

## **Randy Kugler**

I was born in May 1954 in Xenia, Ohio, and spent my childhood just outside of Dayton. I earned bachelor's degrees in both economics and anthropology from Wright State University in Dayton, before moving to Oregon in 1977. I then attended Portland State University, where I received a master's degree in applied economic planning, with a focus on urban/regional economics.

I spent 32 years of my career in Oregon municipal government, eight of them as city manager/recorder in Manzanita. My experience includes working as city planner, court clerk and building official, and my roots in Tillamook County go back to 1979.

In 2014, the year I retired, I was awarded the Herman Kehrli Award from the League of Oregon Cities for career accomplishment and achievement, for which I was honored and grateful. Throughout my career, I've focused on applying reason, questioning and accountability to local government. I think that dialogue and discussion is an indicator of a city's political health and well-being.

I was fortunate to have spent the bulk of my career working with some of the most accomplished city managers in Oregon in Corvallis, Albany and Lebanon. I will use this experience to ensure that Manzanita's citizens are getting effective delivery of requested services and maximum value for both their tax dollars and fees that they pay.

If elected as Manzanita city councilman, I would like to focus on fiscal accountability, create a friendly, open environment, and engage in creative problem-solving.

When my wife, Carlene, and I returned to Manzanita full-time in 2014, after an 18-year absence working in other Oregon cities, I was struck by the increased presence of commercial activity. I am not necessarily making a value judgment on this development, but I do support community discussion on this matter – specifically the role of the growth of short-term rentals as we look forward to the next 25 years.

## **Resume**

1996-2014 City Manager/Planning Official, City of Philomath, OR

1989-1996 City Manager/Recorder, City of Manzanita, OR

1987-1989 Administrative Assistant/Planning Director, City of Central Point, OR

1980-1987 Assistant City Recorder/Planning Director/Building Official, City of Tillamook, OR