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Jerome GRANT

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November 3, 2020

City of Depoe Bay Mayor



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Jerome Grant IN HIS OWN WORDS

By JEROME GRANTCandidate for Mayor

I believe in leadership.

Multiple crises, including a self-inflicted financial emergency at city hall plus the destructive economic impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on city revenues, call for a strong leader to step forward.

Because this election is so critical to Depoe Bay's future, I will be frank. The most pressing issue facing Depoe Bay is the fact that city staff have failed to produce a certified annual financial audit for the last three years, since budget year 2017/18.

The impacts of this bookkeeping blunder are real: the State of Oregon has withheld valuable revenue sharing that is rightfully the city's. For the same reason, "Moody's" has suspended our municipal bond rating. In effect, we are unable to go to the voters for any

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kind of public works project — even for a water or sewer emergency. No rating, no bond!

My opponent has served as Council President for the last two years, and has, along with our mayor, led us down a path of financial disaster that has only deepened under their administration. My ideas to help fix the problem have mostly gone unheeded by this leadership team. What advice they have taken in a moment of self-discovery has resulted in only slightly altering our path for the better.

If given the opportunity to work with a new city council, I will set the course for the City of Depoe Bay's success. I have financial skills, a math/accounting background and an expert understanding of boats, harbors and fishing that make me uniquely qualified to be Mayor of Depoe Bay.

With your vote, if elected, I will lead Depoe Bay forward!

be mayor of Depoe Bay include:

...because he's

- Depoe Bay City Council, 6 yearsDepoe Bay Harbor Commission
- Depoe Bay Near Shore Action Team
- Little Whale Cove Home Owners Board of Directors, 6 years

QUALIFIED!

Jerome Grant's qualifications to

- Oregon Developmental Fisheries Board, 7 years
- B.S. in Computer Science, minor in Economics, Western Oregon University
- Co-owner (with wife Clary) "Gracie's Sea Hag Restaurant and Lounge" and "The Horn Public House & Depoe Bay Brewing Co."

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— Grant Flag Poster, P. 4-5

THEY WANT OUR WATER



"I won't let them have it!"

The Rocky Creek Watershed supplies the City of Depoe Bay with the purest drinking water in the state, but surrounding cities have formed a powerful coalition to take this water for their own use. There are even plans by these cities to dam Rocky Creek, home to cutthroat trout, deer, elk, bear and other wildlife. As mayor, I will fight against this misguided movement and insist that Depoe Bay remain autonomous from any entanglements that would force our city to give up its water rights or destroy this valuable watershed.

- Jerome Grant, candidate for mayor





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EYESORES TROUBLE TOWN!

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-Jerome Grant,

of Depoe Bay

candidate for mayor

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DEPOE BAY – "Livability" is fraying across America in cities rocked by riots, homelessness and poverty, and beautiful Depoe Bay is no exception. Only city leaders can draw the line on the kinds of everyday disorder that make residents miserable, stated a candidate in the 2020 mayoral election.

"We've had many recent reports of garbage, vandalism, people camping in the parks and flouting ordinances designed to keep our town safe and attractive," said Jerome Grant, who believes in fair but firm enforcement of town codes. "I don't

think we're on top of these problems like we should be."

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For example, one law prohibits the presence of garbage or dangerous, dilapidated structures, such as those defined by Depoe Bay Ordinance 164. Grant once voted to fine the owner of a trash-infested commercial building \$500 per day if the mess wasn't

cleaned up immediately!

"Residents suffer when good neighbors go bad," quipped Grant, who wants to explore the idea of a Municipal Court to process infractions — with fines going to the city's general fund. "We've made progress in the last six years, cleaning carbuncle

properties all over town. But we have to be extra vigilant: 60 percent the city budget (from overnight room taxes) is based on our reputation as a tidy tourist town."

Enforcing those laws isn't as easy as some bureaucrat snapping his or her fingers. An oddity in the ordinance pro-

hibits enforcement unless there is a written complaint from a citizen or an order from the city council.

That's like a green light to 'Keep Depoe Bay Beautiful' for Jerome Grant, a leader who has proven he will fight for residents and puts their well-being first.

"I will draw the line on urban decay by making sure our laws are enforced," promised the mayoral candidate who believes the city should be compassionate but consistent in every case.

"As mayor, I will enforce codes that make Depoe Bay a wonderful place to live."

Grant fought to keep recycling!

DEPOE BAY – Mayoral candidate Jerome Grant isn't afraid to oppose "group-think" city council decisions that aren't good for the town and its residents. In fact, his current fight to repair the city's battered finances with transparency and oversight is just the latest example of his dedication to the citizenry.

While a freshman city councilor, Jerome challenged a provocative decision by the mayor and fellow councilors to remove a popular glass recycling bin from the harbor parking lot, calling it an "important resource" for residents.

The city council ordered the closure and removal of the popular bin, anyway, after a heated debate where Grant led the opposition. One councilor scrunched her nose and complained of all the "whiskey flasks and wine bottles" in the 1,000-lb. bin, warning its mere presence was an offense to delicate sensibilities at the nearby city park.

"If I had children and saw that I'd turn around and leave, and never come back," she fumed.

As a businessman and public servant, however, Grant was opposed to reducing ANY services to the city's residents, a philosophy he maintains to this day. His questioning revealed that city officials failed to call the garbage company to replace the bin in a "Too many decisions at City Hall are based on hunches, rumors and personal opinions. As mayor, I will encourage full and open discussion and always put the interests of our residents first and foremost."

-Jerome Grant, candidate for mayor

timely manner, leading to reported overflows.

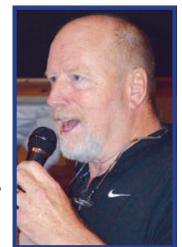
"So let me get this right," argued Grant, who believes city leaders should make decisions based on facts — not personal agendas. "We're taking a popular glass recycling facility, given to the city for free, and getting rid of it until further notice?"

Jerome Grant's revelation that the city may have shouldered the blame didn't stop the council from voting 3-2 to remove the bin and notifying residents to take their recycling to Lincoln City or Newport. But a huge public outcry over its closure caused the city to quickly bring it back, vindicating Grant and

exposing the need for better leadership at City Hall.

Bad decisions got Depoe Bay into its current financial crisis, asserts Grant, so it should come as no surprise that misguided policies are part of a bigger pattern of leadership failures.

"Too many decisions at City Hall are based on hunches, rumors and personal



opinions," contends Grant, promising to run Depoe Bay like his own smooth-running businesses that put a premium on service and customer satisfaction. "As mayor, I will encourage full and open discussion and always put the interests of our residents first and

"VOTE LIKE YOU'RE GONNA' FIX IT"

There's a lot of work at Depoe Bay City Hall for the next mayor: fixing the city's broken budget, making sure our water and sewer systems can handle current and future needs and safeguarding and enhancing the revenue streams that pay for it all. Your vote for Jerome Grant is a vote to fix Depoe Bay!







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Shocking headlines tell the story!

"City hall jarred by financial disarray"

- News-Times, March 3, 2019

"Depoe Bay facing budget crisis without precedent"

"It would be difficult to name a more Utopian spot on the Oregon coast than Depoe Bay, a picturesque seafaring town with 1,600 largely blissful residents who are about to be flattened by a "It is the contract of the contra

"It is hard to square the notion of a city with posh developments at both entrances turned into a smoking crater of insolvency. But municipal failure looms sure as Lincoln Savings and Loan. In that notorious 1989 bankruptcy, elderly depositors of Depoe Bay whose median age, 55, far exceeds the Oregon average of 39."

– Lincoln City Homepage, May 28, 2020

Who you gonna' call?



Jerome Grant is an astute and successful businessman who knows how to fix the financial crisis at Depoe Bay City Hall.

Glaring mismanagement of city hall over the last two administrations has culminated in the embarrassing collapse of our city's finances. Depoe Bay has faced state and federal fines, the loss of revenue-sharing funds (from marijuana, alcohol and gas taxes) and the suspension of its four-star Moody's rating — thus making it difficult to borrow money for needed repairs to the aging sewer system.

It will take more than Ghostbusters to fix this mess. It will take an experienced and energetic leader who knows how to run a business: Jerome Grant!



BIG ISSUES LOOM

Grant is the leader ready to face them!



WILDFIRE: The threat isn't over! Jerome Grant will work with state government and local fire officials for better wildfire protections and increase Depoe Bay's readiness for any emergency!



CHERISHED EVENTS: It's time to emerge from pandemic paranoia and begin planning the return of Depoe Bay's world-famous events, such as the Salmon Bake and Fleet of Flowers!



THE HARBOR: As a businessman and former commercial fisherman, Jerome Grant is uniquely fit to meet the financial and infrastructure challenges of our harbor, truly the heart of Depoe Bay.



WATER: Jerome believes Depoe Bay must protect its pure drinking water supplies from self-serving, outside interests and insure our reservoir and delivery systems are in working order.



INFRASTRUCTURE: A sound business plan is the only way we can meet the mounting pressures on our aging streets, water and sewer facilities. Jerome will restore our city's troubled finances.



PARKS: It's time to expand Depoe Bay's well-used parks system, but it will take leadership and financial savvy to make it happen. Jerome Grant is ready to spearhead that effort!

Join me in voting NO on Msr. 110



Not only are we in the middle of an addiction epidemic where 1-3 people die of overdose every day, Oregon ranks almost last in the nation for availability of real treatment - sobering centers, detox, residential and outpatient care for parents, youth and adults. Measure 110 takes \$180 million from schools, drug education and prevention, mental health, successful recovery programs etc., to spend it on assessment and referral centers which Oregon does not need. We have enough of those already! Join me in voting — Jerome Grant, candidate for mayor of Depoe Bay

WHAT IS MEASURE 1107

Information for Parents & Families

- Measure 110 (also known as IP 44) will decriminate the possession of less than 1 gram of heroire, 2 grams of cocaine, 2 grams of methamphetamine, 12 grams of psilocybin (mushrooms), 5 year units of MOMA (ecstasy), and 40 user units of LSD, Oxycodone, and/or Methadone in Oregon.
- *110* will decominalize the above drug amounts for all children, teens, and adults in Oregon
- "110" will reduce unlawful passession of the above user amounts of drugs from a misdemeanor
 urine to a "Class E violation", with a maximum penalty of a \$100 fine or a health assessment.
- *110* removes the judicial system's legal authority to court order children, teens, and adults into addition treatment and recovery support services because a "Class E Violation" is not a crime.
- **110" will reduce or eliminate access to drug intervention programs in Oregon, including Drug Court,
 Diversion, LEAD program (for adults), STAR program (for juveniles), and other treatment services
 directed by the Court for both juveniles and adults

Did He REALLY Say That?!

Jerome Grant has been a faithful and forthright Depoe Bay public servant for over 10 years, serving on the Near Shore Action Team, Harbor Commission (as chair) and City Council. An advocate of transparency and open discussion, the record shows he is unafraid to salt the debates with frank and often pithy observations.

"There's been too much effort to keep things quiet and not divulge some of the things going on with city finances. It should all be above board."

 Depoe Bay City Councilman Jerome Grant, an outspoken advocate for transparency at City Hall, made his comments at a June, 2020 city council meeting where the city council debated an independent committee to study the city's distressed finances.

"There aren't any whales off Lincoln City. This is highseas robbery. We're the whale capital of Oregon, not them."

 Councilman Jerome Grant, speaking out against a 2017 plan to "brand" Lincoln City with a whale's tail that looked remarkably like Depoe Bay's famous logo. The nearby town eventually settled on an octopus, instead.

"Ten dollars for this port would be reasonable. It doesn't even pay for the tons of fish carcasses the city has to haul away. I've seen these guys, and they laugh at what they have to pay to launch here."

– In Aug., 2017, Councilman Jerome Grant said the city should raise its miniscule \$2 launch fees at the public boat ramp as a way to help staunch a \$400,000 loss in the harbor budget. Grant argued for \$10, the same as many other ports. The fee was raised to \$3.

"It doesn't have to be a financial conflict of interest. There are many things that could be unethical and have nothing to do with the law. I can't support this."

– As an alert city councilor in Jan. 2018, Jerome Grant argued against appointing the City Recorder (later fired) to the planning commission, warning against possible conflicts as "de facto city manager" and member of "arguably the most powerful committee in town." The application was rejected.



"There wasn't one member from the community. When I tried to address certain issues, I had a group of people against me and a sitting city council member who threatened to call the county sheriff and prefer charges for bringing them up. You'd have to suspend common sense to believe some of the things that happened there."

 In 2018, Councilman Jerome Grant continued his call to reform the harbor commission. A former chairman of the harbor board, Grant claimed the group was lopsided with charter operators who fought among each other and opposed ideas to close the port's operating deficit.

"Just because one sheep jumps off the cliff doesn't mean the rest should follow."

– Speaking out at a March, 2020, city council meeting, Councilman Jerome Grant said the mayor was wrong to make "on-the-spot decisions without advice and consent of the council." The countywide Covid compact to close all lodgings, RV sites and parks neglected to address the effects on the low-income population, Grant said. "That's definitely a disaster!"

"City business doesn't stop because we've declared a holiday."

 After waiting too long to fire an incapable and difficult city manager, in Jan., 2018 the Depoe Bay City Council offered vacation time to the city staff because of the "tremendous strain." The 6-1 vote, with Councilman Jerome Grant objecting.

"The only metric for success is the number of returning fish."

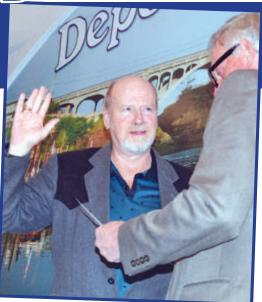
Councilman Jerome Grant, setting the bar for the Depoe Bay
 Salmon Enhancement Commission in Jan., 2019.

"Maybe we should be like a reed that bends with the wind and come up with an idea that can at least influence a council decision for the best possible outcome for the harbor, instead of one that nobody likes."

 Harbor Commissioner Jerome Grant, in public office for the first time in Depoe Bay, encouraging obstinate committee colleagues to be more flexible.

"I'm for keeping the name that's been there for umpteen years. I'm for keeping things simple."

 In June, 2017, Councilman Jerome Grant objected to a developer renaming a pioneer Depoe Bay street. Lillian Lane kept its name.



"I swear!"

As your mayor, I will put our city's financial house in order and continue to put Depoe Bay residents first. Your support for me is a vote for sound, hand-on leadership — just what our town needs!

— Jerome Grant, Oct. 2020

JEROME GRANT FOR MAYOR of DEPOE BAY

Nov. 3, 2020

"I'm really concerned. They're working on a whole new set of roadblocks and regulations to control businesses, when there's very little enforcement of the laws we have, now."

 In 2019, Councilman Jerome Grant opposed a ban on wall art and murals – part of the new sign code pushed by the Depoe Bay Planning Commission.