

Dear Military or Overseas Voter:

Enclosed is your ballot for the November 7, 2023 Special Election. Here are a few things you should know:

- Your ballot packet no longer includes an optional secrecy sleeve. A secrecy weave is printed on the inside of the ballot return envelope. This secrecy weave provides the same level of privacy as a secrecy sleeve. This change, approved by the Secretary of State, allows the County to process ballots more efficiently without compromising voter privacy.
- Oregon law allows military and overseas voters the option of returning their ballot by mail, fax or e-mail and you have the option of marking the enclosed paper ballot or using the online ballot-marking tool.
- If you wish to use the online ballot-marking tool, please see the My Vote instructions at OregonVotes.gov. Please note the online tool is not available in some countries. If you cannot access the online tool, you will need to e-mail elections.ballot@multco.us to request the ballot packet be sent to you by e-mail.
- If you wish to mail your ballot back using the prepaid postage on your ballot return envelope, you must mail the envelope at a U.S. post office, an overseas U.S. military post office, an American Embassy, or an American Consulate. Visit Travel.State.gov for more information. Otherwise, you will have to pay the postage to return your ballot.
- If you wish to e-mail or fax your enclosed ballot back, you **MUST** complete all of the following 4 steps:
 1. Complete your ballot **AND**
 2. Sign your return envelope **AND**
 3. Complete and sign the SEL 531 form on the back of this letter **AND**
 4. Fax or e-mail back **the SEL 531 form**, the **signed return envelope** and the **ballot** to 503-988-4559 or elections.ballot@multco.us by 8:00 p.m., November 7, 2023. Your ballot cannot be counted unless you sign the form and return envelope.
- Voted ballots must be received at any County elections office in Oregon or official drop site location by **8:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 7**, or receive a **U.S. postmark by Tuesday, November 7**, to be counted.
- For confirmation that your ballot was received, log into My Vote at OregonVotes.gov or sign up to track and receive status updates about your ballot at multco.us/trackyourballot.

More information on the 2023 Special Election is available at MultnomahVotes.gov.

If you have any questions, you can contact our office by phone e-mail. See the contact information below.

Sincerely,



Tim Scott, Multnomah County Director of Elections
E-Mail: elections.ballot@multco.us

Fax or Email Vote Secret Ballot Waiver Form

For Military and Overseas Voters

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ORS 246.021, 253.690

! **Warning** Supplying false information on this form may result in penalties.

County Information completed by County Elections Official**County****Fax Number/Email** use to return completed ballot**Voter Instructions**

i Your ballot will only be counted if the County Elections Official accepts your signature after comparing it to signatures in your voter registration record and you follow the steps below.

To return your ballot by fax or email you must:

- 1 Complete and sign this form, SEL 531 Fax or Email Vote Secret Ballot Waiver Form; and
- 2 Sign the Voter's Statement on the ballot return envelope; and
- 3 Fax or email this form, the ballot return envelope and your voted ballot using the county information above.

! All materials must be received in the office of the county clerk **no later than 8pm** on the day of the election.

Voter Information**Last Name****First Name****Middle Name****Oregon Residence Address** Street/Route**City****State****Zip Code****Home Phone****Work Phone** optional**Cell Phone** optional**Fax****Email Address** optional**Mailing Address** required if different than residence address Street/Route**City****State****Zip Code****Country and/or APO/FPO/DPO****Voter Acknowledgement and Attestation**

I, _____ (print name) acknowledge that by casting my voted ballot using fax or email, I have waived my right to a secret ballot. And by signing this document, I attest that all information on this form is true and correct.

Signature**Date Signed**