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Clatsop County's "Trusted Elections" Campaign Showcases Secure Ballot Counting Process

(Astoria, OR) — As the final part of the **Trusted Elections** campaign, Clatsop County is committed to ensuring transparency and accuracy throughout the election process. One of the critical steps is how ballots are securely counted.

Trusted Elections Fact #4: Safe and Accurate Ballot Counting

When it's time to count ballots, teams made up of two election workers open the ballots and prepare them for machine counting.

Each member of every two-person team must be registered to a different political party – that means no team will consist of only Republicans, Democrats or Independents.

"This is a key part of our commitment to ensuring a fair, accurate, and transparent election process," said Tracie Krevanko, Clatsop County Clerk.

Ballot opening and scanning for the November 5 General Election can begin seven days before election day and will continue until all eligible ballots have been counted.

Clatsop County offers live video-streaming ballot processing and scanning. See the <u>Clatsop County website</u> for more information.

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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