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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 19th, 2020 Primary Election. Large print, audio (read aloud), screen-reader accessible (automated) and Spanish Voters' Guides are posted at our website [lwvor.org/VOTEoregon](http://lwvor.org/VOTEoregon), with more voting information. The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose any candidate or political party. 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 the time of publication, can be listed but cannot participate. Contact [lwvor@lwvor.org](mailto:lwvor@lwvor.org) for more information.

## ***2020 Primary League Events***

For a complete and updated list of any state and local virtual events, visit [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org).

## ***In This Guide***

Candidates are listed in this guide by statewide primary races, including US President, US Senate, five Congressional Districts, State Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, and statewide-elected judge positions for Oregon Supreme Court and Oregon Court of Appeals. We list candidates and political parties in the order they will appear on the ballot per ORS 254.155.

## ***Online***

You can find your district, your ballot candidates and measures in our voter resources web pages at [lwvor.org/VOTEoregon](http://lwvor.org/VOTEoregon). We will have complete lists of all Oregon races and measures by candidate, race name, and by county. For your specific ballot choices, go to [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) and enter your address.

## ***Who Is On Your Ballot?***

In Oregon, candidates for offices of Sheriff, County Clerk, County Treasurer or candidates to fill any vacant nonpartisan office that would not normally be on the ballot must file before the primary election, but, by law, they are included on the primary ballot only if three or more candidates file for the office. If less than three file, the contest is moved to the general election.

## ***Political Party Ballots***

The primary ballot you get will depend on whether you are affiliated, or registered, with a political party (such as the Green, Independent, Democratic, or Republican parties).

The primary ballot you get depends on whether you chose a party affiliation when you registered to vote or updated your registration. If you were automatically registered to vote (at DMV for example) you may not be registered with a political party. In Oregon, only those registered with the Republican party may vote for Republican candidates and only those registered with the Democratic party may vote for Democratic candidates in partisan races. If you registered as a member of any other party, or if you are non-affiliated (not registered with any party), you will receive a ballot with candidates for nonpartisan races, such as Oregon Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and other nonpartisan city and county races depending on where you live. Parties other than Democrat and Republican conduct their own primary elections outside the state election process. Note that, for this election, all non-affiliated voters are allowed to participate in the Independent Party's primary.

# Check Your Voter Registration and Address

You can register to vote, check your registration, or update it online in Oregon at [oregonvotes.org](http://oregonvotes.org). Click Register to Vote to register. Click My Vote to check or update your registration, including your party affiliation and address. Your address must be correct. Ballots are NOT forwarded.

See below or [oregonvotes.org](http://oregonvotes.org) for contact information of county election officials.

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

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

To call Oregon Elections toll-free: 1-866-673-8683 (se habla español); or for the hearing-impaired: TTY 1-800-735-2900. Visit [oregonvotes.org](http://oregonvotes.org) to learn more about voting in Oregon.

# Important Dates

- **April 28th** is the last day to register to vote, to select or change your political party registration or to update your mailing address.
- **April 29th to May 5th** are dates when ballots will be mailed. If you do not receive your ballot by May 8th, contact your county elections office. You can call them at the phone number below.
- **May 15th** is the last day to mail ballots so they are received at your elections office by May 19th. No postage is required to mail your ballot.
- **May 19th** is election day, the last day to DROP OFF your ballot at an official drop-off site by 8:00 PM.

## County Elections phone list:

# 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 .....	503-397-3796	Josephine.....	541-474-5243	Tillamook.....	503-842-3402
Coos .....	541-396-7610	Klamath.....	541-883-5134	Umatilla .....	541-278-6254
Crook .....	541-447-6553	Lake .....	541-947-6006	Union .....	541-963-1006
Curry .....	541-247-3297	Lane.....	541-682-4234	Wallowa.....	541-426-4543; ext 158
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

## US President

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**Term:** 4 Years  
**Limit of**  
**two terms**  
**Salary:** \$400,000

What policies do you support to improve and secure elections and voting in our country?

Please explain where you see opportunities for Democrats and Republicans to find common ground on the very serious issues facing our country.

What, if any, actions would you work towards in your first 100 days to address the threats facing the US due to climate change?

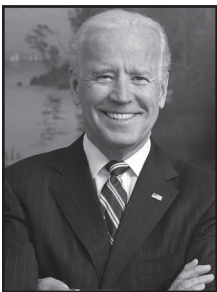
**Note:** The National (US) League of Women Voters Education Fund is required to have at least *two* candidates from the same party meet the criteria before launching a voters' guide covering that party. At this time, only one candidate running for the Republican Party's nomination has met the LWVEF criteria and therefore no Republican candidates have been invited to participate.

### Republican

**Donald J Trump**  
[donaldjtrump.com](http://donaldjtrump.com)

**Note:** This candidate qualified for the Oregon state ballot according to the Secretary of State of Oregon but did not meet the LWVEF criteria described above and therefore could not be invited.

### Democrat



**Joseph R Biden**  
[joebiden.com](http://joebiden.com)

I've fought for voting rights since I first got involved in politics, helping to secure several extensions of the Voting Rights Act. But in 2013, the Supreme Court ripped the heart out of those voter protections. As president, I'll enact legislation to restore the full force of the Voting Rights Act, and my Justice Department will challenge every one of the new Jim Crow laws that are now curtailing people's right to vote. I'll also boost state funding for secure voting with a paper record, and for better information-sharing. I'll fight for automatic and same-day voter registration. And I'll make sure that any country or group that seeks to interfere in our elections faces real and serious consequences.

The next president will inherit a divided nation and a world in disarray. They'll need to hit the ground running to fix Trump's mess, restore our global standing, and bring people together to get things done. Our next president will need to be a president for ALL Americans. I refuse to accept that we can't work together to solve tough problems. It's what democracy is all about. We can rebuild the middle class with historic investments in infrastructure, tackle prescription drug companies' profiteering, build on Obamacare with a public option - and so much more. I know how to find common ground without compromising my values.

Climate change is our most urgent threat. Beating Trump won't end it, but it's key to all progress. In 1986, I introduced one of the first climate bills; PolitiFact says I'm a "climate change pioneer." Now, I've outlined a bold plan to match today's crisis - putting us on a path to a 100% clean-energy economy and net-zero emissions by 2050. On day one, I'll rejoin the Paris Accord, restore American leadership, and push the world to do more. I'll invest \$1.7 trillion in clean energy research and development, and in transforming our infrastructure - from electric vehicle charging stations to high-speed rail - reducing emissions and withstanding the impacts of a changing climate, and creating 10 million good-paying jobs, that can be union jobs

### Bernie Sanders

**Note:** This candidate has withdrawn from the race but is still on the ballot.

### Elizabeth Warren

**Note:** This candidate has withdrawn from the race but is still on the ballot.

### Tulsi Gabbard

**Note:** This candidate has withdrawn from the race but is still on the ballot.

## Look for more information on candidates at [www.lwvor.org/voteoregon](http://www.lwvor.org/voteoregon)

The National (US) League of Women Voters Education Fund (LWVEF) manages the voters' guide information for candidates for US President and shares this information with State League of Women Voters chapters. The LWVEF's guidelines are:

- All qualified presidential candidates were invited to provide biographical information and responses to specific questions. Candidates were qualified if they met the following criteria during the primary season: 1. The candidate must have made a public announcement of her/his intention to run for President; 2. The candidate must meet the Presidential Election Campaign Fund Act's minimum contribution threshold requirements for qualifying for matching funds, based on the most recent data publicly available on the FEC website by the date of publication.
- Responses were limited to a specific number of characters and were truncated thereafter.
- If a candidate did not respond by the date of publication, "Candidate has not yet responded." is printed.

Additional information on presidential candidates is available at [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org).

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# US Senate

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**Term:** 6 Years  
**Salary:** \$174,000

**What national policies do you support for climate action?**

**Regarding gun legislation, what is your position on universal background checks and the sale of assault weapons?**

**What should Congress do to address the large number of homeless people in the U.S.?**

## Republican



**Paul J Romero Jr**  
[www.romero4oregon.com](http://www.romero4oregon.com)

I support doing what we can to reasonably keep our air and water clean. The climate action, suggested by climate alarmists, is a non-issue. There is no amount of money we can spend or actions we can take to stop the natural climate changes of our planet. We are not the cause of tectonic plate shifts and the cycles of the planet. What man-made effort destroyed the rain forest that once covered what is now the Sahara desert? None. Just natural changes over time on spaceship Earth.

The 2nd Amendment as is and "shall not be infringed." Background checks already exist. "Assault weapons" can include any instrument or object that has been used to assault another person. This would include hammers, bats, knives, cars, etc. Automatic weapons are restricted, but by their nature they aren't assault weapons without the willful intent of an individual. Firearms that have a tactical military like appearance are not automatically "assault weapons." I support state reciprocity.

Nothing. This is a STATE issue. Poor Governors and State Legislatures create various conditions that provide for an evolving environment that breeds homelessness. Homeless people range from the mentally ill to addicts, from poorly educated to highly educated, and across a variety of socio-economic backgrounds. Upwards of 85% of Oregonians are one event away from homelessness. Arbitrarily raising property values every year to grow state property tax revenues violates the peoples trust.



**Robert Schwartz**  
[oregonstatesenate.com](http://oregonstatesenate.com)

Carbon emissions are a threat to humanity. Most carbon is from plastic manufacturing in China. Most carbon sequestration comes from trees. The federal government should be buying things made from wood whenever possible. That policy would slow carbon emissions and increase the amount of carbon sequestered from the air. Thinking Cap and Trade is the solution trusts China to act in good faith which is unrealistic. Modern forestry techniques reduce carbon emissions and increases carbon sequestration

I support improvements to the federal NICS system. The NICS system is broken and allows criminals to purchase firearms. Education will also save lives. In 2018 I teamed up with Derek LeBlanc, Founder of the Kids S.A.F.E Foundation and gun safety expert, to introduce legislation (SB 801) to teach children "Stop, Don't Touch, Run, Tell an Adult" if they see an unsecured firearm. The concept is similar to water safety, risk reduction through education. Educated children are safe children.

Homelessness is increasing. The "no growth land use" movement has both reduced the amount of housing and increased the expense of available housing. Restrictive land use policy disproportionately effects minority populations and is reminiscent of racist policies in Americas past. State governments receive federal dollars to aid the homeless and financially rewards them for more homelessness. Linking federal aid for homelessness to relaxing land use rules is good anti-racist, pro-housing policy.



**Jo Rae Perkins**  
[perkinsforussenate.vote](http://perkinsforussenate.vote)

I've read research info by meterologists & scientists, have looked at photos >100 yrs old, of mountains showing glacial melt, similar to recent history. Our universe & earth are not stagnant, they're in constant motion. Climate change happens due to earthquakes, tilting the earth's axis. Volcanic eruptions & solar flares can also affect weather patterns. Plants need carbon to live. Plants give us Oxygen so we can live. Read UN 1992 Earth Summit Rio De Janiro. Other info: <https://bit.ly/33WD2At>

Any item that is used to harm another person intentionally is an assault weapon. Gun's are inanimate objects, just the same as knives, baseball bats, hammers, cars, ropes, etc. It is not the object, it is the person. Funds should be spent on dealing with the epidemic of mental health issues & not trying to take away our Constitutional Rights to own a firearm and have self protection. The only people Universal background checks affect are law abiding citizens. Criminals don't care about the laws.

This is not a Federal issue. This is a state by state issue. The role of Congress is not to solve every problem in the U.S. It is time for the local citizens to care about their towns. In 2018, \$6.144 Billion in federal aid was spent on 544,000 homeless people. That does include what eachstate spent on the homeless population. Federal money has done nothing but give money to agencies, very little goes to where it should. I have on my website an idea that does not involve federal / tax payer \$\$.

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Republican - continued



**John Verbeek**  
*facebook.com/johnverbeekfororegon*

Weathermen and women presumably are the smartest, most highly educated people on the news hour, talk the most and yet are found out to be wrong sometimes. Climate is the weather for many years and thus even harder to forecast. I consider climate change unsettled science and to make public policy based on personal opinion inappropriate. Problem is: There is a lot of money in the action, less so for the pursuit of intellectual integrity in academic freedom (freedom of speech).

It is essential to realize that evil exists, and that criminals circumvent the law. Background checks have the unintended consequence of disarming law-abiding Americans only. "Assault weapons" is an inherently confusing definition: Weapons are lethal instruments. It is essential as well to realize we have freedom because of constitutional rights: The United States Constitution exists to restrain government, not empower it. This includes an individual's right to keep and bear arms.

Everybody can do something for someone. Also a homeless man or woman. Although everyone needs help sometimes, our laws should encourage activity & productivity, and keep cost of living low. But the homeless situation in Portland almost seems like a community. My Maker requires a tithe, but our government's control of the economy has become disproportionate. In a free society such as ours, we should not desire to further increase government control to include homeless people.

Democrat

**Jeff Merkley**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

# Oregon US Representative

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**Salary:** \$174,000

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## District 1 - Republican



I support being a "Good Steward " of the land, Government and other controll is disingenuous. I do not believe in the present term of man made climate change.

I believe in the 2nd Ammendment, that American's have a "Right" to be armed without any government regulation! Americans are the First line of Defense against "Tyranny, and the last line of Defense against Foreign Invasion!

Take care of our Veterans first, than American citizens, do not provide for those here "Illegally"!

**Army (Armidia) Murray**  
*godsarmy77@outlook.com*



I support the United States' efforts to establish American energy policies that reduce our dependence on foreign oil and gas resources. I will oppose efforts to open up Oregon's coast to offshore drilling. I oppose cap and trade legislation measures as a solution to the global energy challenge.

I oppose universal background checks in favor of the current system; I support the second amendment to the constitution and the right of private citizens to keep and bear arms. This right and responsibility is also spelled out specifically in the oath of citizenship for new U.S. citizens.

Homeless people should be given housing, food, and medical treatment. To get it, they should also be forced to quit drugs or alcohol or whatever they are on. This welfare should come from first from family and from private charities. Failing that, it should come from city, county, state and regional resources. If cities and counties don't have enough money, they would be subsidized by federal government programs.

**Christopher C Christensen**  
*www.cchrist2020.com*

## District 1 - Democrat



I support a Carbon Tax and Dividend. I support the grand majority of the Green New Deal with some amendments which would include a stronger focus on universal basic income. I support moving to 100% solar roofing and electric vehicles within the coming decades.

I support universal background checks and a voluntary buy-back program for assault weapons. I also support increasing technology to make guns safer. For instance, we should offer to upgrade guns for free to gun owners to include a personalized grip sensor that enables only the owner to fire the gun.

First of all, we need to decriminalize opiates and other drugs and refer people to treatment centers instead of jail cells. We should also offer free mental health services to everyone. We should establish a basic banking system that everyone can access. Most importantly, we need universal basic income so that everyone has an economic floor that they can't fall under. I support providing every adult with at least \$1000/mo and eradicating poverty in the whole country.

**Heidi Briones**  
*www.heidi2020.com*

# Oregon US Representative - continued

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## District 1 - Democrat - continued



**Suzanne Bonamici**  
[www.bonamiciforcongress.com](http://www.bonamiciforcongress.com)

One of my top priorities is to combat climate change, clean up our ocean and air, protect our planet, and create good jobs. Speaker Pelosi appointed me to the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, which is producing a bold, science-driven climate action plan to achieve net-zero emissions no later than mid-century. The House passed my COAST Research Act to strengthen research and monitoring of ocean and coastal acidification.

I support universal background checks and reinstating the assault weapons ban. This Congress the House passed legislation to implement universal background checks for all gun sales and close the background check loophole, but much more must be done to address gun violence. The gun violence and mass shootings in our communities are devastating.

In Congress, I'm fighting for strong federal support for cost-burdened individuals and for robust funding for affordable housing. I support legislation that will produce more than 3 million new housing units and reduce rents nationwide. Debt free college and universal health care will also help address homelessness. And Congress must increase funding for mental health services and addiction treatment, as well as other social safety net programs that support those on the brink of homelessness.



**Ricky Barajas**  
[www.barajas4congress.com](http://www.barajas4congress.com)

Cutting emission drastically by 2030, reducing subsidies for fossil fuels, carbon tax, expand electric vehicle use and solar panels across America, pass an effective Green New Deal that benefits all Americans.

I want everyone to know I support the 2nd Amendment and the right to bear arms. However, we have seen a huge increase in gun deaths including mass school shootings in our lifetime. We must change and act now if we want to save lives. I do support a universal background, registration of gun ownership and sale. High capacity assault weapons must be ban from this point on, we accomplish legislation in the 1990s, we can do this again.

Every year we spend more money on our military budget, 10x more than our allies spend on their defense. I purpose we spent \$1 billion dollars and allocate funds to major cities to address the homeless crisis. Build more shelters in and outside the city. Expand mental health policies, encourage large corporations to invest in their community and assist the government with the homeless population.

**Amanda Siebe**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

## District 2 - Republican

**Mark R Roberts**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*



**Knute C Buehler**  
[www.knutebuehler.com](http://www.knutebuehler.com)

Oregon could combat climate change if we managed our national forests to capture and store carbon pollution. Today, the federal government neglects the forests allowing them burn -- making climate change worse. I'll protect our 100% carbon free hydroelectric dams, essential for energy and agriculture, and discourage new coal fired plants in Asia through selective tariffs. I believe innovation and market-based incentives will spur advances in cleaner energy better than job-killing regulations.

I believe the Second Amendment is a sacred right. In the legislature, I voted against universal background checks. In Congress, I will support the NRA and will oppose unconstitutional gun grabs and gun bans, unjust red flag laws and overreaching background checks. I believe we need to more strongly enforce the laws we have on the books--federal and state--to keep firearms out of the hands of those who are a danger to themselves and others.

Homeless is best addressed by state and local governments--not federal. In Oregon, as Kate Brown ignored and did nothing about our growing homeless problem, I took the lead with a specific plan of action. In addition to appropriate mental health services, I proposed that "tough love" along with compassion was critical--requiring those who receive assistance to commit to being drug and alcohol free. Also, local law enforcement and property owners should have the right to remove homeless camps.



Oregon US Representative - continued

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District 2 - Republican - continued

Cliff Bentz  
www.cliffbentzforcongress.com

those that: 1. allow and promote immediate suppression of forest fires on federal land; 2. allow immediate and significant reduction of brush and timber in our forests with an emphasis on timber lands around cities; 3. use innovation, sequestration, and adaptation not mandatory mitigation; 4. use incentives not mandates to reduce impacts on the environment;

I am opposed to universal background checks. I am opposed to a ban on the sale of assault weapons.

1. streamline and coordinate the numerous sometimes conflicting funding sources for housing; 2. coordinate treatment of the mentally ill with a means of providing shelter to those with mental issues; 3. identify the societal costs that those without homes create and use that cost to measure and then justify the investment in public housing;

Kenneth W Medenbach

Candidate did not respond by deadline.



Jeff Smith  
sendjefftocongress.com

We already have too many laws regarding clean water, clean air, exhaust emissions, etc. and the USA has been declining in its carbon output. We don't need any more laws.

There should not be a Federal requirement for background checks for people buying guns as a private sale. Assault Weapons were banned by the Clinton administration for 10 years and had no effect on the crime rates. Any lawful citizen should be able to buy whatever type of gun they want.

They should start treating mental health issues and they should get people into programs to get them off of drugs Those are the two main factors for people living on the streets - untreated mental health issues and drug addiction.



Travis A Fager  
www.fagerforcongress.com

I would support a policy that is balanced and actually produces tangible results for the environment without crippling the economy. The use of plastics is a concern to me for example, I also believe we are infusing our environment with too many chemicals. I realize that our whole ecosystem is a 'closed loop' and ultimately as a planet, at this point, figuratively we are pooping where we are eating to put it bluntly. I feel there are creative solutions for far better environment stewardship.

There are approaching 300 Federal Gun Laws on the books now. Most gun crimes are committed by individuals with prior convictions, and the guns they use are in most cases obtained illegally. I am against universal background checks, and I am not opposed to lawful citizens enjoying the protection and right to own semi-automatic weapons. I trust the judgment of lawful citizens in these matters. Violent criminals will always find a way to spread mass harm regardless of weapon availability

Homelessness, an issue with several dimensions to it. Mental health, drug abuse (including prescription), poverty etc. a growing problem, that requires a multi-front assault to remedy. Congress should develop a solution with input from the medical community, the education system, faith based community and public health agencies. To come to the table, cross pollinate our strengths and network for a comprehensive solution to end the waste of human life, homelessness is manifested hopelessness.

Justin Livingston

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

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District 2 - Republican - continued

Glen Carey  
bnsf9@aol.com

none,this is a hoax/money grab.We cannot change mother nature.By the way it was called Global warming,now it is climate change.I just went outside and it is cold out there, where do I pay my Tax.

I call it assault on the 2nd amendment,not assault weapons.Let us do background checks on the gun law violations that are ignored by plea bargain and other policies.I do not think our laws concerning guns by the criminals using them are held accountable to any high degree.This is our problem,and everyone knows it.

Let us organize these people to make a better life. we should organize the problem using our civic structure it will soon get better.It doesnt matter what your situation is people love order.These homeless communities are crying out for order,not the government,not money.A forum for organization will give them their dignity back



David R Campbell  
campbellforcongress2020.com

Clean repatriation of companies that sent their dirty work to be done in China to avoid paying remediation penalties here. Solar is under-developed and is our future.

People kill people with guns, knives, baseball bats and even trim from a classic car. Our rights exist because of well-thought ideas by our nations' founders. These well conceived notions were done so that when and if a malevolent government came into power, like the British, such as the case, that the citizens would not be defenseless and have means to dispatch the threat. It is my conviction that the rights of the many should not be hindered by the abuse of the few.

Homelessness is a combination of economy, job availability, income, and access. If we want to help Americans, we need to stop importing help from other countries and do it ourselves, even if it doesn't make us millionaires. Re-repatriate American business from abroad and homelessness would end. Cases involving drug addiction need special help, and this should be done on a local level, In my humble opinion. In this position, Congress should support legislation to support the will of the people.



Jimmy Crumpacker  
www.crumpackerforcongress.com

None.

I believe that universal background checks are a direct violation of our constitutional right to keep and bear arms. If elected to Congress, I will always oppose any anti-gun, nonsensical, and illegal legislation such as universal background checks. As for "assault weapons", I am an unapologetic supporter of the second amendment and I do not believe that Americans are to be limited as to the type of weapons they choose to own for sport or self defense. Molon Labe.

We need to take serious and immediate action to address the mental health crisis in this country. Only after first addressing mental health can we begin to have an impact on the issue of homelessness.

Jason A Atkinson

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

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## District 2 - Democrat



**Jack Howard**  
[www.votejackhoward.com](http://www.votejackhoward.com)

1). Robust investments in clean energy research and development. 2). Tax credits to stimulate more clean energy, energy efficiency and grid technologies, to turn Oregon into a regional partner: it also means improving our preparation for a Cascadia earthquake. 3). Infrastructure that reduces our vulnerability to climate impacts and modernizes our electric grid. For Oregon, this means reining in corporate power over human and electrical power.

A dangerous gap in our federal gun laws lets people buy guns without passing a background check. Under current law, unlicensed sellers--people who sell guns online, at gun shows, or anywhere else without a federal dealer's license--can transfer firearms without having to run any background check whatsoever. Because of this loophole, domestic abusers, people with violent criminal records, and people prohibited for mental health reasons can easily buy guns from unlicensed sellers with no background

As County Commissioner, I advocated for the need to try and build system capacity for addressing poverty without labeling people. I was proud of was to set up a "red flag" system, based on getting social services alerted, coordinated, and help, when people were falling behind on their property taxes: while maintaining the competing interests of protecting property values, fair taxation and privacy issues. I've fought to expand middle income tax credits. Lower energy costs. Address MH barriers.



**John P Holm**  
[www.johnholmforcongress.com](http://www.johnholmforcongress.com)

I support the new Green Deal as well as rejoining the Paris climate agreement.

I fully believe in having universal background checks and I am against the sale of weapons of war to citizens.

After WWII we built quonset hut to house our soldiers who had come home from the war and other homeless to make up for the lack of housing that we had. Today we have empty warehouses that we could re purpose into apartment buildings. We could easily pass legislation to free up funds for Habitat for Humanity and other similar organizations that would assist in this process.



**Nick (NIK) L Heuertz**  
[www.nikforcongress.com](http://www.nikforcongress.com)

I believe that with proper funding we can have a new era of sustainable energy and sustainable jobs, leading to a vibrant new economy for all. I see solar on our roofs and majestic wind-turbines on our hillsides. We can, and should, be 100% sustainable energy by 2035. We do not have to leave any body behind in this transition. There will be new jobs and we should have free training available to those displaced by the changing economy. I will say no to any new pipelines, and no to money form oil.

90% of Americans want expanded back ground checks for gun purchases. Over 50% of Americans want an assault weapons ban. The only reason that we cannot get them is because of the NRA's big money influence. We must get big money out of politics so that we can pass these life saving provisions. Protecting our children should be our first priority as legislators; it will be mine.

We need to address this from many levels. We need to properly fund affordable housing. We need a national minimum wage of at least \$15 and hour. We need funding for popper drug treatment programs; as well as treatment and facilities for those with mental illness, and transition programs for those who can benefit form them. This is a national shame that in this day and age, in this rich country, we have so many people on the streets.



## Oregon US Representative - *continued*

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**What should Congress do to address the large number of homeless people in the U.S.?**

### District 2 - Democrat - *continued*



**Alex Spenser**  
[www.spenser2020.com](http://www.spenser2020.com)

I support re-entry of the United States into the Paris Climate Agreement so we are again working with Nations across the globe in an effort to "significantly reduce the risks and impact of climate change". In addition, I support the Green New Deal which addresses climate action as an economic and a security issue, as well as utilizing the need for carbon neutrality as a way to create jobs and ensure a stronger future for the citizens of the United States.

I support universal background checks and a revival of the ban on assault weapons. While there is feigned controversy over the terms assault weapon and assault rifle - positing the semi-automatic assault rifle as a kinder - gentler version of the machine gun because you must pull the trigger one time per round is a distinction that mattered when we were using muskets, 45 - 60 rounds a minute in an active shooter scenario means lives. Today we need to embrace common sense gun responsibility.

When looking at the causes of homelessness in America, I see four major areas of concern: Lack of education Mental health & drug addition/dependence Income vs cost of housing Lack of family/community The most immediate fix is to provide a universal basic income that allows folks to live with dignity. The next step is providing universal healthcare from head to toe that includes comprehensive mental healthcare and drug dependency treatment.



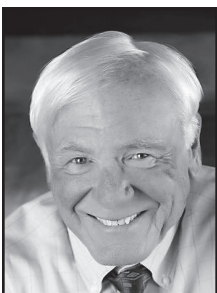
**Chris Vaughn**  
[www.vaughnfororegon.com](http://www.vaughnfororegon.com)

I support the Green New Deal. Just like Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal provided millions of good paying jobs in the 1930's the Green New Deal will provide high paying jobs that will help our country transform to renewable energy. We should end subsidies for the fossil fuel industry. And we should take a leadership roll in fighting climate change. We can start by rejoining the Paris Agreement.

I support stronger background checks on gun sales. We need to close the loopholes that allow guns to be sold in private and at gun shows without background checks. I also support the strengthening of laws that would allow guns to be temporarily removed from those that are a danger to others. Laws should be strengthened to ban the owning of guns by those convicted of domestic violence. I don't support the removal of guns from law abiding citizen's but agree on an assault weapons ban.

The homeless camps that are abundant in many parts of our country are a travesty and the result of a failure to act. We need to invest billions of dollars in low income housing. We also need to increase funding of mental health services. By enacting medicare for all. Those that need mental health, substance abuse or counseling services will be able to get the help they need. We also need to increase the minimum wage to at least \$15 per hour with annual increases being automatic.

### District 3 - Republican



**Frank Hecker**  
[www.heckerforcongress.com](http://www.heckerforcongress.com)

Businesses, government, and individuals need to be accountable for their own actions and if they do not, need to be held accountable. This can be done by outlining in legislation what the high level requirements and expectations are and if the entity continues to violate the requirements, be cited for violations in accordance with the offense. Violators should be required, at their own cost, to clean up any deviations and additionally put policies and procedures to keep it from happening again

The current legislation is very complete and comprehensive. This main issue concerning gun control is a firearm sold by an individual to another individual. In this case background checks are not required. I do not and will not support "Universal Background Checks". This stance is to protect individual rights as stated in the 2nd amendment of the US Constitution.

The number of Homeless in US is alarming. I know these people, I have used them on 2 occasions to move locally. There are 3 classifications: 1 Those who have lost jobs and have no support group. Temporary Support Facilities 2 Those who are happy living with the freedom they have but would like to have a better situation and are willing to do "Some" work to provide #1 & Temp Job Placements 3 Those who have lost faith and given up and gone to drugs. Rehab Business N Govt Working Together!



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### District 3 - Republican - *continued*



**Tom Harrison**  
[www.tomharrison4congress.com](http://www.tomharrison4congress.com)

I am trained in Physics. There is no problem requiring action. Temperature control is accomplished by the solar magnetic field coupled with the periodic fluctuations in earth's orbit around the sun, and the axial tilt of the earth with respect to the orbital plane. The primary warming radiative gas is NOT CO2, it's H2O, by a factor of 50. Geological history is abundantly clear: earth has been hotter than now by roughly 10C, with CO2 low, and has experienced an ice age with CO2 10 time today.

The presumption under law is innocence. Unless adjudicated as having lost the right to keep firearms, there should be no impediment to personal ownership and carrying of firearms by any person of majority age. To verify there is no adjudicated removal of rights, there can be background checks, but the cost should be borne by the county of residence. Any court removal of rights must be from a trial by jury, or a guilty plea. There may not be a restriction on semi-automatic guns of any kind.

A multi-faced problem, combining mental health issues and drug addiction as well as financial causes. The only sustainable solution, which does not promote continued homelessness, is for the economy to be so robust that employees are scarce, and for immigration to be throttled enough to incentivize developing labor resources here, first. Congress should focus on keeping business growth high, and provide tax incentives for training which results in a successful hire.



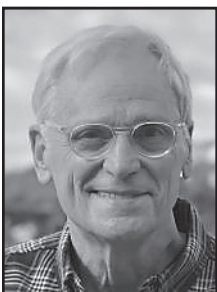
**Joanna Harbour**  
[www.joanna4oregon.com](http://www.joanna4oregon.com)

We already have laws regarding clean air and water. Since President Trump has been in office, US carbon dioxide emission have fallen to 67-year historic lows, while conversely, they have increased in Europe. We have more pressing and immediate concerns that require our attention, such as COVID19, homelessness, illegal immigration, terrorism, sex and human trafficking and other issues.

The check is a back door way to penalize law abiding citizens. It makes it a crime for a gun safety expert to hand a gun to a trainee without a check. Also, it can be used to create a gun ownership list for potential confiscation. It would not stop criminals from stealing guns or obtaining guns from the black market. I am for the current background system. The answer to the second part depends on how you define assault weapon. Fully automatic and military grade weapons are already banned.

A multifaceted approach will be crucial to fix the crisis. There is more than one reason for it. We need to address mental health and addiction. We need support our Veterans when they come home and continue to add jobs to the economy. We also need to fix the health care system to help people avoid bankruptcy. This needs to be dealt with at a local level (with aid from state and feds) because each homeless person is an individual and needs to be dealt with individually to address their needs.

### District 3 - Democrat



**Earl Blumenauer**  
[www.earlblumenauer.com](http://www.earlblumenauer.com)

I believe we must take bold, comprehensive action immediately to prevent a climate catastrophe, which is why I co-sponsored and co-authored the Green New Deal. I am also an original co-lead of H.R.5221, the 100% Clean Economy Act of 2019, which sets a national goal of achieving a 100% clean economy by no later than 2050. The Climate Emergency Resolution that I authored calls for an even more rapid mobilization to halt, reverse, and address the consequences and causes of climate change.

I support strong gun safety legislation to end the gun violence epidemic. My report, Enough Is Enough: A Comprehensive Plan to Improve Gun Safety, includes measures that should be taken immediately, such as closing the "private sale loophole" and implementing comprehensive and uniform background checks for any gun purchases, banning assault weapons and high capacity magazines, and more.

My comprehensive housing plan, Locked Out: Reversing Federal Housing Failures and Unlocking Opportunity, includes recommendations the federal government can take to establish support structures to remedy the burden it caused by increasing public housing, providing renter relief, increasing resources for people experiencing homelessness, creating incentives for first time homebuyers, closing loopholes, addressing centuries of discriminatory housing policies, and more.

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## District 3 - Democrat - continued



**Charles Rand Barnett**  
[www.4040in2020.com](http://www.4040in2020.com)

My 4040 plan calls for 40% of people to work from home and drive 40% less. We're obviously doing more than that currently. I'm proposing a 10% tax on non-commercial electricity and gasoline usage. By taxing non-commercial energy, we are encouraging companies to not ship jobs overseas. Ideally we will need much more than 10%, but it is a starting point. We can't even seem to get that done.

I hate limiting people's rights, but gun violence is a terrible thing. I do believe in universal background checks.

I was homeless for 4 years in my early 30's. Getting out of homelessness requires money and counseling. I ultimately got a HUD voucher for an apartment of my own. Counseling helped me get back into the job market although I was already doing well with that on my own by studying on the streets. Government can't just write a blank check to everyone and that is where counseling steps in.



**Dane Wilcox**  
[www.wilcox2020.com](http://www.wilcox2020.com)

I have spent years creating the most in-depth plan to fight climate change of any candidate running for or currently in office. Using historic precedence, we can use defense funds and resources to invest in fighting climate change among many other things. If we are serious about making a difference in the next 10 years, I have created the only plan that will be able to manage such a large project and provide the workforce and materials to do so. The full text can be found at [fight2unite.com](http://fight2unite.com).

I am for universal background checks. I believe that we need to go further and require training and evaluation before the sale of any firearms. It should not be easier to procure any weapon than it is to get a drivers license. I am also pro-digitalization of gun registration at the federal level.

My Fight to Unite initiative that addresses climate change, it also provides a solution for homelessness. Building on the back of the housing first policy that has proven successful in many areas over decades, we can build housing and provide transitioning help to every American that needs it. My program can also provide help to decrease recidivism rates and complete many other projects across the country. Full text can be found at [fight2unite.com](http://fight2unite.com).



**Albert Lee**  
[www.albertlee2020.com](http://www.albertlee2020.com)

I support a Green New Deal, Just Transition for workers employed in the energy sector, Free Public Transit, Rebuilding Infrastructure, High Speed Rail, High Speed Intracity Rail, and smart grid. We need an approach that will ultimately transform the 20th Century individual solutions based paradigm to a more collective one, where we increase efficiencies, reduce our footprint, end car-centric mobility, and halt the use of destructive fossil fuels, replacing them with renewable energy and storage.

I believe that the combination of universal background checks, coupled with mandatory annual training, required safe keeping, strict products liability for manufacturers of arms and ammo, and liability insurance requirements for owners is an effective cocktail solution to the problem that accomplishes public safety without infringing on Second Amendment rights. I am a strong proponent of maintaining all of our individual rights and infringement on one leads to infringement on other rights.

The combination of a Housing First program mated to a Single-Payer Medicare for All System that includes complete body and mind health care for all would help to end houselessness. Housing is a human right. Providing a Housing First program without preconditions allows folks the security necessary to address their other issues. Medicare for All helps tend to mental and physical issues and drug dependency. By shifting focus away from policing the houseless to tending to their needs, we recover.

**Matthew S Davis**

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District 4 - Republican

Alek Skarlatos

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

Nelson Ijih

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

District 4 - Democrat

Peter DeFazio

Candidate did not respond by deadline.



Doyle Elizabeth Canning  
[www.canningforcongress.com](http://www.canningforcongress.com)

I will fight alongside Oregonians to stop Jordan Cove, and champion offshore wind, solar power, and regenerative farming and forestry to revitalize our rural communities. Ban fracking. End the extraction and export of oil, coal, and gas. Hold the fossil fuel industry financially and criminally liable. 100% renewable energy by 2030, and a just transition that creates quality, family wage jobs - guaranteed. It's time to take a stand: a Green New Deal that cools our planet and creates Oregon jobs.

Common sense gun violence prevention saves lives. My child has reenacted a lockdown drill in my living room. I support the Assault Weapons Ban of 2019; my opponent is one of only a handful of Democrats in Congress who does not. I grew up in a rural community where hunting is a way of life, and firearms were always safely stored. I support universal background checks, ending gun show loopholes, a national voluntary buy-back program, and red flag for domestic violence & white nationalist ties.

No one in the wealthiest country in the world should be forced to sleep on the streets. We need 12 million new units of public housing, and permanently affordable units, to bring housing costs down in the market overall. Grants to cities to encourage rezoning. Expand protections of Fair Housing Act to include sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, veteran status, and source of income. Medicare for All, including mental health & addiction treatment. \$15 min. wage, tied to inflation.

District 5 - Republican



Angela Roman  
[www.angelaromanfororegon.com](http://www.angelaromanfororegon.com)

I don't support any national climate change policies.

As far as 2nd amendment I don't support ANY legislation against it.

Congress should hold states accountable that are sanctuary and putting illegals before their citizens and make sure the states are investing in mental health.



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District 5 - Republican - continued



G Shane Dinkel  
www.gshanedinkel.com

If elected I will put forward a bill banning the export of raw logs from the U.S. and the import of large quantities of structural lumber. I will push for minimizing the amount of ocean fishing preserves. I will push for the expansion of hydro power, the cleanest and most abundant source of power in the N.W. I will push for the retirement of grossly inefficient and dangerous wind farms because more energy is used in the production of one large windmill than it will feed into the grid.

2ND AMENDMENT: I completely support to keep and bear arms! During the time that the Constitution was written, there existed deadly weapons that had nothing to do with hunting: hand grenades, grenade launchers, sniper rifles, and the assault rifle of the day a weapon known as the blunderbuss. NONE of these weapons were restricted by the Founding Fathers when they wrote the Constitution. As free Americans you and I have the right to own and bear any weapons that we can carry on our persons.

Return the economy to pre-Human virus levels and encourage people to work. The State of Oregon and the big cities (Portland, Eugene, ect.) could start purchasing 20' and 40' surplus containers, divide them into 10'x8' living spaces with a door and a small skylight for each and place them were the tents are now.

Joey Nations

Candidate did not respond by deadline.



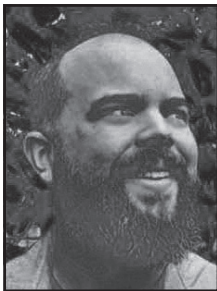
Amy Ryan Courser  
www.amyfororegon.com

There are many approaches we can take to being better stewards of our planet. In Oregon forestry management is crucial as is the need for a bipartisan answer to lower emissions. One that will not hurt our businesses, towns and families. We can improve our recycling programs and federally require more accountability from our allied nations who need to do a better job of taking responsibility. We must work together worldwide to accomplish great things for our planet.

Given the current state of our nation, our system awareness and the inability of government agencies to communicate with one another background checks are appropriate and should be free. Anyone with a felony or a criminal background should not be allowed to own a weapon. Calling assault weapons "assault" is offensive to our second amendment.

Homelessness is a non partisan humanitarian crisis and needs to be resolved in a solution oriented way. I have worked extensively with our homeless population. We can provide stronger leadership that is founded in both discernment and compassion with accountability and support for our law officials to keep citizens safe. We must approach the challenge with respect. Affordable housing issues are not the same as mental health or opioid addiction and should have separate solutions and resources.

District 5 - Democrat



Blair G Reynolds  
www.reynoldsfor.us

Climate change is very serious business, and my intent is to implement policies that get everyone working together on solutions. I would invest the nation's purse into clean energy development, advancing research on fusion and thorium reactors. I would champion programs to encourage a diverse set of entrepreneurs, ready to take on the challenge from the private sector to clean the air and develop new green technologies. I would reduce everyone's financial stress so we can all join in the fight.

I have a very strict interpretation of the second amendment that includes the entirety of the text. Guns seems to be a part of American DNA, but we can't be reckless about their role in a country where gun violence is a daily occurrence. As your congressperson, I would draft legislation that requires semi-annual training and registration, and membership in a federally registered paramilitary organization. Background checks would be required, and weapons and ammo available from federal armories.

Our houseless population are still Americans and fellow human beings with inherent value, to be treated with dignity and respect. I would introduce and support legislation to create a Universal Basic Income that gives everyone an equal opportunity to participate in the economy. Not means-tested, so you can decide where the money goes, and providing a financial floor for those between jobs, or needing to leave unsafe situations. UBI, along with federal banking and rent caps, can lift everyone up.



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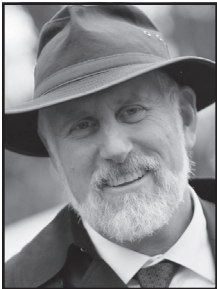


**Kurt Schrader**  
[www.kurtschrader.com](http://www.kurtschrader.com)

Climate change is real and impacting Oregon’s coast, farms and economy. I support rejoining the Paris Climate Agreement and fought to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund. I’m working to bring carbon emissions from power plants to near zero and have a bill that would help build healthy forests to prevent fires and provide jobs. I voted for a cap and trade bill in Congress. We must also invest in and support renewable energy sources and lessen our reliance on fossil fuels.

I have and will continue to advocate for common sense legislation to prevent gun violence. That includes universal background checks, ensuring those convicted of domestic abuse cannot purchase a firearm, and allowing the CDC to be able to research gun violence. I have also cosponsored the Federal Extreme Risk Protection Order Act of 2019 to empower law enforcement and the courts to prevent those who are a risk to themselves or others from having access to a firearm.

I’ve long supported HUD-VASH waivers to help homeless veterans. I support HUD’s NeighborhoodWorks America providing access to home ownership and safe and affordable rentals. I supported legislation to enable public housing agencies to administer housing-choice rental-assistance vouchers and to provide rental assistance to low-income tenants in rural communities. I voted for the CARES Act to provide \$4 billion in grants for those who are homeless or at risk and \$3 billion for rental assistance.



**Mark F Gamba**  
[www.markgamba.com](http://www.markgamba.com)

The Green New Deal - ending subsidies on all fossil fuels, passing a carbon tax, putting millions of people to work building a smart grid, renewable energy sources, electrified transportation systems, transforming the way we farm and manage our forests, planting billions of trees, restoring our waterways, making our buildings energy efficient, etc...

We need a national background check system, national “red flag” laws and to renew the ban on the sale of “assault weapons” at a minimum. We also need to put councilors and nurses back in every school.

For starters - raise the minimum wage to \$15/hour over a two year period, then continue raising it until it is commensurate with three times the local cost of the average two bedroom apartment. In other words one third of your income should cover a 2 BR apt. Pass Medicare for all so that we have drug treatment and mental health care available to all and dramatically increase HUD funding to states and cities to build affordable housing until we don’t need it anymore due to the first two items.

# Attorney General

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**Term:** 4 Years  
**Salary:** \$82,200

**Describe an instance where the Attorney General’s office should advocate for a change in Oregon law.**

**Describe your position on legislation that bans the sale of unfinished and 3-D printed firearms in Oregon.**

**What more can the state do to protect citizens from telephone and computer fraud?**

## Republican



**Michael Cross**  
*www.michaelcrossfororegon.com*

Taxes are too high. We need to facilitate existing law as it pertains to school vouchers. Oregon is at the bottom of the nation when it comes to our schools and something needs to change! We need to take seriously violators of restraining orders, but we also need to implement programs to help families that are having relationship issues. Studies have shown children do better with both parents.

I will follow the laws as written, based on the constitution. Firearm safety needs to be taught at an early age, I would advocate for the knowledge and safety classes for the proper and safe use of a firearm. It is established that firearms are a deterrent to crime and they allow people to protect and defend themselves, when physically they may not have the size, strength or health to do so otherwise.

Perhaps if more resources were diverted from fighting Trump in court, we would have more available that actually benefit Oregonians. For instance these incessant robo calls have gotten out of hand! Bank fees and predatory Towing are also problems, hitting hard at those least able to afford it. If elected as AG, when I find companies engaging in these practices, I would pierce the corporate veil and attach personal assets. Oregon would quickly become known as a state you don’t mess with.

## Democrat



**Ellen Rosenblum**  
*www.ellenrosenblum.com*

I advocate for legislative change when our laws fail to protect the most vulnerable Oregonians. I have led legislative efforts to criminalize hate crimes; curb police profiling and bias; strengthen confidentiality laws for survivors of sexual assault; require businesses to follow privacy policies and provide data security for consumer devices; increase transparency between colleges and students about debt; and remove punitive and overly harsh sentencing guidelines for juveniles.

I am strongly in favor of common sense gun safety reform--including banning the sale of 3D printed firearms, which often evade laws written to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people. This year, I sued the Trump administration to block a rule that would allow 3D-gun files to be easily accessed online, giving virtually anyone with an internet connection and 3D printer the ability to build deadly weapons from home.

One of my office’s main responsibilities is to stop scams. On the frontlines of tracking and prosecuting fraud, we get money back for cheated Oregonians in thousands of individual cases each year. Scammers tend to target our most vulnerable. To get ahead of them, I led the way on legislation to better protect students’ information collected at school and I established an elder abuse unit--one of the first in the nation that investigates and prosecutes criminals who target older Oregonians.

# Secretary of State

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**Salary:** \$77,000

**What do you recommend to make Oregon’s data infrastructure and elections more resilient to natural disasters and cyber-attacks?**

**What plans do you have for the Secretary of State’s Business Services Division?**

**Please explain why you do or do not support changes to our elections that permit all voters, whether party members or not, to vote for any candidate of any political persuasion in primary elections.**

## Republican

**Kim Thatcher**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*



**Dave W Stauffer**  
[stauffent@live.com](mailto:stauffent@live.com)

Continue putting paper ballots into ballot boxes.

Continue their good work.

It would make it possible for one dominant party, e.g. the democratic party, to select two democrats to run against each other, which would leave any Republican viewpoint unrepresented.

## Democrat



**Mark D Hass**  
[www.markhass.com](http://www.markhass.com)

I would establish an Office of Elections Cybersecurity to face two menacing threats: 1. To secure Oregon’s vulnerable database of registered voters by establishing safer “firewalls” around this database. It is our election system’s greatest weakness. 2. The Office of Elections Cybersecurity would monitor websites and social media posts for false election information. A state elections fact site will be available 60 days before each election for voters to use to rely on accurate information.

I want to continue ongoing efforts to make it easier for businesses to register. In particular, I would redouble the efforts of the Small Business Advocates office to help small businesses survive and grow. I would continue the use of the Waste and Abuse Hotline and seek to hold government agencies accountable wherever possible.

I support changing or elections to permit all voters to participate in primary elections. I formally asked the Democratic Party of Oregon to include nonaffiliated voters in our primaries without forcing them to join the party. Eleven states have already acted upon this voting trend. With nearly one million tax-paying voters (41%) cut out of Oregon primary elections, it is time we meet our disenfranchised nonaffiliated voters half-way.



**Jamie McLeod-Skinner**  
[www.jamiefororegon.com](http://www.jamiefororegon.com)

I will appoint an Election Security Officer to think like a hacker, find weaknesses, and fix them. Elections must be audited and counting machines accurate. Ongoing training is needed for all elections staff to adapt to evolving cybersecurity threats. Ballots postmarked by election day should count and more time allowed, if needed, to certify. Counties must be adequately resourced and backup plans developed for elections during disasters that address the needs of diverse communities and voters.

I’ll make more resources more accessible in other languages and not just online. I’ll partner with schools to help start-up businesses, provide searchable info on businesses not meeting basic standards and promote voluntary B-Corps certification for businesses that support our communities and environment. I’ll bring my experience in community and economic development and as a small business owner to partner on developing innovative approaches to building thriving businesses and family-wage jobs.

All primary voters can vote for a candidate by registering for the candidate’s party. Parties may open their primaries, but then their nominee may not align with the party’s values. I’ll conduct outreach to better determine voter preference, through ranked choice or STAR voting, and seek input on expanding access during primaries. We should have same day registration and lower the voting age. I’ll expand voter education so all Oregonians know how to engage and ensure all our voices are heard.

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Democrat - continued



Shemia Fagan  
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I will create an election security master plan and reverse Secretary Clarno’s decision to privatize our election security. We have a strong vote-by-mail system, so I will end the pilot projects exploring voting via web-based apps. In reality, if malicious forces want to undermine our elections, they only need to convince voters they did, so we must counter misinformation. Finally, I will partner with Oregon’s CIO to review and implement data and cybersecurity standards published last year.

The Secretary of State’s Business Services Division is responsible for fiscal planning, budgeting, purchasing, and other key administrative that help the agency operate smoothly. As a basic tenant of organizational management, I plan to review the division’s annual budgeting and planning processes, to ensure they align with the agency’s long-term strategic and fiscal objectives. I will introduce an Office of Equity, but I see the Business Services Division as a key place to incorporate equity.

I support same-day voter registration via oregonvotes.org. The Freedom of Association Clause in the First Amendment to the US Constitution gives political parties the power to decide who gets to vote in their primaries. However, same-day voter registration would allow all Oregon voters to participate in primaries. In fact, my older brother, a diesel mechanic in Hermiston, used oregonvotes.org on his phone to change quickly change his registration for this upcoming election.



# State Treasurer

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**Term:** 4 Years  
**Salary:** \$77,000

**Is a state bank a good idea for Oregon? Why or why not?**

**What kind of leadership do you bring to the State Treasurer’s office?**

**What ideas do you have for fulfilling the obligations of the PERS system?**

## Republican



**Jeff Gudman**  
*www.jeffgudman.org*

A state bank will require a voter approved change to Oregon’s constitution. At this time, there are far more pressing needs to address than a change to the Oregon Constitution to permit a state owned bank.

A collaborative one. The long lasting and widely supported changed in the state are one that are unanimous or near unanimous. Examples include protection of Oregon’s beaches, the bottle bill and fixing the workers compensation program. While serving on the Lake Oswego’s 7 person City Council, I always strove for 7 - 0 or 6 - 1 decisions that reflected the full range of views of the council. 4 - 3 gets a win, 7 - 0 gets community buy in and long lasting results.

PERS is an obligation that must be met. There are no easy answers for the unfunded liability, which has been made larger by recent bear market. Acknowledge that, unlike the current Treasurer, that earnings on the assets of the PERS system will NOT eliminate the liability. Ideas for consideration of the obligations include 1) redirection of unanticipated state revenue from the 2017 federal tax act, 2) evaluation of the recently adopted retirement programs ay Tri-Met and OHSU.

## Democrat

**Tobias Read**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

# Judge of the Supreme Court

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**Term:** 6 Years  
**Salary:**  
**Chief Justice:** \$160,452  
**Justice:** \$157,352

**Describe the particular qualities and background you bring to the Oregon Supreme Court.**

**Other than punishing wrongdoers, how can the courts contribute to reducing crime?**

**What aspects of the law are especially interesting to you? How can your interests benefit the Supreme Court?**

## Position 1

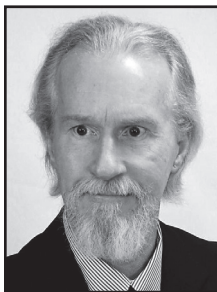


**Thomas A Balmer**  
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As a member of the Court since 2001, I bring a deep background in constitutional, criminal, and civil law; a strong work ethic; respect for the rule of law; and a commitment to the courts as a fair and impartial branch of government. I approach each case with an open mind and try to decide cases based on the facts and the law. My diverse experience as a lawyer includes arguing in the US Supreme Court, trying a case in eastern Oregon, and representing individuals, businesses and governments.

Oregon courts are part of a criminal justice system that includes prosecutors, defense attorneys, and corrections and juvenile authorities. That system protects public safety and enforces criminal laws. In recent years, we have worked with these other key players to create “problem-solving” courts -- drug courts, veterans’ courts, mental health courts -- that attempt to get at the underlying problems that often contribute to criminal activity. Those programs, done right, can help reduce crime.

As Deputy Attorney General, I advised state-wide elected leaders on constitutional, election, and administrative law issues that regularly come before the Court, I have a good understanding of how state and local government works in the real world. In private practice, I handled employment, contract, business, and regulatory matters, as well as pro bono cases for people sued over small debts. I know how businesses operate, and how the law affects individuals and businesses, large and small.



**Van Pounds**  
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All current Oregon Supreme Court judges got there by means of a gubernatorial appointment. Five of those seven judges have now been unilaterally picked by one person -- the current governor. Rather than relying upon partisan political favor, Van Pounds seeks the support of an informed electorate -- and provides voters with a meaningful choice for judge. If elected, he will assuredly bring a new and different perspective, along with some 40 years of practical legal experience, to the Court.

It is imperative that the Oregon Supreme Court, in particular, provide clear and consistent guidance to the public, to law enforcement authorities and to other courts in its interpretation and application of the law. Such guidance promotes compliance with the law, and facilitates fair and consistent law enforcement efforts in the event of non-compliance.

Van Pounds is interested in effecting positive change to the Oregon judicial selection process -- to make such process more transparent, to reduce the appearance of political partisanship and to provide voters with a more informed and meaningful voice in the selection of their judges. Such change should promote both the Court’s and the public’s interests in an independent and non-partisan judiciary.

## Position 7

**Martha Walters**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

**NOTE:** Oregon Supreme Court Position 4 will be on the General Election Ballot in November 2020.

**To help ensure judges are impartial in their duties, the Oregon Code of Judicial Conduct prevents judicial candidates from making pledges, promises or commitments concerning cases, controversies, or issues that are likely to come before their court. Questions from the League of Women Voters and answers by judicial candidates respect and conform to this provision.**

# Judge of the Court of Appeals

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**Term:** 6 Years  
**Salary:**  
**Chief Justice:** \$157,356  
**Justice:** \$154,226

Describe the particular qualities and background you bring to the Oregon Supreme Court.

Other than punishing wrongdoers, how can the courts contribute to reducing crime?

What aspects of the law are especially interesting to you? How can your interests benefit the Supreme Court?

## Position 1

**Josephine H Mooney**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

## Position 11



**Joel DeVore**  
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Work qualities: People-oriented, impartial, and pragmatic. Broad experience: Represented both plaintiffs and defendants in lawsuits (personal injuries, employment rights, property rights, divorces, contracts, construction defects, government agencies, and insurance); represented schools (Eugene 4J & others); was a “repair lawyer,” fixing legal malpractice, to keep cases in court to be decided on their merits (PLF); promoted legislation to fix holes in auto insurance to better protect people.

Trial courts can and do employ alternatives to conviction, like drug courts, DUII diversions, and promoting engagement in social services. Appellate courts correct legal error, if any, when trial courts try the accused, and thereby protect everyone’s individual rights.

All fields of law are interesting, and in 30 years as a lawyer plus six years as a judge, I have seen many serious and varied problems. I am especially interested in how law, when applied in a particular conflict, affects people and how law may help to resolve that conflict -- correctly and thoughtfully. As son of a minister and a teacher, I am people-oriented. I believe the court must listen, know the facts well, deeply understand the law, and be committed impartial justice.



**Kyle L Krohn**  
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I’m one of the most productive appellate attorneys in Oregon. As a public defender, I’ve represented hundreds of individuals before the Court of Appeals. The Oregon Supreme Court has called my advocacy “thoughtful.” The Eugene Register-Guard says that as a judge I will be “incorruptible.” I will work to make the court fairer by ending its practice of “affirming without opinion.” Right now the judges give no explanation for most of their rulings; I will try to explain every decision I make.

To have a functioning society, people must be able to trust that government officials are fulfilling their duties properly. If the people don’t expect the justice system to enforce the law fairly and effectively, then crime will increase and public cooperation with law enforcement will decrease. Judges must set an example by being open and accountable, providing clear statements about what the law requires, and giving each case a thoughtful and impartial decision without fear or favor.

I am especially interested in procedural rules and practices that affect how the system functions overall. Good procedural rules can promote efficiency and public confidence in the process, even for individuals who lose their cases. Bad practices can make even a favorable outcome unpleasant, for example if someone has to wait years for a decision in their case. As a judge, I want to take a fresh look at how the court handles cases to find more efficient and effective ways to decide appeals.

## Position 12

**Erin C Lagesen**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

## Position 13

**Doug Tookey**

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