

Hello and Welcome to Clatsop County. My name is Charlene Larsen, and I am a long- time resident of Clatsop County.

My interests as a volunteer are:

Arts and Culture, Music Performance, Outreach to the Underserved and Disaster Response and Climate Resilience.

As I view the task before the Oregon Legislature and the Joint Ways and Means Committee Agenda, I find myself drawn to the “Belonging Agenda.”

Food for All Oregonians SB 611

Farm Workers Disaster Relief 3193

Wildfire Recovery and Resilience Bills that address recovery from past Wildfires and more of the Resilience Bills that plan for the future.

My outreach to areas of the State of Oregon that have been impacted by Disasters goes back to 2007 and our “Great Coastal Gale in Clatsop County” We were tasked with shepherding survivors through the process of a County, State and FEMA declared disaster and it took three years to help survivors become, Safe, Sanitary and Secure.

The same story can be told of survivors of the February 2020 flooding in Umatilla County, the Labor Day Wildfires in 2020, then the Wallowa Hailstorm and subsequent Wildfires each year in different regions of Oregon.

What ever focus the Joint Ways and Means Committee recommends in the way of bills to come out of this process I hope you can see your way to adopt a vision of the “Belonging Agenda.”

Thank you for your time.