

Position 3
Gary Campbell

OPB: How can the county address housing shortages and rents that are out of reach for many residents? What is your proposal for a long-term solution to the management of shelters and sanctioned camps?

Campbell: The housing shortage is probably due to several reasons:

- a. The amount of people moving to Deschutes County because of the desirability of the area.
- b. Not enough low income housing, because of that, with the landlords wanting to make as much off their investment as possible. The county can encourage more housing, but probably not extending the urban growth boundary without considering how that will effect other home owners in the area.

For a long term solution to the management of shelters and sanctioned camps – The homeless situation needs to address what is causing it. As I understand it, there are three types of homelessness right now - those want no help and to be left alone. Two, behavioral issues in people. Three, those needing active help to fix a vehicle or a bus ticket to leave.

For sure – no camping on county land and more small managed homes, with encouragement to get their life in order.

OPB: What measures would you champion to address resident concerns about natural hazards like winter storms, wildfire and extreme heat? Please address each type of disaster in your response.

Campbell: The measures I would seek to encourage is more education for the public. Especially on winter driving (a lot of people who have moved here drive way too fast). With that, more keeping the main roads clear and using the ice abatement products more.

For wildfire, again would recommend more education for the public with encouragement from the Forest service and BLM. Keeping a defensible space around homes and buildings.

Encourage better forest practices in the forests all around Deschutes County.

Extreme Heat: More education for the public, with the County Health making more areas to engage the public. A lot of that is basically using common sense. If you are hot – get in the shade and get hydrated.

OPB: How would you approach applications to rezone parts of the county for denser development? How do you propose the county grows to accommodate a growing population?

Campbell: Depends on the applications put in for rezoning to accommodate more housing. In the best scenario -- going up with taller apartment buildings. There is a limit to keeping some areas still in the farm-zone.

One approach would be going south, but property in those areas is expensive. Again on the areas, I need to know what has been done, what is proposed, and then make a better decision for all Deschutes County Residents.

OPB: Where would you propose the county build a new solid waste facility and how do you propose helping the county reach the state's Department of Environmental Quality goal of reducing waste disposals in landfills to 45%?

Campbell: Trash & Recycling is a big problem. I have lived near the Knott Landfill in the past, and I will never live near a landfill again. One thing for sure, the landfill needs to be located more in an unpopulated area. The County should really encourage more recycling — not changing the public and maybe doing more of an education on waste. Remember, I worked with Harry Lonsdale who started the solu-bag program. He encouraged employees to help and still paid them to clean up the neighborhood and highways and by-ways.

OPB: Do you support the district map going before voters in November? Why or why not? If not, how do you think commission seats should be apportioned? Why?

Campbell: I support the district map before the voters in November. And the reason is that the voters approved going from 3 commissioners to 5 commissioners. I think the current map as it is proposed is fine. Remember I have lived here over 50 years. Don't rock the bucket too hard.