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## Commissioner Paul Savas officially files for Clackamas County Chair

OREGON CITY -- Clackamas County Commissioner Paul Savas has officially filed for the County Chair position in the 2012 General Election.

Savas has served as a commissioner for the past year and is concerned the agenda set by the current Chair isn't in the best interest of Clackamas County residents.

"This election marks an opportunity to bring Clackamas County back into focus with the realities of our economic situation," Savas said after his filing. "Instead of deficit spending and trying to ramrod new fees, the county needs to do what many families continue to face during these tough times- focus our dollars on things that are essential. If elected Chair I will set an agenda for the county which focuses on promoting economic policies that spur business growth and job creation, decreasing unsustainable spending, and making cuts to an ever-growing budget."

Commissioner Savas is currently the only commissioner who resides in urban unincorporated Clackamas County. In 1985, Paul and his wife Suzanne moved to Oak Grove after deciding to relocate his automotive parts business, Savas Tuning Systems Inc, and quickly fell in love with the area. As a 26 year resident of Clackamas County, Savas has raised two children, run a business and been involved with several commissions and committees relating to water, wastewater, planning and infrastructure.

After one year as County Commissioner, Paul has made great strides in demonstrating the need for balanced funding for use inside and outside urban areas. Paul has worked diligently, often on the losing side of 4-to-1 votes, in his efforts to rein in deficit spending and reduce the quickly growing cost of debt service.

"Paul Savas has the small business experience and straight forward approach to lead this county in a new direction," said Jon Egge, owner of MP Plumbing. "Paul cares more about bringing jobs and economic growth to our county than partisan politics, making him an excellent choice for county chair"

Paul Savas has already secured endorsements from several state legislators, local city mayors, local city councilors and most recently the Home Builder's Association.

Savas has an outstanding record of listening to residents and acting on the issues that are most pressing. He wants to take his nearly 30 years of business experience, 11 years of public service and a down-to-earth dedication to Clackamas County to the position of chair.

"In order to turn this county around and start reducing it's 8,000 person job deficit, we need to have someone take a strong role in bridging the deep-rooted political and ideological divide here." Savas said

If elected County Chair Savas will focus on:

- Rebuilding the trust and integrity with the citizens and business community.
- Promoting economic policies that spur business growth and create family wage jobs.
- Promoting more transparency and accountability in county government.
- Preserving our quality of life and keeping our citizens safe.

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