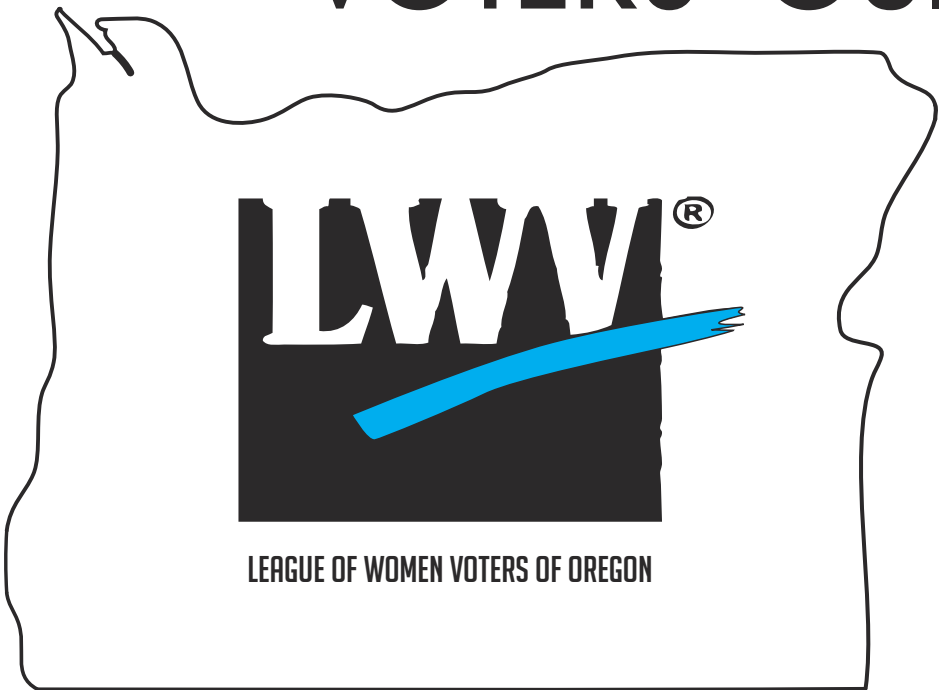


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INTRODUCTION

This Nonpartisan Voters' Guide is published and provided free of charge by the League of Women Voters of Oregon. This is a FREE NONPARTISAN ELECTION REPORT for Oregon's May 15th, 2018 Primary Election. Large print, audio (read aloud), screen reader accessible (automated), and Spanish Voters' Guides are posted at our website lwvor.org/VOTEResources/, with more voting information.

Qualified candidates for statewide Oregon offices were invited to answer questions prepared by the League of Women Voters of Oregon. Candidate replies are printed as received, free of edits. Elections officials must publicly provide candidate emails in order for the League to invite candidates to list with us. Those who don't respond, or did not have emails available at time of publication, can be listed but cannot participate. Contact lwvor@lwvor.org for more information.

2018 PRIMARY LEAGUE EVENTS

For a complete and updated list of our events, visit: [lwvor.org/join us/events-calendar/](http://lwvor.org/join-us/events-calendar/)

IN THIS GUIDE

Candidates are listed in this guide by statewide races, including five Congressional Districts, Governor, Commissioner of Labor and Industries, and Judges on the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. We list candidates in random order using a list from Oregon Elections Division per ORS 254.155.

ONLINE

You can find your district, your ballot candidates and measures in our VOTEResources web pages at lwvor.org/VOTEResources/. We will have complete lists of all Oregon races and measures, by candidate and race name, and by County. For your specific ballot choices, go to Vote411.org and enter your address.

WHO IS ON YOUR BALLOT?

Not all candidates' names will be on your ballot this election. Judges who are running unopposed have been moved to the fall general election. Non-Affiliated Voters who registered as non-affiliated with any political party or who selected a party that does not have candidates in the primary will vote for candidates in non-partisan races only.

POLITICAL PARTY BALLOTS

The primary ballot you get depends on the party affiliation or abstention you chose when you registered to vote. Some Oregon primaries are closed, meaning only registered party members may vote in them. For example, those registered with Republican or Democratic parties vote only for their Republican or Democratic candidates in partisan races. They also vote for non-partisan races, including for judicial candidates. The Independent Party moved in 2018 to an open primary ballot. All voters who are not affiliated with a party may vote for Independent Party candidates in partisan races. Note that our Oregon Independent Party has recently attained major party status. An Independent Party member is not the same as a non-affiliated voter.

CHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION

You can check, update &/or register to vote online in Oregon at: oregonvotes.org. Be sure to check if you have moved. Ballots are not forwarded. More here oregonvotes.org

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 mailed. If you mail your ballot, remember to add more time because of our Oregon USPS site closures and rerouting. If you don't get your ballot, contact your county elections office at:
<http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/countyofficials.aspx>
You can call them, too. Numbers are below and on our website, text reader compatible.

- **May 15th** is Election Day, the last day to DROP OFF your ballot at an official drop-off site, by 8:00pm.

ON THE WEB

*The information in this VOTERS' GUIDE
and more is available on-line at*

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COUNTY ELECTIONS PHONE LIST

We have also listed County elections phone numbers online at:
lwvor.org/standard-voters-guide-primary-2018/#countyelectionphonelist

County Elections Offices

Baker	541-523-8207	Harney	541-573-6641	Morrow	541-676-5604
Benton	541-766-6756	Hood River	541-386-1442	Multnomah	503-988-3720
Clackamas	503-655-8510	Jackson	541-774-6148	Polk	503-623-9217
Clatsop	503-325-8511	Jefferson	541-475-4451	Sherman	541-565-3606
Columbia	503-397-7214	Josephine	541-474-5243	Tillamook	503-842-3402
Coos	541-396-7610	Klamath	541-883-5134	Umatilla	541-278-6254
Crook	541-447-6553	Lake	541-947-6006	Union	541-963-1006
Curry	541-247-3297	Lane	541-682-4234	Wallowa	541-426-4543
Deschutes	541-388-6547	Lincoln	541-265-4131	Wasco	541-506-2530
Douglas	541-440-4252	Linn	541-967-3831	Washington	503-846-5800
Gilliam	541-384-2311	Malheur	541-473-5151	Wheeler	541-763-2400
Grant	541-575-1675	Marion	503-588-5041; 1-800-655-5388	Yamhill	503-434-7518

CANDIDATES

For more information on all Oregon candidates, go to LWVOR.org/VOTEResources.

US Representatives for Congressional Districts 1-5

Term: 2 Years
Salary: \$174,000

The two year term for US Representatives are the same for all five Congressional Districts. The annual salary is \$174,000. For more information on all Oregon candidates, go to lwvor.org/VOTEResources/

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District 1

Democrat



Ricky Barajas
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Cutting health care and protecting the environment impacts Oregonians in a negative way. We need to ensure quality health care is affordable for all Oregonians including children. The ACA does have flaws, however, I am confident we can fix the problems and move forward with Obamacare, not backward. Everywhere we look in the state of Oregon, we see beauty and Oregon has a lot of green in the state. We must ensure we protect our environment for our children's future and keep Oregon green.

Health Care is at the top of my priorities. If elected, I will work with my colleagues to ensure Obamacare helps every single American. If Obamacare flaws cannot be fixed, I strongly support a single-payer option. Education: Invest in our schools, resources, programs for all students including students with learning disabilities, etc. Give our educators a pay raise they so well deserve. Tax Breaks: It is long overdue the middle class gets a real tax break, not just the top 1%.

We are witnessing a blue wave across the country and it is spectacular. We need new, young leaders from the Democratic party to enter Congress to work for their constituents, not their own interest or pockets. Second, I encourage young Republicans to also run to replace their own party members. Congress can pass laws and solved problems, but only if we elect a new Congressional class that wants to work across the aisle instead of gridlock. Our country deserves better from the status quo.

Democrat



Suzanne Bonamici
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We need a tax system that supports hard-working American families and grows the economy. The partisan tax plan that passed in Congress gives most benefits to those at the top, will result in higher health care costs for many, and adds about \$1.5 trillion to the debt. These tax cuts and the cuts in federal programs that will likely follow will make it more difficult for states like Oregon to fund vital services like public education, public safety, and health care. Overall, Oregonians will lose.

In Congress, my top priorities are strengthening public education, addressing climate change, and supporting working families. A strong public school system and affordable higher education will help our economy grow. NW Oregon is a diverse and beautiful region with natural resources that must be protected. We need an economy that works for everyone, and that means advocating for policies that help working families, such as paid leave, equal pay, and retirement security.

I have found that it's best to treat others with respect, even when we disagree. That's especially true in Congress. Rather than focus on places of disagreement, I build relationships and find common ground. For example, I am part of the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus, and I have many bipartisan legislative proposals like my PARTNERS Act to create more apprenticeships. I will continue to lead by example, build relationships, and work on solutions with colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

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District 1 - *continued*

Democrat



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Who receives the tax cuts and how are the programs setup? This is not an either-or scenario. We can have both. Internationalize the EPA: One set of standards for international business, lower consumer costs, more collective strength. Move SS & Medicare to the General Fund: Cuts taxes for the poor and middle class. No SS for the rich: Increases funds for everything else. Socialize healthcare for major needs: Healthcare for all. The country can't afford \$10,000 a day hospital stays.

I am part of the 18.5 million Methodists that support the Human Rights commission in the UN and therefore BDS. Suzanne proposed law states that any entity that is part of a known BDS supporting organization and boycotts Israeli products can be segregated and punished by the state. How do you prove why a person didn't by something? It becomes a witch hunt as Methodist owned businesses would be compelled to buy Israeli products or risk being accused of boycotting Israel and losing everything.

The polarization is more than Congress. Humanity is fractured through our national borders, our religions, and our political perspectives. Too often disagrees between parties are not genuine, but rather an attempt to discredit each other to obtain the others power. Congress no longer writes laws, but rather puts through laws for the benefit of one lobby or another and the American people are further removed from the process. We need to allow the public access to create national propositions.

Republican



John Verbeek
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Good health and health care: Further emphasize private sector solutions to truly protect patients through check-and-balance systems that include consumers in the policy decision making process. In contrast with the approach of the incumbent to 'let government do it'. There is urgent need for more transparency, upfront and succinct clarity about options and consequences. Invoices afterwards should not be an unpleasant surprise.

Pursue justice and the rule of law: Maintain Constitutional Rights of U.S. Citizens (also in so-called supra-national organizations such as the UN). The U.S. Constitution is the supreme law of the land and I do not support statutes that are in disagreement, infringing on religious freedom for example, unlike incumbent. Neither be the supreme law of the land given up for the establishment of a religion in certain political subdivisions, rather than the other way around and keep religious freedom.

Money is an answer to problems but not always the right way to go. I would have preferred some scaling back of entitlement programs were included as part of the recent budget deal, for which both parties in fact bought each other off to avoid a shut-down but at enormous expense of the taxpayer and future generations. This uncourageous approach is not sustainable. Be therefore encouraged to elect representatives who stand up against special interests. Invest in personal mobility.

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District 1 - *continued*

Republican



George Griffith
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Unlike today, there was a time when controlling the national debt was a strong conviction of the Republican Party. There is no balance with the most recent federal tax changes and Oregonians lose once again. As a fiscal conservative, I cannot in good conscience support a tax program which adds trillions to the debt yet does nothing to increase the future wage earning potential of Americans who will be in the work force when their tax cuts expire and this massive debt will need to be repaid.

The issue of big money in politics is the one that influences all other issues and rarely favors the average working class voter of Oregon. Contrary to Citizen's United, money is not free speech. Our elected representatives spend so much time raising money for their next election that they don't have time to govern. They rely on lobbyists and super PACs who spend more time writing laws than our 'lawmakers' do. There is no amount of legislation that can emerge uncorrupted from our current system.

Polarization happens when we put emphasis on our differences rather than on the issues that tie us together. We can agree that a good economy benefits us all, that education must be improved, that all citizens should have an opportunity to achieve the American Dream. Oregon has had a history of leaders who bucked party line, thought for themselves, and did what was right because it was right. They didn't care where the good ideas came from and they valued those good ideas above party.

Republican

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Candidate did not respond by deadline.

District 2

Republican

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The people of Oregon Always benefit when the intent of the Constitution is adhered to. The transcripts of the Pennsylvania and Virginia ratification debates show the intent of the Founders. Many "programs" are Not authorized by the Article I and Article IV enumerated powers. Environmental protection, control of elections, consumer protection & health care regulation are State responsibilities, delegated by the Ninth and Tenth Amendments. States May Not "shield" illegal aliens from deportation.

Civil Rights... specifically, the enforcement of Title 18 USC 242, the Federal criminal statute that is the responsibility of the Justice Department's Office of Public Integrity. This is the law that allows prosecution of public employees, elected officials (including legislators).& magistrates of ALL levels of jurisdiction for official misconduct. This law expressly vacates any claim of "sovereign immunity" by a State or local government. US Constitutional Amendments... Article V Convention.

George Washington warned of "factions" being a danger to the new Republic. I support the permanent removal of the Senate filibuster rule. It has NO basis in the Constitution, which clearly mentions when super-majorities are required. I also support the immediate repeal of the 17th Amendment. State governments should be able to recall their Senators when they no longer vote in the interest of that State's citizens. The House reflects the national interests. Absolute term limits are needed.

Republican

Greg Walden

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District 2 - *continued*

Republican



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Better money management is always a good thing for Oregonians. Seeing so many elected officials who don't understand their fiduciary responsibilities has created the problems we have now. The truth is we don't really know. We haven't seen a real budget, we don't really know what's being cut, but we see our state giving away the keys to the kingdom without financial considerations of the Oregonians that will foot the bill. I wish I could answer, but like all budgets there will be growing pain.

1. Social Security/Medicare: Lock box; replace IOU's
2. Jobs for our actual workforce; economic development
3. End/adjust Endangered Species Act and reinstate our timber industry w/ sound land mgmt.
4. Lower taxes and affordable housing
5. 2nd Amendment says what it says, and doesn't say what it doesn't mean.
6. Term limits
7. Balanced Budget
8. Family Values
9. Real accountability
10. Timber, Mining, Industry, and defend family farms/ranches
11. Water and Power
12. Sanctity of Human Life

Simply, politicians must relate to their voters and take on the real issues of the voters. Shining light on those who are working against the very voters who put them in office will be a start. You can't represent people you refuse to relate to. I will do all I can to present issues and solutions that represent the needs of all Oregonians, not just select groups. Understand that I must follow the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and Rule of Law.

Independent



Mark R Roberts
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A blessing in disguise? In Oregon we are too free & easy with government assistance that goes hand in hand with low wages & the people on the receiving end choosing between the lesser of two evils to stay on assistance rather than trying to become self sufficient & making a better life for themselves & their families. Environmental protection is already at disaster levels so we have that covered despite cuts in the EPA. I believe real governmental cuts are needed rather than budget rearranging.

Primary focus is the reinvigoration of forestry on federal lands & the saving of the environment from disease & fire. The prosperity generated from our forests formerly made Oregon the nations leader in building products and now with every effort by the federal government to restore that prosperity we end up on the losing end of a legal battle that has cost us high dollar jobs. My pledge is to write definitive Oregon Federal Legislation that deals with environmental & conservation concerns.

I'm an Independent. A vote for me is not a vote for the so called 'Independent' leadership eschewed by Bernie Sanders. In reality I'm a disenchanted life long Republican who sees very little difference between the current Republican & Democratic parties. I will vote for leadership & good legislation regardless of what political party it emanates from and my core governmental beliefs are less government spending & interference in your personal world makes for a prosperous, opportunistic future.

Democrat

Eric Burnette

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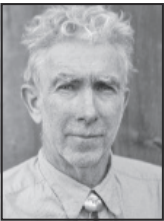
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District 2 - *continued*

Democrat



Michael Byrne
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There is no balance and Oregonians lose. Measure 101 was a direct result of uncertain funding due to Medicaid Cuts. Every single budgetary item outside of military spending has been slashed to reward wealthy Americans with more tax cuts. It is not just the money (or lack of) that impacts Government programs, it is the willful disregard for and incompetence in executing the basic functions of government. Medicaid, Medicare, Environmental Protections, Education, Net Neutrality. We all lose.

Growing the economy and reducing the use of fossil fuels come together in District 2. We are blessed with abundant sun, wind, geothermal and hydro power. A concerted partnership with the federal government and Oregon Institute of Technology can produce a world leader in R&D. It is a good thing too when these jobs can all be good paying Union jobs. End this War and reduce military spending to 3% of GDP; use the savings on infrastructure, education, healthcare delivery and rural hospitals.

First step in ending polarization is retiring our current Representative in Congress and replacing him and all of the other sell outs with citizen legislators who understand the needs of America, not just the wants of the ultra wealthy donor class. Campaign Finance Reform and the Repeal of Citizens United are essential to getting our democracy back in the hands of the People. To restore a national sense of unity and direction we need to have a discussion on National Service for All.

Democrat



Tim S White
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The recent tax bill was a smoke and mirrors facade for most Americans. The medium income in the US is \$59,000. The net tax reduction for these families will be as little as \$300 due to the elimination of the \$4150 per person exemption. Most have seen a larger reduction based strictly on the lower tax table rates. The net effect will not be known to them until April 2019, after the mid-term elections. And of course it is too late by then. The average Oregonian will see little net benefit.

14 out of 20 counties in CD2 have less employment today than in 2007. Most of the jobs that have been created since 2007 are lower paying service jobs. This is directly impacting homelessness, drug usage, suicide rates, and hopelessness. My focus is entirely on economic development to replace the 50% lost manufacturing jobs that once provided livable wages. Also of high priority is to protect Social Security and Medicare for the 170,000 retirees in our district from GOP threats to reduce them.

The only way to reduce the polarization in congress is to remove as many of the current members as possible and replace them with open minded individuals. If elected, I will openly campaign for these types of individuals and against those who would continue to keep the country divided. Something I would have hoped the 4 Democratic congressman from the west side of the Cascades would do, but have failed thus far to do so.

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District 2 - *continued*

Democrat



Raz Mason
voteraz.com

The tax rate for the highest income bracket was 70% for the time-frame between the end of WWII and Reagan's election. Post-Reagan, the highest-bracket tax rate has been ~35%. These "rules of the game" unfairly advantage the wealthiest. The top 1% of households now own more wealth than the bottom 90%. Extreme wealth inequality threatens stability of our economy, creates massive hardship for working families, and chronically under-funds essential social services, including healthcare & education.

My priorities are to:

1. Defend the Constitution & rule of law
2. Expect the 1% to pay their fair share; enact financial regulations to strengthen the middle class and lessen economic volatility
3. Enhance Congressional District 2 (rural Eastern & Southern Oregon) leadership in climate security, clean tech & food security
4. Promote policies & programs (via a robust Farm Bill, among others) to make healthy rural communities - including jobs, affordable healthcare & vibrant civic engagement

Classism + structural inequalities driven by fear undergird current polarization. I'm a Democrat with strong security focus - a core conservative concern - and I deeply appreciate rural communities. A former long-haul truck driver, I champion poor and working class people. I exhibit calmness under high stress, maintain inclusiveness, and understand + can explain complex systems. I can assist leaders to confront climate change bravely, creatively, and decisively. This threat can unify us.

Democrat



Jamie McLeod-Skinner
jamiefororegon.com

Taxes are the price we pay to live in a civil society. The public's money must be well managed and invested responsibly, and corporations must pay their fair share. Oregonians lose with the enormous tax cuts enacted last year because there won't be enough money to fund essential programs. Cuts to the Environmental Protection Agency, housing assistance, SNAP, Medicare, Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act will negatively impact Oregonians, especially our rural communities.

Our rural areas are hurting and have been overlooked for too long. Building healthy communities and a strong economy requires investing in infrastructure — both physical infrastructure (housing, transportation, broadband access, energy grid) and social infrastructure (education, affordable healthcare, safety). We must invest in public education, sustainably manage our public lands, and create incentives for investment in renewable energy. These priorities are based on the needs of my district.

I have eight years of experience working across the aisle as an elected official, building consensus to solve problems. Developing relationships is critical, and focusing on solving our common problems helps to cross the political divide. I will focus on bringing local experts to the table and supporting good ideas, regardless of who introduces them. I believe in accountability and "people over party," regardless of who is in charge. I seek to bridge the rural-urban divide that we face.

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District 2 - *continued*

Democrat



James (Jim) Crary
crary4congress.com

The Republican tax cuts are an unabashed giveaway to corporations and the wealthiest 1% (neither of whom needed help). Most Oregonians will lose as the tax cuts for the middle & lower income brackets are temporary and small and because the Republicans will soon start pushing for cuts to health care, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and environmental protections because with a \$1.5 trillion tax cut giveaway they will say we can no longer afford to fund those programs. It's reverse Robin Hood!

Public financing of elections is #1 because, sadly, whoever pays for a candidate's election is who that person represents in office. I want elected officials to represent their constituents not their big monied, corporate, special interest donors (who are being represented now). Also, Medicare for all; climate change; good jobs repairing our crumbling infrastructure; and making college & technical/vocational school more affordable are others (See <https://crary4congress.com/issues/> for details).

My 25+ years of experience in negotiating contracts gave me an understanding that agreements, to be successful, must be "win-win". Both parties must "get something" they want and both parties must "give up something". We need to elect people to Congress who are not wedded to the current "I win - you lose" way of doing business but who instead can (and will) work together, across the aisle, with people who have different ideas to accomplish what our country needs and deserves. I am that person.

Democrat



Jennifer (Jenni) Neahring
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While the federal tax cuts benefit some people in the short-term, all Oregonians and future generations lose as the income gap grows and our nation is burdened with record-setting debt. As poverty and homelessness rise among seniors, any cuts to safety nets, Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security would punish older Oregonians and our most vulnerable community members. Global warming jeopardizes the future of our planet, and investment in renewable energy is critical to our health and survival.

My priorities are fixing our healthcare system, investing in high-quality education, and creating jobs through clean energy investments. Health care is tied to one-quarter of the federal budget; we must eliminate wasteful spending and lower costs so we can invest in jobs skills training and affordable housing. Oregonians want to raise strong families and grow their businesses in our district; we need to improve infrastructure and high-speed internet access to level the playing field for all.

I took an oath to help any person who needs it, regardless of race, gender, income, religion or political party. That is how I will represent constituents across the district and how I will lead in Congress. There is not a "one size fits all" solution for our diverse district or our country. I will look past the labels that divide us and find common ground with other Representatives based on shared values and goals so we can begin the productive dialogue that our constituents deserve.

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District 3

Independent David W. Walker

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

Independent



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The tax cuts are clearly intended to help businesses more than individuals. Business tax cuts are permanent, while the individual cuts expire in 2025. The tax cuts will certainly result in significant increases in the National Debt. They will make up for the cuts with drastic reductions in social programs that will hurt the environment, and drive millions of citizens to be without health insurance. The most vulnerable Oregonians will suffer the most, as Medicare and Medicaid will be slashed.

Universal Healthcare is the #1 Priority for all Americans. This is a right we must guarantee for all. We are experiencing rising housing costs and the resulting homelessness. Affordable and subsidized housing must increase as developers are making huge profits by building more expensive high rise apartments. Teachers, who work in Portland should be able to afford to live in Portland. The enormous dept of college students can be curtailed by making our public colleges tuition free for residents

By electing Independents into our government we will be able to give power to the undeserved Americans. This will ultimately force the two parties that are now controlled by PACs and Huge Corporations to face the realities of the needs of the vast majority of Americans. The under-served and unrepresented are both Republicans and Democrats. With a growing progressive voice in Congress the Congressmen on both sides will be forced to come together on social issues that are demanded by the people.

Democrat Charles Rand Barnett

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

Democrat Earl Blumenauer

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

Democrat



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All working Americans lose when we give the wealthiest 1% an unneeded tax cut. The ballooning deficit that such tax cuts create are used to justify cutting social services that millions depend on. We must also protect the environment, have robust consumer protection laws, and reduce the influence that wealthy donors have over our political process, and tax cuts of this sort are antithetical to all of these.

Investing in technologies and infrastructures as part of transitioning away from fossil fuels will massively stimulate the economy, and protect the environment, something that Oregonians care deeply about. Implementing a robust social safety net, and Medicare for All, will not only improve the lives and health outcomes of Oregonians, it is a crucial step towards addressing our homelessness crisis. Forward thinking rules for autonomous vehicles will relieve congestion and improve air quality.

We must curtail the influence that wealthy donors have over our elected officials, and doing so will free our leaders to work towards solutions that are supported by the majority of their constituents. Getting big money out of politics, defending the right to vote, and making it easier to vote will allow Americans to better hold their elected officials accountable when they fail to legislate effectively.

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District 3 - continued

Democrat



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☹ Federal tax and program cuts do not benefit the working-class, they benefit the purse of the for-profit 1%, who for many years have sought to destroy unions, deregulate industries, trash the environment, subject women to patriarchal abuse, and commit a genocide and land theft against native peoples. My hometown of Toms River, New Jersey faced a childhood cancer cluster due to pollution from a Ciba Geigy plant. We need the EPA. Oregonians lose without taxes on the rich. Yes to Socialism & Weed! ☹

☹ Voting Age At 16, Let Prisoners Vote, Black Lives Matter, Create Holiday For Tupac & Legal Pot! We also need to provide free college for all to help educate our society, Legalize all drugs to put the cartels out of business and protect public health, Make every government building in the country eco-friendly with solar panels, Provide access to ibogaine to stop opiate crisis. Enact real federal LGBT protections to fight hate, and protect people from Oregon when out-of-state. Stop Gun Violence! ☹

☹ To make people more friendly, I intend to bring cannabis and MDMA with me to congressional events and give it to other representatives, and take other members on weekend getaways back to Portland where they can try LSD to see things from a different perspective. I will also work to create a program where members of Congress and their staff must mentor inmates both in D.C. and their home districts. This would give the mostly white, highly-privileged class that is Congress a window into reality. ☹

District 4

Republican



Jo Rae Perkins
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The only issue listed that is mentioned in the US Constitution are elections. All others are basically states powers issues. We need to remove the meddling of the federal government out of the way. Let the legal citizens in each state decide what is right for them. Oregonians will win as will all legal citizens. Please go to the website for additional information as there is insufficient space to express complete thoughts on these important issues with only 500 characters.

Term Limits with a maximum of 12 years combined between the US House & Senate. Will help to minimize corruption and being bought by lobbyists Reduce the debt/cut the spending. By lowering the federal debt and reducing spending, this will save all taxpayers billions of dollars of interest payments. Overturn Doe v Dolton: The very idea of allowing full term abortions is horrific and this practice must end. It is murder no matter how you look at it. End illegal immigration: no border, no country!

We most likely agree on much more than we disagree. I start there. Polarization in Congress is not as bad as we have been led to believe. The media is responsible for spreading half-truths/lies, members of Congress who are playing to their base, also spread half-truths/lies. Members of Congress owe 100% honesty and truth to their constituents 100% of the time & it should not matter whether the truth is popular or not. I will always be truthful. If that offends people, it's their problem.

Republican

Michael Polen

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District 4 - *continued*

Republican



Court Boice
courtboiceforcongress.org

The Federal Government has grown far too large and far reaching. Federal programs are seldom successful, with the exception of the success of those administering them, who have steady high paid work that is not tied to the need to accomplish anything. Government health care as shown in the Obama Care mess is not the answer, and most folks want an alternative that is not run by bureaucrats, or ruled by policy and not good medicine. Oregonians are over taxed, and welcome the relief the Tax cuts.

We must change Federal land policy and get our forest producing again. We need sane fire management that stops stand replacing fires while improving forest health, providing jobs, expanding recreation, and protects the outstanding quality of life here in southwestern Oregon. Reduce regulation, improve opportunity. inspire innovation and enable dreams for better lives. Require the Federal Government to live by the Constitution. Stop attacks on the Bill of Rights.

In this age of instant communication, sending representatives to DC is no longer necessary. Having congress work from their districts serves the people better, reduces the influence of lobbyists and media while involving more local folks in the process of running the country. As conceived by the founders, our system is not designed to make passing legislation easy, and we do well to keep the process difficult, open to review and hold accountable every vote.

Republican



Stefan G Strek
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Federal tax cuts can only be a good thing. They balance well with cuts to federal programs. Oregonians only win in these situations. Federal mandates on health-care too often fail those they are meant to protect, Veterans for example deserve the option to see non-VA doctors so their healthcare needs can be prioritized. Average citizens and environmentally motivated companies do a superior job maintaining the environment compared to Federal programs. Less taxes, more money, Oregon wins every time.

My campaign has three main priorities. Defending the 2nd Amendment, without the Right to Bear Arms we lose the entire Constitution and our way of life. Firearms are the main equalizer between elderly, women and disabled folk against able-bodied criminals. Protecting Veterans by giving them access to non-VA doctors so their surgery needs can be prioritized. We also need to clean up the foster care program for both children and adults, too often there is corruption and abuse in these systems.

I've traveled across the country many times, and around the world. People always say, "Stefan Strek, you're one of the good ones." We've been improperly given a bad reputation and that's easily overcome with a positive attitude. Having been born in Massachusetts and moved to Oregon from Georgia, I have a unique perspective that can address the concerns of both Democrats and Republicans. We all want the same things, to be Free, Safe and Successful. With enough work, we can all achieve that goal.

Republican

Arthur B Robinson

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Democrat



Daniel R Arcangel
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I am firmly against the Trump Tax Cuts & believe the only winners are the richest 10% of Americans that already have 3/4 of the nation's wealth. A Progressive Tax System, much like FDR's New Deal tax reform that helped build the middle-class, would enable us to fully fund & improve our agencies, public institutions, implement Medicare for All & focus on green jobs & research. It is time for the other 90% of us, the wealth generators, to get what is fairly owed to us for our labors.

A Progressive Tax System: billionaires shouldn't exist while there are hungry & homeless people in the richest nation on Earth. The top 10% have too much. My focus is on the other 90% of us. Saving & Preserving Our Planet: green jobs are happening whether the fossil fuel industry & climate change deniers like it or not. For my district, I would like to utilize Hemp farming to stop deforestation. Hemp can provide anything a tree can & more! Campaign Finance Reform: End Citizen's United!

Elected officials tend to reflect their districts so reducing polarization in Congress starts with their constituents. We need to get people away from the TV & computer screens that bombard us with partisan network news & back out in public with each other. I would love to see more culturally diverse food festivals organized in communities or city/town centers. Food can be a powerful tool in building bridges. It's hard to be uncivil over a great meal & local beer.

Democrat



Peter A. DeFazio
defazioforcongress.org

The Republican tax plan reduces revenues by \$3 trillion; 83 percent of the tax cuts go to those earning over \$500,000 and wealthy passive investors. It will increase the debt by at least \$2 trillion. That money could be better spent with investments in education, health care, and job-creating infrastructure projects. Republicans are already using the debt they created to justify ransacking our critical social programs such as Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security.

My top priorities focus on common-sense proposals to create jobs, restore economic and educational opportunities, and lower healthcare costs. I will work to find solutions to address healthcare costs by expanding coverage, protecting consumers, creating a public option outside of the for-profit insurance industry, and strengthening Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. My district is the sixth highest nationwide in expanded Medicaid recipients. Congress must fully fund these programs.

I support legislation to overturn the Citizens United decision that opened the floodgates to special interest spending and influence in elections. Public financing of federal elections would allow campaigns to run on small donations and give ordinary Americans a stronger voice over special interests. We must put a stop to partisan redistricting and gerrymandering. I support redistricting commissions that draw more balanced, competitive districts which would produce more moderate candidates.

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District 5

Democrat



Peter Wright

Oregonians lose, and so does the nation. Federal tax cuts reduce government spending and take away protections as well as enforcement of the protections that remain. Federal tax cuts since the 1980s are a major reason for the growth of income inequality - high income individuals and large corporations escape responsibility for the Whole, burdening the economic middle class with the costs for everything from infrastructure to courts to combating climate change.

Guns: Three things are present in all mass shootings: a man, a gun and a crowd. If we want to reduce mass shootings, we need to reduce one or more of these. Healthcare: Universal, single-payer works! The role of government is solely to negotiate and reduce costs. All medical decisions, facilities and physicians are private. Taxes: Wealth inequality threatens our democracy. We need tax laws that encourage socially beneficial investment and discourage wealth accumulation. We need a strong EPA

I will listen to arguments from both sides on all issues, and ultimately vote for the good of the Whole. I will compromise but I will not acquiesce. In defense of our constitutional democracy and national welfare, I cannot be bullied or bought.

Democrat



Kurt Schrader
kurtschrader.com

Oregonians lose with the tax bill passed last year. The bill stripped vital deductions for seniors' healthcare and debt-fraught students. Instead of fairness for cash-strapped small businesses, larger corporations received big tax cuts. The bill will add \$1.5 trillion to the deficit, about \$5,000 for every Oregonian. We could have seized this opportunity to help working families and small businesses, increase our economic competitiveness abroad, and not burden future generations with more debt.

Americans deserve affordable healthcare. I passed a bill to reduce prescription drug costs and go after pharmaceutical industry bad actors. My bi-partisan plan to stabilize the individual marketplace would bring down costs for millions. I continue to protect access to reproductive healthcare. Rural Oregon is struggling. My forest stewardship plan will create jobs and help protect against devastating fires. We need comprehensive immigration reform and a path to citizenship for DACA recipients.

As Chairman of the moderate blue dog democrats I have emphasized opportunities on finding bipartisan solutions. My legislation is bipartisan. My office is known as the go to office for bipartisan support. I founded the Congressional bipartisan No Labels Problem Solvers Caucus, which is now 48 members strong evenly divided between democrats and republicans. My work has led to my designation as one of the 10 most effective Congressman and many major bipartisan initiatives this past year.

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Republican

Robert L. Reynolds
reynolds4congress.com

Oregonians are the big winners on the tax cuts. One of the reasons I am running for congress is to get the federal government out of Oregon's forests and water way's. We need to have local control over our forest and water way's. Our local government will take better care of them.

The over reach of the federal government effects most of the counties in the 5th District. The way the National Forestry Department is handling our forest. The way NOAA is pushing the endangered species act to close down the Willamette River, the Detroit Reservoir. I am running for congress to show I work for you.

There has to be give and take. I will listen, I will negotiate. I will help reduce the size of government and cut spending. A balance budget is what our government has to have.

Republican



Mark Callahan
callahanfororegon.com

I agree with the federal tax cuts, and would have voted in favor of them if I had been in Congress at the time. I am an advocate and supporter of limited government. Less Government = More Freedom. Oregonians win when there is less government. Government was never meant to run a person's life. Government, at the Federal level, is defined by the United States Constitution, and it's original intent.

Please visit my Issues page of my Campaign website at:
<https://CallahanForOregon.com>, to see what my priorities are and how they will serve Oregon's 5th Congressional District.

Listen empathetically, and represent the interests of the constituents in Oregon's 5th Congressional District.

Republican



Joey Nations
joeynations.com

Tax cuts would be even more beneficial than they are now if the United States would reign in our spending. In particular, any money being spent outside of the USA so that we could prioritize those dollars for the very programs that support our Nation's citizens. Oregonians win more than they lose in this scenario but we need to strike a balance between tax cuts and spending cuts if we are ever going to address the root of the issue.

Anti Corruption - I will not accept special interest money or political action committee money from anywhere. This will keep me accountable to the citizens of this district. Pro-America - Our citizens and national security need to come first when we are dealing with issues like immigration, budgeting and government programs. Jobs - We need to open Oregon's forests for better logging practices. Cut regulations to allow our farmers, ranchers and developers to keep our economy roaring.

By focusing on many of the centrist issues that impact all Americans. Immigration, budget deficits, anti-corruption and an America First outlook are all central to our country being successful into the future. We have to leave a better place for our children and grandchildren to call home. If we can show the establishment that ordinary working class people can win with the power of the vote, then we can truly change this country. Through voter engagement and turnout we can take our country back!

Candidates for Oregon Governor

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Independent Dan (Mr P) Pistoresi

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

Independent

Skye J Allen
skyeallenforgovernor.org

To reform taxes, I offer a new plan to completely eliminate all taxes using a new designed way to fund all Oregon governmental systems. For me, by giving to all people instead of taking, means our children will grow up in a world where homelessness doesn't exist, money isn't a god, everyone has a basic guaranteed income starting at 18, zero percent interest rates, no fear of economic crashes, eliminates inflation, in a system that creates exponential wealth for everyone with no renting, everyone owns the home they live in, high minimum wage, where everyone is a part of and beneficiary of a state wide citizens business and government designed to make exponential profits for all Oregon citizens to share equally. I offer this plan because I love my home state, and I want the children of the future, to love Oregon also, for what we have done in their past.

To bring a Democrat and Republican Legislature together as an Independent would be an exciting challenge. I am bringing to the table new ideas they have never thought of or imagined before. What I have to offer goes beyond their old political ideas of corporate financing control, created over a hundred years ago as a test that has failed all over our country by putting everyone in endless dept. I can show the democrats, republicans , independents and all other parties that our new system we the people want to install will eliminate interest dept, taxes, and more, which will supply the tools necessary for both parties to achieve the opportunities and changes they seek in order to advance Oregon citizens into a better and richer future through creativity, for everyone. The future is ours to create. A "dedicated to the people" Legislature will bring us all "Hope for the Future". By balancing extreme idealistic diverences, common ground can be achieved amongst the worst of adversaries.

A Governor of a state must know everything possible about world, state, and local affairs. I have spent the last 8 years studying everything. What makes a person better than others to perform in a position as high as a Governor of a state? Wisdom, created through learning from life experiences. I have continually seeked knowledge my whole life. Knowledge can show a pathway to finding the answers to our questions. Questions like how and why is our economic system spiralling down into forms of expanding dept which is choking everyone's lives causing more and more to become homeless, poorer, scared and living in fear of paying bills. Why? because our system was created to be that way by greedy people a long time ago. How? by infiltrating our legislative systems and voting into governments what has been known for thousands of years as a criminal tax theft system. I want to make Oregon better by advancing our scientific, economic and social creative capabilities so opportunity can thrive.

Independent Patrick Starnes

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

Republican Keenan W Bohach

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

Republican Knute Buehler

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

Republican Greg C Wooldridge

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Republican Jonathan Edwards III

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

Republican



Jeff Smith
jeffforgov.com

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

Oregonians are all suffering under the high cost of health care, health insurance that is so expensive you can't use it, the low scores of our K-12 education system on both academics and safety and increasing amounts of people who are homeless. We should focus on these things, because wide portions of Oregon want to see change in these areas. By focusing on things that really do have common ground among the various political parties and factions, we can make Oregon work better for everyone.

All of my Republican competitors have offered a variety of positions on issues that most Republicans hold very regard high for - issues like abortions, logging on public lands, fixing PERS and second amendment rights. Taking on issues like those listed always lead to a Republican defeat. I have a completely different strategy. I have been a proponent of one issue - winning! I am advocating focusing on issues that both Republicans, Democrats, Independents, and not-affiliated votes can agree on, because they are Oregon issues. Things like the high cost of health care and medical insurance that is so expensive it is worthless to have it. We can make things better in Oregon if we focus on problems where there is true common ground among the different political parties. Add a can-do attitude and a willingness to listen and I will Make Oregon Work For You.

Republican David W Stauffer

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

Republican Jack W Tacy

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Republican



Brett Hyland
bretthylandforgovernor.org

I will encourage tax reform through negotiation with the private sector and with the collective bargaining of the public sector. Currently, we have no such negotiation underway. And, we are too much in trouble for any one sector to now carry us entirely through the burden of cleaning up our State fisc. I intend to introduce tax reform which will encourage economic growth and investment and which will lead to greater revenue for the state to meet the obligations for which we are now falling well short. Working women, among others, will be one of the greatest of beneficiaries from these reforms.

I will start by leading an inclusive campaign to show that a Republican gubernatorial candidate can bring ideas to the table which do not involve the tearing down of opposing ideas as much they involve the sharing of all ideas. And, then, I will to work on these ideas together, not separately. The approach requires humbleness and the building of trust, not reproach.

My economic, investment background, along with the long-term development of my leadership skills through business and non-profit responsibility has proven that I am capable and ready of leading our State. No other candidate will be able to assemble a more talented, diversified team than the one that I am capable of putting together.

Republican



Sam Carpenter
makeoregongreatagain.com

I confidently predict an enormous political and economic turn-around for Oregon as we leave behind the current failed progressive far-left leadership of Governor Kate Brown, and move forward to an executive branch that is laser-focused on serving the people of Oregon through a smaller, much more efficient government machine. In fulfilling its established obligations and duties, my administration of this streamlined government will have two special focuses: to assertively facilitate a private sector business environment that allows a robust economy to emerge, and sharply cut back government interference in our personal lives.

"I'm a fixer and a builder and have a special talent for getting inside a broken organization, quickly spotting what isn't right, and then immediately proceeding toward a simple solution that benefits all concerned. It's my profession. Improving the lives of million of Oregonians would be deeply satisfying for me.

There has to be a transition from progressive generals who, under the pretext of compassion, seek more and more control...to conservative lieutenants with the single purpose of actually serving their citizen/customers efficiently, quickly, inexpensively and without strings. This mechanical adjustment will be the 2018 Oregon Red Trifecta. And yes, of course we will work with our Democrat colleagues in Salem – crossing the aisle – but we Republicans will hold the power and we'll know exactly what must be fixed, and where we're headed, based on what the majority of Oregonians want. Progressives make up just 20% of our Oregon population. You and I are within the other 80% – and this group includes a wildly diverse collection of the majority of Democrats, Independents, Libertarians, and the other smaller parties. No matter our personal beliefs and lifestyles, we 80% share this desire: to have a government that serves us competently and quietly.

Born and raised in a poverty-stricken rural region of far upstate New York, my early I background is small-town working class. At the age of eleven I began work in door-to-door sales and by my mid-thirties had held dozens of mostly blue collar jobs. Along the way I gained a technical degree in forestry and surveying. But although my heart has a warm spot for chainsaws, heavy equipment, and down-and-dirty construction work, for the last 30 years I've been a CEO and job producer, the author of a best-selling business book, a professional business turn-around specialist, and an international philanthropist. Here's more detail: I've been majority owner of the Centratel for 33 years (my business partner of 17 years is Sam Kirkaldie). We employ forty eight, and by a variety of hard metrics, our answering service ranks #1 in its industry category. (See www.centratel.com.) And, I share ownership of a small yet world-class online marketing company.

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Republican



Bruce Cuff
time4cuff.org

Government Spending/Taxation: Government Spending/Growth is out of Control. Even with record setting Stock Market gains the PERS unfunded liability has grown to \$25 Billion. When the Market falters this liability could double or triple. Trying to increase taxes on business will not solve this unaccountable deficit, it only makes State revenue decrease as they move their business (and jobs) out of State. Lower business taxes means More businesses, More people employed in private sector and More revenue. A Win, Win, Win. Business Climate: With an increasing Minimum Wage, business taxes need to be lowered or eliminated to keep Oregon businesses competitive. Oregon needs to be a Business Magnet. More Private Sector Employment, and fewer Government Jobs equals More Prosperous Oregonians. One out of Six jobs in Oregon are Government employment, this is unsustainable. Tax Reform would allow businesses to thrive, providing jobs and more opportunity for Oregonians.

2018 Election: The Oregon Republican Party needs to have Conservative Candidates running in Every Legislative District in 2018. (60 House Races and 15 Senate Races.) We cannot allow the Democrats to "walk back into office" unopposed. They need to defend their pro-abortion, anti-gun rights, anti-business, pro-Common Core, failing public school, unlawful, unconstitutional sanctuary state, hesitant wildfire fighting, anti-Christian policies. We need to replace enough progressive, Far-left Democrats so the moderate Democrats can work with the Republican Majorities in House and Senate to move Oregon toward a positive future for all. Thriving Business Climate, Natural Resource Based businesses (Ranching, Farming, Logging, Mining, Fishing) that are less regulated so they can thrive as well, an Education system build on School Choice where the money follows the students so parents are empowered to make the educational decision for their children, not bureaucrats.

I am a Native Oregonian and a Veteran, I have watched the consolidation of power to the State over the last few decades. I understand what it will take to decentralize this structure, returning the decision making power to the Counties, where the People of Oregon can have more control over their lives: 1) Replace the Seven Members on the Land Conservation Development Commission with Rural Friendly members who will move more of the decision making powers to the Counties; 2) Work with the Federal Government to make sure the Bureau of Land Management "follows the law" and allows the sustainable harvest of timber required by Congress to provide local jobs and addition revenue to the Counties; 3) Dedicate 50% of the \$20+ Billion General Fund to the Counties to allow them to fund Education, Infrastructure repairs/improvements and public safety to the local level; 4) School choice, so every parent, regardless of economic status, can choose where their kids go to school.

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Democrat



Ed Jones
edjonesforgovernor.com

Great question, I truly believe in cutting employee taxes is a great step. Currently the employer pays 33 percent on top of an employees hourly rate. That tax keeps wages and benefits down for workers. It also keeps business from expanding. Expansion creates jobs and more jobs create more tax revenue for our state. Better wages builds economic strength as people tend to spend most of what they make. I have several other ideas but have limited space. There is one tax I would like to create. Think about this. Lets use the franchise Mcdonalds, we all know the famous burger place. Now, think about all the employees they have. McDonalds has already started automating there restaurants. They want to become fully automated in the near future. This will eliminate thousands of Oregon jobs to make them selves astronomical amounts of more money. I want to impose a tax on any automated company that cost Oregon Jobs. Those taxes would be used strictly for education and for displaced workers.

I would start off by setting down individually to build a more personal relationship with each Legislator. Hear there ideas and try and associate my ideals with them. Then set down with the parties as a group and then both parties together. I would express the importance of our combined responsibility to keep all Oregonians safe and build security in there lives.

I believe by understanding real everyday life. The needs of people. Better health care, better and alternative education. Lower taxes that put more money in Oregonians pockets to give more security to family. I believe we have missed the boat in education. We need alternative education that expands intelligence through creativity. I know that creating new laws does not keep us safer. Action will keep us safer. Criminals are what they are because they disobey laws. Action, for example, would be after we had the shooting at the college, to place more guards at our schools or have a advanced check in for visitors. That is just some examples of action. Remember every law that is written in takes more rights from law abiding citizens. My family along with all Oregon families are my top priority. I want you all to feel safe and be secure in life. I feel I am the best candidate to accomplish these task. I will stand strong for the people of the great state of Oregon. My Promise!!! Ed Jones

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Democrat



Kate Brown
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After implementing a series of cost savings measures, including hiring freezes, reduced spending and lower overhead we have saved taxpayers millions of dollars. State agencies have returned more than \$70 million to the general fund since the cost savings were put in place in April 2017. But, even with savings of this scale, our tax system is still unbalanced and corporations aren't paying their fair share. I believe that any revenue proposal needs to provide the resources we need to increase our graduation rate, increase access to college, provide access to healthcare for every Oregonian, and protect our most vulnerable citizens. At the same time, tax reform must help grow our economy, bring fairness to our tax system and strengthen the middle class and struggling families.

During my time as governor, I have brought legislators from both parties together to fight for Oregon families and get results from government.

- We passed a transportation package that will reduce traffic, create 16,000 new jobs and make our roads and bridges safer.
 - We passed a first in the nation pay equity and fair scheduling bill with bipartisan votes.
 - Democrats and Republicans worked together to ensure that thousands of Oregonians, including 400,000 children, have access to affordable health care because everyone should be able to see the doctor when they're sick.
- Washington D.C. is divided more than ever, but we know how to rise above that in Oregon and work together to get things done.

I took over as Governor at a time when faith in state government was badly shaken. I got right to work, focusing on strong schools, good jobs, and quality healthcare. And since then, we've made a lot of progress together.

- We increased the minimum wage, because no one working full-time should live in poverty.
 - I signed the Oregon Promise, reducing community college tuition to as low as \$50 per term.
 - And we are investing in career and technical education, preparing Oregonians for good jobs that don't require a college education, and enabling small businesses to hire skilled Oregon workers.
- Everyday I'm fighting for Oregon's working families. Moving forward I will continue working together with Oregonians from across the state to create opportunity for everyone, not just the wealthy and connected, and protect the state we all love.

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Democrat



Candace Neville
candaceforgovernor.com

Reasonable taxes on corporations. It's a privilege to live in this uniquely beautiful state. All should contribute to funding our many and diverse needs. I would consider a tourist tax in the form of a sales tax with a refund for Oregonians to off-set their contribution. Property taxes could use an overhaul to reflect more uniformity and fairness. New corporations and clean energy jobs produce prosperity which raises needed tax revenue. Arbitrarily cutting taxes does not lead to the growth - commerce does.

Reaching across the aisle is difficult to pull off. Those elected to office hold strong views and are often deeply loyal to party lines. But each elected official has a number of issues that they hold dear that are not directly party related. I would identify what those issues are and bring together those who shared like concerns and expertise on them - regardless of party affiliation. We would start with where we already agree and build from there. Also, I would encourage a true synopsis of ideas to be shared and improved upon instead trading tired talking points that lead to empty arguments.

Location and timing. My vision begins with combining our revered natural environment with frontier economic opportunities that lead to Oregon prosperity and leadership nationally and globally. Business & beauty. I was catapulted into the race because I staunchly oppose pipelines for LNG coming into Oregon, intruding into our beautiful environment and at odds with our budding clean energy jobs economy - 120+ miles of pipe containing explosive material in a historically dangerous and threatening time. We must be loud and strong or it will be here. I support single-payer health care putting the emphasis on actual health, not just profit. Our educational system needs immediate and vastly increased funding. This would be at the very top of my priorities. Oregon relies on immigrants as workers and consumers. The U.S. historically has been a sanctuary country - we are a sanctuary state. Prospering, protecting, preserving, promoting the heart and soul of Oregon. I am a practical progressive.

Commissioner of Bureau of Labor and Industries

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Term: 4 Years
Salary: \$77,000

This is a non-partisan race. The Labor Commissioner serves a 4-year term. The annual salary is \$77,000.

What is your agenda when you bring business and Labor interests together?

You each mention family wage jobs or poverty concerns. What are your plans?

Discuss diversifying education tracks and supporting Oregon students.

Nonpartisan



Lou Ogden
vote4louogden.com

Business and labor require balanced relationships. Without labor, there's no business, and without business owners investing personal capital and committing to do business in Oregon, there are no jobs. My goals as Commissioner are to ensure workers are treated fairly, and businesses are coached and supported as it relates to understanding and following Oregon laws. If they don't I want BOLI to lead them into compliance, not force them out of business or levy fines that don't match the offense.

I have a proven record of locating companies to my community to meet citizen demand for jobs at every wage level from entry-level to skilled professional, technical and healthcare jobs with high incomes. Reducing poverty requires helping people up the rungs of the economic ladder. That's why I've supported workforce development and training opportunities to get K-12 students and adult learners the skills they need to transition into higher paying jobs. I'll keep that focus as BOLI Commissioner.

There's a disconnect between what K-12 and higher ed students are learning, and the workforce needs of Oregon employers. In Tualatin, we've been successful partnering students with employers for internships and skills-training, including the creation of a new mobile maker space to encourage STEAM education amongst our students. Closing the skills-gap by focusing on career tech ed and developing critical thinkers get people hired now, and prepares our future workforce for the jobs of tomorrow.

Nonpartisan

Jack Howard

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

Nonpartisan



Val Hoyle
valhoyle.com

My agenda is to be a fair arbiter and help both sides find mutually acceptable solutions. I believe businesses and workers can be successful because they share goals and values. I've been a union member and worked in the private sector. I've signed the front of a paycheck and know how important it is for a low wage worker to be represented by a union. I am the only candidate in this race to be supported by both business and labor because they trust I will investigate and enforce rules fairly.

Fighting poverty requires family wage jobs. Students need training that develops practical skills early in their education. I will advocate for a stronger connection between CTE programs and apprenticeships so students can directly enter an apprenticeship program and make a family wage. I will ensure public and private sector entities are training students for the jobs of the future in green and tech fields. Having a trained workforce will attract businesses and strengthen our economy.

As a legislator, I secured restored funding for CTE in my district so students not destined for a 4-year degree could gain skills needed for apprenticeships leading to family wage jobs. I believe we should also start exposing students to CTE during middle school so there is a clear option for students who struggle in traditional classrooms. Another critical step is increasing funding for CTE opportunities so students in rural communities have the same opportunities as students in metro areas.



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Judge of the Court of Appeals

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Term: 6 Years
Salary: \$144,536

There are seven Appeals Court seats up for election in 2018. Only one race is contested. Unopposed candidates will be listed in the general election.

What qualifies you to be a judge on this court?

Describe your legal practice during the past ten years

What do you see as the greatest obstacle to judicial fairness in Oregon, if any?

Position 10

Nonpartisan



Rex Armstrong
mbabar.org/resources/rexarmstrong.html

Oregonians elected me in 1994 to serve as a Court of Appeals judge. I was endorsed in that election by every newspaper that made an endorsement and by lawyers from every county in the state. Since joining the court, I have worked to reach a shared understanding of the legal questions presented in each case and to write opinions for the court that explain the applicable legal principles as simply and clearly as possible. My colleagues value my contribution as the senior member of our court.

I have spent the past 23 years as a Court of Appeals judge, contributing to the court's work on the full range of appeals that come to us. My work has required me to decide and write opinions in cases involving almost every area of law. I also have written law review articles on various aspects of state constitutional law, have been an adjunct law professor at Willamette and Lewis & Clark, and have been an author and speaker for continuing legal education programs on a wide range of subjects.

Judicial fairness on a collegial court such as the Oregon Court of Appeals is best served by having members who respect and value the work of their colleagues and who collectively bring diverse backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives to the court. That combination helps the court better understand the legal questions presented to it and the effect of its decisions on the people whose cases it decides.

Nonpartisan



Kyle L. Krohn

I'm one of the most productive appellate attorneys in the state, and I do high-quality work—the Oregon Supreme Court has called my briefing “thoughtful.” (State v. Cuevas, 11/13/15.) I want to end the Court of Appeals' current practice of “affirming without opinion,” which involves deciding over half their cases without giving any explanation whatsoever. That practice undermines the transparency and accountability of our courts, and I'm the only candidate willing and able to put an end to it.

I graduated from Georgetown University Law Center in 2010. For the next year, I worked as a trial-level public defender at Multnomah Defenders Inc. in Portland. Since 2012, I've worked as an appellate public defender at the state Office of Public Defense Services in Salem. In that capacity, I've written over 300 appellate briefs, argued before the Court of Appeals over 60 times, and argued before the Oregon Supreme Court four times.

Our courts are underfunded and understaffed for the number of cases they hear. Although that is mainly an issue for the legislature to address, courts can and should seek to be more efficient with the resources they have. For example, the Court of Appeals currently decides over half its cases without giving any explanation. I believe the court could give a short explanation for each case, which would significantly improve judicial fairness without being a significant burden for the court.

Judge of the Supreme Court

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Term: 6 Years
Salary: \$147,560

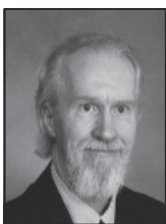
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Position 3

Nonpartisan



Van Pounds
vanpounds4ore@yahoo.com

Over the years, I have had occasion to observe lawyers, with vastly different backgrounds, become appellate judges and perform the role admirably. It seems clear that there is no single prescribed path to becoming an effective appellate judge. That being said, my career path has produced a broad base of knowledge and experience, and I am committed to doing the job well. If elected, I will perform the duties of judicial office fairly and impartially, and in accordance with the rule of law.

From 1987 to 2011, I served as a Managing/Senior Counsel and Special Assistant Attorney General with the Missouri Department of Revenue. In 2011, I relocated to Oregon to accept employment -- first as the Chief of Enforcement and Securities, and now as a Senior Policy Analyst -- with the Department of Consumer and Business Services. This has allowed me to promote and protect the interests of business and consumers, as well as develop a more comprehensive understanding of Oregon law.

In terms of perception, the judiciary is challenged to maintain a meaningful connection with the public it serves. Although the Oregon Constitution states that judges are to be elected by the voters of this state, I suspect that far too many of those voters do not know who sits on the Oregon Supreme Court, for example, much less what they do. Additionally, we all should be concerned that political partisanship may challenge the independence of the judiciary over time.

Nonpartisan



Meagan A Flynn
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I have served as a Judge of the Oregon Supreme Court since April 2017 and was an Oregon Court of Appeals Judge beginning November 2014. Before that, I was an attorney in private practice for two decades, representing clients regularly before the Oregon Supreme Court, Oregon Court of Appeals and federal Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Early in my career, I frequently handled administrative hearings and civil trials. I have been a leader in lawyer organizations and legal education.

I have been an Oregon appellate judge since November 2014, handling every category of case. Previously, I practiced civil appellate law in Oregon state and federal courts. I primarily represented Oregonians who had been harmed, including those injured on the job and those hurt by defective products.

There are two main obstacles to judicial fairness for Oregonians. First, some people have no access to an affordable lawyer, so they either have no access to the courts or they try to present their cases without a lawyer--a huge disadvantage. Second, many Oregon courts do not have enough resources for the judge to spend enough time with each case. When the two combine--when judges have limited time and when there is not a lawyer to explain the strongest points of a case--the process is not fair.

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Portland - Candidate Forum

Tuesday, April 10, 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Multnomah County Board Room, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd.

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Roseburg - LWV Umpqua Candidate Forum

Tuesday, April 17, 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Umpqua Valley Arts Association, 1624 W Harvard Ave, Roseburg

Douglas County Commissioner Candidates

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Tuesday, April 24, 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Multnomah County Board Room, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. (map)

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Eugene- Candidate Forum County Commissioner

Tuesday, April 24, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

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Spencer Creek Grange—86103 Lorane Hwy (intersection of Lorane Hwy &
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Lane County Commissioner, Position 5

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Thursday, April 26, 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Coos Bay Public Library, Myrtlewood Room

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