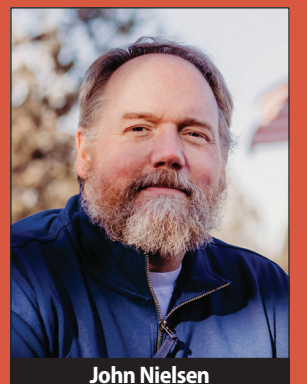
Through my roles on the downtown urban renewal advisory committee, I voted to support projects including: SCP Hotel, General Duffy's, and High Desert Music Hall. Our DURAC parking committee brought the Centennial parking lot and the Fourth Street parking lots to the downtown core. As



Kathryn Osborne



Bill Trumble



John Nielsen



Cat Zwicker



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chair, DURAC brought workforce housing to downtown, providing housing relief to the downtown district.

What is the city of Redmond doing well and what does it need to improve?

Despite many unknowns of the current economic and political climate, Redmond businesses are thriving. Redmondites are resourceful and resilient. Our city staff worked hard through the adversity of the pandemic to secure grants and PPE to keep our businesses open, and continue our "business friendly" atmosphere in order to attract additional business.

Redmond committees, citizens, and staff continue to create new green spaces around Redmond. We have many beautiful parks and fun family activity areas including Hope Park, the Pump Track, Skate Park, and the splash pad. I love that organizers bring family events to Redmond year-round.

Redmond is growing rapidly. We are diversifying, and we need to work together to support local service providers actively working to keep our neighbors from failing into homelessness and provide the support needed for a path out. We must put divisiveness aside and allow for infrastructure improvements, support creative housing opportunities, have difficult conversations, learn from one another, and proactively manage growth.

How will you measure the success of the council during your term?

There are many key performance indicators that are used to measure the "success" of governing bodies. And although I absolutely love data, setting and successfully achieving goals, etc. In this case, I think we need to re-

fer to Stephen Covey's quote "success moves at the speed of trust".

The past few years have made many of us untrusting of governments, news, etc. But I believe Redmond has a real chance to do better. I believe the success of this council will be based in transparency, data sharing, truly listening to the community and to one another.

Bill Trumble

Age: 76
Neighborhood: Southwest Redmond
Time in Redmond: 10 years
Political experience: City water board; president of Redmond Home Owner's Association; president of Grasse River Heritage Foundation; New Hampshire state conservation commission member; New Hampshire state land use board member; co-founder of Neighbors for Redmond.
Work experience: U.S. Navy nuclear submarine service, small business owner, researcher and professor, university administrator, conflict resolution facilitator.
Education: B.S. in biochemistry from Washington State University, Ph.D. in medical physiology from the University of Texas.
Family: Married 50 years to Mayme Trumble. Son, Jonathan, works at Intel.

Why did you choose to run for a council seat?

I have a goal or vision to help Redmond remain the city where we will all still want to live in 20 years.

What in your background gives you the skills to succeed in this position?

I have experience providing service, both nationally (U.S. Navy) and locally (see **Council / A4**)

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