



## A New Voice & Fresh Vision for Missoula County!

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Dear fellow Missoula County Attorney:

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**I'm writing to ask you to support Josh Slotnick to be our next Missoula County Commissioner.** I have known Josh for more than 30 years. I have served with him on several community boards and committees, I have worked beside him at the PEAS farm, I have coached his kids in youth sports, and I have purchased tomatoes from him at the Farmer's Market. I know how dedicated he is to our community. Josh has a history of working with diverse groups of people and getting things accomplished, and he has paired these traits with a strong work ethic to lead Garden City Harvest and the much-loved PEAS farm in the Rattlesnake Valley. **Through his highly-effective, shared leadership style, Josh has fostered the innovative partnerships that make the farm a huge success and a major source of civic pride.**

Josh is running for County Commissioner because he wants to infuse county government with values he believes in—an intense care for the specific nature of this place and the people who live here, and an understanding that the quality of life here is our economic and cultural engine. Josh believes government should reflect who we are. As he says, "We are in this life and place together. Local government should be a mechanism for us to work together, to tackle issues greater than any one of us, and to bring our community's opportunities to everyone."

Josh is a committed conservationist, and recently received the endorsement of the prestigious Montana Conservation Voters (MCV). *He was the only one in this race to receive the endorsement:* "Josh will be a champion for protection of farmland where it is most at risk, an issue our members have worked on locally since 2009," said Jon Haber, chair of MCV's Missoula Chapter. "When it comes to environmental protection, we think it's time for stronger leadership."

In 1996, Josh co-founded Garden City Harvest and the PEAS farm program at UM. These entities have grown considerably, and Josh's work with many partners has been well-recognized. He has received many awards including: *Co-recipient of The Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Award, 2004; Jeannette Rankin Peace Center's Peace Maker of the Year Award, 2006; the Don Aldrich Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Award, 2010; and the Alumni Impact Award from the US State Department, 2015.*

**I strongly endorse Josh and hope you will too.** Josh is challenging 18-year incumbent Jean Curtiss in the Democratic primary, so he needs your help today, because there isn't much time before absentee ballots go out around May 11. **Please consider making a contribution now, up to the \$180 limit per person, using the enclosed envelope.** Or you can also contribute online at [Josh4Commissioner.com/donate](http://Josh4Commissioner.com/donate). Please contact me if you have any questions, and please remember to vote for Josh when you receive your ballot or go to the polls, and encourage those you know to do so also.

**Josh Slotnick is the right candidate for the right office at the right time!**

Thank you for your consideration,

Tim Bechtold