

Measures not the same in Jackson, Josephine counties

I would like to offer a correction and clarification to an issue addressed in a letter to the editor. The writer, an opponent of the Jackson County for All measures, stated that with the current system, “We get to vote for three commissioners not just two. Each commissioner represents all of Jackson County.”

This incorrectly describes the change that Jackson County for All measures would make. None of these measures establish districts, which would be the only way that voters would not be allowed to vote for all the commissioners.

Jackson County would be left as an “at-large” community, where residents vote for all commissioners.

It is possible that the writer conflated the Josephine County measure with that of Jackson County. Indeed, the Josephine measure allows for some district seats. The Jackson County measures do not.

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