

To whom it may concern:

NEMCCA, Northeast Multnomah County Community Association, which provides a voice for the communities east of the Sandy River, was recently informed that there is an ongoing discussion concerning the position of Sheriff and whether that office should be an elected or appointed post. After further discussion on the matter, we would just like to tell you that we, as an entity, believe that keeping that post as an elected position is of the most benefit to the people of East County as having their "voices" heard equally. We know that funding of this department has been cut in recent years, as with all departments county and state wide, and having a sheriff that represents the people that endorsed him is crucial to the small communities he is voted to protect.

Thank you and best wishes-

Renee Detherage

NEMCCA Secretary