

2026 General Election, Candidate Statement

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US Senator

David Brock Smith

Republican

Occupation: State Senator, Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: State Representative, County Commissioner, Small Business Owner/Business Manager, Director-Economic Development

Educational Background: Pacific High School, SOCC, SOU

Prior Governmental Experience: Senator-Deputy Leader, State Representative-Assistant Leader, Legislative Committees-Vice Chair-Energy & Environment-Natural Resources-Agriculture, Land Use & Water-Education-Economic Development & Trade-Veterans, Emergency Management Federal /World Affairs-Joint Ways & Means-Sub-Public Safety/Natural Resources, Legislative Task Forces/Workgroups-Sudden Oak Death-Opioid-Maritime Workforce Development-Invasive Species-Agricultural Ditches-Salmon & Habitat Enhancement, Pacific Northwest Economic Region-Delegate, Council of State Governments West-Co-Chair Wildfire & Disaster Preparedness/Public Safety Committees, Senate-Board Member-Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority /Oregon Environmental Restoration Council, Co-Chair-Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus/Wine Caucus

Working For You! Serving Oregon First!

As a third-generation resident and small businessman from Southwest Oregon, David has spent his life serving his community and standing up for the people who live and work here. Our beloved Oregon is in peril, and as he continues to help lead the efforts for real solutions for our working families, their communities and the businesses that support them, more can and will be done. He's fought for you in the Oregon State Capitol in Salem, and he will continue to put you first in the U.S. Capitol in Washington.

- **Making Oregon Affordable:** We need common-sense solutions that incentivize job growth in our communities, supporting local small businesses. David fought Kotek's-Gas-Tax, stopped new tax-hikes, and continues his work on eliminating fraud, while reducing unnecessary government spending.
- **Ending the Homelessness Crisis:** We need drug and mental health treatment that works! David has and will continue to fight for treatment and accountability, and bring an end to permanent street camping. We need strong elected leaders who will represent the homeowners, businesses and residents across Oregon.

- **Preventing Data Centers from Driving Up Costs:** David is concerned data centers strain Oregon's water, farmland, energy costs, and communities. Economic development must help residents, not burden families. David will ensure data centers are accountable, protect natural resources, and prevent their costs from being shifted onto Oregon households.

More Information:

www.DavidBrockSmithforOregon.com

www.OregonLegislature.gov/SmithD

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US Senator
Jeff Merkley
Democrat

Occupation: U.S. Senator for Oregon

Occupational Background: Habitat for Humanity; National Security Analyst;
Small Business Founder

Educational Background: David Douglas High School; B.A., Int'l Affairs;
Masters in Public Policy

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative; Oregon House Speaker

Jeff is the son of a union mechanic, attended public schools, was the first in his family to go to college, and lives in the same blue-collar neighborhood he grew up in.

Jeff's vision: "Families thrive, and the rich pay their fair share."

But the mega wealthy are making that vision harder to achieve. The people have the ballot box, but billionaires have lawyers and lobbyists, media campaigns, and unlimited secret campaign donations. And they have Trump, who is building a strong-man state with the mission of "families lose, billionaires win."

There has never been a more important moment to fight back.

End Trump's strongman state: No more ICE agents operating as secret police; no operations at schools or warrantless home raids. Full accountability for every civil rights violation.

End political corruption: No more stock trading; no more exchanging government favors for investments in Trump's companies. The Supreme Court needs reform and a binding code of ethics.

Save our elections: Stop gerrymandering. Require paper ballots. End secret campaign funding. Expand vote-by-mail. Block Trump's election rigging.

Strengthen the foundations for families to thrive: Housing. Health care. Education. Good-paying jobs! Stop drug companies from price gouging. Ban hedge funds from buying single-family homes. Create affordable daycare and debt-free opportunities for trade school and college.

Meet the climate chaos challenge: Rapidly transition from dirty, expensive fossils to cheaper, cleaner, renewables.

Create opportunity across Oregon: Jeff holds a town hall in every county, every year and champions every corner of Oregon: rural broadband; clean water; and investments in mental health, schools, ports, transportation, agriculture, and mills.

Endorsements: Oregon State Fire Fighters Council; OR Labor Federation, AFL-CIO; Planned Parenthood Action Fund; Oregon League of Conservation Voters; and others.

Let's Save Our Republic!

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US Senator
Chris Henry
Progressive

Occupation: Working Class Truck Driver

Occupational Background: LongHaul Trucker, UAW Aircraft Mechanic at Rockwell, McDonnell Douglas

Educational Background: UAW Trade School, Portland State University

Prior Governmental Experience: n/a

Civic Leadership: Boards: Oregon Consumer League; Oregon Voter Rights Coalition, Willamette Neighborhood Association; Shop Steward and Union Organizer

I support working people, publicly-funded education from pre-K to trade guilds and higher education, strong workplace safety, real campaign finance reform, and protecting the environment and climate.

CUT MASSIVE U\$. MILITARY

End Pointless Wars. U.S. military has 128 foreign bases in 51 countries and operations in 29 more, consuming 50% of federal discretionary spending, including over 90,000 troops in Japan and Germany alone. National debt is \$40 trillion.

HIGHER WAGES, BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS, LOWER PRICES

Stop ludicrous tariffs and "free trade" deals that let corporations override labor, consumer and environmental protections. Triple the \$7.25/hour minimum wage, same since 2009. Tax oil company excess profits due to the Iran war. Enforce antitrust laws to reduce prices. Convert essential infrastructure from giant corporations into democratically-accountable public utilities.

MEDICARE FOR ALL

All other 37 industrialized economies have universal healthcare. Even with the most expensive healthcare system in the world, over 30 million Americans have no health insurance.

END AMAZING TAX BREAKS FOR BILLIONAIRES

40% of the benefit of the latest Trump tax breaks go to the top 1% of households, not to mention the massive tax exemptions for cryptocurrency and other scams.

PREPARE FOR THE CASCADIA MEGA-QUAKE

Create a federal “**Shaky Day Fund**” to prepare Oregon for the inevitable Cascadia Subduction Zone mega-earthquake and other catastrophic disruptions. Increase local wind and solar energy.

END DARK MONEY IN POLITICS!

Jeff Merkley's campaign has spent \$1.9 million, with \$6.8 million in the bank. Donors include corporate lawyers/lobbyists, financiers, operators of hedge funds and gambling, and \$1 million from out-of-state donors. See [OpenSecrets.org](https://www.opensecrets.org). No special interests are funding my campaign.

See Progressive Party platform later in this Voters' Pamphlet.

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US Representative, 1st District
Barbara J Kahl
Republican

Occupation: Veterinarian

Occupational Background: 40 year career Business/Medicine

Educational Background: OSU Doctorate

Prior Governmental Experience: Written legislation and testimony

My family has been in NW Oregon over a century; this is my home. We have a choice: continue Oregon's status quo, or bring in new ideas for real growth. There are no sides to livability.

I have served NW families as a veterinarian, business owner, mom, and military family ombudsman, not as a career politician. My experience: two decades in corporate accounting, finance, purchasing, and high-tech administration, two decades in veterinary medicine, from delivering foals at 2 a.m. to supporting 4-H kids and working overseas. I was appointed by the OR Dept. of Agriculture as a public member of its CAFO Advisory Committee, bringing a veterinarian's voice to how we regulate our farms and ranches. I've testified before the Legislature for a better Oregon.

Common sense has been missing too long in Washington DC. Families face skyrocketing costs, kids' education is failing, and businesses, from tech startups to fishing fleets, struggle to survive. It's time for people first.

Education: Restore top standards in reading, math, STEM, civics, and the trades so every child has a future.

Economy/Affordability: Cut redundant federal regulations and taxes, revive our timber, tech, agriculture, and maritime industries, and restore attainable housing.

Fiduciary Accountability: Track taxpayer dollars, no more blank checks for NGOs or special interests.

I'm running for families balancing rising costs, farmers growing for our communities, fishermen working our coast, parents demanding safe schools, and every neighbor who wants to thrive here.

This election is personal. It's about leaving our children real opportunity instead of decline. I have spent my life in service to our community. Now I ask for the honor of carrying that commitment to Congress on your behalf.

Neighbors, the time for change is now. I humbly ask for your vote on November 3, 2026. Let's restore common sense and rebuild livability in Oregon.

Drkahlforcongress.com includes endorsements

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US Representative, 1st District
Suzanne Bonamici
Democrat

Occupation: U.S. Representative

Occupational Background: Consumer Protection Attorney, Mom

Educational Background: Lane Community College, AS; University of Oregon, BA, JD

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon State Legislator; Federal Trade Commission

Suzanne Bonamici **Strong Leadership, Oregon Values**

Suzanne worked her way through community college, university, and law school, so she knows what it's like to struggle to make ends meet. She worked at Legal Aid and as a consumer protection attorney. Volunteering in public schools inspired her to run for office; now she is fighting every day for a better future.

Defending Oregon Values:

- We face serious challenges as the authoritarian Trump administration attacks democracy, marginalized communities, and constitutional rights. Suzanne will never stop fighting for you.
- ICE is terrorizing communities. Suzanne is leading legislation to end the abuse and is working to pass humane immigration reform.
- Suzanne advocates for peace and opposes Trump's immoral war and military budget.
- We must restore trust and accountability in government by banning Congressional stock trading and passing campaign finance reform.
- Data centers shouldn't be able to raise costs or exploit Oregon's natural resources for profit. Suzanne will keep fighting for clean, renewable energy.

Fighting for a Better Future:

- We need an economy that works for everyone, but too many Oregonians are struggling while Trump and his family profit and big corporations and billionaires get tax breaks. Suzanne is working to raise wages and help Oregonians afford housing, groceries, prescriptions, and more.

- Our health care system is too expensive and complicated. Suzanne supports lowering skyrocketing premiums, Medicare for All, and access to contraception and abortion care.
- Education is a good investment. Suzanne is a champion for affordable child care, well-rounded public education, registered apprenticeships, and debt-free higher education.
- Food stamps helped Suzanne get through college; now she's fighting Trump's cuts to SNAP and Medicaid.

Some endorsements:

Oregon Nurses Association
Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
OR Labor Federation, AFL-CIO
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Planned Parenthood Action Fund

www.BonamiciForCongress.com

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US Representative, 2nd District
Chris Beck
Democrat

Occupation: Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, international elections observer.

Occupational Background: US Dept. of Agriculture Rural Policy Advisor (2010-2016); Oregon State Representative (1997-2003); Trust for Public Land, conservation professional (1990-2004).

Educational Background: Brown University, BA; Kennedy School of Government Harvard, MPA.

Prior Governmental Experience: USDA Rural Policy Advisor; Oregon State Representative; Oregon Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee staff; City of Portland, Transportation Advisor.

I pledge to always be there for my constituents, *in person*, as often as possible, and to always remember who I work for – YOU.

I'll fight for:

- Restoring Medicaid and food benefits; expanding rural healthcare access.
- A thriving, locally owned farm economy.
- Making life affordable; ending tariffs and the Iran war.
- Balancing the federal budget; reducing national debt
- Pausing new data center construction.
- Reversing cuts to wildfire prevention and forest land management.
- Expanding vote-by-mail nationwide.
- Rehabilitating and protecting Oregon's public lands, rivers and forests.
- Creating rural service corps jobs in each county.
- Fortifying Social Security and Medicare long term.
- Building Main Street housing, not wasteful sprawl.

We support Chris

"Chris will not let Congress or the president get away with the kind of destructive policies the current representative supports. Rural Oregonians deserve someone who will fight for *them* -- that's Chris Beck." - **Dr. John Kitzhaber, former Oregon governor and architect of the Oregon Health Plan**

“As the nominee for the Independent ***and*** Democrat parties, Chris is committed to solving problems with a practical, reasonable approach.” - **Laura Pryor, former Gilliam County Judge**

“Chris will ensure Oregon’s working lands—farm, forests, grazing—remain vital to our rural economy. He will *show up, listen, learn, and act.*” - **Jim Wood, cattle rancher; Crook County**

Also endorsed by:

- U.S Senator Jeff Merkley
- Phil Chang, Deschutes County Commissioner
- Mark Huddelston, Jackson County District Attorney; retired
- John Frohnmayr, former Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts; Jackson County
- Debi Ferrer, retired teacher; Wasco County
- John Lamoreau, Republican; former Union County Commissioner
- The Mother PAC

ChrisBeckforCongress.com

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US Representative, 2nd District
Cliff Bentz
Republican

Occupation: U.S. Congressman, Farmer, Businessman

Occupational Background: U.S. Congressman, Farmer, Legislator, Rancher, Attorney (water, business law)

Educational Background: J.D. Lewis and Clark College, B.S. Eastern Oregon State College

Prior Governmental Experience: U.S. Congressman (2021-present), Oregon State Senator (2018-2020), Oregon State Representative (2008-2018), School Board Member (Ontario 8C School District (2005-2008), Oregon Water Resources Commission (1988-1995)

Cliff Bentz: PRO-Trump, PRO-2nd Amendment, PRO-Life, PRO-Business, & PRO-Veteran.

Cliff Bentz: as a member of the House Water and Wildlife Fisheries Subcommittee, is fighting for reservoir storage, additional hydropower, retention of dams, water for irrigation, delisting of the wolf, and increased timber harvest.

Cliff Bentz: supports veterans, more energy generation, lower taxes, a secure border, private property rights, personal freedom and rural Healthcare.

Cliff Bentz: voted for the Save America Act, for the Secure America Act, for the Fix Our Forests Act, and for the Farm Bill.

CHAIRMAN BRUCE WESTERMAN **HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

“A strong conservative, Cliff Bentz is exactly who the 2nd District of Oregon needs representing them in Washington. As a leader on the House Natural Resources Committee, Cliff defends conservative values and works hard to represent Oregon.”

CHAIRMAN JIM JORDAN **HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

“Cliff Bentz is a hard worker, thorough thinker, and battle tested advocate for his constituents. As conservatives we can count on him in the fight against the radical left.”

RANDY SPARACINO
JACKSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

"During my time as both Mayor of Medford and Commissioner, Congressman Bentz has always been a strong advocate for Jackson County and CD2."

Cliff Bentz endorsements:

Oregon Right to Life PAC
Oregon Cattlemen's Association
Oregon Farm Bureau Federation
American Forest Resource Council
Associate Oregon Loggers, Inc.
Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association
Oregonians for Food and Shelter
AgPAC
The Young Republicans of Oregon
Oregon Nurseries' PAC
National Federation of Independent Business Fed PAC

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US Representative, 3rd District

Maxine E Dexter

Democrat

Occupation: U.S. Representative

Occupational Background: Pulmonary/Critical Care Physician, Grocery Worker

Educational Background: University of Washington, B.A., M.D.

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative

My working-class family had access to good public schools, reliable transit, union jobs and affordable housing. Every Oregonian deserves the same opportunities that I had to build a better life.

As a mother and a physician, I know trust is earned by listening, showing up and putting people first. That's the kind of representative I'll continue to be for Oregon.

In Congress, I'm fighting to lower costs, protect our freedoms and build an economy where everyone has the opportunity to succeed. In my first term, I have:

- Heard from Oregonians at 50+ town halls,
- Secured \$14M for community-led projects,
- Helped Oregonians recover millions owed to them by the federal government,
- Fought to release 14 neighbors from ICE detention,
- Became the first freshman House Democrat to pass a bill into law.

I will continue fighting for:

- **Working families, not billionaires:** Good schools, living wages, union jobs, affordable housing and childcare.
- **Healthcare is a human right:** High quality, accessible and affordable care for all. Keep politicians out of exam rooms and let science guide care. Abortion, vaccinations and gender-affirming care are healthcare.
- **No one is above the law:** Impeach Trump, abolish ICE, release the Epstein files.
- **Peace and planet:** No more wars. Restore humanitarian aid. Expand legal immigration. Protect clean air and water. Hold polluters accountable. Invest in clean, affordable, renewable energy.

- **Democracy:** Protect voting rights. End corruption. Defend our communities from authoritarianism. Get dark money out of politics.

Supported by:

Planned Parenthood Action Fund

U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley & Ron Wyden

Governor Tina Kotek

Attorney General Dan Rayfield

OR Labor Federation, AFL-CIO

Portland Mayor Keith Wilson

Gresham Mayor Travis Stovall

Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Oregon Nurses Association

And more...

www.MaxineforOregon.com

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US Representative, 4th District
Monique DeSpain
Republican

Occupation: Attorney

Occupational Background: Colonel, U.S. Air Force (retired)

Educational Background: J.D., Willamette University; M.S., Administration, Central Michigan University; B.S., Psychology, University of Utah

Prior Governmental Experience: USAF, 30 years, JAG

**Monique DeSpain is an INDEPENDENT VOICE
for Oregon's 4th Congressional District**

Val Hoyle is endorsed by failed Governor Tina Kotek

**Monique is the only candidate in Oregon's
4th Congressional District endorsed by:**

**Small Independent Business Owners
Farmers
Veterans
Local Law Enforcement**

REAL LEADERSHIP. NOT A CAREER POLITICIAN.

Monique is running for Congress because we deserve leaders with commonsense solutions. After decades of failed career politicians, our communities face rising costs, increased crime, and declining opportunity. Monique is a political outsider who challenges the status quo and offers positive change for Oregon.

A retired USAF Colonel, attorney, and mother, Monique served our country and defended our Constitution and the rule of law. She understands leadership, accountability, and delivering results.

End Homelessness, Restore Public Safety

Homelessness, addiction and untreated mental illness are straining Oregon communities. Monique is the only candidate with a plan to solve this crisis. Monique supports expanding shelter and treatment access, backed by law enforcement and a justice system that keeps neighborhoods safe while ensuring transparency and accountability with tax dollars.

Restore An Affordable, Thriving Economy

Oregonians are struggling with rising costs of energy, healthcare, housing, taxes, groceries and everyday necessities. Businesses and the jobs they provide are leaving. Monique will fight to restore our economy, strengthen small businesses, and create opportunities so families can stay and build a bright future.

Steward Oregon's Natural Resources Responsibly

Oregon's forests and wildfire prevention are vital to our economy, our environment and funding public safety and education. Monique supports responsible forest management that ends our smoke season while supporting family-wage jobs.

Hold Government Accountable

Career politicians have lost the trust of the people they serve. Monique will demand accountability with our tax dollars, root out rampant fraud, and end funding of failed programs.

Learn more: www.moniqueforcongress.com

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US Representative, 4th District
Val Hoyle
Democrat

Occupation: US Congresswoman

Occupational Background: Domestic and International Sales, Manufacturing Distribution

Educational Background: Emmanuel College, BA

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon Commissioner; State Representative; Chair, Federal Export Council of Oregon

“There are lots of people that we go to when we want something said. When we want something done, we go to Val Hoyle.”

– Brett Deedon, President, Lane Professional Firefighters Association

Leadership That Gets Things Done

For 40 years as an elected and community leader, Val Hoyle has delivered:

- Critical funding for schools and roads.
- Restoring full Social Security benefits for teachers, firefighters, postal workers and police officers, and stopped closure of Social Security offices.
- Saved Newport's Coast Guard helicopter.
- Stopped a corporate takeover of local emergency rooms.

Protecting Social Security and Medicare

Val is working to expand Social Security and Medicare and protect them from devastating cuts by the Trump administration and Congressional Republicans.

A Champion for Working Families

In Oregon, Val expanded apprenticeship programs, raised the minimum wage and secured paid sick leave. In Congress, she is working to lower health care costs and taking on big pharmaceutical companies to make prescription drugs more affordable.

Defending Reproductive Health Care

Val is a leader in protecting legal access to abortion, birth control and reproductive health care.

Fighting the Trump Agenda

Val is fighting the Trump Administration's assault on our values, including fighting illegal tariffs that are raising costs, and opposing the Trump Administration's war in Iran.

"I'm proud of the record I've built standing up for working people. With your support, I'll keep fighting for you in Congress."

– Congresswoman Val Hoyle

PROUDLY ENDORSED BY:

US Senator Ron Wyden

US Senator Jeff Merkley

Congressman Peter DeFazio (retired)

Planned Parenthood Action Fund

OR Labor Federation, AFL-CIO

Oregon Nurses Association

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

SEIU Oregon

Oregon Building Trades Unions

North Coast States Carpenters Union

Lane Professional Firefighters Association

Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs (ORCOPS)

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US Representative, 4th District
Justin Filip
Pacific Green

Occupation: Statistician

Occupational Background: Guest Teacher

Educational Background: University of Oregon, Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I will be a voice in Congress for those whose interests are often neglected by our government.

A study by Martin Gilens (Princeton) and Benjamin Page (Northwestern) looked at 20 years of data and found that the preferences of the average American have virtually no impact on public policy. It should come as no surprise that elected officials only do the bidding of the rich, since the two major parties are owned and operated by billionaires and corporations.

I will advocate for the rest of us. I will put people, the planet, and peace before the interests of the wealthy and powerful.

People

Oregon has a homelessness crisis and nearly half of all working Oregonians struggle to pay their bills every month. Meanwhile, corporations are bringing in record profits by raising prices on all of us. This is an injustice. We must fight to curb the greed of the wealthy in order to build stronger and safer communities.

Planet

Our health depends on the health of our planet. It is our duty to care for the land, air, and water. None of us would put a price on our health, but the ruling class does! I will be a leader who stands up to those who exploit and pollute the environment in pursuit of profit.

Peace

The U.S. spent 62% of our discretionary budget in 2023 on militarism and war, according to the National Priorities Project. That means that out of every \$5 in federal discretionary spending, less than \$2 was used to invest in people and communities. Our tax dollars could be better used to help everyday Americans.

And not only is our foreign policy costly, it is often immoral. We need to have more respect for the lives of our service members, and those who endure suffering overseas.

For more information, visit <https://www.justin4congress.com/>

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US Representative, 5th District
Janelle S Bynum
Democrat

Occupation: U.S. Congresswoman

Occupational Background: Electrical Engineer, Local Business Owner

Educational Background: B.S., Florida A&M University; M.B.A., University of Michigan

Prior Governmental Experience: U.S. Congress (2024-present), State Representative (2016-2024)

A mom of four and local businesswoman, Congresswoman Janelle Bynum knows what Oregon's families are up against, because she's living it too. She is a proven leader in the fight to lower costs, bring good paying jobs, and improve our schools.

In Washington, Janelle refuses to play partisan games that block real progress. She knows the system is rigged and Oregonians are not receiving a fair return for their taxes. Janelle puts results over politics and will work with whoever is serious about tackling problems from affordability to rebuilding our democracy. She believes we need an economy that works for us so every Oregonian can have control over their lives and their wallets.

"While Trump treats your tax dollars like his piggy bank, I am fighting for every Oregonian to have control over their own education, housing, health, and money." -Congresswoman Janelle Bynum

Janelle is delivering on the issues that matter most for our families:

- **A K-30 platform to ensure hard work translates to opportunity** – Janelle is fighting for young Americans' education, jobs, and to bring down the cost of housing.
- **Fighting for affordability** – Janelle is focused on lowering costs, from groceries to housing to healthcare, and pushing back against the Trump administration's efforts to gut the Oregon Health Plan.
- **Standing up to Trump and ICE** – Janelle will not stand for a federal takeover of our communities. She was the loudest voice calling out Donald Trump's version of ICE for what it is: a collection of goons who are rounding up people based on the color of their skin and kidnapping them off the streets.

Endorsed by:

Planned Parenthood Action Fund

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

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US Representative, 5th District

Patti Adair

Republican

Occupation: Deschutes County Commissioner, Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: Accountant

Educational Background: B.A., History- University of Oregon; B.S.,
Accounting- Central Washington University

Prior Governmental Experience: Deschutes County Commissioner (2019-Present)

AN OREGON-FIRST FIGHTER

"I am running for Congress to help make healthcare more accessible and affordable for working-class families, to support sustainable management of our natural resources, address rising electricity costs, and to support policies that help businesses and families thrive in Oregon. The 5th District needs a proven problem-solver in D.C, not an extreme partisan like our current Representative.

Throughout my career, I have always focused on uniting people to deliver solutions to the problems facing our community."

A PROVEN TRACK RECORD

As a Deschutes County Commissioner, Patti has consistently delivered. She has stood up for our veterans, worked alongside law enforcement to improve public safety, supported small businesses, and fought to eliminate wasteful spending.

She spearheaded Deschutes County's veterans' village, a program that helps struggling veterans get back on their feet. She also helped secure two new circuit judges for Deschutes County and saved Worrell Wayside Park in Bend from becoming the county headquarters parking lot.

Patti's Priorities:

- Ban Members of Congress from being paid during government shutdowns
- Ban Members of Congress from committing insider trading
- Propose legislation that requires Big Tech to be transparent about the impacts data centers have on air quality, water quality, and electricity costs
- Make no tax on tips, overtime, and Social Security permanent, and increase the limits
- Increase the Child Tax Credit limit

Janelle Bynum's Record:

- Voted against funding SNAP and Head Start
- Repeatedly voted to shut down the government
- Voted against the bipartisan Stop Insider Trading Act
- Voted against extending the statute of limitations for sexual assault survivors
- Voted present while an overwhelming bipartisan majority voted to denounce socialism

ENDORSEMENTS:

Oregon Coalition of Police & Sheriffs

State Senator Christine Drazan

Oregon Farm Bureau

Clackamas County Commissioner Ben West

Deschutes County Sheriff Ty Rupert

www.PattiForCongress.com

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US Representative, 6th District

Andrea Salinas

Democrat

Occupation: U.S. Congresswoman

Occupational Background: Environmental, Health Care Advocate

Educational Background: University of California, Berkeley, BA

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon State Representative, Oregon Complete Count Committee, PEBB Member, Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs

As the daughter of a Mexican immigrant whose father worked in the fields before serving in the military, Andrea knows that change can happen in a generation through hard work. Her family's story is the American dream. She is running for Congress to defend that opportunity for future generations by:

Addressing the affordability crisis – From health care to housing, groceries to child care, Andrea knows too many Oregonians are struggling with expenses. Instead of giving tax breaks to billionaires, she fought to secure federal funding for housing projects, passed the Housing for the 21st Century Act, prioritized our public infrastructure over corporate-owned data centers, and fought for tax relief to middle-class families.

Fixing our health care system – Affordable, high-quality health care continues to be out of reach for many, and that is unacceptable. Andrea is fighting to cap the cost of prescription drugs, strengthen price transparency at hospitals, and improve accessibility for our rural communities. Andrea is also a leading advocate in Congress for improving access to mental and behavioral health services, especially for our firefighters and first responders.

Defending our democracy and the rule of law - The paramount responsibility of members of Congress is to defend American rights and freedoms. She is committed to protecting free speech and voting rights, fighting executive abuses of power, and protecting our communities from ICE's violent overreach.

Fighting for reproductive freedom and LGBTQ+ rights - Andrea will always fight to protect abortion access and LGBTQ+ rights. She helped pass the nation's strongest reproductive rights law in Oregon and sponsored

legislation in Congress to protect the LGBTQ+ community from discrimination.

Endorsed by:

Planned Parenthood Action Fund

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Oregon Nurses Association

OR Labor Federation AFL-CIO

Oregon Education Association PAC

AndreaSalinasForOregon.com

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US Representative, 6th District
David Russ
Republican

Occupation: Accountant, Accounting/Real Estate Consultant

Occupational Background: Manufacturing, Real Estate, Retail, Sales, Farm

Educational Background: Eastern Washington

Prior Governmental Experience: City Councilor/Mayor Dundee, Committees

Oregon deserves representation that works for the people, not the system.

Our government has continuously grown more powerful while families, businesses, and rural communities have been pushed aside. Regulations pile up, costs rise, and unelected bureaucrats make decisions that impact Oregon lives. That is not representative government.

My highest priorities are **God, the Constitution, and You.**

Nearly every issue Oregon faces today can be traced back to a government that has drifted away from moral responsibility, constitutional limits, and accountability to the people.

As a **business owner and Mayor**, I have balanced budgets, cut red tape, and stood up to bureaucracy. I have lived the consequences of government overreach and the damage it causes to employers, farmers, loggers, ranchers, and working families. I will fight to return power where it belongs: **with the people.**

Oregon's economy has been weakened by policies that treat production, land management, and resource industries as problems instead of strengths. I support **domestic manufacturing, responsible forest and agricultural management, fair markets, reliable infrastructure, and affordable energy.** These things should be controlled locally, not by Washington, DC.

Congress has surrendered too much authority to bureaucracies that operate outside of Constitutional law. I will work to end back-door rulemaking and rein in agencies that impose policies without voter consent or legislative approval.

I believe in **protecting life, strengthening families, parental control of education, supporting veterans, and defending individual freedom.** These are not extreme ideas. They are the foundation of a free and stable society.

If you believe **rural Oregon matters**, families should be able to pass their assets to the next generation, and that government should serve the people, not control them, **I ask for your vote.** Together, we will restore accountability, prosperity, and real leadership to Oregon and the USA.

Vote for David Russ
He's for "US"
RussIsForUS.com

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Governor

Brett Smith

Pacific Green

Occupation: Inventor, Small Business Owner, Welder, Fabricator

Occupational Background: Inventor, Welder, Fabricator

Educational Background: Toromont Energy Welding Apprenticeship, Over a decade of experience with regulatory compliance for the FDA and USPTO

Prior Governmental Experience: None

The Protest Vote

Protest

Vote

To Independents, third-party and unaffiliated. It's you that will make or break this race. It's you that will challenge the status quo. Whoever you vote for will win. It's that simple. You are the majority.

To the young and disillusioned. To those that have watched protest after protest fail to deliver results. To the ones who have had their futures taken from them and told to work harder. Protest here. Protest now. If you believe voting is pointless let us see.

To the vulnerable. I may not be the arbiter of your cause, but you are the core of society. You are the metric that we must be judged by. I believe that society must protect its most vulnerable as a default function not as an option.

This is my pledge to you.

- Corruption, negligence and accountability. A full audit of our systems and tax code by independent contractors. We cannot move forward until we establish trust and we cannot establish trust without accountability
- Prosecution of any and all persons found to be at fault for any corrupt, negligent or treasonous actions against the people of Oregon
- Healthcare for all. We have the money
- No unconstitutional surveillance
- A permanent moratorium on data centers
- A constitutional amendment to state no Oregonian will be drafted into a war not sanctioned by Congress

- Defend the guard
- Bolster the Oregon Civil Defense Force
- Subsidies for local businesses and ranchers. Not corporations

Oregon can be a catalyst for change.

Or we can continue down the path of the lesser of two evils.

I have done what is in my power to do and when the question gets asked.

"What did you do?" I can answer honestly. "Everything I could"

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2026 General Election, Candidate Statement

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Governor
Tina Kotek
Democrat

Occupation: Governor

Occupational Background: Oregon Food Bank, Children First

Educational Background: University of Oregon, University of Washington

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative, House Speaker

Fighting for Us. Always.

Tina Kotek has never been satisfied with the status quo. She started her career at Oregon Food Bank because she believes no one should go hungry. Tina has raised the minimum wage, passed paid family leave, and expanded health insurance coverage.

Defending Oregon.

Oregon faces tough challenges, made even harder by President Trump's agenda. Tina hasn't backed down.

When President Trump tried to starve Americans during the shutdown, Tina declared a food emergency, went to court, and reinstated food assistance for Oregon families.

When President Trump wanted to militarize Portland, Tina blocked his unlawful attempt to deploy the National Guard on our streets.

And while Christine Drazan sponsored bills to take away abortion rights, threaten to jail abortion providers, and stop vote-by-mail, Tina's focused on protecting our basic rights.

We still have things to do. Tina will keep pushing forward.

Tina supports moratoriums on new data centers and signed landmark legislation that protects us from having their massive energy costs show up on our utility bills.

Tina's fighting back against the rising cost of housing which is why she's cutting red tape to build more affordable homes and helped Oregon outpace the nation in new housing production.

Tina is fighting for more learning time - not shorter school years. She got cellphones out of classrooms, made record investments in reading, and is charting a path to statewide universal preschool.

Tina declared a housing emergency, increased shelter and treatment beds, she will continue the fight to reduce homelessness.

Endorsements

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon
OR Labor Federation AFL-CIO
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Oregon Nurses Association
Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
SEIU Oregon
Building Power for Communities of Color
Oregon AFSCME
Stand for Children
The Mother PAC
Sierra Club
Oregon Working Families Party

For more endorsements, go to TinaforOregon.com.

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Governor
Christine Drazan
Republican

Occupation: State Senator

Occupational Background: State Representative; Executive Director

Educational Background: George Fox University, BA

Prior Governmental Experience: House Republican Leader; Oregon Innovation Council; Clackamas County Planning Commission

OREGONIANS DESERVE LEADERSHIP THAT PUTS THEM FIRST

"I am an Oregonian, and my life is an Oregon story. I grew up in a family that faced hard times because politicians in Salem and Washington, D.C. did nothing while jobs disappeared. I'm running for governor to fight for families like mine and yours—to make life more affordable and deliver results. Our problems are not partisan problems; they are leadership problems. Oregon can live up to the promise of a brighter future."

—Christine Drazan

DELIVERING ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESULTS

Christine Drazan will make government work for the people of Oregon so our state is a place where families can afford to put down roots, find a good-paying job, receive a world-class education and feel safe in their neighborhoods. Christine has a record of delivering bipartisan results and fighting for commonsense solutions that make life more affordable and safer and expand opportunity for Oregon families.

THE DRAZAN PLAN

Oregonians deserve better. As governor, Christine Drazan will put families and communities at the center of every decision in her administration. On day one, Christine will order state agencies to repeal rules, fees and mandates driving up the cost of housing, energy, food, transportation, childcare and healthcare. The Drazan Plan will:

- **Lower the cost of living**
- **Bring back jobs and businesses**
- **Break the cycle of homelessness and addiction**

- **Make it faster, simpler and less expensive to build homes**
- **Restore graduation requirements and fix our schools**
- **Audit spending and deliver results**

Read the full plan: www.TheDrazanPlan.com

ENDORSEMENTS

Revitalize Portland Coalition
Oregonians for Food & Shelter
Union Contractor Group
Oregon's Sheriffs
Associated General Contractors Oregon-Columbia Chapter
Oregon Farm Bureau
Oregon Small Business Association
Oregon Coalition of Police & Sheriffs
Associated Builders and Contractors PNW
Defend Small Business PAC
Oregon Nurseries' PAC

www.ChristineForOregon.com

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State Senator, 3rd District
Denise D Krause
Democrat

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: Healthcare/Public Health, University of Mississippi Medical Center

Educational Background: University of Kansas, BA; Monterey Institute of International Studies, MA; University of Mississippi Medical Center, MS, PhD, Preventive Medicine

Prior Governmental Experience: Rogue Valley Transportation District Board

I'll Fight to Fix What's Broken

Politicians in Washington, D.C., and Salem are failing Southern Oregon. Prices are rising on groceries, utilities, healthcare, and housing. We've had enough.

I'm not an establishment politician. I'm a single mom, public health expert, cancer survivor, and your neighbor. I've spent my life taking on the broken status quo and fighting for others.

Healthcare Access

When I got diagnosed with breast cancer, Blue Cross Blue Shield denied me life-saving treatment. But I fought back and won, ensuring thousands of women have access to the treatments they need without insurance companies getting in the way.

A Government That Answers to Everyday People, Not Just Billionaires

I'll fight to **ensure billionaires and wealthy corporations pay their fair share** to fund the services we need:

- **Healthcare access, including reproductive health, mental health and addiction treatment,** so people can get support when they need it
- **Stronger schools and good-paying jobs** so families can thrive
- **Wildfire prevention and firefighting efforts** to keep us safe and protect our environment

As your Senator, I'll fight to:

- Lower the high cost of living
- Expand affordable, quality healthcare
- Get big money out of politics
- Safeguard public lands
- Protect reproductive freedom, mail-in voting, and our civil rights

Endorsements:

"Denise is the strong advocate we need in the Senate: we support her commitment to listening to survivors and working to improve the resources for victims of violence."

Ava DeRosier, Susan Moen, Community Advocates

SEIU Oregon

Oregon Education Association-PAC

Trooper PAC

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

North Coast States Carpenters Union

Iron Workers Local 29

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Oregon AFSCME

Oregon Nurses Association

OR Labor Federation AFL-CIO

Representative Pam Marsh

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley

More at DeniseKrause.com

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State Senator, 3rd District
Clay Bearnson
Independent

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: Service Industry

Educational Background: South Medford High School; RCC

Prior Governmental Experience: Medford City Council/Medford Urban Renewal Agency (MURA) (2015-2022); Council VP (2019); MURA VP (2015); Medford/ MURA Budget Committees (2015-2022); Medford Arts & Parking Commissions

Experience Matters

I am the only candidate in this race with over eight years of elected public service, and who has successfully operated a small business in downtown Medford for more than 23 years.

Change Your Vote, Change Your Government

As Oregon Senator, I will represent the people who want less money in politics, and more money in their pockets. Our two-party system is fundamentally failing working families and small businesses. Republicans and Democrats share this systemic failure and are both deeply entrenched in dark money from special interests. They continue to demonstrate their reluctance to change the system that benefits them, at our expense. We need to elect candidates who are ready to change that system.

Policy Initiatives

Fighting for Future Generations Protect all of our constitutional rights, including a statewide ban on Flock surveillance, the construction of data centers, and the sale of our data to big tech oligarchs who must be reigned in. Our youth deserve a habitable planet, affordable education and housing, with pathways to homeownership and entrepreneurship.

Affordability Through Tax Reform Lower taxes for working families, individuals, and small businesses while raising taxes on capital and wealth for the betterment of all.

Healthcare Reform Universal healthcare is necessary and financially viable. I will work to make this a reality in Oregon.

Elections & Campaign Finance Reform Amending our constitution to redefine the powers that Oregon grants to corporations operating in our state, elevating Oregonian's interests over corporate interests.

Now, more than ever before in our history, we need to unite behind candidates willing to change the system to represent and benefit the people.

Endorsed By

Independent Party of Oregon

Pacific Green Party

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State Senator, 3rd District
Brad Hicks
Republican

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: Former President/CEO The Chamber of Medford & Jackson County

Educational Background: Bachelor of Science, Political Science, Southern Oregon University

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon Transportation Vision Panel, Oregon Revenue Restructuring Task Force, Jackson County Public Safety Coordinating Council, Jackson County Airport Advisory Committee

Southern Oregon Roots. Real World Experience. Independent Leadership.

I am a proud husband, father, and longtime Southern Oregonian who learned the value of hard work stocking shelves in my family's Grants Pass grocery store. For nearly 30 years, I brought together Democrats, Republicans, and everyone in between to grow our local economy, create good-paying jobs, and deliver real results.

I never planned on running for office, but I could no longer sit back and watch Salem politicians raise our taxes, drive up the cost of living, push businesses out of Oregon, and treat Southern Oregon like an afterthought. One-party rule has broken Salem, and Oregonians are paying the price.

It's time for change. I won't be a rubber stamp for any party. I will be an independent voice who fights for what is truly best for Southern Oregon.

I will bring the ABC's back to Salem.

Affordability - Lower the cost of living, lower taxes, cut wasteful spending, support small businesses, and tackle Oregon's housing crisis.

Balance - Put Southern Oregon first, not politics or special interests.

Common Sense - Invest in real wildfire prevention, raise education standards, and fully support law enforcement.

Oregon should be the best state to live, work, and raise a family. **I'll fight every single day to make that a reality.**

Let's fix Salem, together.

Endorsements

- Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs
- Stand for Children
- Oregonians for Food & Shelter
- Housing Oregon Action Fund
- Defend Small Business PAC
- National Federation of Independent Business/OR PAC
- Oregon Farm Bureau
- Former Senator Betsy Johnson
- Former Congressman Greg Walden
- Medford Mayor Michael Zarosinski
- Phoenix Council Vice-President Larry Dickson

Learn more and see full endorsement list: www.HicksForSenate.com

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State Senator, 4th District
Floyd Prozanski
Democrat

Occupation: State Senator; Municipal Prosecutor

Occupational Background: Legislator; Assistant District Attorney; Laborer

Educational Background: Texas A&M University; South Texas College of Law

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon Senate; Oregon House of Representatives; Lane County Assistant District Attorney; Eugene Police Commission; Oregon Law Commission

Bipartisan Candidate

I want to thank the Democratic and Republican voters who nominated me as their candidate for the 2026 General Election. This is the second time that both major parties have advanced me to the general election as their candidate. Thank you! It's truly an honor to be the bipartisan candidate for SD-4.

I pledge to:

- fight against federal overreach that violates our federal and state constitutional rights;
 - fight for family-wage jobs and Oregon businesses;
 - work for solutions to affordability and the housing crisis;
 - work for long-term solutions to help all Oregonians;
 - work to increase funding for public education, K-12 to higher education;
 - work to stop the environmental damages caused by climate change and make polluters pay;
 - work for expanded services to seniors and veterans;
 - and serve you and the district with commitment and an independent voice.
- **Senator Floyd Prozanski**

Re-elect Senator Floyd Prozanski and keep him working for us!

"Please join me in supporting Senator Floyd Prozanski's bid for re-election in Senate District 4. I have worked with Floyd for many years and know he provides an independent voice for his constituents while working across the aisle in addressing issues facing the state. I'm happy to know that he will be representing me in the Oregon State Senate."

-**Peter DeFazio, Former Congressman**

“Senator Prozanski has worked tirelessly for the people of Lane County during his years in the Legislature and is the acknowledged legislative leader on crime and justice matters. I strongly urge his re-election as our state senator.”

-Lee Beyer, Former State Senator

Contact me at [541-342-2447](tel:541-342-2447) or Floyd4Senate@gmail.com with your ideas. With your support, I'll continue representing our district with a strong, independent voice of reason.

RE-ELECT SENATOR FLOYD PROZANSKI

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State Senator, 6th District
Sierrah Williams
Democrat

Occupation: Registered Dietitian Nutritionist

Occupational Background: Dietitian with the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Educational Background: Master of Science, Nutritional Science and Dietetics, Brigham Young University; Bachelor of Science, Dietetics, Brigham Young University, Magna Cum Laude; Sweet Home High School, Valedictorian

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I was born and raised in this community and share many of the same concerns and challenges facing families everyday. I see how people are being left behind as the cost of living is rising. Everyday at my job, I help families get food assistance they need to thrive.

We deserve a state Senator who will fight for our families and community, protecting our rural way of life.

As your Senator, I would support bold action to:

- **Expand affordable, accessible and quality rural healthcare for all, including access to reproductive and mental health resources.**
- **Fight for working families and an affordable economy**, working to keep everyday costs low for utilities, childcare, and housing.
- **Protect essential services and programs**, preserving access to OHP and SNAP to reduce childhood hunger.
- **Safeguard our environment** to protect our people, land, and homes.

While at school, I routinely walked past the inscription: **“Enter to learn, go forth to serve.”** I try to live by this as **I serve in my church, raise my children, and dedicate my career to helping families.** This is the same dedication I’ll bring to Salem as a servant to our community, fighting to protect our families and improve our quality of life.

I’m running for office—not as a career politician—but as a mom, community member, and neighbor.

I would be honored to earn your vote and serve as your State Senator.

Endorsed by:

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley

SEIU Oregon

Oregon School Employees Association

For All Families Oregon Action

Oregon Working Families Party

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

The Street Trust Action Fund

To learn more visit: SierrahWilliams.com

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State Senator, 6th District

Jack Tibbetts

Republican

Occupation: Farmer, Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: Non-Profit Management, Natural Resource Business Owner

Educational Background: UC Berkeley

Prior Governmental Experience: Lane County Planning Commission

Jack Tibbetts: Fighting for the Working Families of the East Willamette Valley

Jack is the fourth generation of Tibbetts to work the land in Oregon. As a farmer, small business owner, husband, and father, Jack knows firsthand that our state's out-of-control leadership is destroying Oregon's rural way of life. Jack will bring decisive, common-sense leadership to turn our state around and protect the rural Willamette Valley.

Jack stood strong against the Gas Tax increase. Jack stood with the more than 1 million Oregonians who opposed the gas tax.

As your State Senator Jack will:

- **Oppose new taxes and fees to lower the cost of living.** Jack will oppose new taxes that drive up the cost of living for Oregonians and will oppose all reckless tax increases.
- **Support business growth.** Jack will support policies that make business development possible so that his kids *and yours* will be able to live and work in Oregon.
- **Stand with law enforcement officers.** Jack supports law enforcement and will always support policies that keep our communities safe.
- **Defend Oregon's farmland.** Jack will never waver in opposing the destruction of Oregon's farmlands.
- **Defend your Second Amendment rights.** Jack will never back down from defending your rights to keep and bear arms.
- **Support school policies** that prioritize educating our kids, as opposed to indoctrinating them.
- **Jack will bring Common Sense to Salem.**

Supported by the Leaders You Trust

Proudly endorsed by:

- Taxpayers Association of Oregon
- NFIB OR/PAC
- Oregon Farm Bureau
- AG-PAC
- Friends of Gap Road
- Oregon Coalition of Police & Sheriffs
- Trooper PAC
- State Representatives Darin Harbick & Ed Diehl
- Lebanon Mayor Ken Jakola & Cottage Grove Mayor Candace Solesbee
- County Commissioners Ryan Ceniga and Sherry Sprenger

For more information and a complete list of endorsements visit: www.tibbettsfororegon.com

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State Senator, 6th District
Caleb Ticer
Libertarian

Occupation: Retail Manager

Occupational Background: Approximately 10 years in retail across OR-SD6, beginning in sales with a major corporation and advancing into management and leaving ranked first in sales district-wide.

Educational Background: Some college through LCC, supplemented by extensive practical, independent education and research. I have published work on political opinion, science and history.

Prior Governmental Experience: None.

I am running for Oregon State Senate because I believe our communities can become more self-sufficient, prosperous and resilient when government and corporations are held accountable and people are given the freedom and opportunity to build.

For a decade, my work has taken me throughout Senate District 6, where I have listened to community members and seen the challenges facing families, businesses and rural communities. I want to put more resources behind the practical community work I have already done: helping facilitate donations that supplied more than 30,000 meals, helping clean 21 miles of highway by hand, and connecting eight schools and four libraries with corporate literacy grants.

I want to create more opportunities for good jobs, manage our forests effectively, increase domestic food production and help bring down grocery costs. As a Libertarian, I believe government and corporations must be accountable to the people, while individuals and communities should have the freedom to build their own future. I believe there is common ground beyond partisan division and a practical path forward.

At 34, I bring a working person's perspective, a decade of listening to our communities, and a commitment to practical results. I want to expand the scale of what I have always done: helping our children become educated, our communities become healthy, and our economy flourish.

(This information furnished by Caleb Ticer.)

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State Senator, 7th District
James I Manning Jr
Democrat

Occupation: State Senator

Occupational Background: Nonprofit Director, Ret. US Army

Educational Background: Associate of Arts, Law Enforcement; Baccalaureate of Arts, Criminal Justice Administration; Master of Arts, Organizational Leadership; Master of Science, Leadership

Prior Governmental Experience: State Senator; Board of Directors, EWEB; Oregon Commission on Black Affairs

"I am a public servant, not a politician. **I work for you – for the People of Oregon.** As your senator I pass legislation to protect our freedoms, defend democracy, ensure housing affordability, invest in education, prioritize our planet, promote living-wage jobs, and combat discrimination in all forms. It is my honor to serve you in the Oregon State Senate."

-James I. Manning, Jr., Senate President Pro tempore

HOUSING

Sen. Manning supports equitable housing policies that reduce cost, protect privacy of our data, and prevent homelessness.

MENTAL HEALTH

Sen. Manning has advanced funding for a behavioral health stabilization center for persons suffering an acute mental health crisis so they can get the treatment and support they need.

HEALTH CARE FOR ALL

Sen. Manning established the Universal Health Plan Governance Board, putting Oregon on track to be the first state to offer a Medicare/Medicaid-like universal healthcare system for all Oregonians.

VETERANS, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, FEDERAL & WORLD AFFAIRS

As Chair of this Senate Committee, Sen. Manning champions wildfire resilience, needs of first responders, and protecting veterans' services.

Civility, listening, and respectful discourse are hallmarks of Sen. Manning's public service. That's why these elected leaders and trusted organizations stand with Sen. James Manning:

ENDORSEMENTS

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden
U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley
Congresswoman Val Hoyle
Hon. Peter DeFazio
Governor Tina Kotek
State Senator Floyd Prozanski
State Representatives Lisa Fragala, Nancy Nathanson
County Commissioners Heather Buch, Pat Farr
Mayor Kaarin Knudson
OR Labor Federation, AFL-CIO
Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
Oregon Education Association PAC
AFT-Oregon (American Federation of Teachers)
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
North Coast States Carpenters Union
Planned Parenthood Action Oregon
Oregon Building Trades Unions
Oregon Nurses Association
SEIU Oregon

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State Senator, 7th District
Jack (Jake) D Huff
Republican

Occupation: FAA (Retired)

Occupational Background: FAA Radar Maintenance Technician (1989-2025).
NICE Corp/American Communications Company Quality Assurance Manager
(1986-1989)

Educational Background: High School Graduate (Frankfurt American HS,
Frankfurt, Germany), some college, FAA electronics equipment schools.

Prior Governmental Experience: Federal Employee (FAA 1989-2025),
Precinct Committee Person (Lane County Republican Party 2022- present)

Is your quality of life better today or worsening? For nearly 4 decades the Democrat Party has led our state into higher taxes, over-regulation, and other policies that stifle, rather than promote, economic growth. Do you feel over-taxed? I do!

These issues are some of the reasons that I am running for the Senate District 7 seat. I want to be **your** voice in the Senate to help remediate the following problems:

Oregon's Poor Comparative Statistics (April 2026):

- Unemployment - 8th worst (4.7%)
- Homelessness - 3rd worst
- Tax rate - 5th worst (9.9%)
- Personal income tax - 2nd worst
- Corporate income tax - 2nd worst
- Oregon's per capita income - Ranked #41

These statistics indicate failed leadership policies resulting in companies and citizens relocating to other states which use practical Conservative policies that foster business and personal prosperity. Those policies provide for better opportunities for businesses and citizens to grow and thrive. We can do that in Oregon, too, but not if we remain on the path that we are currently on.

I, therefore, commit to the following, among other things:

- Revising bureaucratic state regulatory and tax policies based on outcome results

- Encouraging business/employment growth with practical policies that work
- Seeking and implementing ways to increase housing supply while reducing costs
- Drastically reduce and eliminate homelessness with practical realistic solutions

State leaders are mandated to enable all citizens to freely thrive, not just survive! **Oregon's future depends on the choices made today.** I am committed to listening to **YOU**, and working to create a **stronger, safer, and more prosperous Oregon for EVERYONE.**

Your vote matters! Together, we can make a positive difference.

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State Senator, 8th District
Sara Gelser Blouin
Democrat

Occupation: State Senator

Occupational Background: Children with Disabilities and Family Support Coordinator, Oregon DHS; Instructor, LBCC

Educational Background: MAIS, Oregon State University; BA, Earlham College

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative, Corvallis School Board, National Council on Disability

We send legislators to Salem to work hard for us.
Senator Sara Gelser Blouin understands the assignment.

Delivering for our communities

Sara fought against the expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill and passed legislation requiring comprehensive methane monitoring. She secured millions to repair Osborn Aquatic Center, build affordable veterans' housing, improve ABC House for abused children, construct a wildfire evacuation route in Oak Creek and make Highway 20 safer.

Watching out for our pocketbooks

Sara voted to expand the working families tax credit, remove medical debt from credit reports, stop data centers from driving up electricity prices and help Oregonians save for a home down payment.

Standing up for our rights

Sara is staunchly pro-choice and championed legislation protecting access to reproductive and gender-affirming care. Sara voted to prohibit disability-based discrimination in health care and to keep ICE out of schools and hospitals.

Protecting essential services

Sara rejected corporate tax giveaways that threatened Medicaid and food assistance. She led landmark reforms improving safety and transparency in memory care and assisted living facilities. She voted to increase penalties for fentanyl dealers and successfully championed elimination of Oregon's backlog of untested rape kits.

Fighting for Oregon's future

Sara is running for reelection because she is ready to keep fighting to protect

and empower vulnerable communities, strengthen public schools and make ALL Oregon families have the chance to get ahead.

Endorsements include:

American Federation of Teachers- Oregon

Basic Rights Oregon PAC

Humane Voters Oregon

Oregon AFSCME

Oregon Building Trades Unions

Oregon Chiefs of Police Association

Oregon Education Association PAC

OR Labor Federation AFL-CIO

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Oregon Nurses Association

Oregon School Employees Association

Oregon State Fire Fighters Council

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

SEIU Oregon

Sierra Club

Learn more at www.saragelser.com

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State Senator, 10th District

Deb Patterson

Democrat

Occupation: State Senator

Occupational Background: Ordained clergy; Executive Director, International Parish Nurse Resource Center; Vice President, Deaconess Foundation

Educational Background: Yankton College; MHA, Washington University School of Medicine; M.Div., D.Min., Eden Theological Seminary

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon Nursing Home Administrators Board; Marion County Health Advisory Board Chair; Marion County Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee

Community Service: Downtown Salem Rotary; Salem City Club; American Association of University Women; League of Women Voters, Salem-Keizer NAACP

As clergy, healthcare advocate, caregiver, and mom, **State Senator Deb Patterson fights for our community.** She's fought Big Pharma and won, so she knows how to **hold large corporations accountable to tackle rising costs.**

Deb fights for an Oregon that works for everyone by:

- **Fighting for working families** by closing Trump's tax loopholes for wealthy corporations and expanding a tax credit for 200,000 low-income Oregon families.
- **Reducing costs** by taking on utility companies to lower rates and holding big corporations responsible for raising prices to pad their profits.
- **Making healthcare more affordable** by taking on Big Pharma to cap the price of essential medications and protecting access to healthcare for over one million Oregonians.
- **Championing historic investments in public schools**, pushing for smaller classes, and ensuring that funds are spent improving educational outcomes for our children.
- **Addressing homelessness** by securing funding for affordable housing, public safety, and the needed resources to improve quality of life for all Oregonians.
- **Standing up to Trump's overreach** by protecting essential services for Oregonians, like healthcare and food assistance, and holding ICE accountable.

Standing with Deb Patterson:

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden
U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley
Attorney General Dan Rayfield
SEIU Oregon
Trooper PAC
Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
Oregon Nurses Association
Oregon Education Association - PAC
Oregon AFSCME
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
North Coast States Carpenters Union
IBEW 48
UFCW 555
OR Labor Federation, AFL-CIO
Housing Oregon Action Fund
PCUN
The Mother PAC
Basic Rights Oregon PAC
APANO Action Fund
Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

www.DebPattersonOR.org

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State Senator, 10th District

Angela Plowhead

Republican

Occupation: Psychologist, Small Business Owner & Founder Veteran Suicide Prevention Nonprofit.

Occupational Background: Air Force Signals Intelligence Analyst. VA Psychologist.

Educational Background: AAS, Community College of the Air Force. BSOE, Wayland Baptist University. MA & PsyD, George Fox University.

Prior Governmental Experience: VA Supervisory Psychologist. Chair, Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District. Marion County Water Quality Advisory Committee. NWSDS & Clackamas Senior Advisory Councils.

I'm a mother, wife, veteran, psychologist & small business owner. Since I was 19, my work has had real-life consequences, in military intelligence, helping veterans in crisis, building a nonprofit and working in the courts. I've built my career around people who needed it most: veterans, seniors & families in crisis. That's the leadership I'll bring to Salem.

My opponent's record:

- **Higher Taxes:** Repeatedly voted to raise taxes and fees, including the \$4.3 billion transportation tax hike, the largest in Oregon history. You rejected it. They're bringing it back.
- **Higher Costs:** Shut down the Brooks incinerator. Your garbage bill is now second-highest in Oregon.
- **Failing Schools:** Voted twice to stop requiring reading, writing and math proficiency to graduate.
- **Rising Crime:** Voted for the "catch and release" bail law. Repeat offenders have been rearrested up to six times in a year.

None of this had to happen. It's what unchecked power looks like. It's time to restore balance.

As your Senator, I'll hold the line on taxes & hold government accountable. I'll make sure our kids can read, write & do math before graduation. I'll make sure violent offenders answer for their crimes & homelessness is addressed at the root. I've spent my life caring for people the system left behind. I'm not stopping now.

It's time for a Safer, Smarter & Stronger Oregon.

Endorsed across party lines (Ken Smith of Independent Party Council, Libertarian and Republican nominations) and by dozens of elected officials, along with OSBA, NFIB/OR PAC and Defend Small Business PAC. Full list: Angela4Oregon.com.

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State Senator, 11th District
Virginia Stapleton
Democrat

Occupation: Mom, Community advocate, volunteer

Occupational Background: Service-industry worker; Valley Recycling; Co-Owner, The Grounds Guys Landscaping; Co-Founder, Salem Bike Vision

Educational Background: A.A., Chemeketa Community College

Prior Governmental Experience: Salem City Councilor, Council President; Salem-Keizer School District Budget Committee

FIGHTER FOR THE WORKING CLASS

Over the past year I've knocked on thousands of doors and I know that people are frustrated, angry, and exhausted. I understand. I grew up with 11 siblings on our family farm in Salem. There were times we couldn't afford heat or running water. I felt as a child what too many feel now as we all struggle with rising costs.

That experience taught me that our government should make everyday life easier, not harder. **On Salem City Council, I delivered:**

- Over 4,000 units of affordable housing
- 1,000 shelter beds for our homeless neighbors
- Investments in police, fire, and reduced emergency response times
- \$300M of investments in our community infrastructure

I'm also a mom raising two teenagers while paying thousands of dollars yearly in out-of-pocket healthcare costs. I know our family isn't alone. **Rising housing, groceries, utility, healthcare, and childcare costs** are forcing us into choices no one should have to make.

A better Oregon is possible with political courage. It's time we elect someone who comes from the working class, who understands people's struggles firsthand. **If we center families, not billionaires and corporations, we can:**

- Bring down the cost of living
- Build housing people can actually afford
- Address the homelessness and mental health crises
- Fight back against Trump's attacks on our healthcare
- Provide our kids a high quality education
- Protect our communities from unchecked data centers

Endorsed By:

Oregon State Firefighters Council

OR Labor Federation AFL-CIO

Oregon AFSCME

SEIU Oregon

Oregon Nurses Association

Oregon Education Association PAC

PCUN, Farmerworkers Union

North Coast States Carpenters

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

www.ElectVirginiaStapleton.com

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State Senator, 11th District
Tracy M Cramer
Republican

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: Dental Assistant

Educational Background: Gervais High School; Anthem College

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative

Protecting Our Future

I grew up as a farmhand in Gervais. My father was a logger, truck driver, and ordained minister who taught me to cherish the land because it provides for our families and safeguards our futures.

Right now our land and our future are both on the line, but **it doesn't have to be this way.**

Fighting for Working Families

With each election I've seen the need to get involved and protect working families like yours and mine from rising costs and higher taxes.

We can't afford more of Tina Kotek's costly, unaccountable agenda threatening our land and way of life.

I'm ready to stand up to the politicians. **I'll never stop fighting to protect your future.**

PROVEN RECORD:

- Passed legislation expanding affordable housing options, including for farmworkers and domestic violence victims
- Helped defeat Kotek's \$4.3 billion gas tax & Virginia Stapleton's Salem payroll tax
- Fought to reform & fully fund K-12 education
- Sponsored legislation recriminalizing hard drugs

PRIORITIES:

- Stop data centers from taking over our farmland and neighborhoods

- Lower utility costs—the hidden tax on working families
- Demand results for the billions spent on homelessness programs, especially in Salem where the problem has only worsened
- Ensure law enforcement is supported, equipped, and trained to protect us

We Stand with Tracy:

Local Leaders

Senator **Kim Thatcher**

Representative **Kevin Mannix**

Marion County District Attorney **Paige Clarkson**

Marion County Commissioner **Danielle Bethell**

Marion County Sheriff **Nick Hunter**

Santiago Puente (Woodburn)

Olivia Nava (Woodburn Teacher)

Betsy Vega (Salem)

Law Enforcement and Union Representatives

Salem Police Employee's Union

Oregon's Sheriffs

Oregon Coalition of Police & Sheriffs (ORCOPS)

Trooper PAC

Oregon Chiefs of Police Association

Small Business and Taxpayer Advocates

Oregon Hispanic Business Association

Taxpayers Association of Oregon

Salem Chamber

Keizer Chamber of Commerce

NFIB/OR PAC

Oregon Small Business Association

Agriculture

Oregon Farm Bureau

Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc.

www.TracyForOregon.com

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State Senator, 13th District
Courtney Neron Misslin
Democrat

Occupation: State Senator

Occupational Background: High School French/Spanish Teacher

Educational Background: Pacific University, MAT; University of Oregon, BA;
Tigard High

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative (2019-2025), State
Senator (2025-current)

As your State Senator, I'm pushing back against federal overreach and policies that benefit only the ultra-wealthy. I'm standing up for a fair economy, strong democracy, and clean energy solutions. I have successfully fought for consumer protections, immigrant and family justice, housing, and ratepayer affordability. As an educator and parent, I'm dedicated to improving our education system, preventing gun violence, protecting our natural resources for future generations, and ensuring healthcare for all.

Access to care and services is essential to well-being.

I will keep fighting for what Oregonians need to stay safe, healthy, and thrive, including:

- Comprehensive reproductive healthcare
- Affordable, high-quality childcare
- Disability services and caregiving workforce supports
- Tenant protections and food assistance
- Addiction treatment and recovery pathways

Preparing students for the jobs of tomorrow requires investment in strong schools.

I am committed to fully funding our education system and prioritizing:

- Special education funding and staffing
- Safe buildings for teaching and learning
- Reasonable class size and caseloads for educators
- Affordable higher education opportunities
- Apprenticeships leading to family-wage jobs

Everyone deserves a safe and affordable place to call home.

I am listening to our communities, looking to Oregon's future, and delivering

results for our district. My work has brought investments to the Sherwood Pedestrian Bridge, I-5 Bridge planning in Wilsonville, local broadband, sewer lines to support housing infrastructure needs, and more.

Standing with Courtney

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

Basic Rights Oregon PAC

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Sierra Club

North Coast States Carpenters Union

Sheet Metal Workers SMART Local 16

SEIU Oregon

Ironworkers Local 29

Trooper PAC

The Mother PAC

Oregon Nurses Association

Oregon Building Trades Unions

Oregon AFSCME

Oregon School Employees Association

Oregon Education Association PAC

Humane World Action Fund

U.S. Congresswoman Andrea Salinas

U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden

www.CourtneyForOregon.com

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State Senator, 13th District
Glenn Lancaster
Republican

Occupation: Retired Business Owner, Electric Utility Industry

Occupational Background: Co-Founder, Stephens, McCarthy & Lancaster LLC, manufacturers' representative firm serving electric utilities. 40+ years in utility sales and electrical engineering. Retired 2020.

Educational Background: Engineering Studies, Somerset Institution of Technology (Somerset, NJ); Business Administration Studies, Centenary University (Hackettstown, NJ).

Prior Governmental Experience: Precinct Committeeperson; County Special Committee Chair; State Party Delegate.

I love this district and state. Anna and I built our life here and proudly call Wilsonville home. From Tigard and King City to Sherwood and the vineyards of Yamhill County, I know this district. For over forty years I worked in the electric utility industry, co-founding a company serving utilities across the state, nation, and overseas. I know how to fix systems that aren't working.

My opponent's record:

Higher Costs: Courtney voted for HB 3991, which included a six-cent gas tax increase and higher registration and title fees. Oregon voters rejected those increases by more than four to one. Salem is already discussing another transportation funding package for 2027.

Failing Schools: Courtney carried SB 744, which suspended Oregon's requirement that students demonstrate proficiency in reading, writing, and math to graduate. Whatever Salem calls it, removing a proficiency requirement lowers the standard.

Soft on Crime: Courtney voted for SB 48, which eliminated certain mandatory minimum bail requirements and expanded Oregon's pretrial-release system. Washington County's district attorney warned the changes made our community less safe, and repeated-release cases have been documented.

Oregon's decline is a choice, not destiny. Decades of one-party dominance brought us here.

It's time to **Fix What's Broken.**

As your Senator, I'll stop the next tax increase and protect your kicker refund. I'll put reading, writing, and math back at the center of your child's education. I'll strengthen pretrial-release laws and make sure violent criminals are held accountable. I've spent forty years fixing what wasn't working, and I'm not stopping now.

I'm Glenn Lancaster, and I'm humbly asking for your vote.

(This information furnished by Glenn Lancaster.)

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State Senator, 15th District

Myrna A Munoz

Democrat

Occupation: Educator, Small Business Owner, University Adjunct, Bi-literacy Coach

Occupational Background: Bilingual Educator: Preschool through Graduate School, Public school principal, Education specialist, Small business owner

Educational Background: A/B (UC Berkeley), MA (Concordia), Educational Leadership Credential (PSU)

Prior Governmental Experience: Precinct Committee Person

As your Senator, I will represent you in the ideas I bring forward. I will center the problems of our communities and discuss solutions with my constituents, centering those most impacted.

- *As an educator from a family of educators, I understand quality education, & I'll fight for our public schools.*
- *As the daughter of immigrants, I know diversity is what makes our state thrive. I will stand up against ICE and federal overreach and protect our healthcare system and access to abortion.*
- *I'll close tax loopholes and make sure large corporations pay their fair share so we can invest in schools, healthcare and affordable housing - every day essentials working families need.*
- *I will work to shift our economy to one that works for working people and protects the environment, keeping us away from dangerous threats like data centers, and cutting red tape so small businesses can thrive.*

Myrna Munoz - A Champion of Community

By listening to you, not wealthy corporations, I will rebuild trust in our government and focus on what we need most: civil rights fully in place, education we can be proud of, and a diversified economic development that benefits us all.

I'm supported by:

Labor and Working People

OR Labor Federation AFL-CIO

Oregon School Employees Association - OSEA

Oregon Education Association - PAC

American Federation of Teachers - Oregon

SEIU Oregon

Oregon Nurse's Association - ONA

Oregon AFSCME

North Coast States Carpenters Union

Environmental

Friends of Smart Growth

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Sierra Club

Jane Fonda Climate PAC

Civil Rights and Civic

Imagine Black

Oregon Working Families Party

Basic Rights Oregon PAC

Next Up Action Fund

...and more supporters at myrnaforsenate.com

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State Senator, 15th District

Harold Hutchison

Republican

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Computer systems engineer and technician

Educational Background: ASEET 1988 Blue Mountain Community College;
AA General Studies 1978 Blue Mountain Community College

Prior Governmental Experience: GOP Precinct Committee Person

I cannot abide what has happened to Oregon. I am done sitting on my hands as people with a far different view of what our society should look like are elevated by default to positions of authority. Oregon's controlling Democrat Party is far out of touch with the good people of this state. We must replace their madness with some common sense.

My legislative goals:

- Restore High Academic Standards
- Reduce Government Regulation
- Restore Respect for the Rule of Law
- Eliminate Assessment-based Property Tax
- Uphold the US and Oregon Constitutions

That voters will know who I am, the principles I support and the ideas I oppose, I offer this brief list:

- I support TERM LIMITS for National and State elected office;
- I support Nationalized Health INSURANCE, extending our current Medicare to cover ALL citizens.
- I support personal accountability and oppose abortion.
- I support parent's rights. Parents have the responsibility to raise their children to be good citizens, therefore have the RIGHT to do so without government interference.
- I support traditional family values so I oppose DEI in its current embodiment. Our National and State constitutions guarantee equality, as do our state and federal statutes. Regulations, enacted by unelected and unaccountable bureaucrats pushing for special rights and privileges for the few, only serve to subvert our march to a truly egalitarian society.
- I oppose lowering the voting age. I would support efforts to repeal the 26th Amendment to the US Constitution.

- I oppose Vote-By-Mail (VBM). A system that can be corrupted, will be. There are too many ways to implement fraud under VBM. Voting in person at the polls after showing valid picture ID will restore confidence in our elections.

Visit www.haroldhutchison.carrd.co, follow me on X (@HaroldHhutch), or on Facebook (Harold for SD #15)

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State Senator, 16th District
Courtney Bangs
Republican

Occupation: Substitute Teacher

Occupational Background: Academic Director; Teacher; Dance Instructor;
Agriculture Education Teacher; FFA Advisor

Educational Background: Master's in Agriculture Education & Bachelor's in
Animal Science at OSU

Prior Governmental Experience: Clatsop County Commissioner

"Courtney didn't have to be asked to show up for loggers, fishermen, and working families. She has always been a fierce advocate for our way of life and will continue the independent, commonsense leadership that we need."

~Former State Senator **Betsy Johnson**

Protecting Our Rural Northwest Oregon Way of Life

Portland Politicians always seem to find another way to threaten our values. They neglect our schools, close our mills, come after our wallets, and conform us to *their* priorities.

I live the rural way of life every day on our sixth generation family farm, where my husband Derek and I are raising our three kids. For almost 20 years, I've worked with students of all ages in this community.

Standing up to Portland Politicians is not new to me.

When I first ran for County Commissioner, I took on a far-left Portland politician. We face the same choice in this election.

I've followed through on my promises to back law enforcement, end the childcare desert working families faced, and stop Tina Kotek's \$4.3 billion gas tax. While the politicians in Salem have pushed regulations that kill jobs and slow housing development, I've continued to fight back and be your voice.

I'll never stop protecting what matters.

Endorsements:

Senator **Suzanne Weber**
Representative **Darcey Edwards**
Clatsop County Commissioner **Mark Kujala**
Rainier Mayor **Jerry Cole**
North Coast First PAC
Oregon Coalition of Police & Sheriffs (ORCOPS)
Oregon Small Business Association
NFIB/OR PAC
Oregon Manufactured Housing Association
Oregon's Sheriffs
Oregon Chiefs of Police Association
Trooper PAC
Oregon Farm Bureau
Oregon Dairy Farmers Association
Oregonians for Food & Shelter
AG-PAC
Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc.
Taxpayers Association of Oregon
Cary Johnson, C.T. Johnson Homes
Bill Kerr, Former President, United Steelworkers Local 1097

www.CourtneyBangs.com

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State Senator, 16th District
Rachel Armitage
Democrat

Occupation: K-12 Education

Occupational Background: State Senator • North Coast Program Officer,
Oregon Community Foundation • Reed College Advancement • Early Childhood
Educator

Educational Background: B.A., University of Oregon

Prior Governmental Experience: State Senator • Columbia County Port
Budget Committee • Legislative Aide

RACHEL GETS RESULTS

Rachel grew up helping her single mom raise her three siblings. She understands the struggles rural working families like ours face, and she's tired of Salem politicians who talk a big game but don't deliver. Rachel is ready to roll up her sleeves and get to work.

Local leaders are sending Rachel to Salem because she'll get stuff done:

Henry Heimuller, Former Columbia County Commissioner and Fair Board
Mike Brosius, Clatsop County Commissioner-Elect
Erin Skaar, Tillamook County Commissioner

STOP THE SQUEEZE ON RURAL WORKING FAMILIES!

Rachel is running to hold Salem accountable. She will:

- Fight back against nickel-and-dime policies that raise costs for rural working families
- Create good-paying jobs and make sure our small businesses thrive
- **ALWAYS defend our God-given rights to hunt, farm, and fish!**

"I trust Rachel to defend our rural values. As State Senator, she **championed the Private Forest Accord** so people in timber and logging jobs are still going to work today." — *Paul Langner, Rainier City Councilor*

A CHAMPION FOR HOUSING AND HEALTHCARE

Rachel already delivered results for our communities:

- Expanded healthcare for rural veterans
- Protected our rural pharmacies from harmful corporate taxes
- Funded food banks and senior meal programs

"Rachel **secured critical funding to make Nehalem Bay Health Center a reality.** We trust her to deliver on housing and health care because she's done it before." —*Mary Faith Bell, Tillamook County Commissioner*

LABOR UNIONS ARE TEAM RACHEL

**Joint Council of Teamsters No. 37
UA Local 290 - Plumbers & Steamfitters
UFCW 555
SEIU Oregon
Oregon Education Association PAC**

*Endorsed by Planned Parenthood Action Oregon
U.S. Senator Ron Wyden
U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley*

**For more visit
www.SenateDistrict16.com**

Or just call my cell directly: 503-395-0119

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State Senator, 16th District
Melisa Finkle
Independent

Occupation: Client Care Surveyor

Occupational Background: Ten years of public service

Educational Background: Associate degrees in Criminal Justice and Paralegal Studies; bachelor's degree in criminal justice; currently pursuing a master's degree in criminal justice

Prior Governmental Experience: Ten years of public service

After a decade in public service, I've learned that real work doesn't happen under bright lights or behind a podium. It happens in the places where the problems are real.

As an Independent Party candidate, I believe District 16 has an opportunity to show Oregon what independent leadership looks like: practical, local, and not owned by the usual political playbook. Independent voters make up a huge part of this district, and your voice matters. When you vote Independent, you're choosing representation that isn't tied to party pressure or donor expectations.

I am not seeking endorsements, and I am not accepting money from groups who expect a vote in return. That doesn't mean I lack support — it means I'm not indebted to anyone but the people who elect me. Independence gives me the freedom to listen, think, and vote based on what actually helps this district.

We need practical work on the issues people talk about at the grocery store, at work, and on the drive home: safer travel, roads that need more than another temporary patch, housing that people can actually afford, stronger emergency services, and infrastructure that helps small businesses grow instead of making them wait in line forever.

District 16 includes coastal communities, farms, small towns, working families, and local businesses. Representation should belong to the people who live here — not to whoever has the loudest megaphone or the deepest pockets.

I am committed to working with anyone, from any party or background, when it helps the people of this district. I'm not running to be another slogan in Salem. I'm running to show up, listen, do the work, and make state government useful for District 16.

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State Senator, 17th District
Lisa Reynolds
Democrat

Occupation: Pediatrician, State Senator

Occupational Background: The Children's Clinic, 1995-present; Oregon State Representative, 2021-2024; Oregon State Senator, 2024-present.

Educational Background: University of Chicago, BA; UCLA School of Medicine, MD

Prior Governmental Experience: Legislator; Citizen Budget Advisory Committee, Multnomah County

Community Involvement: Tualatin Hills Park Foundation Board; Moms Demand Action Legislative Lead; Indivisible Oregon Co-founder; School Volunteer

Oregon State Senator Dr. Lisa Reynolds never stops working for her patients, her constituents, and her community.

"We need strong Democrats like Dr. Lisa Reynolds to push back on Trump's cruel policies aimed at stripping people of their health care and food benefits."

- Democratic Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici

As our State Legislator, Lisa:

- Responded to the Trump administration with policies that protect patients in hospitals, children in schools, and people in their homes.
- Supported the highest K-12 budget expenditure in Oregon history, including funding for early literacy programs.
- Strengthened regulation of tobacco products to prevent youth access.
- Established the Oregon Child Tax Credit and fought for affordable childcare.
- Brought forward legislation to improve maternal and child health, especially in rural Oregon.
- Kept vaccines widely available in our state in the face of federal threats.
- Championed access to abortion services and bolstered protections and funding for providers.
- Passed gun safety legislation, protecting children from gun violence and outlawing bump stocks.

Endorsements

US Senator Ron Wyden

US Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici

Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield

State Representative Mari Watanabe

Oregon State Fire Fighters Council

Oregon AFSCME

SEIU Oregon

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

Oregon Nurses Association

OR Labor Federation, AFL-CIO

North Coast States Carpenters Union

Oregon Education Association PAC

Oregon School Employees Association

United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555

Basic Rights Oregon PAC

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

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For more information, see www.LisaForOregon.com

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State Senator, 19th District
Rob Wagner
Democrat

Occupation: Oregon Senate President

Occupational Background: Portland Community College (Associate Vice President)

Educational Background: George Washington University (MA), Portland State University (BA), Lake Oswego HS

Prior Governmental Experience: State Senator, Lake Oswego School Board

Our State, Our Future

Having grown up in Oregon and raised my four kids here, our state's future is personal for me. As your State Senator, I prioritize things that are most important to our community and state: education, jobs and workforce training, environment and parks, health care, public safety, housing, and quality of life.

As Senate President, I work hard for Oregonians in every corner of our state. That includes helping lead the statewide response to budget cuts and chaos from Washington, DC.

Environment and Parks

As we fight climate change, we must protect our clean air, land, and water; build resilience amidst wildfires and heat waves; and defend our natural places. I've visited 100+ Oregon state parks; the beauty of our state never fails to amaze me. And I led the fight to open Willamette Falls for generations to come.

Access to Health Care

As Trump slashes access to doctors and medicine, we must protect health care for Oregonians, including seniors, low-income families, and children; and ensure that Planned Parenthood provides preventive and reproductive health care, including legal abortion and screening services.

Investing in Oregon

We must invest in Oregon: education, infrastructure, public safety, jobs, and economic development; and make sure those investments achieve their goals of helping Oregonians build a better life.

Endorsements include:

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden
U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley

Congresswoman Andrea Salinas
Congresswoman Janelle Bynum
Congresswoman Maxine Dexter
Governor Tina Kotek
Attorney General Dan Rayfield
Clackamas County Chair Craig Roberts
Tualatin Mayor Frank Bubenik
Lake Oswego Mayor Joe Buck
West Linn Mayor Rory Bialostosky
Basic Rights Oregon PAC
OR Labor Federation AFL-CIO
Oregon Nurses Association
Oregon Building Trades Unions
Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
Planned Parenthood Action Oregon
Portland Metro Chamber

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State Senator, 19th District
Mary Dirksen
Republican

Occupation: ODOT Senior Policy Analyst; Mom

Occupational Background: 24 years serving Oregonians at ODOT.

Educational Background: Dual bachelor's degrees in Human Resources Management and General Management, Portland State University.

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon Trafficking Intervention Advisory Committee; U.S. Department of Transportation Advisory Committee on Human Trafficking; City of Tualatin Budget Advisory Committee; 15-year Coffee Creek Correctional Facility volunteer; USDA Forest Service.

Oregon families deserve better.

As a mother who adopted children from foster care, protecting kids and strengthening families is personal. I've worked to combat human trafficking, support survivors, mentor women in prison, and serve foster youth. I understand how decisions made in Salem reach real kitchens, classrooms, and neighborhoods across our communities. Yet under the current Senate leadership, public safety has declined, taxes and the cost of living have soared, and families and businesses are leaving the state.

As your next State Senator, I will prioritize:

- **Public safety:** putting victims first, supporting law enforcement, and holding repeat offenders accountable.
- **Fiscal responsibility:** reining in wasteful spending, demanding transparency, and delivering meaningful tax relief so working families can keep more of what they earn.
- **Education:** focusing on strong academics, curriculum transparency, parental involvement, and real opportunity for every student.
- **Economic growth:** making Oregon a place where small businesses thrive so the cost of living no longer pushes families out.

I believe government should serve people, not the other way around. Leadership that listens, acts with integrity, and puts community first can restore balance and hope.

I'm ready to bring servant leadership to the State Senate. Together we can build a safer, stronger, more affordable Oregon for the next generation.

"Senator Wagner has become disconnected from working families' needs. His ill-conceived tax increase proposals make Oregon unaffordable. Mary will listen, and prioritize families first."

- Julie Parrish, Former HD37 State Representative, Attorney

Proudly Endorsed:

Oregon Small Business Association

Taxpayers Association of Oregon

Brian and Jamie Smith, Albina Co. Inc, Tualatin

Dr. Jo Nielsen, Ret. Pediatrician

Learn more: marydirksen.com

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State Senator, 20th District
Michele Stroh
Republican

Occupation: Childcare Provider

Occupational Background: Banking

Educational Background: Early Childhood Education

Prior Governmental Experience: Twice Elected- Oregon City School Board Director

Vote Stroh=Sanity for Oregon

My husband and I have raised five children in this state we love. I left banking to open a childcare business, coached youth sports and led 4-H. I'm not a career politician- I see a need, I get things done.

In 2020, my son Keaton, a proud United States Marine, was killed by a fentanyl-laced counterfeit pill. That loss drove me to run for school board, where I helped bring Clackamas County's first Narcan policy into schools and championed statewide fentanyl education legislation that became law.

**It's time Oregon got serious about addiction and recovery,
I've already led the way.**

PUBLIC SAFETY: Fully fund law enforcement; restore real consequences.

EDUCATION THAT WORKS: Restore academic standards; hold schools accountable for results.

COMMONSENSE HOUSING: Cut the bureaucracy and make homeownership a reality.

NO NEW TAXES: *Oregon is among the highest taxed states in the nation.* Oregon doesn't have a revenue problem; it has a spending problem. I'll bring a small business owner's frugal mindset to every vote.

Endorsed by:

Christine Drazan, State Senator

Bruce Starr, Senate Minority Leader

Bill Kennemer, retired Oregon State Senator

The Taxpayer Association of Oregon

INCUMBENT MARK MEEK: SAYS ONE THING, VOTES ANOTHER

- June 2025: Meek fights his own party's transportation bill, warning of tolling on I-205. Senate leadership removes him from committee to push it through anyway.
- September 2025: Meek reverses and votes YES on a package to RAISE YOUR TAXES.
- May 2026: Voters get their say — and reject it, over 80% to less than 20%. Nearly 250,000 Oregonians signed the NO GAS TAX petition forcing that vote.

Oregonians told Salem "no." Incumbent Mark Meek voted "yes."

The definition of insanity is doing the same thing repeatedly and expecting different results. Incumbent politicians aren't making Oregon better, **vote MICHELE STROH for sanity** this November.

VoteStroh.com

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State Senator, 20th District
Mark Meek
Democrat

Occupation: Small Business Owner; State Senator

Occupational Background: Owner, Avid Real Estate Executives, LLC

Educational Background: B.S. Management/CIS – Park College

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon House of Representatives;
Clackamas County Planning Commission; Clackamas County Economic
Development Commission

Military Experience: Staff Sergeant (Security Police), U.S. Air Force (1983-1990)

Senator Mark Meek is a father, veteran, and small business owner dedicated to our community. From coaching local youth sports, to serving in the Air Force, to making a difference for families as our Senator - Mark is rooted in service to others.

“I support and trust Senator Meek to lower costs and make life more affordable. **Mark stopped tolling on I-205, saving families thousands of dollars each year.** He'll continue standing up to special interests and do what's right for Oregon.”

- *Mayor Denyse McGriff (Oregon City)*

“We really appreciate Senator Meek. **He's honest and a man of his word.** For years, Salem politicians failed first responders and their families trying to access the disability benefits they'd earned. **When Mark heard our story, he stepped in and passed a law that finally gives families like ours relief.**”

- *Sean and Karen Ellis (Clackamas)*

“Mark believes high-quality, affordable healthcare should be available to everyone. He saved the Oregon Health Plan for 1+ million Oregonians and is **fighting Big Pharma to stop price hikes for prescription drugs.**”

- *Tom Feely (Gladstone)*

“As a local parent, **Mark Meek is the only candidate I trust to improve schools, raise graduation rates, and keep our families safe.**”

- Glenn Wachter (Happy Valley)

Endorsed By:

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley

Clackamas County Chair Craig Roberts

Oregon City Mayor Denyse McGriff

Happy Valley Mayor Tom Ellis

Gladstone Mayor Michael Milch

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

Stand for Children Oregon

Oregon Nurses Association

Oregon State Fire Fighters Council

Oregon Chiefs of Police Association

Oregon Coalition of Police & Sheriffs

Trooper PAC

North Coast States Carpenters Union

North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce

Defend Small Business PAC

AG-PAC

www.VoteMarkMeek.com

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State Senator, 24th District
Kayse Jama
Democrat

Occupation: Oregon State Senator

Occupational Background: Nonprofit Leader

Educational Background: Marylhurst University, B.A.

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon Senate Majority Leader; Chair, Senate Committee on Housing & Development; Oregon Commission on Black Affairs

Kayse Jama: Delivering Opportunity for All

For more than twenty years, I've worked alongside East Portland and Clackamas County communities as an organizer, advocate, nonprofit leader, and now as your State Senator. In Salem, I've turned that experience into results for the people I represent.

Investing in Our Community

- Secured millions for affordable housing and economic development in our district
- Expanded access to free and low-cost childcare
- Fought to lower energy costs for Oregon families
- Protected immigrant and refugee communities from federal overreach
- Stood with workers fighting for fair wages

Lowering the Cost of Living

I'm focused on lowering everyday costs, building more affordable housing, expanding access to healthcare, and investing in clean energy that protects Oregon's environment.

Protecting Oregonians

Oregon should be a place where everyone can thrive. I will continue defending access to reproductive healthcare, protecting LGBTQ+ rights, and ensuring Oregon remains a welcoming home for immigrants and refugees.

Strong Public Schools

As the parent of two students in the David Douglas School District, I know great public schools are the foundation of healthy communities. I will keep fighting for classroom investment, support for educators, and opportunity for every student.

It's an honor to represent our community, and I would be grateful to earn your vote.

Proudly endorsed by:

- American Federation of Teachers - Oregon
- Basic Rights Oregon PAC
- East County Rising PAC
- LIUNA
- North Coast States Carpenters Union
- Oregon Labor Federation, AFL-CIO
- Oregon AFSCME
- Oregon Education Association PAC
- Oregon League of Conservation Voters
- Oregon Nurses Association
- Oregon School Employees Association
- Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
- Planned Parenthood Action Oregon
- U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley
- U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

Learn more at www.kaysejama.com

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State Senator, 26th District
Nicole Bassett
Democrat

Occupation: Small business owner

Occupational Background: Co-Founder and CEO, The Renewal Workshop, Cascade Locks

Educational Background: York University, Simon Fraser University.

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Families, workers, and small businesses are being crushed by rising prices, tariffs, and taxes. Career politicians in both parties aren't delivering results.

I am not a politician. I've spent decades as an advocate and business owner **growing companies from the ground up, creating jobs right here in rural Oregon, protecting our natural resources, and building an economy that works for everyone.**

I'll bring long-overdue accountability to Salem and stand up for hard-working families and small business owners.

An Affordable Economy for Oregon

Our economy isn't working for us. I'll take on corporate consolidation and policies that drive up the cost of rent and essentials and defend against big tech overreach. I'll champion policies that create good-paying local jobs that invest back into our community.

Lower Healthcare Costs

Everyone deserves access to healthcare. I'll collaborate to create more affordable and accessible healthcare options, protect access to reproductive healthcare, and oppose cuts that threaten our rural hospitals.

Career-Ready Education

Our students deserve top-quality local schools. I'll support increased funding for career and technical education, smaller class sizes, and more mental health support so students graduate ready to pursue higher education, vocational training, and careers here in Oregon.

Responsible Stewardship of Natural Resources

Protecting our natural resources strengthens Oregon's economy and way of life. Our land and water support tourism, agriculture, and our communities. I'll prioritize wildfire prevention, support first responders, and invest in proven solutions that keep people, land, and homes safe.

Endorsed by:

Teamsters Joint Council No. 37

Nurses and Friends for Single Payer

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

American Federation of Teachers-Oregon

Oregon Consumer League Action Fund

Oregon AFSCME

Yvon Chouinard - Founder of Patagonia

Matthew Ellis - Hood River Cty. District Attorney

Kara Davis - Wasco Cty. District Attorney

Dozens more at bassettfororegon.com

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State Senator, 26th District
Jeff Helfrich
Republican

Occupation: State Representative

Occupational Background: Retired Police Sergeant; Cascade Locks City Councilor; MCEDD Board of Directors; US Air Force, Farmhand.

Educational Background: Columbine High School; Oregon Public Safety Academy/DPSST

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative; Cascade Locks City Councilor; Planning Commissioner/Budget Committee member; Economic Development Workgroup member.

GETTING OREGON BACK TO BASICS

Salem has lost focus on the basics. Too many political experiments have made life harder and more expensive for Oregon families.

As your State Representative, I stood up and got results. When Measure 110 failed, I helped lead the bipartisan effort to re-criminalize hard drugs and restore accountability. I opposed major tax increases, including the gas tax, and fought policies that increase costs for working families.

You deserve a problem-solver who stands up for common sense and gets results. That's getting Oregon Back to Basics.

MAKING OREGON MORE AFFORDABLE

Housing, groceries, energy, insurance, and taxes all come out of the same paycheck. I will continue fighting unnecessary tax increases, wasteful spending, and policies that make it harder to live, work, and raise a family in Oregon.

A strong economy means making Oregon a place where farms and businesses can grow, hire, and create good-paying jobs.

LOWERING ENERGY COSTS

Families, farms, and businesses need reliable, affordable energy. We need balanced policies that lower costs, protect good-paying jobs, and provide the power Oregon needs to grow.

RESTORING EDUCATION STANDARDS

Students deserve high standards and an education that prepares them for what comes next: a career, the skilled trades, military service or college.

PRIORITIZING PUBLIC SAFETY

After twenty-five years in law enforcement, I know safe communities require accountability. I will support law enforcement, hold offenders accountable, and keep our communities safe.

"I would be honored to earn your vote and continue serving you in the Oregon Senate."

Representative Jeff Helfrich

I'm proud to have the support of Republican, Democrat, and Independent leaders across the district and would be honored to have your vote.

Learn more at:

www.HelfrichforOregon.com

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State Representative, 1st District
Court Boice
Republican

Occupation: Oregon State Representative - Coos, Curry, and Douglas Counties

Occupational Background: Faith, Family, Business

Educational Background: Graduate; Employer for 35 years at Jerry's Rogue Jet Boats and Paradise Wilderness Lodge. I've lived in Southwest Oregon my entire life.

Prior Governmental Experience: 6 years County Commissioner; 8 years Oregon Marine Board; 45 years serving on 30 different District 1 Boards and Committees. Chair - Oregon Legislative Coastal Caucus. Currently Serves on three House Committees: Agriculture, Water, Natural Resources, and Land Use; Veterans and Emergency Preparedness; Housing and Homelessness.

COURT BOICE: THE "BOICE OF REASON"

A lifelong Southwest Oregonian and leader in wildfire awareness, prevention, response, and recovery.

COURT BOICE RECORD

A Constitutional, Christian, Conservative focused on protecting freedoms and restoring opportunity for rural communities. Court is committed to reversing decades of policies that weakened rural Oregon and continues working toward practical solutions. NO NEW TAXES.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Hold criminals accountable and support the men and women who protect our communities

FAMILY VALUES

Court and his wife Britt are proud of three Sons, nine Grandchildren and one Greatgrandson

VETERANS AND SENIORS

A strong record of supporting veterans and the seniors who built our communities

FOREST MANAGEMENT

Restore healthy forests, strengthen the timber industry, and reduce wildfire risk

FISH AND WATERSHEDS

Continue restoring rivers and watersheds supporting fisheries and coastal economies

BUSINESS CLIMATE

Reduce over-regulation and taxation so businesses and workers can succeed

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Stop waste, fraud, abuse, and corruption - government expansion

CHARACTER AND SERVICE

In 1997, Court by Jet Boat rescued six men from the Rogue River during near-freezing and flood conditions. In 2011, he pursued a Salem bank robber after being shot at, helping authorities identify the suspect - who was later sentenced to 30years.

Supported by pro-business, farming, timber, tourism, fishing, and law enforcement leaders.

“My wife Britt and I are honored to serve you.”

Proud to be a public servant — the Court Boice of Reason asks for your vote.

CourtBoiceforOregon.com

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State Representative, 1st District
Bret Cecil
Democrat

Occupation: Full-Time Community Volunteer

Occupational Background: Veterinary Assistant; Medical Records Technician /Transcriber, Pathology Lab Assistant; Computer Operator/Word Processor-Aerospace Technical Document Production, Northrop B-2; Fitness Instructor /Personal Trainer; Property Owner/Manager/Builder/Developer; Farmer/Rancher

Educational Background: Los Alamitos High School; Cypress Community College, General Studies; Long Beach City College, Computer Science; National Academy of Sports Medicine (NASM), Fitness Instructor/Personal Trainer Certification

Prior Governmental Experience: Elected Precinct Committee Person; South Coast Education Service District (SCESD) Budget Committee Member; Curry County Transit Advisory Committee Member; Chair, Curry County Democratic Central Committee.

Hello! I'm your neighbor on the rural coast in Port Orford. I am:

- Eldest of four, born between 1960 and 1964
- Son of a cop and a medical transcriber
- Educated in public schools and community colleges
- Live(d) in urban, suburban, rural and frontier settings
- Live on fixed income/Social Security
- Everyday working class as I can be, and
- **I CARE!**

As a full-time grassroots, community volunteer, I enjoy meeting people. It is my daily pleasure to serve all of my neighbors, listen to personal concerns and determine working solutions regardless of background.

I appreciate and believe in direct, personal representation. This means meeting you where you live, hearing your concerns in-person. Newletters, emails and social media posts maybe helpful and acceptable but by that standard, we don't meet in-person.

When was the last time you saw our Oregon State House Representative, in-person, anywhere near your town?

I pledge to hold regular town hall meetings in Coos, Curry and Douglas counties. Hearing your voice will give me the information and knowledge necessary to legitimately and successfully represent you in our State House. As your Representative, I pledge to support and address:

- Vote-by-Mail
- Fair Taxation
- Healthcare
- Housing
- Education
- Transportation
- Public Safety
- Child & Elder Care, and...
- Whatever else you've got!

I also...

- Oppose all forms of corruption
- Support campaign finance reform
- Receive donations from individuals, not corporations
- Humbly ask for your vote on November 3rd!

To donate, volunteer and learn more about me, visit BretCecil.com!

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State Representative, 2nd District

Virgle J Osborne

Republican

Occupation: State Representative; Small Business Owner, Twin Peaks Off-Road

Occupational Background: Sales Manager, FCC Commercial Furniture; Manager, Carquest Auto Parts; Sales Executive, Franklin International Adhesives; Sales Manager, Silvan Incorporated; Sales Associate, San Lorenzo Lumber; Quality Control, Roseburg Forest Products (Dillard Ply 1); Labor, Nordic Veneer, Roseburg

Educational Background: Umpqua Community College, Business Administration; Douglas High School; State Certified, Search and Rescue

Prior Governmental Experience: 2-Term State Representative; Chairman, Douglas County Planning Commission; Chairman, Oregon State Parks OHV Oversight Committee; Member, Winston Planning Commission

Stronger Leadership, Better Results

Ensuring Public Safety Through Effective Immigration Policy

Illegal drug operations have become widespread throughout southern Oregon, and many of these operations depend on the labor of individuals who are in the country illegally. To address this growing issue, I strongly support increasing cooperation among local, county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. By working together, we can more effectively disrupt these illegal activities.

Fighting for Jobs, Timber, and Small Businesses

Policies such as the Habitat Conservation Plan pose significant threats to timber companies and put countless jobs at risk. I am firmly opposed to these harmful policies and stand with our timber industry, which continues to offer excellent family-wage employment opportunities. In addition, I strongly oppose the implementation of further taxes and regulations on small businesses. These businesses form the backbone of our communities, and it is vital to support them rather than burden them with additional costs.

Putting Taxpayers First

With inflation and the rising cost of living placing increasing pressure on Oregonian's finances, I have consistently voted against no new taxes and fees. I

understand firsthand how challenging these times can be for families and individuals.

Opposing Unfair Gun Laws

There are ongoing efforts to restrict your rights to bear arms. I have always stood firmly against gun control measures and remain committed to protecting this fundamental right.

Learn More

For more information, please visit www.VirgleOsborne.com

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State Representative, 3rd District
Dwayne Yunker
Republican

Occupation: State Representative; Real Estate Principal Broker

Occupational Background: U.S. Military, 21 years; Real Estate Professional

Educational Background: B.A., Business Administration

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative; Grants Pass City Councilor

Josephine County deserves a representative who shares our values, protects taxpayers, and delivers results.

I am a husband, father, veteran, small business owner, and your State Representative. I served our country for 21 years in uniform, served locally on the Grants Pass City Council, and now serve House District 3 in the Oregon Legislature.

The choice in this election is clear.

My opponents represent the same **Salem and DSA-style politics** we have seen under Governor Tina Kotek: more state programs, more spending, more mandates, higher costs, and too little accountability.

That approach has not worked for Oregon. Taxpayers have spent billions on homelessness, addiction, housing, education, and social services, yet families still see rising costs, unsafe streets, struggling schools, and communities left behind.

I believe compassion must be matched with accountability. Helping people should mean real treatment, public safety, personal responsibility, strong families, and measurable results, not simply growing government and calling it progress.

I have already delivered for Josephine County. In 2026, I helped secure \$3.5 million for Spalding Industrial Park infrastructure, fairgrounds improvements, and projects supporting local jobs, agriculture, and economic growth.

I will continue fighting for:

Lower taxes and responsible budgeting;
Public safety and support for law enforcement;
Parental rights and education accountability;
Second Amendment rights and constitutional freedoms;
Local jobs, infrastructure, and small business growth.

I will work with anyone to help Josephine County, but **I will not be another vote for the Kotek agenda.**

Josephine County needs a proven voice who will defend taxpayers, protect our freedoms, and put our community first.

Endorsements

Coalition of Police & Sheriffs, Taxpayers-Association, Oregon Firearms Federation Political Action Committee, Associated Oregon Loggers, Oregon Right to Life PAC, Multifamily NW, Defend Small Business PAC, AG-PAC, Oregon Chiefs of Police Association, Oregon's Sheriffs

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State Representative, 3rd District
Susan Fischer-Maki
Democrat

Occupation: Founder & Principal Consultant, Common Thread Consulting

Occupational Background: Health & Education Manager (AllCare Health); Early Learning System Facilitator (Southern Oregon ESD); Adjunct Faculty (Rogue Community College); Home Visitor (Early Head Start); Childcare Owner (Jitterbugz)

Educational Background: Master of Education (University of California, San Diego); Bachelor's of Science (University of Oregon)

Prior Governmental Experience: Three Rivers School Board; former Board Executive Committee Officer for 211info, UCAN, and Coalition for Kids

Most of life isn't political. It's getting the kids to school, caring for aging parents, building a life in a place you love. And the truth is, the system isn't working for us. I am going to Salem to demand better for Josephine County.

For 25 years I've worked across schools, health care, nonprofits, and local government. I have always been focused on children, families, and the workforce. I've been active in Salem for the past fifteen years and have made a difference by advising legislation and helping elected officials understand the impact of their decisions on our community.

My principles are simple: tell the truth and remember who I work for.

This job is bigger than just casting votes and this moment is our chance to bring back competent, effective leadership. I'll work year-round to protect public dollars and hold agencies accountable for making your life better.

This is my home, you are my neighbors, and the life we've built here is worth protecting.

I'm Susan Fischer-Maki, and I'm asking for your vote.

Endorsed by neighbors and community leaders across Josephine County including:

Alice Diehl, Brenda A. Patton, Constance Palaia, Deborah Colette Murphy,

Doug & Beverly Walker, Dr. R. Scott & Marielle Nelson, Eva Voris Avery,

Former Josephine County Commissioner Keith Heck, Holly A. Preslar,
James (Jim) Goodwin, Jason Maki, Joya Feltzin, Kate Dwyer, Lois MacMillan,
P. Bruce Murray, retired Grants Pass physician and resident of Josephine
County for 37 years, State Representative Pam Marsh,
Former State Representative Peter Buckley, and William Gray

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State Representative, 4th District

Alek Skarlatos

Republican

Occupation: State Representative, Deputy House Republican Leader, Small Business Owner, Rancher

Occupational Background: Oregon Army National Guard Veteran, Author

Educational Background: Umpqua Community College, U.S. Army Basic Leadership Course, Sniper School, Air Assault School

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon Army National Guard Sniper

Alek Skarlatos, Your America First Representative in House District 4

An American hero, Alek served his country in Afghanistan with the Oregon Army National Guard. **In 2015, Alek along with two others stopped an ISIS terrorist who opened fire on a passenger train bound for Paris.** For his heroic actions, he received the Army Soldier's Medal and had the honor of watching Clint Eastwood's film about the incident **with President Donald Trump**.

As your Republican State Representative in southwest Oregon, Alek has stood for:

- **America First.** Radical Democrats led by Governor Tina Kotek are out of step with everyday Oregonians as they push extreme policies. ***Alek will continue to stand with the President and make sure your voice is heard in Salem.***
- **Defended your Second Amendment rights without compromise.** Alek will never back down from defending your right to keep and bear arms and will work to mirror Trump's federal progress repealing the unconstitutional NFA.
- **Safeguarded your kicker tax return and opposed the Gas Tax increase** . Alek has stood strong against every attempt by the Democrat majority to raise your taxes.
- **Fought for small businesses.** Oregon needs policies that will benefit its hardworking men and women and bring down the cost of living. Alek is fighting to cut regulations and taxes.
- **Introduced legislation to end Oregon's sanctuary state status.** Alek is fighting to end Oregon's dangerous sanctuary policies. We must put America First, enforce our laws, and protect our communities.
- **Term Limits.** Alek firmly believes in term limits for all elected officials.

Proudly endorsed by:

- ***Oregon Right to Life PAC***
- ***Oregon Chiefs of Police Association***
- ***Oregon's Sheriffs***
- ***Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc.***
- ***NFIB/OR PAC - National Federation of Independent Businesses***

For more information: www.alekfororegon.com

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State Representative, 5th District
Pam Marsh
Democrat

Occupation: Oregon State Representative, House District 5 (2017-current)

Occupational Background: Executive Director, Ashland Emergency Food Bank (2012-2016); Co- owner, Green Springs Inn and Cabins (1994-2023); Administrator, OnTrack (2005-2012); Coordinator, Santa Clara County Cities Association (1992-1994); Field Representative, California Legislature (1984-1988)

Educational Background: Southern Oregon University, BA 2005; UC Berkeley (1973-1975)

Prior Governmental Experience: Ashland City Council (2012-2016); Ashland Planning Commission (2006-2012); Ashland Charter Review Commission (2004-2006)

Legislative Committees: Housing and Homelessness (chair); Climate, Energy and Environment; Revenue; Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water

Awards: 2025 Legislative Champion Award, Housing Oregon; 2025 Roosevelt Award, Democratic Party of Oregon; 2023 Outstanding Dedication to Transparency and Public Engagement (Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association); 2021 Women Living Leadership (United Way of Jackson County); 2021 Environmental Champion of the Year (OLCV); Cooperator of the Year (2021, Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association); Rock Solid Award (2021, Oregon People's Utility District Association); Consumer Champion Award (2019, Consumer Utility Board); Daffodil Award (2019, Family Nurturing Center); Excellence in Telecommunications Policy/Legislation (2019, Oregon Connections Telecommunications Conference)

My priorities include long-term stability of Southern Oregon University and our state's higher education institutions; housing production and homelessness strategies; wildfire prevention and forest health; and energy production and efficiency.

As chair of the Housing and Homelessness Committee, I have championed efforts to accelerate affordable housing development, including modular production, senior housing initiatives, manufactured home affordability, shelter sustainability and funding options for affordable and medium-income housing.

I have pursued initiatives to build community resilience and protect Oregon's wildlife. I passed legislation to ensure that data centers pay the full costs of the energy they use. I advocated for new funding for wildfire mitigation and championed establishment of a home hardening program to assist residents in high risk wildfire areas.

I will continue to address additional issues that confront us, including protecting our immigrant neighbors, stabilizing our hospitals and health care facilities, and strengthening our schools and small businesses.

Heartfelt thanks for your support.

<https://representativepammarsh.com/>

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State Representative, 6th District
Kim Wallan
Republican

Occupation: State Representative

Occupational Background: Attorney

Educational Background: Willamette University, B.S. Political Science;
Willamette University College of Law, J.D.

Prior Governmental Experience: Medford School Board; Medford City Council;
Medford Urban Renewal Agency; State Representative; House Minority Deputy
Leader; House Minority Whip

Volunteer Service: Habitat for Humanity Board (2018-present); 4-H Leader;
South Medford Booster Club

Noteworthy Appointments

Chair, Veterans Workgroup; Vice Chair, Judiciary Committee; Oregon
Transparency Commission; Oregon Sunshine Committee; Oregon Laws
Commission

Serving Medford

Medford is a special place with people and neighborhoods I care deeply about. It is an honor to serve our city in the state legislature. I am dedicated to working with people of all viewpoints to find the best solutions to real problems, and remain particularly committed to fighting illegal cannabis grows and improving forest management to reduce wildfire risk.

Public Safety

We all should feel safe in our parks and neighborhoods, and I have passed several laws that make our state safer. As Judiciary Vice Chair, I've worked alongside law enforcement and district attorneys to recriminalize street drugs, address gaps in our laws that allowed for early release of convicted criminals, and allow people to access help for their loved ones in mental health crisis.

Prosperity and Fiscal Responsibility

Our businesses and citizens suffer from overregulation and an unfriendly attitude toward economic growth. Land use restrictions and taxes artificially raise the

price of everything from housing to groceries. Our state budget is around \$70 Billion for approximately 4 million residents; we spend more per person than any other state of similar population, and the results too often fall short. I joined you in soundly rejecting a new gas tax in May, and I will continue to push for accountability for all of this spending and relief from laws that make Oregon unaffordable for too many families.

Proudly Endorsed by:

Oregon Chiefs of Police Association
Oregon's Sheriffs
ORCOPS
Oregonians for Food and Shelter
Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc.
NFIB/OR PAC

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State Representative, 7th District
Adam Wilson
Republican

Occupation: Financial Advisor, LPL Financial

Occupational Background: Technician, Les Schwab; Technician/Parts, Papé Group; Banker, Pacific Continental Bank

Educational Background: Siuslaw High; Associates, Lane Community College; Bachelor's in Business, Northwest Christian University

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Join Springfield's Working Class Comeback

I am a sixth-generation Oregonian and proud father of three who grew up at Lane County build sites, auto shops, and baseball fields.

As a teenager, I experienced unstable housing and worked hard at entry-level jobs to survive high school. That prepared me for a career helping Springfield families build their own wealth.

My purpose in Salem will be to **bring back economic prosperity for working class Oregonians.**

No more career politicians. If elected, I will serve no more than two terms in office.

Adam's Priorities

HOUSING: Reduce regulatory building costs and keep single-family homes for working class families by stopping out-of-state investment firms from buying up local homes.

ACCOUNTABILITY: Ensure our tax dollars are spent wisely fixing roads, keeping us safe, improving K-12 education, and making government work for residents before the state ever asks for more money.

DATA CENTERS: Require big corporations to bring their own power, pay their fair share, stay out of communities that do not want them, and ensure local families do not pay higher utilities.

JOBS: Prioritize Career and Technical Education and fix our broken unemployment system.

HOMELESSNESS & DRUG ABUSE: Repeal House Bill 3115 to restore local control so Springfield can clear homeless camps. I will propose legislation to end open-air drug use and give local police the authority to ensure jail or treatment for repeat offenders.

Endorsements:

Taxpayers Association of Oregon
Oregon Coalition of Police & Sheriffs (ORCOPS)
Oregon Small Business Association
Defend Small Business PAC
NFIB/OR PAC
Oregon Sportsman Association
Representatives **Darin Harbick, Boomer Wright**
Lane County Commissioner **Ryan Ceniga**
Former Springfield Mayor, Lane County Commissioner **Sid Leiken**
Former Springfield City Councilor **Joe Pishioneri**

www.WilsonForSpringfield.com

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State Representative, 7th District
Kori Rodley
Democrat

Occupation: Lane County Developmental Disabilities Services

Occupational Background: Director, Local Food Pantry

Educational Background: Lane Community College, University of Oregon

Prior Governmental Experience: Springfield City Council; Springfield Budget Committee; Springfield Economic Development Agency, Eugene-Springfield Fire Governance

Fighting for Change

The Springfield Way

Kori Rodley grew up in rural Oregon, part of a family of hard-working people too often forgotten by politicians: loggers, cooks, construction workers, and truck drivers. She believes by working hard and playing by the rules, you should be able to afford a great life.

But that's not possible for too many of us right now. **As the director of a local food pantry and an advocate for people with developmental disabilities**, Kori understands how rising costs mean our paychecks don't stretch as far as they used to.

Kori will fight to make life more affordable by fixing what's broken in Salem and taking on wealthy corporations responsible for raising our prices and buying up single-family homes.

Working People Can Rely on Kori

"When it comes to standing with workers on the front lines, local firefighters trust Kori Rodley. Working people can count on Kori to fight for lower costs for middle-class families."

~Lane Professional Firefighters

Kori Fights for Families and Students

"Kori's daughter is a teacher in Springfield public schools, so she sees what our students need. She'll work to address teacher shortages, fund special education programs, and expand apprenticeships and workforce training programs."

~Maria Sayre, Springfield School Teacher

Kori Defends Our Values

"I will always defend our fundamental freedoms, but my opponent wants to restrict abortion access and use local law enforcement resources to help lawless ICE agents. I'll make healthcare more accessible and affordable, fund local law enforcement, and fight to help working people afford the essentials."

~Kori

Supporters:

State Representative John Lively

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

Oregon Education Association PAC

Oregon Nurses Association

Trooper PAC

SEIU Oregon

OR Labor Federation AFL-CIO

North Coast States Carpenters Union

And More! Kori-Rodley.com

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State Representative, 8th District

Bill Vivian

Republican

Occupation: Retired Quality Engineer, college instructor, and Disabled US Navy Veteran

Occupational Background: Quality Engineer in DoD, Bio-Medical, Laser fields, Auditor, College Instructor, and US Navy Aircrew

Educational Background: American Society for Quality Certified Engineer and Inspector, A.A.S. Laser and Digital Technology

Prior Governmental Experience: US Navy 8 years, DoD Contractor, PCP

As a U.S. Navy veteran who used the G.I. Bill to earn my education, I understand the challenges facing our veterans, young students, and small farmers.

But my real passion is simple: **putting Lane County families and kids first.**

My wife and I live on a small rural property in Lane County, where my tractor is more than a tool—it's a symbol of self-reliance. We raise chickens, share eggs and meat for family. I strongly oppose IP28. This extreme measure would criminalize everyday farming, hunting, and ranching practices that Oregon families have relied on for generations. I will protect small farms, hunters, and families.

Trust but verify is my motto—

why more taxes; *why* poor school scores; *why* high state salaries?

Government must serve the families it represents, not special interests

I was adopted as a child. I also chose to homeschool our kids because parents, not unions, know what's best for their children. I am the only pro-life candidate in this race, and I believe every child deserves a chance at life.

As a college instructor, I know higher education must deliver real results: training skills that lead to good-paying jobs in growing fields. I conducted root-cause analysis and handled customer complaints for life-saving technologies. Experience taught me how to solve problems quickly, hold systems accountable, and put safety and results first.

Lane County needs a proven leader who puts families, veterans, students, and rural communities ahead of politics. And I will deliver it to Oregon House.
Common sense. Real experience. Families first.

For a full list of endorsements and learn more at www.BillVivianHD8.net

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State Representative, 8th District
Lisa Fragala
Democrat

Occupation: State Representative

Occupational Background: Elementary Teacher, Higher Education Program Coordinator

Educational Background: M.Ed-Education, Oregon State University; BA-Environmental Sciences, Binghamton University

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative; LCC Board of Education; City of Eugene Planning Commission

As an educator, I've dedicated my life to serving our community and supporting families. As your State Representative, I'm committed to ensuring every Oregonian has opportunities to thrive and succeed.

A Proven Champion Who:

- Stands up against corporate control of healthcare
- Delivers on affordable housing and infrastructure investments
- Strengthens protections for immigrant and refugee communities
- Champions strong schools for K-12 and Higher Education
- Protects comprehensive reproductive healthcare
- Defends conservation and wildlife programs
- Expands worker and consumer protections
- Advocates for union jobs and family wages

"You won't find a community leader more forthright, sincere, and hardworking than Lisa Fragala."

-KITTY PIERCY, FORMER EUGENE MAYOR

"Strong schools and affordable housing are possible when we have someone like Lisa Fragala in our corner. I'm proudly voting for Lisa!"

-JENNY JONAK, 4J BOARD MEMBER

Lisa's Fighting for:

- Decreased costs for housing, utilities, and food-staples
- A better economic future for local businesses and working families
- Access and affordability of healthcare for every Oregonian
- Resources for emergency management & firefighting capacity

- Resilient education systems for student success
- Expanded access to mental healthcare and childcare services
- Increased shelter and housing assistance programs
- Transformative climate policies and clean energy jobs

“I’ve seen Lisa Fragala standing up for this community for years on health care, workers rights, and reproductive freedom. We still need Lisa fighting for us in Salem.”

–VAL HOYLE, US CONGRESSWOMAN

Endorsed By:

State Senators Floyd Prozanski and James Manning Jr.

Speaker of the House Julie Fahey

Lane County Commissioner Laurie Trieger

Mayor Kaarin Knudson

OR Labor Federation AFL-CIO

Oregon Education Association-PAC

American Federation of Teachers

Lane Professional Firefighters

North Coast States Carpenters Union

Oregon Nurses Association

SEIU-Oregon

Oregon AFSCME

Housing Oregon Action Fund

Young Democrats of Oregon

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

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State Representative, 9th District
John Ezra Scheirman
Democrat

Occupation: School Bus Driver

Occupational Background: I have a diverse and eclectic employment background primarily in the Electronics Engineering, Hydro-acoustic Technology, Automated Test Engineering and Electronic Musical Instrumentation. I also taught Electronics and Physics at the Community College level as a Certified Staff Instructor and taught Electronics and Music in an afterschool youth program including designing a Helium-Neon Laser kit for High School age students. Throughout my career I have garnered a proven track record as an innovator and problem solver.

Educational Background: Henry Cogswell College Everett WA 2005 Bachelor of Science in Professional Management Lane Community College Eugene OR 1978 Associate of Science in Electronic Engineering Technology Also completed the Airframe portion of the A&P Mechanic's Certification Program Tektronix Inc. Beaverton OR 1981 Certification: Microprocessor Engineering South Western Oregon Community College Coos Bay OR Completed sequences in: Industrial Mechanics, Chemistry, Philosophy, Literature, Music History, Music Theory and Psychology Additional course work in: Conversational Japanese, Astronomy, Physical Education Martial Arts, Photography, Performance Studies (Music.)

Prior Governmental Experience: Coos County Democratic Party PCP CD\$ Delegate

I am running on a platform based on three key issues"

Family Wage Jobs.

Quality Affordable Healthcare

Restore Excellence in Education

I believe as the Democratic House Representative I should approach the position in a more non-partisan manner as holding this office represents all Oregonians within our district. This is because improving the quality of life in our district effects us all regardless of political party, religious persuasion or social identifications. We can continue to disagree on such issues while we all have better access to Better Jobs, Better Healthcare and the Highest Quality

Education that is possible. I am a lifelong Democrat, I Do have my own opinions but I promise to not let them interfere with our shared goals for a better District 9 and a Better Oregon.

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State Representative, 9th District
Claire Lynn
Republican

Occupation: Small Business Owner, Claire Lynn Consulting LLC; Payroll Assistant, R&R King Logging/Crown Alaska Inc.

Occupational Background: Legislative Staff for State/Federal Elected Officials; Government Affairs Associate, Oregon Farm Bureau; Ranch Hand, King Land & Cattle LLC; Paid Intern, City of Florence

Educational Background: Bachelor's Degrees: Political Science/History, Oregon State University

Prior Governmental Experience: Lane County CASA; City of Florence Community and Economic Development Committee

"Oregon is at a crossroads. We need a leader who has the energy and experience to get to work on day one. You can count on me to be a strong advocate for this beautiful place we call home."

-Claire Lynn

Deep Roots For A Strong Future

Claire is a seventh-generation Oregonian who grew up in Florence helping with her family's logging business and cow-calf operation. Today, she and her husband continue that legacy, haying each summer. Claire is passionate about hunting, fishing, and the outdoors.

Fighting For Our Coastal Way Of Life

Claire has been on the front lines fighting against Portland politicians trying to mandate how coastal communities live. She helped put a stop to Tina Kotek's \$4.3 billion transportation tax and is tirelessly committed to:

- Fighting policies that drive up costs
- Defending Oregon's natural resource industries
- Championing improved K-12 education
- Honoring our veterans with action
- Standing with law enforcement to keep our communities safe

ENDORSED BY:

Law Enforcement:

Oregon Coalition of Police & Sheriffs (ORCOPS)
Oregon Chiefs of Police Association
Oregon's Sheriffs

Business Leaders & Advocates:

Bay Area Chamber of Commerce
Jason Smith, CEO, Southport Lumber (Coos Bay)
Mark Mattechek, North Bend Lanes (North Bend)
Fred Wahl, Fred Wahl Marine Construction (Reedsport)
Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc.
Oregon Farm Bureau
NFIB/OR PAC

State & Local Leaders:

State Representative **Boomer Wright**
State Senator **Christine Drazan**
Coos Bay Mayor **Joe Benetti**
Florence Mayor **Rob Ward**
Lakeside Mayor **Nikki Wood**
Dunes City Mayor **Ed McGuire**
Lane County Commissioner **Ryan Ceniga**
Douglas County Commissioner **Tim Freeman**
Coos County Commissioner **John Sweet**

www.ClaireForOregon.com

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State Representative, 10th District

David Gomberg

Democrat

Occupation: Small Business Owner, retired

Occupational Background: 30 years in business

Educational Background: BS (Political Science/Honors) OSU; MA (Political Science/History/Economics) OSU; MBA (Marketing/Finance) Willamette

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative; Senior Services Commission; Small Business Advisory Council; Ocean Science Trust; Seismic Safety Commission

AN EFFECTIVE INDEPENDENT ACCESSIBLE LEADER

FIGHTING FOR US

I'm a Democrat. But I work hard in Salem to bridge the partisan divide and work with members of all parties. I'm proud this election to have been nominated by the Democratic, Republican, and Independent parties. That doesn't happen often!

Salem doesn't always represent small rural communities well. That's why I've fought for commonsense solutions to local challenges.

- **Smart Investments for Rural Communities:** I've **secured \$100 million in direct state investments** for dozens of water, sewer, ports, roads, and parks that save you money.
- **Wildfires:** When my neighbors lost their homes, I took action, to **reduce taxes, expand insurance, and lower rebuilding costs.**
- **Affordable Housing:** I was named a **Housing Champion** for funding affordable housing and homelessness solutions.
- **Economy & Jobs:** I passed legislation to **reduce taxes on small business**, create the Office of Small Business Assistance, review regulations for Small Business Impact and double funding for the SBDC Network.
- **Seniors:** I fought to fully fund Project Independence, introduced legislation to reduce property taxes on retirees, worked to expand assisted living opportunities, and **keep retirees living independently in their homes.**
- **Veterans:** As budget committee co-chair, **I reversed Governor Kate Brown's proposal to cut funding for Veteran Services.**

- **Education & Public Schools**: I'm fighting to make sure our teachers, staff and students have the resources they need to succeed.
- **Health Care**: I'm working to **reduce prescription costs** and to address the crisis in Oregon's health care workforce.

We need an active, vocal, effective advocate for our part of Oregon. When so many in Salem prioritize Portland interests, I'm there standing up for *us*.

Thank you for honoring me with the responsibility of representing you in Salem.

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State Representative, 11th District

Ivan Maluski

Democrat

Occupation: Farmer/Rancher

Occupational Background: Policy Director, Friends of Family Farmers, 2012-2021

Educational Background: Lewis & Clark College

Prior Governmental Experience: Director, Colton Rural Fire Protection District #70; Colton, Oregon; 2010-2014

I am a farmer, rancher and small business owner in Scio. I'm running for State Representative because I believe everyone in Oregon should have access to high quality affordable health care and good paying job opportunities. Oregonians deserve a brighter future where every family is able to afford housing, childcare, utilities, fuel, and groceries and still get ahead.

WORKING FOR RURAL OREGON - WORKING FOR YOU

I've spent over a decade as a leading family farm advocate in Salem, helping pass bills to: create Oregon's Beginning Farmer Loan Program, support the Willamette Valley's seed industry, protect farmland from development, expand local meat processing infrastructure, and promote access to local food. **I know how to get things done in Salem and will deliver for our small towns and rural areas.**

I also spent four years as an elected Director of one of Oregon's Rural Fire Protection Districts, working to provide critical public services on a tight budget. **I know how to hold politicians and government agencies accountable when they overstep their authority or waste money.**

If elected, I will:

- Support legislation to provide affordable health care for all Oregonians
- Invest in forest management to create jobs, reduce fire risk, and protect natural resources
- Improve our schools and expand Career and Technical Education programs
- Boost support for veterans' services
- Protect farmland from development
- Protect our water

- Defend our rights to hunt and fish
- Fight for small businesses and small towns
- Support a moratorium on new data centers
- Strengthen government ethics laws
- Hold government agencies accountable
- Defend the Constitution and our personal freedoms

Endorsed by:

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden
U.S Senator Jeff Merkley
North Coast States Carpenters Union
Oregon School Employees Association
Oregon AFSCME
Planned Parenthood Action Oregon
Oregon League of Conservation Voters

and more

Learn more at www.ruralindependent.com

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State Representative, 11th District

Ken Jackola

Republican

Occupation: Mayor of Lebanon; Director of Special Projects, Rick Franklin Corporation and AERC

Occupational Background: Owner, J.A. Jackola Trucking; VP Rick Franklin Corporation and AERC

Educational Background: Oregon State University, BS Agricultural Science; U. S. Army Sergeant Major Academy; Lebanon Union High School

Prior Governmental Experience: Command Sergeant Major, Oregon Army National Guard; Infantry, Paratrooper, U.S. Army

Ken Jackola is the Conservative Leader We Can Trust

Ken is stepping up to ensure our local voices are heard in Salem. It's time for Oregon to get back to defending the rights of our citizens and empowering our communities, farmers, and businesses.

The mayor of Lebanon, a United States Army combat veteran, and a lifelong community leader, Ken Jackola is the leader we can trust to be our voice in Salem.

Ken is twice the recipient of the Combat Infantryman's Badge (Cold War Era & War on Terror), the Bronze Star, the Afghanistan & Iraq Campaign Medals, and the Legion of Merit.

As your State Representative, Ken Jackola will:

- **Oppose new taxes & fight to keep living wage jobs in our communities**
- **Stand up for the 2A rights of Oregonians**
- **Ensure rural voices are heard in Salem**
- **Defend the agriculture jobs that are essential to our communities**

A Personal History Rooted in Linn County Values

Raised in Lebanon, Ken graduated from Lebanon Union High School before joining the United States Army, serving as a paratrooper and earning his Combat Infantryman's Badge in the United States invasion of Panama in 1989. After returning home, Ken joined his family trucking business and continued to

serve our country in the Oregon Army National Guard, deploying to Iraq and Afghanistan during the Global War on Terror. Ken was elected Mayor of Lebanon in 2022.

Ken Is Supported By:

- ***AG-PAC***
- ***OR COPS, Oregon Chiefs of Police Association, Oregon's Sheriffs***
- ***Oregon Right to Life PAC***
- ***NFIB/OR PAC - National Federation of Independent Businesses OR PAC***
- ***Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc.***

For more information visit www.votekenjackola.com

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State Representative, 12th District

Darin Harbick

Republican

Occupation: State Representative; Owner, Harbick's Inc. (logging), Harbick's Country Inn, Ark77 Recovery Centers

Occupational Background: Previous owner, Harbick's Country Store, Takoda's Restaurant; Head Women's Basketball Coach, New Hope Christian College

Educational Background: McKenzie High School

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative; McKenzie School Board

Common Sense Leadership for Oregon

I am a native Oregonian and lifelong resident of the McKenzie River area. Serving as your State Representative has been a privilege and an honor.

During my first term, I kept the promises I made to voters. I stood up for rural Oregon and advocated for communities that too often are ignored in Salem. I brought the concerns of Eastern Lane County to the Capitol and ensured our rural values are represented.

Government must listen to its people, and I work every day to make sure your voices are heard. I voted NO on Governor Tina Kotek's \$4.3 billion gas tax and ensured the tax made it onto the ballot where we all had the opportunity to weigh in against this tax.

As a longtime business owner and community leader, I understand the challenges facing working families, small businesses, and rural communities. My strong work ethic, faith, and real life business experience guide my work in Salem and keep my focus on practical solutions.

I remain committed to standing up for rural Oregon, supporting local businesses and advocating for stronger mental health resources and services for those who need them most. Both of my bills in the short session of 2026 (HB4028 and HB4048) would have helped rural Oregonians, but again the Democrats chose to ignore our voices.

No matter how fierce the opposition, I will never stop fighting for you.

Proudly Endorsed By:

Taxpayers Association of Oregon
Oregon Right to Life PAC
Oregonians for Food & Shelter
Oregon's Sheriffs
NFIB/OR PAC
Oregon Nurseries' PAC
AG-PAC
Oregon Chiefs of Police Association
Oregon Coalition of Police & Sheriffs (ORCOPS)
Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc.

www.HarbickForOregon.com

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State Representative, 13th District
Nancy Nathanson
Democrat

Occupation: State Representative

Occupational Background: Library program manager

Educational Background: University of Oregon, BS 1975

Prior Governmental Experience: Eugene City Council, 1993-2005; Eugene Planning Commission, 1987-1993; Lane Council of Governments Board

A Leader In Salem

Nancy works hard to get Salem's priorities straight. She focuses on urgent needs: access to health care, affordability, homelessness, child care, safe communities, and an economy that works for everyone. She championed legislation to lower taxes for working Oregonians and businesses creating new jobs. Her legislation put a halt to tax breaks for data centers. She pushes for protections from Artificial Intelligence (AI).

When hospital closure and corporate medicine threatened health care access for thousands of constituents, Nancy led efforts to get alternative care and new mobile medical response teams, improve urgent care, and limit powerful corporate interests.

Nancy has helped create good-paying jobs and family supports by advocating for child care facilities, YMCA, Civic Park, affordable housing production, and industrial site readiness.

Achieving Results. Nancy passed legislation to stop runaway fees on college student debit cards and safeguard seniors in residential care. She led efforts to protect renters and mobile home residents and championed safe sleep sites and "tiny homes" to reduce homelessness. She passed bills to cut red tape and help workers at Relief Nurseries, caregivers at assisted living facilities, and behavioral health providers. She brings know-how to helping small businesses, advancing job skills training, and fostering research for new industries and energy technologies.

Nancy championed increased funding for addiction and recovery treatment and school health clinics. She led efforts to establish a cybersecurity center to protect Oregonians and add wildfire cameras critical for early wildfire detection and firefighter response.

A proven track record for common sense and success

**Endorsed by U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley, U.S. Senator Ron Wyden, and
State Senator James Manning**

Nancy has received awards and endorsements for her work in affordable housing, environmental protection, telecommunications, and women's health. See more at

www.NancyNathanson.org

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State Representative, 14th District

Kevin T Burton

Republican

Occupation: Teacher--Sciences, Math, Career and Technical Education

Occupational Background: One year Oregon Institute of Marine Biology--research; fifteen years Bethel Tech./Homesource Family Charter--teacher, administrator, academic advisor, school security, building/maintenance manager; nine years Nature Discovery Christian Academy--current.

Educational Background: Southwestern Oregon Community College, University of Oregon

Prior Governmental Experience: Precinct Committee person since 1992. Chair of non-profit living history organization, 2000-2014.

Who is Kevin Burton?

I am a life-long Oregonian, born in Nyssa and raised in communities along the I-5 corridor and on the coast. I was a farm kid who grew up raising livestock and working in the family orchard. As a teenager I worked on a charter fishing boat and spent a summer replanting harvested forests. I am an avid fisherman and enjoy hunting and hiking. I remember when this was the image everyone had of Oregon, and I want to honor our state's heritage.

Oregon Values will Strengthen the Oregon Economy.

Oregon's economy has traditionally been based on timber, commercial fishing, and outdoor recreation, including tourism. We have the resources to support a thriving economy, but our legislature and governor have fought hard to put trees and fish ahead of hard-working Oregonians. My plan is to reinstitute responsible timber use and forest management and to reduce hunting and fishing license fees to encourage more tourism and the legal use of our wildlife and fisheries.

Oregon cannot remain 47th in education.

Teachers must be allowed to discipline students. Funds need to go to classrooms more than administration. Schools should focus on core subjects and return music, art, and career and technical courses.

Representing ALL Oregonians

Oregon is much more than Portland and other large cities. Rural Oregonians have been overlooked and ignored for far too long. Attempts to increase transportation costs and to criminalize standard farming and ranching practices (PEACE Act) hurt these families more and will ultimately push our state into further economic ruin.

I will stand up for everyday Oregonians.

Learn more at: <https://kevinburtonhousedi.wixsite.com/kevin-burton-for-ore>

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State Representative, 14th District
Julie Fahey
Democrat

Occupation: Speaker of the Oregon House; State Representative

Occupational Background: Business & Nonprofit Consultant

Educational Background: B.S. Chemistry, University of Notre Dame

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon House Majority Leader; State Representative

JULIE FAHEY: Fighting for Us

Fighting for an Affordable Oregon

Too many families are being hit by the rising cost of living. Julie has worked tirelessly to rein in the cost of housing by building more affordable homes and limiting rent increases. And this year, she championed an increase to the Earned Income Tax Credit to put more money in the pockets of over 200,000 working Oregonians.

Fighting for a Fair Economy

Julie has the right experience and priorities to build an economy that works for working families and small businesses, not just corporations and the wealthy. She has 20+ years of private sector experience helping businesses pay their workers fairly and making companies better places to work.

Fighting for High-Quality, Well-Funded Public Schools

As the daughter of a public school teacher, Julie knows that education is the key to opportunity. As a legislator, she's fought to ensure schools and teachers have the resources, support, and staffing they need to be successful.

Fighting for Solutions to Homelessness

Julie supports a comprehensive, coordinated response to homelessness through improved access to supportive housing, social services, mental health care, and substance abuse programs.

Fighting for Oregon's Values

As Speaker of the House, Julie has been on the front lines of the fight to insulate our state from the actions of the current federal administration –from protecting our constitutional rights, to standing up for immigrant communities, to defending access to reproductive health care, to pushing back against cuts to federal funding for health care.

We Stand with Julie:

Oregon Nurses Association
North Coast States Carpenters Union
Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
Oregon School Employees Association
Oregon Education Association PAC
OR Labor Federation, AFL-CIO
Oregon AFSCME
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

Learn more at: www.JulieFahey.org

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State Representative, 15th District
Shelly Boshart Davis
Republican

Occupation: Mom; Owner, Boshart Trucking; State Representative

Occupational Background: Small Business; Farmer

Educational Background: Oregon State University, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Prior Governmental Experience: Linn County Budget Committee; State Representative

"I've worked side-by-side with Shelly for years on behalf of Oregon families who are frustrated by the status quo. She is a powerhouse legislator who understands how to get things done in a tough political environment."

Senator Christine Drazan – Candidate for Governor, Former House Republican Leader

"Shelly has been instrumental in supporting our local veterans housing project, local businesses, and rural Oregon communities. We appreciate leaders who listen and stand with those who serve."

Zachary Draper – VFW Commander, Post 584

OREGON CAN BE BETTER

Instead of trying to make Oregon a success story, leaders have tried to manage our decline. It's unacceptable. Our schools are failing kids, our forests burn more every year, our homes are too expensive, our local businesses are leaving, our farmers are struggling, and homelessness only gets worse.

All the while, our taxes continue to rise, but we have nothing to show for it because, for decades, politicians in Salem have been more committed to ideology than results.

BALANCE IS BETTER

I will continue to be a commonsense voice for workers, small businesses, farmers, and families. We need a serious course correction if we want to turn Oregon around. That starts with changing leadership – from the Governor's mansion to the state capitol.

Oregon deserves leadership that:

- Holds bureaucrats accountable for how they spend our money
- Reduces government mandates that drive up your costs
- Supports law enforcement and holds criminals accountable
- Pushes real reforms to our public schools, not just more tax dollars

ENDORSEMENTS

Albany Chamber of Commerce

Oregon Coalition of Police & Sheriffs (ORCOPS)

Oregon Chiefs of Police Association

Taxpayers Association of Oregon

Oregon Farm Bureau

Oregonians for Food & Shelter

Defend Small Business PAC

Oregon's Sheriffs

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State Representative, 15th District
Joanna Robinson
Democrat

Occupation: Behavioral Health Project Coordinator

Occupational Background: Research; Administration

Educational Background: MBA, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; BA, Reed College

Prior Governmental Experience: Albany Public Safety Commission

A STRONG, INDEPENDENT VOICE FOR WORKING PEOPLE

As a working mom, I feel the squeeze of rising costs. We deserve the opportunity to build a good life, get ahead, and create a better future for our families. This is what I'll fight for:

Housing: Investing in options people can actually afford, protecting Oregonians from displacement with rental and mortgage assistance. Building real pathways to homeownership so families can afford to live where they work.

Healthcare: High-quality healthcare that is affordable and accessible to every Oregonian, no matter where you live. Addressing the rural healthcare crisis by strengthening local clinics, investing in providers, and lowering prescription costs.

Education and Jobs: Investing in public education and job training pathways through community colleges and registered apprenticeships that lead to well-paid careers in Oregon's critical industries.

Lowering Costs: Lowering the costs of everyday necessities like childcare, utilities, and groceries, and taking on price gouging and predatory corporate practices.

Fair Taxes: A fair, accountable tax system that eases the burden on working people and closes the loopholes that let large corporations game the system. Transparency to ensure our tax dollars are being used efficiently.

I'm running to represent working people, not big donors or special interests, and I will always put our community first to find solutions. The challenges our state faces, from data centers to AI job displacement, demand a leader who will show up and work for us.

Endorsements:

OR Labor Federation AFL-CIO
Teamsters Joint Council No. 37
North Coast States Carpenters
Oregon AFSCME
Oregon School Employees Association
American Federation of Teachers - Oregon
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley
Attorney General Dan Rayfield
Senator Sara Gelser Blouin
Gabe Shepherd, Benton County Commissioner
Sharon Konopa, Former Albany Mayor
Albany City Councilors Michael Thomson, Ramycia McGhee, Chris Van
Drimmelen

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State Representative, 16th District
Sarah Finger McDonald
Democrat

Occupation: State Representative

Occupational Background: Academic Advisor, Instructor, Research Associate, OSU

Educational Background: PhD, OSU; MS, Virginia Tech; BS, Notre Dame

Prior Governmental Experience: Corvallis School Board

“Building homes and creating good jobs is job number one. That means making sure businesses can grow, adopting modern technology like plug-in solar, and making sure new development gives more to our communities than it takes. We need transparency and accountability in our solid waste system and to keep our schools safe and funded. And as the Trump administration dismantles environmental protections, Oregon must defend our natural resources. There’s a lot at stake, and I’m honored to be fighting for our home.”

— **Sarah Finger McDonald**

As your representative, Sarah made sure Corvallis and Adair Village can create the infrastructure, housing, and jobs, they need to thrive.

- Secured **\$4 million for Adair Village’s wastewater system**, unlocking the ability to build **1,000 new homes**
- Championed legislation to **protect students and schools by requiring notification when ICE comes onto a school campus**
- Advocated to **bring plug-in solar to Oregon**, creating a pathway to producing clean, affordable energy
- Convened the **Mid-Willamette Solid Waste Taskforce** to plan for the future of waste management in our region
- Expanded housing opportunities while **preserving affordable housing** and limiting the ability of institutional investors to drive up home prices
- Established a **coordinated permitting process** to help businesses invest, build, and create jobs in Oregon

Sarah believes government should be accountable to the people it serves—and that Oregon must take responsibility for the systems our communities depend on. She is working to

- Build Oregon’s ability to **defend our environment and natural-resources from Trump administration rollbacks**

- Protect our medical system from corporate takeovers and **support independent providers**
- Bring greater **transparency, accountability, and oversight to Oregon's solid waste network**, while preparing our region for the closure of Coffin Butte

**Build homes. Create jobs. Protect our schools and natural resources.
Demand accountability.**

For more information and endorsements: sarah4oregon.com

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State Representative, 17th District

David Nelson

Democrat

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: 25 years Retail management

Educational Background: University of Utah

Prior Governmental Experience: 5 years budget committee, Mill City, PCP
Linn County

Why am I running? I became aware no one was standing up for the Democrats in District 17. I said to myself, "this is not right", We the People should have a choice.

I am not a politician. I am a concerned citizen. 2500 years ago the Athenians asked every citizen to participate in their system of "demokratia", rule by the people. Every citizen participated regardless of their skills.

I am self funded. I am required to register with the state if I spend more than \$1500. If I am elected, I will be accountable to no outside influence or group, only to YOU. I paid for the filing fee, I can't be bought, Plus you have to wonder why someone would raise tens of thousands of dollars for a job that only pays about \$45K per year. I oppose greed and corruption.

I can stand up to big corporations, Check out **EEOC vs RadioShack**, in which I was the plaintiff seeking to right an injustice.

I believe that the earth is not flat, we did land on the moon, that science is real, climate change is not a hoax, that we have Free and Fair elections. You should be able to choose what your family looks like, and have affordable health care. We need healthy regulations to control and stamp out corruption. I am a humanist who believes that religion should be kept out of politics, and our schools.

The last three election cycles were, 75% R and 25% D. I am hoping that this cycle will show improvement to the extent that someone more qualified will take up the mantle for the 2028 cycle. Its important that you get out and vote,

I hope you will consider me

Endorsement

Oregon School Employees Association

<https://www.linncodems.org/david-nelson-hd17.html>

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State Representative, 17th District
Dan Farrington
Republican

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Business Development Manager, Barrett Business Services Inc., Owner, Sunrise Medical Consultants

Educational Background: B.A. in Education, Oregon State University

Prior Governmental Experience: Marion County Republican PCP

Conservative Republican & Proven Business Leader

As a self-made business owner, I know firsthand what government overreach costs Oregonians. I balance budgets and make tough calls every day, and I'll bring that same discipline to Salem by fighting to reduce the cost of living for working families in House District 17, because every dollar matters, especially when it belongs to you.

I will:

- **Cut taxes, slash regulations, and restore free-market principles so families keep more of what they earn**
- **Fight back against policies driving up energy, housing, and transportation costs**
- **Stop new taxes and fees that hit working families and rural communities the hardest**

Protecting Us, Not Criminals

Everyone deserves to feel safe in their home, school, or out and about. Years of soft-on-crime policies have left law enforcement understaffed with their hands tied, while the homeless and drug addiction crises get worse.

I will:

- **Stand with Law Enforcement and give them the tools and resources they need to succeed**
- **Support ending the "Catch and Release" of violent criminals**

Supporting Wildfire Recovery & Defending the Canyon

Neglect and mismanagement have turned forests into tinderboxes and put lives and homes at risk. We must support the communities affected by the devastating Labor Day fires and facing the potential of a deep drawdown at Detroit Lake.

I will:

- **Prioritize smart thinning and fuel reduction**
- **Promote policies that reduce wildfire risk and return timber jobs**
- **Push back against unelected bureaucrats and agencies and their harmful policies**

Key Endorsements:

State Representative Ed Diehl

Marion County Commissioners Colm Willis, Kevin Cameron, & Danielle Bethell

Linn County Commissioner Will Tucker

The Honorable Raquel Moore-Green

Oregon Right to Life PAC

Oregon Farm Bureau

Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc.

Oregon's Sheriffs

Oregon Chiefs of Police Association

Defend Small Business PAC

NFIB/OR PAC

AG-PAC

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State Representative, 18th District

Amanda Staehely

Republican

Occupation: Farmer/Nursery Owner, Columbia Nursery

Occupational Background: Small Business Owner, Nursery Owner, Past President of Oregon Association of Nurseries

Educational Background: Canby High School

Prior Governmental Experience: None

“I am tired of not having a voice in Salem — farmers, families, small business owners, and everyday Oregonians getting lost in the political noise. HD 18 deserves someone who shares the community’s core values of hard work, honesty, and accountability.”

-Amanda Staehely

GOOD GOVERNANCE

Salem has developed a nasty habit of solving problems with taxes. When I say “tighten the belt,” I mean government must prioritize core functions by reducing non-essential spending. Oregon has the funds; we’re lacking leaders who care where your hard earned tax money is spent.

SMALL BUSINESS

When businesses thrive, families and communities do too. Current policies attack small businesses at every opportunity, threatening good-paying jobs families rely on. Oregon’s politicians promote legislation that clash with the realities of a market-based economy — that has led to substantial economic decline. Our tax-and-regulate approach has inflated prices, rendering Oregon’s goods and services uncompetitive in national and global markets.

FAMILY

Oregon is failing its youth — test scores plummet as education standards are lowered. Salem advances curriculum requirements that undermine parents, teachers and school boards in tailoring instruction to their students’ needs. It’s time we recognize that one-size-fits-all policies inhibit learning.

AGRICULTURE

Salem ties the hands of family farms; farming has gotten too expensive and challenging to navigate. Out of touch regulations have been the cause for thousands of family farms to close their doors. Our children see us struggle to ensure stability, earn a profit, or even plan for retirement. Why would they want that for themselves? If Oregon's rich and diverse agriculture is to continue, we must reverse destructive policies threatening that future.

ENDORSEMENTS

Oregon Nurseries' PAC

Oregon Farm Bureau

AG-PAC

Defend Small Business PAC

Oregon Chiefs of Police Association

Oregon's Sheriffs

Representative Rick Lewis

Oregon Right to Life PAC

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State Representative, 18th District
Roy Kaufmann
Independent

Occupation: Communications Adviser

Occupational Background: Communications for local and state governments, nonprofits, and higher education.

Educational Background: Bachelor's, UC Davis; Master's, University of San Diego

Prior Governmental Experience: None

INDEPENDENT-MINDED, LIKE YOU

In HD18, we work hard, take care of our communities, and think for ourselves. As a registered Independent, I won't take marching orders from either major party. I'll answer to you.

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY ISN'T ON YOUR SIDE (UNLESS YOU'RE EXTREMELY RICH)

Trump and his Republicans serve only the richest Americans, not working families. Their tariffs jack up the prices of fuel, fertilizer, feed, and groceries. They're stripping health coverage from families and seniors to fund tax breaks for billionaires. Their masked agents rip hardworking people away from our fields, our construction sites, our towns, and their families. And Oregon's Republican legislators cheer it on or sit silent.

I'LL ANSWER ONLY TO YOU

I own guns, I respect the people who do, and I'm confident we can still agree on measures that reduce gun violence. That's how I'll approach every issue: look at the facts, listen to my neighbors, cultivate common ground, and tell you where I stand.

A MORE RESILIENT OREGON

Our goals: farms and businesses that make it, families that stay healthy, and kids that can afford a life here. I'll fight for a single-payer health plan that covers every Oregonian, so families aren't one bad break away from losing everything. I'll fight for a state bank, to keep more of our wealth here. I'll keep our farmlands growing food instead of data centers.

Vote for an independent voice who'll fight for you.

Endorsed by:

Former Oregon Governor **John Kitzhaber**
Aurora Mayor **Brian Asher**
Silverton Mayor **Jason Freilinger**
Silverton City Council President **April Newton**
Jim Gilbert, Northwoods Nursery (Molalla)
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Oregon School Employees Association
Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

More at www.KaufmannforOregon.com

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State Representative, 19th District
Anna Munson
Republican

Occupation: Legislative Aide, Senator Kim Thatcher; College Instructor, Constitutional Studies

Occupational Background: Diagnostic Ultrasound Technologist; Marion County Election Board Worker

Educational Background: Grossmont College, A.S.; Diagnostic Ultrasonographer, ARDMS

Prior Governmental Experience: Volunteer Legislative Aide; Marion County Elections

THEY RAISED YOUR GAS TAX. YOU VOTED IT DOWN. HE VOTED FOR IT.

Despite overwhelming public opposition and written testimony against it, Representative Tom Andersen voted to raise your gas tax. Then Oregonians voted it down, 83% to 17% — and even higher here in Marion County, 85% to 15%.

That is a representative who did not listen.

It took ordinary people with clipboards in parking lots to force that vote at all. I was one of them. My husband and I put on Santa suits at holiday bazaars, took free pictures with children, and asked their parents to sign. That is what it took to be heard.

I am running because families here keep asking a question I never expected to ask myself: **can we afford to live in Oregon anymore?** Groceries, utilities, gas, insurance, taxes — all shaped by decisions made in Salem. You cannot keep piling costs on businesses and expect them to stay.

I will:

- Oppose new taxes and fees that raise the cost of living
- Review agency spending line by line and end waste
- Restore core subjects, high standards, and accountability in our schools
- Make it easier for small businesses to start, hire, and thrive

Oregon can do better. But not by re-electing the people who created the problems.

Endorsed by:

National Federation of Independent Business/OR PAC
Salem Chamber

Representatives Ed Diehl

Senators Kim Thatcher, Bruce Starr (Senate Minority Leader)

Colm Willis, Marion County Commissioner

Krissy Hudson, Salem-Keizer School Board

Business and Community Leaders

Richard Withnell • Gladys Blum, Blum Real Estate • Dama Cartright, Ames
Research Laboratories • Manya B. Helman, MD • Former Pastors Don and Ann
Finley, Life Church Salem

Full endorsements and issues at vote-annamunson.com

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State Representative, 19th District
Tom Andersen
Democrat

Occupation: State Representative

Occupational Background: Oregon Trial Attorney, 1979-2024

Educational Background: University of Illinois, BA; University of Oregon, JD

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative 2023-Present, Salem City Councilor 2015-2022, five years leading a Salem Neighborhood Association

Elect Tom

Tom Andersen isn't your typical politician. The son of a minister devoted to justice, he's passionate about making Salem and Oregon better for all. Tom's a proven leader with a bipartisan record for getting things done in his eight years as a Salem City Councilor and four years as an Oregon Legislator.

In his previous legislative terms, he:

- Advanced legislation protecting Oregonians from the current federal administration's reckless and dangerous intrusions
- Helped Oregon confront its homelessness and housing crises
- Worked to make Oregon affordable for all
- Supported women's rights and reproductive healthcare
- Protected our natural resources and enacted environmental safeguards
- Limited big money's influence in politics
- Delivered millions of dollars of state funding for Salem

In his next term, Tom will work hard to:

- Oppose unchecked data center development in Salem
- Fight federal overreach
- Lower the high cost of living
- Push for affordable housing and address our homelessness crisis
- Respond to our climate crisis
- Invest in students, teachers, and our education system
- Reimburse Salem for fire, EMS, and police services provided to the state without compensation
- Advocate for racial, social, and economic justice.

Tom and his wife Jessica have lived in Salem for 20 years. He has two Oregon sons, a lawyer and a physician. He swims competitively and commutes by bicycle.

Tom is endorsed by:

- U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden
- State Senator Deb Patterson
- Salem City Councilors Vanessa Nordyke, Linda Nishioka, and Paul Tigan
- OR Labor Federation, AFL-CIO
- SEIU Oregon
- Oregon AFSCME
- Oregon Education Association PAC
- American Federation of Teachers Oregon
- Oregon School Employees Association
- Oregon Nurses Association
- Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
- Oregon's Sheriffs
- Oregon Chiefs of Police Association
- Oregon League of Conservation Voters
- Planned Parenthood Action Oregon.

Learn more: electtomandersen.com

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State Representative, 20th District

Paul Evans

Democrat

Occupation: Teacher, Chemeketa Community College; State Representative.

Occupational Background: Teacher (PSU and WOU); Senior Policy Advisor to Governor Kulongoski; Sales Representative; Master Air Battle Manager, US Air Force.

Educational Background: M.A., Oregon State University; B.S., Western Oregon State College; Central High (Independence, Oregon).

Prior Governmental Experience: Board of Directors, Central School District; (2008–2011); Chair, Governor's Task Force on Veterans' Services (2008); Monmouth Mayor (1999–2002); Monmouth City Council (1989–1992).

Military Experience: USAF; Oregon Air National Guard; Deployments: Afghanistan, Iraq, Central America, Europe, and Southwest Asia; Retired 2013.

Service: Former Volunteer Firefighter (1989-1992, 1997-2002).

We are navigating corruption and self-dealing politicians at the very top who are lining their own pockets. They are willing to steal from veterans to pay for vanity projects and cut healthcare to pay for tax cuts for the 1%. I love my country deeply, served it proudly, and strive daily to make our community and nation the best they can be.

As your voice in the Oregon Legislature, I have worked across the aisle to secure investments in behavioral healthcare, housing production, indigent defense, workforce development, statewide resilience, and expanded veterans' services.

I have also worked to mitigate economic disruption caused by an irrational tariff regime, declining international stability, and a global marketplace racing toward technologies that threaten working families.

Closer to home, I have led efforts to secure community infrastructure projects, establish a regional transit program, strengthen emergency preparedness, support private-public partnerships, and fund university priorities.

This election, we can reclaim America's Promise and Oregon's future. Our best days are ahead if we move forward in common cause and invest in strong public schools, reliable infrastructure, and tools that strengthen small businesses and our workforce.

We must move past toxic politics and find a way forward to build the community, state, and country we deserve.

Proudly Endorsed By:

Oregon State Fire Fighters Council

Trooper PAC

Oregon AFSCME

OR Labor Federation AFL-CIO

SEIU

Oregon Education Association PAC

Oregon Nurses Association

OSEA

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State Representative, 20th District
Andrew Fudge
Republican

Occupation: Budget Manager, Oregon Department of Human Services; CPA.

Occupational Background: State budget; financial accounting; public accounting.

Educational Background: MBA, Willamette University; BS, Boston College; McKay HS.

Prior Governmental Experience: None.

EXPERIENCE. ACCOUNTABILITY. RESULTS.

I'm Andrew Fudge, a Certified Public Accountant, budget manager, husband, father, and lifelong Oregonian. After eight years managing public budgets inside state government, I've learned government works best when it focuses on core responsibilities, spends taxpayer dollars wisely, and delivers measurable results.

TIME FOR CHANGE

I'm running because House District 20 deserves common-sense leadership and real accountability. After 12 years with Paul Evans as our representative, Oregon families have been paying more while receiving less. Housing has become less affordable despite years of legislative promises, confidence in our schools has declined, and public safety remains a growing concern. Accountability begins with electing leaders who deliver results.

My priorities are straightforward.

Affordability: Oppose unnecessary tax increases, demand accountability for every taxpayer dollar, reduce unnecessary regulations, and expand housing opportunities so working families can succeed.

Education: Direct more resources into classrooms, support teachers, strengthen reading and mathematics, and restore high expectations so every graduate is prepared for college, military service, the skilled trades, or the workforce.

Public Safety: Support law enforcement, improve government accountability, address addiction and homelessness with practical solutions, and prioritize infrastructure that protects Oregon families.

I'm committed to listening first, collaborating, and serving the people of Oregon ahead of partisan politics. I respectfully ask for your vote so we can restore common sense, accountability, and opportunity.

ENDORSED BY LOCAL LEADERS AND TRUSTED ORGANIZATIONS

House Republican Leader Lucetta Elmer
Deputy Republican Leader Alek Skarlatos
Ed Diehl, State Representative and Anna Scharf
Angela Plowhead, Marion County Soil & Water Conservation District
SMART – Transportation Division
Oregon State Legislative Board of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and
Trainmen
Craig Pope, Polk County Commissioner
Lyle Mordhorst, Polk County Commissioner
John Swanson, Polk County Commissioner-Elect
Kevin Cameron, Marion County Commissioner
Tony Aiello, Jr.

www.fudge4oregon.org

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State Representative, 21st District

Michael Welsh

Democrat

Occupation: Environmental Health and Safety Manager

Occupational Background: Occupational Health and Safety, Manufacturing

Educational Background: Columbia Southern University, A.S. Occupational Health and Safety

Prior Governmental Experience: City of Keizer Multi-Modal Safety Committee

Bringing down costs for working families is my top priority.

I've spent my 20 year career in manufacturing bringing people together to keep workers safe. **That's why I know there's a lot more that unites us than divides us.**

As a dad who works full-time, I've had to tighten my own family's budget, and I know we all want the same things for our families and community: **lower costs, safer neighborhoods, and stronger schools.**

We need leaders who are focused on solving problems, not partisanship. **I will work with Democrats, Republicans, and independents to get things done:**

- **Lower costs:** As a working dad of two, I know how rising costs of groceries, childcare, and everyday necessities are stretching family budgets. I'll work to **lower utility bills and push for tax relief for middle-class and working families while making high-quality childcare more affordable.**
- **Fight for quality schools:** Support teachers, maintain safe schools, expand career and technical education, and support small businesses that drive our local economy.
- **Strengthen public safety:** Support first responders while investing in mental health care, addiction treatment, and prevention programs.
- **Ensure everyone has an affordable place to call home:** Working families, seniors, and young people should all be able to afford a home in our community. I'll work to increase our housing supply, ensure access to affordable housing, and expand first-time home buyer assistance.

Trusted by community leaders:

Oregon Nurses Association

Oregon Education Association PAC

SEIU Oregon

PCUN

IBEW Local #280

Oregon AFSCME

Oregon Working Families Party

OR Labor Federation AFL-CIO

Oregon School Employees Association

Salem Building Trades Council

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

American Federation of Teachers - Oregon

North Coast States Carpenters Union

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

and,

U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley

Many more at WelshForOregon.com

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State Representative, 21st District
Kevin L Mannix
Republican

Occupation: Attorney; State Representative

Occupational Background: Private law practice

Educational Background: University of Virginia Law School and College of Arts and Sciences

Prior Governmental Experience: State Senator; Assistant Attorney General, Oregon; Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Territory of Guam; Administrative Law Judge, Oregon; Law Clerk, Oregon Court of Appeals

Kevin Mannix: Your voice for bipartisan, accountable leadership.

"Thank you for the opportunity to serve Keizer and North Salem as your State Representative. We continue to make progress serving our community and passing common-sense, cost-saving legislation. Vote Kevin Mannix and I'll keep government accountable to you."

Kevin's bipartisan record:

- Passed a law **saving Salem-Keizer schools \$42 million**, directing money to teachers and students, not costly state mandates.
- Voted for new laws **stopping tax breaks for data centers** and preventing them from passing energy costs onto Salem and Keizer families.
- Passed a housing package that is **expanding the housing supply** for working families. Kevin also wrote successful legislation making 3500 acres of state land available for housing, cutting red tape and speeding up the building process.
- Helped **stop Salem's record \$500 per person payroll tax** and successfully cut Oregon's high Death Taxes.
- Passed multiple laws **protecting victims of stalking and domestic violence** and authored a measure which kept violent felons off of our streets.

Taxpayer advocates, union leaders, small business, and agricultural groups all endorse Kevin Mannix for State Representative:

State Senator **Kim Thatcher**

Former State Representative **Tracy Cramer**

Marion County District Attorney **Paige Clarkson**

Marion County Sheriff **Nick Hunter**

Oregon State Fire Fighters Council

Salem Firefighters Local 314

Salem Police Employee's Union

Oregon Chiefs of Police Association

Oregon's Sheriffs

Oregon Coalition of Police & Sheriffs (ORCOPS)

Trooper PAC

Keizer Chamber of Commerce

Salem Chamber

Defend Small Business PAC

National Federation of Independent Business/OR PAC

Taxpayers Association of Oregon

Oregon Manufactured Housing Association

Oregon Nurseries' PAC

Oregonians for Food & Shelter

AG-PAC

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State Representative, 22nd District
Lesly M Munoz
Democrat

Occupation: UniServ Consultant, Oregon Education Association

Occupational Background: Labor Representative/Organizer

Educational Background: Bachelor of Arts, Liberal Arts and Sciences (Portland State University); Bachelor of Science, Telecommunications (Mt. Sierra College)

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative (Woodburn, Salem, Gervais, Hayesville)

A Proven Fighter for Working Families

Lesly Muñoz is a working-class mom of four and labor union organizer who's spent her career taking on special interests to secure better wages and working conditions for educators and healthcare workers.

Now, as your State Representative, Lesly is leading the fight to bring down the cost of essentials, make housing more affordable, and take on insurance companies that are jacking up healthcare costs.

Standing Up to Greedy Corporations to Lower Costs For Families

As your State Representative, Lesly is fighting to bring down daily costs, protect workers' rights and expand access to healthcare by:

- Making big corporations pay their fair share in taxes.
- Championing efforts to stop predatory landlords from jacking up rents.
- Taking on Big Pharma and health insurance companies to bring down healthcare costs.
- Standing up to A.I. data centers that are ripping off workers and increasing utility rates.

Standing up to Trump and Fighting to Abolish ICE

The daughter of immigrants, who came to the United States in search of opportunity, Lesly knows that real community safety begins with abolishing ICE.

That's why Lesly led efforts to pass legislation to prevent ICE agents from wearing masks and violating our constitutional rights. Lesly will continue fighting to protect our rights and keep Trump's hateful agenda out of Oregon.

Endorsed by:

Labor Unions

Oregon State Fire Fighters Council

Oregon Nurses Association

Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN)

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

Oregon Labor Federation AFL-CIO

Oregon Education Association PAC

SEIU Oregon

Oregon AFSCME

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

North Coast States Carpenters Union

Salem DSA

Elected

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley

Additional Political Parties

Independent Party of Oregon

Oregon Working Families Party

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State Representative, 22nd District
Noemi Legaspi
Republican

Occupation: Children and Family Mental Health Counselor

Occupational Background: Community Networker/Instructor, Pacific University Woodburn Campus; College/Career Specialist, Substitute Teacher, and Youth Sports Coach, Woodburn School District

Educational Background: George Fox University, M.A., Marriage & Family Therapy; University of California at Davis, B.A., Psychology; B.S., Human Development

Prior Governmental Experience: Woodburn School Board and Budget Committee, 2019–2025

Lesly Muñoz: Did you get what you voted for?

Did you know Muñoz is using your tax dollars to **pay a convicted felon** in her government office? Her staff has been arrested 12 times for crimes like **strangulation, assault, harassment, trespass, and coercion**.

Did you know Muñoz was an admitted socialist who **cast the deciding vote for Tina Kotek's \$4.3 billion tax hike** on your gas, car fees, and wages?

You deserve better.

My Story

I'm the daughter of Mexican immigrants, a mother, and long-time resident of Woodburn. For over 20 years, I've **dedicated my career to protecting Marion County's children and families**, including 13 years as a bilingual mental health counselor.

Affordability for Working Families, Not Data Centers

Tina Kotek has been handing out tax breaks to data centers for years, while Muñoz has made life more expensive at every turn, including voting to increase taxes on gas, paychecks, and DMV fees.

Oregonians need a break. I won't put party agendas over the needs of working families. You deserve a voice in Salem that will **hold data centers accountable** and help you keep **more money in your pocket**.

Saving Our Schools

While serving on the **Woodburn School Board**, I fought for kids and parents, not politically connected insiders. I made sure we avoided a strike that would cost kids time in the classroom. I also kept School Resource Officers in school to keep protecting our students and staff.

Endorsements

Nick Hunter, Marion County Sheriff

Oregon Hispanic Business Association

Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs (ORCOPS)

Oregonians for Food & Shelter

Rosie Burkoff, Woodburn School Board Director

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State Representative, 23rd District
Anna M Scharf
Republican

Occupation: Office Manager, State Representative

Occupational Background: Office Manager, Policy Analyst, Strategic Sourcing Manager

Educational Background: MBA International Business, BS Political Science

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative, Perrydale School Board/Budget Committee, Polk County Fair Board

ABOUT ANNA

Married to a 4th generation farmer outside Amity with two grown children. Anna works with her husband and his family on the farm and serves as the current State Representative.

STRONG ADVOCATE FOR NATURAL RESOURCE LAND & JOBS

Anna has a record of advocating for natural resources. As a member of the House Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water Committee, she will continue supporting a responsible rural-urban balance for land use. She will promote the growth of Oregon's natural resource economies and look for opportunities to protect them from over regulation.

ENDORSEMENTS: Ag-PAC, Oregonians for Food & Shelter, Oregon Farm Bureau, Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc. Oregon Nurseries' PAC, Oregon Wheat PAC

UNDERSTANDING BUSINESS CHALLENGES

Oregon consistently ranks among the least business-friendly and most heavily regulated states. Family businesses, Main Street start-ups, and large corporations all face significant challenges. As Vice Chair of the House Business & Workforce Development Committee, Anna will continue working to protect businesses from government overreach, remove barriers to success, and create jobs.

ENDORSEMENTS: Defend Small Business PAC, NFIB/OR PAC, Oregon Manufactured Housing Association, Multifamily NW, Marion Polk First PAC

PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES and SERVING THOSE IN NEED

Oregonians deserve to feel safe at home, at work, and in their communities. Anna believes in the rule of law and will continue advocating for law enforcement and accountability for those who break the laws. She also believes in helping those in need and protecting children. As Vice Chair of the House Human Services Committee, Anna advocates for people in need, protecting children, and supporting families.

ENDORSEMENTS: Oregon's Sheriffs, Oregon Chiefs of Police Assoc., Oregon Coalition of Police & Sheriffs, Mark Garton, Polk County Sheriff, Yamhill County Sheriff Elliott

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2026 General Election, Candidate Statement

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State Representative, 23rd District
Kriss Wright
Democrat

Occupation: Chair, Newberg Planning Commission, State Delegate.

Occupational Background: Health Technician US Veterans Administration, Research Scientist, Secretary - Administrative Support, Farm Worker, Waitress, Sales.

Educational Background: PSU, BS & GIS Certificate, PCC, Associates.

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGE) Rules Advisory Commission (RAC) Public Meeting Laws (2024), Chair, Planning Commission (2022/2026; serving since 2019), Alternate, Newberg Urban Area Management Commission, Citizens Advisory Committee, PCP, State Delegate, FFA Judge.

"My roots are in House District 23, where my grandparents met. I love this place so much I moved my family here to raise them in the community I cherish." -- Kriss Wright

Wright champions pro-family values, defending health rights and services, strong public schools, affordable child care and housing, while supporting underserved populations and working families.

"Please, don't hesitate to call, I welcome any questions before you cast your vote" -- Kriss Wright (971) 237-0688.

Wright prioritizes community safety. Supporting our Boys in Blue & Emergency Responders with training and equipment. Wright will fight for wildfire resiliency & recovery.

Wright will bring Clackamas County Sheriff's CPAP and Newberg's YCAP Navigation Center models to Salem to ease pressure on responders, hospitals, and jails -- provide coordinated, proven support for recovery, domestic & housing emergencies, keeping our communities safe.

Wright opposes government overreach, slashing red tape, expand access to capital, invest in workforce training and housing, while pursuing targeted tax relief for small businesses.

Wright will fight Metro's encroachment on our farmland, block water-guzzling data centers, conserve critical lands that protect our livelihoods - ensuring abundant, clean water for generations.

Wright will make the State and ODOT answer for your dollars. No new gas tax. No tolls.

Endorsements

Samantha Vosika, Pharmacist

Oregon Families for Vaccines

Coni Wright, Newberg-Business Owner +33 yrs

Steve Knauer, Retired Trimet Mechanic and Registered Republican

Robi Crommitt, Legal Secretary

Jessy Phares, Watch Me Movement

Motz-Storey, Sierra Club Oregon

Updates, website, and additional endorsements: <https://www.facebook.com/people/KrissWright4StateRep/100079034983517/>

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2026 General Election, Candidate Statement

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State Representative, 24th District
Lucetta A Elmer
Republican

Occupation: State Representative; Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: Real Estate Owner/Investor

Educational Background: Bachelor of Science, Linfield University

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative, House District 24
(2022-Present)

"This community has always been home to me. It's where I grew up, went to college, built a family and life with my husband, and took a risk to start our first business. Serving this community in the Legislature has been an honor, but we have so much more to do. I believe Oregon can do better, and I'll keep working to make that happen."

Lucetta Elmer

OREGON CAN BE AFFORDABLE

Young families shouldn't have to leave Oregon to find an affordable home. Workers shouldn't have to be afraid of getting laid off because their employer decided it costs too much to operate here in Oregon. Small business owners shouldn't have to worry that every time 90 lawmakers in Salem get together, they are closer to closing their doors for the final time. But right now, that's our reality.

I believe that Oregon can be affordable, but it's going to require bold leadership that puts everyday working families ahead of the special interests that control our politics.

HOLDING GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE

Oregonians deserve to know their money is being spent wisely. As your state representative, I have asked hard questions, challenged the status quo, and worked to hold government accountable. Before asking Oregonians for more, government needs to do a better job with what it already has.

SECURING OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE

Oregon's education outcomes simply aren't good enough. Our children deserve schools that prepare them to read, graduate, and succeed. I will continue fighting for high standards, accountability, and real reforms that put student success first.

ENDORSEMENTS

Sam Elliott, Yamhill County Sheriff

Kit Johnston, Yamhill County Commissioner

Kim Morris, Mayor of McMinnville

Taxpayers Association of Oregon

Oregon Farm Bureau

Oregon Small Business Association

Oregon Coalition of Police & Sheriffs (ORCOPS)

LucettaForOregon.com

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State Representative, 25th District

Ben Bowman

Democrat

Occupation: Senior Fellow, Lewis & Clark College; Majority Leader of the Oregon House of Representatives

Occupational Background: School District Administrator, Gladstone School District; Policy Analyst, Oregon Department of Education

Educational Background: MA, Stanford University; BA, University of Oregon

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative (2023-present); Tigard-Tualatin School Board Chair

BEN BOWMAN: A Problem Solver for Oregon

Lowering Your Costs: Ben voted to cut taxes for 200,000 working Oregonians. He championed legislation preventing data centers from shifting their electricity costs onto families, and he blocked utility rate hikes in winter. He supported bills banning hidden junk fees and closing loopholes predatory lenders use to charge more.

Keeping Healthcare Local: Ben passed a first-in-the-nation law barring corporations and private equity from controlling physician practices, so doctors answer to patients, not shareholders.

Improving Our Schools: Ben is a champion for a well-funded, outcomes-oriented education system. He passed a law guaranteeing free books for young kids, and he supported a bill to improve Oregon's school accountability system.

Defending Oregon's Values: After the federal government defunded Planned Parenthood, Ben authored the bill keeping their clinics open in Oregon. He backed laws protecting Oregonians' due process and privacy rights against federal immigration enforcement.

Making Oregon Safer: Ben voted for stronger penalties for those dealing fentanyl, removing the statute of limitations for child sexual abuse, and increasing the punishment for domestic violence.

Addressing Homelessness, Building Housing: Ben supported record investments in affordable housing. He voted to speed up permitting for housing construction and increase the flexibility for developers to build new, cheaper housing types statewide.

Endorsements

- U.S. Senator Ron Wyden
- U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley
- Planned Parenthood Action Oregon
- OR Labor Federation AFL-CIO
- Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
- Oregon Education Association PAC
- American Federation of Teachers - Oregon
- Oregon Nurses Association
- Oregon Coalition of Police & Sheriffs
- Oregon School Employees Association
- Oregon Building Trades Unions
- Stand for Children
- SEIU Oregon
- Oregon AFSCME
- North Coast States Carpenters Union

To learn more, visit www.BenForOregon.com

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State Representative, 25th District

Bob Niemeyer

Republican

Occupation: Engineer

Occupational Background: President New Ventures Engineering

Educational Background: BS Mechanical Engineering Oregon State University, Registered Professional Engineer

Prior Governmental Experience: Mentor Tigard HS First Robotics Program

We ALL know how we successfully stopped the Gas Tax. That effort clearly pointed out how little that our government is listening to the People of our State. Not listening is what mail in balloting is all about. The only way to get our government to listen to American Citizens again is in-person voting with photo ID. I support mailing out the ballots: We must go to the polls to deliver and sign for your vote.

Toll roads are the next example of NOT listening to the People because tolls are only necessary to fund government, not our roads.

Our government has also found ways to “deficit-spend” with fees, taxes, and regulations on all new construction of housing. New construction is forced to borrow money to pay the State only to have the buyer pay for many years to increase the size of government.

It is hard to believe that increasing the size of government is a reward to our current elected leadership. I grew up believing that Representing the People was a responsibility, not a career.

A vote for Bob Niemeyer is a vote to return to responsible leadership. It will be a long road back to the prosperity Oregon had 40 years ago. That road back begins with honest voting and our government listening to the People.

Vote for Bob Niemeyer, District 25 House of Representatives.

Endorsed by Darrel Gulstrom, AKA “The Annoying Child”

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State Representative, 26th District

Stephanie Carkin

Republican

Occupation: Business Owner

Occupational Background: Contractor, Accounting/HR, Project Manager

Educational Background: Portland Community College

Prior Governmental Experience: Clackamas County Committee for Community Involvement

I was born and raised in Oregon, and learned the value of hard work and personal responsibility. I worked multiple jobs to support my family and worked my way up from receptionist to Vice President/Co-Owner of a successful business. As a mom, I understand the challenges Oregon families face because I live them every day. When I saw the direction our state was heading, I decided it was time to be part of the solution.

Cost of Living & Small Business

Oregon families are struggling with rising costs, and small businesses are burdened by excessive regulations. I will fight to lower costs, reduce red tape, and help businesses create jobs so families can get ahead.

Education & Workforce Development

Every student deserves an education that prepares them for success. I support strengthening academic achievement, supporting teachers, and expanding career/technical education so students are prepared for college, careers, or the trades.

Government Accountability

Taxpayers deserve transparency and results. I will advocate for responsible budgeting, audits of underperforming programs, and greater oversight to ensure government is accountable for how it spends taxpayer dollars.

Transportation

We need safer roads, reliable infrastructure, and practical transportation solutions that deliver results. I was glad to see Governor Kotek's costly transportation tax referendum defeated, which Sue Rieke Smith voted for, because Oregon families are already paying enough. I will work to ensure transportation dollars are spent efficiently on essential infrastructure.

With common sense, accountability, and a focus on working families, we can build a better future for our communities. Let's get to work.

Endorsements

Associated Builders & Contractors

Oregon Small Business Association

Kim Young, Sherwood City Council President

Kelly Sloop, WLWV School Board Chair

Christy Thompson, WLWV School Board 2019-2023

Adam Cunningham, Wilsonville City Councilor

National Federation of Independent Business/OR PAC

Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs (ORCOPS)

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State Representative, 26th District

Steph Terrio

Pacific Green

Occupation: Veterinary Lead Receptionist

Occupational Background: Automotive Technology, Goods and Services, Retail Management, Veterinary Medicine

Educational Background: Automotive Program-SCBB, Diploma-Maria Ygnacio High School

Prior Governmental Experience: N/A

Oregon's working class must feel represented.

I'm running for House District 26 because we the people deserve legislators who do more than listen. My generation is watching as dark money influences our public servants to write legislation that benefits corporations over citizens, treating the planet we'll inherit as an afterthought. Americans are taxed to fund a system that doesn't work for us. We are overworked, and burdened by rising costs and stagnant wages. With no availability for us to discuss our concerns, many succumb to the rat-race feeling of "clock in, go home, repeat." This is not the future Americans want. Our home is not a playground for the wealthy to build on. We are stewards of this earth and our public servants must act as such.

Rent and mortgage costs have outpaced wages for years. The Faircloth Amendment passed two decades ago, freezing public housing. Meanwhile individual homes are bought by corporations and conglomerates. The same neglect has affected our veterans. Across Oregon, U.S. veterans struggle to reach the housing and care promised to them for their service. Without our intervention, the consolidation of housing, healthcare, and media will continue to harm us all. We must de-monopolize.

I treat everyone with dignity, grace, and understanding. My work in veterinary medicine, customer care, volunteering, and automotive tech has fueled my passion for communication and service. I'll champion real campaign finance reform to eliminate dark money in politics. Change starts with showing up and talking. It's time the working class gets real representation through bold public servants who call out corruption consistently, and deliver the solutions we were promised.

I'd be honored to earn your vote.

Endorsed by the Oregon Progressive Party

Endorsed by the Pacific Green Party
Endorsed by the Progressive Party of America

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2026 General Election, Candidate Statement

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State Representative, 26th District
Sue R Rieke Smith
Democrat

Occupation: State Representative

Occupational Background: Nurse; Public School Teacher, Principal, & Superintendent

Educational Background: BS, Nursing; MA Teaching; Doctorate, Education Policy

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon Educators Benefits Board; Educator Advancement Council

Nurse. Teacher. Advocate.

Dr. Sue Rieke Smith has spent her life serving Oregonians, first as an emergency room trauma nurse, then as a teacher, principal, and Tigard-Tualatin School District Superintendent.

Sue knows that families are struggling and is fighting to **bring down the cost of living on everything from health care to housing and make sure jobs pay a family wage.**

- **Building an Economy That Works:** Dr. Sue stood up to Trump's tax loopholes for the ultra wealthy and **cut taxes for over 200,000 working families** by making big corporations pay their fair share. She's fighting for quality jobs, thriving local businesses, and for prosperity that reaches all of us.
- **Delivering for Students:** From teaching in high-needs schools to driving **double-digit academic growth** as principal, Dr. Sue knows what works. Now, she's fighting to reduce class sizes and fully fund special education, investing directly in our classrooms.
- **Lowering Costs:** Dr. Sue is fighting to **lower utility bills**, make high-quality childcare affordable, and **protect the Oregon Health Plan**.
- **Regulating Data Centers:** Dr. Sue **opposes** the unchecked growth of AI data centers that use up our water and raise utility costs.
- **Building Affordable Housing:** Dr. Sue champions smart, locally informed policies to **expand affordable housing**, protect renters, and prevent homelessness.

We Endorse Dr. Sue!

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon
Oregon League of Conservation Voters • Basic Rights Oregon PAC

Oregon Nurses Association
Oregon Education Association PAC • AFT Oregon
Tualatin Valley Firefighters Union • Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
Trooper PAC
OR Labor Federation AFL-CIO
Oregon AFSCME • SEIU Oregon
Oregon Building Trades Unions

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden, U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley
Congresswoman Andrea Salinas, Congresswoman Maxine Dexter

State Senator Neron Misslin
County Commissioners Treece, Snider
Tigard Mayor Hu, Wilsonville Mayor O'Neil
School Board Directors Zurschmeide, Jaimes
District Attorney Kevin Barton

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State Representative, 27th District
Tammy Carpenter
Democrat

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Anesthesiologist, Oregon Society of Anesthesiologists, Executive Board; American Society of Anesthesiologists, Delegate

Educational Background: Washington University St. Louis, BS; University of Chicago, MD

Prior Governmental Experience: Beaverton School Board Member

Doctor, Mom, Democratic Socialist
Tax the Rich, Invest in People

Friends, we did something incredible this spring. Our campaign knocked on over 37,000 doors in House District 27. It is clear - people in Oregon, and across the country, are demanding that their elected leaders do more to help the working class, NOT the billionaire class.

I am running for the Oregon State Legislature to stop Trump's authoritarian regime and put working families **FIRST**. Join me in the fight for **PEOPLE** over profit and:

- Tax the rich and corporations to fund public services
- Guarantee universal healthcare for all Oregonians
- Fund high-quality education and make college free
- Expand public transportation
- Freeze rent and build renter power
- Pass a Green New Deal for Oregon
- Put a moratorium on data centers
- Abolish ICE and make Oregon safe for immigrants
- Divest Oregon from war and genocide

My campaign is powered by a movement of parents, students, seniors, immigrant families, community organizations, and union members. We know that the status quo is not working for us and we believe that every human being deserves to live with dignity.

Endorsed By Organizations
Democratic Socialists of America

Oregon Working Families Party

Oregon Nurses Association

Oregon Education Association PAC

American Federation of Teachers - Oregon

OR Labor Federation AFL-CIO
SEIU Oregon

Oregon AFSCME

Joint Council of Teamsters 37

Oregon State Fire Fighters Council

North Coast States Carpenters Union

UFCW 555

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Sierra Club

Sunrise PDX

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

Women's Investment Network

The Mother PAC

Basic Rights Oregon PAC

PCUN

And Elected Leaders

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley

Attorney General Dan Rayfield

Senate Majority Leader Kayse Jama

House Majority Leader Ben Bowman

State Senator Khanh Pham

State Representatives Farrah Chaichi, Lesly Muñoz,

Travis Nelson, Mark Gamba

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State Representative, 27th District
G Mark Norman
Republican

Occupation: Veterinarian

Occupational Background: Small-animal veterinarian; co-founder, Bethany Family Pet Clinic

Educational Background: United States Naval Academy; Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine, DVM

Prior Governmental Experience: U.S. Navy and Reserve (retired); Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board.

When I moved to Oregon nearly 30 years ago, this was a place where the future felt bright—for families, for small businesses, and for people willing to work hard and build something.

I still believe in that Oregon. But today, too many families are struggling with rising costs, businesses face growing regulation, schools are not producing the results our children deserve, and too many communities are dealing with crime, addiction, and homelessness.

This is not the time for government to demand more from taxpayers.

It is time for government to demand more from itself.

The Democratic Socialists of America advocate higher marginal income-tax rates, changes to Oregon's kicker, and increased taxes on large corporations. I reject that approach. Oregon should first spend tax dollars wisely, control costs, reduce waste, and make government accountable for results before asking families and employers for more.

As a veterinarian, small-business owner, veteran, and longtime Oregonian, I have spent my career solving problems, managing budgets, and serving others. I will bring that practical experience to Salem.

- I want small businesses to succeed, responsible development to create opportunity, and good-paying jobs to grow here.
- I will work for better school outcomes by supporting students, teachers, academic basics, and career readiness. **More spending without accountability is not enough.**

- I will support law enforcement, behavioral-health resources, and practical solutions to homelessness and addiction that restore safety and compassion to our communities.

My approach is independent and Oregon-focused. I believe good ideas can come from anyone. I will work with people who want results, fiscal discipline, and stronger communities.

Government can work better without simply becoming bigger and more expensive. Oregon has strength and potential.

I will work hard every day to help Oregon move forward.

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State Representative, 28th District

Dacia Grayber

Democrat

Occupation: Professional Firefighter-Paramedic, State Representative

Occupational Background: Emergency Management, Educator

Educational Background: B.S, Homeland Security/ Emergency Management, Concordia University; Columbia University

Prior Governmental Experience: PCP

Working Together to Build a Better Oregon

As a **firefighter**, I've dedicated my life to serving our community and tackling tough challenges.

As a **mom and neighbor**, I see the challenges Oregonians are facing as costs rise on everything from childcare to groceries.

As your State Representative, I fight every day to level the playing field so every Oregonian has a fair shot.

We *have* accomplished a lot together:

- ***Record infrastructure, housing, and economic development investments right here in our district.***
- ***Fighting back against utility price increases by ensuring data centers pay their fair share.***
- ***Gun violence prevention and protecting reproductive rights.***
- ***Transformative climate policy and improved first responder capacity.***
- ***Standing up for the dignity of labor, building a better future for working families.***

...AND there's much more work to do:

- Climate change is here. I'll continue fighting for innovative legislation to **keep Oregonians safe and communities resilient.**
- Struggling Oregonians deserve generational stability, **and safe, affordable places to call home.**
- I'm **fighting for the neighborhood schools** our kids deserve, ensuring needed funding and accountability to deliver results.

- **A fair economy** is essential for our prosperity. Innovation in workforce development and small business supports ensure **a level playing field for all**.
- As federal policies raise the costs on our gas, health care and groceries, I'm determined to **make Oregon more affordable** by putting money back in the pockets of working families.
- **Corporations and the ultra-wealthy must pay their fair share. No more tax breaks that don't benefit working Oregonians.**

With bravery, determination-- and clear-eyed accountability-- let's redefine what's possible for Oregon.

Endorsements include:

Oregon State Fire Fighters Council

Oregon Nurses Association

Oregon Education Association PAC

OR Labor Federation, AFL-CIO

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

Basic Rights Oregon PAC

U.S Senator Jeff Merkley

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

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2026 General Election, Candidate Statement

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State Representative, 28th District

Randall Fryer

Republican

Occupation: Physician, retired.

Occupational Background: Emergency medicine at several rural Oregon hospitals (locum). Family Practice Medicine. Product software integration manager, technical marketing support, software developer.

Educational Background: Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, Western University of Health Sciences. Bachelor of Liberal Arts, St. John's College, Santa Fe, NM.

Prior Governmental Experience: Combat Medic, United States Army

Oregon can be a place our children and grandchildren can afford to stay.

Government overreach, tax increases, and new fees are outpacing what SW Portland families earn. Statewide, 72% of voters now say they pay too much in taxes for what they get back. Despite record spending on education, our kids test near the bottom of national rankings. Billions spent fighting homelessness have coincided with more people on the street, not fewer.

Policy must support working families.

Education: Prune bloated administrative growth and free good teachers from one-size-fits-all mandates from Salem. Set high standards for graduation, and students will rise to meet them.

Safer Streets: Handing out tents and cash-loaded cards to addicts hasn't worked - most Oregonians now say decriminalizing hard drugs made things worse. Sobriety centers and detox should be required, not optional, for those cycling through our streets. Portland's police and OHP were among among the best-trained in the nation. They deserve real community support and adequate funding.

Stronger Economy: Salem keeps adding taxes, fees, and regulations and good employers keep continuing quietly to leave for states that want their jobs. Oregon can downsize its government at the ballot box, or watch family out-migration and a shrinking private sector do it for us.

We can fix what we broke: Building software helped me learn to work with complexity. While working in rural emergency rooms, actions had to be taken

even when preferred resources weren't available. I believe our children and our businesses would prefer to stay, and I believe what is broken can be fixed with resources at hand.

(This information furnished by Randall Fryer for Representative.)

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State Representative, 29th District
Brian Schimmel
Independent

Occupation: City Councilor; Small Business Owner - Capital Project Manager, Asset Management Specialist

Occupational Background: Family Dairy Farm; Intel Corporation; Centro Cultural; Non-profit Board Leadership

Educational Background: B.S., Oregon State University; Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps.

Prior Governmental Experience: Urban Renewal Agency Board; Tualatin Valley (TV) Highway Transit & Safety Project Policy & Budget Committee (P&B); Economic Development Commission and Chamber of Commerce Board Liaison; Sustainability Commission Chair

Community & Professional Experience: Housing needs analysis; homeless shelter and services; pandemic emergency response and community services; global operations, manufacturing, supply chain, systems development, and acquisitions.

Government should work as well as the people it serves.

As a Councilor, I see firsthand where state policy impacts people's lives—and where implementation, funding, and local realities do not align.

Good intentions are not enough. Before passing another mandate, we should understand its cost to implement, fund it responsibly, work with the people closest to the work, and ensure it actually improves people's lives—urging legislative accountability.

I'm running for State Representative to bring an implementation-focused approach to Salem:

- Strong schools with stable funding
- Lower costs for working families
- Housing people can afford
- Safe and inclusive communities
- Support for local businesses
- Accessible transportation
- Resilient infrastructure
- Responsible use of taxpayer dollars

My time in office will reflect the same independent and determined leadership demonstrated as a city councilor, business owner, and community leader—focused on maximizing outcomes.

My approach to effective governance is to work with people across the political spectrum to make policy work, without surrendering independent judgment or principles.

Practical leadership. Local voices. Better results.

Proudly Endorsed by LOCAL Leaders:

- Hillsboro Classified United 4671
- National Federation of Independent Business/OR PAC
- State Senator Janeen Sollman
- Washington County Commissioner Jerry Willey
- Washington County Auditor Kristine Adams-Wannberg
- Mayor Beach Pace - Hillsboro
- Mayor Malynda Wenzl - Forest Grove
- Mayor Jef Dalin - Cornelius
- Chair Kristy Kottkey - Forest Grove School Board
- Vice-Chair Mark Watson - Hillsboro School Board
- Former Mayor Steve Callaway - Hillsboro

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State Representative, 29th District

Susan McLain

Democrat

Occupation: Retired Teacher, State Representative

Occupational Background: Glencoe High School Teacher - Speech, Debate, English

Educational Background: B.S., Oregon College of Education

Prior Governmental Experience: Metro Councilor, 1991-2006, State Representative 2015-present

Representative Susan McLain Deeply Committed to Western Washington County

Representative Susan McLain spent 42 years teaching students and raising her family in our community. She lives in Forest Grove, attends church in Cornelius, and taught high school in Hillsboro.

She has focused on:

AFFORDABILITY:

- Expanded the Earned Income Tax Credit to lower taxes for 200,000+ working families
- Banned data centers from passing energy costs to consumers and protected our world-class farmland
- Worked to cap insulin prices, require insurers to cover additional screenings, and stand up to big pharma

SAFE & THRIVING COMMUNITIES:

- Defended Oregon from federal overreach and safeguarded access to reproductive healthcare
- Fought for safety on our roads and bridges, public transit, and bike-pedestrian facilities
- Stopped corporations from competing with Oregonians trying to buy a single-family home
- Strengthened civil rights protections and resources for immigrant communities

STRONG SCHOOLS:

- Championed historic investments in K-12 and Higher Education, including summer learning
- Advanced policies to address chronic absenteeism and retain high-quality educators

PARTIAL LIST OF ENDORSEMENTS:

Education Leaders:

Oregon Education Association PAC
 American Federation of Teachers - Oregon
 Oregon School Employees Association
 American Association of University Professors - Oregon

First Responders:

Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
 Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs
 Oregon's Sheriffs
 Oregon Chiefs of Police Association

Community Advocates:

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley	Oregon Nurses Association
U.S. Senator Ron Wyden	Planned Parenthood Action Oregon
U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici	Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Attorney General Dan Rayfield	Oregon AFSCME
Metro Council President	SEIU Oregon
Juan Carlos Gonzalez	Friends of Smart Growth
North Coast States Carpenters Union	Basic Rights Oregon PAC
The Street Trust Action Fund	Oregonians for Food and Shelter

More information and supporters at: www.SusanMcLain.org

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State Representative, 30th District
Nathan Sosa
Democrat

Occupation: State Representative, Small Business Owner, Attorney

Occupational Background: Attorney

Educational Background: Law degree and bachelor's degree in history, UNLV

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative; Oregon Government Ethics Commission; Hillsboro 2035 Committee

www.nathansosa.com

As a state representative, I am committed to expanding economic opportunities for all Oregonians and protecting our rights.

Affordability: I grew up in poverty and experienced the struggles that many people are enduring. I have championed bills on affordability for consumer loans and utility rates. Now I want to continue this work on affordability for auto / home insurance and retail pricing.

Consumer Protection: I have devoted my career to consumer protection. In 2025, I chief sponsored bills to crackdown on dishonest car dealers, eliminate hidden fees in online sales, and remove medical debt from credit reports. In 2026, I chief sponsored a bill to stop online lenders from charging customers triple-digit interest rates on loans. Now I want to stop crypto scams and hold insurance companies accountable if they treat people unfairly.

Housing: My family has experienced the burden of ever-rising rents and the feeling that home ownership is out of reach. I co-sponsored a bill to help families buy a home by preventing hedge funds from purchasing single-family homes within 90 days of them going on sale. Now I want to protect people from needless eviction lawsuits.

Helping Small Businesses: I am a small business owner and spent years as a volunteer ambassador with the Washington County Chamber. I chief sponsored a bill to assist entrepreneurs from disadvantaged backgrounds. Now I want to cut regulatory red tape to make it easier for small businesses to grow and thrive.

ENDORSEMENTS

AFT–Oregon
Humane Voters Oregon
North Coast States Carpenters Union
Oregon AFSCME
Oregon Building Trades Unions
Oregon Education Association PAC
OR Labor Federation AFL-CIO
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Oregon Nurses Association
Oregon School Employees Association
Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
Oregon Working Families Party
Planned Parenthood Action Oregon
SEIU Oregon

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State Representative, 31st District
Darcey Edwards
Republican

Occupation: State Representative; Small business owner; Principal Broker, Edwards Realty Trust

Occupational Background: Housing, Economic development, Chamber of Commerce

Educational Background: Banks High School

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative

Rooted in Northwest Oregon. I grew up in District 31, raised my family here, and built a small business here. I understand firsthand the pressures of rising costs, concerns about safety, and the importance of stewardship. I stepped up to serve because I wanted to solve real problems in our community and make sure the voices and values of Northwest Oregon families are heard *and* prioritized.

Protecting Our Communities. This term, I helped pass legislation that will protect students and law enforcement from dangerous false emergency reports, reduce fire risks and secondhand smoke exposure in apartment housing, keep syringe service programs away from schools and childcare facilities, ban AI tools from hostile foreign companies on state systems, and cut unnecessary red tape so families can rebuild homes lost to disasters more quickly.

Delivering Where It Counts. I helped secure funding for important local services like the Banks Fire District and expansion of the Amani Center, which provides critical advocacy and assessment services for children and families facing abuse.

Defending Our Way of Life. I also passed a law helping family forestland owners keep their land across generations instead of being forced to sell to pay estate taxes—and I will always defend the farming, timber, hunting, and fishing traditions that define rural Northwest Oregon.

It is an honor to represent you, and I respectfully ask for your vote so I can keep fighting for the families, businesses, and communities we proudly call home.

Proudly Endorsed by:

Senator **Suzanne Weber**
Kevin Barton, Washington County District Attorney

Casey Garrett, Columbia County Commissioner
Oregon Coalition of Police & Sheriffs (ORCOPS)
Oregon Chiefs of Police Association
Oregon's Sheriffs
National Federation of Independent Business/OR PAC
Defend Small Business PAC
Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc.
Oregon Dairy Farmers Association
Oregon Farm Bureau

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State Representative, 31st District

Tom L Forest

Democrat

Occupation: Software Engineer

Occupational Background: Full-stack Software Engineer at PGE, Thermofisher, and Intel, designing and building collaborative, custom, in-house web applications

Educational Background: Hillsboro High School; Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Bachelor of Science, Management

Prior Governmental Experience: Banks School District Budget Committee, since 2012

I've seen communities in Northwest Oregon struggle to balance the legacy of their agricultural and natural resource economies with needs from new industries and more people. There's room for both here, not letting the perfect be the enemy of the better. I'll bring people together to collaborate and seek solutions that work for everyone.

My family began moving to Oregon in 1880, with my great-grandparents and my great-granduncle Simon Benson. Benson transformed the local logging industry, replacing oxen and railroads with Steam Donkeys and Cigar Rafts (AKA tractors and barges). He donated his timber wealth for Benson Bubblers, Benson Polytechnic School, and Multnomah Falls. An Army brat, I live rurally (gravel road, limited Internet, septic tank, well). I went to Hillsboro High when it was the only high school in town and Hillsboro had just 16,000 people.

I will work to protect us from Federal overreach like ICE, vote-by-mail suppression, and tax breaks for the rich. Incumbent multimillionaire and Koch Brothers beneficiary Darcey Edwards sponsored GOP's out-of-touch initiatives like bills to undermine medical judgment and women's freedom managing pregnancies (HB4087); gut environmental protections (HB3103); and raise utility rates and give hundreds of millions of dollars in tax breaks for data centers and big tech in North Plains (SB1586). I'm a big "No" to all that.

As a legislator, I will be a workhorse, not a show horse. I won't sponsor legislation or spend my time in committees yelling at the clouds, virtue signaling, or arguing with the referees. I'll work with my 59 colleagues to focus on what we can do for you - for more jobs, for fully funded education, for rural transportation, and for your happiness.

Website: <https://GoingDeepForOregon.org>

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State Representative, 32nd District

Max Sherman

Republican

Occupation: Retired Teacher, 35 years; Farmer

Occupational Background: Agriculture, Welding, Biology Instructor; FFA Advisor

Educational Background: M.Ed., Agricultural Education, Oregon State University; M.A., Economics and Entrepreneurship Education, University of Delaware; B.A., Agricultural Education, Oregon State University

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon FFA, Board of Directors; Tillamook Farm Bureau, State House Delegate, Governmental Affairs/National Affairs Committee Representative

RESTORING TRUST IN NORTH COAST LEADERSHIP

Rep. Cyrus Javadi has asked for our vote many times. He promised to cut our taxes and then cast the deciding vote for Tina Kotek's \$4.3 billion gas tax. **He broke the trust of the voters who elected him.**

But I fought back, joining Oregonians gathering signatures to refer the tax and suing the state so voters had the chance to say no.

When the will of the people is threatened, leaders must stand up and defend it.

My Priorities:

Lower the Cost of Living

- Stop new taxes and hidden fees
- Reduce regulatory burdens driving up fuel, energy, and housing costs

Protect Jobs in Agriculture, Fishing & Timber

- Defend natural resource industries from overregulation
- Protect farmland and water from massive corporate data centers

Responsibly Invest in Transportation & Infrastructure

- Fix ODOT's spending and oversight problems

- Prioritize maintenance before asking taxpayers for more

Public Safety & Education

- Fully fund local law enforcement
- Get schools back to basics and strengthen Career & Technical Education

If elected, I will donate my legislative salary to support charities and community organizations throughout our district.

I'll keep my word and always put the North Coast first.

Questions? Call my cell: (503) 999-3202

ENDORSEMENTS:

Taxpayers Association of Oregon
Oregon Farm Bureau
Oregon Nurseries' PAC
Oregon Manufactured Housing Association
Oregon Small Business Association
NFIB/OR PAC
Oregon Coalition of Police & Sheriffs (ORCOPS)
North Coast First PAC
Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc.
Oregon Dairy Farmers Association
Cary Johnson, C.T. Johnson Homes
Julie Hurliman
Former Senator **Betsy Johnson**
Senator **Suzanne Weber**
Clatsop County Commissioner **Courtney Bangs**
Bill Kerr, Former President, United Steelworkers Local 1097

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State Representative, 32nd District
Cyrus Javadi
Democrat

Occupation: Dentist; State Representative

Occupational Background: Local Business Owner

Educational Background: University of the Pacific, DDS; Brigham Young University, B.S.

Prior Governmental Experience: Commissioner, Port of Tillamook Bay; Dental Director, Tillamook County Community Health Centers

“No one political party has a monopoly on good ideas. I’m working with anyone who has the Coast’s interests at heart and standing up to those who want to make our lives harder and more expensive.” - Cyrus

SUPPORTING LOCAL HOSPITALS AND HEALTHCARE

When cuts threatened rural hospitals like Columbia Memorial and Providence Seaside, Cyrus fought to keep local hospitals and clinics open. He helped secure continued coverage for 1.4 million Oregonians on the Oregon Health Plan.

LOWERING COSTS FOR SENIORS AND FAMILIES

Cyrus is fighting to make essentials more affordable. He expanded tax cuts for the middle-class, took on utility companies to lower rates, and battled pharmaceutical companies to cap insulin costs and require price transparency.

BRINGING DOWN THE COST OF HOUSING

Cyrus passed a bill helping local families and first-time homebuyers have a fair shot at buying a home by standing up to corporations who snatch up single family homes. He secured investments to rehabilitate and preserve housing for older adults.

STANDING UP FOR REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

Cyrus will protect every woman's fundamental right to birth control and abortion, without political interference.

PROTECTING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES WITHOUT OVERREGULATION

"Cyrus won't let anyone trample on our local industries. He is pushing back against federal cuts to fish hatcheries that impact our coastal economy." - Joe & Carol Ockenfels, Siggi-G Ocean Charters

STRENGTHENING OUR ECONOMY

Nominated by the Independent Party of Oregon & Proudly Endorsed By:

Oregon State Fire Fighters Council

Trooper PAC

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

Oregon Nurses Association

Oregon Labor Federation, AFL-CIO

Working Families Party

Oregon AFSCME

SEIU Oregon

UFCW Local 555

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State Representative, 33rd District

Shannon Jones Isadore

Democrat

Occupation: State Representative, Business Owner and CEO

Occupational Background: Behavioral Health and Finance

Educational Background: Lincoln High School; Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Clark Atlanta University; Master of Science in Family Psychotherapy, Loma Linda University

Prior Governmental Experience: United States Marine Corps, Oregon State Representative

Representative Shannon J. Isadore is serving District 33 with ACCOUNTABILITY, STRUCTURE AND INTEGRITY.

Rep. Shannon J. Isadore is a native Portlander, Military Veteran, Family Psychotherapist and Business Leader who is fighting for Portland.

As our State Representative, she:

- **Secured a generational investment** of \$10 million in downtown Portland's James Beard Market
- **Passed legislation** to prepare Oregon's Critical Energy Infrastructure for emergency response and damage recovery in the wake of a natural disaster or major earthquake
- **Secured \$1.4 million in funding** for 23 units of cohousing in St. John's
- **Helped the Hoyt Arboretum** fund a much-needed \$2 million education center expansion
- **Passed legislation** to fund major renovations to the MODA Center to support the Blazers remaining in Portland and long overdue investment in lower Albina

Rep. Isadore has dedicated her life to protecting the freedoms that unite us as Oregonians.

As a Behavioral Health and Housing Leader, she:

- Founded and operates Oregon Change Clinic, an outpatient treatment program serving hundreds of families
- Turned a dilapidated motel into 37 units of recovery housing

As a Finance Industry Leader, she:

- Spent 15 years in finance, overseeing 30 investment brokers across three cities
- Helped middle-income families save and invest money to build generational wealth

As your Legislator, Shannon prioritizes accountability, structure, and integrity in revitalizing downtown Portland, building more housing, and bringing economic development to the region.

If you believe in Portland, join us in supporting Shannon!

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon
Stand for Children
Senator Lisa Reynolds
Portland City Councilor Eric Zimmerman

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State Representative, 33rd District
Ciatta R Thompson
Republican

Occupation: Hotel Front Office Manager

Occupational Background: Small Business Owner; Travel & Hospitality Professional

Educational Background: Coursework in Urban Planning, Florida Atlantic University

Prior Governmental Experience: NW Parking District Stakeholder Advisory Committee (2026); Former 2nd Vice Chair of the Multnomah County Democrats (2025); Wilton Manors Community Affairs Advisory Board (Florida)(2018-2020)

I'm Ciatta Thompson. Like many Oregonians, I know what it's like to reach the grocery checkout and worry whether your card will go through. When rent, groceries, utilities, and transportation keep rising, working people feel every dollar.

I live in Northwest Portland and have worked in downtown Portland hotels since 2021. I've watched businesses close, friends and neighbors move away, and people struggling with addiction and mental illness left to languish on our streets—all while taxes and fees keep rising.

WE CAN DO BETTER.

We can have compassion **and** accountability.

We can fully staff first responders and build a world-class behavioral health system focused on treatment, recovery, and measurable outcomes.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH ARE THE FOUNDATION OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

Businesses won't invest and families won't stay where they don't feel safe. Workers and customers won't return to commercial districts overwhelmed by untreated addiction, mental illness, and persistent disorder. When businesses close and jobs disappear, we lose the tax base that funds schools, treatment, first responders, and other essential services.

These aren't partisan ideas. They should be Oregon priorities.

I got involved in politics because I care deeply about people and want the best for our communities. We all see the challenges around us. **Good intentions aren't enough.**

If you're frustrated with the results, it's time to expect more from your government. I'm asking for your vote because it's time to get serious about solving the very real problems facing our community.

PORTLAND OVER PARTY. RESULTS OVER POLITICS.

VOTE FOR COMMON SENSE. VOTE CIATTA THOMPSON.

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State Representative, 34th District
Mari Watanabe
Democrat

Occupation: State Representative

Occupational Background: Community Empowerment and Corporate Leadership, Nike, Inc.; Portland Business Alliance, Partners in Diversity, Oregon Nikkei Endowment

Educational Background: BA, Washington State University

Prior Governmental Experience: Portland Community College Board; Oregon Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs

Dear Neighbors,
As your State Representative, I am proud to be your voice at the Legislature. Washington County has been my home for almost 30 years, and our successes here have helped not just our communities, but all of Oregon.

As the first Japanese American woman to serve in the Oregon Legislature, I am committed to making sure Oregon and Washington County are places where diversity flourishes, opportunities abound, and everyone feels a sense of belonging.

- Mari R. Watanabe

As a Legislator, I am proud to have:

- **REQUIRED** data centers to pay their fair share of electricity through the POWER ACT
- **SUPPORTED** Moda Center funding to keep the Trail Blazers in Oregon
- **STRENGTHENED** support for veterans
- **CUT RED TAPE** for highly skilled immigrants and refugees with advanced degrees to get certified and start working in Oregon
- **PROVIDED** long term funding for BOLI to conduct wage theft and civil rights violations
- **INCREASED** protections for older adults in long-term care facilities
- **REDUCED** medical prescription costs

Proudly Endorsed By:

U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley

Governor Tina Kotek

Labor Commissioner Christina Stephenson

State Representatives Daniel Nguyen and Shannon Jones Isadore
Washington County Commissioner Nafisa Fai

Beaverton City Councilors Edward Kimmi and Nadia Hasan

Tigard Mayor Yi-Kang Hu

Metro President Juan Carlos Gonzalez

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon
Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce PAC
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Stand for Children
Oregon Education Association PAC
Oregon AFSCME
SEIU Oregon
Oregon Coalition of Police & Sheriffs
Multifamily NW
AG-PAC

For more info go to mariwatanabe.com

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State Representative, 35th District
Farrah Chaichi
Democrat

Occupation: State Representative

Occupational Background: Intake and Conflicts - Stoel Rives; Compliance, Daimler Truck

Educational Background: Master of Professional Studies, George Washington University; B.A., Seattle University; Beaverton HS

Prior Governmental Experience: Beaverton Human Rights Advisory Commission

My slogan has always been “Farrah Fights for Human Rights.”

We can, and must, ensure every Oregonian is healthy, housed, and safe in their community. The current economy benefits the ultra-rich, but a better world is possible.

Tax the Rich: Last session, I fought for critical legislation to preserve the state budget. We can do more to protect and expand critical services. As a democratic socialist, I know we must raise revenue for universal programs by requiring large multinational corporations and the top 1% of wealthy individuals pay their fair share so we can ALL thrive.

Protecting Oregonians from Federal Overreach: I spearheaded legislation in February requiring law enforcement to unmask and clearly identify themselves, and added safeguards to help local government better defend Oregonians when information is requested by the federal government. Next year we fight for further protections.

Housing and Healthcare are Human Rights: I've helped secure funding to create affordable housing units in Beaverton. I also sponsored successful legislation maintaining reproductive and gender-affirming healthcare funding. We must continue fighting to keep all Oregonians housed and healthy and for universal single payer healthcare.

Community Supports Farrah:

AFT-Oregon
Basic Rights Oregon PAC
Communications Workers Local 7901

Ironworkers Local 29
Next Up Action Fund
North Coast States Carpenters Union
Oregon Building Trades Unions
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Oregon Nurses Association
Oregon School Employees Association
Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
OR Labor Federation AFL-CIO
Planned Parenthood Action Oregon
Portland Democratic Socialists of America
Pro-Animal Oregon
Safety and Justice Oregon
SEIU Oregon
Sierra Club Oregon
UFCW555
U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley
Oregon Senator James Manning
Lacey Beaty, Beaverton Mayor
Nadia Hasan, Beaverton City Councilor
Dr. Tammy Carpenter, BSD Board Member
Dean Moberg, Director, Tualatin Soil and Water District

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State Representative, 36th District

Hai Pham

Democrat

Occupation: State Representative, Pediatric Dentist

Occupational Background: Small Business Owner; Pediatric Dentistry Chair, Randall Children's Hospital

Educational Background: Oregon State, BS; OHSU, DMD

Prior Governmental Experience: Governor's Children Cabinet, Oregon Board of Dentistry

Trusted Leadership, Creating Healthier and Prosperous Communities

Dr. Hai Pham is a father, small business owner, and a healthcare provider with 20 years of service to Washington County. As State Representative, Hai is working to make Washington County a thriving community to live, work, raise a family, and retire.

Hai is Building Safer Communities and a Stronger Economy. He has:

- Safeguarded the rights of our immigrant neighbors.
- Lowered housing and rental costs & urgently responded to the homelessness crisis.
- Made healthcare and prescription drugs more accessible and affordable.
- Protected and expanded access to abortion and comprehensive reproductive health care.
- Built regional prosperity by supporting workers and connecting with local businesses.

As your State Representative, Hai will continue to:

- Reduce the high costs of living so that every family has the opportunity to build generational wealth.
- Ensure that every neighborhood is a safe place to live, work, and raise a family.
- Build an accessible and affordable healthcare system so that every Oregonian can get the care that they need.
- Invest in jobs and grow our regional economy through innovation and opportunity. Our economy thrives when our businesses succeed.
- Defend our civil rights and uphold our democracy.

Proudly Endorsed By:

U.S. Senators Jeff Merkley & Ron Wyden

**Washington County Commissioners Jason Snider, Nafisa Fai, & Pam
Treece**

District Attorney Kevin Barton

Hillsboro Mayor Beach Pace

Beaverton Mayor Lacey Beaty

Metro Councilors Juan Carlos Gonzalez & Duncan Hwang

Oregon Labor Federation, AFL-CIO

Oregon Nurses Association

Oregon AFSCME

Oregon Education Association - PAC

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Oregon State Fire Fighters Council

Oregon Coalition of Police & Sheriffs

North Coast States Carpenters Union

AG-PAC

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State Representative, 36th District
Michael Orth
Republican

Occupation: Retired Professional

Occupational Background: Sales and Marketing Executive. Small Business Owner

Educational Background: University of Portland B.A.

Prior Governmental Experience: No prior elected office

Thank you for stopping to read my candidate profile page. If you are happy with the direction Oregon, Washington County and HD 36 have been heading for decades, there is no reason to read further. But if you are looking for lower taxes, strong schools and public safety please continue.

Friends and family asked why I'm running since I am not a politician. The reason is simple: if I hadn't stepped up, there would be no Republican or conservative candidate to run against the current representative. I wanted District 36 voters to have a genuine choice-not just more of the same or not voting at all. I'm the underdog, but I'm running because I believe you deserve better.

Many of you, whether Democrat or non-affiliated, care about the same everyday concerns-housing costs, schools and safety. I'm running on these three core issues: lower taxes and fees to ease the burden on working families, stronger education by putting more hours and days in the classroom, restoring meaningful graduation standards, and protecting fairness in girls' and women's sports; and standing for law and order by backing the blue and refusing to defund the police.

We live in a two-party system, and I believe voters deserve a real choice. I'm ready to listen to all voices in District 36 and work with anyone willing to find practical solutions. I'm not asking you to change your party-I'm asking you to give a different kind of candidate a chance to deliver the change you've been waiting for. If you want real results instead of more of the same, I hope you will vote for me on November 3.

Thank you, Michael Orth Republican for House District 36

Endorsements

- Stand For Health Freedom

- David Nemarnik-Pacific Coast Fresh Co.
- Mike Rich-Hollywood Screenwriter
- Tom Keepes-Retired CPA and Business Owner

(This information furnished by Michael Orth.)

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State Representative, 37th District
Chad Parker
Republican

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: President, Haloumi Creative & Always Outdoors;
Producer, Nickelodeon Television

Educational Background: University of Oregon, School of Journalism

Prior Governmental Experience: Clackamas County Roads Advisory Board;
Clackamas County Parks Advisory Board; River Grove PTO

We are lucky to live in one of Oregon's greatest communities. Yet for years, families and small businesses in West Linn, Tualatin, and Rivergrove, have lacked a representative laser-focused on our priorities.

The incumbent Jules Walters record speaks for itself:

- Voted for HB 4037, stripping your right to a public hearing on major development decisions in your own community
- Voted for HB 3991, raising gas and payroll taxes that hit working families the hardest
- Stood by while our friends and neighbors left for states with lower costs and better opportunities

You deserve better. We ALL do.

As a Rivergrove dad raising five boys, I am running on Optimism in Action, practical solutions that put our community first. This year you can elect a representative who actually listens TO neighbors, votes FOR neighbors, not the political machine.

As your next Representative, I will:

- **Focus on Home:** Raise reading proficiency so every child has a real shot, and clear barriers so small businesses can grow.
- **Reject Division:** Build trust across the political spectrum to cut inflations bite, strengthen public safety, and protect the quality of life that makes Oregon special.
- **Put Optimism into Action:** Deliver real tax relief for working families, fund reliable roads without new tax increases, and champion the Oregon we love.

Oregon is so much more than the rankings reflect. We can do better.

If you are comfortable with a 95% voting record aligned with the policies that got us here, vote for Jules Walters. If you want someone who puts people over party, I would be honored to represent you.

See the real people (not political insiders) across the political spectrum who have endorsed me at www.voteforchadparker.com

People Over Party. Always.

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State Representative, 37th District

Jules Walters

Democrat

Occupation: State Representative, HD 37

Occupational Background: Small business owner

Educational Background: University of San Francisco, University of Oregon

Prior Governmental Experience: City Councilor and Mayor, City of West Linn; State Representative HD 37

"Jules is a trusted leader in our community who has built robust regional and statewide partnerships to tackle the important issues facing the district. She has my full confidence and support."—Senate President Rob Wagner.

As your State Representative, Jules advocates for prosperity, public safety, and access to quality education, child care, and health care.

She's ***delivering results*** for the people of HD 37.

Advocating Oregon Values:

- Protecting the LGBTQ+ community
- Upholding Immigrant and BIPOC rights
- Defending Women's Reproductive Care

Supporting Oregon Families:

- Making Oregon's schools safer and more accountable.
- Getting drugs out of our schools and helping our students achieve better outcomes by establishing the K-12 Primary Prevention program.
- Helping navigate shortfalls in health care and food assistance due to H.R.1 (the "Big, Beautiful Bill") as vice chair of the Revenue committee.
- Working to make our taxes fair and affordable as leader of the Measures 5 /50 Study Group.
- As Chair of the Early Childhood Committee, her top priority is making early learning and quality, affordable childcare available for all Oregonians.

Results for HD 37:

- Jules stopped tolling on I-205.
- Continues to defend the Urban Growth Boundary.

- Secured funds for the Willamette Falls Waterfront and seismic upgrades to Tualatin's water system.
- Stands up to PGE to ensure as our grid expands in the move to renewable energy, we don't lose sight of Oregon's scenery, natural resources, and wildlife.

Some of Jules's Endorsements:

US Senator Jeff Merkley
US Senator Ron Wyden
Oregon Senate President Rob Wagner
West Linn Mayor Rory Bialostosky
Lake Oswego Mayor Joe Buck
Democratic Party of Clackamas County
Independent Party of Oregon
Oregon Working Families Party
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
Oregon Education Association PAC
Basic Rights Oregon PAC
UFCW Local 555

Learn more: www.votejules.com

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State Representative, 38th District
Daniel Loc Nguyen
Democrat

Occupation: Local Business Owner, State Legislator

Occupational Background: Restaurant Owner/Worker

Educational Background: BA, University of Puget Sound; MBA, Marylhurst University

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative, Lake Oswego City Councilor, Oregon Innovation Council, Oregon Retirement Savings Board

“Now more than ever, Oregon needs leaders like Rep. Daniel Nguyen to fight against Trump’s dangerous agenda. Daniel led efforts to protect Oregonians from ICE and stand up to Trump’s tariffs, providing needed financial relief for small business owners and Oregon families.

- US SENATOR RON WYDEN

Experience, Determination, Results

As the son of refugees, I learned early on the value of freedom and access to opportunity in creating safe, thriving communities – **that’s why I’m paying it forward by building opportunities for all Oregonians to get ahead.**

As your voice in Salem, I will continue to fight for our “right now” and future success. **Our actions now, and in the next few years, are critical to Oregon’s future.**

In 2026 Daniel led efforts to:

- **Grow jobs** and our economy
- **Strengthen laws protecting Oregonians from ICE** at the door, in hospitals, and on the street
- **Balance the state budget** to protect education and avoid agency cuts and mass layoffs
- **Stop corporations from driving up housing costs**
- **Streamline behavioral health and invest in public safety**
- **Protect healthcare** and reproductive freedom

Join Us in Proudly Supporting Daniel Nguyen
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Congresswoman Janelle Bynum
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Congresswoman Maxine Dexter
Senators Rob Wagner & Kate Lieber
Representative Tawna Sanchez
Mayor Keith Wilson
Mayor Joe Buck
City Councilors Olivia Clark & Eric Zimmerman
Riverdale School Board Member Ali Lanenga
OR Labor Federation AFL-CIO
Oregon AFSCME
Oregon Building Trades Unions
Multifamily NW
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Teamsters Joint Council No. 37
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See website for more.
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State Representative, 39th District
April Dobson
Democrat

Occupation: State Representative and Mom

Occupational Background: Non-profit Program Management

Educational Background: Scappoose High School; B.A., University of Oregon

Prior Governmental Experience: North Clackamas School Board

Volunteer Experience: Adrienne Nelson HS PTA

APRIL DOBSON: Bipartisan Leadership for Clackamas County

As a mom, I taught my kids the difference between right and wrong. But too often, politicians are more focused on right versus left. I'm proud to have received the nomination of the Democratic, Republican, and Independent parties because I'm committed to working with anyone willing to put politics aside and find solutions to our toughest challenges.

We may not agree on every issue, but we can agree that we need to make life more affordable for everyday families, protect taxpayer dollars, keep our communities safe, and improve public education.

As your State Representative, I am focused on:

- **Reducing taxes for working families** and stopping tolling in Clackamas County.
- **Lowering energy bills** by making data centers pay their fair share for the power they use.
- **Putting homeownership in reach of young families** and stopping private equity from buying homes before Oregonians have a chance to make an offer.
- **Protecting access to healthcare** and defending our fundamental rights.
- **Cutting red tape for Oregon businesses** and offering targeted relief for small-businesses impacted by tariffs.
- **Higher standards for public schools** and more time in class so students can succeed.

Thank you for the honor of representing our corner of Clackamas County in Salem.

Endorsed By

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Oregon School Employees Association

Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs (ORCOPS)

Oregon State Fire Fighters Council

Oregon Nurses Association

North Coast States Carpenters Union

Learn more: www.aprildobson.com

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State Representative, 40th District
Michael W Sugar
Democrat

Occupation: High School History Teacher

Occupational Background: Teacher; Coach

Educational Background: Johns Hopkins University (M.Ed.); University of Oregon (B.A.)

Prior Governmental Experience: None

MICHAEL SUGAR: UNITING COMMUNITIES TO SOLVE PROBLEMS

It's time to **work together to solve problems for our community and demand that Salem actually solve problems for our state.** I'm a **teacher and coach**; I've spent my career **helping students find their voices and work together.** I'll bring the same approach to **representing us in Salem.**

LOWER COSTS

I've worked three jobs to afford a home. I know how hard it is to afford everything. I'll **oppose tolling and work to cut taxes for middle-class families** while lowering the costs of essentials like **gas, groceries, and utilities.**

"Michael will fight to lower costs for small businesses that are the heartbeat of our local community."

- Tara Wanstall, Owner, Watershed Cafe

"Michael values what makes our community special. He'll listen, collaborate, and work hard to make life more affordable."

- Outgoing Representative Annessa Hartman

QUALITY SCHOOLS

As a teacher, I know our kids should have real expectations and real opportunities. I'll **strengthen literacy, reduce class sizes, improve attendance & funding for special education, and expand career and trade opportunities.**

MORE AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE

Families can't afford outrageous healthcare costs; I'll **stand up against Medicaid cuts, high prescription costs, and surprise medical bills.**

SAFER CLACKAMAS COMMUNITIES

I support our police, firefighters, and emergency responders. I'll fight to **expand access to mental health and addiction services, address homelessness, and actually get people off the streets to keep everyone safe.**

ENDORSED BY:

All three mayors in our district:

Denyse McGriff, Oregon City Mayor

Michael Milch, Gladstone Mayor

Vincent Whitehead, Johnson City Mayor

Craig Roberts, Former Clackamas County Sheriff and current County Chair

Senator **Mark Meek**

Trooper PAC

Oregon **Farm Bureau**

North Clackamas **Chamber**

Oregon **Nurses** Association

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

Oregon State **Fire Fighters** Council

Oregon **Building Trades Unions**

Oregon **Education** Association PAC

Oregon **AFSCME**

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State Representative, 40th District

Adam Baker

Republican

Occupation: Realtor

Occupational Background: Gresham Police Officer, Hostage/Crisis Negotiator, Detective, Public Information Officer, Field Training Officer

Educational Background: Mt. Hood Community College

Prior Governmental Experience: Candidate 2022, Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots; PCP

"As a 26-year police officer, detective, and hostage negotiator, I'm running for State Representative because our communities deserve leadership that understands the real challenges families face every day, not more of the same Salem status quo."

Safe Neighborhoods, Backed by Real Experience

Adam Baker will back police and first responders with the resources, training, and respect they need to rebuild community policing and restore public trust. Champion of common-sense reforms that deter crime, hold offenders accountable, and put victims first. Adam Baker's platform is built on results and experience, not ideology.

Endorsed by:

Multnomah County DA, Nathan Vasquez

Oregon City Police Employees Association

Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs (ORCOPS)

Demanding Lower Cost of Living

Families have tightened their belts for years; it's time Salem does the same.

Adam Baker opposes new taxes until agencies prove efficiency, will fight runaway utility rate hikes, demand accountability for every taxpayer dollar, and keep tolls off I-205.

Endorsed by:

Defend Small Business PAC

National Federation of Independent Business/OR PAC

Oregon Small Business Association

Making Homeownership Achievable

A home should be attainable. Adam Baker will cut fees and permitting delays, support responsible development for working family home OWNERSHIP!

Schools That Deliver for Every Kid, Not Union Bosses Like Michael Sugar

Strong schools are the foundation of opportunity and the future of Oregon. Adam will invest in proven pathways from early learning through career and technical training, and higher education, with real transparency. Unlike Sugar, Adam Baker will not be a pawn for union bosses, but an advocate for parents.

"House District 40 has a clear choice: candidates who stand with Kotek on everything - or honest, results-oriented solutions that answer to the families of our district - no one else." - Adam Baker

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State Representative, 40th District

Pat Hubbell

Independent

Occupation: Pharmacist/Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: Independent Retail Pharmacist and Small Business Owner

Educational Background: Bachelor of Science, Pharmacy, University of Kansas

Prior Governmental Experience: n/a

3 pillar plan to a healthy successful Oregon:

- Pillar 1: Standing up to private equity healthcare corporations: Private equity groups have no place in healthcare. Pharmacy Benefit Managers are destroying independent pharmacies across the nation refusing to offer fair contracts and act as fiduciaries to the residents of Oregon. Independent pharmacies and practitioners are the lifelines for communities small and large. We need to set a new standard for Oregon health care communities,
- Pillar 2: Small business discipline and fiscal responsibility to Salem. Hard decisions need to be made. Expenditures accounted for. Programs verified. Eliminate bureaucratic waste. As a small business owner, I know the importance of a balancing a budget, managing a team, and making tough financial decisions.
- Pillar 3: Community, Community, Community. Touch the grass!! Say Hi! Extend the olive branch! Let's strive to reach goals that have positive impacts for communities together. We have pedestrian bridges to build and parks to upgrade.

Strong neighborhoods are built by neighbors helping neighbors.

WE WILL WORK TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS.

I AM THE DECIDING VOTE WHEN THE 2 MAJOR PARTIES ARE AT AN IMPASSE!

I VOTE FOR YOU NOT THE PARTY CHAIRS!

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State Representative, 41st District
Mark Gamba
Democrat

Occupation: State Representative, small business owner

Occupational Background: National Geographic Photographer

Educational Background: AAS-CMC

Prior Governmental Experience: Milwaukie Mayor

Mark Prioritizes Real Climate Action

Climate change is the main reason Mark first ran for office. It remains his top priority. He will continue to drive policy to modernize how we build out our electrical transmission systems to enable a more rapid transition to cheap clean energy. He is focusing on modernizing our land use system to speed permitting of clean energy and reducing GHGs from our transportation system.

Mark Champions Solutions to the Housing Crisis

Homeownership is the traditional way of building generational wealth and stabilizing housing costs. It is increasingly out of reach for working Oregonians. Mark has led the charge on reforming how we finance affordable housing, on renter protections, and on lowering the cost to construct new housing. He is now working to kick off a massive program to build thousands of new affordable homes to be purchased by working families, through a public/private partnership.

Mark Fights to Rebalance the Scales of Wealth Inequality

Nearly all of our societal ills may be traced back to the diminishing share of wealth held by the middle and lower classes. From diseases of despair like drug addiction, to rampant unsheltered homelessness, the concentration of wealth into the hands of a relative few has left the rest of us increasingly struggling to survive. Oregon's failure to provide high quality education, mental healthcare and affordable housing can be traced back to two republican-led constitutional changes – the kicker and property tax limits. Both predominantly benefit the richest Oregonians. Mark is unafraid of taking on monied interests and pushing for the bold, transformative change we need.

Endorsements:

Sierra Club

OLCV

AFT

Oregon AFSCME

Humane Voters

Housing Oregon

SEIU

Oregon Labor Federation, AFL-CIO

Oregon State Fire Fighters Council

Oregon Nurses Association

Portland Association of Teachers

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

Oregon Education Association PAC

The Street Trust Action Fund

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State Representative, 41st District

Elvis Clark

Republican

Occupation: Retired Economist

Occupational Background: Senior Economist, Oregon Utility Commission

Educational Background: Masters, Portland State

Prior Governmental Experience: Milwaukie Public Safety Committee (2018-2026)

Dear Oregonians: This is our nation's 250th year - founded on life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Excessive state taxation threatens liberty and the pursuit of happiness, putting them out of reach for everyday Oregonians.

My opponent makes no bones about wanting higher taxes - taxes that would hit most all Oregonians. He wants sharply higher gas taxes - even higher than the gas tax that Oregonians voted down in record numbers this past May.

My Opponent wants to increase property taxes at a faster rate. He wants to take away a chunk of your state tax refund. He speaks in support of creating a new state sales tax.

And yet, our state government spends on programs having little benefit for Oregonians. Eliminating or dialing back these programs would eliminate the need to create new taxes.

- **There is the state's "Clean" Fuels program costing Oregonians \$200 million in higher gasoline costs, even as environmentalists worry that this program increases nitrate water pollution and deforestation of the Amazon forest. It is a laborious red tape drag on Oregon's economy, adding to state government bloat.**
- The state government holds millions in slush-fund-like monies, seeing how it suddenly handovers \$300+ million to the billionaire owner of Blazers.
- **The state government suffers from costly mission creep. For example, going in hock for over \$500 million - adding urban renewal costs onto the cost of the Rose Quarter I-5 project.**
- The state government creates new programs with one-time federal monies, creating new government dependencies, causing state government to gin up new taxes and fees.

I want to pump you up with more liberty and more happiness by holding the line against taxes and regulations. I ask for your vote.

I am honored to be endorsed by state representatives Lucetta Elmer (House District 24) and Alek Skarlatos (District 4).

www.emilwaukieor.org

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State Representative, 42nd District

Morey Straus

Libertarian

Occupation: Information Security Executive

Occupational Background: 30+ years in security and technology engineering

Educational Background: Technical coursework, some college

Prior Governmental Experience: none

Nobody in Salem owns your life or your labor. That is the principle. Now look at the practice.

Portland's signature crises are not separate problems requiring separate budgets. Homelessness, addiction, mental illness, and unaffordable housing are one system. The state prices the least-skilled out of legal work with a minimum wage, licenses every informal alternative out of existence, criminalizes the substances people use to numb the despair that follows, operates the mental-health system that failed them, then restricts housing supply so there is nowhere left to land. Five interventions. One predictable outcome. Government created each problem, then bills you to manage the symptoms.

Your current representative is a fair sample of the system. He spent his career as a paid labor representative for the Oregon Nurses Association. He now chairs the committee that regulates them. **In Salem that is not a scandal. It is the job description.**

As Health Care Committee chair, he oversees the state with the highest rate of adult mental illness in the country. His diagnosis of the behavioral health budget crisis: "We made too much care available." Read it twice.

He chief-sponsored the 2023 bill to fix Measure 110, then argued on the House floor for recriminalization in 2024. The illegal supply chain never lost the market, and users can now be jailed again. His prescription going forward: rent control, single-payer, more of what produced the diagnosis.

I have no PAC money, no union endorsements, no establishment behind me. That's the point. The people who built this system will not fund the candidate who wants to dismantle it.

I'm not asking you to believe in me. I'm asking you to stop believing in them.

Platform: vote.stra.us

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State Representative, 42nd District
Rob Nosse
Democrat

Occupation: State Representative

Occupational Background: Labor Representative, Oregon Nurses Association; Staff Director and organizer at SEIU; Executive Director, Oregon Student Association

Educational Background: Miami University, Oxford, Ohio; B.A

Prior Governmental Experience: Public Employee Benefits Board

It's my honor to represent inner SE and inner NE Portland. Our city and state have their challenges, but we are working our way through them in spite of an unreliable and often hostile federal government. Our district needs someone, like me, with progressive politics who can also operate pragmatically when it comes to legislating in Salem to help Portland and our state.

I have championed:

- More funding for Portland and Multnomah County and various organizations to provide more mental health and addiction treatment; and shelter for the homeless.
- Making it easier to build more housing and apartments.
- Paid Family and Medical Leave.
- A corporate activities tax to better fund schools.
- More funding for arts and cultural organizations.
- Adequate funding for road and bridge maintenance and transit.
- Providing enough funding for the Oregon Health Plan -- our state's Medicaid program.
- Planned Parenthood and the right to the full range of reproductive healthcare options including abortion.

If I am re-elected, I will:

- Advocate for more mental health, addiction, and homeless services.
- Work toward a universal healthcare system so that everyone can have affordable medical and mental healthcare.
- Demand better funding for K – 12 education -- No more layoffs in PPS.
- Demand better funding for universities and community colleges so we can reduce tuition and lower student debt.

- Push for more action on climate change particularly when it comes to transportation. We have to get a transportation package passed.
- Always stand up for legal, safe, and affordable reproductive healthcare including abortion.

My campaign is supported by many organizations, labor unions, and local political and organizational leaders.

You can check all that out on my website at www.robnosse.com.

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State Representative, 43rd District
Tawna Sanchez
Democrat

Occupation: Director of Family Services, NAYA Family Center

Occupational Background: State Representative since 2017, House District 43

Educational Background: Portland State University, MSW; Marylhurst University, BA

Prior Governmental Experience: Current Co-Chair of Joint Ways & Means Committee, Joint Committee on Legislative Audits and House Committee on Conduct; Oregon Domestic and Sexual Violence Advisory Board; Oregon Family Services Review Commission; Oregon Child Welfare Advisory Commission

TAWNA SANCHEZ: FIGHTING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Here are some of the legislative highlights passed by my office last year:

Tribal Schools (HB 3953) - Created a direct pathway for federally recognized Tribes to apply directly to the State Board of Education for charter school sponsorship.

Freedom to Find a Place (HB 2134) - Allows tenants to give a 30-day notice to move out during a landlord's 90-day notice to vacate, helping them avoid paying double rent or missing out on finding the place they want to live.

Youth Substance Abuse Prevention (HB 3321) - Directs the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission to implement a statewide strategy for preventing youth substance abuse.

ADDRESSING BUDGET CHALLENGES

Due to the passage of HR 1 by the federal government last summer, our state has been forced to examine our budget priorities that impact our most vulnerable citizens. As Co-Chair of Ways and Means, I have a duty to make prudent funding decisions while also doing my best to keep our social safety net whole.

ENDORSEMENTS

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley, U.S. Senator Ron Wyden, Oregon AFSCME, Oregon State Fire Fighters Council, North Coast States Carpenters Union, Oregon Nurses Association, NAYA Action Fund, IBEW Local 48, Joint Council of

Teamsters #37, Oregon League of Conservation Voters, Advanced Native Political Leadership, Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs, American Federation of Teachers - Oregon, Planned Parenthood Action Oregon, Oregon Labor Federation (AFL-CIO), Stand for Children, Housing Oregon Action Fund, Basic Rights Oregon PAC, Multifamily Northwest, Oregon Building Trades Union

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State Representative, 43rd District

Tim LeMaster

Republican

Occupation: Youth Camp Counselor, USMC Ret.

Occupational Background: United States Marine Corps, 22 years. Enlisted as Private, retired as a Major.

Educational Background: BS Marketing, Syracuse University Military Photojournalism, S.U. Military Documentary Film Production.

Prior Governmental Experience: USMC Veteran

Democrats like Governor Kotek and Rep Tawna Sanchez, Co-Chair of the Ways and Means Committee, have sustained **more than 20 years** of one-party control over every level of government in Oregon—from the state down to the city of Portland.

In that time, Oregon has fallen to the **bottom of the nation in mental health care**, affordability, education, public safety, substance abuse, and more. This happened despite Sanchez's oversight of massive spending (and higher taxes) on these issues. Homelessness actually increased 61% in the years following Kotek's "Homelessness State of Emergency."

"Everything is on the table."

- Rep. Sanchez on new taxes

The reality is that sitting Democrats such as Sanchez simply accept these failures and continue the status quo of throwing more money (raising taxes) at systems that have proven to fail.

As a result, we are losing people and businesses and shrinking the tax base, while the government carries tens of billions in unfunded projects and programs. These include, but not limited to, the Rose Quarter expansion (\$3.2 billion short) and the incoming Universal Healthcare initiative (\$7+ billion annually).

It is time to elect people who will actually demand results and, more importantly, use their legislative votes to restore the checks and balances that have been missing in Oregon government for more than 20 years.

You deserve a government that is effective and frugal with your hard-earned money. This can be achieved by looking to other states that have succeeded with the very same issues we face. Examples include Houston's 60% cut in

homelessness in just a couple of years, or Mississippi's rise in education from worst in the nation to a national leader.

Vote for me. Demand results. Restore accountability. Fix Oregon.

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State Representative, 44th District
Travis Nelson
Democrat

Occupation: Registered Nurse, Labor Representative, State Representative

Occupational Background: Oregon Nurses Association Vice President, ER Nurse, ICU Nurse, Coach, Janitor

Educational Background: Washington State University, Columbia Basin College

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative since 2022, Vice Chair Legislative BI-POC Caucus, Legislative Environmental Caucus Member, Oregon Pain Commission Board, Oregon Commission on Black Affairs

I've Delivered

As a nurse and your State Representative, I've brought real resources back to North and Northeast Portland while standing up for working families.

Local Investments: Secured millions for North and Northeast Portland, including investments in the Albina Vision Trust redevelopment, improvements to George Park, \$15 million for a future North Portland Aquatic Center, funding for the Williams & Russell CDC to combat displacement in historically Black neighborhoods, fought to keep St. John's Community Center open, kept the bottle drop redemption center out of St. Johns and supported the Native American Youth and Family Center.

Reproductive Healthcare: Passed legislation to protect abortion rights & gender-affirming care.

Protecting Workers: Passed legislation strengthening child labor protections. I continue fighting for fair wages and safe workplaces.

Healthcare: I have championed patient safety, supported safe hospital staffing, and I am advocating for a universal healthcare plan.

Fighting For

Housing for All: Expanding affordable housing, addressing homelessness, and supporting mental health and addiction recovery services.

Healthcare for All: Lowering healthcare costs, strengthening the healthcare workforce, and safe staffing in hospitals.

Support for Schools: Fully funding education and ensuring every student has a safe and supportive learning environment.

Equity: I'm the first Black, LGBTQ+ member of the state legislature. I bring a voice that hasn't historically been heard.

Endorsements:

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

Governor Tina Kotek

Congresswoman Maxine Dexter

Oregon Nurses Association

Oregon Labor Federation AFL-CIO

Sierra Club

SEIU

AFSCME

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Portland Association of Teachers

Oregon State Fire Fighters Council

Basic Rights Oregon PAC

Oregon Working Families Party

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State Representative, 45th District

Thuy Tran

Democrat

Occupation: Optometrist; LtCol, Air National Guard; Lions Club District Governor 36-O

Occupational Background: Small Business Owner: Rose City Vision Care

Educational Background: Doctor of Optometry, Pacific University; B.S. Biology, UCLA; MBA, George Fox University

Prior Governmental Experience: Current State Representative; Previous Parkrose School District Board

You work hard. Your representative should too.

Thuy (Twee) came to this country as a child, and built a small business serving our neighborhood. Serving in our Air National Guard she knows what it takes to survive and thrive.

She's delivered:

Your Wages:

Thuy passed legislation preventing employers from stealing wages and expanded employee-owned companies and B-Corps, so workers build wealth and share in the success they create.

Our Veterans:

Thuy championed bills to prevent veteran suicide and expanded tuition benefits for children of disabled veterans.

Justice for Survivors:

Thuy cracked down on illegal massage businesses linked to trafficking and secured a hearsay exception in court so survivors of sex trafficking can seek justice.

Disaster Preparedness:

Thuy secured risk insurance for fuel tank owners, preserved Oregon's volunteer emergency response database, and improved agency coordination during disasters.

Family Choice:

Thuy safeguarded access to reproductive healthcare and secured critical investments in child care.

Government Accountability:

Thuy will keep pushing for open, accountable government—practical solutions that strengthen families, protect rights, support veterans, and keep our community prepared, resilient, and thriving.

Proudly Endorsed by:

North Coast States Carpenters Union

Oregon State Fire Fighters Council

Working Families Party of Oregon

Oregon Nurses Association

Oregon AFSCME

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

SEIU

ILWU International Longshore and Warehouse Union

OR Labor Federation AFL-CIO

Oregon Building Trades Unions

Oregon Education Association PAC

Portland Association of Teachers

East County Rising

Multifamily NW

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

U.S. Congresswoman Maxine Dexter

Governor Tina Kotek

State Senator Khanh Pham

State Representative Willy Chotzen

Portland Mayor Keith Wilson

Portland City Councilors Tiffany Koyama Lane & Steve Novick

Commissioner Julia Brim-Edwards

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State Representative, 46th District
Willy Chotzen
Democrat

Occupation: State Representative; Attorney

Occupational Background: Public Defender; Public School Teacher

Educational Background: Harvard Law School (JD); Washington University in St. Louis (BA)

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative

As a public middle school math teacher and public defender, I've spent my career helping people overcome broken systems. As a dad and an optimist, I will never stop fighting for the future we deserve. I love SE Portland, and I ran for this office because I believe we can solve our most pressing challenges together.

As your representative, I have fought to:

- **Protect our rights and values from federal attacks.** I spearheaded the legislature's immigrant justice package, which strengthened anti-discrimination laws, required ICE agents to unmask, and reinforced sanctuary protections at schools and hospitals.
- **Stand up for working people**, combat wage theft, and lower utility costs.
- **Protect consumers** from predatory businesses and strengthen data privacy for kids.
- **Defend access to reproductive healthcare**, including funding Planned Parenthood and strengthening medical privacy.

I know our work is far from done.

I'm running for re-election to prioritize **affordability**, strengthen our **schools**, hold **data centers accountable**, expand access to quality, affordable **childcare**, invest sustainably in **housing** and multimodal **transportation**, support **union jobs** and **fair wages**, and do *everything in my power* to **protect our democracy and our community from federal overreach**.

Thank you for joining me in this work. *Let's build the community our kids and grandkids deserve.*

ENDORSEMENTS:

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley; U.S. Senator Ron Wyden
Planned Parenthood Action Oregon
Oregon Nurses Association; Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
Portland Association of Teachers PAC; Oregon Education Association PAC
North Coast States Carpenters Union; Ironworkers Local 29
Oregon Building Trades Unions; LiUNA
American Federation of Teachers-Oregon
Oregon School Employees Association
For All Families Oregon Action; STAND For Children
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Sierra Club; Pro-Animal Oregon
Safety and Justice Oregon; East County Rising PAC
SEIU Oregon; Oregon AFSCME
OR Labor Federation, AFL-CIO
Oregon Working Families Party

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State Representative, 47th District
Andrea Valderrama
Democrat

Occupation: State Representative; Nonprofit director

Occupational Background: Policy advising and advocacy, coalition building, community organizing in public and non-profit sectors

Educational Background: Masters of Public Administration, Portland State University; Bachelor of Arts, University of Oregon

Prior Governmental Experience: David Douglas School Board, Chair

As your State Representative, I fight for practical results for outer East Portland: lowering healthcare and food costs, improving safety, and protecting the health care families rely on.

I've delivered stronger protections for renters and homeowners, invested in housing and eviction prevention, protected Medicaid and SNAP, expanded maternal health investments, and helped remove medical debt from credit reports. I've also worked to stop wage theft and strengthen protections for farmworkers and other low-wage workers.

To improve community safety, I supported investments in behavioral health and addiction treatment, youth violence prevention, and safe streets and reliable transit on Glisan and 122nd because families should not have to risk their lives crossing the street.

As a first-generation Peruvian American, I will continue standing up for low-income families, seniors, children, and immigrant and refugee communities when federal policies threaten the programs working Oregonians rely on.

As a Hazelwood resident and former David Douglas School Board member, I know what we're up against: rent and groceries that are too high, health care that is inaccessible, and schools that need stronger investment so our children can succeed.

I will continue fighting for affordable housing, strong public schools, accessible health care and food, and safer streets so families in Outer East Portland can build stable lives and thrive in the community we proudly call home.

Proudly Endorsed By:

SEIU Oregon

OR Labor Federation AFL-CIO

Oregon AFSCME

Oregon Education Association PAC

Oregon School Employees Association

North Coast States Carpenters Union

Oregon Building Trades Unions

Oregon State Fire Fighters Council

Oregon Nurses Association

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

East County Rising PAC

Basic Rights Oregon PAC

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Sierra Club

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

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State Representative, 48th District
Lamar Wise
Democrat

Occupation: State Representative; Project Director, Oregon AFSCME

Occupational Background: Executive Director, Oregon Student Association

Educational Background: University of Oregon

Prior Governmental Experience: Higher Education Coordinating Commission

I know what it's like to work hard but still need food assistance or worry about keeping a roof over your head. I'm fighting for the everyone getting **squeezed by out-of-state corporations and ignored by out-of-touch politicians.**

PUTTING OUR FAMILIES FIRST

My dad worked nights, and my mom started her own small catering business. Their hard work made all the difference for me. These days, people who work hard and play by the rules aren't getting a fair shake. **I'm running to change that.**

As an advocate for students, a union organizer, and now your State Representative, I've always fought for everyday people and small businesses, not wealthy corporations. That's why **I closed corporate tax loopholes and expanded a tax cut for more than 200,000 hard-working families.**

FIGHTING FOR AN AFFORDABLE FUTURE

Greedy corporations are driving up the cost of healthcare, rent, groceries, utilities, and more. *I'll fight to bring down prices and make big corporations finally pay their fair share, so working people can have their basic needs met:*

- IMPROVING EDUCATION by **reducing class sizes, addressing chronic absenteeism, and growing affordable childcare programs.**
- LOWERING HOUSING COSTS by **cutting the red tape** and costs and speeding up housing production.
- EXPANDING ACCESS to mental health care so **people can get the help they need instead of ending up on the streets.**

"Lamar wants what we all want for our families: **Safe, affordable, and thriving neighborhoods**. His integrity and work ethic represent the best of our community."

- Clackamas County Chair and **Former Sheriff Craig Roberts**

Endorsements:

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

Oregon State Fire Fighters Council

Oregon Education Association - PAC

Housing Oregon Action

Latino Network Action Fund

SEIU Oregon

Oregon AFSCME

Teamsters

UFCW Local 555

Oregon Nurses Association

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State Representative, 48th District
Andrew Morrison
Republican

Occupation: Software Executive

Occupational Background: Business, Technology, Sales

Educational Background: Warner Pacific College, Portland State University

Prior Governmental Experience: Gresham Chamber Government Affairs Committee

I grew up in Oregon, and I'm proud to call this community home. My background is in business and technology, where I've helped organizations grow, solve problems, and create opportunities. I'm a husband, dad, coach, community volunteer, and political outsider who understands the challenges families face because I live them every day.

I served as a Volunteer Captain for the Transportation Tax Referendum, helping organize petition efforts to fight Governor Tina Kotek's tax that would have made it harder for Oregon families and businesses to get ahead.

I'm running because Oregon can do better. We need practical leadership that listens, works across differences, and focuses on results that improve everyday life.

Priorities

Affordability: Help lower the cost of living by supporting working families, encouraging economic growth, and creating an environment where small businesses can succeed.

Public Safety: Support law enforcement and first responders to keep neighborhoods, schools, and businesses safe.

Education: Ensure students receive a quality education that prepares them for the future and offers parents choice in their child's education.

Infrastructure: Invest responsibly in infrastructure and utilities that strengthen communities and support future growth.

Accountability: Promote transparent, responsible budgeting and ensure taxpayer dollars are spent effectively.

I would be honored to serve the people of House District 48 and work with community members, local leaders, and colleagues from both sides of the aisle to build a safe and more affordable Oregon.

Endorsements

Josh Callahan, Happy Valley City Councilor

Tom Ellis, Happy Valley Mayor

Jim Syring, President, Clackamas Fire District

Thomas Joseph, Clackamas Fire District

Chris Hawes, Clackamas Fire District

Greg Matthews, Past State Representative

Jeanne Robinson, Past Damascus Civic Club Chair

Oregon Coalition of Police & Sheriffs

North Clackamas Chamber

Gresham Chamber

Defend Small Business PAC

Taxpayer Association of Oregon

Local 701 Heavy Equipment Operators

North Coast States Carpenters

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State Representative, 49th District
Ann Walker
Republican

Occupation: Small Business Owner, Ann Walker Consulting, LLC, Wildfire Consultant 14 years

Occupational Background: Western Governors' Assn(WGA), Fire and Forestry Policy Director 8 years, (NONPARTISAN POLICY); Retired Oregon Department of Forestry NRS3; Wasco County School District, Jefferson County Health Department.

Educational Background: FEMA Cert 700 National Incident Management; ODF S-110 Wildland Fire Suppression; S-130 Firefighter Training; S-190 Fire Behavior; S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior; D-510 Supervisory Dispatcher; Forest Law I & II; OFRI-Forest Fire Risk Restoration; Molalla Union High School.

Prior Governmental Experience: WGA Forest Health Advisory Committee Lead; OR Governor's representative (Kulongoski & Kitzhaber(2) Administration) to the WGA Forest Health Advisory Committee.

OUR communities need help! WE deserve practical leadership, honest and timely communication, someone who puts people before politics--listens, shows up, and takes action!

I'M HERE and HEAR YOU! Daily theft, vandalism has to STOP! Parents say high school graduates MUST HAVE the skills to get a job, and small businesses NEED lower fees/taxes!

I WILL FIGHT FOR YOU:

- **Relief from rising gas, groceries, and housing costs;**
- **Agency accountability for every penny collected and spent;**
- **Increased Public Safety resources for all Neighborhoods, Schools, Seniors and First Responders;**
- **Support for Small Businesses, revise the CAT(Corporate Activity Tax), reduce burdensome fees;**
- **Education and Action for Responsible Stewardship of our Natural Resources.**

I want to hear your concerns, find solutions, and will represent you with integrity, respect, and persistent leadership that puts you ahead of politics. As a mama and grammy, this native Oregonian grew up picking berries, playing in rivers,

surviving timber wars and showing up for work. I love learning, science and reading favs! Serving the Lord through a life of service, we can work together alongside firefighters, local leaders, veterans and residents--to solve challenges and share our solutions!

It would be an honor to earn your trust and vote. Please connect @
FriendsOfAnnWalker.com

Endorsements:

- Lucetta Elmer, House Minority Leader, State Representative, HD 24
- Alek Skarlatos, House Deputy Minority Leader, State Representative, HD 4

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State Representative, 49th District
Zach Hudson
Democrat

Occupation: Substitute teacher

Occupational Background: Teacher, Reynolds High School, Corbett High School, Gresham High School, Mt. Hood Community College

Educational Background: King Alfred's College, BA, MA; Portland State University, M.Ed.

Prior Governmental Experience: Troutdale City Council, 2017 - 2020; State Representative, 2021 - present

As a teacher, a former city councilor and an advocate for my community, I'm asking to continue working as your representative in Salem.

While in the legislature, I have worked to improve Oregon's education outcomes, support teachers, and make school a safe and welcoming place. I have supported bills to protect our air, soil and water, safeguard our forests, and transition toward a green economy. I'm a proud supporter of working people and working families, and I have worked to pass bills that improve job safety, support fair wages, and protect against wage theft. I believe everyone deserves access to safe and affordable healthcare, including reproductive care.

I voted for the POWER Act (HB 3546) to protect ratepayers from increases due to nearby industry, because residents and small businesses shouldn't have to foot the energy bill for data centers and crypto operations.

I also voted for the Reproductive Health Equity Act (HB 3391) to help ensure Oregonians have access to healthcare free from discrimination.

I have worked with community members in East County to support local projects, including affordable housing, gang and violence prevention, youth recreation and emergency preparedness. I led the effort to secure state funding to rebuild our fire training tower and Fire Station 74, and to bring the levees along the Columbia up to federal standard.

I am proud to be endorsed by:
OR Labor Federation AFL-CIO
Oregon Education Association PAC
American Federation of Teachers—Oregon
Oregon Working Families Party

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon
Basic Rights Oregon PAC
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Humane Voters Oregon
Oregon Nurses Association
North Coast States Carpenters Union
Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
Oregon School Employees Association
SEIU Oregon
Sierra Club

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State Representative, 50th District
Ricki Ruiz
Democrat

Occupation: Parks Recreation

Occupational Background: Youth and Family Recreation, Crime Prevention

Educational Background: Bachelor's, Warner Pacific University; Reynolds High School

Prior Governmental Experience: Reynolds School Board; National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators Education Vice Chair

A Stronger Oregon Starts With Our Kids and Our Communities

I'm running for re-election because I believe the future of Oregon depends on fighting for working families.

As your voice in the Capitol, I will continue fighting to:

- Make our public schools a place where every child can learn and thrive.
- Improve Oregon's school funding distribution model so that our highest-poverty districts are not left behind.
- Lengthen the school year so our kids aren't shorted their opportunity to learn.
- Strengthen and expand summer learning so more students can access meaningful academic support, enrichment, meals, and safe places to learn.
- Protect the Oregon Health Plan, expand access to behavioral healthcare.

As the son of immigrants, I know that a government that makes families afraid to go to school, work, the hospital, or simply live their lives is un-American and unacceptable. I will continue defending all Oregonians against policies that use fear to divide us.

I'm not running to tell you that our work is finished. I'm running because there is more to do.

I will keep showing up, and keep fighting for an Oregon where every child has an opportunity, every family can access healthcare, and every person, regardless of where they were born, can feel safe, respected, and welcome.

That is the Oregon I believe in, and the Oregon I will keep fighting to build.

Proudly Endorsed By:

US Senator Jeff Merkley

US Senator Ron Wyden

Congresswoman Maxine Dexter

Commissioner Vince Jones Dixon

Mayor Travis Stovall

Mayor Jairo Rios-Campos

OR Labor Federation AFL-CIO

Joint Teamsters Council #37

Oregon AFSCME

AG-PAC

Oregon Nurses Association

SEIU Oregon

North Coast State Carpenters Union

Oregon State Firefighters Council

Oregon School Employees Association

Oregon Building Trades Unions

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State Representative, 51st District

Matt Bunch

Republican

Occupation: State Representative, Insurance Broker

Occupational Background: Finance, Management

Educational Background: Oregon State University

Prior Governmental Experience: Clackamas County Fair Board Chair, Clackamas County Soil & Water Conservation District, Clackamas County Farm Bureau President

It has been a true honor to serve as your State Representative. Representing the communities of Canby, Sandy, Estacada, and rural Clackamas County has been both humbling and rewarding. I've worked hard to listen, show up, and bring conservative, common-sense solutions to Salem. I'm proud of the work we've begun, and I'm asking for your support so I can continue fighting for the people of House District 51.

I was raised in Eastern Oregon with the values of hard work, accountability, and service. My wife of 40 years and I raised our family here. I've spent decades involved in our community through small business, agriculture, the Clackamas County Fair Board, Farm Bureau, and FFA. Those experiences guide how I serve you today.

I would be honored to continue representing you in Salem.

Public Safety

Every family deserves to feel safe. I support fully funding law enforcement, strengthening accountability, and ensuring our communities have the tools they need to protect residents.

Affordability & Tax Relief

Families are stretched thin. I'm fighting to protect tax relief for working Oregonians, including eliminating state taxes on tips and overtime so people can keep more of what they earn.

Agriculture & Small Business

Our district is powered by farms and small businesses. I will continue working to reduce unnecessary regulations and support policies that help local employers grow and hire.

Endorsements

Christine Drazan, State Senator

Jeff Helfrich, State Representative

Ben West, Clackamas County Commissioner

Mayor Sean Drinkwine-City of Estacada

Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc.

Oregon State Firefighters Council

Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County - IAFF Local 1159

Oregon Farm Bureau

Oregon Coalition of Police And Sheriffs (ORCOPS)

North Coast State Carpenters Union

Multi-Family Northwest

Oregon's Sheriffs

Oregon Chiefs of Police Association

NFIB/OR PAC

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State Representative, 51st District

Darla Mead

Democrat

Occupation: Oncology Nurse Navigator

Occupational Background: Bedside RN, Infusion RN, Clinical Nursing Instructor

Educational Background: Oregon Health & Science University Nursing School, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; Clackamas Community College, Associates in Nursing

Prior Governmental Experience: None

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY, STRENGTHENING OUR FUTURE

As a lifelong Clackamas County resident and **registered nurse**, I've dedicated my life to serving our communities. Rural Oregon has been left behind, and as your State Representative, I'll ensure every family has the opportunity to thrive.

Affordable Healthcare: I've seen firsthand how our system forces patients to choose between costs and treatments. I'll use my knowledge of our healthcare system to deliver affordable, accessible healthcare to every Oregonian.

Creating Local Economic Opportunity: Let's get back to the Oregon we all love: safe, nurturing communities with opportunity for all. We must remove barriers for small businesses, uplift working families, lower the cost of housing and utilities, and grow our communities while preserving our unique, small-town cultures.

Strengthening Our Schools: Opportunity starts with quality education. As a mother, I support fully funded schools, career training and workforce readiness, and policies that recognize the challenges faced by rural districts.

Protecting Our Environment: My family evacuated during the destructive wildfires of 2020, and I'm deeply concerned about the impacts of climate change and mismanagement of our natural resources. I'm committed to real sustainability measures that preserve our water, forests, and wild spaces while expanding the clean energy jobs of the future.

Defending Oregonians' Rights: I'll protect individual rights and ensure that every Oregonian is treated equally under the law.

Endorsements:

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

Congresswoman Janelle Bynum

Congresswoman Maxine Dexter

Oregon Working Families Party

Oregon Nurses Association

Nurses & Friends for Single Payer

Oregon Education Association PAC

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

OR Labor Federation AFL-CIO

Oregon AFSCME

AFT Oregon

Clackamas County Democrats

State Representative Tawna Sanchez

State Representative Rob Nosse

Learn more at www.darlameadfororegon.com

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State Representative, 52nd District
Hank Sanders
Democrat

Occupation: Legislative analyst, Journalist

Occupational Background: Reporter, The New York Times, Chicago Tribune, Willamette Week

Educational Background: BA (Economics), University of Chicago

Prior Governmental Experience: Legislative analyst

Service: Founder, CardsCook, nonprofit feeding homeless youth

Fighting corruption. Fighting for our future.

Hank Sanders learned at a young age that there are people and corporations that stand to gain from destroying rural Oregon. When a large corporation tried to put a gas pipeline through his backyard, his community fought the project — and won.

As a reporter, Hank uncovered mismanagement of COVID relief funds and exposed corruption. He'll stand up to both parties and fight for our community. That's why Hank is nominated by the Independent Party of Oregon.

Hank's priorities:

- **Lowering housing costs** by cutting red tape and supporting workforce developments.
- **No new data centers in our community.**
- **Protecting our public lands** from wildfires and fighting the federal government's efforts to roll back protections for our community.
- **Making Oregon more affordable** by taking on monopolies that drive up the prices of groceries, utilities, and healthcare.

"We need energetic leaders who understand rural Oregon. Hank is supported by the Independent Party so I trust him to put results over partisan politics." - Mike McCarthy, Parkdale pear farmer

"As a nurse of 23 years, I trust Hank to bring down costs for my patients and defend rural healthcare." - Amy Harpe, BSN, RN, Hood River

Community Leaders Trust Hank:

Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
Planned Parenthood Action Oregon
Oregon Nurses Association
Oregon Education Association - PAC
Oregon School Employees Association
Oregon AFSCME
SEIU Oregon
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
East County Rising PAC
U.S. Senator Ron Wyden
Former Wasco County Commissioner Bill Lennox
The Dalles City Councilor Dan Richardson
Hood River Mayor Paul Blackburn
Hood River County Commissioner Leti Moretti
Hood River City Council President Gladys Rivera
Tofurky Founder Seth Tibbott
Double Mountain Brewery Owner Matt Swihart

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State Representative, 52nd District

Scott C Hege

Republican

Occupation: Wasco County Commissioner, Engineer

Occupational Background: Engineer, Economic Development

Educational Background: BS Mechanical Engineering, MBA

Prior Governmental Experience: Port of The Dalles Executive Director, Wasco County Commissioner

My wife Betsy and I have called The Dalles home for 30+ years. It's where we raised our family. Like many families in our region, we care deeply about our community and the opportunities available to the next generation. Oregon must do better. I'm running to help restore opportunity, strengthen our economy, and ensure our families can afford to live and work in the communities they love.

Experience Makes a Difference

My 16 years as a Wasco County Commissioner have given me an understanding of the diverse communities across House District 52. I know the challenges we face and the opportunities ahead. I will bring that experience to Salem to advocate for practical, common-sense solutions that benefit our communities.

Thriving Economies Mean Thriving Communities

Strong local economies create the resources that fund essential services. Throughout my career in engineering, economic development, and public service, I've worked to support job creation and responsible growth. As your Representative, I will support our agricultural, manufacturing, and recreation industries, stand up for local businesses, and oppose unnecessary regulations that harm employers and workers.

It's Time for Common Sense

Oregon should be a place where families and businesses can succeed. We must improve our public education, reduce the cost of living and make things more affordable, and stop policies that drive businesses and families out of state. I'll bring practical leadership and common sense to Salem to deliver results for HD52.

Endorsements:

Kathleen Walker, Sandy Mayor

Ed Weathers, Hood River County Commissioner; CEO, Duckwall Fruit

Chad Munzer, Hood River County Commissioner

Ben West, Clackamas County Commissioner

Martha Schrader, Clackamas County Commissioner

Oregon Farm Bureau

AG-PAC

National Federation of Independent Business/OR PAC

Oregon Business and Industry Candidate PAC

Oregon Hispanic Business Association

Multi-Family NW

Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs

Oregon Nurseries' PAC

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State Representative, 53rd District

Michael Summers

Republican

Occupation: Third-generation Central Oregon small business owner; drummer with Precious Byrd

Occupational Background: Owner, Summers Flooring

Educational Background: Mountain View High School; Northwest Nazarene University

Prior Governmental Experience: Chair, Redmond School Board; Member, Redmond School Board

Central Oregon is home.

Allie and I are raising our four daughters in Redmond. I run our family's flooring business. I serve on the Redmond School Board.

None of that is politics. All of it is showing up.

Salem is managing homelessness, not solving it.

Help people who want help. Require accountability from people who don't. Nobody should have to accept permanent tents on our sidewalks, and nobody should be left living on them.

Safe streets.

Put victims first. Clear the court backlogs. Hold fentanyl dealers accountable and give people caught in addiction a road out.

Our water isn't Salem's to give away.

Out-of-state tech companies want billions in tax breaks to build AI data centers here, using our water, driving up our power bills, and paving over farmland. Central Oregon should get the last word, not the last bill.

Homes for the people who already live here.

Salem made it hard for the teachers, nurses and firefighters who serve this community to buy a home. I'll cut the permit delays, fees, and red tape that make building slow and expensive.

Everything costs more.

Groceries, rent, power, insurance. Salem raised the gas tax anyway. Voters rejected it by five to one. I've signed the front of a paycheck, not just the back. A new tax doesn't stop at the business. It lands on the customer. Central Oregon deserves a legislator who listens the first time.

A kid who can't read can't do anything else.

As Chair of the Redmond School Board, I led our board to bring the Science of Reading into our classrooms and opened school budgets to parents.

Show up. Do the work. Keep your word.

I'd be honored to earn your vote.

Endorsements and more: electsummers.com

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State Representative, 53rd District
Emerson Levy
Democrat

Occupation: State Representative, Adjunct Professor (Oregon Tech)

Occupational Background: Law

Educational Background: B.S., International Business (BYU), J.D., (Whittier Law School)

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative, 53rd District

STANDING UP FOR CENTRAL OREGON

I am honored to represent you in Salem. I will continue standing up for all Oregonians, standing up to both parties, and putting Central Oregon first.

LOWERING YOUR COSTS

Central Oregon must be more affordable, which is why I'll continue fighting to help families save. In Salem, I voted to:

- **Cut taxes** for 200,000 working families in Oregon.
- Ensure **data centers pay their fair share** to cover their own energy usage.
- Lower out-of-control **prescription drug costs**.

PROTECTION FROM WILDFIRES

Our community deserves to be safe from wildfire, and that's why I:

- Stood up to a **one-size-fits-all fire map**.
- Established the first **dedicated fund for fire prevention and mitigation**.
- **Fought FEMA when they withheld resources** we needed to fight the Akawa fire.

SAFE & STRONG SCHOOLS

A better life for our children starts with a good education, which is why I:

- Championed policies to **keep cell phones out of classrooms** so students can focus on learning.
- Expanded summer learning and literacy programs proven to **strengthen students' reading skills**.

- Passed a law to **protect schools from shootings** and provide them with panic alarms.

AFFORDABLE & ACCESSIBLE HEALTHCARE

Healthy communities start with access to quality healthcare, which is why I:

- **Took on insurance companies** to protect healthcare access.
- **Blocked efforts by D.C. politicians** to cut our healthcare.
- **Stopped a law** that would have increased health insurance costs.

ENDORSED BY:

Oregon State Fire Fighters Council

Oregon Nurses Association

North Coast States Carpenters Union

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

Oregon Business & Industry PAC

Oregon Chiefs of Police Association

Stand for Children

Learn more and see more endorsements at emersonvotes.com

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2026 General Election, Candidate Statement

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State Representative, 54th District
Jason Kropf
Democrat

Occupation: State Representative, Attorney

Occupational Background: Former Deputy District Attorney, Public Defender, Foster Child Advocate

Educational Background: B.S., Oregon State University; J.D., University of Oregon School of Law

Prior Governmental Experience: Board of Directors, Bend Park and Recreation District

Jason Kropf: Progressive Champion for Bend

Father, attorney, and proud product of Oregon public schools, Jason brings Bend's values to Salem:

- **Improving Affordability:** Jason's helping build more affordable housing, daycare and increased tax credits for 200,000 working families struggling to make ends meet.
- **Standing up to Trump:** Jason voted to crack down on masked federal agents, expanded protections for our immigrant neighbors in hospitals and schools, and made it easier to sue federal agents who violate Oregonians' rights.
- **Stronger Schools:** Jason championed the Early Literacy Success Initiative to improve reading and writing, voted for historic K-12 budgets, and brought home \$65M for OSU-Cascades, because every child deserves a quality education.
- **Healthcare and Reproductive Rights:** After Trump cut billions from Oregon's budget, Jason fought to protect healthcare for children, seniors, and low-income families and he's working to bring down the cost of prescription drugs. And Jason will always protect access to abortion and contraception.
- **Climate Action:** Moving Oregon to 100% clean energy, creating green energy jobs, and mitigating wildfire risks.
- **Investing in Bend:** Secured funding for the Deschutes County Courthouse, Bend Lighthouse Shelter, Heart of Oregon Corps, High Desert Museum, Mosaic Medical, CORE3, and the Central Oregon Child Psychiatry Facility.

Endorsements include:

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley

Attorney General Dan Rayfield

State Senator Anthony Broadman

Bend Mayor Melanie Kebler

Deschutes County Commissioner Phil Chang

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

Stand for Children

Oregon Nurses Association

Oregon State Fire Fighters Council

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

OR Labor Federation AFL-CIO

American Federation of Teachers - Oregon

Oregon AFSCME

SEIU Oregon

North Coast States Carpenters Union

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Awarded the Moms Demand Action Gun Sense Candidate Distinction

Alliance for a Safe Oregon

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State Representative, 55th District
E Werner Reschke
Republican

Occupation: State Representative

Occupational Background: Business Owner, Online marketing professional

Educational Background: B.A. Business Administration, Cum Laude, OSU

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative, Vice-Chair House:
Revenue Committee, Member: Joint Ways & Means Committee

Family: Married 35 years; one son, USAF

— THE STATE OF OREGON —

For 20 years progressive Democrats have ruled over Oregon. The results are a lackluster economy with high unemployment and business closures. Our public education ranks at the bottom of the nation. Energy and housing are unaffordable. Homelessness and substance abuse continue to rise.

- **Education:** Social-Emotional Learning and Gender Ideology instead of Reading, Writing and Arithmetic
- **Law Enforcement:** Defund the Police and racial equity, instead of prosecuting and incarcerating criminals
- **Economy/Taxes:** Maximizing tax revenue, rather than fostering growth
- **Energy:** Green policies instead of abundant and affordable energy
- **Housing:** Government-based solutions instead of market-based solutions
- **Natural Resources:** Radical preservation strategies rather than sustainable agriculture and timber practices

— TOGETHER WE RISE —

Oregon can return to opportunity and prosperity by implementing common sense, conservative solutions.

- **Lower Taxes:** Lower the cost of living and energize our economy
- **Sensible Regulations:** Unburden businesses, allowing them to succeed, expanding job creation
- **Affordable Housing:** Rethink Oregon's archaic land use laws and costly labor requirements
- **Education:** Restore graduation standards; reestablish truancy laws
- **Life:** Protect every human's right to life

- **Natural Resources:** Reform Ag-Overtime and the Forest Practices Act
- **Natural Rights:** Defend 1st & 2nd Amendment rights
- **Parental Rights:** Pass a Constitutional amendment ensuring parental rights

— ENDORSEMENTS —

Oregon Right to Life PAC

Defend Small Business PAC
Taxpayers Association of Oregon

Multifamily NW

Oregon Farm Bureau Federation
Oregon Dairy Farmers Association
AG-PAC/Oregonians for Food and Shelter
Oregon Nurseries PAC

Oregon's Sheriffs
Oregon Chiefs of Police Association
Oregon Coalition of Police & Sheriffs (ORCOPS)

Oregon Forest Industries Council
Oregon Small Woodlands Association
Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc.

State Senator Christine Drazan
House Republican Leader Lucetta Elmer

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2026 General Election, Candidate Statement

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State Representative, 56th District
Emily G McIntire
Republican

Occupation: State Representative

Occupational Background: Business Owner; Mom

Educational Background: Cosmetology License

Prior Governmental Experience: School Board Director EPSD9 2017-present

Serving House District 56 has been one of the greatest privileges of my life.
I am deeply grateful for your trust and humbled by the opportunity to serve.

The past two years have shown what is possible when local leaders, community partners, educators, businesses, and neighbors work together toward a common goal. Every accomplishment has been a team effort, and I am thankful for the many people who have shared their time, expertise, and dedication to making District 56 stronger.

One of my priorities has been ensuring that your tax dollars sent to Salem are invested back into our community. Working together, we have helped secure meaningful investments that will benefit our region:

- **\$4 million for Klamath Community College's Cosmetology Center**, expanding workforce training opportunities.
- **\$10 million for the South Suburban Sanitary District**, helping advance a new regulatory-compliant wastewater treatment facility.
- **\$4,274,549 for the City of Chiloquin** to construct a new regulatory-compliant wastewater treatment facility.
- **\$100,000 for the Crescent Sanitary District** to complete a wastewater infrastructure stabilization and rehabilitation study.
- **\$63,599 for the City of Prospect** to purchase a backup generator, strengthening emergency preparedness and protecting essential public services.

These investments represent more than numbers in a budget. They reflect our shared commitment to strengthening schools, improving critical infrastructure, expanding workforce opportunities, and building healthier, more resilient communities. They also demonstrate what can be accomplished when we work together and ensure Southern Oregon receives its fair share of state resources.

I remain committed to listening first, leading with integrity, and serving every community in House District 56 with gratitude and humility. My faith reminds me that public service is about serving others, and I trust that the Lord will continue to guide my steps as we work together to build a stronger future.

(This information furnished by Emily McIntire.)

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State Representative, 57th District

Greg Smith

Republican

Occupation: Business Owner

Occupational Background: Finance

Educational Background: B.S., M.B.A., Distinguished Alumnus Recipient, Eastern Oregon University; Honorary FFA Degree; Eagle Scout

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon Legislature

Preserving Natural Resources

“With his word and vote, Greg consistently supports our cattlemen, farmers, food processors, loggers, tradesmen, truckers, and Main Street business owners, showing he stands with us.” -Skye Krebs

“As the Immediate Past President of the Oregon Cattlemen’s Association, I have worked side by side with Rep. Smith on the issues that we face. I appreciate his steadfast approach to assisting in all our efforts. Our industry is well served.” – Matt McElligott Immediate Past President of Oregon Cattleman’s Association

Recipient of the 2026 Oregon Cattlemen’s Association Wrangler Award

Oregon Farm Bureau, Associated Oregon Loggers, & AG-PAC

Lowering the Cost of Living

“Greg strives to make essential needs like prescriptions, fuel, insurance, food, and housing affordable for families and seniors.” -Vikki Breese-Iverson, House Republican Leader (2021-2023)

Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Oregonians for Food and Shelter, & Oregon Nurses Association

Supported by Law Enforcement

“Greg has faithful support from law enforcement professionals, including local police, sheriffs, troopers, and correctional officers, reflecting their trust in him.” - Jeff Helfrich, House Republican Leader (2023-2024)

Oregon’s Sheriffs, Oregon Chiefs of Police Association, Oregon State Fire Fighters Council, Trooper PAC & Oregon AFSCME

Economy

"Rural communities don't get ahead unless someone in Salem is paying attention to them. That's been Greg Smith's focus for a long time." -Mike McLane, House Republican Leader (2013-2019)

Recipient of the 2025 Western States Carpenters Republican Legislator of the Year Award

North Coast States Carpenters Union, IBEW Local 48, & Oregon Labor Federation, AFL-CIO

Protecting the 2nd Amendment, Preserving Life

"Representative Smith has never flinched in protecting our gun rights and the sanctity of life." -Phil Hamm

Taren Fiest, Derek LeBlanc Oregon Right to Life PAC & Young Republicans of Oregon

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2026 General Election, Candidate Statement

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State Representative, 58th District

Brian Campbell

Democrat

Occupation: Personal Support Worker

Occupational Background: Auto Mechanic, Ranch hand

Educational Background: Monument School District - High School Diploma,
Oregon Institute of Technology - Associate Degree Automotive Technology

Prior Governmental Experience: Union County Wolf Depredation
Compensation Advisory Committee 2023 - Present

I am a lifelong Oregon resident; growing up on a sheep ranch in Grant County I learned the value of hard work, community, personal integrity, and respect for the land. My wife Cheryl and I settled in Union County in 1987 and raised our family here.

I am committed to working for healthy lands and communities in Northeast Oregon. If elected I will support:

- Health care for all Oregonians
- Basic right to a healthy environment
- Science-based management of public lands
- Adoption of technology to help reduce wolf interactions with livestock
- Stream restoration aimed at decreasing water temperature and improving quality
- Equal rights for ALL Oregonians
- More oversight of data centers, their power demands, water usage & noise

Representing all of the people in District 58 is important to me, and I will work toward collaborative solutions to the issues of our region and state.

I'm running for State Rep. because I feel we haven't been getting the representation we deserve. Now in her third term, the incumbent doesn't have much to show for it. It's time for a change; if you feel like Salem doesn't listen to you, maybe you're sending the wrong messenger.

I would appreciate your vote for Oregon State Representative District 58. Thank you.

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State Representative, 58th District

Bobby Levy

Republican

Occupation: Small Business Owner, Farmer

Occupational Background: Iowa Beef Processors, Processing Side Accounting; Blue Mountain Community College, Adjunct Business Instructor; Umatilla County School Districts, Substitute Teacher

Educational Background: Eastern Oregon University, Master's Degree in Teacher Education; Portland State University, Master's Degree in Business Administration; Portland State University, Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration

Prior Governmental Experience: ODFW Commission, Commissioner (2006-2014), Chair (2012-2013); Eastern Oregon Women's Coalition, President (2006-Present); Umatilla County Budget Committee, Honorary Member (2018-2023); Oregon State Representative (2020-Present); Hanford Cleanup Board (2021-Present); Oregon Climate Action Commission (2023-Present); Council of State Governments West-Energy and Environment Committee (2024-Present), 2024 Annual Meeting, Co-Chair (2024-Present); Oregon State Republican Representative for Women in Government (2024-Present); Legislative Council on River Governance, Chair (2025-2026); State Ag & Rural Leaders (2024-Present)

Effective Leadership

Bobby Levy has a history of advocating for Eastern Oregon. As President of Eastern Oregon Women's Coalition, she organizes tours and meetings for elected officials and agencies to learn about our priorities and concerns. While serving on the ODFW Commission, she was a strong voice for farmers and ranchers.

Eastern Oregon Values

Bobby has spent her entire life in Eastern Oregon. She is pro-life, has pro-family values and is pro-Second Amendment.

Working for Eastern Oregon

As a business owner and farmer, Bobby understands the challenges facing Eastern Oregon. She knows what it takes to meet payroll and make every dollar count. In the Legislature, Bobby puts that experience to work, building relationships across the aisle to deliver common-sense solutions for Eastern Oregon.

Endorsements

Former Member of Congress Greg Walden

Former Senator Bill Hansell

Senator Todd Nash

Umatilla County Commissioners Dan Dorrان, Cindy Timmons, and John Shafer

Wallowa County Commissioner Lisa Collier

AG-PAC

Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc.

Defend Small Business PAC

Oregon Cattlemen's Association

Oregon Chief's of Police Association

Oregon Coalition of Police & Sheriffs

Oregon Farm Bureau

Oregon Nurseries' PAC

Oregon Right to Life PAC

Oregon's Sheriffs

Oregonians for Food & Shelter

Young Republicans of Oregon

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2026 General Election, Candidate Statement

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State Representative, 59th District
Vikki Breese-Iverson
Republican

Occupation: Real Estate Principal Broker, Cattle Rancher, State Representative

Occupational Background: Small business owner, Rancher

Educational Background: Oregon State University; Central Oregon Community College; Crook County High School

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon State House Minority Leader, State Representative District 59

ABOUT VIKKI BREESE IVERSON

Vikki is a 5th generation rancher from Prineville. The Breese Family has been ranching in Crook County for generations; raising bulls, cattle, and hay crops. She raises her two boys; Alex and Brit with her husband Bryan on the same ranch she was raised on.

FIGHTING FOR REAL WILDFIRE SOLUTIONS

2026 became the worst wildfire season in Oregon history — over two million acres burned statewide, with fires ripping through Deschutes, Jefferson, and Crook Counties forcing evacuations and sheltering displaced neighbors. Thousands of acres for grazing and trees ready for the mill - gone.

As House Minority Leader, Vikki led the fight to repeal the state's flawed wildfire hazard map — punitive maps drove up insurance costs and stripped rural property rights. Now she's fighting to actively manage our forests again — thinning overgrown timber, restoring responsible harvest, and returning our federal forests to hands-on, local management that stops catastrophic fire *before* it starts.

"We can't let poor management decisions destroy our lands and communities anymore." — **Representative Vikki Breese Iverson**

RURAL OREGON'S CHAMPION — SAVING FAMILY FARMS

Vikki passed landmark legislation in 2024 protecting rural "Farm Stores" — letting our family farms sell goods directly to you, while saving the produce

stands and pumpkin patches that make Central Oregon awesome. She's stood up to Salem for water rights, private property, and the working families who feed our state.

"Our voices would not be heard in the halls of Salem without Vikki Breese Iverson. If there's one vote that matters to me - it is keeping Vikki going to Salem representing us." — **Tom Norton, Norton Cattle Company**

FriendsOfVikki.com

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State Representative, 59th District
Lawrence Jones
Democrat

Occupation: Elementary Teacher; Landscape Designer; Musician; Writer

Occupational Background: Governmental executive administration; Extension Agent; Elementary School Teacher; International programs

Educational Background: MPA (Masters of Public Administration); MBA (Masters of Business Administration); BS Horticulture/Landscape Design

Prior Governmental Experience: Fish and Game; Community/Regional Affairs; Agricultural policy; Health and Social Services; International Affairs; Public Education; local government

I feel !NOW-IS-THE-TIME! for House District #59 representation to join the majority party contingent in the Oregon Legislature. This would carry considerable POSITIVE ramifications in the legislative influence of this district. Our District #59 [Crook and Jefferson counties, and the northern portion of Deschutes] is culturally and economically diverse, with strong rural and agricultural highlights of concern. I am a son of a farm and foresting family, and consider it to be the strongest influence to this day of who I am -- and is reflected in my core values and concerns. Too, not to be overlooked, the legislative influence of a majority party representative has impact on small business owners in the myriad ways that government influences, impacts, and protects that critical and intertwined element of our district. And, I fully recognize and appreciate the DIVERSITY of our district's residents and workforce.

The Oregon State Legislature has become the critical primary barrier to undue federal influence on our state's programs, responsibilities, and protections - a protective blockade from federal east-coast (and non-rural) ideology intrusion. In having a State Representative of the 'controlling' majority party of the legislature (this being a change from the current Republican party representation, and all that Republican party ideology has come to represent) - the importance, value, and on-the-ground impact of our voting Representative would be considerably enhanced.

I ask for your vote this General Election, feeling in full confidence that (A) Now is a critical juncture for change in representation of District #59, and (B) Certain that my experience, capabilities, studied knowledge, and force of conviction could well-serve everyone I would diligently represent.

(This information furnished by Lawrence Jones.)

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State Representative, 60th District

Mark Owens

Republican

Occupation: Farmer, Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: Small business owner

Educational Background: High school Graduate

Prior Governmental Experience: Harney County Commissioner, Crane High School Board Chair, State Ground Water Study Advisory Committee Chair, Co-Convener of Place-Based Planning, Harney County Planning Commission

Eastern Oregon deserves a strong voice in Salem, one that listens, works hard, and understands the challenges facing our communities.

As a farmer and small business owner, I know that decisions made in Salem have real consequences for families, employers, farmers, ranchers, and rural communities. That perspective guides my work in the Legislature and keeps me focused on the issues that matter most to Eastern Oregon.

During my time in the Legislature, I have focused on **practical solutions and results, not partisan politics**. I have worked to support agriculture and rural economies, protect Oregon's water resources, strengthen public safety, and reduce unnecessary barriers for small businesses and job creators.

Our rural communities deserve schools that prepare students for the future, workforce opportunities that allow young people to build careers close to home, and infrastructure that supports economic growth. We also need to protect the natural resources that sustain our communities and rural way of life.

I believe government must be accountable to the people it serves. That means listening to constituents, working across the aisle when possible, and making sure rural Oregon has a seat at the table when decisions are made.

There is more work to do. I will continue standing up for Eastern Oregon, advocating for our communities, and bringing a **common-sense, rural perspective** to the issues facing our state. My commitment remains the same: listen, show up, and make sure Eastern Oregon's voice is heard.

Endorsed by:

Oregon Cattlemen's Association

Oregonians for Food & Shelter

Oregon Coalition of Police & Sheriffs
Oregon Right to Life PAC
Oregon Nurseries' PAC
Defend Small Business PAC
Oregon Chiefs of Police Association
Oregon's Sheriffs
Associated Oregon Loggers, Inc.
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Judge of the Circuit Court, 2nd District, Position 14

Nathan J Lichvarcik

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Judge, Lane County Circuit Court

Occupational Background: Supervisory Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eugene (2020-2026); Assistant U.S. Attorney, Eugene (2012-2020) and Las Cruces (2008-2012); Adjunct Professor, University of Oregon School of Law (2016-2026); Judicial Law Clerk (2004-2008); Litigation Associate, Sullivan & Cromwell (2003-2004); Other Service Experience: Board of Directors of Jasper Mountain

Educational Background: J.D., University of Texas School of Law, 2002; B.A, Boston University, 1998

Prior Governmental Experience: Listed above.

FAIR—BALANCED—INTEGRITY

"It is an honor to serve our community as a Circuit Court Judge. Every case is important, and I am committed to being fair, balanced, and **treating every person who walks in the courtroom with dignity, compassion, and respect**."
- Judge Nate

As a husband and father of three children, Judge Nate Lichvarcik has been committed to serving the public with integrity for more than 25 years. He worked as a mentor in AmeriCorps, served as an Equal Justice Fellow with Legal Aid, and taught hundreds of students at the University of Oregon School of Law. As a prosecutor, Judge Lichvarcik sought to protect the safety of the most vulnerable in our community. He was appointed to be a judge in 2026 after many years as an experienced courtroom lawyer.

ENDORSEMENTS

U.S. Congresswoman Val Hoyle

Former U.S. Congressman Peter DeFazio

Oregon State Senators James Manning, Floyd Prozanski

Oregon House Speaker Julie Fahey

Oregon State Representative Lisa Fragala

Lane County Circuit Court Judges Michelle Bassi, Beatrice Grace, Jay McAlpin, Kamala Shugar, Debra Velure, Debra Vogt (retired)

Springfield City Councilor Kori Rodley

For more information visit: NateForJudge.com

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Judge of the Circuit Court, 4th District, Position 2

Diane S Sykes

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Civil Rights Attorney

Occupational Background: Attorney, Oregon Department of Justice; Legal Aid Services of Oregon; Oregon Law Center, Public Defender

Educational Background: J.D., University of Oregon School of Law; B.A., UC Berkeley

Prior Governmental Experience: Senior Assistant Attorney General, Oregon DOJ

FAIR - EXPERIENCED - TRUSTED

For 28 years, I have worked with the most vulnerable members of our community. As the only bilingual candidate in this race, I understand the barriers that people face when entering the legal system. I am committed to ensuring equal access to justice, treating people with dignity, and faithfully applying the rule of law.

"Experience matters on the bench. Diane Sykes is proven, prepared, and the right choice for Multnomah County."

— Multnomah County Judge Angel Lopez, retired

"Justice requires experience, compassion, and the ability to listen. Diane Sykes has demonstrated those qualities throughout her career, and I am proud to support her for judge."

— Former Governor Kate Brown

Community:

Former Candidate Chris Behre

Former Candidate Anit Jindal

Working Families Party

Northwest Oregon Labor Council

AFSCME Local 88

UFCW 555

Portland for All

Pineros y Campesinos Unidos Noroeste (PCUN)

East County Rising

Latino Network Action Fund

The Ebony Collective Coalition

James Posey, Civil Rights Leader

Keith Edwards, Former NAACP Portland President

Antionette Edwards, Former Director of Portland Office of Youth Violence
Prevention

Elected Officials:

Governor Kate Brown

Congresswoman Janelle Bynum

Commissioner Christina Stephenson, Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries

County Commissioners: Meghan Moyer, Shannon Singleton, Sonya Fischer

Metro President Juan Carlos González

Metro Councilors: Duncan Hwang and Ashton Simpson

Portland City Councilor Loretta Smith

Senate Majority Leader Kayse Jama

Senate President Pro Tempore James Manning

Representatives: Mark Gamba, Shannon Isadore, Travis Nelson, and Tom
Andersen

Judges:

Judge-Elect Perini-Abbott

Judge Oden-Orr

Judge Torres

Judge Souede
Judge Ghandour
Judge Albrecht
Judge Sinlapasai
Judge Montalbano
Judge Koch
Judge Haan
Judge Velure
Judge Watkins
Sr. Judge Lopez
Sr. Judge Walker

Oregon Supreme Court Justices:

Masih, DeHoog, James, Durham (Ret.), Baldwin (Ret.)

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Judge of the Circuit Court, 4th District, Position 2

Laura Maurer Rowan

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Senior Assistant Attorney General, Oregon Department of Justice;
Mom

Occupational Background: Attorney, Portland City Attorney's Office;
Multnomah County District Attorney's Office

Educational Background: Lewis & Clark Law; Claremont McKenna College

Prior Governmental Experience: Mental Health Deputy District Attorney

**"At a time when the independence of the judiciary is at risk,
I trust Laura Rowan to uphold the law with fairness and integrity."**

—US Representative Earl Blumenauer (Ret.)

"The Mental Health Court judge is retiring, and **Laura brings the specialized experience needed to fill Position 2.** She was the County's first Mental Health DA and advocates on cases before the Oregon Psychiatric Security Review Board."

—Judge Celia Howes

"Laura is deeply familiar with Multnomah County's most pressing challenges and has skillfully managed large, complex caseloads. She's Day 1 ready."

—Stephanie Engelsman, Director, PPS School Board; Public Defender

"Laura treats everyone with respect and fairness."

—Judge Nan Waller, Position 2

"Although we were on opposing sides, **Laura's ethics were unassailable**, her preparation and trial skills impressive. She's exactly who we need on the bench."

—Russell Barnett, Attorney

More Endorsers:

Governor Barbara Roberts • Governor Ted Kulongoski
Senator Kate Lieber • Representative Thuy Tran
Commissioner Vince Jones-Dixon
Pastor Robin Wisner • Bonnie Reagan
District Attorney Nathan Vasquez
Stephen and Jacob Houze

Unions/Organizations:

Portland Fire Fighters IAFF 43
AFSCME 1085 • UFCW 555
Teamsters Joint Council 37 • East County Rising

Experienced Judges:

Chief Justice Balmer, Oregon Supreme Court (Ret.)
Presiding Judge Matarazzo • Chief Criminal Judge Greenlick
Judge Cheryl Albrecht • Judge Jeffrey Auxier
Sr. Judge Eric Bergstrom • Sr. Judge Eric Bloch
Kathleen Dailey, Sr Judge • Judge Bryan Francesconi
Judge Maurisa Gates • Judge Patrick Henry
Sr. Judge Amy Holmes-Hehn • Judge Andrew Lavin
Judge Morgan Long • Judge Angela Lucero
Judge Christopher Marshall • Judge Heidi Moawad
Judge Jenna Plank • Judge Christopher Ramras
Judge Michael Reidel • Sr. Judge Tom Ryan
Sr. Judge Gregory Silver • Kelly Skye, Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge
Judge Benjamin Souede • Sr. Judge Diana Stuart
Judge Francis Troy • Sr. Judge Kathryn Villa-Smith

More Endorsements: www.laurarowanforjudge.com

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Judge of the Circuit Court, 4th District, Position 6

Sonia A Montalbano

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Circuit Court Judge, 4th Judicial District, Multnomah County, Position 6

Occupational Background: Circuit Court Judge, Multnomah County; Prior work as an attorney at firms including McKean Smith; Elliott, Ostrander & Preston; Cobb, Bosse & Montalbano; Sonia Montalbano, Attorney at Law

Educational Background: Lewis and Clark Law School, J.D., Cornelius Honor Society (1996); C.U.N.Y. - Hunter College, B.A., magna cum laude, Golden Key Honor Society (1992)

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon State Bar House of Delegates (2016-2026); Citizens Advisory Committee, Lents Park Master Plan (2010)

Prior to being appointed to serve on the Multnomah County Circuit Court, Judge Montalbano practiced law for over 25 years. Her practice included the areas of employment and business law, criminal and civil litigation, and appellate and regulatory practice in both state and federal courts. She co-authored two chapters in the Oregon State Bar Books, resources for lawyers throughout the state: Advocacy and Ethics (2019) and Attorney Fees and Costs (2026). She has also been a frequent speaker for Continuing Legal Education programs on a wide range of legal topics. She serves on the Board of Advisors to the Campaign for Equal Justice which works to increase access to legal services for low-income Oregonians.

"I deeply believe that justice should be within reach for everyone and I am committed to maintaining the integrity of the judicial system. My goal is to provide a courtroom environment where respect, dignity, and thoughtful attention to each person's perspective are the norm. I remain dedicated to expanding access to justice and to ensuring that the court's systems are understandable to all. I will continue to work hard to ensure litigants and their counsel are heard, treated fairly, and understand the process, win or lose. I take seriously and appreciate the opportunity to continue to serve the people of Multnomah County as a Circuit Court Judge."

--Judge Sonia A. Montalbano

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Judge of the Circuit Court, 4th District, Position 14

Elizabeth Savage

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Attorney, Judge Pro Tem, Mom

Occupational Background: Teacher

Educational Background: Lewis & Clark

Prior Governmental Experience: State Bar House of Delegates, UCJI Committee; Circuit Court Arbitrator; Peace Corps

As a former teacher, volunteer attorney for children, family law attorney, and judge pro tem, Elizabeth understands the challenges facing our communities. **This is a family law position. Elizabeth has the most experience in family law.**

“We have never relied more on the courts as an essential protector of our constitutional rights. We need judges who are balanced, fair, and impartial. **Elizabeth’s track record speaks for itself.**”

Senator Ron Wyden

“Elizabeth has spent her career serving children and families. **Her compassion and commitment to fairness make her the best choice for this position.**”

Governor Ted Kulongoski

“She’s smart, she’s a fighter, and **she’ll never forget there are people at the heart of these decisions.**”

Apolinar Montero-Sanchez, Attorney

“Elizabeth Savage is **one of the smartest and most talented lawyers we have practicing in Multnomah County.** She cares about doing the right thing and serving the cause of justice. **She will be an outstanding judge.**”

Judge Benjamin Souede

Endorsements

Labor Champions

- NW Oregon Labor Council
- Teamsters Joint Council No. 37
- UFCW Local #555

Elected Leaders

- Senator Ron Wyden
- Former Governors: Barbara Roberts, Ted Kulongoski
- Commissioner Christina Stephenson, BOLI
- State Senators: Kayse Jama, Kate Lieber, James Manning
- Former Mayor Tom Potter
- Councilor Loretta Smith

Supreme Court Justices

- Rebecca Duncan
- Bronson James
- Aruna Masih
- Richard Baldwin*
- Robert Durham*
- Rives Kistler*

Court of Appeals

- Erin Lagesen, Chief Judge

Circuit Court Judges

- Michelle Bassi
- Beatrice Grace
- Robert Johnson
- Melvin Oden-Orr
- Benjamin Souede
- Don Letourneau*
- Doug Van Dyk*
- Jo Perini-Abbot (judge-elect)

Community

- Alliance for a Safe Oregon
- Asian American Coalition
- Dr. Eric Szeto, Founder, AHSC
- East County Rising
- Frank Garcia, Jr., Executive Director, Immigrant Advocacy
- Jake Cornett, Executive Director, Disability Rights Oregon
- James Posey, President, Portland NAACP**
- Musse Olol, President, SACOO
- Oregon Muslim Bar Association
- Portland Gray Panthers

*Retired

**Not an organizational endorsement.

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Judge of the Circuit Court, 4th District, Position 14
Joseph Hagedorn
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Judge Pro Tem/Referee, Multnomah County Circuit Court

Occupational Background: Public Defense, Legal Aid (2002-2020)

Educational Background: University of Chicago, Mitchell-Hamline School of Law

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon Juvenile Court Improvement Task Force; Behavioral Health Unit Advisory Committee

FATHER—COACH—JUDGE PRO TEM

The justice system must protect our most vulnerable and be a partner in empowering communities. I have spent my career in public service, and it has been my honor to serve children and families for the past 6+ years in juvenile court.

*"Joe has the **support of every Judge** on the Multnomah County family law bench because he does the job every day with **compassion** and **fairness**."*

CHIEF FAMILY COURT JUDGE PATRICK HENRY

*"We need a Judge like Joe—**fair-minded, listens, solves problems**, and treats people with **dignity** and **respect**."*

FORMER GOVERNOR KATE BROWN

*"Joe will treat our workers and the public with the **dignity** they deserve."*

**RACHEL O'ROURKE, AFSCME LOCAL 88 MULTNOMAH COUNTY
EMPLOYEES UNION**

ENDORSEMENTS(hagedornforjudge.com):

Multnomah County

Circuit Court Judges

Judge Judith Matarazzo (Presiding)
Judge Michael Greenlick (Chief Criminal)
Judge Jacqueline Alarcón (Lead Probate)
Judge Maurisa Gates (Lead Juvenile)

Organizations

Oregon Working Families Party
East County Rising PAC
Ebony Collective Coalition
Portland for All
UFCW 555
State Senator Lisa Reynolds
State Representatives

Judge Amy Holmes Hehn (retiring
from Position 14)

Judge Pamela Haan

Judge Morgan Long

Judge Christine Martin

Judge Patricia McGuire

Judge Michael Riedel

Judge Xiomara Torres

Judge Francis Troy

Judge Cheryl Albrecht

Judge Jeff Auxier

Judge-Elect Peter Klym

Honorable Angela Lucero

Judge Melvin Oden-Orr

Judge-Elect Joanna Perini-Abbott

Judge Chanpone Sinlapasai

Judge Benjamin Souede

Judge Nan Waller

County Commissioners

Vince Jones-Dixon

Meghan Moyer

Shannon Singleton

District Attorney Nathan Vasquez

Willy Chotzen

Travis Nelson

Ricki Ruiz

Thuy Tran

Mari Watanabe

Metro Councilors

Juan Carlos González

Duncan Hwang

Christine Lewis

Ashton Simpson

Portland City Councilors

Steve Novick

Jamie Dunphy

Eric Zimmerman

Tiffany Koyama Lane

School Boards

Michelle DePass

Stephanie Engelsman

Kien Truong (PCC)

Public Defenders

Stacey Reding

Carl Macpherson, attorney

Professor Aliza Kaplan

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Judge of the Circuit Court, 5th District, Position 5

Kara A Brooks

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Judge, Clackamas County Circuit Court

Occupational Background: Deputy District Attorney, Clackamas County;
Family Law Attorney

Educational Background: Lewis & Clark Law School; Barnard College

Prior Governmental Experience: Board Member, Oregon Board of Parole &
Post-Prison Supervision

The Right Choice for Clackamas County

Judge Brooks was chosen to serve Clackamas County because of her extensive experience in the criminal justice system, background in family law, and commitment to ensuring fair outcomes for all. We can trust her to treat everyone with dignity, respect, and fairness as she makes tough decisions.

Protecting the Community & Delivering Justice

As a prosecutor, Judge Brooks spent years determining the best way to hold people accountable for criminal conduct. Through her service on the Oregon Board of Parole & Post-Prison Supervision, Judge Brooks conducted hearings, determining whether to release offenders back into the community. Carefully weighing the impacts of crimes on victims, families, and the community is core to her work on the bench.

Using The Right Approach to Break the Cycle

Even as a prosecutor, Judge Brooks saw that putting people in prison wasn't always the right answer. As part of Clackamas County's Mental Health Court and Adult Drug Court programs, she worked collaboratively with the court, defense counsel, and treatment providers to reach compassionate, just resolutions that addressed underlying causes of criminality and provided resources to meet a person's needs.

Advocating for Families

Judge Brooks' experience advocating for clients throughout the family law process (often some of the hardest moments of peoples' lives) has given her the understanding of the enormous importance of decisions involving divorce, child

custody, and parenting time. Judge Brooks brings this perspective to the courtroom, mindful of the impact of her decisions.

Endorsers:

Clackamas County Judges: Ann Lininger (Presiding), Colleen Gilmartin, Susie L. Norby, Michelle Bartov, Michael Wetzel, Heather Karabeika, Cierra Brown

Clackamas County District Attorney John Wentworth

West Linn Municipal Judge Rhett Bernstein

Ruben Medina, **Executive Director of the Clackamas Indigent Defense Corporation**

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Judge of the Circuit Court, 11th District, Position 3

Thaddeus Betz

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Attorney; Director, Youth Justice Project, Oregon Justice Resource Center.

Occupational Background: Attorney, Law Office of Thaddeus Betz, LLC; Attorney, Metropolitan Public Defender.

Educational Background: J.D., Lewis and Clark Law School; B.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Prior Governmental Experience: Executive Committee of Civil Rights Section, Oregon State Bar.

COURTROOM EXPERIENCE, COMMUNITY ROOTS

I am running for Judge to ensure the fair, impartial, and balanced administration of justice. More than ever, judicial independence matters. In my 20 years of practicing law, I have represented clients in Oregon's Circuit Courts, Court of Appeals, and Supreme Court, as well as Federal District Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. I am humbled to have the endorsement of judges I have appeared before, as well as opposing counsel. Having raised a family in Deschutes County, I feel a deep commitment to this community. I will work to ensure that the legal system reflects the integrity, accessibility, and dedication that the people of Deschutes County deserve. I look forward to serving you while upholding the highest standards of justice.

"Thad is a skilled and experienced attorney who will bring fairness, compassion, and impartiality to the Court." **Justice Bronson James, Oregon Supreme Court**

"I've known Thad for over a decade. He is passionate and has true integrity. He'll make a fantastic judge." **Marshall Greene**, seven-time Pole Pedal Paddle winner and community health data analyst.

Endorsements:

Oregon Supreme Court Justices:

Richard Baldwin (retired), Roger DeHoog, Rebecca Duncan, Bronson James, Aruna Masih

Oregon Court of Appeals Judge:

Ryan O'Connor

Circuit Court Judges:

Jeffrey Auxier, Sara Collins, Celia Howes, Joseph Hagedorn (pro tempore), Bryan Francesconi, Christopher Ramras, Robert Raschio, Owyhee Weikel-Magden (pro tempore)

Law Enforcement:

John Hummel (former Deschutes County District Attorney), Kara Davis (Wasco County District Attorney), EveLyn Costello (former Klamath County District Attorney), Jerry Hubbard (retired Bend Police Officer)

Community leaders:

Representative Jason Kropf; Bend City Councilor Ariel Méndez; Central Oregon Labor Chapter, AFL-CIO; professional athlete Austin Smith

Learn more at thaddeusbetzforjudge.com

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Judge of the Circuit Court, 11th District, Position 3
Sonia Huntsman
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Public Defender, Mom

Occupational Background: Deputy District Attorney; Family Law Attorney;
Small Business Owner; Bend-La Pine Elementary School Teacher

Educational Background: Willamette University, JD; OSU, BA & Masters
Teaching Degree (Cascade Campus)

Prior Governmental Experience: Deschutes County Domestic Violence Task
Force; Deschutes County Defense Attorney Representative for Family Drug
Court; Governor's Methamphetamine Task Force

Community Experience: President, local bar association; Wildcat Tutoring
program

FOCUS ON FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

Sonia is the **only candidate with a deep background in family law and child welfare**, areas of critical need for the Deschutes County courts. Through her work with families, children, and agencies, Sonia understands how difficult navigating the legal system is. In her courtroom, everyone will be treated with respect and dignity.

"A fierce advocate for children and families, Sonia will be an excellent addition to the bench."

Sisters City Council President Sarah McDougall

BALANCED EXPERIENCE IN CRIMINAL LAW

Sonia started her career clerking for a senior judge, immediately gaining the perspective of our system from the bench. Sonia has worked on **hundreds of major criminal cases as both a prosecutor and defense attorney**. She will ensure cases are heard fairly, with a commitment to finding justice for the community.

"Sonia is dedicated, hard working, and even-tempered, qualities that make her an ideal fit as judge."

Senior Judge Darryl Larson (Retired)

CONNECTED TO OUR COMMUNITY

Sonia knows judges are still leaders in our community, in and out of the courtroom. Seeing the urgent need during the pandemic, Sonia taught in a Title 1 school – including English language learners and students with special needs.

"Sonia is fully dedicated to our community, families, and children. Her experience as an educator and a lawyer will make her an excellent judge!"

Bend Teacher & 2016 Oregon Teacher of the Year Heather Anderson

Endorsements Include:

Amy Tatom, **Bend-La Pine School Board**

Jamie McLeod-Skinner

Former Judge Pro-Tem Victoria Moffet

Local lawyers: Jim Keddis, Jennifer Kimble,
Vada Camacho (retired)

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Judge of the Circuit Court, 11th District, Position 3
Raun Atkinson
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Attorney, Small business owner.

Occupational Background: Crook County Deputy District Attorney and Chief Deputy (2014-2021). Defense Attorney (2021-present). Atlas Law Group, founder /owner (2022-present).

Educational Background: University of Houston, B.S., Mathematics.
Willamette University College of Law, J.D.

Prior Governmental Experience: Sergeant, United States Marine Corps.

Commitment to fairness. Lifetime of service.

The decisions made in courtrooms change lives, protect our community, and impact families for generations. Deschutes County deserves a judge with the experience, temperament, and integrity to make those decisions impartially.

Born and raised in Central Oregon, I returned to build my career and raise my family. This community has shaped who I am.

I served our country as a United States Marine, completing my service as a Sergeant after four years, including a deployment to Iraq.

EXPERIENCED

I've spent my career in the courtroom. As a former prosecutor and defense attorney, I have tried the full spectrum of cases—from minor offenses to the most serious felonies.

FAIR

I understand the responsibility of protecting public safety while ensuring every person who enters a courtroom is treated fairly and with dignity.

As a husband, father, youth coach, and community member, I understand that what happens in a courtroom rarely impacts just one person. Decisions made by judges can have lasting consequences for our community.

IMPARTIAL

I will listen carefully, apply the law impartially, and make difficult decisions without regard to politics or personal preference.

I'm running for Circuit Court Judge because Deschutes County deserves a judge who brings experience, respect for our laws, professionalism, and integrity, to every case.

I would be honored to earn your vote.

Endorsed by:

Ed Fitch, Redmond Mayor

State Senator Mike McLane

State Representative Vicki Brees Iverson

Jay Patrick, Redmond City Councilor

Julie Martinez, Retired Director of Victims Assistance, Crook County DA

Kelly L Monighan, former Prosecutor, current Defense Attorney

Ron Bryant, Retired Attorney

John Gilroy, Defense Attorney

TJ Spear, former Prosecutor, current Defense Attorney

Dan Olsen, Attorney

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Judge of the Circuit Court, 11th District, Position 3

Keith A Leitz

Nonpartisan

Occupation: City Attorney, Redmond

Occupational Background: City Attorney, Redmond; County Counsel, Coos County; Special Assistant U.S. Attorney; Judge Advocate, U.S. Air Force; Helicopter Flight Engineer, U.S. Air Force; Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician, U.S. Air Force.

Educational Background: J.D. with Certificate in Dispute Resolution, University of Oregon School of Law; B.S. Aviation, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; Bend High School.

Prior Governmental Experience: City Attorney and HR Director, Redmond; Executive Committee, Oregon City Attorneys Association; Legal Advocacy Committee, League of Oregon Cities; County Counsel and HR Director, Coos County; Air Force JAG; Special Assistant U.S. Attorney; Assistant Deputy District Attorney, Benton County.

Keith Leitz brings nearly two decades of public-sector legal experience and a career built on service, sound judgment, and solving difficult problems. His work spans criminal, civil, and administrative law, with experience as a prosecutor, defense advocate, mediator, Air Force JAG, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, County Counsel, and City Attorney.

With a depth and range of experience, Keith knows the law, understands different perspectives, exercises sound judgment, and makes difficult decisions with fairness and integrity.

Keith believes every person who enters a courtroom deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. On the bench, he will listen carefully, remain impartial, and make thoughtful, well-reasoned decisions grounded in the Constitution and Oregon law.

Keith has dedicated his career to public service and the communities he serves. He is ready to bring his experience, integrity, and commitment to fairness to the Deschutes County Circuit Court.

Endorsed by: Deschutes County Justice of the Peace Charles Fadely; Commissioner Patti Adair; Commissioner-Elect Rick Russell; and Redmond City Councilors John Neilson, Kathryn Osborne, Clifford Evelyn, Shannon Wedding, and Cat Zwicker.

Experience. Honesty. Fairness.

KeithLeitzforJudge.com

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Judge of the Circuit Court, 20th District, Position 1
Zohra Tourville
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Judge, Washington County Circuit Court

Occupational Background: Judge, Beaverton Municipal Court; Chief Deputy Public Defender

Educational Background: Cooley Law School; University of Nevada Las Vegas, B.A.; Harvard Kennedy School, Executive Certificate, State and Local Government

Prior Governmental Experience: Judge, Beaverton Municipal Court (2020-2026); Congressional Legislative Fellow

Community Involvement & Awards: Portland Business Journal 2026 40 Under 40 honoree; Oregon Judges Association, South Asian Bar Association

"I arrived in America 28 years ago believing hard work, education, and public service could build a better future. As Judge, I bring that commitment to the bench every day: upholding the law fairly, listening to every voice, and ensuring equal justice for all." – Judge Tourville

PROVEN JUDICIAL & LEGAL EXPERIENCE

With nearly 13 years of public service, Judge Tourville brings judicial experience, public defense leadership, and complex litigation expertise to serve Washington County with fairness and integrity.

Prior to the bench, she served as Chief Deputy Public Defender litigating felony cases before the district court and state supreme court.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN RECOVERY & JUSTICE

As the Judge for the nationally recognized treatment court B-SOBR, Judge Tourville worked directly with high-risk, high-need individuals to address the root causes of addiction, deliver treatment, and break the cycle of justice involvement. Leading a National Mentor Court, Judge Tourville and her team trained treatment courts across the country on evidence-based standards implemented here in Oregon.

"Judge Tourville has sound legal judgment, integrity, fairness, patience, and a deep commitment to the fair and impartial administration of justice. She is an asset to the bench, and we are lucky to have her."

– Washington County Circuit Court Judge Maalik Summer

ENDORSERS INCLUDE:

Washington County Judges: Rebecca Gupill (Presiding),
Hafez Daraee, Kelly Lamarr, Janelle Wipper, Elizabeth Lemoine

Oregon Supreme Court Justice Aruna Masih
Judge Rima Ghandour

Oregon Judges Association
Oregon Muslim Bar Association

Washington County Commissioner Pam Treece
Hillsboro Mayor Beach Pace
Oregon House Majority Leader Ben Bowman
THPRD Director Alfredo Moreno

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District Attorney, Lake County
Lane W Simpson
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Senior Circuit Court Judge -Lane W Simpson Arbitration and Mediation Services LLC

Occupational Background: Certified Law Clerk Clackamas County DA Office- Lake County Public Defender- Private Law in Lakeview - District and Circuit Court Judge Lakeview (22.5 years)- Senior Judge

Educational Background: Lakeview High School- Southern Oregon College, BS General Studies, Cum Laude- Northwestern School of Law at Lewis and Clark College, Juris Doctor

Prior Governmental Experience: District and Circuit Court Judge; Senior Judge

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Lane W Simpson is a fourth generation Lake County resident. Three prior generations are from Silver Lake.

Lane is a Daly Fund and Collins McDonald scholar. Lane has dedicated his entire career to serving Lake County as is demonstrated by his occupational background.

Lane is known as a fair and good natured Judge who holds Lake County residents' best interest at heart.

Lane is a member of several fraternal organizations, past President of the Round Up Association, and has participated in Rotary, Lions, and the Chamber of Commerce. He has a long-standing commitment to Lake County's institutions and traditions.

CAMPAIGN MESSAGE

Lane's campaign centers on restoring stability and effectiveness to the District Attorney's Office. Lane notes that imperative county programs are in peril including Drug Court and Parole and Probation .

The biggest challenge to the DA'S Office is not dealing with criminal prosecution in the normal sense, but accomplishing prosecutions with a woefully inadequate budget. The lack of funding is a reality and sends a dangerous message to the criminal element.

Lane's mediation skills will prove to be an asset. Lane will strive to correct these issues, provide fairness and efficiency, and rebuild public trust in the office.

Call to action: "MARK YOUR BALLOT IN NOVEMBER FOR LANE W SIMPSON
AS LAKE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY "

(This information furnished by Lane W Simpson.)

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District Attorney, Lake County

Rami Amaro

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Current District Attorney Lake County, Oregon

Occupational Background: Oregon - Current Lake County District Attorney. Idaho - Special Deputy Attorney General, Administrative Law Judge, Pro Tem Judge, Supreme Court Certified Mediator. Washington - Counsel for Spokane Valley, Partner at Amaro Law Office; Associate at Johnson Law Group, Law enforcement instructor (Lorman Education). Amaro Ranch in Washington and Lake County, Oregon. Kentucky - Research Intern Association of Municipalities. Federal - Law Clerk Federal District Court, Arbitrator NASDA and FINRA.

Educational Background: Graduated from Clark High School in San Antonio, Texas; Graduated from the Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington; Attended Law School at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington; Attended Law School at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas; Graduated from Law School at the University of Cincinnati, Ohio. Had to attend three different law schools over three years as husband's job moved the family (Army Ranger and Medevac Pilot).

Prior Governmental Experience: Current Lake County District Attorney; Special Deputy Attorney General, State of Idaho; Administrative Law Judge, State of Idaho; Pro Tem judge, Kootenai County, Idaho; Idaho Supreme Court Certified Mediator; Law Clerk, Federal District Court, Kentucky; Research Intern, Kentucky Association of Municipalities; Counsel for Spokane Valley, Washington; Arbitrator for NASDA and FINRA; Legal Instructor for Lorman Education (law enforcement training). I am certified as an attorney for the Veteran's Court of Appeals.

I started as District Attorney August 2026. I hope to stay for many terms. I plan to change the future of Lake County by changing the District Attorney's office - using improved communication and relationships; watchfulness of tax dollars; and my education, experience, energy and passion.

I arrived to a significant backlog, but dove in to work through it. I have started rejecting offers from the Public Defender that are woefully lacking in accountability. Public safety is the number one job of government, and it's my goal to change the face of public safety in Lake County by bringing back accountability.

Rami Amaro

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County Commissioner, Baker County, Position 3

Kody Justus

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Cattle Rancher

Occupational Background: Served in the United States Army from 1989-1992, including deployments in Germany and Kuwait. Former Correctional Officer. Former State Brand Inspector. Extensive experience in ranch operations management, budgeting, human resource management, strategic procurement, marketing, and business ownership.

Educational Background: Graduate of Baker High School 1989; Active in leadership through Future Farmers of America (FFA); Department of Public Standards and Training; Basic Corrections at Western Oregon University.

Prior Governmental Experience: Formerly elected Precinct Committee Person and served as Vice-Chair of Baker County Republican Party; Former member of the Baker County Natural Resource Advisory Committee; Military service in the United States Army – committed to public service and leadership.

I believe the fundamental role of government is to maintain order, provide stability and ensure safety so that our communities can thrive. Citizens should have full confidence that their lives, liberty, and property are protected. When these core principles are challenged in Baker County, it is the responsibility of county leadership to safeguard and uphold the rights of the residents.

I am committed to fostering a leadership environment where ideas are openly shared, innovative solutions are thoughtfully considered, and effective problem-solving is prioritized. I will work to cultivate a Commission grounded in trust and transparency—one that delivers balanced, mutually beneficial outcomes while establishing clear county priorities and sound public policy. It is equally important that our local government remain steady and resilient amid political transitions, elections, and administrative changes

My life experiences have equipped me to make clear, principled, and rational decisions. I will approach each decision with a careful understanding of both the immediate impact and the long-term implications for our county.

It is an honor to seek the opportunity to serve a county I deeply value. I respectfully ask for your support in bringing my experience, commitment, and dedication to the Baker County Commission.

Thank you.

(This information furnished by Kody Justus.)

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County Commissioner, Baker County, Position 3

Whitney Rilee

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Victim Assistance Program Director

Occupational Background: Teacher, Harvest Christian Academy. Office Manager, Baker County Juvenile Department. Program Director, Victim Assistance.

Educational Background: Eastern Oregon University, Bachelor of Science in Physical Activity and Health, minor in Psychology and Physical Education. Financial Coaching Certification.

Prior Governmental Experience: none

As your County Chair, I will:

- Work with fellow commissioners to ensure a well-managed, fiscally sound foundation for Baker County;
- Promote cooperation between the County and surrounding cities;
- Support policies that grow small businesses and enhance our natural resource-based economy;
- Advance cost-efficient technology upgrades that help serve citizens;
- Connect county and non-profit programs to serve our at-risk population;
- Advocate for a strong rural health care system

I understand the importance of listening to diverse perspectives and approaching tough decisions with respect and fairness. I am well-versed in the county's budget process, grant-writing requirements, office administration skills and programs, ever-changing state and federal policy challenges, and negotiation requirements. I have also served on the Baker County Multidisciplinary Team for 5 years, and the Northeast Oregon Compassion Center fundraising team for 7 years. This knowledge and experience has prepared me to represent Baker County citizens and manage daily administrative tasks as required by this position.

As a fourth-generation Baker County resident, I will honor our community's traditions and bring a fresh perspective to our future. I am no stranger to hard work and service. I am a mom, wife, volunteer, and victim advocate. As our community looks towards generational change, I am ready to be part of it. I will step up for Baker County citizens every day.

I ask for the honor of your vote to serve as your Baker County Chair.

(This information furnished by Whitney Rilee for Baker County Commissioner.)

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County Sheriff, Coos County
M A Kinnaird
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Deputy for the Coos County Sheriff's Office for 22.5 years

Occupational Background: Retired Military, Law Enforcement, & Petroleum Engineering

Educational Background: Graduate of Bandon High School/Attendee for Southwestern Oregon Community College/Various Military Schools

Prior Governmental Experience: U.S. Navy, Oregon Army National Guard, Coos County Sheriff's Office

If you are looking for a candidate who does not represent the status quo, look no further than myself, Deputy Nobody. If you're tired of somebody's and experts telling you how great things are and how things should work, Deputy Nobody is your man. If you believe Coos County Crime has not decreased, Deputy Nobody is your man. I am for the following:

-Opening up another 49 beds in the Jail even if it means, regrettably, laying off or reorganizing patrol. This will allow officers to bring individuals accused of crimes and kept in jail, especially on warrants, until they have completed the judicial requirements of the courts.

-Focusing on results oriented policing. We should not just be focusing on the number of arrests we accomplish in Coos County but how many of our arrests receive convictions. We can't accomplish this if we can't keep people in jail long enough to address their charges properly with the courts.

-Using non-sworn employees to fill Sworn Deputy positions in an effort to cut salary costs but also immensely cutting training cost. Non-sworn employees can serve in positions with little to no contact with Adults in custody. We could fill at least four positions with these employees. These employees would not have to go to an academy, pass physical fitness standards, and could even be handicapped if they are able to complete the tasks required for their positions.

If these are things you would like to see occur in Coos County, please vote for M. A. Kinnaird (Deputy Nobody) for Sheriff in November.

(This information furnished by M. A. Kinnaird.)

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County Sheriff, Coos County
Gabe Fabrizio
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Coos County Sheriff

Occupational Background: 12 years law enforcement, 20 years US Army

Educational Background: High School Graduate, 117 credits of college

Prior Governmental Experience: 20 years US Army, 4 years Police Captain, 3 1/2 years Sheriff

Hello, Coos County! It has been an honor to serve you over the last 12+ years. The last 3.5 years as Sheriff has seen many challenges, frustrations and successes. The jail was opened to 98 beds for a short time, but lost 50% capacity due to funding. Similarly, we lost 14 positions in 2025, limiting us to two Deputies on patrol at any given time. Since then, I've been in constant communication with the commissioners, who agree that a 98 bed jail and increased patrol is a priority. Some upcoming county projects may provide needed stability.

We actively seek grants, create efficiencies with current capabilities and allocate resources where they can do the most good. The Sobering Center is becoming a reality, with no additional general funds. We created three contract positions, paid for fully by outside agencies, also no cost to the general fund. We are in the process of moving some of our Office to a more appropriately sized county building, including updating software and procedures for evidence and records processing.

We consistently try new avenues, as well. The jail is one of our most important aspects, and I will continue to work towards increasing capability with increased jail space and more patrol Deputies. SCINT has only one full time Deputy, I am going to try to increase their numbers. I've been working with legislators to clarify or change language about immigration, felony DNA collection, indictment timeframes and other issues, which will be an ongoing process. Additionally, we are working with volunteers to help our detective division, reopening cold cases that would otherwise be too resource intensive.

Boss, It's been an honor to serve, and I hope to continue to serve.

(This information furnished by Gabe Fabrizio.)

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County Commissioner, Crook County, Position 2

Rick Steber

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Author and Business Owner

Occupational Background: Author and Business Owner

Educational Background: B.A., Southern Oregon State University

Prior Governmental Experience: Petition organizer to STOP ODOT's GAS TAX increase and hold out-of-touch governors accountable; Assistant City Manager - La Grande; City Planning Department - Medford; Senior Assistant and Labor Negotiator - Portland.

Crook County is the rural heartbeat of Oregon, and I'm proud to call it home. We are ranchers, farmers, veterans, loggers, small-business owners, families, and retirees. We value independence, hard work, and looking out for our neighbors.

I'm running for Commissioner to protect our way of life and to make sure Crook County's future is decided by the people who live here. As Commissioner, I will lead on the issues that matter most to our communities.

Reduce wildfire risks. Wildfire is personal for me. This year, I lost my home to a wildfire backburn operation. I will push for responsible fuel reduction on federal lands and ensure communities like Juniper Canyon have safe evacuation routes when fire threatens.

Support responsible growth and local jobs. I will stand with agriculture, forestry, and small businesses while encouraging growth that respects our rural character—not growth that sacrifices it or covers our landscape with inappropriate development.

Listen to the people. Government should work for the citizens, not the other way around. I will fight to keep local government responsive and, when Salem stops listening, I'll take the fight to them.

Stand with our neighbors. I will stand with veterans as they access the health care, mental health resources, and services they earned. I'll also stand up for seniors and working families facing difficult times and rising costs.

We must protect our past, prepare for the future, and meet real challenges without unnecessary overregulation. I will bring good horse sense, respect for our history, and a willingness to roll up my sleeves and get to work.

I would be honored to earn your trust and your vote.

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(This information furnished by Rick Steber for County Commissioner.)

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County Commissioner, Crook County, Position 2

Julie Thompson

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Small business owner

Occupational Background: Manager at Central Oregon Livestock & Manager at Prineville Veterinary Clinic

Educational Background: High School Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Over the past several years, I have been actively attending county meetings, particularly surrounding issues such as water contamination and mining in our area. These experiences have deepened my understanding of the challenges facing our county and inspired me to step forward and serve our community at a higher level.

I am running for county commissioner because I am deeply passionate about the future of agriculture in our county. I do not agree with EFU farmland rezoning when we already have land designated & available for industrial use. Once farmland is gone, we don't get it back. I believe in responsible growth shaped by the people who live here, while preserving Crook County's local character, natural resources, and quality of life.

Community input is essential to good governance, and I am committed to listening, engaging, and advocating for the voices of our residents. I think our county needs to do a better job at involving & informing the public in the decisions that are being made by being more transparent & proactive. Residents deserve to know what plans are being considered before decisions are made. The county needs to step up how it communicates using social media, modern technology and clearer outreach- so people can stay informed and involved in issues that directly affect their homes, land & livelihoods.

I bring common sense, honesty, integrity, and a strong commitment to doing what is right for our county today and for future generations.

(This information furnished by Julie for County Commissioner.)

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County Treasurer, Crook County
Jessica Barnes
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Certified Public Accountant

Occupational Background: Financial Advisor

Educational Background: University of Nevada, Las Vegas (BSBA - Accounting)

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Community Service: Leadership Team and Budget Team, Shiloh Ranch Church; Board Treasurer, Redeemer Ministries; Youth Sports Coach, CCPRD.

I grew up in rural Oregon, in a family with longstanding ties to our state's logging, farming, and ranching industries. When my husband and I chose Crook County in 2018, we knew this was where we wanted to raise our children—a community that values family, stewardship of our lands, honest work, and helping our neighbors. These are values worth preserving for the next generation.

As a CPA and former financial advisor, I have built my career helping individuals and businesses make sound financial decisions, understand complex financial information, and protect what they have worked hard to build. Today, I have the privilege of doing that work right here in Crook County, serving the people and businesses of the community my family is proud to call home. That experience has prepared me to bring knowledgeable financial oversight to the Treasurer's office.

My priorities are simple: financial transparency, responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars, and accountability for government spending. Every dollar entrusted to Crook County belongs to its taxpayers. You deserve confidence that appropriate safeguards are in place, public funds are being handled responsibly, and someone accountable to YOU is paying attention.

I never imagined I would enter the world of politics. But the stability of Crook County's financial future is too important to leave to someone else simply because qualified people are busy. At some point, you have a choice: wait until something goes wrong to demand accountability, or raise your hand, step forward, and help make sure it's done right.

I'm raising my hand.

Endorsed by: Galan Carter, Crook County Treasurer

(This information furnished by Jessica J. Barnes.)

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County Treasurer, Crook County
Bill Anderson
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Retired Credit Union CEO

Occupational Background: Mid Oregon Credit Union, CEO (1994 - 2023)

Educational Background: Linfield College, McMinnville, OR – Bachelor of Science, Course of Study: Business Management Lane Community College – Associate of Science, Course of Study: Accounting Wharton, Cornell, University of Virginia – Certified Chief Executive, Course of Study: Financial Management Pomona College, Western CUNA Management School – Diploma, Course of Study: Financial Management University of Colorado – Certificate, National CU Financial Management School Stanford University – Certificate, Innovation Institute

Prior Governmental Experience: Crook County Budget Committee, Crook County Elected Officials Compensation Committee, City of Prineville Railroad Commission, Deschutes County Budget Committee.

Experienced Financial Leadership for Crook County

Crook County is growing, bringing incredible economic opportunities and challenges. Managing our county's financial resources demands independent expertise, oversight, and transparency. **I'm running for Crook County Treasurer to bring nearly four decades of proven financial leadership directly to the stewardship of your tax dollars.**

CEO of Mid Oregon Credit Union - 29 years. I protected assets of thousands of local members, steering the institution safely through changing economic landscapes. My background in accounting and management is backed by advanced certifications. I understand how public and private financial structures interact, how to maximize investment returns safely, and how to spot vulnerabilities before they impact the budget.

Dedication to our local community rooted in public service. Having served on Crook County Budget Committees, Museum Board, and City of Prineville Railroad Commission, I have firsthand experience and understanding of our county revenues, infrastructure funding, and municipal budget processes. I'm experienced and ready to take the reins seamlessly day one.

My Treasurer priorities: financial transparency, rigorous accountability, and securely invested funds to serve Crook County residents.

Proudly endorsed by:

- Susan Hermreck, County Commissioner
- Brian Barney, County Commissioner
- Steve Uffelman, Prineville Mayor

I humbly ask for your vote.

For more information including additional experience, endorsements, and to get in touch, find **Bill Anderson for CC Treasurer** on Facebook.

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County Commissioner, Curry County, Position 1

Lynn Coker

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Curry County Commissioner, Position 1

Occupational Background: Two decades as a manager and officer-level executive in global communications and computer companies; two decades as a commercial property developer and real estate professional.

Educational Background: Bachelor's and master's degrees, Wichita State University- Political Science, Urban Affairs, Policy, and Planning.

Prior Governmental Experience: Legislative lobbyist at the state and federal levels and foundation development officer.

When I took office, Curry County could not complete its state-required financial audits and was operating on the edge of bankruptcy. I said I would fix it. Here is what I delivered.

I confronted deep-rooted theft, fraud, waste, and abuse in county government. I delivered two consecutive balanced budgets, reinvested in the county workforce, modernized how we deliver services, restored our financial reserves, and reestablished the audits that real accountability demands — with a third balanced budget now within reach.

Results you can verify:

- Uncovered and confronted more than \$400,000 in fraud, theft, waste, and abuse, with a clawback plan now in place.
- Delivered two balanced budgets, carrying \$800,000 into 2027 for public safety and community development.
- Secured nearly \$2 million for roads, culverts, and bridges — without raising taxes.
- Invested more than \$1.2 million in jail and courthouse improvements.
- Led the opposition to offshore wind industrialization, defending our coastline through zoning and permitting.

This is what high-integrity, competent, results-first government looks like: fiscal discipline, protection of private property rights, support for law enforcement, and honest stewardship of your tax dollars.

Important work remains. I am committed to financial sustainability and transparency, stronger public safety, responsible housing and development, and measurable progress on homelessness and addiction.

None of this was done alone. My fellow commissioners, county staff, and the residents who showed up did this work with me. Public service means leaving Curry County stronger for our children and grandchildren — and building a government that earns your trust instead of just spending your money.

I respectfully ask for your vote.

(This information furnished by Elect Curry Commissioner Lynn Coker.)

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County Commissioner, Curry County, Position 1

Jeremy Dumire

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Small Business Owner; Independent Contractor and Sports Official for the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA); President of Gold Beach Little League.

Occupational Background: Jr/Sr High School Football & Basketball Coach; Insurance Producer; Curry County Sheriff's Deputy; Curry County Emergency Manager; Coos Forest Patrol Wildland Firefighter.

Educational Background: Specialized education and professional training in emergency management, public safety, law enforcement, wildland fire, and disaster response, with numerous certifications and instructor-level qualifications.

Prior Governmental Experience: Coordinated multi-agency emergency response, disaster preparedness, and public safety operations with local, state, and federal agencies during the Chetco Bar Fire recovery, Klondike Fire, Hooskanaden Slide, and COVID-19 response.

I have spent my life building relationships and solving problems. I believe government works best when it listens to the people it serves.

As your Curry County Commissioner, I will listen first, lead with integrity, and put people—not bureaucrats—first. Effective oversight promotes transparency, reduces the risk of corruption and conflicts of interest, limits concentrated power, and leads to better informed decisions.

This campaign is about our community, our future, and keeping Curry County a place we are proud to call home.

Priorities:

- **Public Safety:** Provide public safety and first responders the resources needed to protect every area of Curry County.
- **Constitutional Rights:** Uphold the Constitution, defend the Second Amendment, and protect individual rights.
- **Fiscal Responsibility:** Balance the county budget and prioritize essential services without raising taxes.
- **Local Economy:** Support timber, fishing, agriculture, small businesses, and tourism while responsibly managing natural resources.
- **Coastal Protection:** Oppose industrial offshore wind development that threatens our coastal resources and economy.

- **Government Accountability:** Strengthen oversight, transparency, and clearly defined responsibilities.
- **Veterans & Service Members:** Support and honor those who have served our country.
- **Community Support:** Work with community partners to address homelessness while promoting a hand-up, not hand-out.

I will be an independent voice for Curry County. Healthy differences of opinion strengthen decisions, encourage debate and challenge ideas.

Curry Safe, Curry Strong.

For more information, visit:

www.jeremydumire.com

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County Commissioner, Douglas County, Position 3

Chris Boice

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Douglas County Commissioner

Occupational Background: Owner, Big O Tires & Service, Midas of Roseburg

Educational Background: Gold Beach High School

Prior Governmental Experience: County Commissioner since 2015; Commissioner, Housing Authority of Douglas County. Numerous Boards and Committees.

Safe Homes & Streets / Reduced Homelessness As Chairman of the Local Public Safety Coordinating Council, Chris has secured numerous grants strengthening law enforcement, mental health providers, drug & alcohol recovery programs such as ADAPT, and efforts targeting addiction. His focus is helping people regain the ability to rebuild their lives—working toward lower crime and greater safety for everyone. He also strongly supports practical new strategies with the City to reduce homelessness on our streets.

“Commissioner Boice is a staunch supporter of law enforcement.”

-Sheriff John Hanlin

Creating Jobs & Business Chris facilitated the historic \$700 million Strategic Investment Program with Roseburg Forest Products—the largest rural manufacturing investment in Oregon history. Deals of this scale are rare in rural counties and would not have happened without the state incentive structure he helped secure. He redeveloped several idle county-owned industrial sites for future private enterprise and long-term economic return, and secured over \$3 million to expand the Fred Wahl Marine Shipyard in Reedsport.

Veterans & Second Amendment Chris is a strong supporter of Veterans and the 2nd Amendment. He spearheads the annual John Pierson Memorial Wreaths Across America event honoring Douglas County's 7,000 fallen military Veterans, is a member of OHA and RMEF, and holds an A+ rating from the NRA.

“Chris Boice is a veteran's best friend... He always shows up and makes a difference.” -James Little, U.S. Navy retired

Promises Made, Promises Kept As County Parks liaison, Chris transformed the parks system from a taxpayer burden into a self-supporting, positive cash-flow operation—and then canceled all parking fees at parks, boat ramps, and the crab dock.

"Together we've accomplished a lot. With your vote of confidence, I'm not done yet!" -Chris Boice

boicefordouglascounty.com

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County Commissioner, Douglas County, Position 3
Steve Hammerson
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Insurance Adjuster

Occupational Background: Insurance, Criminal Justice

Educational Background: B.S., Western Oregon University (Summa Cum Laude), Insurance Designations - CPCU, AIC, ARM

Prior Governmental Experience: Roseburg School District Board Director (2023 – present), Washington County Community Corrections (Domestic Violence Unit)

Family: Michaela, wife of 12 years; Three children

Steve Hammerson is a husband, father, and community leader who believes county government should serve the people—not itself.

Many Douglas County residents are frustrated. While families face rising costs and economic challenges, county commissioners have repeatedly voted to increase their own salaries over the past decade. When Douglas County voters approved term limits for commissioners, those limits were later overturned in court.

Want term limits? Steve promises that he will limit himself to three terms.

Steve believes strong leadership starts with respecting the will of the voters and putting taxpayers first.

Steve Hammerson pledges:

- **Will vote NO to raise his salary.**
- **YES to term limits. He will serve 3 terms max.**
- **NO new taxes on Douglas County residents.**
- **Livestream camera in his County Commissioner office FOR TRANSPARENCY.**

Steve moved to Roseburg in 2020 to be closer to family whose roots in Douglas County go back to the 1800's.

Steve believes in:

Responsible budgeting.

Stronger public safety.

Respect for the privacy of our citizens.

Policies that help Douglas County grow and thrive economically.

It's the County Commissioner's duty to fight for competitive/high wage jobs for our children and grandchildren.

Douglas County deserves strong leadership grounded in integrity, accountability, and common sense

Respect the voters. Protect taxpayers. Restore trust.

We Need Steve.

Visit www.weneedsteve.com to support this grassroots campaign.

Endorsed by:

- Oregon Firearms Political Action Committee
- David Medina; David Medina for Governor
- Mary Starrett – Yamhill County Commissioner
- Hilltop Patriots
- Sonja Feintech, Chair of Libertarian Party of Oregon (personal endorsement)
- RUCPAC
- Zack Weiss – Roseburg City Councilor – Ward 4
- Todd Vaughn
- Friends of Coos County Republicans
- Samantha Frost
- The Rob Taylor Report

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County Clerk, Klamath County
Sally-Ann Palcovich
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Retired Executive Director

Occupational Background: Executive Director Sky Lakes Medical Center Foundation, Spiritual Care Coordinator Sky Lakes Medical Center, Executive Director St Paul's Retirement Homes Foundation, Development Director Girl Scouts San Diego-Imperial Council, Community Development Director Senior Community Centers of San Diego, Program Director Community Development Center.

Educational Background: M.Div. Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, C.P.E. Delaware State Hospital, B.A. Languages and Literature Capital Universtiy

Prior Governmental Experience: Ran for Klamath County Commissioner, County Food Commission (created and served on), Snow Flake Festival Committee (chair and member)

Sally-Ann Palcovich is the best candidate for Klamath County Clerk. With years of experience as Foundation Director and Spiritual Care Coordinator at Sky Lakes Medical Center, Sally-Ann brings a high degree of honesty and integrity to the positon of County Clerk. She understands integrity on the job requires not compromising one's principles for personal gain. She served on the Ethics Committee at the hospital working with medical professionals as they handled difficult situations. She is committed to maintaining the integrity of the law at all times and will continue that path as your County Clerk especially concerning elections. She views voting as an obligation and an opportunity for every U.S. citizen to exercise and to participate in our democracy.

The County Clerk's job requires the kind of precision record keeping, detail-orientation and organizationla skills that Sally-Ann maintains. Her positions in local non-profits-- Assistance League, PEO, Klamath Community Foundation, Soroptimist of Klamath Falls, Circle of Hearts, Sunrise Rotary--exhibit the trust others have in her efficiency in handling important duties and documentation. She always maintains meticulous records for the organizations she serves. Under her leadership, Klamath County records will be in competent hands. She has excellent people skills and is well-versed in dealing with the public. She isn't flashy or attention-seeking. Sally-Ann is dedicated to serving others.

A vote for Sally-Ann Palcovich for Klamath County Clerk ensures the integrity and accountability that Klamath County deserves.

(This information furnished by Friends of Sally-Ann.)

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County Clerk, Klamath County

Rejeana Jackson

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Wife, Mother, Volunteer.

Occupational Background: 20 years of combined Management & Human Resources experience with Target, Kohler, and JCPenney

Educational Background: Pepperdine University BA Organizational Communications: Business Administration Minor 2002; Klamath Union High School 1998

Prior Governmental Experience: Elected Republican Precinct Committeeperson 2020-2025

Rejeana Jackson for Klamath County Clerk

The Klamath County Clerk's Office exists to serve the public with accuracy, fairness, and professionalism. Rejeana is committed to protecting the integrity of our elections, maintaining reliable public records, and providing dependable service to every resident.

Rejeana's Platform:

Election Integrity

- Maintain clean voter rolls through partnerships with the SOS, Public Health, DMV, and other applicable entities
- Secure, accurate, and lawful elections; encourage observers on every election
- Strict chain-of-custody procedures for ballots and secure storage

Community Engagement & Accessibility

- Partner with local schools to engage students in the electoral process
- Expand ballot box availability to the OIT/Skylakes area
- Create digital Voter's Pamphlet for Special District Elections

Responsible Use of Taxpayer Dollars

- Operate within allocated budget
- Plan carefully for long-term needs
- Seek efficiencies without reducing service quality

Rejeana's Relevant Experience

Klamath County Clerk's Office | Job Shadow

- 2026 Primary Election – observed & trained entire election, from ballot design to certification
- 2025 Recording & Daily Tasks – trained with current County Clerk for 3 months

KCRCC | Election Integrity - Led "Get Out the Vote" Campaigns for the 2020-2024 elections

Showroom Manager | Kohler Interiors - managed 2 showrooms, 20 employees

Store Manager | Target - \$45 million sales, managed 200 employees

Rejeana's Role-Specific Skills

- Exceptional communication skills to effectively engage with voters, elected officials, county departments, and residents.
- Proven ability to recruit, train, and supervise high-quality staff.
- Strong ability to identify operational inefficiencies and implement practical, and cost-effective improvements.

Rejeana's Community Involvement

- Klamath Community College Board of Education, OCCA Representative
- Gospel Mission Board of Directors
- Klamath County CattleWomen
- Soroptimist International Klamath Falls
- Crosspoint Christian Expansion Committee
- Oregon Conservative Caucus
- Klamath County Republicans, Former Chair

(This information furnished by Rejeana For Oregon.)

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County Sheriff, Lake County
Daniel J Tague
Nonpartisan

Occupation: County Sheriff

Occupational Background: Appointed Lake County Sheriff in January 2025 after nearly three decades of service to Lake County. I began with the Sheriff's Office as an Explorer in 1997, became a reserve deputy in 2004, and was hired as a full-time deputy in 2007. My assignments have included patrol, Search and Rescue, and Emergency Management. Since 2022, I have also served on Oregon State Fire Marshal Incident Management Teams, helping communities respond to wildfires and other emergencies. I also serve my community as a volunteer fire chief, an OHSET coach, and a 4-H leader.

Educational Background: Associate degree in Fire Suppression Technology, Bachelor's degree in Fire Administration from Eastern Oregon University, Eagle Scout with two Eagle Palms

Prior Governmental Experience: Appointed Lake County Sheriff, 2025-present; Lake County Sheriff's Office Deputy Sheriff, 2007-2025; Reserve Deputy, 2004-2007; County Emergency Manager and Search and Rescue Coordinator, 2008-2025; Oregon State Fire Marshal All-Hazards Incident Management Team member, 2022-present; Volunteer Fire Chief, Thomas Creek-Westside Rural Fire Protection District.

Since becoming Sheriff, I have focused on strengthening accountability, improving professionalism, and preparing the Sheriff's Office for the future. My administration has pursued grant funding to replace equipment, modernize public-safety communications, and improve the tools available to deputies. I have prioritized deputy training, adopted policies and procedures, strengthened organizational expectations, and worked to create a culture centered on integrity, teamwork, service, and professionalism.

My goal is to make the Lake County Sheriff's Office the most professional frontier sheriff's office in Oregon while preserving the personal, responsive service our rural communities deserve. I will continue pursuing grants, improving equipment and technology, investing in employees, strengthening emergency preparedness, and ensuring funds are used responsibly.

I am honored to serve the people of Lake County and ask for your vote so I may continue protecting life, preserving peace, upholding the Constitution, and making Lake County a safe place to live, work, and raise a family.

(This information furnished by Daniel J Tague.)

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County Commissioner, Lane County, West Lane, Position 1

Ryan Ceniga

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Lane County Commissioner

Occupational Background: Waster Distribution Management Tech, EWEB; Junction City Public Works; Operator, Anderson Erosion Control; Diesel Tech, Guaranty RV; Farmer

Educational Background: Arizona Automotive Institute, Associates Degree in Diesel Tech; Junction City High School

Prior Governmental Experience: Junction City School Board

Community Service: Junction City Athletics board; Junction City Lion Clubs; Junction City Co-Ed Soccer Coach; Junction City Girls Basketball Coach

I'm a Homegrown, Blue Collar Dad with Deep Roots in Western Lane County

I was raised in Junction City from the age of five. My parents have been happily married for 50 years. I have three brothers and one sister, who all continue to reside in our community, raising their families. I learned about community service from my dad and grandpa. Helping our communities has always been a huge priority within my family and I am honored to carry on that tradition.

I'm a husband and Junction City school board member with two kids in our public schools. I want our kids to have the opportunity to live and work in Lane County and carry on our rural way of life. I'm not afraid to get my hands dirty to protect our rural families.

As your current County Commissioner in West Lane County, I have held the line for the people of our communities.

Community Driven Leadership for West Lane County

As your West Lane County Commissioner, I have fought for you on the issues that matter to working families.

- **I have prioritized public safety funding**
- **Fought to protect rural families and businesses**
- **Opposed new taxes and fees to lower the cost of living for working families**

- Stood with Oregonians in opposing the gas tax increase that would have targeted working families

As your West Lane County Commissioner, *I Have Fought for ALL Our Communities in West Lane County.*

For more information and a list of endorsements visit www.ryanceniga.com

(This information furnished by Ryan Ceniga for Commissioner.)

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County Commissioner, Lane County, Springfield, Position 2

Sean VanGordon

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Forecasting Director, Optum Insights; Mayor, City of Springfield

Occupational Background: Director of Industrial Engineering, UnitedHealthCare; Springfield City Councilor

Educational Background: M.S. Economics, University of Oregon; B.A. Political Science & Economics, University of Oregon

Prior Governmental Experience: President, Springfield City Council; Planning Commission; Budget Committee; Library Advisory Board; Legislative Committee; Chair, Springfield Economic Development Agency

Springfield stands as proof that between the McKenzie and Willamette Rivers, neighbors working together with respect can accomplish extraordinary things. We need that spirit countywide.

County government affects your daily life: your commute, your family's health, your safety, and whether you can afford to stay in Lane County.

A RECORD OF GETTING THINGS DONE

As Mayor of Springfield, I've worked to deliver on commitments.

Fix Mill St. **Done.** Repave 42nd St **Done.** Create a Drug Treatment Court. **Done.**

REBUILDING DOWNTOWN SPRINGFIELD

I was there in the early days of rebuilding downtown Springfield, when a few blocks were unruly, and the future of downtown was uncertain.

Rebuilding downtown didn't happen overnight, and it didn't happen because of one person. It happened because a community came together with a shared vision and persistence.

Together we brought new life back to downtown.

EXPERIENCE

Over my two decade professional career, I've worked for multiple Fortune 500 companies to address cost challenges through working smarter and empowering

employees. I've built teams, removed waste, and planned millions of dollars of investment globally.

MY FOCUS FOR LANE COUNTY

- Advance critical infrastructure with clear benchmarks
- Strengthen emergency services through smart budgeting
- Support practical housing solutions working families can afford
- Strengthen workforce pathways with apprenticeships and career-technical training

Over the next four years, I want to make it easier for you to build your life in Lane County.

I would be honored to have your support.

For more information, please visit seanvangordon.com

(This information furnished by Sean M VanGordon.)

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County Commissioner, Lane County, East Lane, Position 5

Heather Buch

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Lane County Commissioner

Occupational Background: Small Businesswoman; Projects Director, St. Vincent de Paul Society

Educational Background: BA, Seattle University

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council, Homes for Good Housing Agency

Heather Buch: Fighting for Our Fair Share

As a military spouse, mother, and small business owner, **Heather is fighting for what matters most:** Real relief for wildfire victims, more sheriff patrols to keep families safe, and affordable utilities and basic services. While politicians in Washington, DC, slash rural healthcare, Heather Buch is bringing quality care close to home.

Affordable, Accessible Healthcare

"As Commissioner, Heather helped lead the effort to open Cottage Grove's South Lane Clinic. It's already served thousands of patients with primary and dental care. That's a big deal for a small town."

-Jim Gilroy, Former Cottage Grove Mayor

Supporting Wildfire First Responders

"When we're fighting fires, we know Heather has our backs. She puts public safety first and ensures emergency responders have what we need to do our jobs."

-Brett Deedon, President, Lane Professional Firefighters

Economic Opportunity

"Heather Buch fights to create good-paying union jobs for working families, not to put money in the pockets of billionaires and wealthy donors."

-Scott Guynn, Creswell Union Carpenter

Increasing Affordability

"I've known Heather for years. She's fighting to make our community more affordable and to make sure data centers and big corporations don't bleed us dry."

-Jeannie Merrick

Also Supported By:

Democratic Party of Lane County
Lane Professional Firefighters Association
Lane Labor Chapter, AFL-CIO
LCCD Building & Construction Trades
North Coast States Carpenters Union
AFSCME 2831, County Employees
SEIU 503
Oregon Sierra Club
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Oregon Working Families Party
U.S. Senator Ron Wyden
U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley
Bryan Cutchen, Rear Admiral, USN (ret), Oakridge Mayor
Nancy Bell, Coburg Mayor

“Jake Pelroy only cares about extreme MAGA politics, not Lane County issues. Heather Buch fights hard every day for working people.”

-Peter DeFazio, Former Congressman

www.HeatherBuch.com

(This information furnished by Heather Buch for Oregon.)

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County Commissioner, Lane County, East Lane, Position 5

Jake Pelroy

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Policy Analyst, Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: US Marine

Educational Background: University of Oregon, BS

Prior Governmental Experience: Selective Service System Board Chair, Lane County; Legislative Staffer (6 years)

Jake Pelroy, A Marine Veteran turned small business owner running to make Lane County work for working families

Jake Pelroy, a Lane County native, joined the US Marine Corps in 2005, serving 3 combat tours in Iraq. After leaving the military, he started a business that allows him to serve his community through public policy. He has fought tax/fee increases and reduced red tape for Oregonians. Jake and his wife Kelly have two sons.

Better Homeless Strategy

Lane County's homeless population grew 14% last year. This is unacceptable. Better strategies are available and it's time we use them.

Streamline land-use processes to spur business expansion and support families

- Remove unnecessary regulations and red tape that make it harder and more expensive to build.
- Curb frivolous lawsuits from land-use activists.

"Commissioner Buch voted to not allow the public to petition their elected officials to hear their land use issue. This is wrong and unfair."

-Sherry Yoss, Realtor, Cottage Grove

Jake believes we need sustainable timber harvest to:

- Fund Essential Services
- Mitigate Forest Fires, protecting our homes and reducing smoke
- Create jobs

Prioritize Law Enforcement Funding

"Lane County is one of the least patrolled counties in the nation with as few as only three deputies on patrol at any given time. Some commissioners have used funds for their pet projects that could have been used for law enforcement. I trust Jake Pelroy to fund our law enforcement."

-Lane County Sheriff Byron Trapp (Former)

Endorsed by Workers and Small Business Owners:

Lane County Association Local 626

Lane County Farm Bureau

Oregon Small Business Association

Taxpayers Association of Oregon

Lane County Peace Officers Association Executive Board

#TimberUnity

Associated Oregon Loggers

Supported By East Lane Leaders:

Nick Smith, Creswell Mayor

Candace Solesbee, Cottage Grove Mayor

Darin Harbick, State Representative

www.Pelroy.com

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County Commissioner, Polk County, Position 3

Jeremy Gordon

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Polk County Commissioner (2021-present)

Occupational Background: University Administration, Finance

Educational Background: University of Minnesota

Prior Governmental Experience: Falls City Mayor; 2nd VP, Association of Oregon Counties; Chair, Homeless Alliance; Vice-Chair, Oregon Broadband Advisory Council

Polk County is growing, but our communities still expect government to do the basics well: maintain safe roads, protect public safety, support families, and create opportunities for people to build a good life here. I've worked collaboratively on:

- housing solutions,
- infrastructure improvements,
- family programs,
- economic growth,
- high-speed internet,
- public safety,
- substance use prevention and treatment,
- mental health, and
- sustainable fairgrounds

As your commissioner, I've:

- Brought home over \$22 million from state and federal governments.
- Expanded broadband to keep our economy competitive.
- Supported Oregon's highest-rated road system.
- Strengthened emergency communications infrastructure.
- Led statewide reform on Measure 110.
- Assisted with the Polk County Public Safety Levy.
- Opened the CARES Center, providing walk-in and mobile crisis services.
- Opened the Polk Community Resource Center, bringing multiple providers together to serve families, seniors, and veterans.

There is more to do, and I'm committed to:

- **Common Sense Leadership:** Good decisions come from listening first and staying focused on solutions—not politics.
- **Responsible Government:** Taxpayer dollars require careful stewardship. Transparent budgeting, long-term planning, and responsible spending protect essential services while ensuring government remains accountable.
- **Protecting Our Natural Heritage:** Polk County's farms, forests, rivers, and outdoor spaces are vital to our identity and economy. By supporting recreation, conserving farmland, and sustaining a healthy timber industry, we boost our economy, preserve local traditions, and ensure future generations inherit the natural beauty we enjoy today.

Please join my supporters, including:

- the Salem Chamber,
- the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde,
- the Polk County Sheriff and District Attorney,
- Polk County Commissioners Lyle Mordhorst and Craig Pope,
- former state Rep. Lane Shetterly,
- mayors of Dallas, Monmouth, Independence, and Falls City...and many more

gordonforpolk.com

"Jeremy brings experience, honesty, and steady leadership to the job. Polk County is in good hands."—Former Sheriff Bob Wolfe

(This information furnished by Committee to Elect Jeremy Gordon.)

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County Commissioner, Polk County, Position 3

Steve Milligan

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Polk County Treasurer

Occupational Background: Small Business Owner, 5 yrs; Accounting, 17 yrs; Plant Management, Production Management & Scheduling, 25 years

Educational Background: Chemeketa Community College, AA Degree in Accounting

Prior Governmental Experience: Polk County Treasurer, present position, 6 years; City of Monmouth, Mayor 2 years, City Councilor 12 years; Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments, 4 years; Mlnet Board of Directors 5 years; Central School District Board member, 1year, Budget Committee, 7 years

Steve Milligan has dedicated more than two decades to serving Monmouth and Polk County residents. His public service includes leadership in city government, education, county finance, and community organizations. Drawing on decades of experience in manufacturing management, small business ownership, accounting, and nonprofit leadership, Steve believes government should be transparent, financially responsible, and accountable to taxpayers.

The government's obligation is to comply with the rule of law.

"A strong democracy needs truth, accountability, and people who dare to put the public first." Tom Hanks

In society, we use rules, agreements, bylaws, charters, statutes, and constitutions to help us conduct ourselves in a manner as close to fair as possible. On October 31st, 2024, Judge Wiles signed a court order instructing the Polk County Board of Commissioners and the Administration to remedy the treatment of the Treasurer position. The Commissioners and Administration have chosen to ignore the order and have said the judge got it wrong.

Because of these circumstances, I have chosen to run for Commissioner to get into a position where I can make a real change. If we keep electing Commissioners who will not follow the law, nothing will change.

I will continue to uphold my oath to the voters. I will defend, preserve, and protect Polk County's legal integrity.

I am asking for your vote to become a Polk County Commissioner.

**Together, we can continue building a
stronger future for Polk County.**

(This information furnished by Steve Milligan.)

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County Commissioner, Union County, Position 2

Matt Scarfo

Nonpartisan

Occupation: County Commissioner; Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: Owner of two local businesses for 21+ years; experience in budgeting, strategic planning, financial management, and leadership

Educational Background: Eastern Oregon University, B.S., Business /Economics

Prior Governmental Experience: Commissioner since 2019; Center for Human Development; 4-H, Extension Service District; Association of Oregon Counties Board, Legislative Committee; Northeast Oregon Business Development

Matt delivers results-driven investments in infrastructure, public safety, and essential community services.

Accomplishments:

- Secured \$6+ million in state and agency funding for the Union County Fairgrounds water and wastewater project and Eastern Oregon Livestock Show, preserving agricultural traditions and supporting 4-H/FFA youth.
- Helped increase annual fairgrounds operational funding from \$53,000 to \$270,000 to establish sustainable support for year-round maintenance and programming.
- Partnered with Representative Bobby Levy to secure nearly \$1 million for the Blue Mountain Translator District for major infrastructure line repairs.
- Stands up to protect rural property rights, local decision-making, and natural resource management against state overreach.
- Helps keep county budgets balanced without raising local property tax rates, bringing state grant funds directly back to Union County.
- Champion for local law enforcement, emergency services, and search and rescue to keep our families and neighborhoods safe

Upcoming Priorities:

- Secure funding to modernize the Elgin Stampede grounds to support broader community needs, including local firefighting and emergency response services.
- Pursue funding for a new Union County Jail and residential treatment facility to provide essential physical and mental health resources.

- Collaborate with the Oregon Legislature to expand affordable housing opportunities across Union County.

With a track record of fiscal discipline, Matt is dedicated to protecting and serving Union County. Guided by conservative principles, Matt will continue delivering transparent leadership, protecting taxpayer dollars, and building a stronger future for Union County.

"My approach is results-driven: protect public safety, invest in infrastructure, spend taxpayer dollars responsibly, and build strong partnerships. I will continue fighting for Union County to improve everyday life for all of us."

— **Matt Scarfo**

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County Commissioner, Union County, Position 2

Donna Beverage

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Self Employed Rancher/Former County Commissioner

Occupational Background: Rancher, Administrative Assistant, UPS Driver, County Commissioner

Educational Background: Union High School, TEC Graduate, Office and Computer Technology

Prior Governmental Experience: Union County Commissioner

Born & raised in Union County and love where I live and the people of Union County! My husband Mark and I are ranchers and have raised our family knowing how to work hard and that is my promise to you!!

When I was honored to serve Union County from 2017 to 2024 I made a promise to serve ALL of Union County and I am willing to serve you again.

I believe in supporting business, proper Forest Management and honoring our Veterans. We are a diverse County that depends on Agriculture and Education as our backbone and that supports the many other businesses in Union County and I will continue to support that.

My promise to you is not to waste your hard-earned tax money, listen to all sides of an issue before making a decision and work for all of Union County! Please vote for me for Union County Commissioner Position 2!

(This information furnished by Donna Beverage.)

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County Commissioner, Wasco County, Position 1

Lisa Gambée

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Not employed

Occupational Background: Wasco County Clerk; Director of Marketing, InComm Digital Solutions; Owner, Creative Abandon Inc.

Educational Background: Master of Business Administration, Portland State University; Bachelor of Science, Portland State University

Prior Governmental Experience: Wasco County Clerk, South Wasco Park and Recreation District

Wasco County faces real challenges and I am ready to get to work! As your County Commissioner, I will focus on expanding housing opportunities, improving access to clean water, and strengthening wildfire preparedness in every community.

After nearly a decade serving as Wasco County Clerk, I know how county government works and how to bring people together to turn concerns into practical solutions. I have built trusted relationships throughout our county, and I understand that what works in one community may not work in another.

You deserve leadership you can trust to listen, follow through, and put people before politics. My goal is simple: every resident should feel safe, heard, represented, and confident that no community is left behind.

Real Challenges. Real Solutions. A Stronger County Starts Here.

"I want to give my wholehearted endorsement to Lisa for Wasco County Commissioner. Lisa shares my values on how the government should serve the people and I know she will fight tirelessly for what is right."

— Kathy Schwartz, former Wasco County Commissioner

"As a former County Commissioner, I believe Lisa has the experience and leadership skills necessary to serve Wasco County from day one. Her integrity and transparency as County Clerk shows she can get the job done."

— Bill Lennox, former Wasco County Commissioner

"South County deserves a strong voice for addressing community needs. As a resident of our area, Lisa has the first-hand knowledge we want in a commissioner."

— Carol Beatty, Maupin Mayor

"Lisa was appointed County Clerk in 2015 when I retired. She spent almost 10 years serving the public in a non-partisan role. She'll do great as County Commissioner."

— Linda Brown, former Wasco County Clerk

(This information furnished by Lisa Gambee for Wasco County Commission.)

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County Commissioner, Wasco County, Position 1

John Grant

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Brewery Representative, Brand Representative

Occupational Background: Sales Manager, Retail Manager, U.S. Navy Seabee

Educational Background: Clover Park Technical College

Prior Governmental Experience: Chairman WCRCC, City of The Dalles Planning Commission, D21 School District Budget Committee, The Dalles Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Colville Confederated Tribes Member.

New Leadership for Wasco County!

Building a Future: My wife and I have raised our family here and are invested in the future of Wasco County. I am committed to building our small business culture throughout Wasco County, ensuring a strong job market. Prior leaders have set a foundation, it is time to envision and act towards a future that brings economic vitality.

Collaboration: Engaging experts in fields of public safety to identify the best action plans to ensure a safe and secure Wasco County. Leadership means you listen and collaborate to make the best decisions.

Support for our Community: I have built relationships with our State Senators, State Representatives, and our Congressman's staff. Open lines of communication for assistance is beneficial and will impact our communities in Wasco County.

Community Involvement: I have volunteered for many boards in the community. I have coached and helped organize youth sports for over 10 years. Days of field and community clean ups to ensure our community is safe and presentable.

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County Commissioner, Wasco County, Position 3

Mike Urness

Nonpartisan

Occupation: President CH Urness Motor Co

Occupational Background: Occupational Background family owned business since 1946

Educational Background: Graduated The Dalles High School in 1983.
Graduated Oregon State University in 1987 with a degree in Economics.

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Mike Urness is a lifelong resident of The Dalles and a dedicated member of the Wasco County community. Born and raised in The Dalles, Mike returned home after college to invest his career, family, and service back into the place he proudly calls home. He is married and the father of two children.

After graduating from Oregon State University in 1987 with a degree in Economics, Mike began his professional career working in Portland, Oregon, and Seattle, Washington. In 1989, he returned to The Dalles to lead CH Urness Motor Company, where he currently serves as President.

Wasco County faces serious challenges that require practical leadership and responsible solutions. I bring a business perspective to the commissioner position that vets how your tax dollars are being spent. I believe public money should not compete with private business. We need to take the windfall tax collections to help create family wage jobs that can buy homes, autos, boats, RV's and ATV's and pay taxes to support out county.

We have had many politicians that have a lifetime of public service perspective and we are starting to look like a Portland suburb. I see it every day and it is getting worse, not better. After years of concern about how our tax dollars are being spent, I have determined it is time for a private business perspective to help make transparent and common sense decisions.

All this requires of you is to get out and Vote!!!! Even though I am the only candidate on the ballot, make your vote count. I need to know that I am representing the majority of Wasco county residents so make your vote count!

(This information furnished by Mike Urness.)

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City Councilor, City of Springfield, Ward 4

Jill Cuadros

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Director, Eugene School District 4J

Occupational Background: UO, LCC, Willamalane; family-owned business

Educational Background: MBA, Bushnell University; BS Engineering, Oregon Tech; Lane Community College; Pacific High School

Prior Governmental Experience: Springfield City Councilor, Ward 4

Community Service: Grow Lane County; Team Springfield

Almost forty years ago, I left Oregon to start college in another state. A sports injury changed my plans and brought me back. I came to Springfield to attend Lane Community College and receive physical therapy. I moved into student housing, relied on Lane Transit District, and started my life here from the ground up. When I took my job with Willamalane, Springfield went from being my detour to my forever home.

As a city councilor, my priorities are grounded in maintaining the accessibility and stability that were there when I needed them:

FOR THE NEXT GENERATION:

- Housing choices for every stage of life
- Safe neighborhoods
- Family-wage jobs
- Infrastructure that keeps pace with growth
- A Springfield where young people see a future and longtime residents can still afford to stay

FOR A STRONGER LOCAL ECONOMY:

- Remove unnecessary barriers for start-ups and existing businesses
- Support employers already investing in Springfield
- Responsibly grow Springfield's economic opportunities

I ask questions, seek out people whose voices aren't in the room, and take responsibility for my decisions.

For over a decade, my work has centered on making sure kids get fed. Every day, no excuses. My career in public service has taught me that leadership means showing up, listening closely, solving problems, and being accountable for the results.

I married here, raised my four children here, worked and operated a family business, and built lifelong friendships along the way. I care about what Springfield becomes, but also about what we keep: the character and sense of belonging that make this home.

I would be honored to continue serving Springfield on the City Council, and I ask for your vote.

For more information and endorsements, visit JillCuadros.com

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City Councilor, City of Springfield, Ward 4

Callee Ackland

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Tenant Support Specialist at Springfield-Eugene Tenant Association

Occupational Background: US Navy Cryptologic Technician; Small Business Owner

Educational Background: Lane Community College; Defense Language Institute; Sutton Leadership Institute

Prior Governmental Experience: US Navy; Springfield Planning Commission; Lane County Community Health Improvement Coalition

Callee Ackland served our nation. Now she'll serve our city.

Callee will take her experience from working on the Planning Commission, running a small business, and supporting our library to help solve the issues facing all Springfield residents.

Better Homes

Like 45% of Springfielders, Callee is a renter. She's committed to fighting for working families by championing renter protections, growing Springfield's affordable housing market, and supporting a stronger economy for everyone. Callee will oppose any data center in Springfield that threatens our power grid and increases utility bills.

Better Roads

From Glenwood to Thurston, our roads are deteriorating. Springfield deserves steadfast leadership in fixing everyday challenges: street maintenance, pedestrian safety, and infrastructure that protects us from devastating floods.

Stronger Communities

All Springfielders deserve to feel safe in their homes. Callee will fight against unprecedented federal overreach, from warrantless mass surveillance cameras on every corner to ICE agents kidnapping our neighbors.

Brighter Future

We see the local effects of climate change everyday. With record-breaking wildfires and city-stopping ice storms, Springfield needs better preparation for these events. Callee will lead the charge by cultivating neighborhood resilience against natural disasters as part of a robust action plan.

“From her tenant advocacy work to fighting for our library, I’ve seen how devoted Callee is to our community.” - Johanis Tadeo

“She’ll represent all of Springfield.” - Cj Mann

Endorsements:

Senator James Manning
Former County Commissioner Pete Sorenson
Democratic Party of Lane County
Oregon Working Families Party
Eugene-Springfield Democratic Socialists of America
Progressive Democrats of America, Oregon Chapter
SEIU Oregon
American Federation of Teachers - Oregon
Springfield Education Association
Lane County Central Labor Chapter
Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Democratic Municipal Officials

CalleeAckland.com

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City Councilor, City of Eugene, Ward 3
Jennifer Smith
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Project Coordinator, Union President

Occupational Background: UO Labor Education Research Center Coordinator; Los Angeles County Transportation Planner.

Educational Background: MA-Public Administration, University of Oregon; MA-Urban Planning, UCLA.

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission; Eugene Permanent Shelter Task Force; Lane Transit District Budget Committee.

I am a progressive, a coalition builder, and I have spent my life fighting for working families.

Let's get organized - join my mailing list today so we can build a Eugene that works for everyone! www.ElectJenniferSmith.org/contact

As President of SEIU 503 Local 085, I have a history of standing up for workers, students and our community.

Affordable Housing & Renter Protections

I support a two-pronged strategy to tackle the housing crisis: First, I'll push to build vastly more affordable housing and remove barriers for denser units; Second, I'll champion protections for vulnerable renters facing eviction, which is the leading cause of homelessness.

Climate Justice

I am committed to making Eugene a national leader on climate action. I will support the implementation of the Eugene Clean Energy Fund ballot initiative, which will help to reduce energy costs for families by making polluting billion dollar corporations pay their fair share.

Protecting our Community

Trump is attacking the foundations of our democracy. I will fight back against these unconstitutional attacks on immigrants, LGBTQ+ people, and other vulnerable residents by passing strategic policy and funding life-saving services.

Endorsements:

City Councilor Alan Zelenka
City Councilor Jennifer Yeh
City Councilor Lyndsie Leech
City Councilor Matt Keating
City Councilor Eliza Kashinsky
Mayor Kaarin Knudson
Former Mayor Kitty Piercy
Former Mayor Lucy Vinis
State Senator James Manning
Former County Commissioner Pete Sorensen
Democratic Party of Lane County
Working Families Party
Oregon Sierra Club
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Lane County Central Labor Chapter
SEIU Oregon
CWA 7901
AFSCME 1724
North Coast States Carpenters Union
SMART Local 16
Eugene Tenant Alliance

I would love to hear from you. Reach out by visiting - www.ElectJenniferSmith.org/contact

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City Councilor, City of Eugene, Ward 5

Mike Clark

Nonpartisan

Occupation: City Councilor; Mortgage Loan Specialist

Occupational Background: Marketing Executive

Educational Background: University of Oregon, BS, Political Science

Prior Governmental Experience: City Councilor; Budget Committee; Police Commission; Human Rights Commission; Lane Metropolitan Partnership Board; Public Safety Coordinating Council - Juvenile Justice Subcommittee; JEO on Emergency Ambulance Service; JEO on Regional Economic Development; ODOT Beltline Redesign Steering Committee; Workforce Partnership Executive Board; JEO Subcommittee on Fire Governance

Community Service Experience: Board Member, Kid's FIRST; Board Member, Convention and Visitors Association of Lane County; Past President, Eugene Active 20-30 Club; Past President, Emerald Executive Association

"It's been an honor to serve you on Council. I've fought for what matters most: affordability, housing, public safety, and the core services people rely on every day. I've fought against special interests and sometimes am the lone voice on Council voting to protect your tax dollars. One example was my years-long push to move City Hall into the former EWEB building, saving Eugene taxpayers more than \$30 million. My job is to represent the families, workers, employers, and neighborhoods of Ward 5 and to keep City Hall focused on the issues we can actually solve. You deserve an experienced voice who will focus on the core issues, make tough decisions, and get things done. I would be honored to earn your vote." **Mike**

WE SUPPORT MIKE!

Jackson Kellogg, Chair of the Cal Young Neighborhood Association

United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters, Local 290

Lane Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local 851

Eugene Police Employees Association

LCCD Building Trades Council

North Coast Carpenters Union

Western Oregon Builders Association

Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce

Pat Farr, Lane County Commissioner

Chris Edwards, Former Democratic State Senator

John Brown, EWEB Commissioner

“Mike fights for our neighborhood association and the people of north Eugene. He’s fought for our parks, our roads, public safety and our quality of life like no other councilor. He’s truly our champion.” ***Kevin Reed, former Chair, Northeast Neighborhood Association***

electmikeclark.com

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City Councilor, City of Eugene, Ward 5

Athena Aguiar

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Environmental Activist, Organizer

Occupational Background: Environmental Restoration Technician

Educational Background: B.A. in Biology, Coe College

Prior Governmental Experience: Eugene Library Advisory Board and Eugene Library, Cultural, and Recreational Services Working Group

“Athena is the kind of fresh and enthusiastic leadership that we need on the City Council. Her passion for serving the community is evident in everything that she does.”

-Matt Keating, Eugene City Councilor

A Vote for a Safe, Affordable, and Inclusive Eugene

-Fully Fund CAHOOTs-like Crisis Response Service

-Support Building Affordable Housing

-Enforce Sanctuary City Laws against ICE

-Preserve funding for Libraries and Public Services

-Build more Protected Bike Lanes and Sidewalks

-Expand Bus-Rapid-Transit Services

Safety:

“Athena has been a strong advocate for crisis-care and public safety services. Whether it is at City Council meetings or out in the community, she is always fighting for what is right.”

-Jacob Trewe

Affordability:

“The cost of living in Eugene has skyrocketed over the last several years, and I see it with my student’s families every day. I trust Athena’s leadership to help

fight for more affordable housing and childcare solutions to help reduce the burden on our families.”

-Maya Rabasa, 4J School Board Member

Inclusivity:

“With ICE running rampant in our community we need strong leaders who will do everything possible to stand up to federal authorities who are violating our constitutional rights. Athena has, and will continue, to fight this overreach and protect Eugenians.”

-Austin Felnagy, Lane Community College Board

Tell Republican Mike Clark twenty years is enough.

Endorsed By:

Democratic Party of Lane County

Democratic Municipal Officials

Working Families Party

Sierra Club

Lane County Central Labor Chapter, Oregon Labor Federation

American Federation of Teachers - Oregon

AFSCME Local 1724

SEIU Oregon

Eugene Tenant Alliance

Eugene Mayors Kitty Piercy and Lucy Vinis

Eugene City Councilors Matt Keating, Lyndsie Leech, and Jennifer Yeh

Senator James Manning

4J School Board Members Tom Di Liberto, Maya Rabasa, and Jenny Jonak

Jerry Rust, Lane Community College Vice-Chair

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City Councilor, City of Salem, Ward 8
Micki Varney
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Salem City Councilor

Occupational Background: Salmon Biologist, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife; Public School Teacher

Educational Background: B.S, Zoology, Washington State University; B.S. Biology & Education, Central Washington University

Prior Governmental Experience: Salem Climate Action Plan Committee, Chair; Salem Parks Board, Chair; West Salem Neighborhood Association, Chair

Meet Micki

As a mom who raised a family while working multiple jobs, a union steward for over 15 years, and an environmental scientist, Micki isn't afraid to **take bold action and stand up for our community**. As a leader in Salem, she prioritizes transparency and community involvement to ensure constituents' voices are heard where decisions are made.

"Micki's always out in our community, at neighborhood meetings and events. She makes an effort to show up and come prepared, and we trust her to stand up for us and have West Salem's best interests in mind."

— Bob Coe & Merrily McCabe, 48-year West Salem Residents

Strong Voice

As a champion for West Salem, Micki asks the hard questions, pushes back against special interests, and delivers improvements that reflect who we are as a community.

Smart Solutions

Micki has:

- Secured millions in funding to improve West Salem parks with upgrades like new pickleball courts at Orchard Heights
- Protected our neighborhoods, including working to increase safety by reducing speed limits in high-risk areas like Edgewater and Orchard Heights

- Increased walkability and safety in our community by adding pedestrian crossings

Working for West Salem

In her next term, Micki will keep focusing on:

- Prioritizing affordability for all West Salem residents
- Addressing homelessness with data-driven solutions
- Limiting growth to reduce traffic congestion
- Holding developers accountable to protect West Salem's livability
- Ensuring safety in the places we walk, ride and drive

We support Micki:

Salem's Workers:

UFCW 555, City of Salem AFSCME Local 2067, SEIU Oregon

West Salem's Elected Leaders:

Senator Deb Patterson, Representative Paul Evans

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Polk County Democrats

Progressive Salem

www.MickiForSalem.com

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City Councilor, City of Salem, Ward 8
Chris Cummings
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Owner, Petra Technologies; Contract Audio Engineer; Co-owner, Enhanced Visitor Experience mobile app

Occupational Background: Oregon State Fair Stage Manager

Educational Background: North Salem High; Chemeketa Community College

Prior Governmental Experience: N/A

Friends and Neighbors,

West Salem is my home. It's where my wife Kim and I raised our daughter and it's where I pay my taxes and go to work every day to make a better life for my family.

But I'm not seeing the results that Micki Varney promised when she first asked for my vote in 2022.

Every day I sit in worsening congestion as I drive across the one bridge that takes me to work. I sympathize with the homeless I drive by in the rotating camps, while wishing the last great new homelessness program my taxes paid for fulfilled even one-tenth of its promise before the politicians came knocking for yet another tax dollar. I struggle to navigate the red tape of a city "at my service" that gives every sign it wouldn't miss my small business if it was forced to close.

Is Salem without hope? No. You and I choose every day to live here. That's why I'm driven to protect this place I love.

Join me in this venture as I work to ensure the town we love always meets its full potential!

Accountability & Affordability

- No new taxes on employers and workers
- Establish incentives for new home buyers
- Limit fee increases on utilities and garbage
- Create a government culture that is open to fresh ideas

Safety & Ending Street/Park Living

- Oversight for every tax dollar spent on homelessness
- Expedite approved transitional shelters and navigation centers
- Expand pilot programs providing paths to hope, housing, and addiction recovery
- Obtain grants so families don't face any more tax increases
- End our police officer shortage to ensure short emergency response times

Key Endorsements

Salem Police Employee's Union
Salem Firefighters Local 314

www.ChrisForSalem.com

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Mayor, City of Albany

Josh Wark

Nonpartisan

Occupation: CEO, Truffle Bear Oil; CTO, Adytum

Occupational Background: Senior Brand Manager, Oregon Freeze Dry; Marketing Manager, P&G; Athletic Director, teacher and coach, Teach for America

Educational Background: Liberty University M.A. Public Policy and M.A. Business Leadership & Management; Johns Hopkins University Teaching Certificate; Bushnell University B.A. Humanities; Auguste Escoffier School Culinary Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: NA

I am proud that Albany is my hometown. I loved growing up here, going to school here, playing sports here.

The world is changing. While we trudge along at a snail's pace, every aspect of public service falls further behind. Today, we are asking band-aids to serve as permanent fixes. Albany deserves lasting solutions and a path to reach them. I understand the fear of change, but change is here.

We cannot let fear of the unknown paralyze our ability to meet the moment. I have spent a career inside industries that rapidly shifted (brand management, education, tech), and I can tell you, there is no going back.

We must move forward together. With clear eyes and full hearts, we must attack the problems in totality at their roots. We must speak honestly and compassionately with each other — or we resign ourselves to telling future generations that their pains were worth our pride.

The time to avoid that future is now.

Albany can rethink how it solves problems: bring real investment into the community, keep neighborhoods safe and maintained, and create opportunities to earn, learn, and grow here.

This is why I am filled with hope. I have witnessed this community come together as floods raged and when fires ravaged. This opportunity for monumental change comes once in a generation.

I promise to be honest about the hurdles we face, and to offer a path where Albany becomes a beacon of what a compassionate, innovative and supportive community can be in America.

Read the plan at joshformayor.org.

Rethink. Rebuild. Reunite.

(This information furnished by Josh Wark.)

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Mayor, City of Albany

Carolyn McLeod

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Parent

Occupational Background: Public Affairs Specialist, Journalist, Human Resource Manager, First Aid/CPR Instructor, Delivery Driver

Educational Background: Institute of Technology, Mather, California; Defense Information School, Fort Meade, Maryland; De Anza College, Cupertino, California; Santa Teresa High School, San Jose, California

Prior Governmental Experience: Albany City Councilor, Albany Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Policy Board Vice Chair, City of Albany Hospital Facility Authority Vice Chair, Linn-Benton Loop Governing Board Vice Chair, Albany Revitalization Agency Vice Chair, City of Albany Arts Commissioner, United States Army Public Affairs Specialist/Journalist (MOS 46 Honorable Discharge

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERISM: Albany City Councilor, Girl Scout Leader, Non-Profit Board Member, Service Dog Trainer for disabled veterans, EMT

I'm ready to steer Albany toward practical solutions putting residents first, fighting for a city that doesn't nickel and dime families, keeps costs predictable, and supports development that strengthens neighborhoods instead of overwhelming them. Albany has experienced a high volume of unaffordable newly built apartments and density housing, putting high demand on our transportation system and services. Albany needs well-managed growth. Wages should be liveable, and streets repaired. I will be steady, compassionate, and grounded in the community I serve. Listening to the people I serve is important to me, and I received an award from the city manager for my community engagement. I draw on my own experiences with adversity to serve with empathy. Let's build a future rooted in the reality of our neighbors who call Albany home.

"I strongly support Carolyn for mayor. I've been involved in city government for thirty years and I know the importance of needing a full-time mayor. Carolyn has the energy and knowledge to fulfill the position."

Former Albany Mayor Sharon Konopa

"I've worked with Carolyn since we both came on Council, and she catches on quickly over city policy. She is a great leader for Albany."

Current Albany City Councilor Michael Thomson

To learn more, visit CarolynforAlbany.com

(This information furnished by Carolyn McLeod.)

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Mayor, City of Albany

Alex Johnson II

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Principal Broker & Founder – TrueLife Financial Solutions, LLC

Occupational Background: 10.5 years United States Navy, 16 years as a Licensed Insurance Producer in Oregon. Founder of TrueLife Financial Solutions, LLC March 15, 2017.

Educational Background: Graduated from Central Union High School 1983. Studied Business Management at University of Phoenix.

Prior Governmental Experience: Mayor (Incumbent) (Elected 2020, 2022 & 2024) City Councilor Ward II-A, City of Albany (Elected 2018) Veteran, United States Navy (Honorable Discharge) 5/1984 –11/1994

Community Involvement

- Served as Board Member, Samaritan Health Plans
- Served as Board Member, Albany Historic Carousel & Museum
- Served as Executive Committee Member, Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments
- Served as Board Member, Mid-Willamette Valley YMCA Veterans Housing
- Member of Oregon Mayor's Association. Awarded 2025 Mayor's Leadership Award – Large City

As **YOUR** Mayor, I will continue to serve the City of Albany by:

- Being accessible and responsive to all of Albany's Citizens.
- Serving as Albany's representative on issues related to the well-being of our Albany and its Citizens.
- Working with focus and purpose to ensure continuous improvement, scalability and sustainability of Albany's infrastructure and vital services to ensure a safe and family friendly Albany.
- Engaging and encouraging our youth to participate in League of Oregon Cities Annual "If I Were Mayor" contest.
- Fostering better relationships with our Linn County partners and neighboring municipalities in the Willamette Valley.

Personal Information:

- Married 40 years; Albany has been our hometown since November of 1994

I can be reached via email: alex@alexforalbanyor.com. I want to hear from you! Help me continue the progress Albany has made since 2021! Do not hesitate to connect with me on matters important to you. I would appreciate your vote to be your Mayor!

(This information furnished by Alex Johnson II.)

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City Councilor, City of Albany, Ward I - A
Steph Newton
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Communications and Public Affairs Professional

Occupational Background: Communications, Marketing, Small Business Consulting

Educational Background: University of Utah, BS

Prior Governmental Experience: Albany City Council, Council President; Albany Human Relations Commission, Chair; Albany Community Development Commission; Linn County Emergency Food and Shelter Board

RESULTS FOR ALBANY

I've always believed elected officials are temporary. **The decisions we make are not.** Four years ago, I told you what I hoped to accomplish. Today, I am proud to share what I've done.

PUTTING PRIORITIES INTO ACTION:

- **Safer streets and neighborhoods:** Delivered safer crossings, flashing school-zone lights, and other pedestrian and traffic safety improvements.
- **Helping families with rising costs:** Expanded access to utility assistance for lower-income households and kept affordability at the forefront of City decisions.
- **Second chances:** Spearheaded Albany's traffic citation diversion program, letting people take a class to keep a first-time ticket off their insurance record.
- **Privacy and accountability:** Led the fight for stronger safeguards around surveillance technology, public input, and transparency, including successfully pushing to turn off Albany's fixed license-plate-reader cameras.
- **Protecting essential services:** Supported renewing Albany's Public Safety Levy without raising the rate while investing in parks, libraries, and neighborhoods.

BUILDING ON OUR PROGRESS:

I'll build on these successes by...

- ... Repairing roads and pursuing a fair, sustainable way to pay for street maintenance.
- ... Filling sidewalk gaps and improving neighborhood safety.

- ... Expanding housing options and keeping Albany affordable.
- ... Supporting local businesses and responsible growth

And I'll continue to fight to protect the things that make Albany home: **our parks, library, public safety, neighborhoods, and essential services.**

We've made real gains. Now let's build on them and keep working for a better Albany.

I want to hear from you!

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2026 General Election, Candidate Statement

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City Councilor, City of Albany, Ward II - A
Rachel Biscoe
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Paid Leave Oregon Lead Public Service Representative - Oregon Employment Department

Occupational Background: Finance & Development Director - South Benton Food Pantry(2024-2025); Student Life & Leadership Student Engagement Leader-Linn Benton Community College (2023-2024); Wildland Firefighter - Philomath Fire & Rescue (2021); On-site Resident Firefighter - Philomath Fire & Rescue (2021); Certified Emergency Medical Responder - Philomath Fire & Rescue (2020-2021)

Educational Background: Human Development & Family Studies Associate's Degree - Linn Benton Community College; Firefighter 1 & 2 Certifications - Linn Benton Community College; Emergency Medical Responder Certification - Oregon Health Authority EMS Program

Prior Governmental Experience: LBCC Board of Education Member (2025-Present); Oregon Community College Association DEI Committee Member (2025- Present); Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commissioner (2023-Present); LBCC Student Leadership Council President (2023-2024); Philomath Fire & Rescue - Grant Writing & Budget (2019-2021)

Candidate Statement:

Albany deserves leadership that listens, shows up, and puts people first. My experience in public service, education, emergency response, food security, and government has prepared me to understand challenges from multiple perspectives and make informed decisions. I am running for Albany City Council Ward 2 because I believe our city can be affordable, safe, connected, and responsive to the people who call it home.

Priorities:

Affordability & Housing: Support practical solutions that expand housing opportunities and help address the rising costs facing working families, including housing, utilities, and essential services.

Safe, Livable Neighborhoods: Advocate for safe, clean, accessible neighborhoods and parks while supporting compassionate, practical, and accountable solutions to homelessness.

Transportation & Infrastructure: Improve sidewalks, bike and pedestrian connections, and transportation options while investing responsibly in Albany's infrastructure.

Strong Community Services: Support food security, education, emergency services, and programs that strengthen families and help residents build stability.

Transparent, Engaged Government: Be visible, approachable, and accountable. I will listen to residents, encourage meaningful public engagement, and make decisions based on facts and community needs.

For more information, go to <https://sites.google.com/view/biscoeforalbany/home>

(This information furnished by Rachel Biscoe.)

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City Councilor, City of Albany, Ward II - A
Stacey Bartholomew
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Caregiver

Occupational Background: Volunteer Executive Director, Assistant Construction Manager, Mental Health Counselor

Educational Background: MS Community Counseling (OSU), BS Elementary Education (BYU)

Prior Governmental Experience: Planning Commission (Current), City Counselor (2021-2022), Library Board

Why I'm Running

Albany is at a crossroads. As our community grows, we need to make sure that growth improves people's everyday lives. I'm running for City Council to focus on three basic needs: affordable housing, access to food, and reliable infrastructure.

Housing: For too many Albany families, buying a home is out of reach. We need practical solutions that increase housing opportunities while making sure our community remains livable for working families. I've helped develop affordable housing in Albany, including Habitat for Humanity homes for families and tiny homes for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. I know what it takes to turn housing policy into reality, and making housing more affordable is my top priority.

Food: Everyone should have reasonable access to groceries and everyday essentials. South Albany is growing rapidly, yet residents have limited access to a full-service grocery store. I will work with local businesses, developers, and community partners to make South Albany a place where a supermarket can succeed.

Roads: Albany's infrastructure needs attention, especially our streets! Like many of you, I'm tired of the potholes. Your neighborhood deserves good roads. We need responsible planning and investment to maintain the infrastructure that our growing community depends on.

What Sets Me Apart

I bring practical hands-on experience and a commitment to listening. My work has taught me how to solve problems, navigate complex challenges, and work with people from all walks of life.

Most importantly, I believe public service starts with listening. I want to understand and work with you to find solutions. You deserve a City Councilor who will make time for one-on-one conversations and treat your concerns with respect.

Learn more at staceyforalbany.org.

Endorsed by:

Linn County Democrats

Albany Mayor Alex Johnson II

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City Councilor, City of Albany, Ward III - A

Jessica Wark

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Adytum Owner, CEO & Sales Director

Occupational Background: Elwood Staffing Branch Manager; Willamette Valley Vineyards Winery Sales Ambassador Manager; GAPS Substitute Teacher; Promethean Education Consultant; Roots & Branches School Teacher

Educational Background: Liberty University M.A. Business Management & Leadership; Bushnell University B.A. Early Childhood & Elementary Education; Scappoose High School Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: NA

I am a native Oregonian who has lived in Albany seven years, in Ward 3 for five, and I pay the same city services fee you do. Before I filed I published my conflicts of interest and my recusal rules.

I am running because Albany sets a pavement condition index goal for arterial and collector streets, which already exceed it, and nothing at all for the streets we live on. For the 153 miles of local streets, the ones in front of our houses, the city's own page says "No minimum PCI has been set for local streets." The city reports 52 miles of our local streets in poor condition and spends nothing rebuilding them.

The council has had authority to establish a street maintenance fee since September 2024 and never set a rate. Before I vote for one:

1. Adopt a minimum pavement condition target for local streets first. Otherwise you pay a new charge with no standard behind it.
2. The city has already ranked about 200 street segments for repair. Publish that list so you can look up your own street and see when it gets fixed.
3. Publish what share goes where. Repaving, striping, sidewalks, and bike lanes all come out of this one fee.

Albany also does not have to raise anything to start. The downtown urban renewal district closes June 30, 2027. County assessor records show roughly \$1.9 million a year returning to the city. Residents should see that number before the council decides where it goes.

Tell me which street near you needs work at jessicaforalbany.org.

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City Councilor, City of Albany, Ward III - A

Ramycia McGhee

Nonpartisan

Occupation: Professor of English & Literature

Occupational Background: Professor

Educational Background: Capella University Ed.D

Prior Governmental Experience: City Councilor

Serving on the Albany City Council these past four years has been an amazing eye-opening experience. Being a councilor has taught me that listening to the community, being accessible, available, and approachable, are just as important as setting policy for the community I love.

I'm grateful to all of you for sharing your thoughts and concerns. Your voices are, and will continue to be, a part of every decision we make. I hear you when you say the city needs to budget responsibly, fund public safety, provide quality parks and libraries, and fix the streets. I share these concerns. I have voted for additional resources for police, fire, and EMS services and community resources and will continue to work to identify innovative and creative ways to fix and maintain our roads.

I hear you when you say housing costs are too high. Affordable housing remains a priority for me. This means ensuring that housing is attainable at all levels. We want our community to continue to thrive, and making sure we have affordable housing for seniors and working families is essential to that.

Youth representation is important; they deserve to be involved in civic leadership and learn how to be public servants. Establishing their representation on Citizen Advisory Groups is a huge victory; I'm excited for their formal participation in our local government.

Remaining on the city council allows me to persist in carrying out the mission, vision, and values of our community. Although being a councilor has been a learning curve, I've enjoyed every minute. It has emphasized to me that being a civil servant is humbling, and for that I would love to continue to serve as your Albany City Councilor, Ward 3A.

Priorities

Affordable Housing

Infrastructure

Youth Engagement

www.Ramycia4Albany.com

Endorsed AFSCME Local 2909 (City of Albany)

Endorsed by Gabe Shepherd Benton County Commissioner

(This information furnished by Ramycia McGhee.)