



# CITY OF MANZANITA

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# VOTERS GUIDE



## General Information

This is the 2022 City of Manzanita Election Candidate Statement Guide. Here you will find valuable information about the candidates for office in Manzanita who will appear on your ballot.

The information presented here is available online at: [ci.manzanita.or.us/2022-candidates](https://ci.manzanita.or.us/2022-candidates)

## Candidates

Candidates for Mayor and City Council in Manzanita have been invited to submit information about themselves for publication by the city since no such information about local elections is included in the Voters' Pamphlet distributed by Tillamook County.

Candidate statements are printed as submitted. The City does not correct punctuation, grammar, syntax errors or inaccurate information. The City may, but is not required, to correct spelling errors if the word as originally submitted is in the dictionary.

## Registering to Vote

You may register to vote online at: [oregonvotes.gov](https://oregonvotes.gov) or you can get a voter registration card from: [Tillamook County Elections Division clerk@co.tillamook.or.us](mailto:clerk@co.tillamook.or.us) (503) 842-3402).

Your voter registration card must be postmarked no later than 21 days before the election at which you intend to vote. In order to register to vote in Oregon, you must be at least 16 years old, a resident of Oregon and a citizen of the United States. If you are 16 years old, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.

For the November 8, 2022 General Election, your completed voter registration card must be either:

- Postmarked by Tuesday, October 18, 2022.
- Delivered to a county elections office by Tuesday, October 18, 2022.
- Delivered to any voter registration agency (e.g. DMV) by Tuesday, October 18, 2022.

If you register to vote online (with a valid Oregon Drivers' License or State issued ID card), your registration must be submitted by 11:59pm on Tuesday, October 18, 2022. To check on the status of your voter registration or ballot and to find out more about how and where to vote, go to [oregonvotes.gov](https://oregonvotes.gov)

## Voter Information

In Oregon, elections are all vote-by-mail. Registered voters are mailed a ballot approximately two weeks before an election. To vote, follow the instructions on the official ballot. Your return identification envelope must include your signature. Return your ballot by mail to any official ballot drop site location or by mail to:

Tillamook County Elections  
C/O Tillamook County Clerk  
201 Laurel Avenue  
Tillamook, OR 97141

Ballots must be received at an official drop site location by 8:00pm on Election Day, November 8, 2022.

The drop site location in Manzanita is at the bus stop on 4th Place, across from the old firehouse & current Police Station.

## Resources

Oregon Secretary of State's Office:  
[www.oregonvotes.gov](https://www.oregonvotes.gov)  
1-866-ORE-VOTE (1-866-673- 8683)

## Tillamook County Elections

For information about your ballot and local voting processes, contact Tillamook County Elections at: 503.842.3402  
or visit their website at:  
[co.tillamook.or.us/clerk/page/elections-division](https://co.tillamook.or.us/clerk/page/elections-division)

Public office hours at Tillamook County are Monday through Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm.



# City Of Manzanita Election

## November 8, 2022

Candidate for Mayor

## Deb Simmons

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### Candidate Statement

When addressing the city's most urgent needs and goals, let me give a visual -- three circles inter-connected like a Venn Diagram.

The first circle is the budget (revenues and expenses) formatted simply so everyone can understand it. This budget should be clear in what we do have, what we should have and what we would like to have in the future.

The second circle identifies the short-term-rentals and the heavy influx of day tourists -- their impact, expense and revenue opportunities which must be addressed.

The third circle is our vision. Where does this lovely, coastal town want to be with all of its pieces... in 5, 10, and 20 years?

Manzanita citizens need to move in a clear direction together — setting goals that can be followed in our near and long-term future. Using our assets in a constructive and positive manner while protecting our environment - natural and built - is the key to executing those goals.



### Educational Background

BS from Oregon State University  
MAT from Lewis & Clark College

### Prior governmental Experience

None

## Candidate for City Council **Linda Kozlowski**

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### Candidate Statement

I love Manzanita. My commitment to Manzanita began in 1999 as we settled into our new hometown. I met wonderful people, joined organizations that flourish here, and was happy to become involved in local activities. Being passionate about the environment, our community's resilience, and the representative nature of our city government, it was only natural to me to give back through civic service, and I first ran for City Council in 2006. The years have brought lots of change. People remain passionate about Manzanita. Our community cares both about preserving the past and shaping a solid future.

If re-elected, I will have three priorities:

- Managing community growth effectively, with guidance from our Comprehensive Plan. Updating this plan is one of our biggest projects in the next few years.
- Making thoughtful, systemic changes to the budget. This means looking for new funding strategies to help reduce dependence on Short Term Rental revenue.
- Keeping a high quality of life in Manzanita.

We must continue to manage short term rentals, address the need for workforce housing, and create a safe, effective workspace for our city staff.

I am ready to take on whatever hard work will make these issues come to life. I'm all in.



### Educational Background

BA degree in Chemistry, University of Colorado

### Family

Husband: Bill Supak

Son: Matthew Kozlowski

### Prior governmental Experience

Manzanita City Council, Council President  
Emergency Volunteer Corp of Nehalem Bay  
Department of Geology and Mineral Industries,  
Vice Chair Governing Board  
Tillamook County Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Chair



## Candidate for City Council

# Mark Kuestner

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### Candidate Statement

This is a pivotal point in time for Manzanita. We need to come together and focus to:

- Revise Manzanita's Comprehensive Plan to meet community needs.
- Implement recommendations to minimize short-term rental impacts on residential neighborhoods.
- Identify alternative revenue sources to reduce the City's dependency on visitors to fund basic city services

Since moving to Manzanita seven years ago, I've been studying how our City functions. I've witnessed our democracy in action by attending and participating in City Council, Short Term Rental, Budget and Planning meetings and several Listening workshops.

I grew up on a small Ohio farm raised by parents who instilled us with core values of duty to our overall society. Our family valued thoughtful and spirited discussions of ideals, morality, pragmatism and how to move disagreement into positive resolution.

I am passionate about our opportunity to act together now to shape Manzanita's future while solving our immediate issues. Together we can work to create a framework to make certain that our town remains the wonderful place it is, while paying our bills well into the future.

I hope to earn the privilege of your vote. I'm ready to work for you on Manzanita's City Council.



### Educational Background

Oberlin College, BA in History  
Kent State University, Library Science

### Family

Spouse: Linda Kuestner

### Prior governmental Experience

None

Candidate for City Council  
**Brad Mayerle**

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**Candidate Statement**

Manzanita needs leadership. We need vision to thoughtfully manage the growth we are experiencing. The first order of business is to get our house in order. That means updating the documents, which have been sitting idle for decades, to help us guide this growth.

I bring a unique skill set to the council. As a small business owner, I had to address financial, regulatory, and staffing challenges. As a medical provider, I used a medical model of decision-making that includes listening, diagnosing, providing treatment options, consensus on treatment, and ultimately executing the plan. Often, a compromise was required, sometimes additional education, to ensure the best possible outcome.

Leaders set the tone for our community by encouraging resident involvement and ensuring the city's processes are transparent and communicated clearly. Throughout the campaign, I've set the bar high and will continue to do so.

We have real challenges ahead, including updating the comprehensive plan and the zoning ordinances to reflect the plan, diversifying city revenue, making capital improvements (city hall, infrastructure), managing short-term rentals, and ensuring trail accessibility. We cannot continue business as usual; change is inevitable. Fresh eyes, hard work, respect, listening and compromise can lead the way.



**Educational Background**

Lewis & Clark College, B.A. Degree, Political Science  
Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU)  
School of Dentistry, Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.)

**Prior governmental experience**

None





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