

My idea for the budget is to support the community getting stronger and to do that we need the means and legislation that supports the community on a local level. Unfortunately, the federal government failed our communities to both stay safe and stay prospered and even deliver disaster relief in a timely fashion. Everyone is testifying for aid in some way to have a budget around amazing ideas for the communities in Washington county. My ideas are around dispersal of funds for everything that everyone is championing including housing for all, jobs loss especially with automation on the rise, the continued pandemic and other disaster relief, and LOCAL businesses. A co-op model and more public sector policy makers would be a amazing but the following are reasons for a start of a Municipal bank for all of Oregon but could begin in Washington county :

1. Stretches our tax dollars during disasters by preserving the tax base
  2. Is not private so it's not for profit off of the community
  3. Has a charter set by a city or in this case a county that can set up a more inclusive lending practice for BIPOC and low income folks to actually invest in the community and have housing
  4. As part of lowering our carbon foot in principle, keeping our money local is a crucial tool to doing so.
  5. So we don't have to rely on out of state contractors
  6. So our tax dollars do not get taxed from an out of state entity
  7. We are less controlled by Wall Street monies ie "My home and my community is not your asset" It is where I LIVE and deserve to thrive
  8. Competition actually happens because we get more people into the pool of local business
  9. It fosters the community supporting the community so we are actually serving each other
  10. That we do get fast and speedy relief. Private banks did not know how to disperse pandemic money properly on day one. They FAILED the COUNTRY
  11. Municipal banks foster being proud and taking pride in what the community is doing because you are part of the building blocks
- This link here although it's for the city of Boston explains the concept best and I hope it gets a look as we dive into how to get everything everyone is asking for :

<https://masspublicbanking.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Small-Business-fact-sheet-3-8-final.pdf>

It is my true hope that I can have the means to invest in my community and that my community has ways of investing in me. The co-op model fostering, more public sector jobs, and a municipal bank to disperse funds for all our needs. The alarm is raised on the need for public funding and the lessening private funding that failed communities around the country for all things local.

Thank you for what I hope will be a correction on the magnification of flaws from the pandemic, job loss, housing crisis, and wildfires.