

**Citizen Groups weigh in on Nov. 4 ballot**

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Hood River County voters are being asked to mark their Nov. 4 general election ballots on either one or two key land-use issues.

Citizen groups on both sides of the issues have launched campaigns to influence the choices made by constituents.

To help voters gain a better understanding of the two ballot measures, the News has asked both proponents and opponents to present their viewpoints. In this edition the Citizens for Responsible Waterfront Development (CRWD) and Results Through Representative Government (RTRG) both address questions related to the waterfront park issue (Measure 14-16) in their own words.

On Saturday, the RTRG will face off with the Let the People Decide political action committee on the forest zone issue (Measure 14-15.)

About 10,500 registered voters throughout the county will decide whether the local process should be changed regarding development within a forest zone. In addition, the 2,900 voters living within the city limits of Hood River are being provided with the opportunity to weigh in whether almost the entire waterfront should be preserved as a public park.

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The mail ballots were sent out last Friday and must be returned to the county Records and Assessment Department by 8 p.m. on Nov. 4, postmarks do not count. The elections office is no longer located in the county courthouse but is sited on the third floor of the Dean Building at 6th and State Streets. For added convenience, ballots may also be placed in a drop box in front on the building on State Street or at Cascade Locks City Hall.