

Local News

Zwicker, Osborne, Nielsen in line for Redmond City Council seats

Three winning candidates all successful in first campaigns

BY TIM TRAINOR

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According to unofficial election results, Cat Zwicker, Kathryn Osborne and John Nielsen are leading a five-way race for three seats on the Redmond City Council.

Zwicker, who is a current city councilor after being appointed to the position in 2021, earned the most votes. 7,969 votes have been cast for Zwicker, according to unofficial results. Kathryn Osborne has 7,240 votes and John Nielsen garnered 7,192.

The two candidates that did not earn seats, based on initial returns, were Bill Trumble with 5,710 votes and Branegan Dixon with 4,602.

John Nielsen, who was participating in his first election, said he felt that all five candidates ran good campaigns and would have been good at the job.

"It felt that everyone really wanted to do right by Redmond," he said.

Nielsen said he hoped to get on the board and "put some change in place and to make sure we've got oversight."

Nielsen watched the results come in with

few successful candidates Zwicker and Osborne on Tuesday night at High Desert Music Hall. He said while they all have different ideas for the city, the three became "pretty quick friends" during the campaign.

"We all said local politics shouldn't be about partisanship," said Nielsen.

While Zwicker has been on numerous boards and committees, this was also her first election. She said coming in with councilors who worked hard to win votes and learn about issues was "invigorating." She said that energy is likely to transfer to the council once the new councilors take their seats.

"Next year we're going to see some different motivations," said Zwicker. "These are all people that feed off of data and information and each other."

Zwicker, a local real estate agent and head of the Central Oregon Association of REALTORS, said the new council is likely to put affordable housing and tackling homelessness as a high priority.

Osborne was another candidate running in her first election. She said she was thankful that voters put their trust in her and voted for "policymaking based on partnership and collaboration."

"Redmond, your voices have been heard," said Osborne.

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Photo by Harrison McKinney/Spokesman

According to early election results, Kathryn Osborne, John Nielsen and Cat Zwicker were ahead in their race for seats on the Redmond city council.



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Psilocybin mushrooms are touted for their therapeutic use.

Redmond voters back psilocybin bans in city

BY NICK ROSENBERGER

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Two Redmond measures on prohibiting the manufacture of psilocybin and psilocybin treatment centers within city limits appear to both be passing according to most recent, unofficial vote tallies in Tuesday's election.

Measure 9-153, which would permanently prohibit the manufacture of psilocybin products, saw wide margins of voters approving the ban.

According to most recent tallies, the manufacturing measure sat at 8,033 votes in favor of the ban and 6,123 against it.

Measure 9-154, which would declare a two-year moratorium on psilocybin service centers, saw a slightly less wide margin, but a majority of voters still chose to ban the centers.

According to most recent tallies, the psilocybin service center measure sat at 7,494 votes in favor of the moratorium and 6,471 against.

Despite both Redmond measures failing, psilocybin supporters said they still see the election as a win after a similar measure that would have banned psilocybin man-

ufacturing and service centers for unincorporated Deschutes County failed to pass.

Elaine Marshall, a supporter of psilocybin therapy who is authoring a book on veterans and psychedelic therapy, said it was more important to get treatment centers in rural areas so residents don't have to travel to Bend for treatment.

"It turned out great," said Marshall. "The (county) measure failing is a positive first step."

Marshall said the next steps are to get approval from Deschutes County and figure out locations for treatment centers.

Anthony Lundy, a Redmond resident and veteran who served in the Army from 2001-2013, said the local vote allows for future dialogue surrounding mental health and substance abuse issues.

"I think from the therapy sense it at least gives us a pathway forward to discuss how we can have the appropriate controls in place while still opening up alternative areas," he said.

The current results are unofficial. The election is likely to be certified in December.

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Bethlehem Inn to hold food drive

BY NICK ROSENBERGER

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Bethlehem Inn will host a food drive Nov. 14-19 in Redmond and Bend to meet an increasing need for their Emergency Meal Program through winter.

The organization feeds three

meals a day for up to 180 adults and children and is looking for coffee and creamer, sliced cheese, margarine, jelly, pasta, canned vegetables and soups. Also included in their list is individually packaged cereal, granola bars and fruit cups.

They are also in need of non-

food items including liquid laundry soap, toilet paper, facial tissues, waterproof gloves, hats, jackets, boots and hand warmers.

For those interested, Bethlehem Inn offers a Blue Bag Program and will provide a reusable bag and shopping lists to

fill for donations.

Donations may be dropped off Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at either of their locations at 3705 N Hwy. 97 in Bend or at 517 NW Birch Ave. in Redmond.

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Redmond School District appoints new board member

BY TIM TRAINOR

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Robert Perry was appointed as the newest school board member at the Nov. 9 meeting of the Redmond School Board.

Five candidates were interviewed by board members to fill

a seat vacated by Shawn Hartfield, who moved away from the area. Perry will hold the seat through June 30, 2023.

Four school board positions will be up for election in May 2023.

Anyone interested in being

elected for a board position can file an application with the Deschutes County Clerk's Office for placement on the ballot.

The Redmond Board of Directors consists of five members elected to serve overlapping four-year terms as non-salaried

trustees of the school district. As elected officials, the board is responsible for the scope, depth and quality of education and is the official policy-making body of the school district.

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High Desert Education District promotes two to executive team

By SPOKESMAN STAFF

The High Desert Education Service District has appointed two new leadership positions to the executive team, including an assistant superintendent and a regional director of school improvement.

Anna Higgins is HDESD's new assistant superintendent, overseeing the organization's human resources, communication and innovation efforts. She continues to serve as the executive director of i4Education, the non-profit innovation arm of the HDESD.

Higgins joined HDESD in 2013 as a founder and executive director of Better Together Central Oregon. She most recently served as HDESD's chief strategy & innovation officer. She has more than 19 years of experience in education and non-profit leadership.

Rochelle Williams is HDESD's new regional director of school improvement.



Higgins



Williams

Williams has more than 25 years of classroom and administrative leadership to the new role, most recently having served since 2018 as principal for Pine Ridge Elementary School in Bend.

In her new role, she will partner with Shay Mikalson, HDESD's chief student success officer, to improve student academic achievement in partnership with educators and community members.

The two positions report to Superintendent Paul Andrews. HDESD serve students, families, school districts and communities in Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson Counties.

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Police Log

The Spokesman will update items in the police log when such a request is received. Any new information, such as the dismissal of charges or acquittal, must be verifiable.

Arrests Fri., Nov. 4

3:54 a.m. SW 35th St. Arrested: Brett Running Bear Yahtin, 32 and Abigail Renee Patteeuw, 19, Redmond. Charge: In-State Warrant

9:40 a.m. SW 19th St./SW Deerhound Ave. Arrested: Ivory Jean Heden, 35 Redmond.

6:48 p.m. SW Kalama Ave. Arrested: Travis Elmer Waterhouse, 26, Spokane. Charges: Theft III — Shoplifting, Disorderly Conduct II

8:32 p.m. SW Canal Blvd. Arrested: Jonathan Mark Connolly, 32, Redmond. Charge: Probation/Parole Violation

Sat., Nov. 5

9:16 a.m. Hunnell Rd. Arrested: Brittney Lee Ann Davis, 31, Redmond and Samuel Ray Alldredge, 26, Redmond. Charges: Theft II, Criminal Conspiracy

4:56 p.m. 2100 Block SW Pumice Ave. Arrested: Bradley Michael Walters, 34, Redmond. Charge: Harassment

10:22 p.m. NW Oak Tree Ln. Arrested: Jeremy Joseph Prater, 41 and Tiffini Joy Prater, 35, Bend. Charge: Theft II — Shoplifting

Sun., Nov. 6

1:32 a.m. NW Hemlock Ct. Arrested: Glowingstar Taken Care Of, 41, Redmond. Charges: Reckless Endangering, DUI, Assault IV, Driving While Suspended

2:04 p.m. NW 6th St. Arrested: Quinn

Angeleen Hannah, 23, Redmond. Charges: Criminal Trespass II, Resisting Arrested

4:21 p.m. SW 17th St./SW Quartz Ave. Arrested: Edward George Cardwell, 34, Redmond. Charge: In-State Warrant

Mon., Nov. 7

2:25 p.m. NW Upas Ave. Arrested: Juvenile Female, 13, Redmond. Charge: Minor In Possession — Marijuana

Tues., Nov. 8

12:45 a.m. NW Quince Ave. Arrested: Heather Ruth Johnson, 39, Redmond. Charge: Theft II — Shoplifting

3:08 p.m. NW Canal Blvd./NW Kingwood Ave. Arrested: Kenneth Harold Gilder Jr., 44, Redmond. Charges: DUI, Reckless Driving

8:04 p.m. NE Spruce Ct. Arrested: Raymond Wesley Gilson, 53, Redmond. Charges: Unlawful Entry Vehicle, Theft II

9:14 p.m. NW Larch Tree Ct. Arrested: Juvenile Male, 16, Redmond. Charge: Probation/Parole Violation

Wed., Nov. 9

12:58 a.m. NW Hemlock Ct. Arrested: Jonathan Ray Dean Davie, 43, Redmond. Charges: Criminal Trespass II, Possession of Burglary Tools, Burglary — Residence, Probation/Parole Violation

Thurs., Nov. 10

12:16 a.m. 1500 Block NE 8th St. Arrested: Kori Thomas Keller, 39, Prineville. Charge: Criminal Trespass II

2:54 p.m. NW 17th St./NW Fir Ave. Arrested: Morgan Stephanie Hawley, 35, Redmond. Charge: Driving While Suspended

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