

Recall ballots have been mailed out

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Irrigon: 205 NE 3rd St. (Irrigon Annex). Open 24 hours.

Following is the information that is on the ballot for your decision. Listed is the reason from the petitioners who gathered the required number of signatures for the recall, and the response from each commissioner as to why they should not be recalled.

Recall of Jim Doherty Reason for demanding the Recall:

Petitioners seek recall of Commissioner Jim Doherty for the reasons stated below: Commissioner Doherty's decisions are not in the best interest of Morrow County citizens. He is not open and transparent in his actions as commissioner, making decisions in secret and outside of public purview and without the inclusion of the third County Commissioner. Commission meetings are not held in accordance with public open meeting law requirements. Doherty does not cooperate with other public and private agencies to the detriment of Morrow County citizens. His decisions regarding Morrow County employees has demoralized County employees and has been detrimental to a functional County government. Decisions are not made in the best interest of County taxpayers resulting in fiscal detriment to the County.

Response from Commissioner Doherty:

I will stand behind you, beside you or in front of you; rest assured I stand with you. This continues to be my guiding principle. When you fearlessly carry the voice of the people, those seeking continued suppression and disregard for the health and wellness of the community will stop at no ends. I dismiss the allegations with the following: No decisions can

be made outside of the full board. County meetings are crafted and followed under the direction of county council. The county is in the best fiscal condition it has ever seen. I have forged a partnership with every agency committed to making your life better. Transparency has been and remains the hallmark of my civic service. All of my decisions are based on the best possible outcome of your health and future. This sadly is an attempt to silence your voice in the process. I remain committed to standing up for clean water, community inclusion, honest leadership and the achievement of your dreams. I have an immeasurable love for this county and you. I will continue to advocate for you. "Yes we can." "Si se puede."

Recall of Melissa Lindsay Reason for demanding the Recall:

As a commissioner your primary duty is to work for and with the people who elected you into office. Commissioner Lindsay has violated that trust in many ways, one being by intimidating county employees, resulting in either their firing or leaving their jobs under duress. Commissioner Lindsay has repeatedly exhibited unprofessional behavior in her role as a public official. Commissioner Lindsay's actions have created county wide disapproval with other government and charitable organizations, refusing to listen to them. Commissioner Lindsay heard from the voters in the last election, however she will serve until January 2023, at which time she will be replaced by the new Commissioner elect. The action of the firing of the Morrow County Administrator, with no transparency, refusing to let the public speak, or answer the Administrators questions about why he was sitting there, made it

clear that in the remaining time of her tenure, this behavior would continue and could cause added financial burdens to our county. To prevent irreversible damage, an immediate recall is the only answer. **Response from Commissioner Lindsay:**

As a champion for eastern Oregon values and Morrow County, I'm grateful and honored to have served as commissioner for six years. Through hard work, relationship-building and partnerships, with honesty and integrity, I'm proud to have led Morrow County to a number of significant successes. Improved transparency, accountability and budget management, ensuring your hard-earned tax dollars go towards crucial services—not lining political pockets. Fought relentlessly against pandemic lockdowns to successfully open county services, your schools and local businesses. Brought millions of dollars to fund fairgrounds, supporting 4-H, FFA and critical youth agricultural programs. Obtained funding for our Veterans Services Office. Served as Veterans Services liaison to agencies. Created the county-focused Broadband Taskforce, which increased funding to expand much-needed internet access. Increased funding/resources in public safety, mental and behavioral health, youth diversion. Funded infrastructure for cities, and brought in grants for homebuyers, focusing on housing and improved ability. We have a responsibility to build upon the generations that came before us to create a thriving, viable county for generations to come. Vote no on recall—reject the divisive silencing elitism that is turning us against one another. Keep Morrow County the wonderful community it is to live, work and play.

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