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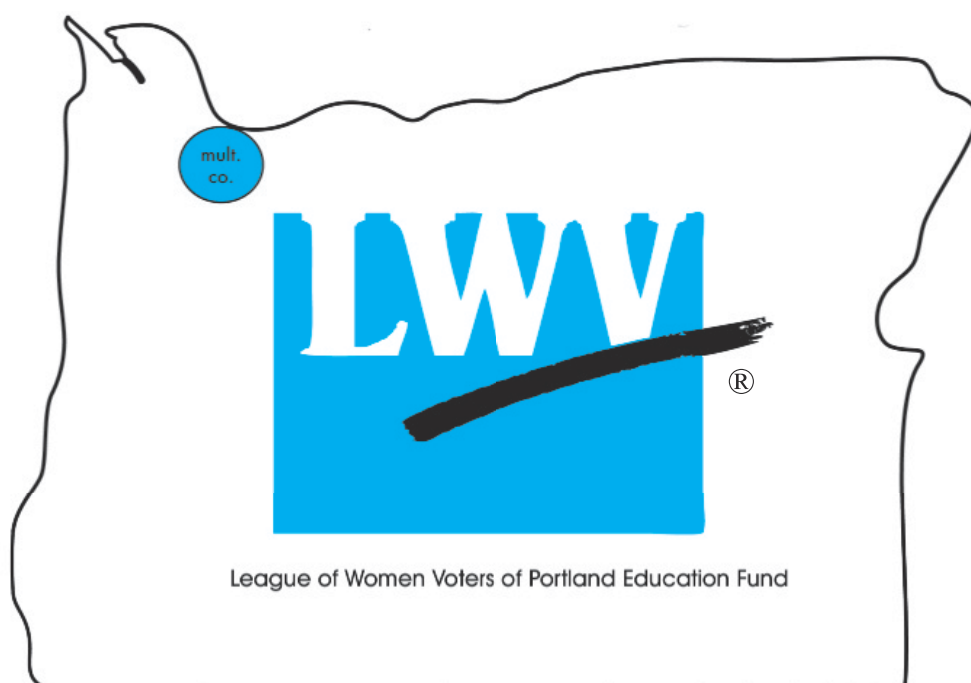


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VOTER REGISTRATION

Registration Deadline: **April 24, 2018**

Obtain registration forms from:
Multnomah County Elections
1040 SE Morrison, Portland, OR 97214
503-988-3720

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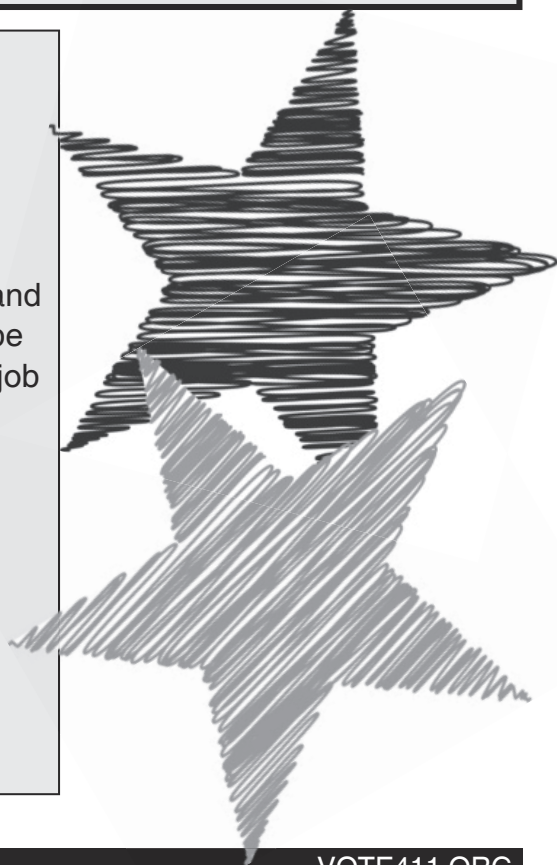
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Children's Levy 26-197

Official Title: Renew Portland Children's Levy for five years

QUESTION:

Shall Portland continue early childhood, child abuse programs; five-year levy \$0.4026 per \$1,000 assessed value beginning 2019? This measure renews current local option taxes.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The levy requests \$0.4026 per \$1000 of assessed property value. If approved it would continue to cost the owner of a home with an assessed value of \$250,000 about \$100 per year in taxes. It is estimated that the levy will raise an average of \$23.68 million per year for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024. This is subject to change with fluctuations in the economy and with tax compression due to Oregon Measures 5 and 50.

PROBABLE RESULTS OF YES VOTE

Funds will continue to be available to support city-wide early childhood and after-school programs, mentoring, child abuse prevention/intervention, foster care and hunger relief. Taxes for this program will remain the same.

PROBABLE RESULTS OF NO VOTE

Some or all of the organizations now funded by the Portland Children's Levy (PCL) would offer fewer or reduced services. Over 8,000 children and their families, currently served by the levy, would have reduced opportunities to prosper academically and socially. Approximately 11,000 other children would have greater food insecurity. Taxes dedicated to this program would decrease.

BACKGROUND

The levy was first approved by voters in 2002. It was renewed in 2008 by 72% of voters and again in 2013 by 74%. The measure has been referred to voters in this election by the Portland City Council.

Impetus for the first levy was provided by a June 2000 study by the Portland Citizens Crime Commission which concluded that, "The most effective and cost efficient way to reduce crime is to identify and intervene with high-risk children early in their lives." The report cited research showing that the costs of addressing risk factors for crime (such as family abuse, lack of supportive relationships with adults and peers, early severe antisocial behavior, poor school attendance or school failure) are far less than the costs of criminal activity and incarceration.

PCL allocates funds to 6 program areas: Early Childhood, After School, Mentoring, Child Abuse Prevention & Intervention, Foster Care and Hunger Relief. In addition, it supports a special initiative in early childhood and general

mental health consultation and parenting education and an initiative in childcare assistance for low-income families. PCL's adopted goals are to:

- Prepare children for school.
- Support children's success inside and outside school.
- Reduce racial and ethnic disparities in children's well-being and school success.

Annual detailed reports generally show that specific goals are being met. Over 70 grants were funded by the levy in 2017 to organizations in the Portland area. Investment decisions are made by a five member Allocation Committee that is composed of one City of Portland Commissioner, one Multnomah County Commissioner, one representative of the business community and two citizens with expertise in children's issues. The Allocation Committee also oversees the annual and ongoing performance of PCL and its grants. Grants are awarded to non-profit and governmental service providers in a competitive public process. A few examples of grantees are:

- Friendly House Preschool – full-day preschool for children from low-income families
- Girls, Inc. – after school and summer programs for girls
- Meals4Kids – Meals on Wheels for families with children
- El Programa Hispano Católico – parenting support/therapy for families who have experienced domestic violence
- Impact NW, Safe & Together – intensive visiting for children in foster care
- Friends of the Children – long-term, 1-to-1 mentoring program for children K-12

PCL is subject to an annual audit by an independent agency. The audits have found that internal controls over administrative expenses and budgeting are adequate, that administration expense is less than 5% of tax revenues (as required by the levy), and that administration of grants and grantee monitoring comply with ballot language and contracts with grantees.

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In 2015, the City Auditor's office conducted an audit of PCL which agreed with the independent audits, but recommended (1) that goals, responsibilities and outcome reporting be formally adopted by the City Council, as well as by PCL, and (2) that the allocation process be reviewed to revisit the scoring process, goals and definitions related to equity. The audit also said PCL could benefit from a larger and more representative allocation committee, an interview process to clarify application details, and an appeals process for rejected applications. In response to a query by the Auditor a year later, PCL said that recommendation (1) would be explored in the context of seeking permission from Council to renew the levy and (2) would be explored in the next round of funding if the levy is renewed by voters.

SUMMARY OF MEASURE

Renewing this levy would assure that about \$23 million will be distributed annually among providers, thereby funding a portion of the cost of each service the levy supports: child readiness for school success; safe after-school activities; preventing child abuse and neglect; assisting impoverished, foster, crime-impacted, substance-abuse-impacted, immigrant, refugee, and homeless families; assisting teen-parents, youth & girls; and reducing child hunger.



SUPPORTERS SAY

Since 2002, PCL programs have strengthened the entire Portland community by helping thousands of children reach their potential. PCL programs have empowered parents and caregivers to become more confident and skilled at advocating for their children in the classroom and in life.

Programs provided with PCL funds met levy standards for effectiveness, budgeting, program capacity and cultural competence. They are audited annually. In public meetings, an oversight committee of citizens conducts reviews of funded programs' success. There are caps on PCL and provider service administration costs.



OPPONENTS SAY

The levy program has not implemented the Auditor's 2015 recommendation that City Council specify goals and outcomes and align outcomes with relevant community benchmarks and that they clarify roles and responsibilities of staff and the allocation committee. Funds should be withheld until this is done.

It is difficult to judge the true effectiveness of programs. Grantees are generally well known, but methods of checking success are inexact. Outcomes are often not aligned with relevant community benchmarks, like school progress and juvenile delinquency.



Closed and Open Primaries

The Democrat and Republican parties in Oregon have chosen to have a closed Primary for nominating their party candidates for partisan offices. To vote for Democratic or Republican candidates in the May Primary, you must register with one of the parties by the registration deadline.

The Independent party (which is a major party in Oregon) has chosen to open their nomination process to non-affiliated voters (voters not registered with any party). Non-affiliated voters will receive a postcard and can request a ballot with Independent candidates for the May Primary.

Major political parties choose their candidates in the May Primary. In the November 2018 General Election all registered voters will receive a ballot with all of the nominated candidates as well as nonpartisan offices.

What's My District?

Go to
<http://web.multco.us/elections/maps-and-data>

Go to VOTE411.org

Enter your address. Click enter.
Then, click Get Personalized Information
on Candidates and Issues
Then, click Show Districts

IMPORTANT DATES

- **April 24th** is the last day to register to vote and the last day to select or change your political party registration. Go to oregonvotes.org and click on "My Vote".
- **April 25th to May 1st**, when most ballots are sent to voters. If you return your ballot by mail, remember to add more time to ensure delivery by Election Day. If you don't get your ballot, contact your county elections office at: multco.us/elections You can call them too: 503-988-3720
- **May 15th** is Election Day, the last day to DROP OFF your ballot at an official drop-off site, by 8:00pm.

Options for Unaffiliated Voters

If you chose not to register as a member of a political party, or if you were registered automatically as part of the new "Motor Voter" law, you are a non-affiliated voter. You have 3 options for this election:

Option 1: Do nothing. You will receive a ballot with only nonpartisan races like County Commissioners and Metro Councilors and ballot measures.

Option 2: Choose to vote in a major party's Primary by selecting that political party on your voter registration. Major parties are the Republican Party, the Democratic Party and the Independent Party. **Party changes must be completed by April 24th:** in person by 5 PM, by mail postmarked April 24 or by online registration by 11:59 PM at oregonvotes.org.

Option 3: Choose to vote in the Independent Party's Primary election and remain a non-affiliated voter. Return the postcard you will receive to the Elections Office by 5 PM April 24.

Circuit Court Judge

Term: 6 Years

Salary: \$135,776

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What will you do to reduce racial bias in the court system?

What, for you, is the central goal of sentencing in criminal cases? Please explain your answer.

What is the area of greatest need in Oregon's justice system, and how should state government respond?

Position 3

Nonpartisan Jerry B Hodson

Candidate did not respond by deadline

Position 4

Nonpartisan Shelley D Russell

Candidate did not respond by deadline

Position 7

Nonpartisan Andrew M Lavin

Candidate did not respond by deadline

Position 8

Nonpartisan Eric J Bergstrom

Candidate did not respond by deadline

Position 16

Nonpartisan Susan M Svetkey

Candidate did not respond by deadline

Position 23

Nonpartisan Melvin Oden-Orr

Candidate did not respond by deadline

Position 28

Nonpartisan Judith Matarazzo

Candidate did not respond by deadline

Position 29

Nonpartisan Kathryn L Villa-Smith

Candidate did not respond by deadline

Position 31

Nonpartisan Cheryl Albrecht

Candidate did not respond by deadline

Position 32

Nonpartisan Xiomara Y Torres

Candidate did not respond by deadline



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Position 37

Nonpartisan



Leslie Roberts

mbabar.org/resources/leslieroberts.html

Implicit bias is a pervasive issue in society. I have devoted hundreds of hours to study of psychological and scholarly writings on criminal justice, decision-making, and ways to reduce implicit bias. I make a deliberate effort to focus on the individual and to make explicit reference to objective standards in my decisions. I join my court in a pledge of fairness, equality and dignity, without regard to race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation or identity, or disabilities.

The first goal is community protection. Most convictions, as for misdemeanors, result in probation with restitution and requirements to support life changes and reach root causes of criminal behavior. In a few exceptional major felony cases, community safety requires extended incarceration. Sentencing also confirms public values. Public confidence requires firm enforcement of laws, but shorter sentences make the desired point without worsening criminality and undermining rehabilitation.

Oregon should fund more alternatives to traditional jails and prisons. We need the work centers we lost to budget cuts. We need to offer education and treatment options. It is smart and effective to do so. The demand is huge. We need funding for a larger staff of trained professional probation officers. Existing staff can't closely work with more than select felons. Multnomah County Justice Reinvestment Program, a pilot project, proves intensive probation reduces crime while saving tax money.

Nonpartisan



Alexander Hamalian

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Growing up ethnically "different" and in a time when Middle Eastern discrimination was at a level on par with the current state of affairs in America, I understand racial bias. First: Educate judges, litigants and attorneys on the impact of racial profiling. Second: Encourage the use of body and dash cameras in evidence collection. Third: Judges must prohibit minority juror exclusion as laid out in *Batson v. Kentucky*, 476 U.S. 79 (1986). Fourth: Eliminate non-unanimous felony verdicts.

For most criminal cases the central goal of sentencing is a trifecta of: 1. Providing closure and restitution to the victim; 2. Providing evenhanded, just and reasonable punishment to the offender, and; 3. Doing such in a manner that, from the implementation of the sentence, begins the process of rehabilitating the offender and preparing him or her to co-exist in society. For in depth analysis please see Judge Michael Marcus' application at: <http://smartsentencing.com/whatwrks.html>

Multnomah County needs to implement a meaningful Veterans Court that will: 1. Reduce criminal recidivism by providing assessment, education and treatment to drug / alcohol addicted Veterans in our criminal, quasi criminal and domestic judicial systems; 2. Monitor treatment compliance through frequent court contact and intensive supervision; 3. Require strict accountability from participants and impose a graduated system of rewards and interventions to encourage positive choices and behavior.

Video Voters' Guide

In partnership with



the League of Women Voters of Portland Education Fund will record

8 minute interviews of selected candidates.

See metroeast.org or lwvpdx.org for links to the interviews online or times for rebroadcast by MetroEast. Video interviews will also be linked in the candidate's page on VOTE411.org.

State Senators - Republican

Term: 4 Years
Salary: \$23,052

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District 19

Republican



David C. Poulson
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The answer is education. From advances in Neuroscience, we know today that students have quite different individual learning systems (ILS). Oregon schools however, are more focused on what students learn-not how they learn. Unlocking a students interests, through a presentation of subject matter that is consistent with their ILS, would achieve nothing short of an education and social revolution. We need to work toward restructuring our schools accordingly. The failing status quo is unaffordable

Wages have long diverged from inflating home prices and it is driving cost of living to critical extremes. Too many of us are just a missed paycheck away from grim circumstances. We can't raise taxes. The States' bankruptcy needs to be fixed like all Bankruptcies. Restore Oregon's credit by imposing verifiable austerity measures designed to maintain schools and infrastructure assets while assuring an attractive business climate. We need to act now. Another recession would be truly serious.

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

District 26

Republican



Chuck Thomsen
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Throughout my entire career this has been a priority for me. Workforce investment is crucial, and I am always supportive of allocating more funding toward career-technical and vocational education. Many of you remember Measure 98 - it passed overwhelmingly. It created a mandate for more job training in schools - I was one of only a few legislators who continued to champion it when it came time to actually implement this policy. We still have a lot of work to do.

Oregon's State Budget has seen incredible growth. If you track our revenue over the past two decades, you understand this. The key is to fully fund services that are essential first, and not keep using budgets like K-12 as bargaining tools for revenue increases. I will continue to pursue fully funding K-12, Higher Ed, and Public Safety first and foremost. Just like with basic household budgeting, there are priorities that cannot be ignored. I first made this promise in 2010, and have held true.

I'm a Co-Chair of the Columbia Gorge Fire Recovery Team, and have been actively involved working with Gov. Brown and other colleagues on handling the aftermath of the wildfire. I was able to secure economic recovery funding in the short session, and we have all taken steps to give our local fire departments more funding and tools. I have supported numerous seismic upgrade programs, and support efforts to mitigate flooding.

State Senators - Democrat

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District 16

Democrat

Betsy Johnson - betsy@betsyjohnson.com

Candidate did not respond by deadline

District 17

Democrat



Elizabeth Steiner
Hayward
elizabethfororegon.com

As a healthcare professional, I see the value in investing in local training, and in statewide investments that will serve the State's healthcare needs--for Oregonians, and by Oregonians. As the Co-Chair of the Human Services Subcommittee, I work to create sustainable, long-term jobs, and to avoid employee turnover by ensuring appropriate benefits, worker safety and providing training and support networks for workers.

While many of my colleagues are focused on increasing revenue, my focus is much more on how to save before we spend. I am certainly supportive of new and sustainable revenue streams to help us with our unfunded pension liability, education, and other priorities, but am much more interested in re-evaluating current state systems, identifying systemic overlap, and establishing more productive and efficient ways of serving Oregonians.

Oregon must leverage federal dollars for infrastructure projects. The State has an opportunity through bonding to invest in seismic safety for schools, hospitals and roads. It's also important to consider the creation of long-term investments that pay off both for our economy and the safety of Oregonians, through local jobs and projects that will help prevent catastrophic damage in the event of natural disasters. Finally, we must continue public education on the need for individual preparedness.

District 19

Democrat



Rob Wagner
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Having worked in education policy for over 20 years, this is an issue area of particular passion. Oregon needs to invest in wrap-around supports for students to complete high school and move into college or a career. Too many students--especially from traditionally under-represented populations--face barriers of entry. The overwhelming costs related to staying in school to be addressed, from textbooks to tuition support to childcare costs.

I graduated high school the year Measure 5 passed. Since then our revenue structure hasn't provided stability or sufficient resources to support education, senior services, health care, veterans, public safety or resources for environmental protection. Oregon has one of the most unstable tax systems in the country. I believe this is the time to address our broken system of taxation starting corporate tax fairness. I support the Oregon League of Women Voter's position on fiscal policy

I support additional investment on the recommendation of the Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission. In addition to critical investments in our infrastructure - from bridges to schools - we need a united Oregon to support earthquake education, and funding for additional research. Wildfire mitigation is also directly related to healthy forests. Oregon needs to lead the nation in addressing carbon pollution and while creating sustainable careers in clean energy jobs.

State Senator - Democrat - *continued*

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District 24

Democrat



Kayse Jama
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Successful employment initiatives and policies must simultaneously focus on education, job preparation, economic equity, and environmental sustainability. Working with the trades, education partners and homegrown businesses, we can prepare Oregonians for the 21st Century job market. This begins with investing in pre-K through higher education, addressing the achievement gap, and focusing on STEAM, CTE, and training Oregonians of all ages and backgrounds for the green jobs of the future.

Our corporate tax rate is dead last in the United States, leaving us trapped in a cycle of adjusting a budget that is fundamentally failing us. We need to reevaluate and reexamine our potential revenue sources. We cannot continue to ask that hard-working Oregonians bear the majority of the tax burden for funding all of the programs in the state. In order to increase revenue and fund key programs, we need to create a fair and balanced taxation system in which corporations pay their fair share.

This is urgent, as climate change increases our risk. We must: 1) Fund infrastructure upgrades, ensuring all projects meet seismic requirements 2) Incent homeowners to retrofit homes through tax credits 3) Upgrade warning systems and prepare immigrants/refugees with linguistically and culturally appropriate education 4) Ensure that all emergency systems and agencies are coordinated with necessary tools to help communities 5) Proactively secure needed relief funding ahead of major disasters

Democrat



Rod Monroe
rodmonroe.com

As one of the authors of the "Oregon Promise" and a life-long educator, I know that Community Colleges are that the heart of workforce development. The "Oregon Promise" provides free Community College tuition for recent high school graduates that have attained at least a 2.5 GPA. I have been endorsed by the Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council because they respect my ability to promote and develop family wage jobs. I strongly endorsed and secured funding for Measure 98.

Oregon's structural shortfall is essentially a revenue problem. Oregon's corporate taxes are among the lowest in the nation. Also, Oregon's beer and cigarette taxes are among the lowest in the nation. To properly fund education, mental health, public safety and human service needs we should increase revenue from all three of these sources. I will support any progressive revenue increase to meet this challenge.

As the only State Senator to serve on all three 2017 Transportation committees, I was proud to play a significant role in developing the 5.3 Billion Dollar Transportation and Transit Infrastructure Package. As the co-chair of the Education Subcommittee of Ways and Means, I worked to provide funding for bonds for seismic improvements to our schools and colleges. Climate change is increasing the cost of fighting wildfires. We must continue our efforts to promote healthy forests.

Democrat



Shemia Fagan
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My father was a single parent who struggled to provide food and healthcare for my brothers and me. He told me that an education is the surest way out of poverty, and it stuck. Because of great Oregon schools I graduated high school, put myself through college and law school, and today I practice as a civil rights attorney. Making sure our children grow up to be qualified for jobs starts with fully funding our schools, that's why it's one of my top priorities if elected.

If elected, I will pursue two solutions. One is a corporate tax. We must make corporations pay their fair share in Oregon. Time is up. Second, dozens of tax credits for the wealthy were passed in Oregon in the 70's and haven't been reviewed for decades. We need dedicated and diverse leaders to reassess our tax system. We're not going to see that day come unless we disrupt the old boys club in the Oregon Senate. That's why I'm running.

Climate change is real. We can't build buildings like we did 20, even ten years ago. We can't turn a blind eye to our unsafe bridges. We can't allow for any oversight when it comes to wooded areas, not even a single matchstick. I'm not an urban planner, I'm not a bridge builder, I'm not a firewoman but I know that our resiliency depends on a two-pronged approach that is informed by those experts. We need to preserve what we have, and ensure that our future is guided by science and data.

State Senator - Democrat - *continued*

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District 26

Democrat



Chrissy Reitz
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As a school board member, I have seen firsthand the role that education plays in providing a foundation for success. A quality public education is critical in helping young Oregonians thrive, and for businesses in hiring qualified workers. Stable funding for schools, access to Career-Technical Education, increased emphasis on STEM programs, and partnerships between industry and education are all policies I will prioritize to ensure graduates are prepared for entering the workforce.

To address budgetary issues, we must first find thoughtful ways to address our lack of revenue. I am in favor of updating Oregon's tax code in ways that make the system more equitable for working families and to hold large corporations accountable for paying their fair share. When elected, I will work closely with my colleagues and various stakeholders to find the best path forward. We must also increase accountability when allocating state funds, ensuring taxpayer dollars are spent wisely.

As a long-time resident of the Hood River Valley, this issue is very personal to me. Strategic, targeted investments in transportation, safe rail travel, infrastructure, and emergency services are critical to ensuring Oregon's roads and bridges are retrofitted for natural disasters, and in the case of emergencies, local residents have the resources they need to reach safety. When considering legislation, I will always ask myself what is best for keeping Oregonians safe and our state healthy.

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State Representatives - Republican

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Salary: \$23,052

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District 31

Republican Brian G. Stout

Candidate did not respond by deadline

District 33

Republican Elizabeth J. Reye

Candidate did not respond by deadline

District 35

Republican



Bob Niemeyer
bobniemeyer.com

Every child is different. We need to admit that children are different and different forms of education are a must for their development. Only a system of charter schools can provide the different forms of education that will work for providing education for all of Oregon's children. We further need to institute a voucher program that will give the parents the ability to get their children into the schools that work best for their children.

Oregon's budget shortfall has been a "Tradition" long enough. Wasting tax dollars on useless efforts does not build a future for anybody. Short term gains in tax revenues only take away from future revenues that could have been far better collected from a productive Oregon instead of an over taxed, over regulated, and over-burdened society.

The laws and regulations about seismic construction are in place now. We must admit that there is a limit to how much of a disaster we can afford to handle by selecting the limit of how large of an earthquake that we are willing to protect ourselves from. I do not know what that limit should be. However we must decide and stick with that limit. And that limit should be set by the Legislature. Same for flooding and wildfire. Set limits to what the people of the state can expect.

District 48

Republican Sonny Yellott

Candidate did not respond by deadline

District 49

Republican Justin Hwang

Candidate did not respond by deadline

District 51

Republican



Lori Chavez-DeRemer
LoriChavezDeRemer.com

One, we need listen to our businesses as to where their gap is in the system of skilled workers; having them identify how many workers they will need in the next 5-10 years and what are the skills or certificates required to get started. Two, start the path of success in middle school, not in high school. That way when in high school we can identify 4-year college degree students, two-year college degree and certificate based students. Essentially have a match program.

It doesn't have to be this way. Our state has been posting record revenue and has increased by more than 41% since 2010 despite our budget shortfalls in recent years. We have to pull back on regulation, stop overtaxing small businesses, and start creating more opportunities for entrepreneurs. While I think it's vital and important to fund our state's programs like Medicaid, we need a vision and a goal for what the outcome of these types of measures are. We need to serve as well as solve.

The Big Cascadia numbers show that 9.0 earthquake will cause \$36.7 billion dollars in building damage and kill 1,473 people in the tri-county area. I can speak to what Happy Valley has done and what we still need to do. Our city plans for landslides and building failure. All cities will need a robust Emergency plan. We will have to insist that Congress continue to find the National Insurance Flood Program. Lastly, we always need to have a reserve to replace and rebuild after wildfires.

State Representative - Republican - *continued*

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District 52

Republican Jeff Helfrich

Candidate did not respond by deadline

State Representatives - Democrat

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District 27

Democrat



Sheri Malstrom
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My son is a recruiter for tech businesses out of Washington County, largely because our schools are not producing graduates that have the hard skills to meet the growing demand for engineers of all varieties. We as a state need to do a better job of preparing our students for the 21st century economy, which demands flexible, tech savvy professionals, and as the State Representative for Oregon House District 27, I am committed to working with my colleagues to improve our education system.

As a freshman legislator I have been a vocal advocate for tax reform in our state. Every tax break and tax credit we approve means fewer dollars for our school; tax incentives should only be distributed to support behavior that encourages substantial benefits to our communities. Our state needs increased revenue to fund our basic services. Beyond raising revenue, and reapportioning our tax burden to respect basic fairness, the state must also make bold decisions regarding our tax incentives.

Oregon must make fundamental investments in seismic readiness and wildfire prevention. The Oregon legislature has begun these investments, through private-public investments in seismic rehabilitation (SB 85, 2015), the establishment of a state Resilience Office (HB 2270, 2015), a grant program to provide rural communities with public safety resources (HB 2687, 2017), and retrofitting intracommunity bridges for seismic readiness (HB 2017, 2017), but more needs to be done to prepare our state.

District 31

Democrat



Brad Witt
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I will continue my efforts in bipartisan coordination to steadily increase funding in pursuit of the Quality Education Model. Within this funding scheme we must not underestimate the power of STEM/STEAM curriculum and making sure that youth have access to skill and trade-based opportunities. We must continue encouraging trade and craft career paths, through Career and Tech Ed(CTE) funding. Having passed the first CTE bill in Oregon a decade ago, I will continue to advocate for these programs.

Oregon needs to take a hard look at tax credits, deductions and exemptions to ensure that we deliver a good value for the tax dollars collected. Simply put, our state needs to stop giving away more money than it keeps as tax revenue. Oregon is also facing ever increasing strains from unsustainable PERS obligations, we need fair and balanced solutions. Now we must focus on growing a healthy economy that supports middle class jobs for a solid tax base and local spending.

To address flood and wildfire resilience we must address climate change. I intend to introduce legislation in 2019 to actively address reducing carbon emissions. To increase our resilience statewide, Oregon must invest in the office of Emergency Management and, more critically, the capacity of local first responders and coordinating councils. Many communities are at work on plans for response to the Cascadia Event and other natural and man-made disasters. We need to support these efforts.

State Representatives - Democrat - continued

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District 33

Democrat

Mitch Greenlick

Candidate did not respond by deadline

District 35

Democrat



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As a former teacher, I believe a strong education helps ensure Oregonians have access to careers in high skill and high wage sectors. Throughout my time in the Oregon Legislature I have voted multiple times to expand access to Career and Technical Education, and I continue to see this as a resource to connect our youngest Oregonians to the job market. Additionally I'm a strong advocate for the labor movement, which I believe is vital to training and connecting Oregonians with family wage jobs.

Simply put, Oregon has an inequitable tax system--hard working Oregonian families are shouldering the costs of big corporations not paying their fair share in taxes. We must change this. I would, as I have in the past, support raising corporate taxes to pay for vital services, like healthcare and education, in Oregon. I believe strongly that we can't leave the 2019 session without meaningful revenue reform.

I voted for HB 2017 in the 2017 Legislative session, which made critical investments in our infrastructure, including seismic retrofitting of Oregon's bridges. Though, we must make additional investments and take additional actions to prepare for a seismic disaster. With climate change contributing to increased wildfires, I believe we must take action to address carbon emissions and invest in clean energy jobs in addition to making investments to address crisis when it strikes.

District 36

Democrat



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It is vital for the legislature to ensure that our K-12 and post-secondary institutions are providing our citizens with the training they need to be successful within our ever-changing economy. This starts by making sure that we are properly funding our schools. The Joint Committee on Student Success is embarking on a statewide tour right now to view successful models of education, and seek ways to establish adequate and sustainable sources of funding.

Comprehensive tax reform would be a significant step towards stable funding for basic services. It is critical this reform be progressive to ensure that everyone pays their fair share and it does not place the burden on those who can least afford it.

I am pleased we were able to make significant investments this legislative session to aid rural communities in resiliency planning and aid the recovery of communities following devastating forest fires. I also supported House Bill 2017 during the 2017 legislative session, which will make billions of dollars in investments in Oregon's transportation infrastructure.

District 41

Democrat



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This past session, the Oregon Legislature made major investments in existing four year universities' programs, and is looking ahead to the 2019 session to further work on community college tuition affordability. A key component of our work in the coming years will be to continue to ensure that our educational and practical skills programs align with the skills and experiences that employers need so that graduates can hit the ground running in Oregon.

Oregon's system of revenue and taxes is unsustainable. From an inequitable local property tax system that largely shifted the responsibility of K-12 funding from local property taxes to the state, to a state budget system that is run predominantly through personal income taxes, Oregon has a system that no other state is looking to copy. In 2017, I advocated for a pragmatic revenue reform bill that would have dedicated all new revenue to education, and will continue to advocate for reform.

Large-scale resiliency projects are expensive, and without a dedicated revenue source to enable seismic and adaptation upgrades, any other approach will continue to be piecemeal. This is why in 2019, I will fight hard to pass a clean energy jobs bill that squarely addresses the climate change. The cost of extreme, climate change and weather-induced disasters cost the United States \$306 billion dollars in 2017 alone. We simply cannot afford inaction any longer.

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District 42

Democrat Rob Nosse

Candidate did not respond by deadline

District 43

Democrat



Tawna Sanchez
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We must do a better job of funding our education system, from K-PhD, including greater investments in technical education.

I continue to have great concerns regarding the structure and reliability of our state revenue stream, and support efforts to ensure corporations pay their fair-share in taxes.

We must continue to make - and make further - investments in our transportation and emergency communications infrastructure. We must be more prepared than we currently are.

District 44

Democrat Tina Kotek

Candidate did not respond by deadline

District 45

Democrat



Barbara Smith Warner
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The long-term, systemic underfunding of public education continues to be the greatest challenge to getting enough Oregonians qualified for Oregon jobs. Until we commit to and establish a fair, stable revenue system with a dedicated source of funding for education, from pre-school to higher ed, we will continue to shortchange our students, our economy, and our state.

We need a revenue system that is stable and fair, and that tracks the economic growth of our state.

We must continue wise planning and a strong regulatory structure. This means building codes and tax incentives to retrofit for seismic; land use laws that balance development with agriculture and other needs; and the forest product industry paying its way and planning for both fire prevention and fire fighting.

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District 45 - continued

Democrat

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We can't. Half the jobs held today are likely to be automated (<https://www.bloomberg.com/graphics/2017-job-risk/>) in the near future. We would have to build a campus just to retrain 23,000 truck drivers. We need to start building Basic Income Support and add one additional use to the unemployment insurance fund -- relocation. That will help those stuck in high unemployment areas move to where the jobs are located.

In addition to the revenue provided Oregon Cap and Trade bill, which should pass in the 2019 session, the Federal Tax bill may provide opportunities to increase state revenue as we adapt to the CFRs that the IRS implements.

I am also support a gross receipts tax, similar to Measure 97, as well as some doing-more-with-what-we-have changes to the K12 funding formula by adding a fraction of teacher salaries to the existing formula, providing more equal class sizes across the state.

The Oregon Resilience Plan provides a gap analysis of what we need to do to prepare. Fulfilling that plan and using the highway-tied cap and trade revenue to strengthen highway infrastructure required to access the most impacted coastal areas, would help us prepare for a Cascadia event. I also support revision of our water rights law, ORS 537, to provide for a volumetric water rights tax to encourage agricultural water conservation similar to other Western states.

District 46

Democrat



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We need to invest in education from early childhood (including early intervention for kids with developmental delays and quality child care) through higher ed (including career technical education during and post high school).

We need to ensure that all public projects have apprenticeship opportunities, and hire locally through Community Benefit Agreements.

Schools and higher ed should partner with private sector enterprises.

Raising revenue is my top priority. The legislature needs to:

- 1) Pass comprehensive revenue reform by increasing the corporate tax. I fought hard for this during the 2017 legislative session and I vigorously campaigned for Measure 97.
- 2) Reform mortgage interest deduction, since 60% goes to the top 20% income earners, including for high end homes and even vacation homes. We need to cap it.
- 3) Increase the tobacco tax by \$2/pack, with equivalent increases in cigar and e-cigarette taxes.

In 2017, we passed a multi-year \$5.3 billion transportation infrastructure package and tripled the funding for seismic upgrades for K-12 schools; but we still have a long way to go!

To properly prepare for floods, wildfires and climate change impacts, we must develop smart sustainable strategies for managing our forests and water. We must pass the Clean Energy Jobs (Cap and Invest) bill to put a price on the carbon that contributes to wildfires, and invest it in sustainable strategies.

District 47

Democrat

Diego Hernandez

Candidate did not respond by deadline

District 48

Democrat



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As Chair of the House Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee, I am in a position to guide policy that helps put more and more Oregonians on a pathway to a career, and not just another job. I have helped increase funding for CTE (career technical education) Revitalization Grants, which has provided funding for more career-related classes across the state and provided additional funding for their operation. I also worked hard to ensure last year's Measure 98 was implemented fully,

Our reliance on personal income tax means that state revenue declines when it's most needed, which is during a recession. I would support efforts that started in the 2017 session to increase revenue by some sort of consumption tax, such as the Corporate Activity Tax or a limited, capped sales tax.

We also have major cost drivers that need further reductions, which has been extremely difficult. If we do nothing, the PERS (Public Employee Retirement System) will consume 30 percent of budgets.

Ultimately, climate change is the biggest threat to our wellbeing and we need to do more to reduce our carbon emissions and protect our natural resources. In the 2018 session we established a joint committee that builds on the work we tried to accomplish with the Clean Energy Jobs bill. We will continue to mitigate our impacts on the environment.

The Cascadia Subduction Zone and the last several years of tumultuous, blanketed forest fires across the state has sparked much-needed discussions about

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District 49

Democrat

Chris Gorsek

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District 50

Democrat



Carla C Piluso
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1. Increase our investments in education. Strong K-12, university, and career tech education are important to setting up young Oregonians for success.
2. Strengthen worker protections. We should expand paid family leave, guarantee equal pay, and make childcare affordable so that those caring for a family aren't put on the sidelines.
3. Protect tenants and fund more affordable housing. Evictions and rising prices cause chaos in people's lives and push them further away from where the jobs are.

Our government works hard to ensure that every dollar is spent wisely, but we are already unable to make sustained investments in education and other essential services with the resources we have available. We should be discussing new tools to raise revenue. I believe one component of the solution should be big businesses. Large businesses benefit from the schools, roads, and services that make Oregon a good place to do business, and they should be paying their fair share.

I applauded the attention already being paid to this issue, such as Governor Brown's recently appointed State Resilience Officer and our U.S. congressional delegation's work funding an earthquake early warning system. As state legislators, we should continue to fund urgent needs such as the assistance for firefighters in the Columbia Gorge we provided last session. We should also discuss how state resources can best to prepare critical infrastructure for disaster and incentivize preparedness.

District 51

Democrat



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As an employer in my community, the symbiotic relationship between our education system and our state's workforce readiness is very clear to me. The state and the business community must come together to develop funding solutions that are fair and make the necessary investments so students are ready for the economy of the future. Oregon is leading the way with career and technical education, and I'm working to keep us on that path. Apprenticeships and internships are bright spots in our system.

Like all families, the effects of our budget challenges hit home. I draw from my business background when I'm at the table working on budget issues, and I believe that experience has served my district well. Revenue reform will continue to be an essential part of this conversation, but I do not believe we can that we can simply tax our way out of these challenges. I will keep working with my colleagues, on both sides of the aisle, to find solutions that are fair and data-driven.

As recent events have shown, our state and our communities' capacity to manage these types of events will require investments in our infrastructure to ensure that it will stand up to natural and human-created disasters. Every family and every household ought to have a plan in place for these events, and our city, county, and state leaders should continue to support and train our first responders, as well as share best practices with our communities so that recovery can begin as soon as possible.

District 52

Democrat



Aurora del Val
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To ensure Oregonians are qualified for lasting employment, I will support and maintain educational and career pathways for all Oregonians. I will stand for a stronger K-college educational system, advocate for increased pathways to affordable college, career/technical, and trade apprenticeship opportunities. I will expand apprenticeship programs for a wide range of occupations, community colleges, unions, and businesses with equal access for women of all ages.

Slashing taxes for the largest corporations in Oregon threatens our schools and services. Corporations are not people and should not have the rights of people. Oregon has one of the lowest corporate tax rates in the nation, so I will fight to ensure that they pay their fair share to address our budget shortfall. I will also support oversight of programs that are not fiscally well managed.

I recommend supporting state government planning, coordinating with Governor's office advisors, Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Committee and with professional associations that address seismic, building codes, land use, and resilience issues. Oregon must invest in infrastructure retrofitting for earthquakes and fires. We must promote emergency response training for first responders and the general public as coastal communities have done in preparation for tsunami alerts.

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District 52 - *continued*

Democrat

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State Representatives - Independent

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District 27

Independent



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Leveraging my experience in growing and turning around businesses, I'll focus on two major areas. First we must have more business investment in Oregon so that people can be hired into middle and high-wage jobs. Second as those jobs are created we must ensure that people are educated and trained with the skills they need to be able to fill the vacancies. Firms of all sizes should be supported by the legislature and state agencies so Oregon can maintain a strong economy.

We must address both sides of the budget - what we spend and what earn. Just like households and businesses do, we must address spending priorities and balance them with available revenues. My budget priorities include keeping our families safe, improving our education system, and providing infrastructure and a business environment to help attract employers to Oregon. Oregon has more tax revenue than its ever had, so we must address costs and fund basic needs over non-essential spending.

Using my experience as an Army Corps of Engineer officer, I would focus legislative recommendations that lead the state forward in increasing our disaster preparedness. The keys to ensure our population is more resilient are in four major areas: planning, defined preparation, communication, and partnership at all levels of government. We must update and review our plans regularly to ensure that we are ready to protect our citizens and property. Government must regularly practice resiliency.

Portland Metro President

Term: 4 Years
Salary: \$135,776

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Nonpartisan



Lynn Peterson
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We need to develop our cities into complete communities before expanding the UGB. Many of our expansions remain undeveloped because we cannot provide necessary infrastructure. We have underdeveloped land along our vital transportation routes, which could be great places to live and access opportunity. Metro has established a new process to look at specific UGB expansions outside of the normal five-year cycle that have prepared viable housing and employment options, which I support.

Sending recyclable products to the landfill is upsetting, and it makes no sense to ship our recyclables to China. We need to support our local recycling companies and match domestic supply and demand. This challenging moment is an opportunity to grow our local economy.

I support Metro's efforts to examine the life-cycle costs of products, as they've done with paint. We can advance programs and incentives to reduce consumption and waste. I also support expanding the curbside composting program.

Metro's Equitable Housing Initiative and Regional Transportation Plan update highlight our affordability crisis. This positions Metro to lead regional funding measures to keep our region working for everyone.

Metro's Diversity and Equity initiative is essential. I plan to build on these efforts and strengthen minority contracting. I admire the Nature in Neighborhoods grant program, focusing on equity and community building, providing broad access to nature, and building future conservationists.

Nonpartisan

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Actually talk to the residents of the communities concerned. Honest and inclusive town hall meetings before the decision is made. Criteria would be immediate economic impact and then long-term economic effect. Make sure that Oregon owned contractors are given a more than fair chance to secure the contracts. Determine if the project is actually needed or just a self justifying land grab and Tr-Met appeasing perpetual project. And how will the safety and security of the citizens will be addressed.

The problem is the widespread use of plastic. A serious rethink of how we do business and technology to effectively breakdown plastic. Also Metro needs to consider shipping via rail and not trucking to the landfill in Washington.

None. Metro and its partner Tri-Met (Tri-Metro) need to address safety and security of its passengers first. Too many of Tri-Metro's are self perpetual self justifying projects that just bullies their way into existence. Progress is wonderful but the definition is open to interpretation. All projects need to be reviewed. Hiatus till real transparency occurs. Always remember Metro is a government entity.

Portland Metro Councilor

Term: 4 Years
Salary: \$45,254

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District 1

Nonpartisan



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Metro code directs the process the Metro Council uses to evaluate proposals for UGB expansion. Several factors will guide our decision:

- The parcel requested for expansion must be in an Urban Reserve.
- The area requested must have a city willing to take on the responsibility.
- The city must have a finance plan to build the infrastructure
- There must be a need for the new parcel use, and
- The city must prepare a concept plan and complete a housing and employment capacity.

China has been the main market for recycling for many years. Many changes need to occur to develop a market in the US.

- Develop and build the recycling technology on this side of the ocean. Systems that are in place are old and outdated.
- Focus on reducing plastic packaging via legislation
- Develop more product stewardship programs.
- Via legislation ban some plastics, such as plastic bags.
- Via education help the public be more discerning separating their recycling to reduce contam

Housing is critical piece of regional infrastructure. Where someone lives affects their ability to access jobs, education, social networks, and their quality of life. The first steps to prosperity is stable housing and a job. Children that have stable housing are more successful in school. Metro convened regional public, private and not-for-profit housing stakeholders to coordinate efforts and identify solutions to address the acute housing shortage in the Portland metro region. We are now

District 2

Nonpartisan

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Candidate did not respond by deadline

Nonpartisan



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I would create an assessment team of transportation experts and urban planners to do a study on impacts of expanding the UGB. I would ask want to explore alternatives to expanding the UGB to see how we can decrease strain on the transportation grid by making improvements to the infrastructure we already have. I would take a collaborative approach to solving complex problems surrounding transportation, housing and growth, which are all aspects of a potential expansion of the UGB.

Eliminating food waste from landfills is a way that we can cut what goes into our landfills by 20% right off the bat. Next, reducing waste starts with reducing consumption and educating people on choices they can make not to use plastic to go containers, and offering viable and affordable solutions for businesses to reduce their consumption of plastics. Finally, plastic already in circulation can be recycled or reused locally.

I believe that the Metro Regional area housing funding measure is the most important project that Metro is currently proposing. As a business owner and employer of over 100 people, I hear first-hand every day from my employees about the increasing costs of living, and difficulties finding affordable housing. I think everyone, and especially the least fortunate deserve a chance to make a living and this starts with creating more affordable housing options in Portland.

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Nonpartisan



Betty Dominguez
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As cities submit proposals for expansion into Urban Reserves, I would review those proposals with an eye towards the range of housing types and affordability proposed, plans for job creation, advancing racial equity, financial match, and readiness to proceed as well as open spaces proposed. I would also look for is there infrastructure in place or a way to fund it? is there a market demand? are there adequate governance structures and oversight in place?

Reeducation about proper recycling through an aggressive public awareness campaign focusing on core materials vs. contaminants. Expanding curbside composting and a ban on plastic bags throughout the region. Supporting Metro's: "Investment and Innovation" grant program for organizations involved in reducing waste through reusing, recycling, composting, especially those of color who have historically been left out of the recycling business and, Metro's 2030 Regional Waste Plan due by year's end

The General Obligation bond being proposed for the Nov. ballot which will generate \$500M for affordable housing throughout the region and especially in areas of communities of color. We are in a huge housing crisis - our families, our seniors, the homeless - all struggling. Then the Regional Transportation Plan which will reflect the Council's stated priorities - safety, racial equity, congestion and climate change. Expansion of the UGB and tracking progress on the Climate Smart Strategy goals

Nonpartisan



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Metro's Urban Growth Boundary is unique in the country and has helped shape the region's character. The UGB's expansion should be deliberate, driven by data and community input. When looking at any proposal to expand I will be looking for data that demonstrates need as well as a plan that includes connectivity to urban services, transportation, and livability. Finally, we must continue to protect our most valuable farm and forestlands to protect our family farmers and agricultural industries.

With the challenges facing the US recycling market, we must be innovative with our approach to waste reduction. Before it comes to recycling, consumers in the region need easier choices to reduce and reuse, particularly when it comes to plastic. Metro has a role to play investing in local businesses and organizations working to reduce waste and recycle in the region. This is an opportunity to create jobs and foster economic opportunity while taking responsibility for our waste footprint.

Transportation infrastructure improvements are vital in order to reduce congestion and improve safety. Metro must continue to lead conversations about transit investments and road improvements. Ensuring safe and accessible housing is also a top concern. Metro must commit to leading on housing so that cities can plan for all levels of affordability. Families across the region should share in the benefits of living here regardless of their neighborhood, zip code, race, gender, age, or ability.

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District 4

Nonpartisan



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I support balanced urban growth. I believe we need to encourage redevelopment of our main transportation corridors to have more density-based housing options. I would only support expansion as long as we're careful on the impact of our natural areas, farmland, and forests - and design smart and connected communities. The Metro region's growing population will require thoughtful land use planning as we allow for growth that does not harm the elements that make this region a special place to live.

I support a waste & recycling system of the future. I will work to build a strong regional recycling economy that can process materials locally, and create jobs and a new layer of industry for recyclable materials we manufacture back to our region. I will propose stronger regional regulations to curtail materials that don't have a feasible recycling exit-strategy, and lead education campaigns to address system inequities for marginalized communities to make our system less wasteful.

It is imperative that we address our region's affordable housing crisis. Metro must fulfill its regional planning role to strategically invest in affordable housing, and work with local governments to ensure we have the tools needed to build a wide range of housing options. The region we leave for future Oregonians must offer communities that are both affordable and well connected with world-class public transportation options to reduce congestion and our carbon footprint. We must act now.

Nonpartisan



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I'd evaluate expansion proposals based on how well the infrastructure tax payers have already invested in is being utilized. If not fully utilizing the billions already spent on sewers, water, roads, and electrical, then we need to ask why not. In many cases, we've already paid to supply commercial and industrial areas with infrastructure which are now abandoned or dilapidated. We should re-zone those areas first to fully utilize the infrastructure and land we already have and paid for.

I've proposed a pyrolysis waste-to-energy facility. Such a facility could take hazardous waste, all our raw sewage, and almost the entire municipal solid waste stream minus metal, glass, and construction waste like concrete. It would produce carbon to be sequestered as a soil amendment, making it carbon negative, and synthetic natural gas along with oil, which could then cleanly generate cheap electricity. It would remove around 182,000 tons of plastic from the environment annually.

I think Metro's proposed project to combat the affordable housing crisis with a bond measure is the most important. We cannot have a healthy and functional society on any level if we cannot provide stable and affordable housing to all. I believe Metro should aim to create Community Land Trusts and the construction of Limited Equity Cooperatives on those trusts. Both combined would create permanent affordability, community land ownership, cooperative home ownership, and community empowerment.

Portland Metro Auditor

Term: 4 Years
Salary: \$45,254

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What criteria should be used in choosing programs to audit and who should be consulted?

What measures should the auditor take to make audits and agency responses to audits available to the public?

How should audits be used to improve Metro government?

Nonpartisan



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The potential for savings or improvement, significance of the service or program to the public, time since last audit, and citizen or Metro interest are the criteria that should be considered. Staff resources must also be considered because they are limited. To make the best decision, the auditor should consider the input of citizens, employees, audit staff, other elected officials, and Metro managers.

The role of the auditor is to increase transparency and accountability. The auditor should report audit results to the Metro Council in a public meeting. The news media should be notified and the auditor should encourage media coverage when possible. The report should be available on the auditor's website and mailed to the public if requested. The auditor should report annually about completed audits and the findings.

Audits should be used to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Metro's programs and services. Auditors review government performance by evaluating the outcomes, processes, and areas of risk that need to be managed to safeguard public funds. Elected leaders and management should use audit recommendations to prioritize efforts and funding on behalf of the residents of the region.

Multnomah County Chair and Commissioners

Term: 4 Years
Salary: \$173,509

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What is your assessment of employee concerns over structural racism within Multnomah County operations? What will you do to address the issue?

What will you do to deal more effectively with the connected issues of mental and physical health, domestic violence and substance abuse?

What additional steps would you recommend to provide housing and shelter for individuals and families with housing insecurity?

Multnomah County Chair

Nonpartisan



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Civil Service requirements are much the same through out government. I have worked under both Federal and local systems. I will see that the rules are followed.

The underlying factor of these are drugs and alcohol. The criminal justice is our mental health provider.

Multnomah County needs to address the problems of an aging society. It is highly unlikely that the private sector will be able to meet these needs. Our strict land use laws make it difficult to site "affordable housing".

Nonpartisan



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My assessment is employees of color feel they are not given opportunities for promotions. The majority feel when there are concerns regarding fair treatment, equity and inclusion, there are no supportive resources and employees fear retaliation. Employees feel management have been aware of structural racism and when addressed landed on deaf ears. Local diversity consultant unattached to the County, create an Ombudsmen Office (union employees) and resurrect Merit Council (nonunion employees).

Identify individuals district by district affected by issues. These are county wide issues and the most effective way to deal with them is to centralize the help district by district. Trained staff in each areas will be assigned and responsible for their District. District lead is responsible for tracking, educate communities in each district, role and responsibility in reporting for better response. Setup a go to place in each district. Create county/city district+neighborhood action plan.

I recommend seeking housing and shelter in communities when individuals and families request to remain in communities and areas close to extended family that may offer support with child-care, close to jobs and neighborhoods and commonalities. Individuals and families need housing and shelter, yet the support of familiar communities, faith based and entities they have known to trust gives them encourage and rebuilds self-esteem. Housing and shelter should be inspected and in compliance with codes

Multnomah County Chair and Commissioners - *continued*

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Multnomah County Chair - *continued*

Nonpartisan



Chuck Crockett
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My assessment is that we live in a county and state that 80 years ago made it illegal for African Americans to live Oregon unless they were a slave. These policies and practices continue today. Ridding the county of these practices and policies is the start thru no tolerance discipline and education. Immediate action also helps atop these practices. Precedent must be set.

Understanding that these are outcomes of people's life's experiences, depression, stress then using that to provide effective help, opportunities and research. Taking away the reason to use drugs or be violent will decrease these situations from happening. Showing people you care. I have a mentally ill aunt.

Set up a homecoming program for those most drastically impacted by the housing crisis. We spend millions on apartment with ever rising rent. This puts an increased burden on the tax payer and funds causing higher taxes. Setting up a homeowners program allows rent to transform into mortgage, that won't rise, and wealth giving these families and people control of their living situations. This also free's up \$ for homeless housing and public owned apartments to be built and regulated to suite needs

Nonpartisan



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Everyone deserves a workplace that is safe, respectful & promotes belonging for employees. I led the county to signing a resolution that named the county's racial inequities & holds the county accountable for its actions. We have set in motion a process to develop a strategic plan that works to advance workforce equity, eliminate barriers to equal employment, & equalize levels of job satisfaction. Microaggressions were also added to the list of prejudicial acts that will be tracked & analyzed.

Law enforcement is often the first responder to issues arising from substance abuse, domestic violence & mental health issues, therefore we are changing the way law enforcement interacts with people struggling with those issues. My budget last year included two new programs to enhance public safety & services within Multnomah County. The goal of all of these programs is to get people the help they need for long-term stability instead of cycling them in & out of jail.

Our plan to address homelessness focuses on three strategies: preventing homelessness in the first place, finding housing placements for as many people as possible, & provide safe shelters for people to sleep at night. This past year we served 29,000 people, housed more than 4,800 & prevented 6,000 people from becoming homeless. We need to bring more affordable housing online; I'm committed to a shared promise of building 2,000 new supportive housing units over the next decade.

Multnomah County Chair and Commissioners - *continued*

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Multnomah County Commissioner District 2

Nonpartisan



Susheela Jayapal
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It's clear from the stories we have heard that employees of color face systemic barriers to success at Multnomah County. I'll work to create a safe channel of communication through which to report experiences of discrimination; explore creation of an ombudsman's office charged with independently investigating allegations; and ensure that we make it a priority to hire and retain senior personnel with a proven track record of being champions of racial equity.

All of the issues the County deals with — mental and physical health, domestic violence, substance abuse, housing, criminal justice — are interconnected. We need to connect the related services as well, providing wraparound, easily accessed care that addresses each of the barriers experienced by those we serve. We should explore providing "one-stop-shopping" models so as to break down the silos between systems, and prevent people from falling through the gaps between those systems.

We need to continue to increase housing supply that's affordable for working families and senior citizens, and to identify creative and less expensive ways of providing emergency shelter. In addition, I will focus in particular on preventing homelessness in the first place, such as through local housing voucher programs, short-term rent assistance, and help with housing repairs. We should also explore land banking, community land trusts, and other ways of creating permanent affordable housing.

Nonpartisan

Bruce Broussard
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Reinstate "Institutional Racism Committee" That Responded To A Similar Concern. During Former Chair Gladys McCoy Administration Time In Office As Chairperson Of The Multnomah County Commissioners.

Spend Time With Agency Administrators Addressing Their Understanding Of The Pressing Issues, Concerns And Approach, Toward Solutions In Their Respective Department. I Would Also Research Media Historical Response To Their Reporting To Issues Raised On Mental And Health Issues.

I Would Work Closely With The City Of Portland On Senior Housing Issues As To Home Ownership And Affordable Housing. Working With Planners To Be Aware Of Their Presence In Multnomah County District#2. Housing For The Homeless Is A Major Undertaking. Multnomah County Sheriff's Department Plays A Vital Role In My Solution Plan. Multnomah County Gets Wapato Back, I'll Make It A Priority First Day As Commissioner To Getting Wapato Being Used As A Shelter For The Homeless And Mental Illness.

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Multnomah County Commissioner District 2 - *continued*

Nonpartisan



Maria Garcia
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There is no trust in leadership and the institutions in general. Strengthening, enforcing and improving the Work Force Equity Resolution is important. Self assessment of the management and employees, including HR is needed. A Human Rights department open to the public and all employees of the county should conduct investigations and follow up with grievances of racism and sexism, among other issues. Employees should feel safe to speak out about issues faced at work without retaliation.

Extension and accessibility of Health services. More health clinics in schools. Parents as well as children need access to these clinics Health workers on the street instead of policing that criminalizes homelessness and substance abuse users. Extending LEAD program beyond downtown to include the whole county. Syringe-exchange centers that offer on site health care services as well as crisis response. Dramatically increase the ratio of mental health workers in the county

Make sure people at risk do not lose their home by increasing access to services
Prioritize long-term housing with on-site services. Provide physical addresses to homeless people so they can receive their benefits.
Transitional housing for former inmates and youth leaving foster care
Tenant unions and public housing land trusts, renting at 30% of income
Prioritize living wages, neighborhood-based small business incentives.
Pressure Oregon for local rent stabilization, end no-cause eviction

Nonpartisan



Sharon Yvette Maxwell
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Institute the Merit System for Manage and Ombudsman position for regular staff and yes, I'm aware and understand what's been going on for years, can't continue in order for the County to provide it's mission of inclusion, diversity and change the internal culture from within.

We need to perform an independent audit of these services from an outside entity and address where the gaps are in the budget.

This is the area where we also will need an independent audit from an outside entity like the Secretary of State to perform an audit that is unbiased and objective. To determine currently what is being done and where the funds are being spent.

Multnomah County Auditor

Term: 4 Years
Salary: \$108,620

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What criteria should be used in choosing programs to audit and who should be consulted?

What measures should the auditor take to make audits and agency responses to audits available to the public?

What performance measures do you believe are appropriate in order to maintain the County's accountability?

Nonpartisan



Mark Ulanowicz
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The Auditor's highest priorities should be: 1) programs addressing the public's most pressing health, welfare, and safety concerns and 2) projects representing the County's greatest financial investments. Over my 17 years at the County Auditor's Office, I've participated in and led countless sessions to select audit topics. This experience has demonstrated that it's crucial to seek out and use input from the public, other elected officials, civic leaders, and community-based organizations.

Sharing audits with the residents of Multnomah County is the Auditor's primary responsibility as well as the Auditor's most powerful tool in bringing about needed change. My reports must be accessible to as many residents as possible. Shorter reports formatted to be read on mobile devices, interactive graphics that tell a story, and even videos and podcasts are likely to reach more people than traditional printed reports have in the past.

When evaluating organizational accountability, I look at three areas: financial health; organizational stability; and compliance with laws and requirements. A financially strong organization lives within its means and has savings for emergencies or new opportunities. A stable organization maintains a high level of service when staff remain with that organization, building skills and experience. An organization complying with laws and regulations is more likely to effectively serve its clients.

Nonpartisan



Scott Learn
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In-depth performance audits spotlight problems and improve crucial government programs. I will move the county's auditing focus to crucial services and problems affecting thousands of vulnerable people in our community. Among them: Health care and housing assistance, racial disparities in the justice system, and contractor performance and costs. To find and choose audit topics, I will consult diverse sources in the community, county clients and staff, and experts inside and outside government.

Social media, tight audit summaries and web display tools increase the availability of reports and responses. But it's most important to audit critical programs, then write reports designed for the public and policymakers, not experts and agency insiders. At the state, I have used my journalism experience to write strong audit reports and train auditors on writing so the public can understand our audits and why they matter. That same approach will make county audits more accessible to everyone.

County budget officials require programs to report results. Those measures can be better. Consistently comparing results to best-practice goals – to low recidivism rates in the strongest parole programs, for example – highlights potential problems. But auditors still need to dig deep to find out how programs can best improve. At the state, for instance, measures showing long delays in teacher licensing and investigations triggered an audit, and we found both root causes and effective fixes.

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Nonpartisan



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The County's mission is to help people. That's why I think criteria for choosing what to audit shouldn't just prioritize programs with the largest budgets, but should also prioritize programs that directly impact people's health and safety. The County Auditor works for residents, and that's why I've committed to consulting with residents, service providers, and recipients to ensure that their concerns inform audit selection.

County Charter requires the Auditor to present all audit reports to the Board of County Commissioners. The Auditor invites agency representatives to these presentations, and posts all audit reports and agency responses online. But we need to do more to engage with the public. I'll work with news media, use social media, host town halls, and present to community groups. I have the community involvement experience to deliver the findings of our audits to people directly affected by them.

Good performance measures promote accountability by being specific, measurable, understandable, and connected to a larger goal. They help gauge efficiency and effectiveness over time. As Auditor, I'll support using good measures that are feasible for County programs and their contractors. I'll also promote using measures that are clearly connected to the County's mission to plan for community needs; prioritize vulnerable people's needs; and promote health and safety for all.

Multnomah County Sheriff

Term: 4 Years
Salary: \$173,509

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Describe the policies and training guiding the County Sheriff's interactions with federal immigration authorities and assess their adequacy.

A recent Disability Rights Oregon report described the alarming conditions experienced by people with mental illness in the county jail. How can the sheriff's office respond and how will progress be reported?

As sheriff, what will you do to address racial disparities in the county's justice system?

Nonpartisan Mike Reese

Candidate did not respond by deadline

Portland City Councilor

Term: 4 Years
Salary: \$116,771

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How should the city best support economic development?

Portland City Councilor - Position 2

Nonpartisan



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We must think outside the for-profit developer box to create permanently affordable housing. The city should redirect subsidies for unaffordable & luxury housing into community land trusts & a public option for affordable home construction. The city could obtain housing, refurbish it using union labor & keep it permanently affordable. City Commissioners should lobby Salem to give the city our ability to enact rent stabilization & end no-cause evictions, which displace people from their homes.

I'll take the lead from the Oregon ACLU and say that the Bureau isn't doing enough. The Bureau should mandate the best de-escalation, mental health, and anti-racism training for officers. We need a public health approach to crisis, including unarmed first responders and deployment of mental health providers. We need real consequences for officers who use excessive force or target people from marginalized communities. I support demilitarizing the police; our city isn't a military combat zone.

The city must level the playing field for small, local businesses. The city should convert the multi-million dollar contracts it gives out-of-state corporations into smaller amounts & distribute to local businesses. The city should open a small business resource hub. The city should create green jobs to reach 100% renewables by 2050 & build municipal broadband to provide affordable, accessible internet, create jobs & maintain Net Neutrality. I also support the creation of a municipal bank.

Nonpartisan

Philip J Wolfe

Candidate did not respond by deadline

Nonpartisan

Nicholas Sutton

Candidate did not respond by deadline

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Portland City Councilor - Position 2 - *continued*

Nonpartisan



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Despite the strongest economy in decades, Portland's housing market fails low income residents including older adults, the disabled and struggling families. I am a leader in delivering solutions to the housing crisis. My record:

- Protecting renters facing big rent increases and no-fault evictions
- Requiring developers to include affordable homes in new buildings
- Securing 2,000 new homes with intensive services
- Preserving affordable homes for seniors and the disabled

The Police Bureau has made progress – I proudly led the charge to remove the 48-hour rule – but more work remains. We must prioritize community policing, de-escalation, robust community oversight and culture change. My priorities:

- Get cops out of their cars and into our communities
- Rebuild trust by honoring the terms of the DOJ Settlement Agreement
- Hire and retain the best and most diverse workforce
- Support Danielle Outlaw, our new Chief.

Portland continues to get high marks for quality of life and job creation. I buy local and proudly serve as a champion for neighborhood small businesses, the backbone of our local economy. I support:

- Robust small business assistance, targeting underserved businesses in East and North Portland
- Unlocking working capital to help start-ups thrive
- Active recruitment of socially responsible and green businesses
- Investing in women and minority-owned businesses

Portland City Councilor - Position 3

Nonpartisan



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Bringing affordable & stable housing to all Portlanders requires a combination of new supply, supportive housing, revenue reform, securing new shelter space and making current shelter space permanent, tenant protections, displacement prevention and mitigation tools, and finally, support for homeowners. This is not just a housing and homelessness crisis, but an affordability crisis, & therefore a solution needing to include economic stability for families most impacted by housing instability.

The Portland Police Bureau is in need of reform, and while some progress has been made to address their policies and procedures, significant changes are still needed. I am cautiously optimistic about the development of the Portland Committee on Community-Engaged Policing (PCCEP) because they could expedite needed changes through meaningful engagement and holding the Council and Mayor accountable.

Addressing affordability includes raising incomes, ensuring all members of the community share in economic opportunities. Immigrant integration is also key, prioritizing policies like reciprocal licensing (acknowledging degrees earned internationally), subsidizing educational expenses for first generation or immigrant community members, & ensuring workforce diversity goals are met. Simply providing basic services, like a functioning transportation system for all residents, is key.

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Portland City Councilor - Position 3 - *continued*

Nonpartisan



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Rather than giving away publicly owned properties, we should retain public ownership and allow underutilized public land to be developed, which would lower development costs by removing the cost of land. Additionally, all new extreme low-income developments should have their System Development Charges (SDCs) waived or significantly reduced. If the SDCs are charged, they should be collected upon project completion rather than at the start of construction; this could save up to \$500,000.

The Enhanced Crisis Intervention Teams (ECIT) and the Behavioral Health Units (BHU) were the direct outcome of the Department of Justice findings that the Portland Police Bureau routinely used excessive force against people experiencing mental health crises and/or homelessness. Police staffing levels have gutted specialty units like the BHU and ECIT. If we do not increase the police staffing levels and ensure that the specialty units are fully staffed, our most vulnerable will remain at risk.

A strong economic strategy includes having clear, measurable goals with a defined focus. It is also essential to have a strong talent pool because of an existing industry; i.e., capitalize on current strengths, rather than starting from scratch. In addition to identifying assets and barriers, it's also important to identify partnerships and opportunities for future collaborations. Prosper Portland is trying to do this with its cluster initiatives.

Nonpartisan



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1) Implement The Portland Home Project that solves homelessness in 4 years and gets everyone on the street access to shelter beds in 2 years. This plan was reviewed by dozens of experts before issuance and is a working document. 2) Pass an exemption in the Oregon Constitution to allow public dollars to be used to fill 'gaps' in private affordable housing projects. This will 'turbo charge' our public dollars and potentially quadruple affordable housing output as can be seen in the state of WA.

This is not a war. This is not a war on crime. It is Community Policing. We need to get back to Community Policing and add in capabilities to address people with mental health issues with effectiveness and compassion. Our police force looks way too militarized, and sends the wrong signal to the community. The Bureau should respond by: 1) Demilitarizing the police force. 2) Recruit police officers who live in the communities they serve. 3) Train, train, train in community policing tactics.

1) Spur on innovation through high profile competitions and city RFP's. 2) Increase City involvement with OEN (Oregon Entrepreneurs Group) and other groups that support startups, small business, and innovators. 3) Have City involvement with the start up community. This can be done by demonstration projects - festivals/conferences/symposia - at the national level to show the world that Portland has incredible talent and innovative products 4) Address transportation congestion.

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Portland City Councilor - Position 3 - *continued*

Nonpartisan



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Some of the ways I would address the shortfall include:
Cleaning up the over 900 known brown-fields sites to develop, affordable mixed use housing.
Using one-time only dollars to land bank existing multiplexes, preserving affordable housing to counter displacement.
Bringing back single room occupancy housing options including older hotels to serve individuals who don't require larger living spaces.
Building housing at all housing levels to take the burden off of affordable housing stock.

I'm greatly concerned about the over policing of our black and brown communities, and the pattern of officer-involved shootings with people of color and those with a mental disability. It's critical we have leaders at the city willing to ask the tough questions and push for policies to improve community policing and build relations between the bureau and the community. It's the responsibility of City Council to work with the bureau, help guide their efforts to reform, and hold them accountable.

Creating jobs and economic opportunity requires a leader who can engage and partner with the community, addressing barriers to growth while also working to lift up our most vulnerable. The City should be a partner helping residents gain skills to find good jobs and encouraging entrepreneurship among historically disadvantaged communities. I've done just that at the County with the Summer Works program and the Portland Inclusive Fund, and I hope to continue that work on Portland City Council.

Nonpartisan

Low Humble

Candidate did not respond by deadline

Nonpartisan



JoAnn Hardesty
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We are stuck with building housing the way it's always been built, rather than finding creative solutions to address the problem. Why not build multigenerational housing or housing with shared living spaces? We need to invest in public housing like we do in parks, schools, and libraries. We must also strengthen tenant protections and provide creative solutions to help the homeless. I support residential infill project, but the infill should also be modest steps depending on the neighborhood.

We need to end our city's participation in the Joint Terrorism Task Force, which has only increased police aggressiveness. No information is available regarding this partnership, but I believe our participation limits our ability to require local police to refuse cooperation with ICE, which is an important part of truly becoming a Sanctuary City. Another major change that should take place is increasing community policing and allowing for more community input in decisions.

If the city expects to implement new standards that elevate the quality of life for all residents, we must also ensure that we are offsetting the burden that we place on small businesses, especially ones within communities of color or low-income communities. For example, the city needs to fully implement the marijuana tax provision that would create a fund for small businesses from these communities to phase in clean air equipment if we are hoping to truly become 100% clean energy by 2035.

Portland City Auditor

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The City Budget Office analysis of Portland's new campaign finance program stated that the logical location for the program is in the Auditor's office. Why or why not should the program be located in the Auditor's office?

As Portland's Auditor, the Independent Police Review (IPR) is one of the divisions under your supervision. There has been growing concern over reduced public access to the IPR and its Citizen Review Committee. In light of these changes, please describe your views on transparency and public access.

Voters recently adopted a city charter amendment strengthening the Auditor's independence. Please comment on the amendment's changes and discuss whether or not you would plan to pursue additional amendments during the upcoming term.

Nonpartisan



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The commission form of government requires six elected officials to manage offices and bureaus. Therefore, this program should not be in any City office or bureau. An elected official who manages the program may receive funding from it for a future campaign, an inherent conflict of interest. The program presents intense management challenges and carries a substantial risk for fraud. I disagree with the Budget Office that my office should shoulder a burden because City Council doesn't want to.

The Auditor's Office complies with public meeting and records laws. Citizen Review Committee meetings are always open to the public. State law requires the Committee to keep confidential the identities of police officers who are alleged to have engaged in misconduct, so names are masked during meetings and case documents generally are exempt from public disclosure. IPR takes complaints in person and by phone, email, letter, or online submission. There has been no reduction in public access.

Voters approved changes to the Charter in May 2017 that increased the independence of the Auditor's Office from bureaus we audit and investigate. The changes authorized the Auditor to make staffing decisions, obtain independent legal counsel, enter into contracts, and submit budget requests directly to City Council, which should consider them based on the Auditor's responsibilities rather than Council's priorities. I cannot predict today whether additional Charter changes may be necessary.

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