



Dear BHRW members,

Attached please find a press release from the WashCoGOP. Great job by Kevin Hoar to get the word out about the trio of Democrats with no experience trying to take over the THPRD Board and siphon money from the park and rec to subsidize low income housing.

Spread the word!



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**BREAKING NEWS:**

**Radical Parks & Rec Candidates Plan To Divert \$\$\$ From Kids & Parks To Homelessness**

Washington County Republicans Are Alerting Voters, Urging Support For John Griffiths

**Hillsboro, OR**– Today, three radical candidates - Heidi Edwards, Ashley Hartmeier-Prigg, and Tya Ping - for the board of the Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District (THPRD) that are promising to divert taxpayer funds from kids and parks to subsidize low-income housing instead, are being called out by the Washington County Republican Party for trying to pull a fast one on district voters.

"Everyone is concerned about addressing homelessness, but the voters of the Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District didn't vote for tax levies to support youth recreation and public parks only to have these funds siphoned off for other public projects," says Kevin Hoar, Communications Chair for the Washington County Republicans.

Three candidates for THPRD - Heidi Edwards, Ashley Hartmeier-Prigg, and Tya Ping - promised in a candidate forum on April 27th to waive these System Development Charges (SDCs) for low-income housing projects. The relevant forum [video can be viewed here](https://www.facebook.com/THPRD/videos/407113543460709/), starting at 8:45 mark for about 10 minutes (<https://www.facebook.com/THPRD/videos/407113543460709/>). These candidates know that, if the SDCs are waived, then the State of Oregon requires that the money gets backfilled by the organization that allowed the waiver, in this case, THPRD. Therefore, the funds would have to be diverted from the Annual Operating Budget, which is funded by property taxes (taxpayers) and by program fees (people using the THPRD services). This would directly reduce the amount of money available for trails, parks, sports facilities, and programs.

"There are so many ways THPRD helps low-income residents, but they do so by building parks and giving financial support for kids using their programs," says Hoar. "The idea of taking money away from parks and kids that THPRD exists for - is so wrong. We have to ask if these candidates are proposing this because they want to bolster their political resumes to run for other positions."

"Don't let these three radical candidates betray voters. Don't vote for them. Do remember to turn in your ballot by next Tuesday, May 21st at 8pm for JOHN GRIFFITHS for THPRD."

For more information about John Griffiths for THPRD, visit <https://johngriffithsthprd.com/>

To get more info about Republicans running for local office in Washington County, go here

<https://www.washco.gop/all-candidates>

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