

# Who's on my ballot? Candidate Overview - Election May 2025

## Focus: Ashland City and Rural Voters

ALL POSITIONS ARE NONPARTISAN

For additional information:  
**Online Voter Pamphlet**  
[jacksoncountyor.gov/departments/clerk/elections](http://jacksoncountyor.gov/departments/clerk/elections)  
**Party website**  
[jcdemocrats.org](http://jcdemocrats.org) – Select Election Tab  
**Candidate Forum – Ashland School Board**  
 Sunday, May 4 from 1 to 3 pm: School Board Forum organized by  
 Ashland Chapter of the AAUW – Ashland High School Theater  
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Important dates:  
**April 21** Voter pamphlets to be mailed  
**April 29** Voter registration deadline  
**May 2** Jackson Co. Ballots to be mailed  
**May 13** Don't use USPS after today  
**May 20** Ballots due 8 pm  
**May 27** Last day for postmarked ballots

The Jackson County Democrats seek board candidates who want to be of service to their community, who will work for the greater good, and who will respect the U.S. and Oregon Constitutions. They must respect the separation of church and state, and be well aligned with our party's values, particularly regarding Education, Good Governance, Criminal & Social Justice, and Science & Technology. [Our party platform](#) will tell you more about our positions on these issues. Following are our endorsed candidates (indicated in blue font). Be sure to get your ballot in by 8 pm on Tuesday, May 20!

### Ashland School District 5 Board of Directors

Position	Candidates (page # in VP)	Notes
Pos. 1	<a href="#">Jordan Rooklyn</a> (15-16) <a href="#">Ann Gaffney</a> (15-16)	Both Jordan and Ann have received endorsements from the Jackson County Democrats. We believe either would be a good choice.
Pos. 3	<a href="#">Noelle Christensen</a> (15-17) <a href="#">Deltra Ferguson</a> (15-17) Susanne McGraw (15-18)	Same thing here with Noelle and Deltra. Both are acceptable candidates.
Pos. 4	<a href="#">Rebecca Dyson</a> <i>Incumbent</i> (15-19) Alex Sol (not in Voter Pamphlet) <a href="#">Grant Jolliffe</a> (15-18) Elisa Hawksley (15-19)	Rebecca and Grant have received the endorsement of the Jackson County Democrats. The party recommends either one.

### Jackson County Library District Board of Directors *All voters in Jackson County*

In the past several years, our library board has been under attack by the far right. We are looking for candidates who support the freedom to read and access to library services by every resident of Jackson County. None of the candidates wanted a public endorsement from our party. However, there are two who are of some concern to us (Karen Spontz and Jenny James) because they have each posted pro-Trump messages on social media. Please review your Voter Pamphlet and call us if you wish to discuss it further.

**Other Local Boards on the May 20 Ballot – see next page**

**NOTE:** There are likely many candidates on the ballot who align with our democratic values, but nevertheless did not seek a party endorsement, especially if they are running unopposed. Call us at 541-858-1050 if you have questions, and a volunteer will get back to you.

**Other Local Boards on the May 20 Ballot** – Please review the Voter Pamphlet and contact us if you wish to discuss anything.

**Jackson Co. Rural Fire Protection District 5** (rural Ashland) Positions 2, 3, 4, and 5 are on this year's ballot. We have endorsed [Eleanor Ponomareff](#) for Pos. 4. We have taken no position on the other races.

**Rogue Community College Board of Education** Ashland is in Zone 5, which is not on the ballot this year.

**Rogue Valley Transportation District** You will be voting for Positions 4, 5, 6, and 7. All are one-person races except Pos. 5, where we have endorsed [Katrina Ehrnman-Newton](#). We have no objections to the candidates who are running in the other races.

**Southern Oregon Education Service District Zone 5** – Ariel Bloomer is running unopposed. We have taken no position.