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Clatsop County's "Trusted Elections" Campaign Continues with Mail-In Ballot Security

(Astoria, OR) — As part of Clatsop County's ongoing **Trusted Elections** campaign, we continue to highlight key measures that ensure election integrity.

Trusted Elections Fact #2: Secure Mail-In Ballot Envelopes

Protecting voter privacy and ensuring secure ballot handling is a top priority. Here are the steps we've put in place to ensure your mail-in ballots are secure.

Privacy weave - Clatsop County has improved the security of return ballot envelopes by adding a privacy weave that protects the confidentiality of your completed ballot.

Envelope Holes – The return ballot envelope may contain up to three holes – one in the center and two in the lower corner. The hole in the center allows elections workers to easily make sure the ballot has been removed from the envelope. The two corner "tactile" holes are placed on either side of the signature line to help sight-impaired voters sign their return envelope in the correct place.

These updates help ensure both the security and accessibility of our mail-in voting process.

See the Oregon Secretary of State's voter website for more information.

Information on the November 5 General Election, including voting deadlines, ballot box locations and more, is available on the <u>Clatsop County website</u>.

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