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TONY DEBONE FILES FOR DESCHUTES COUNTY COMMISSIONER POSITION #1

Candidate Statement:

Deschutes county is a rapidly growing county. We have seen the population grow from 150,000 to 200,000 in the last 10 years. Managing growth, urban and rural, is our challenge.

In the next few years siting a new landfill is going to be important. The existing landfill is an enterprise operation operated by your local government. It is very cost effective and I support keeping the next facility in the county.

There are plans for building a courthouse expansion for the two new judges that have recently been approved by the state legislature. The facility expansion will also help provided much needed room for the District Attorney's office. Justice delayed is justice denied and I am happy to know that we are able to add capacity needed.

Since the beginning of last year, the worldwide pandemic has been hard on all of us. The county provides public health services to promote population health. Deschutes county implemented the mass vaccination clinic and I was asked many times how we were so successful. The county staff, health workers and volunteers all came together to get vaccines to the people who were ready! I want to thank all of the health workers in the county for all they have done in the last 19 months. The pandemic is not over and I ask that we keep supporting each other.

Deschutes county is host to the best stabilization center in the state of Oregon. This is run by Deschutes County Behavioral Health and provides support for individuals in crisis. We do not need to criminalize mental health issues or overrun the emergency room when a few hours of wrap around services may help someone get back on track.

The economy is changing and entry level housing is the biggest hurdle for some people. With high speed internet, working from home and rapid home delivery, we are in a time of change. Let us all work through this together and make the future bright as we manage growth.

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As a current Commissioner I have enthusiastically supported hosting the new Veteran's village on county property. This new effort will offer single occupancy cottages and a common service building to help homeless veterans. This is a model for other efforts in Central Oregon. The celebration of opening this new facility is scheduled for Veterans day.

I am open and approachable so feel free to contact me, let's talk about the issues and the solutions that make Deschutes County a place where families can thrive, enjoy our rural outdoor lifestyle and participate in an environment that encourages positive economic growth.

I am looking forward to this election and the interactions it provides to each and every person of Deschutes County.

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