

# Voice: Former lawmakers, advocates give tips on how to be heard in Salem

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time, testifying in person can be an effective way to influence lawmakers. If you let your legislator know you'll be in town with a few days' notice, many will meet with you.

"I believe that at any level of government, direct interaction is probably the best way to go," said JoAnn Herrigel, deputy director of Elders in Action, a Portland group that advocates for older adults and educates citizens on the state and local political process.

Committee hearings, floor sessions and the whole building are open to the public.

If you're keeping track of a bill and see that it has a public hearing in a committee, you can testify.

You don't need permission to appear as a witness, which means you sit before a committee and share your thoughts about the issue it is considering. You also can submit your opinion in writing to be considered by committee members.

For the most impact, tell lawmakers how a proposal will directly affect you.

"I think personal stories go a long way," Herrigel said.

## Do your research

Knowing your subject will make your comments more compelling.

A wealth of information on many topics is on the Legislature's website, and with a little practice it can be a helpful guide.

The legislative website provides direct access to each piece of legislation and its journey through the process, so you will know what committee is considering a bill, when it has been voted on by the committee or a full chamber, and its next step.

You can sign up to get email notice about any particular piece of legislation so you can be aware of hearings and when to provide testimony.

And try tapping your local network for insights, including people who have served in office before or in another level of government.

City councilors, county commissioners, school board members and other local officials are easy to reach and are familiar with the Legislature.

## Be mindful of political realities

How much influence you have can come down

to politics, said Rich Vial, a Republican who served in the House for two years.

"Right now, partisanship decides what issues are going to get hearings, what issues are going to get leverage, what issues are going to get any kind of traction and what issues aren't," Vial said. "If it's not one that the majority party is interested in having go anywhere, forget it."

Democrat Courtney Neron beat Vial in November. That ouster was part of a wave election that replaced several Republicans with Democrats in both the House and Senate.

Frustrated by the power that the majority party holds, Vial wants to make the Legislature nonpartisan.

Many lawmakers fill their days with 15-minute "speed dates" with lobbyists, Vial said. Those lobbyists have influence over what lawmakers do because they hold the purse strings for campaign donations, which can be critical to getting reelected.

But, as a citizen, you have one other powerful tool at your disposal if you don't like what your lawmaker is doing: your ballot.

# Gun regulation proposals in the 2019 Oregon Legislature

## Senate bills

5 — Makes shooting range and person discharging firearm at shooting range strictly liable for injuries resulting from bullets that stray outside boundaries of a shooting range. Allows injured person to bring civil action against city or county that fails to regulate a shooting range after having notice of dangerous condition. Removes prohibition on local government regulation relating to shooting ranges.

87 — Allows gun dealer or person transferring firearm, ammunition or firearm component at gun show to establish minimum age for purchase of firearms, ammunition or firearm components, provided that minimum age is at least 21.

275 — Requires owner or possessor of firearm to secure firearm with trigger or cable lock or in locked container except in speci-

fied circumstances.

322 — Authorizes sheriff of county to issue concealed handgun license to eligible person residing in adjoining county.

323 — Provides person with privileges and legal defenses available to person with Oregon concealed handgun license if person is licensed to carry concealed handgun in another state that recognizes Oregon concealed handgun licenses.

501 — Requires person to secure permit before purchasing or otherwise receiving firearm.

## House bills

2251 — Defines "assault rifle." Prohibits transfer of handgun or assault rifle to person under 21.

2291 — Establishes tax credit against personal income taxes for purchase of qualifying gun safes or locking mechanisms.

2298 — Directs Ore-

gon State Police to create and maintain list of states that recognize Oregon concealed handgun licenses and require demonstration of handgun competency to obtain license that is similar to requirement in Oregon.

2479 — Authorizes sheriffs to collect the \$15 fee for the cost of the Federal Bureau of Investigation nationwide fingerprint check for a concealed handgun license.

2505 — Requires owner or possessor of firearm to secure firearm with trigger or cable lock or in locked container except in specified circumstances.

2546 — Creates a credit against personal income tax for the cost of the criminal history check the state requires for transferring a firearm.

2705 — Directs Oregon State Police to establish voluntary firearm Do Not Sell List using secure internet website.

# March: Event is 'all about respect'

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Many residents already point to the evident progress, including the 2018 results. Across the nation women stormed their campaign trails winning in unprecedented numbers.

Joe Whittle of Joseph said he marches every year.

"I come from two matriarchal Native American cultures that teach me that women are to be lifted up as leaders in society," he said. "That fundamental tent helped those cultures to thrive for over

10,000 years. I believe our country would be better off to understand and adapt those practices — and I think most of us can attest that no one taught us more about how to live right than our mothers."

Paige Hunting of Joseph said she feels honored to be part of this time in our nation's history. Hunting looks with hope and excitement at people she described as dynamic leaders, including new U.S. Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. Hunting points out that Ocasio-Cortez "until

her election to Congress was a hard working New York waitress ... She represents the American dream, perhaps more than anyone in my lifetime."

Others who march do so as a pure and genuine act of solidarity.

Mark Lacey of Joseph supports any movement that resists "misogyny, inequitable pay, glass ceilings, rape victimization, and the discounting of woman's testimony." Summing up his position, Lacey "looks forward to our next president being a women."

# When should you be treated in the Emergency Room?

- When a loved one is unconscious or unresponsive
- When you suspect a heart attack - chest pain, shortness of breath, etc.
- When you suspect a stroke - facial droop, weakness on one side, slurred speech
- After an accident or injury where you suspect a concussion, broken bone, internal injury, or other serious condition.

For most other health concerns, call your primary care doctor or provider. For life-threatening emergencies, call 9-1-1.

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## 101 Legal Notices

### LEGAL NOTICE

The Wallowa County Health Care District Board of Directors will hold its regular board meeting on Monday, January 28, 2019 at 11:30am in the Conference Room at Wallowa Memorial Hospital.

A copy of the Board agenda will be available from the office of the Wallowa County Chieftain, KWVR or the Administrative Office at Wallowa Memorial Hospital.

This meeting is open to the public.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Joseph City Council will meet on Monday, February 11 2019, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and will hold a public hearing as part of its regular agenda to consider the following request:

MJP-1-2018: A request for a land partition to create three parcels intended for residential use from a 3.23-acre property in the Select Residential (R-I) Zone. The 3.23-acre subject property is undeveloped and is located at the south end of Joseph along Hwy 82 within the city limits. The subject property is identified as Tax Lot 5100 in Section 32CB, Township 2 North, Range 45 East, W.M. Jeff Hsu, applicant; Zahra Rahmani, property owner.

The public notice and review procedures for this request are contained in Article 9 of the City of Joseph Zoning Ordinance and Oregon Revised Statutes 197.763. The relevant criteria and development standards relied upon by the City in rendering a decision on this request are contained in Chapters 4 and 5 of the City of Joseph Land Division Ordinance and under the R-I Zone in the City of Joseph Zoning Ordinance.

Comments and concerns will be heard at the hearing. Written testimony may be submitted to the City Recorder, 201 N. Main Street, P.O. Box 15, Joseph, Oregon 97846 prior to 5:00 p.m. on the date of the hearing, or at the hearing. Please submit written comments at least 10 days prior to the hearing if you wish to have your comments included in the written report that will be presented to the City Council. Written or oral comments or concerns must address how the applicant does or does not comply with the criteria and standards upon which the City Council must base its decision.

A copy of the application, all documents and evidence submitted by or on behalf of the applicant, and applicable criteria is available for inspection at no cost, and a copy will be provided upon request at reasonable cost. A copy of the written report will be available for inspection at no cost at least seven days prior to the hearing. A copy will be provided upon request at reasonable cost.

Failure of an issue to be raised in a hearing, in person or by letter, or failure to provide statements or evidence sufficient to afford the decision maker an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) on that issue. If you have any questions about this application, please contact the City Recorder at (541) 432-3832.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Wallowa is accepting sealed bids on a 2003 New Holland TC-18 Tractor with front loader and bucket. It has 675 hours on it, Runs good, needs transmission work. Minimum bid of \$2500.00

Contact Wallowa City Hall 541-886-2422 for more info or viewing. Wallowa City Hall P.O. Box 487 Wallowa, Oregon 97885

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### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

On March 5th, 2019, at the hour of 1:00 p.m. at the Wallowa County Justice Center, 104 W. Greenwood St., Enterprise, OR 97828, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property commonly known as: 306 Holmes St., Wallowa, OR 97885. The court case number is 16CV40254, where U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF10 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST AS ASSIGNED BY BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. is plaintiff, and SHARMALEE K KEEN; THEADORE W. KEEN; CAPITAL ONE HOME LOANS, LLC; OCCUPANTS OF THE PROPERTY is defendant. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, in hand, made out to Wallowa County Sheriff's Office. For more information on this sale go to: <http://oregonsheriffs-sales.org/>

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### OFFICIAL CALL FOR BIDS Wallowa County Sheriff's Department Surplus Vehicles

Wallowa County Sheriff Department is seeking bids for one (2) vehicle as listed below:

- 1 - 1999 Polaris Snowmobile VIN# 4XA9R7AS6XB037308 - Needs a Capacity Discharge Ignition Box
- 1 - 2001 Arctic Cat Snowmobile VIN# 4UF01SNW81T154812 - Needs a new gas tank
- 1 - 4 Place Utility Trailer S/N#5M3BU222381034893

For additional information please call Stacey Fregulia, Executive Assistant for the Wallowa County Board of Commissioners, 101 S. River Street, Enterprise, OR 97828.541-426-4543 x 130.

Sealed bids will be received until 4:00 p.m., February 21, 2019. Bids will be opened for review at that time and will be presented to the Board of Commissioners for consideration of award on March 4, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Your bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to the Wallowa County Board of Commissioners, 101 S. River St., Rm 301, Enterprise, OR 97828, and should be clearly marked on the outside of the envelope "Bids for Sheriff Vehicles -To be Opened February 21, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.." NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY FACSIMILE OR ELECTRONIC DATA INTERCHANGE

Wallowa County reserves the right to reject any and all bids not in compliance with all prescribed public bidding procedures and requirements. Wallowa County further reserves the right to reject for good cause and/or all bids upon finding of the agency that it is in the best interest to do so.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Joseph hereby gives notice of a public hearing to consider a request by McKee Brother's Joseph Property LLC to consider a conditional use permit for a vacation rental. The property is zoned R-2 and is located at 300 East Eighth Street, Map #02S45E32CB Tax Lot 2908.

The hearing is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at the Joseph Community Center on Monday, February 11, 2019. Those with an interest in the application are invited to appear at the hearing and place their testimony on record for council deliberation. Written testimony will be taken up to the time of the hearing.

The application may be reviewed at Joseph city hall during normal working hours.

Teresa Sajonia  
Mayor

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On the 5th day of February, 2019, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at the Wallowa County Justice Center, 104 W. Greenwood St., Enterprise, OR 97828, the defendant's interest will be sold, subject to redemption, in the real property commonly known as: 505 Viking Dr., Enterprise, OR 97828. The court case number is 18CV17971, where QUICKEN LOANS INC. is plaintiff, and THE ESTATE OF JOHN F. ELLIS AS TRUSTEE OF THE ELLIS LIVING TRUST AGREEMENT DTD JULY 12, 2007; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, ASSIGNS AND DEVISEES OF JOHN F. ELLIS; THE SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE ELLIS LIVING TRUST AGREEMENT DTD JULY 12, 2007; THOMAS GLEN ELLIS; JOHN DUANE ELLIS; AND ALL OTHER PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 505 VIKING DR. ENTERPRISE, OR 97828 is defendant. The sale is a public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check, in hand, made out to Wallowa County Sheriff's Office. For more information on this sale go to: <http://oregonsheriffssales.org/>

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