



Joint County Voters' Pamphlet

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Candidate Statement

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Candidate Information

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Occupation (Present Employment)

Oregon Zoo - Marine Life Keeper

Occupational Background (Previous Employment)

Oregon Zoo Animal Keeper and Life Support Operator since 2000 (26 years).

Mystic Aquarium Aquarist 1993-2000.

Educational Background (Schools Attended)

Old Dominion University BS Biology 1991

Prior Governmental Experience (elected or appointed)

none

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What will be your legacy?

I am privileged and fortunate to work for Metro and the Oregon Zoo for the past 26 years.

I especially appreciate Metro's work to restore habitat in our region. I believe that habitat restoration is the key to being successful in our conservation efforts. Supporting natural biodiversity is critical to building a more livable community. With the exception of invasives, removal of mature trees, comes at a cost, and at every opportunity we should be planting natives in every open space on Metro property.

Everyday, I am hopeful to live the mission of the Oregon Zoo and to exceed it. Everyday, I am hopeful to provide animal welfare that exceeds the highest standards while fostering a meaningful connection between zoo visitors and the animals. If I have not created behavior change that benefits the wild relatives of the animals I care for, then I have failed.

I have a good idea of the legacy I want for Metro and the Oregon Zoo.

What will be your Metro/Oregon Zoo legacy?

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Signature: Philip H Fensterer III

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