OUR GOAL

is to support the rights of voters with disabilities by providing alternative methods of voting that ensures privacy, independence and the right to vote a secret ballot.

Questions?

If you have any questions regarding elections or you would like to schedule an appointment with the VOTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM team, please contact the Elections office at 503-846-5800.

Oregon Voter Bill of Rights

You have the right to vote if you are a US citizen, live in Oregon, are 18 years old, and have registered.

You have the right to know if you are registered to vote.

You have the right to choose whether or not you want to register as a member of a political party.

You have the right to use a signature stamp or other mark but first you have to fill out a form. No one can sign for you.

You have the right to vote if you are homeless.

You have the right to vote if you have been convicted of a felony but have been released from custody, even if you are on probation or parole.

You have the right to vote even if you have a guardian and even if you need help reading or filling out your ballot.

You have the right to ask for help from elections staff or from a friend or family member. There are some people who cannot help you vote, for example, your boss or a union officer from your job.

You have the right to a secret vote. You do not have to tell anyone how you voted.

You have the right to get a "provisional ballot", even if you are told you are not registered to vote.

You have the right to know if your ballot, including a "provisional ballot", was accepted for counting.

You have the right to get a new ballot if you make a mistake.

You have the right to vote for the person you want. You can write in someone else's name if you don't like the choices on your ballot.

You have the right to vote "yes" or "no" on any issue on your ballot.

You have the right to leave some choices blank on your ballot. The choices you do mark will still count.

You have the right to vote or cast your ballot if you are in line by 6 PM on Election Day.

You have the right to use a voting system for all Federal Elections that makes it equally possible for people with disabilities to vote privately and independently.

You have the right to file a complaint if you think your voting rights have been denied.

Call toll free - 1-866-673-6883 to get more information about these and other voting rights.

(Oregon Constitution, Sections 2 and 3; ORS Chapters 137, 246, 247, and 254; Vote By Mail Manual; Help America Vote Act of 2002; OAR 165-001-0090 and 165-007-0030)
OUR MISSION

is to educate Washington County voters with disabilities about the services and assistance that are available from the Washington County Elections Office.

THE VOTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (VAP)

Specially trained staff members travel throughout Washington County informing and educating voters with disabilities and those needing assistance to vote.

Topics include:
- Voter registration
- Large print materials
- Alternative Ballots
- Attestation Signatures
- Voting technology

We provide follow-up with voter support and information on the latest changes affecting voters who may need assistance.

"Make freedom count – VOTE!"

VOTER ASSISTANCE TEAMS (VAT)

These teams are made up of two registered voters that do not have the same political affiliation. They assist voters requesting help with the voting process.

Voter Assistance Teams assist voters with a person-to-person approach or by using the Alternate Format Ballot and the Accessible Computer Station.

Informing, Educating, and Empowering voters to ensure that all voters can vote privately and independently.