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To the Morrow County Commissioners,

I am Gus Peterson and I am writing this letter to express my interest in the position of Morrow County Commissioner 1.

My interest in the position could perhaps be summed up by the reality that I am writing this letter, but I think that I can do better than that. I have a passion for leadership and for my community. I have a deeply held belief that we can make the world a better place, and the best way to do this is to focus where we live. Morrow County has an abundance of potential, and I do not wish to see that abundance squandered. I love my home and Morrow County is my home.

My roots in Morrow County are about as deep as they come. I am the son of Joel Peterson and Lea Mathieu and a fifth generation farmer. I graduated from Lone Community School in 2014 before attending OSU where I received dual bachelors of science degrees in political science and agricultural science.

I came back home to farm with my father and in 2020 my wife Sami and I bought our own farm. I have coached basketball, moonlighted as a teacher, and am very involved in the Lone Community Church. All of these experiences inform the perspective that I will bring to the Board of Commissioners. As a farmer I can represent the great joys, triumphs and trials that come with agriculture. As someone who has been involved in a local school, I can represent the needs that our local schools face in a very difficult time. As an involved community member I can represent the all too real truth that our communities need community. We have spent a great deal of time and effort in bickering with one another, and not enough in honest engagement with other views. I wish to change this. I would not have us squander our opportunities by fighting with one another, but focus upon where we can agree and use that as leverage for inspiring real change.

These perspectives are what I bring to the table but **I consider how I them to the table to be equally important.** I see the Board of Commissioners as the governing body of Morrow County, not the individual commissioners. I will not promise things to the public that the commission has not decided on, I will not declare having authority over

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anything as an individual, and I expect the same of the other commissioners. This letter is not merely my case for myself, but a statement of governing principles that I will abide by. The Commissioners are a body that sets the table for good county governance; it is not their role to micromanage the jobs of others, but to ensure the success of those under their authority, and the county as a whole.

In my interactions with both of you I believe that you share a sense of honor in doing your job rightly, and here you have an opportunity to make a selection that fits with your own ideals.

If you both believe that I am a worthy choice I would be honored to lead and serve Morrow County alongside you on the Board of Commissioners.

I wish you the best as you make this decision.

Sincerely,

Gus Peterson

Candidate Filing
Major Political Party or Nonpartisan

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Filing Dates		Candidate Filing		Candidate Withdrawal
Primary Election May 17, 2022	First Day to File Last Day to File	September 9, 2021 March 8, 2022	March 11, 2022	
General Election November 8, 2022	First Day to File Last Day to File	June 1, 2022 August 30, 2022	September 2, 2022	

Filing Information

This filing is an Original Amendment

Office Information

Filing for Office of: *County Commissioner Position 1*

District, Position or County: *Morrow*

Party Affiliation: Democratic Party Republican Party Nonpartisan

Incumbent Judge (for judicial candidates only): Yes No Nondisclosure on file

Filing Method

Fee

Office	Filing Fee	Office	Filing Fee
United States President	n/a	District Attorney	\$50
United States Vice President	n/a	County Judge	\$50
United States Senator	\$150	MSD Executive Officer, MAD Director	\$100
United States Representative	\$100	MSD Councilor	\$25
Statewide Offices	\$100	County Office	\$50
State senator or Representative	\$25	City Office	Set by charter or ordinance
Circuit Court Judge	\$50	Justice of the Peace	n/a

Prospective Petition, in lieu of filing fee Some circulators may be paid Yes No

Candidate Information

Name of Candidate

First <i>August</i>	MI <i>H</i>	Last <i>Peterson</i>	Suffix
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How you would like your name to appear on the ballot

Gus Peterson

Candidate Residence / Route Address

Street Address <i>65528 Halvorsen lane</i>	City <i>Ione</i>	State <i>OR</i>	Zip <i>97843</i>	County <i>Morrow</i>
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Candidate Mailing Address and Contact Information Only one phone number and an email is required.

Street Address or PO Box <i>65528 Halvorsen lane</i>	City <i>Ione</i>	State <i>OR</i>	Zip <i>97843</i>
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Work Phone	Home Phone	Cell Phone <i>509 438 5745</i>	Fax
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Email Address <i>augusto farmer@gmail.com</i>	Web Site, if applicable
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Race and Ethnicity Optional

Occupation (present employment) If not employed, enter "Not Employed".

Farmer

Occupational Background (previous employment) If no relevant experience, None or NA must be entered.

NA

Educational Background (schools attended)

Complete name of School	Last Grade completed	Diploma/Degree/Certificate	Course of Study
Lone Community School	12 th	Diploma	General
Oregon State University		Bachelors of Science	Agricultural Science
Oregon State University		Bachelors of Science	Political Science

Educational Background (other) Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

Prior Governmental Experience (elected or appointed) If no relevant experience, None or NA must be entered.

NA

Campaign Finance Information Not applicable to candidates for federal office.

A candidate must file a Statement of Organization not later than three business days of first receiving a contribution or making an expenditure and no later than the deadline for filing a nominating petition, declaration of candidacy, or certificate of nomination, whichever occurs first, unless they meet the criteria for an exemption. To meet the criteria, the candidate must serve as their own treasurer, not have an existing candidate committee, and not expect to spend or receive more than \$750 during the entire calendar year (including in-kind contributions and personal funds).

If you have an existing candidate committee you must amend the statement of organization not later than 10 days after a change in information. This includes changes to the election you are active in and the office you are running for.

See the Campaign Finance Manual for the procedural and legal requirements of establishing and maintaining a candidate committee.

Candidate Attestation

By signing this document, I hereby state that:

- I will accept the nomination for the office indicated above;
- I will qualify for said office if elected;
- All information provided by me on this form is true to the best of my knowledge; **and**
- No circulators will be compensated based on the number of signatures obtained by the circulator on a prospective petition

For Major Political Party Candidates

- if not nominated, I will not accept the nomination or endorsement of any political party other than the one named
- I have been a member of said political party, subject to the exceptions stated in ORS 249.046, for at least 180 days before the deadline for filing a nominating petition or declaration of candidacy (ORS 249.031). Does not apply to candidates filing for the office of US President.

Warning
 Supplying false information on this form may result in conviction of a felony with a fine of up to \$125,000 and/or prison for up to 5 years. (ORS 260.715). A person may only file for one lucrative office or not more than one precinct committee person at the same election. Unless the person has withdrawn from the first filing, all filings are invalid. (ORS 249.013 and ORS 249.170)



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Date