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INTRODUCTION

This Nonpartisan Voters' Guide is published and provided free of charge by the League of Women Voters of Oregon. Large print, audio (read aloud), Voters' Guide in Spanish (Guía para Votantes), and more are posted on our website lwvor.org/voting.

Candidates on the ballot for federal and statewide Oregon offices were contacted by email to answer questions prepared by the League of Women Voters of Oregon. Candidate replies are printed as received, free of edits. Visit VOTE411.org for more information supplied by candidates, for candidate forums and events and for more information on voting in Oregon.

POLITICAL PARTY BALLOTS

The primary election ballot you get depends on whether or not you chose a party affiliation when you registered to vote or updated your registration. If you were automatically registered to vote (at DMV for example) you might not be registered with a political party. You can register, or update your registration by April 28, 2026 at oregonvotes.org.

In Oregon primary elections, only those registered with the Republican party may vote for Republican candidates and only those registered with the Democratic party may vote for Democratic candidates in partisan races.

If you are a member of a minor political party, such as the Independent Party of Oregon or the Working Families Party or the Green Party, your party may conduct its own primary election separately from the state election. If you registered as a member of a minor political party, or if you are non-affiliated (not registered with any party), you will receive a ballot with candidates for nonpartisan races, such as Oregon Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and other *nonpartisan* local races depending on where you live.

ONLINE RESOURCES

You can find your district, your ballot candidates and more on our website: lwvor.org/voting. We will have complete lists of all Oregon races by candidate, and by county. For your specific ballot choices, go to Vote411.org and enter your address.

CHECK & UPDATE YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION AND ADDRESS

At oregonvotes.org you can register to vote, or confirm or update your registration, including your party affiliation and address. Your mailing address must be correct. Ballots are NOT forwarded. The deadline to register or update your address or party affiliation is Tuesday, April 28.

A person who is homeless or who resides where mail service is unavailable can register to have their ballot sent to the office of their county clerk. These voters can pick up their ballot at their county elections office.

If an Oregon resident wishes to register to vote but doesn't feel safe disclosing their home address, they can still register and vote while maintaining their privacy. Visit oregonvotes.org for details.

Persons with disabilities

Call Oregon Elections toll-free: 1-866-673-8683 (se habla español); or for the hearing-impaired: TTY 1-800-735-2900. Visit oregonvotes.org to learn more about voting in Oregon, and click on **County Election Officials** for your county elections information.

IMPORTANT DATES – MAY 19, 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION

- **April 28:** Last day to register to vote, to select or change your political party registration or to update your mailing address.
- **May 1 to May 7:** Your ballot will be mailed to you at the address you provided when you registered. If you do not receive your ballot by May 8, call your county elections office at the phone number below.
- **May 12:** If you return your ballot *by mail*, we recommend doing so at least one week before the May 19 election to ensure timely postmarking. If it is getting close to May 19, you should go inside your post office and ask for a manual postmark. No postage is required. If you have the option to use an official election drop box, you can find your nearest drop box at oregonvotes.org, or call your county elections office.
- **REMEMBER:** Place your ballot in the return envelope provided, and **sign** the back of your ballot return envelope where it says to sign.
- **May 19 (Tuesday):** Election day — Drop your ballot off at a ballot drop box **by 8pm**, or have it manually postmarked in a post office before they close. Most post offices close before or at 5pm.

County Elections Offices

Baker	541-523-8207	Harney	541-573-6641	Morrow	541-676-5604
Benton	541-766-6756	Hood River	541-386-1442	Multnomah	503-988-8683
Clackamas	503-655-8510	Jackson	541-774-6148	Polk	503-623-9217
Clatsop	503-325-8511	Jefferson	541-475-4451	Sherman	541-565-3606
Columbia	503-397-3796	Josephine.....	541-474-5243	Tillamook.....	503-842-3402
Coos	541-396-7610	Klamath.....	541-883-5134	Umatilla	541-278-6254
Crook	541-447-6553	Lake	541-947-6006	Union	541-963-1006
Curry	541-247-3297	Lane.....	541-682-4234	Wallowa.....	541-426-4543; option 5
Deschutes	541-388-6547	Lincoln	541-265-4131	Wasco	541-506-2530
Douglas	541-440-4252	Linn	541-967-3831	Washington	503-846-5800
Gilliam	541-384-2311	Malheur	541-473-5151	Wheeler	541-763-2374
Grant	541-575-1675	Marion...503-588-5041	1-800-655-5388	Yamhill	503-434-7518

CANDIDATES

Candidates are listed first by party (except for nonpartisan races) and second by last name order using Oregon Elections' randomized alphabet. Oregon Elections is listing Democratic Party candidates first in the 2026 primary election, as the Republican Party candidates were listed first in 2024. Candidate answers are printed unedited and within the character limit.

US Senator

Term: 6 Years
Salary: \$174,000

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Democrat

Jeff Merkley

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Paul Damian Wells

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

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Republican



Brent Barker

Former staff White House Executive Office of the President (EOP) Office of Advance. Pepperdine University School of Law — Arbitration, Mediation & Dispute Resolution.

Save America Act
Funding TSA
Funding Oregon Infrastructure

As Oregon's United States Senator, I will bring integrity and respect back to Oregon. Remove sanctuary crime laws, empower election reformers, build business alliances that bring high paying jobs. Identify Federal infrastructure funding, lower the high cost of living, and housing. Fight Government fraud and abuse.

Deborah C Brown

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David A Burch

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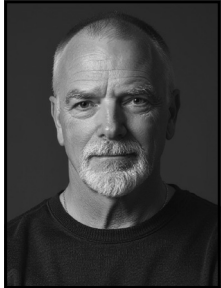
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Republican



Russell McAlmond

I am not a career politician and never wanted to be. My experience is a small business owner in Oregon for over twenty years after leaving the banking industry. I believe Oregon needs to be more business friendly.

I am a US Marine veteran and the only veteran running for the US Senate in Oregon.

I am the founder of the Center for Human Equality and author of a book on Ethical Individualism which promotes human rights for everyone and opposed to all group judgments such as racism and antisemitism. This makes me a human rights advocate in Oregon.

This is a unique background for any politician, but covers much of Oregon life and provides a diverse perspective on how to govern in the US Senate with common sense values.

Congress needs to reduce the polarization and hate to work effectively for the American people and all Oregonians. Hate is never necessary in politics - in fact it is counter-productive.

One way to stop this polarization and make Congress more effective is to stop believing ideas are good or bad from where they come from - Democrat or Republican. Ideas should only be judged by whether or not they are good for the country and the majority of citizens living here.

As a US Senator I will vote for the best ideas and values regardless of where they come from. We see this with John Fetterman of Pennsylvania who votes for what he believes to be best for the USA and not only based on partisanship or hate.

I am in agreement that the federal government spends too much money and intrudes too often into people's lives. I am a financial expert with a MBA and know that any budget can be trimmed in government while also making it more effective.

The federal government also needs to be reminded that their primary function is to allow all American citizens "life, liberty and the individual pursuit of happiness" as our Declaration of Independence tells us. Its function is not to control us, but to allow us to live fulfilled lives with our families.

Making sure Congress understands it limitations and spending will improve the effectiveness of this institution of governance that has a very low approval rating.



Jo Rae Perkins

2020 I was the GOP Candidate against Jeff Merkley, receive 912,814 votes. And 18 counties. Had only \$100,000. I am a true fiscal conservative. 2022, I ran against Ron Wyden. Increased percent of votes and picked up 5 more counties. I have been involved for over 10 years in support roles. My degree is in Poli Sci. My background in the financial services & insurance industries will help with fiscal conservativeness.

I already have 4 bills proposed at JoRaePerkins.com; Health Insurance, Medicare Insurance, Term Limits, and ending Sanctuary States and ciies.

Passing the Save America Act. We need ID to buy certain cough medicine, certainly we should have to prove who we are to vote. I would vote yes.

End Sanctuary Cities and States. Shielding those in the US who have entered unlawfully is a slow form of invasion, When people enter the U.S without permission that have nefarious plans. I have proposed a bill to make unlawful entry day 1 a federal felony. Stop shield trespassers.

Spending too much money on items that are not federal issues.

I will push back on my caucus to make sure every vote is 100% Constitutional.

Fed. Gov is not to be all things to all people. We take an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution. That means we must begin to scale back the Administrative State, aka unelected bureaucrats.

Tighten spending and making sure those who are 'given' government money do with what they say,

Bottom, stop the Waste, Fraud and Abuse

Timothy Skelton

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David Brock Smith

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Congressional District 1

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District 1: Democrat



Jamil O Ahmad

I can deliver true solutions to our nation's problems. Representative Bonamici, during her 14 years in congress, has voted for faulted solutions. In 2022, she voted to increase tax credits to fight inflation (H.R. 5376). Unfortunately, injecting money into the economy increases inflation. In 2024, she voted to retroactively fund Biden's illegal war in the Middle East (H.R. 8034). Unfortunately, that encourages future presidents to start illegal wars and presume that Congress will vote to fund them later. She has voted for over \$7 billion of military aid to prop up the King of Jordan. Unfortunately, we now have an aspiring "king" at home. I will deliver true solutions, instead of the faulty solutions, which career politicians vote for.

Congress must enforce the constitutional checks and balances on the President, such as the requirement that only Congress may declare war. Bonamici cannot be trusted with that task, as she voted to fund Biden's unauthorized war in 2024 (H.R. 8034).

The policy of war in the Middle East has increased the national debt, caused inflation and economic harm. Given Bonamici's votes to militarize the Middle East, she cannot be trusted to address any of those issues.

The laws enabling administrative warrants need to be repealed. Representative Bonamici cannot be trusted to repeal these laws. She has given over \$52 billion dollars of military aid to Israel, supporting a system which openly uses administrative detention.

Building a coalition to confront Russian war crimes will be more effective if we were not hypocritically funding Israeli war crimes. Insisting the President follow the Constitution will be more effective if we do it regardless of which party controls the White House. Efforts to reduce the national debt will be more effective if we are consistent, regardless of which party controls Congress and the White House. Legislation to reduce inflation will be more effective if it is not based on a faulty premise.

There are two paths to improving the effectiveness of the federal government. Either our leaders need to change, or we need to change our leaders.



Suzanne Bonamici

My first job was in my mom's small business, and I worked in retail for several years. I then worked my way through community college, college, and law school. I've been a paralegal at Legal Aid, a consumer protection attorney, active community volunteer, and state legislator. My advocacy for public education inspired my first run for office, and now I am a national leader on the Education and Science Committees. I've spent my career fighting for a better future for Oregonians and I've earned a reputation as an effective leader who is always working to improve the lives of the people I'm honored to represent.

Too many people are struggling. Costs are rising and inequality is rampant. Your tax dollars should improve your lives, not make them harder. Congress should be making it easier for people to afford child care, housing, health care (including the right to make your own health care decisions), higher education, gas, and groceries.

We face serious challenges as the authoritarian and corrupt Trump administration attacks democracy, cuts important programs like Medicaid and SNAP, sends ICE to target marginalized communities, starts an illegal and expensive war, and threatens the right to vote— all while profiting from its policies. Your representatives should work for you, not be beholden to bullies.

Too many people have lost faith in the government and their elected officials. We need to do more to earn back the trust of voters by making a meaningful difference in people's lives. People need government to work for them, not for billionaires. The blatant corruption from the Trump administration is illegal and dangerous. I support a ban on Congressional stock trading and significant campaign finance reform that addresses the dark money in politics.

I support finding smarter, better ways to run government and reduce waste, but DOGE was a disaster. Indiscriminately slashing budgets and firing federal workers was chaotic, expensive, and hurt the government's effectiveness and ability to deliver for the American people.

Congressional District 1 - *continued*

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District 1: Republican



Barbara J Kahl

Congress is supposed to represent the full breadth of American Life. I've written and testified on legislation, run businesses, raised children, administrated high-tech finance and purchasing, delivered hands-on health care, navigated complex regulations, been involved in K-12 education, trained for disasters, and served local and military communities. I've written grants and managed multi-million dollar budgets, supply chains, cost management, contracts, curriculums, and know what it means to be responsible for lives, both human and animal alike.

I operate as a doctor, surgeon, business owner, and public health guardian simultaneously. That's exactly the kind of multi-domain competence Oregon needs in Washington D.C.

Affordability: Housing and healthcare costs remain top concerns. Solutions should expand access to affordable housing while addressing medical costs by curbing excessive vertical integration in the health sector.

Taxation: Recent tax legislation provides middle-class relief, but long-term deficit risks remain. We should close corporate loopholes while protecting Oregon's timber, fishing, and tech industries from unintended tariff impact

Immigration: Balance border security with a workable guest worker program; critical for Oregon's agricultural sector, and fair treatment of long-term residents.

Education: Protect Pell Grants, restore strong K-12 standards; invest in training aligned with the state's vocational pathways and tech sector.

Improving the effectiveness of government begins with strong fiduciary accountability and responsible stewardship of public resources. Government should be guided by the priorities of the people it serves, ensuring that policies reflect the needs and concerns of constituents. A responsive, bottom-up approach, rather than a top-down model, leads to more effective, transparent, and trusted governance.



John Verbeek

Faith in the law of liberty (I am a Christian), husband, father of two adult children. Forty years experience in banking and insurance. Am also a naturalized U.S. Citizen. Have been involved in Washington County's Republican Party since 2008 and local elections as a citizen-politician. To change our state's direction and expectations for prosperity, I think some of the eternal incumbents must be replaced. More government is not the solution, but the problem. I am pro-growth: "Civilization prospers with commerce." That will guide my vote.

Not too much government please: Good Citizens are the Riches of a Nation. However our government spends, regulates and controls too much. I would like to help change the trend downwards from too much, out-of-control and ever more spending, regulations and domination. Invariably, that will guide my vote.

More transparency and definitely more accountability too: Moral bases for any government. Furthermore, expense control does wonders for government focus on priorities, among which public safety and national defense are primary. Whereby privileges granted to citizens and subjects of other nations, to be among us only with visas, are differentiated from the political rights and unity affiliated with U.S. Citizenship, the pledge of allegiance to our flag. America not be taken for granted, the unrivaled personal political freedoms U.S. Citizens have. After all, good citizens, not more government, are the riches especially also of our city. With a nod to limited government since 1776. Be thus encouraged on the old path, where the good way is.

Congressional District 2

Term: 2 Years
Salary: \$174,000

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District 2: Democrat



Chris Beck

1. Obama administration Policy Advisor on rural community and economic development policy;
2. Served in Oregon House of Representatives (3 terms);
3. Early career staff experience in Oregon Legislature, including Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, and clerk for Senate President John Kitzhaber.
4. Real estate negotiator for national land conservation non-profit conserving scenic, natural, and recreational lands across Oregon.
5. Have worked on countless campaigns since 1986 and will deploy those experiences to mount an effective General Election campaign against the MAGA incumbent, Bentz.
6. I am guided by strong values and am thoughtful, reasonable, and practical. My experience will allow me to lead effectively.

1. Now, it's the Trump War. It must be stopped. Congress must step up and exercise its legislative and budgetary authority.
2. Health Care. Our national health care system was fragile before Trump and Bentz voted to destabilize it further with dramatic cuts to Medicaid. We must ensure rural health care is stabilized. Mount a bi-partisan health care reform system, along the lines of Oregon's nationally regarded Oregon Health Plan.
3. Affordability. Most of us are dealing with the dramatic impacts of inflation. Rents, utility bills, basic groceries, home-owners insurance, health care, etc. We must build more housing, eliminate the tariffs, and reform tax system to reformat programs aimed at helping vulnerable Americans.

Many federal programs need dramatic reform. Congress needs to step up, and stand up to interest groups who stop reform. Major reforms should be accomplished via reasoned compromise between both parties, so that solutions are balanced but can at long last move us forward.

The tax system must be addressed. Wealth transfer away from the middle class via tax cuts to the rich has taken needed resources away from federal programs which could have been addressing modern challenges. We must readjust the tax system so that dynastic families and corporations pay and that our key programs have stable funding, including Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and even Pell grants to enable affordable higher education for those who desire it.



Mary Doyle

I bring a combination of frontline public service, leadership, and real-world economic experience. As a 20+ year public educator, Student Services Coordinator, & athletic director, I've managed complex systems, budgets, and teams while delivering results for diverse communities. I've led with accountability, data-driven decision-making, and a commitment to equity and access. My background in economics and policy informs my approach to strengthening local economies while navigating federal systems. I also understand the challenges facing working families and small businesses because I've lived them. I will bring pragmatic problem-solving, transparency, and a strong commitment to representing all constituents.

The most urgent issues facing Congress are restoring accountability and the rule of law, lowering costs for working families, and fixing our broken healthcare system. I will push for stronger ethics laws, enforce existing laws without exception, ban congressional stock trading, and overturn Citizens United to reduce corruption. To address affordability, I support cutting taxes on the true cost of living while asking the wealthiest to pay their fair share. On healthcare, I will work to expand access, lower prescription drug costs, break up monopolies, strengthen rural healthcare systems, and move towards a single payer system. Congress must deliver real results people can feel in their daily lives.

We improve effectiveness by restoring accountability, enforcing the rule of law, and focusing government on delivering results for people. I will support banning congressional stock trading, strengthening ethics rules, and increasing transparency so decisions are made in the public interest, not for personal gain. We must cut waste by auditing programs for outcomes, not just spending, and reinvest in what works. I support modernizing agencies, strengthening the federal workforce, protecting privacy from AI intrusions, and breaking up monopolies that limit competition. Effective government isn't bigger or smaller, it's accountable, responsive, and focused on real outcomes for our communities and families.

Congressional District 2 - *continued*

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District 2: Democrat



Rebecca Mueller

As a rural pediatrician for the past 15 years, I have been amazed at the grit and resilience of my patients, and yet frustrated at the number of barriers and challenges they face. In the meantime, our government has made very little progress on addressing foundational issues in regards to the economy, cost of living, cost and quality of healthcare, etc. In rural communities, I have also had to learn how to collaborate with parents who disagree with me on the basics of healthcare and social concerns-- for the greater benefit of a trusting relationship around a common interest-- their child! This experience, my former beliefs as a conservative, and current Christian faith will act as a bridge to build trust in the red district.

- 1) Balance of power: Congress needs to regain its voice and ensure it is advocating directly on behalf of the American people. At the same time, we need to shun the hyper-partisanship that has led to gridlock and lack of effectiveness in the legislative branch for the past 30 years. It is no secret that the games of power-posturing in Congress have led to rule by executive order.
- 2) Working family economy where profits in companies are felt by the laborers, not just the investors and C-suite; where billionaires and mega-corporations pay taxes instead of avoiding them, and where tax exemptions are not doled out to data centers.
- 3) Medicare for All + funding of healthcare as a public good instead of a commercial industry, esp in rural areas.
- 1) Overturning Citizens United
- 2) Term limits in Congress (20 year total: 4 term max in house and 2 term max in Senate)
- 3) Banning insider trading and stock markets
- 4) Enforcing the divestment mandates on those in the cabinet (and legislature) who have not followed thru
- 5) Strengthen ethics rules that have been stepped on by current administration
- 6) Avoid name-calling and reactive language in discourse
- 7) Work to establish common ground goals with those within and outside my party

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District 2: Democrat



Patty Snow

I was raised in a small rural town in Idaho but my career has centered around business management in a variety of fields, each strengthening a unique set of skills. Managing facilities in 110 offices internationally taught me how to respect cultural differences while assuring adherence to rules and regulations. Hospitality Management honed my skills in problem resolution and improving the lives of others. And as a business owner I learned the challenges faced by small businesses and the assistance needed to survive. Bettering the lives of the people in my district is my primary focus and my combination of a rural upbringing coupled with 30 years of business experience makes me uniquely qualified to represent our diversified district.

The Trump Administration has set a dangerous precedent of defying the Constitution and seeking domination over states and sovereign nations, putting us at risk of losing our democratic republic. In Congress, I will lead the fight to overturn the Supreme Court ruling giving the President immunity over actions taken in office. Similarly, I will introduce legislation to hold elected officials accountable for actions violating their Constitutional oath. I will also work with members of Congress to pass stringent guidelines regarding when a President can use military action against US citizens or other countries without approval of Congress. We must reestablish an equal balance between the three branches of government to prevent abuse of power.

After 250 years, it is time to redefine our government to meet the needs of the 21st century. I will fight to implement the following changes:

- 1) Pass stringent Campaign Finance Reform to get dark money out of politics.
- 2) Install Term Limits for Congress to block Special Interest Groups from gaining long-term control over legislators and opening opportunities for innovative ideas from new, younger elected officials.
- 3) Reform the Supreme Court by creating term limits, increasing the number of justices for a broader representation and changing the nominating process to avoid party loyalty.
- 4) Disband the Electoral College and institute One Person One Vote.

We must use this time of chaos to rebuild our government with a focus on the people.



Dawn Rasmussen

I'm a small business owner, former school board member, and community leader who understands how decisions made in Washington affect daily life in rural Oregon. I've built and managed a business, balanced budgets, and worked alongside educators and families to solve real problems. I've driven over 6,000 miles across this district during this campaign, and in my tourism career, I visited every corner of Oregon. I show up, listen, and follow through. This campaign has the organization, grassroots support, and resources to compete and win—and I'm ready to deliver results and bring resources home for our communities.

Costs are too high and people feel it every day—at the grocery store, at the pharmacy, and in their monthly bills. Congress needs to focus on lowering costs, expanding access to affordable healthcare, and strengthening local economies. I will work to bring down prescription drug prices, improve access to care, and invest in housing, infrastructure, and wildfire resilience. I will also fight to bring federal resources back to this district—so rural communities have the funding they need for schools, healthcare, and local jobs. My focus is simple: deliver results that make life more affordable and secure.

People want a federal government that works and delivers results. That starts with accountability, transparency, and a focus on outcomes—not politics. I will prioritize practical solutions, work across party lines where possible, and stay focused on what improves people's lives. I'll rely on data, local input, and proven approaches to guide decisions, and make sure federal programs are easier to access and responsive to rural communities. I will also push to cut unnecessary red tape so resources move faster. I'll show up, communicate clearly, and follow through—because trust is earned by doing the work.

Congressional District 2 - *continued*

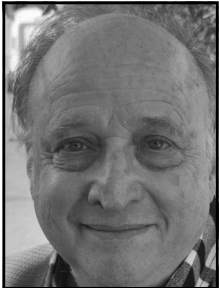
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District 2: Democrat



Peter Quince

My first job was for a Member of Congress when my mother was his congressional aide. I've worked on campaigns since I was a kid. I went to grad school at Columbia University in Economics & International Relations. I'm a 34-year resident of the 2nd District, worked in nonprofits, was a small business owner & helped create an online professional education company for whom I wrote numerous classes on federal & state laws & regulations that govern taxes, real estate, banking & commerce, construction trades, business ethics, & insurance (including on Obamacare). I'm politically a centrist and pragmatist, interested in what works & how to make it work better, open to the best ideas wherever they originate. My focus will be on constituent service.

Unsustainable federal debt, corruption, ruinous tariffs, ill-considered foreign wars & disastrous immigration policies. I favor:

- 1) an investment earnings surtax on the top 10% & substantial military spending cuts to pay down the debt & make presidents come to Congress to fund wars [or impose tariffs];
- 2) a board of immigration governors modeled on the Federal Reserve to decide when to encourage or restrict immigration;
- 3) federal projects & private-public partnerships for the 2nd to upgrade green power which can be harnessed to modernize water reclamation & irrigation; to enhance timber harvests then fund forest management & firefighting; & to safely extract the district's abundant rare earth minerals, keeping the earnings in the district

Me uniré al Caucus de Solucionadores de Problemas para elaborar soluciones prácticas y no partidistas. Buscaré formar parte de los comités de Agricultura, Energía y Comercio, Recursos Naturales, y del Comité Conjunto sobre la Economía; pues es en los comités donde se realiza el trabajo real. Aportaré la experiencia pertinente y convocaré a todas las partes interesadas clave para garantizar que nuestras leyes y programas funcionen en el mundo real. Desde el principio, se incorporarán evaluaciones periódicas y los ajustes necesarios. Daré prioridad a la atención a los constituyentes, a fin de poder interceder por todos los habitantes del distrito cuando deban interactuar con el gobierno.

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District 2: Republican

Cliff Bentz

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Andrea Carr

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

Candidate did not respond by deadline.



Peter J Larson

As a former high school social studies teacher, I have extensive experience teaching American history, government, and the Constitution, giving me a strong foundation in how our political system is designed to function and how each branch operates. I have also taught basic economics, which has helped me understand the financial decisions and trade-offs that impact communities. My experience in the classroom has required me to break down complex issues into clear, practical terms; an ability that translates directly to public service. It has also given me firsthand insight into where systems succeed and where they fall short, allowing me to approach challenges with both knowledge and a focus on improvement.

One of the most important issues facing Congress today is the lack of bipartisanship and the growing influence of extreme positions on both sides. Most Americans are not asking for ideological battles. They want stability, opportunity, and the ability to build a good life: to raise a family, afford a home, and feel secure in their future. Too often, Congress is not delivering on those basic expectations. To address this, I would prioritize practical, results-driven governance over party loyalty. That means working across the aisle to find common ground and supporting good ideas regardless of which party introduces them. If a bill benefits the people of Eastern and Southern Oregon, I will support it; whether it comes from either side.

To improve the effectiveness of the federal government, we need to focus on accountability, efficiency, and results. Government works best when it is limited in scope but strong in execution. That means streamlining bureaucracy, reducing unnecessary regulations, and ensuring that taxpayer dollars are used responsibly. I believe we should conduct regular reviews of federal programs to determine what is working, what is outdated, and what can be improved or eliminated. At the same time, we must invest in areas where the federal government has a clear responsibility; such as national security, infrastructure, and supporting economic growth. The federal government must also know its limits and leave some things to the states.

Congressional District 3

Term: 2 Years
Salary: \$174,000

What experience and skills make you the best candidate for this office?

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What are the most important issues for the United States Congress currently and what would you do to address them?

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How do you propose to improve the effectiveness of the federal government?

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District 3: Democrat

Andrew Castilleja

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Candidate did not respond by deadline.



Maxine E Dexter

With over 40 town halls and robust constituent services, I have proven my commitment to listen to people's lived experiences and perspectives, and turn that into action in Congress. As a physician for over two decades, I listened closely, analyzed data, and transformed complex information into actionable plans. I have a proven record of legislative success at the state and federal level, advancing large-scale, progressive, bipartisan policies. During my first term here, I have introduced ten pieces of legislation, and was the first freshman Democrat this Congress to have a bill become law. I am committed to working across the aisle to pass bipartisan legislation, a crucial skill for a productive member of the current minority party.

Congress must focus on restoring checks and balances, defending our democracy, and improving American lives. Congress must reaffirm and enforce restrictions on presidential powers, and reclaim our constitutional authority. We must uphold the rule of law, protect elections and refuse to bow to authoritarians. Furthermore, we must secure affordable healthcare, housing, food, and energy, which are crucial to ensuring a stable and sustainable quality of life for anyone who works hard and plays by the rules. To do this, Congress must be courageous, committed, and accountable to the American people suffering from the economic and cultural disaster that Trump has propagated.

To make Congress more effective, we need to enact meaningful campaign finance reform. We must cut corporate and billionaire spending out of political campaigns, and deliver equal power to the people through publicly-funded elections. Furthermore, too many bills in Congress today are short-sighted bandaids slapped over whatever wound is actively bleeding, which ignore the root cause of that problem. We must prioritize policies and programs that are transparent, accountable and deliver measurable positive outcomes that actually address the underlying issues. Thinking strategically, listening to our constituents, and working together courageously and compassionately, we can secure a brighter future that all Americans can feel.



Jessica Salas

I am not the typical politician, and that is exactly why I am running. I have spent my life in customer service, listening to people, hearing their stories, and treating their experiences with care. I have met people from all walks of life, and one thing is clear: people want to be heard.

I am not just another suit. I am not here to enrich myself or protect the powerful. I am here to represent those who are too often swept under the rug and ignored.

My experience has taught me how to listen, how to lead with empathy, and how to show up for people. I will hold those in power accountable and fight for communities that feel overlooked.

I am here for all of us, and I will not stop until every voice is heard.

Congress must address rising costs of living, access to affordable healthcare, and the growing disconnect between government and the people. Families are struggling with housing, groceries, and basic needs while wages lag behind.

I would focus on lowering everyday costs by supporting policies that make housing more affordable, protect workers, and hold corporations accountable for price gouging. Healthcare must be accessible and affordable, including mental health services.

Equally important is restoring trust. I will prioritize transparency, community engagement, and accountability, ensuring people are heard and represented. Government should work for the people, not the powerful.

To improve the effectiveness of the federal government, I would create a constituent council made up of diverse community members who regularly provide direct input on policies and issues. Too often, decisions are made without truly listening to the people most impacted.

This council would ensure real voices are at the table, not just during elections but consistently. It would help identify gaps, improve communication, and hold leadership accountable.

I believe government works best when it listens first. By creating a structured, ongoing way for constituents to be heard, we can build policies that actually reflect the needs of the people.

Congressional District 3 - *continued*

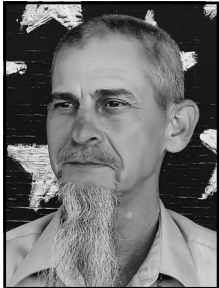
Term: 2 Years
Salary: \$174,000

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District 3: Republican



Lorán Ayles

I am a down to Earth, Blue-Collar union worker. I see the problems affecting the working American first hand. I have been involved in politics and political campaigns for more than 20 years and counting. Government officials and policy have gotten away from working for the People. It's far past time to get the working class back to representing the American people.

There are countless issues affecting our country and they are all important. Issues needing addressed including foreign policy and our interference with other governments across the globe. We need to make a priority of getting our own house in order. Fentanyl and other destructive drugs and their prolific abuse is an issue affecting nearly every citizen in one way or another. Illegal drug supplies must be curtailed and expand support for those with addictions. One of the greatest issues that demands attention is bringing this country back together. We have become so divided, all over political views and agendas, that is destroying America — United We Stand...

I propose that we all work together for our common good. We must be willing to have civilized and real discussions about the issues we face. Nothing will be solved with constant fighting across political aisles, we must be willing to work together to find acceptable solutions.

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Congressional District 4

Term: 2 Years
Salary: \$174,000

What experience and skills make you the best candidate for this office?
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What are the most important issues for the United States Congress currently and what would you do to address them?
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How do you propose to improve the effectiveness of the federal government?
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District 4: Democrat

Daniel B Bahlen

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

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Candidate did not respond by deadline.



Melissa Bird

I have worked in politics and advocacy for most of my adult life. I wrote my first piece of legislation when I was getting my Masters Degree in Social Work in 2001. I began my career as an advocate for abused and neglected children, moved into advocacy for homeless youth, then worked for the political advocacy organization, Equality Utah.

As the former lobbyist for Planned Parenthood of Utah, I spent years advocating for legislation focused on reproductive justice and helped advocate for the passage of the ACA. For nearly 3 decades, I have lobbied state and federal elected officials and have built statewide programs focused on teaching community members how to engage in the political process from school boards to the federal government.

Congress has become woefully out of touch with its constituents. It has become a pay-to-play operation and if you don't have enough money, your voice doesn't matter.

I'm running for Congress to advocate for working people and everyday Oregonians. People cannot wait any longer for action on housing, universal health care, economic development so families can keep a roof over their heads, investments in education, universal child care, paid family leave, minimum wage must be increased to \$25 an hour, and we must stop sending weapons to Israel.

Like so many people, I was becoming increasingly angry at our representatives' lack of action on policies that benefit real, everyday people. We need leaders who will listen to their communities.

Money must be removed from politics. We have become a government that has more representation for billionaires than for the people. Elected officials need to meet their communities where they are and that means LISTENING when people tell you what they need.

This campaign has created a running list of policies that would make a difference in Oregonians' lives, and I will start introducing those policies on day 1. I will represent the people and not corporate donors (I don't even have any corporate donors!)

Val Hoyle

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Melvin Smith

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Candidate did not respond by deadline.

Congressional District 4 - *continued*

Term: 2 Years
Salary: \$174,000

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District 4: Republican



Monique DeSpain

I served 30 years in the United States Air Force, including as a Judge Advocate General, where I advised commanders, handled complex legal matters, and upheld the rule of law in high-stakes environments. I understand leadership, accountability, and service. Today, I am a licensed attorney who continues to advocate for fairness and responsibility. My military background taught me how to make tough decisions, solve problems, and put mission and country first. I am prepared to bring that same discipline and integrity to Congress.

The most urgent issues include securing our border, restoring public safety, lowering costs for families, supporting veterans, improving forest management, and addressing homelessness. I support strong border enforcement, backing law enforcement, and policies that reduce crime. We must responsibly manage our forests to prevent wildfires and protect communities. I will work to reduce inflation, expand economic opportunity, and ensure our education system prepares students for success. Congress must focus on practical solutions that strengthen families and communities.

The federal government must be more accountable, efficient, and focused on core responsibilities. That starts with cutting wasteful spending, increasing transparency, and holding agencies accountable for results. I support simplifying regulations that burden small businesses and families while maintaining necessary protections. Congress should conduct stronger oversight and ensure taxpayer dollars are used effectively. My approach is grounded in discipline and results—bringing a mission-first mindset to government so it works better for the American people.



Stefan G Streck

I have a wide range of experience from the perspective of rural America. After the 2018 election, in which I ran for this office, I've spent the past 8 years training and practicing for the opportunity to try again. You're getting someone who's capable of both spontaneous, independent action and long-term planning strategies. With the skills learned from my MBA focus on Marketing, Finance, and Analytics, I can review, isolate, and solve an incredibly wide range of challenges.

I am a realist and understand that no single Representative holds absolute power in Congress. I'm committed to open dialogue with peers to review my healthcare platform model and help implement that solution across America. www.Vote4Strek.com.

Remove financial and logistical barriers from the political process. Without elections that are open for people of all income levels, we lack a free and fair election process. Tax-incentivize "Direct Primary Care" Healthcare. This will allow Doctors of the Boomer generation to maintain practice instead of retiring, offering a much higher quality of care for patients, and higher pay for Doctors, with lower costs for patients. Streamline Veterans--Disability Benefits, 15% of Disability applicants die before being approved, I was almost one of them, and Veterans deserve better.

Protect Businesses, Schools, Religion and Gun Rights.

Investigate Covid-19 Crimes and focus on defeating cross-border violence from Mexican Cartels. www.Vote4Strek.com

Requiring bills that are voted on to actually be read in Congress, publicly, before signing.

Provide solutions in a simple format that's easily agreed upon by Representatives from backgrounds across the country. My Healthcare Model using Direct Primary Care is an example of this, which I believe all members of Congress should be able to recognize, approve, and vote on.

Getting one major bill passed would be a greater accomplishment than most any 1st Term Politician. www.Vote4Strek.com.

Congressional District 5

Term: 2 Years
Salary: \$174,000

What experience and skills make you the best candidate for this office?

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What are the most important issues for the United States Congress currently and what would you do to address them?

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How do you propose to improve the effectiveness of the federal government?

(Max. 750 characters)

District 5: Democrat



Janelle S Bynum

As a congresswoman, former state representative, engineer, mom of four, and a businesswoman, I bring a variety of experiences that shape my understanding of the challenges facing hard-working families in Oregon's 5th Congressional District. I have an accomplished track record of fighting for lower costs, good paying jobs, and quality schools. I understand the serious threat Trump poses to our rights and democracy and have been a leader in the fight against his overreach and corruption. I have cut through partisanship by passing five bipartisan bills to deliver greater opportunities for Oregonians to get ahead.

I am delivering on the issues that matter most:

A "K-30" platform to ensure hard work translates to opportunity. I'm fighting for young Americans through bipartisan efforts aimed at improving education, creating jobs, and lowering the cost of housing.

Fighting for affordability — I'm focused on lowering costs, from groceries to housing to healthcare, and pushing back against the Trump administration's efforts to gut the Affordable Care Act.

Standing up to Trump and ICE — I have been clear that I will not tolerate a federal takeover of our communities. I have called 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.

Campaign finance and anti-corruption issues are crucial to me because they ensure our democracy operates with integrity and fairness, restoring public trust and creating a level playing field for all candidates. By improving campaign finance and tackling corruption, the federal government and congress will become more effective. In the statehouse, I voted in support of campaign finance reform, working to limit the influence of big money in politics and ensure policies reflect the needs of the people. In congress, I will advocate for efforts to root out corruption, pass campaign finance reform, and uphold democratic institutions.



Zeva Rosenbaum

I'm a working-class woman who put myself through college in the face of chronic illness, full-time work, and my mother dying of cancer. I know what it's like to struggle to pay my bills. I'm sick of watching representatives choose their donors over their constituents time and time again, and our government as a whole becoming more and more corrupt and profit-focused as time goes on. I want the government to work for the people, not for profit.

I'm a communications professional who knows how to communicate community feedback to colleagues, and complex jargon to community members. And, while I don't pretend to know everything, I do have a knack for problem solving and finding experts in their fields to help do the work that needs to be done.

My "big three" issues are:

Regulating Artificial Intelligence: to protect our privacy, intellectual property, human jobs, security, and eliminate the impact of data centers on our environment and utility grids.

Making America Affordable and Livable: including universal healthcare, affordable and free education, affordable housing, strengthening labor rights, increasing the federal minimum wage, reforming tax laws to require corporations and the ultra wealthy to pay their fair share.

Get Corruption Out of Our Government: starting by impeaching and removing Trump and his cabinet, we must investigate and prosecute the corruption that has taken place for decades, as well as making it illegal for government officials to trade stocks

Getting dark money and corrupt politicians out of power is a vital first step. But, as someone who has had to find creative ways to make ends meet, and as a life-long problem solver with a knack for process improvement, there are many ways to make our government more efficient.

Our tax dollars should be going to supporting public services for the American people, not funding foreign wars or providing tax credits to corporations or billionaires. The billions spent on the war in Iran alone could have funded healthcare for millions and millions of Americans. This is why we need a government for the people, not for profit.

Congressional District 5 - *continued*

Term: 2 Years
Salary: \$174,000

What experience and skills make you the best candidate for this office?
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What are the most important issues for the United States Congress currently and what would you do to address them?
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How do you propose to improve the effectiveness of the federal government?
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District 5: Republican



Patti Adair

I am a fourth-generation Oregonian, a dedicated public servant with a strong background in finance, and a problem-solver with a proven record of delivering results.

As a Deschutes County Commissioner since 2018, I have overseen more than 1,200 employees and 22 departments while representing over 200,000 residents. As a commissioner, I have delivered for our families, improving public safety, growing our local economy, and supporting our veterans. Further, my extensive financial background gives me unique insight into promoting fiscal responsibility and strong oversight of your tax dollars.

I am the only candidate who will put people first, not politics, and will deliver commonsense solutions to the problems facing Oregonians.

I know firsthand that families are struggling. Congress must act now on affordability. I will lead the fight to slash wasteful spending, cut red tape, and lower energy costs to bring relief to Oregon households. I'll use my financial background to fight for fiscal policies that tackle inflation and reduce the cost of living. Public safety is non-negotiable: I've championed safer communities in Deschutes County and will push for law and order in Congress. Drug trafficking is destroying our neighborhoods, and I'll fight for real border security and tougher enforcement to stop the flow of fentanyl and other deadly drugs into our communities. Oregonians deserve to feel safe and financially secure. I'll deliver results, not excuses.

As a County Commissioner, I have spent years streamlining government and delivering results for Oregonians. I'll bring that same accountability to Washington. First, we must cut spending and eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse. Your tax dollars deserve rigorous oversight. I'll apply my financial expertise to demand transparency and efficiency from every federal agency. Second, we must cut red tape regulations that slow down results and strangle small businesses. Finally, I'll work across the aisle, as I always have, because partisan gridlock is the enemy of effective government. Oregonians don't care about party labels; they want results. I'll deliver them.

Jonathan Lockwood

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Congressional District 6

Term: 2 Years
Salary: \$174,000

What experience and skills make you the best candidate for this office?
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What are the most important issues for the United States Congress currently and what would you do to address them?
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How do you propose to improve the effectiveness of the federal government?
(Max. 750 characters)

District 6: Democrat



Andrea Salinas

I am running for a second term in Congress we need a Democratic majority in the House to hold the president accountable and restore Congress as a coequal branch of government. With that majority, I will keep fighting for priorities that matter here at home, like protecting our immigrant families, making life affordable for working families, protecting reproductive freedom and protecting federal funding the administration threatens to cut from blue states. If re-elected, I will continue to make sure the values of Oregon's Sixth District are represented in Congress and that we stay focused on passing legislation that delivers real benefits for Oregonians.

Lowering costs for working families. Whether it's housing, childcare, prescription drugs, or groceries, families are feeling squeezed. I will continue fighting to expand access to affordable healthcare, increase housing supply, and bring down everyday costs. Protecting reproductive freedom and civil rights. Oregon has long been a leader in safeguarding personal freedoms, and I will work to ensure those protections remain strong at the federal level. Supporting small businesses and local economies. Independent and small business owners are the backbone of our communities. We need smart investments in workforce development.

Strengthening our democracy. I'm committed to reforms that reduce the influence of dark money and increase voting access

The effectiveness of the federal government should be measured by one simple question: does it deliver real results for the people it serves? Too often, families feel that government is either too slow, too complicated, or too disconnected from their daily lives. I believe we can and must do better—by making government more responsive, more transparent, and more accountable, while ensuring it reflects the dignity and diversity of the people it represents. That is what I strive to do every day as your Representative for the Sixth Congressional District.

District 6: Republican



David Russ

The Most Qualified to Perform the Job Duties
A Businessman with the Knowledge and Experience to do the Job who is driven by a strong Moral Compass, supports the US Constitution, and Believes in You.
45 Yrs Sm Business — Contracting, Negotiations
35 Yrs Corp Executive — Operations, Real Estate, Finance, Quality Mgmt
30 Yrs Board Membership & Volunteer Management
10 Yrs Local Government — Mayor of Dundee
Quality Manager for 2010 Census
The Experience, Knowledge & Skills that are required every day in Congress to negotiate the best possible outcomes for individuals and businesses.

Overreach
Over Spending
Lack of Oversight
Introduce Bills to fix these things.
RussIsForUS.com/proposed-bills

The Federal Government is severely ineffective doing the things it was never supposed to do. If we stop it from doing those things, it will be much more effective! Fixing it with the "No Strings Act."
RussIsForUS.com/proposed-bills#no-strings.

Oregon Governor

Term: 4 Years
Salary: \$98,600

What experience and skills make you the best candidate for this office?
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What are the most important issues for Oregon currently and what would you do to address them?
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How do you propose to improve the effectiveness of Oregon's state government?
(Max. 750 characters)

Democrat



Forest (Fora) Alexander

While it is tempting to use this answer to list accomplishments, like my time on the Human Rights Commission of Austin, or my work on congressional campaigns, I'd like to encourage a different framing for folks. If having a masters degree or being an Ivy League Alum created effective leaders, our problems would have been solved long ago. Instead, we see a rise in homelessness, food prices, gas, groceries, tuition, the list goes on. Our leaders are far too often spending time deflecting or blaming federal officials for problems that existed before Trump ever decided to run. My skills as an educator, activist, worker, and clergy are what we need. My experience surviving this system as a trans woman is what we need. Not more business as usual.

Affordability. My immediate focus is on revenue reform so that workers feel real gains from jobs they're already working. By adjusting our state income taxes, we can close the lion's share of our current funding gaps. Early 2027 will also be when will institute our healthcare of all program. I am deeply concerned that our current leadership will pass a watered-down, means-tested, ineffective version of the report supplied in September later this year. We have to stop working around the margins and provide real solutions, now. I also intend to perform an audit within the first six months. The state can't keep writing blank checks for local groups to mismanage.

I believe the most effective leaders are ones who understand the experiences of voters, because we have lived them as well. I have been on food stamps and OHP. I have had bad bosses and long hours. I have worked whatever job I could to survive. The urgency we lack in our leaders is due to them never having lived lives like ours. They have never had to choose between groceries and rent. My greatest strength is knowing I don't know everything. There is no one silver bullet that will fix all our problems overnight. And yet, I know we could do more. I know because I see what you see. I see our neighbors outside while we spend billions on housing. I see healthcare services cut because the private market demands it. And like you, I'm sick of it.



James Atkinson IV

My experience is unique, I am an inventor. I recently invented what is called the Endless Cup(TM), which creates 8 oz of water in approximately 15 minutes. Having this option not only starts to end many of the water crisis Oregonian faces, but also allows me to reallocate the savings that would have been spent on those emergency issues to other areas of climate change.

The urban/rural divide, i.e the Greater Idaho Movement, Climate Change, Education, the Justice System, and Homelessness are the most important issues, although there are others. As Governor, I would implement what I call "adaptive governing" to ensure the laws that affect these issues match each section of the state, both locally and regional. Implementing policies that fit the geography of the state, not party affiliation is how we start to move forward as a state, be it Education Reform, Justice Reform, etc to start to see an end to the issues that currently plague our state.

My adaptive governing philosophy would utilize local action laws and other methods to ensure that bills that are passed work for each constituent of the state. We currently pass "one size fits all" types of bills that neglect the needs of half of the population of the state. As Governor, my goal is to show that once all constituents can agree on at least one aspect of an issue, that that is how we move forward, that is how issues start to end.

Oregon Governor - *continued*

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Salary: \$98,600

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Democrat



Cal Kishawi

N/A

Education
Trade school program
Homeless
Roadwork and construction
Housing
Medical
Veterans
Prisons
Etc.

Having any in all parties work together on every topic in every category to come up with solutions



Tina Kotek

I'm an advocate who believes in putting people at the center of everything I do. I began my career fighting hunger and working to make sure children have health insurance and working families have access to affordable child care. I carry that value of service to Oregonians into the office every single day. I'm focused on tackling big challenges and building a better future for everyone. When I was Speaker of the House, I passed paid family leave, raised the minimum wage, and set our 100% clean electricity goal. As Governor, I've worked to build more housing, lower costs, and increase access to mental health and addiction care. I have visited all 36 counties and all 9 federally recognized Tribes to hear directly from Oregonians.

Oregonians are focused on the basics: affordability, housing and homelessness, and access to mental health and addiction care. I've taken these challenges head-on by expanding shelter and affordable housing, preventing thousands of families from losing their homes, and increasing treatment capacity. Affordability is on the mind of every Oregonian, which is why I canceled freeway tolls, protected people from utility rate hikes, removed medical debt from hurting your credit score, and pushed back on predatory lenders. I'm standing up to President Trump's harmful policies, fighting back against cuts to the Oregon Health Plan and food assistance, and making clear that Oregon will protect our communities from intimidation and overreach by ICE.

Improving effectiveness is rooted in accountability, focus, and coordination. It means listening to the state's customers and asking frontline workers for their suggestions to improve things. When we get audited, we implement the recommendations. I've set priorities and outcome targets on housing, mental health care, and education, and aligned state agencies to deliver results. I've set new expectations for customer service and worked to eliminate backlogs so Oregonians get faster responses. I passed a bill for fast track permitting for major projects. I also believe in listening, which is why I've visited all 36 counties to hear directly from all Oregonians. I'll keep cutting red tape and holding agencies accountable for results.

Donnie M Beckwith

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David W Beem

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Oregon Governor - *continued*

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Democrat



Steve William Laible

Twenty-years Distinguished Active Duty United States Air Force career. Retired Mustang (Enlisted to Officer). Captain/USAF. Lauded by top Pentagon Officials as the "Outstanding Administrator of the Year." in a worldwide selection process. White House Fellowship nominee (Clinton/Bush transition); 2 yrs as Chief of Administration, USAF HONOR GUARD with White House duties (Reagan Administration); 3 years with Joint Chiefs of Staff (Pentagon); 5 years with the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific (CINCPAC); Superintendent Publishing, HQ 15AF; President Parole/Clemency Board; MBA; Distinguished Graduate Leadership Academy (NJ); Adult Literacy Tutor;

FLAGSHIP TOP PRIORITY AS DETAILED ON MY WEBSITE KodelEmpire.com Day 1, by Executive Order I will end the homelessness crisis, reclaiming our Parks, our Neighborhoods, our Downtowns of our Hometowns. Executive Order 2, I am ending Property Taxes for Seniors and the worry, stress and threat of the "lien trap. Executive Order 3, I am implementing a new Crowdsourcing funding paradigm that will allow the end of DMV tags/licensing, Fishing & Hunting licenses, Day-Use Fees, Parking Fees and Camping fees in our State parks. Moreover, through Resource Engineering I will implement a thunderous steam engine income stream funding 10 designated Reservoirs/ Umbrellas ending never-ending property levies, fire departments 'passing the boot' for change, etc

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Please see the NUCLEAR OPTION PAGE on my website KodelEmpire.com ~ I am prepositioning OREGON to a Giving State. I am ending budget shortfall and haircuts. No longer will our stewards be asked to do less with less. Oregonians deserve a CEO. Staid, career politicians only go along to get along. If you always do as you've always done, you'll ALWAYS get what you've always got. Make sense? For Example: Assimilation is a \$2B FAILED MINDSET. I am a strategic Innovator & tactical administrator. I am an Oregon Native Son (Ashland). Keynote Listener. Dark Horse candidate. Unbridled, Unbought, Unbroken.
Let's [Govern-OR] Together.
• Steve William Laible, MBA
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Brittany Jones

I believe I am the best candidate for this office because I am a poverty level, working class oregonian. I have lived the struggles, I have experienced the failures of the system first hand. I am a veteran, small business owner, and a progressive political activist. I have served our country for years, and want to continue serving to fight to make Oregon truly safe. Its time for the Democratic party to find its spine, its time for leadership that has a backbone that wont negotiate with facist dictators.

There are so many things wrong with our state now, its hard to choose "top" issues. As governor I will have a team of people to help me handle every issue affecting Oregonians. From ICE accountability, to tackling the homelessness epidemic. My stances are listed in depth on my policies page on my website.

We need to audit each and every department, we have watched our tax dollars be collected with promises of what they will be used to fix. However, at the end of the day thos issues are not being resolved, and its been mediocre in any progress towards improving. We need to find where the money is going, and how we can re-direct it to be effective for Oregonians.

Oregon Governor - *continued*

Term: 4 Years
Salary: \$98,600

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Democrat



Tristan Sheppard

I am an Oregonian through and through, born and raised in this state I proudly call home. Growing up in a small town as the oldest child in a single-parent household, I learned responsibility, resilience, and the importance of serving others.

I followed my passion into Fire and EMS, serving with both volunteer and paid departments in urban and wildland environments. This experience strengthened my leadership, decision-making, and ability to stay calm under pressure. I value integrity, teamwork, and listening to all perspectives before making informed decisions that serve the community.

Oregon faces several pressing challenges that require practical solutions. Mental health, substance abuse, and the rise in unhoused individuals are among the most urgent. I support expanding access to mental health services, strengthening partnerships between emergency services and treatment providers, and increasing resources that help individuals transition into stable housing while maintaining accountability alongside treatment for substance abuse.

Cost of living and support for small businesses are also critical. I would advocate for policies that reduce unnecessary burdens on small businesses, encourage responsible use of natural resources, and promote sustainable growth that supports you-Oregon families and communities.

Improving the effectiveness of Oregon's state government requires accountability, transparency, and collaboration. I support reducing unnecessary bureaucracy, improving communication between agencies, and ensuring that decisions are based on data and community needs rather than partisan interests.

I believe in a nonpartisan approach that focuses on results and places the most capable individuals in positions where they can best serve the public. By encouraging cooperation, streamlining processes, and holding agencies accountable for outcomes, we can create a more efficient government that better serves all Oregonians.

Miranda Weigler

I bring two decades of systems thinking, civic education, and policy work to this race, combined with the lived experience of navigating the same economic pressures most Oregon families face.

I hold an MA from the University of St Andrews and an MSc in Political Sociology from the London School of Economics. I've built civic education programs, helped build Oregon's largest cannabis trade association, and created a debating program inside MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility.

I'm a single mother working two part-time jobs while running this campaign. I understand what it costs when systems fail — in time, dignity, and economic stability. That understanding shapes everything I'm running on.

Oregon faces overlapping crises: housing, healthcare, labor, climate, and civic trust, that aren't discrete policy problems. They're interacting systemic failures.

I'm focused on four areas: building a regenerative economy to replace the direction we lost when timber collapsed; applying a Time and Dignity standard to public services — measuring success by how long help takes and whether it treats people with respect; recognizing care infrastructure — childcare, elder care, disability support — as essential as roads; and using technology and better data design to reduce the friction ordinary Oregonians experience navigating public systems.

These aren't programs. They're a different orientation toward governing.

Oregon's next Governor will inherit a significant budget shortfall and systems under real strain. That requires someone willing to make hard choices about what government should prioritize — not just manage what already exists.

My background is outside the civil service — in academia, cannabis policy, civic education, and community work. I've navigated Oregon's systems from the outside, as someone living inside them, not administering them.

I'd organize state agencies around a single question: does this make life more stable and dignified for Oregonians? Oregon's regenerative economy framework gives us a direction to align around — not just cutting, but building toward something coherent.

Outcomes over process. Alignment over addition.

Oregon Governor - *continued*

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Republican

Danielle Bethell

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Hope A Dalrymple

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Ed Diehl

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Christine Drazan

I am a lifelong Oregonian and experienced leader with an unmatched record of standing up for Oregon families. We need to lower costs for families, unleash the private sector to create more jobs, and deliver safer streets. I am committed to making Oregon the best place in the nation to buy a home, raise a family, start a business and receive a world-class education. As House Republican Leader and State Senator, I fought for common-sense solutions that make life more affordable and safer for Oregon families. I have an ambitious vision for the future of our state that rises above the noise of national politics and unites Oregonians around solutions that will make Oregon more affordable and improve the quality of life in our state.

Families are struggling with rising taxes and everyday costs, our communities feel less safe, schools are failing our kids and too many people are living on our streets. As governor, I will make Oregon more affordable by lowering taxes on working families, eliminate burdensome regulations that drive up energy, gas, housing and food costs, and make Oregon a place where businesses grow and create family-wage jobs. I will prioritize student learning with a laser focus on kids learning to read by the third grade, empower teachers and restore graduation requirements. And I'll prioritize public safety and homelessness, focusing on accountability, treatment and long-term sobriety. Oregonians deserve leadership that delivers results, not excuses.

I will strengthen core services to Oregon families by restoring a focus on the role of government that offers clarity and accountability. Government that promises to be all things to all people inevitably fails to serve anyone well. That is the government we have today. Our programs are both expensive and ineffective. I will eliminate programs and spending that are best accomplished with philanthropic or private sector investment. While protecting safety, equality and stewardship values, I'll repeal rules, rein in unelected bureaucratic power and reduce Oregon's regulatory burden that outpaces the rest of the nation. Oregon's leaders have failed to lead, and instead of serving the common good, they have advanced special interest agendas.

Chris Dudley

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Kyle M Duyck

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David Medina

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Republican



Robert Neuman

Background in business and investing.
Legal studies.

Statewide Housing Assistance Rental Plan. Matching renters with landlords. Many people are homeless because of the wildfires, covid, or not making three times the amount to rent. My plan helps those capable of renting to be able to rent from those willing to rent to them.

Logging burnt trees. Burnt trees are a safety hazard which need to be logged so new trees are planted to remove CO2 from the air. This will also help to expand logging.

Making certain that people are able to use their health insurance to receive medical care.

Members of law enforcement at all levels operating outside of the parameters. Causing public danger. A blanket remission of fines for people having to deal with squatters on their property.

The state of Oregon needs to work with the federal government in order to ensure that similar goals are met. As Florida AG Uthmeier has stated the reason why Florida is so successful is because of the basic respect for law and order. Too many cooks in the kitchen with everyone doing something different.

Brad Peters

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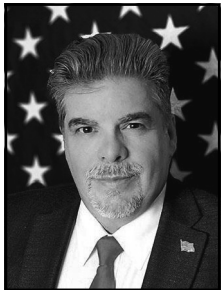
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Republican



Paul J Romero Jr

Ten years as a Navy Veteran in Communications, Analyst, Project Manager, and Auditor. BS degree in Workforce Education & Development, BS double major in Mechanical Engineering & Mathematics (inc). Work in the Oilfield Services Industry including materials coordinator and project manager. Civilian experience as an Investment Executive, Business Owner, Marketing Director, Investigator, Auditor, CEO, Trainer & Educator, Substitute Teacher, etc. I grew up in Central Oregon bucking bales of hay, changing irrigation pipe, mowing lawns, mucking horse stalls, mucking pig styes, driving farm trucks, and cutting wood in the Ochoco mountains. I relate to Oregonians on a broad scale and I am here to fight for our culture as a State Project Leader.

END Sanctuary City/State Status. D.O.G.E. Audit the entire state including every department for fraud, waste, and abuse starting with the unaccountable non-profits and ODOT. I should be able to reduce the annual budget by about 40% which will allow me to end state income taxes and make a dent in property taxes. END SB100 that stopped us from using Oregon Resources (Timber, oil, natural gas, coal, & other minerals.) Upon resource revenue growth we should be able to completely end all property tax, death tax, capital gains tax, CAT tax, & all the hidden taxes & fees that exist. Defunding the Climate Change organizations who have an average annual salary of \$79,000 where they do NOTHING. End Tag Draw Dilemma, end Preference points, etc.

Cut the regulations; nullify a bunch of Executive Orders dating back to Kitzhaber; reduce the bureaucracies, committees, etc.; open door policy to the Governor for all teachers, principles, and state employees; audit all elected officials including the legislature, both campaign accounts and personal; transparency on audits, investigations, and addressing all proposed bills to Oregonians so they KNOW how their representatives are representing them; hold elected officials accountable; End DEI and all indoctrination programs; hire qualified people using a merit based system.



Wen Waddell

I volunteered first, I have cared for and understand many of the citizens, Business Owners, Vets, children & Seniors actively in a Governor's oversight. Employment within an Oregon School District, Supervising, is where I gained first hand knowledge, as to where schools need support, for them, for students & families. Excelled in customer service, always promoted. Worked 3 jobs a week. Started a Cleaning Service Company in Sisters Oregon, moved to Portland & pursued a higher education. Scholarships, Honor Roll, Deans List & Certificates of achievement were earned along with my AA in Pre Law. I moved on to Criminology & a Criminal Justice BA. I find resources & thrive in challenges around Business, Economics, Law, Crime, Schools & Service.

Supporting Urgent needs for housing & resources not bridges & freeways. Hiring more Police & Probation Officers. Hiring more Teachers & increasing the overall pay for teachers so language immersion instructors pay matches when they join the team. Tri Met security. Real Rehab of our Criminals. Voting in Person Locations like Libraries and Schools again. Churches and business' being allowed to practice their own religious or personal beliefs. Taxes dropped and lowered with Legislation. Repurposing downtown buildings for better use. Making a Drag District in Portland to bring travelers that Oregon uniquely enjoys. Help Improve EOIC for Families adult children at home. Lowering regulation & policies everywhere. Building for Oregon not tourists.

Better Leadership, a person who has a great respect for all cultures and all classes of individual, having grown up and worked with, and, learned with all walks of life. With this knowledge you know everyone has needs, often different but adjoining objectives so a leader will see what those are and help people come together to accomplish goals by streamlining agencies, and strengthening accountability with leadership. We need better communication and leadership to set the example as to how an efficient Government should work. This knowledge does not need to be pointed but more needs to be demonstrated so that success in Oregon can be seen. Hiring more City Council members who actively enjoy working for the people is area we could start.

Oregon Governor - *continued*

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Salary: \$98,600

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Republican

Martin Ward

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Tim O Youker

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DeAngelo Leroy Turner

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Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries

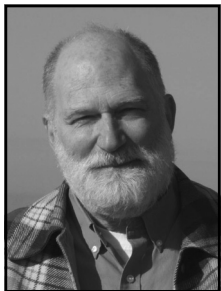
Term: 4 Years
Salary: \$77,000

What experience and skills make you the best candidate for this office?
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What are the most important issues for the Commissioner of Bureau of Labor and Industries Office currently and what will you do to address them?
(Max. 750 characters)

How will you ensure that Oregon's labor and civil rights laws are enforced fairly and effectively?
(Max. 750 characters)

Candidates



Chris Lynch

I know the work, and the people. I worked at BOLI for 14 years, starting as an intern and eventually becoming a manager. I've investigated hundreds of cases; I supervised and reviewed thousands more cases, and mediated a wide range of cases. I was closely involved in rule-making, establishing policies and procedures, and liaising with state and federal partners. I completed the DAS Leadership Oregon program in 2015. Before BOLI, I spent 2 decades working for small employers. I've also worked at Oregon OSHA, meeting many employers and workers in their workplaces. If I knew of anyone who was willing and more qualified than I to lead BOLI, I would support them instead of pursuing my own candidacy.

The most important issues facing BOLI are employee morale and the need for clear communication and effective policies and procedures. Between the actions of the previous commissioner, and the inactions of the current commissioner, BOLI has been overwhelmed. The current commissioner has not been able to make significant progress reversing the trends, and this has taken a toll on morale. To quote a recent Secretary of State audit of BOLI, "[m]oney alone will not fix BOLI's problems." I won't promise any magic bullets or miraculous transformations. But I will ask questions, listen to the people who know the work, make the decisions that need to be made, and acknowledge and adjust whenever those decisions don't turn out the way we planned.

If elected, I will revitalize a triage process prioritizing resources based on the egregiousness and severity of a claim, and the probability of proving a claim. The state can't expend its limited resources on claims that are speculative, frivolous, or too tenuous to offer any real chance of success.

At the same time, I will prioritize resuscitation of policies and procedures that are necessary to perform the work fairly, effectively, and efficiently. I will ensure that those policies are clearly documented, and that the decision-making process is deliberate, but timely and dynamic.

I will also urge the legislature to amend some procedural and jurisdictional statutes that will reduce BOLI's workload, and align with BOLI's actual abilities.



Christina E Stephenson

I'm a civil rights attorney, former small business owner, and mom who grew up in rural Oregon. Before becoming Labor Commissioner, I spent my career fighting for workers and families in the courtroom and in the community. Since taking office, I've secured over \$17 million back to workers who had their wages stolen, helped pass bipartisan child labor protections, expanded registered apprenticeship programs, and eliminated bureaucratic backlogs that were decades in the making. I launched a mediation program so Oregonians get results faster and created tools to help small businesses succeed. I know how to run a state agency because I'm doing it and I'm delivering results for Oregon's workers, families, and small businesses.

The most pressing issues are protecting workers from wage theft and unsafe conditions, expanding access to good-paying jobs through registered apprenticeships, and ensuring the agency works efficiently for everyone. I've invested in Proactive Enforcement to go after bad actors instead of waiting for possibly intimidated workers to come forward. I'm strengthening registered apprenticeship programs so Oregonians who don't go to college can still build careers. And I'm making BOLI more responsive: reducing processing times, improving accessibility for non-English speakers, and holding government accountable to the people it serves. Oregon deserves a Labor Commissioner who shows up every day and delivers.

Fair enforcement starts with meeting people where they are. I've invested in multilingual outreach so workers know their rights regardless of the language they speak. I've invested in our Proactive Investigative Enforcement unit to identify patterns of violations in high-risk industries rather than relying solely on individual complaints. I've fought for investment to increase timely investigations with meaningful consequences for violators. On civil rights, I've maintained strong enforcement of Oregon's fair housing and public accommodation laws, prioritizing systemic cases that create broader impact. Transparency and accountability are essential; I publish enforcement data and engage with communities across Oregon to build trust.

Judge of Oregon Supreme Court Position #4

Term: 6 Years
Salary: \$259,500

What experience and skills make you the best candidate for this office?
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How does Oregon's court system need to be improved?
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Christopher L Garrett *Candidate did not respond by deadline.* *Candidate did not respond by deadline.* *Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

Judge of Oregon Court of Appeals

Term: 6 Years
Salary: \$254,484
(4) Positions:
1, 9, 12, 13

What experience and skills make you the best candidate for this office?
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Jacqueline Kamins *Candidate did not respond by deadline.* *Candidate did not respond by deadline.* *Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

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Erin C Lagesen *Candidate did not respond by deadline.* *Candidate did not respond by deadline.* *Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

Position 13

Doug Tookey *Candidate did not respond by deadline.* *Candidate did not respond by deadline.* *Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

BALLOT MEASURE 120

Ballot Measure 120 Oregon Transportation Bill Referendum

Increases fuel taxes, registration/title fees for roads, tax on wages for public transportation services¹.

REFERENDUM: *This measure is a referendum petition on parts of House Bill 3991 (2025).*

FINANCIAL IMPACT: *If Measure 120 passes, the tax revenue from House Bill 3991 that is currently on hold pending the outcome of this vote will start being collected, including increases in the gas tax, vehicle registration and title fees, and payroll tax for transit. According to Oregon's Legislative Revenue Office, those tax and fee increases are expected to raise an average of \$558 million per year until 2035². If the measure fails, those sources of revenue approved in House Bill 3991 will disappear.*

PROBABLE RESULTS OF A YES VOTE

House Bill 3991 will remain intact and the State of Oregon will start collecting the taxes and fees established by that bill which are currently on hold: increased gas tax, vehicle registration and title fees, and payroll tax for transit. This money will support Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), county, and city projects and operations.

PROBABLE RESULTS OF A NO VOTE

The increases in the gas tax, vehicle registration and title fees, and payroll tax approved in House Bill 3991 will be reversed, and the State of Oregon will not collect that revenue. ODOT will not have enough money to continue its current level of service, and counties and cities will lose expected funding.

BACKGROUND

After the legislature failed to approve transportation funding during its regular session in 2025, the governor called a special session in August 2025, focused specifically on transportation funding. The goal of the session was to pass legislation to fund ODOT, including increased distributions to counties and cities through the State Highway Fund, and avoid layoffs and service cuts. House Bill 3991 was passed by the legislature during that special session and signed into law by the governor in November 2025. The bill increased revenue through higher taxes and fees, implemented a road usage charge, repealed a tolling program, and revised taxes for diesel and weight miles³. Because it was a revenue-raising bill, it required a three fifths majority to pass. The taxes and fees that are the subject of Measure 120 were raised as follows⁴:

Category	Old tax/fee	New tax/fee
Gas	40¢/gallon	46¢/gallon
Base rate ⁵ for vehicle titles (except trailers and motor vehicles over 26,000 lbs.)	\$77	\$216
Payroll Tax for transit	0.1%	0.2%
Base rate for registration fees ⁵		
Passenger vehicle	\$43/year	\$85/year
Utility or light trailers	\$63	\$105
Mopeds and motorcycles	\$44	\$86
Low-speed vehicles	\$63	\$105

After the passage of House Bill 3991, Oregon State Senator Bruce Starr, Oregon State Representative Ed Diehl, and Jason Williams of the Taxpayers Association of Oregon led a petition campaign to collect signatures to refer portions of House Bill 3991 to Oregon voters. The campaign was successful and the petition qualified for the November 3, 2026 ballot on December 30, 2025. During the 2026 legislative session, the legislature voted to move the vote on Measure 120 to the May 19, 2026 primary election⁵.

PROPOSAL

Ballot Measure 120, referred to the people of Oregon by petition, puts certain revenue-increasing portions of House Bill 3991 before Oregon voters. The portions of the bill that Oregonians will have a chance to vote on are the increased gas tax, vehicle title and registration fees, and payroll tax. The petitioners support a “no” vote since that will reverse the revenue increases. Those who want to keep the revenue increases support a “yes” vote.

Supporters Say:

- The revenue from House Bill 3991 is necessary to maintain transportation services and operations and keep “roads and bridges open and safe.”⁶
- Local governments like cities and counties rely on ODOT’s funding to maintain their local streets and roads. Without this revenue, their streets and roads will deteriorate.⁷
- The payroll tax is necessary to fund transit that serves people in urban and rural areas, including those who are struggling to make ends meet and are dependent on transit.⁸

Opponents Say:

- Working people and farmers can’t afford the tax increases in House Bill 3991.⁹
- Oregonians have the right to vote on their taxes.¹⁰
- The state doesn’t need to raise taxes to maintain Oregon’s roads. There is money available, but it’s not being prioritized properly.¹¹

¹ Oregon Secretary of State Certified Ballot Title: <https://sos.oregon.gov/admin/Documents/irr/2026/302supct.pdf>

² “Revenue Impact of Proposed Legislation,” Oregon Legislative Assembly Legislative Revenue Office, <https://apps.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025S1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/309888>

³ Base rates for title and registration fees are increased by such things as a vehicle’s miles-per-gallon rating, whether it is an EV, and whether county fees apply

⁴ https://egov.sos.state.or.us/elec/web_irr_search_record_detail?p_reference=20260302..LSCYYTRANSPORTATION

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⁶ “Transportation Funding Bill Set to Pass in Special Session,” Association of Oregon Counties, <https://oregoncounties.org/transportation-funding-bill-set-to-pass-in-special-session/>

⁷ City of Salem, letter in support of HB 3991, <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025S1/Downloads/PublicTestimonyDocument/223432>; Metropolitan Mayors, letter in support of HB 3991, <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025S1/Downloads/PublicTestimonyDocument/224070>

⁸ Lane Transit District, letter in support of HB 3991, <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025S1/Downloads/PublicTestimonyDocument/224662>

⁹ Oregon Farm Bureau, <https://www.oregonfb.org/post/oregonians-push-back-on-record-tax-increases-with-new-referendum-effort>

¹⁰ Petition website, <https://stopthegastax.com>

¹¹ Lars Larson Show, Oct. 3, 2025, <https://notaxor.com/representative-ed-diehl-senator-bruce-starr-on-he-lars-larson-show/>

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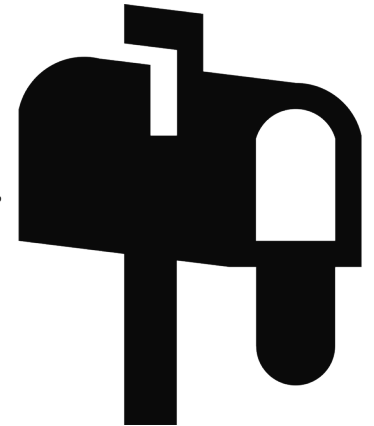
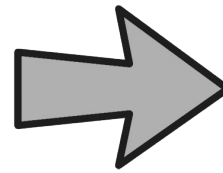
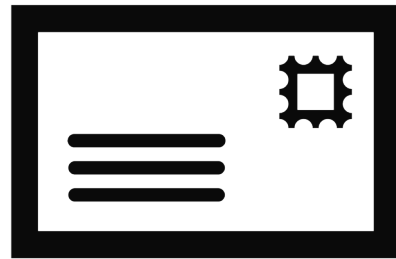
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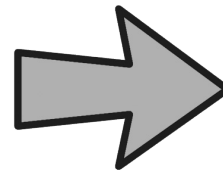
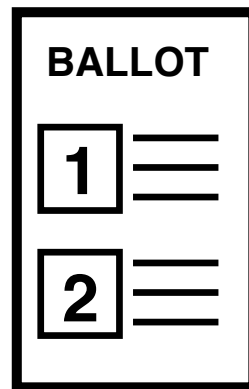
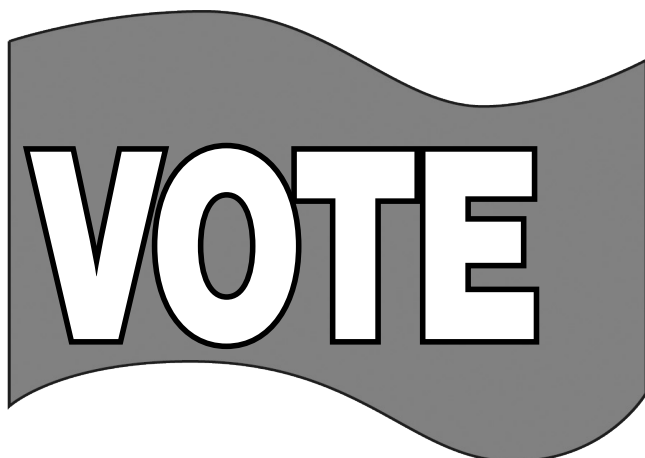
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