



Margaret Spence for Island City Mayor 2020

My name is Margaret Spence and it is my honor to run for your Mayor of Island City. As I've walked through town ringing every door-bell and visiting with many of you, I've fallen more deeply in love with our community. I've heard your concerns, and if elected, I will do my best to represent all of you at City Hall.

I moved here six years ago from the Portland area to give my husband and two children a better way of life. I started working for the La Grande School District as a Kindergarten

Paraeducator, eventually working at Island City Elementary School. Looking for more opportunities to give back, I applied for and was appointed to the Union County Fair Board, which subsequently hired me as the Fair Manager. For the past three years I have worked hard to make the fair better, writing and receiving thousands of dollars in grants, and managing all fair logistics and staff. I tripled the number of vendors as I listened to what Union County residents wanted at the fair and made sure it happened. I now work for the County as the Coordinator of the Union County Safe Communities Coalition coordinating a diverse set of community leaders and elected officials to battle youth substance abuse across the county.

Why Margaret for Mayor?

1. Improve communication and the City's website. I believe that residents should be aware of meetings and important decisions being discussed. They should know who the Mayor is and have access to them when they have a problem and have complete communication between City Hall.
2. Ensure the Sheriff's Department contract renewal. I want to work with the new sheriff and the Sheriff's Department to increase - not decrease patrols in our area. Many of you have told me of your concern over increased illegal activity in our town. That activity needs to stop.
3. Bring our community together. I want our neighbors to come together and meet each other. I would like to have more gatherings at the city park and in our neighborhoods. I will support and promote business. I will be a visible Mayor that builds relationships and that you can get to know.
4. Clean up Island Avenue. I want to clean up Island Avenue from Walmart to Ed Staub and Sons. This area is the gateway into our great city and we should be proud of the way it looks.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I look forward to the opportunity to make our community thrive by infusing it with new energy.

Please contact me at 541-605-0341 or via Facebook if you have any questions. I would love your vote for Mayor of Island City. Please get your ballot in early if you plan on mailing it, or drop it off at a Drop Off box before 8pm on November 3rd.