



Joint County Voters' Pamphlet

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Candidate Statement

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Name of Candidate (as it should appear on ballot): Ronda Zakocs

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Candidate Information

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Occupation (Present Employment)

Founder & Principal, Insight for Action

Occupational Background (Previous Employment)

Associate Professor, Boston University School of Public Health

Educational Background (Schools Attended)

University of Oregon, BA

Boston University, Masters of Public Health (MPH)

University of North Carolina, PhD

Prior Governmental Experience (elected or appointed)

Associate Director, West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District

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Clean water, healthy soils, vibrant forests, and fertile farmland sustains us all. I am running for a Director position on the West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District because its efforts are critical for water and land stewardship. As a Director, I will be committed to supporting its mission.

- As a native Oregonian who grew up on a small farm, I will support regenerative farmland practices.

- As a resident of SW Portland who lives on Vermont Creek, where our family and neighbors work to remove invasives and plant natives, I will support restoration efforts along our river ways.
- As a daughter of parents who own a small woodlands farm, I will support reforestation and sound forest management practices.
- As a trained public health researcher, I will support evidence-based approaches for water and land management practices.
- As a small business owner who provides facilitation and strategy consultation, I will support effective collaboration among District board of directors and staff members.

Currently, I serve as an Associate Director on the District's Board – an appointed, non-elected, and non-voting position. I've had the opportunity to learn about the District's structure, budget, strategic priorities, and programs. Thank you for your vote, so that I can apply my knowledge and skills to promote the District's mission more effectively.

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Ronda Zakocs

Date Signed(or amended):

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