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Local Mayor Announces County Commission Candidacy

SISTERS, OR - March 10, 2026 - Jennifer Letz, Mayor of Sisters and member of the Sisters City Council since 2021, has announced her candidacy for seat 5 in the Deschutes County Commission race. A graduate of Bend High School, Letz has deep roots in Central Oregon and wide-ranging professional experience. She says she's committed to representing the needs and perspectives of everyone in the county.

"Deschutes County voters passed the ballot measure that ensures the Deschutes County Commission positions are non-partisan, and I truly believe I am a candidate who fits that mandate," says Letz. "Voters don't want partisan decision-making to affect their lives. My experience as an open-minded problem-solver who has a track record of managing multiple stakeholders and diverse needs uniquely qualifies me for this role."

As a small business owner and council member, Letz has developed relationships with non-profit organizations, government agencies, regional and national elected officials, and businesses. "I've collaborated with citizens and community leaders on a number of complex issues during my time on the council. We've improved access to health care and daycare, supported the creation of a wider variety of housing options, and ensured a more wildfire resilient future - challenges that face all communities and residents in Deschutes County." She continues, "I'm very proud to point to these successes as examples of my commitment to finding common ground and creative solutions."

Her background includes work as a wildland firefighter, backcountry park ranger, and sustainability specialist. Letz is also the parent of a middle schooler, and says she's invested in supporting safe and livable communities for families. "I will bring my experience in planning and technical land use decisions to create informed and realistic solutions to real problems affecting the residents of Deschutes County," she says.

The primary election is May 19th. Winners of the primary will move on to the general election in November. You can learn more about Jennifer Letz at her website www.LetzforDeschutes.com.