



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

ELECTIONS DIVISION

Directive of the Secretary of State	Subject: Regarding November 8, 2022 West Linn City Council Election, Directing New Election	Directive Issued at the Request of Secretary of State	Date: October 6, 2022	Number: 2022-07
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The Secretary of State in carrying out the duties of the office shall issue detailed directives necessary to maintain uniformity in the application, operation, and interpretation of Oregon election laws. (ORS 246.110 & 120). The information provided here is an official directive of the Secretary of State.

Due to an error by the West Linn City Recorder, there is an error on the ballots printed for the West Linn City Council contest. The ballot, printed by Clackamas County using information received from the City, incorrectly instructs voters to choose one candidate. However, the contest is for two City Council seats, and the City's charter states that voters may vote for two candidates. Upon learning of the error, the Elections Division met with officials from the City and County to explore solutions; the Elections Division learned that military and overseas ballots have already been issued, and that it is not possible to reprint the remainder of ballots and distribute them in the time required by state law.

Therefore, this directive instructs Clackamas County to conduct a special election for the two West Linn City Council seats in March of 2023, using the correct ballot instruction. The County shall not report results for the West Linn City Council contest appearing on the November 8, 2022 General Election ballot, and the City of West Linn shall not certify results for that contest. All other contests and measures on the November 8, 2022 General Election ballot for the City and County shall proceed.

In order to limit voter confusion and prioritize efficiency, accuracy, and timeliness of the conduct of elections, the Secretary further directs the following:

- The March 2023 special election contest for the two West Linn City Council offices shall be limited to the candidates currently qualified for the ballot. No other candidates may file for those offices. Other races or measures may also appear on that special election ballot if necessary, according to standard practices.
- The March 2023 special election voters' pamphlet statements for the two West Linn City Council offices shall be limited to the statements that the current candidates have already submitted. Statements concerning other races or measures may appear in that voters pamphlet if necessary, according to standard practices.
- The City of West Linn and Clackamas County shall coordinate to notify all affected voters about this directive by mail, with the wording of the notice approved by the Elections Division.

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Secretary of State

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