

## **Powers City Councilor Candidate**

### **Debbie North:**

1. *What in your background, education, and experience makes you a good candidate for office, and what do you consider important skills and qualities for a mayor or city councilor to possess?*

First of all I am currently a City Councilor for the City of Powers. I have lived in Powers for over 30 years. During that time I have served on numerous committees including; secretary and then VP of the city budget committee, secretary of the planning commission, Youth activities director, Secretary/Treasurer of the Powers Senior Center, President of the Powers Chamber of Commerce, VP Master Gardeners in Myrtle Point, and VP Master Food Preservers in Myrtle Point.

I have a Masters Degree in Behavioral Sciences with 10 years of experience as an instructor at two community colleges, SOCC in Coos Bay and WCCCD in Detroit, Michigan.

The most important skill for a city councilor is an open mind. Second is the willingness to learn. I believe that it is important to understand how to conduct a meeting, and to be as transparent as possible when handling city business.

2. *What do you see as top priorities and challenges for the city that you hope to address?*

We have made large strides in the past couple of years in updating our infrastructure, but we still have a long way to go. I would like to help us achieve our goals and to become more environmentally aware and economically solvent.

3. *What steps if any can the city take to be resilient in the face of climate changes?*

We need to prepare for the changes that are coming. Water conservation is important. We are located at the northern foothills of the Siskiyou National Forest. We need to train our firefighters and emergency personnel to be prepared for the possibilities that lie ahead. An emergency evacuation plan is needed. We should have a plan to help protect our city from an encroaching fire or other disaster.