

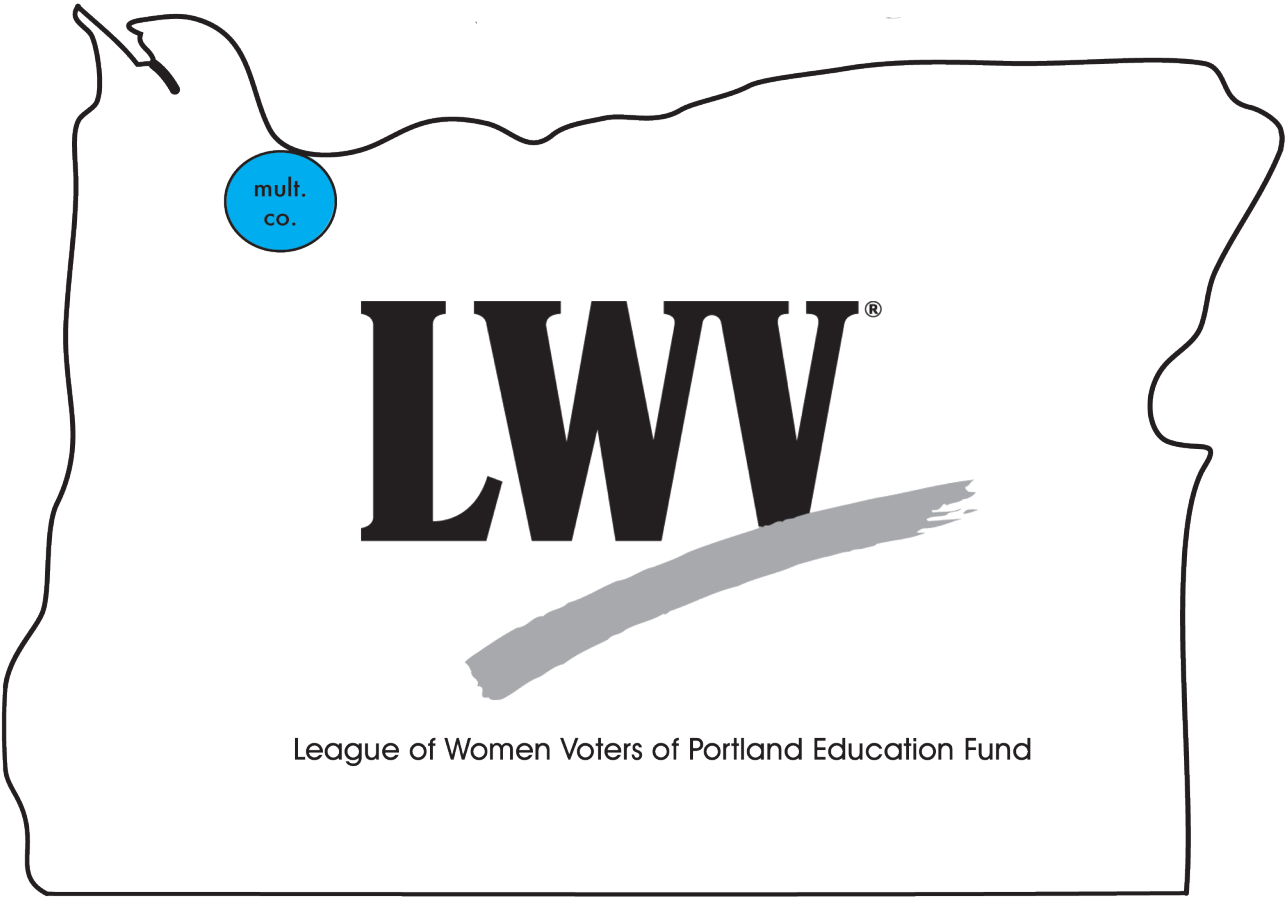
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# City of Portland Ballot Measure 26-209

## Renew Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax for Street Repair, Maintenance, Safety

- QUESTION:** *Shall Portland renew four-year, 10 cents per gallon fuel tax for maintenance (paving, potholes) and safety (crossings, lighting, sidewalks)?*
- FINANCIAL IMPACT:** *Passing this measure would renew Portland's 10 cents per gallon fuel tax that was approved by voters in 2016. The cost of fuels purchased within the city would continue to include 10 cents per gallon for this tax for another 4 years, beginning in 2021. Commercial trucks that pay a separate weight tax would be exempt.*

### PROBABLE RESULTS OF A YES VOTE

*The City would continue to use funding generated by the tax for dedicated street repair, maintenance and safety projects of Portland's streets. The cost of fuel purchased within the city would continue to include a tax of 10 cents per gallon for ordinary vehicles.*

### PROBABLE RESULTS OF A NO VOTE

*A "No" Vote would allow the current gas tax to expire on December 31, 2020. The City would have to fund maintenance and safety improvements of streets from other sources. The cost of fuel purchased within Portland would no longer include this tax of 10 cents per gallon for ordinary vehicles.*

### BACKGROUND

In 2016, Portland voters narrowly approved Measure 26-173, a 10 cents per gallon fuel tax earmarked for repairs and safety improvements of Portland's 4,800 lane miles of streets. When Measure 26-173 expires at the end of 2020, the "gas tax" is expected to have raised \$76 million dollars, more than originally anticipated. Because the "gas tax" is not applied to commercial vehicles, Portland City Council passed the "Heavy Vehicle Use Tax," an annual tax of 2.8 percent of the Oregon Weight-Mile Tax assessed on vehicles over 26,000 pounds that drive on streets owned or maintained by the City. According to the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT), by the end of 2020, the heavy vehicle tax will bring in an estimated \$8 million, \$2 million less than what was originally expected.

Monies generated by the gas tax and the Heavy Vehicle Use Tax funded PBOT's Fixing Our Streets Program. The Fixing Our Streets Program is less than 5% of PBOT's annual budget, which the City funds from multiple sources including the State Highway fund, the Multnomah County gas tax, fees, federal grants and bonds. According to the measure's explanatory statement, since its inception four years ago, the Fixing Our Streets Program has "repaved 38 lane miles of city streets, repaired over 400 sections of failing road, built sidewalks in East Portland and [completed an] additional 170 safety improvements across

Portland." A full list of completed projects can be found on PBOT's website.

In 2018, two years into the Fixing Our Streets Program, the Portland City Auditor conducted an assessment and published the findings in a report, "Fixing Our Streets: Some accountability commitments not fulfilled." The report found that although Fixing Our Streets projects were "consistent with what was promised to voters," most were behind schedule. Additionally, according to the report, "City Council did not require owners of heavy vehicles to pay what experts said was needed for them to contribute their share of costs for maintenance, operations and improvement of City streets." The audit reported that "monitoring and oversight was not effective" and that PBOT "did not fulfill Council's commitment to obtain annual audits and that the spending split between street repair and safety projects was difficult to assess."

PBOT responded to these findings with a letter describing specific actions the bureau would take to make the program more accountable. PBOT also implemented post-audit improvements in staffing and resourcing that have speeded up project completion. Use of new project-tracking software has additionally improved project performance and reporting. The 2018 PBOT annual report stated the full portfolio of Fixing Our Streets projects will be completed or under construction within the program's four-year funding schedule.

### SUMMARY

If approved by voters, the current 10 cent per gallon gas tax will remain in place for another four years. According to the measure's explanatory statement provided by PBOT, this tax extension is estimated to raise \$74.5 million for the Fixing Our Streets program at an approximate cost of \$5 per month to the "average Portlander." Of the total, 56 percent of funds is directed toward maintenance and 44 percent toward safety.

According to the explanatory statement, proposed maintenance projects include \$25 million dedicated to paving and an additional \$13 million for repairs of potholes, gravel streets, and base pavement identified as community priorities. Proposed safety projects include \$5 million for traffic signals and crossing beacons; \$4.5 million for sidewalks; \$4.5 million for street lighting; \$6 million to fund Safe Routes to School projects; \$4.5 million to expand Neighborhood Greenways; and \$10.5 million for basic safety repairs.

The Fixing Our Streets program will continue to go through an annual independent financial audit that will be shared with the program's citizen oversight committee and the public.

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### **SUPPORTERS SAY**

- Funding maintenance projects like those proposed in the Fixing Our Streets program prevents more expensive full replacement of streets. Preventive maintenance protects the investment and saves taxpayer money.
- The Fixing Our Streets Program has made Portland safer by building sidewalks and adding 170 other safety features across the city.
- The user-fee proposal means people who drive are paying for the upkeep of the roads they use.
- Gas prices are higher than in 2016, but the tax remains constant. This means the tax is now a lower percentage of the overall price of gas than in 2016.



### **OPPONENTS SAY**

- The Fixing Our Streets Program needs to demonstrate results as laid out in PBOT's response to the City Auditor's report before its funding sources are renewed.
- Basic infrastructure maintenance should be a high priority for the City in allocating general funds so that an additional tax is unnecessary.
- The tax increases the cost of living for low and middle income Portlanders by increasing the cost of driving.
- Drivers of gasoline-powered vehicles pay all of the tax, but only 56% of the funding pays for street maintenance and repairs while the remaining 44% goes toward safety projects.

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# Metro Measure 26-210

## Supports homeless services through higher earners’ tax, business profits tax

**QUESTION:** *Should Metro support homeless services, tax income over \$200,000/\$125,000 (joint/single), profits on businesses with income over \$5 million?*

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** *This measure would impose a 1 percent marginal income tax on households earning more than \$200,000 (or individuals earning more than \$125,000). The tax would apply to the income of residents and to non-resident income earned within the Metro district. Metro estimates that the tax would generate \$169 million per year. Additionally, businesses with revenue over \$5 million would pay a 1 percent tax on net profits, generating an additional \$79 million per year. According to Metro’s estimate, total revenue would equal about \$248 million annually. Metro would retain 5% of the funds for administrative purposes and distribute the remaining 95% to Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties.*

### PROBABLE RESULTS OF A YES VOTE

*The measure would fund supportive housing services in each county for people experiencing chronic homelessness, or at risk of experiencing homelessness. These services would include outreach, housing placement, mental health, addiction and recovery, and job placement; the measure would also support rent and affordable housing assistance. Funds would be disbursed according to the portion collected in each county; a broad group of stakeholders in each county would then develop implementation plans using a race and equity lens.*

### PROBABLE RESULTS OF A NO VOTE

*The tax would not be imposed. The homeless population in the tri-county area is likely to continue to grow. People at risk of homelessness might not be able to access services to keep them housed.*

### BACKGROUND

According to the 2019 Point in Time report from Oregon Housing and Community Services, 5711 people were homeless in the tri-county (Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas) area. Conducted during the last ten days in January, this count provides only a snapshot of what other researchers say is a much larger group. For example, a 2019 study from Portland State University’s Homelessness Research & Action Collaborative estimates that over 38,000 people experienced homelessness in the tri-county area in 2017. According to its analysis and the Point in Time report, people of color, in particular those who are Black or Native American, are disproportionately represented in this population.

On the basis of this data from Portland State and other regional organizations, as well as a summary analysis by ECONorthwest , Metro determined that funding of \$250 million per year--the approximate amount raised by the tax--would provide supportive housing services to many of these 38,000 people. This level of funding would also provide an array of services for people at high risk of homelessness. Finally, Metro concluded that the program should be developed and overseen by stakeholders and

service providers and should incorporate a “thorough racial equity analysis and strategy.” According to ECONorthwest, in conjunction with supportive housing provided by recent housing bonds and with existing programs in the tri-county area, “strong implementation of an initiative of this size should result in a marked decline in chronic homelessness and homelessness generally.”

### SUMMARY

This measure would fund supportive housing services in Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties. It would address unmet needs of people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness by providing rent assistance, outreach, mental healthcare, and employment assistance, among other services. These services will be prioritized to equitably address the needs of people of color and other marginalized communities.

The program would be overseen by a 20-member Regional Housing Services Oversight Committee, composed of service providers and others with expertise and/or experience in working with homeless people; the committee would represent stakeholders broadly as well as the region’s geographical diversity. Local implementation plans would then be developed by committees

of stakeholders and service providers for each county. Each plan would require approval by the oversight committee before it is submitted to the Metro Council.

After Metro covers the cost of administration, funds will be allocated according to the following percentages for the first two years: 45⅓ percent in Multnomah County, 21⅓ percent in Clackamas County, and 33⅓ percent in Washington County. Thereafter, funds will be disbursed according to the portion collected in each county.

Metro will assess the tax beginning in 2021, and the tax will expire on December 31, 2030.

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### **SUPPORTERS SAY**

- According to Metro, "Homelessness is a deeply traumatic and dehumanizing experience that no person should have to endure, regardless of their circumstances," and this measure begins to address large-scale unmet needs in the region.
- High rents, high numbers of homeless people and wide public concern throughout the tri-county area mandate a coordinated response. The measure begins to compensate for declining federal funding for affordable housing and supportive programs.
- This program is a necessary complement to Metro's affordable housing bond and would provide additional support to people who are mentally ill, disabled, un- or underemployed, or in need of addiction and recovery and other services.



### **OPPONENTS SAY**

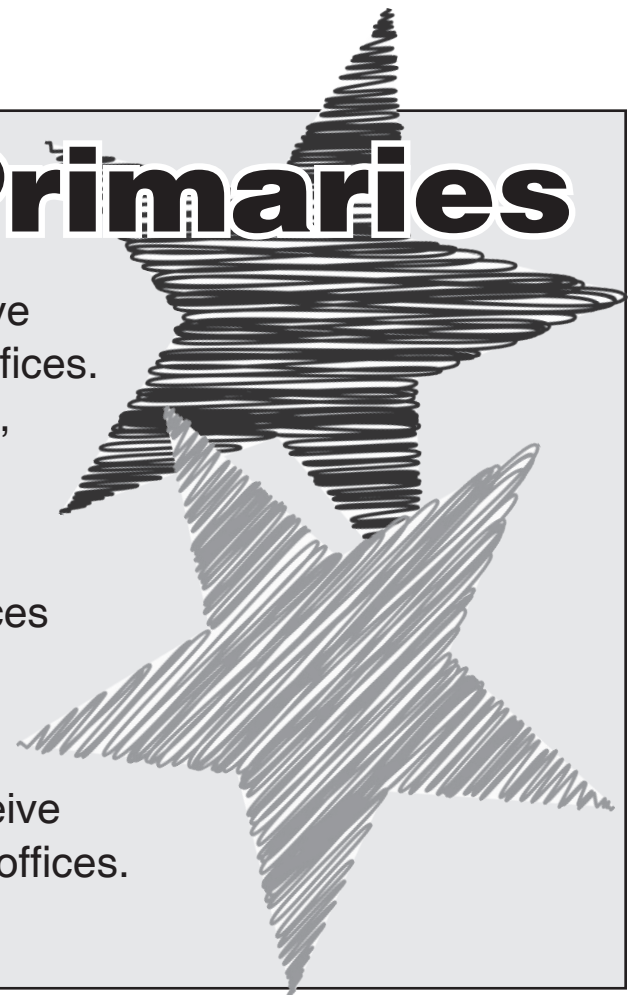
- The funding distribution is inequitable. For the first two years, Multnomah County will receive 45½ percent of the funding, but according to the 2019 Point in Time report, it has over 70 percent of the region's homeless population. The report shows that Multnomah County also has 76 percent of the region's African American homeless population and 88 percent of the region's Latinx homeless.
- Regional businesses are in the midst of responding to closures and economic uncertainty resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. This new tax should be delayed until the severity of the impact is better understood.
- Businesses are already subject to an array of local taxes--among them the Portland Clean Energy Tax, Oregon's corporate income tax, Portland's Business License Tax, and the Multnomah County Business Income Tax--and like these other costs, they will pass this new 1 percent tax onto consumers.

# **Closed and Open Primaries**

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

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# Centennial School District Ballot Measure 26-208

## Authorizes General Obligation Bonds for School Security and Facility Improvements

**QUESTION:** *Shall Centennial School District issue \$65,000,000 general obligation bonds for school security and facility improvements, and receive a \$7,494,690 State matching grant? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.*

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** *The measure authorizes \$65,000,000 in general obligation bonds. Due to the retirement of a previous bond, it is expected that the measure would continue the District's current bond tax rate, with no increase. The District's current bond tax rate is approximately \$1.19 per \$1,000 of assessed property value (AV), or \$119 per year*

*for property assessed at \$100,000. The bonds would mature in 30 years or less from the date they are issued and can only be used for capital projects, not operating costs. The bonds may be issued over time in multiple series*

*If the measure passes, the District would receive an additional \$7,494,690 matching grant from the State to fund school security and facility improvements. If the measure does not pass, the District would not receive the grant.*

*Note: assessed value (AV) is the value used to calculate your property tax. It is shown on your property tax statement. It is NOT the same as real market value (RMV), which is the market price of your home..*

### PROBABLE RESULTS OF A YES VOTE

*A "Yes" vote would allow the District to raise \$65,000,000 to make facility repairs and renovations, school safety and security upgrades, and related improvements to support student learning.*

*A "Yes" vote also would allow the District to receive an additional \$7,494,690 from the State of Oregon in matching funds.*

### PROBABLE RESULTS OF A NO VOTE

*The District would lack funding for facility repairs and renovations, school safety and security upgrades, or related improvements. The proposed improvements would not be completed.*

*The District would not receive the \$7,494,690 State grant.*

*The District's current bond tax rate would decrease.*

## BACKGROUND

The Centennial School District provides instruction and support for approximately 6,100 students from Pre-K through age 21 in SE Portland and Gresham. The average age of the District's ten schools is 55 years old. There have been no bond-funded renovations, upgrades or improvements to schools since 2001. The general obligation bond rate has decreased for the last decade: In 2010 the District rate was \$1.97 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Voters rejected an \$85,000,000 bond measure in 2016 by 54 percent.

The Centennial School Board convened a community-based Long Range Facilities Planning Committee in 2018 to review information and analysis prepared by architects for each school facility in the District. The Committee identified approximately \$137 million in needs and prioritized the most critical ones such as roofs

that are waterlogged and leaking and boiler systems that have outlived their useful life. The bond measure is intended to address the Committee's highest priority recommendations.

## SUMMARY

If approved, the bond measure would:

- Make critical facility improvements at all schools, including renovating and replacing roofs, boilers, foundations, windows and flooring.
- Make safety and security improvements, including upgrades to intercom systems, exterior doors, and exterior camera systems for student and staff safety.
- Add gymnasiums to four elementary schools that have no dedicated gym space, to meet current State requirements for Physical Education.

- Change Oliver Elementary back into a middle school, including upgrading the library and science classrooms, and creating career technical classrooms.

If approved, the District will establish an independent community-based bond oversight committee to oversee bond funds.

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## Authorizes General Obligation Bonds for School Security and Facility Improvements

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### SUPPORTERS SAY

- If voters approve the bond, the District would receive an additional \$7.5 million State of Oregon matching grant toward school security and facility improvements.
- The proposed facility improvements would trigger energy and cost savings through, for example, boiler and lighting upgrades, better insulation, and more efficient heating and ventilation systems.
- The District needs a second middle school. Centennial is one of the only school districts in the area with sixth grade students in elementary schools. If approved, the measure would move sixth grade classes out of elementary schools, repurpose Oliver Elementary as a middle school, and split 6th-8th grade students between two middle schools.
- Four schools in the District have no dedicated gym space. Auditoriums are used for assemblies, breakfast, lunch, meetings, practices, plays and musicals. If approved, the measure would provide these four schools with dedicated gym space for P.E. and sports, which could be used outside of school hours by the community.



### OPPONENTS SAY

- There is no organized opposition to this measure.

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What is your philosophy about alternatives to incarceration for nonviolent offenders?

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.

## Position 1

**Francis Troy**

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## Position 2



**Nan G Waller**  
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Both on and off the bench I have worked hard to advance the ideal of equal justice for all. On the bench I strive to make sure that every litigant understands the proceeding, has an opportunity to be heard and is treated with respect, no matter what the case. I have also worked on numerous task forces and committees to improve our justice system, reduce the over-representation of people of color in the justice system and expand access to the justice system.

I fully access support equal access to justice for all litigants. I believe that there needs to be adequate funding for indigent criminal defendants as well representation for parents and children in juvenile cases needs to be adequately funded. In family law and civil cases there is no right to court appointed representation. I have worked to create a legal resource center in our new courthouse to assist self-represented litigants in navigating the justice system.

The justice system should rely on what research shows works to decrease recidivism and improve public safety. I was on the steering committee for the Juvenile Alternatives to Detention Initiative in Multnomah County to reduce the reliance on detention by developing alternatives for youth offenders. I also was on the Multnomah County Justice Reinvestment Program to divert defendants from prison by providing treatment and increased supervision.

## Position 5

**Christopher J Marshall**  
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*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

## Position 11



**Angela M  
Franco Lucero**

*Candidate contact information not available.*

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## Position 12



**Adrian L Brown**  
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I was raised by a single mom as a young child and watched her fight for court-ordered child support for me and my sister. This experience shaped me to pursue justice through public service - prosecuting and defending complex victim trials. Since 2010, I have championed civil rights enforcement for persons with disabilities, veterans’ rights, fair housing, and best policing practices. I bring experience in systemic reform, leading access to justice for underrepresented communities.

As a former defense attorney, I value seeking a funded unified public defense service. To enlist equal talent, public defenders should have pay parity with prosecutors, and access to investigative resources. While accountability and oversight are essential for any effective public service, reform requires pulling together all stakeholders to engage in an informed process, including indigent and self-represented defendants. As a judge, I would welcome opportunities to assist this process.

Judges must be mindful of the impact of their decisions beyond the courtroom. Judges are important participants in Multnomah County’s Justice Reinvestment Program. As a judge, I would embrace judicial best practices designed to reduce both taxpayer costs and recidivism rates, while also protecting the community. Resources and funding must be provided to build success with best practices. Public courtrooms must also be a safe place for victims and families to be heard.

**Monica Herranz**  
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*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*



**Sonia Montalbano**  
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As a daughter and granddaughter of immigrants, I was taught diversity makes us all stronger. I have spent my career fighting discrimination, wage theft, and harassment, seeking fairness and justice for those who lack the resources to fight against inequity. As a judge, I will advance restorative and transformative justice and develop new programs to ensure that everyone -black, brown, white- is respected, treated fairly, and that they have the information they need to access equal justice.

This report reinforced what public defenders have been saying for years: their services are essential, and yet there are deeply troubling and systemic issues that have resulted in inequities for those who most need access to adequate representation within our legal system. As a judge, I will support policies that increase funding for public defenders, decrease attorney caseloads, and work to create additional community-based courts that allow people to access the resources they need.

Incarceration is not rehabilitation, and communities of color are disproportionately impacted by prison sentences. Courts should partner with organizations at the county and state level to invest in programs that prevent crime, improve resources at the community level, and encourage growth and healing. As a judge, I will seek out better alternatives to incarceration wherever possible so we can administer justice in ways that build strong families, safe communities, and a just society.

**John E Schlosser**  
johnschlosserforjudge@gmail.com

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*



**Ernest Warren Jr.**  
ernestwarren.com

95% of a Circuit Court Judges job is presiding over criminal law cases. For 31 years I’ve handled the most serious criminal cases in Multnomah County. I’ve tried over 50 cases in Multnomah County with exemplar results. Additionally in 1990 the City of Portland sent Erik Sten to my office to ask if I would represent a non profit to reinvest 50 residents who lost their homes to Dominion Capital. I won every lawsuit, reinvested the 49 families with their homes. PCRI leads in affordable housing.

I am on the Federal Criminal Justice Panel in Oregon which pays reasonable attorney fees for defense attorneys. I would recommend a system like the federal system. I uniquely understand the Oregon defense process because we have contracted to provide indigent services to Multnomah County Courts for 31 years. Because indigent fees are so low I have paid my indigent attorneys more than low rates by sharing proceeds from affordable housing and personal injury services. Let’s fix it.

Formerly incarcerated persons have higher rates of trauma, substance use, mental and financial stress. For 31 years I’ve fought against incarcerating nonviolent justice involved individuals because optimal healing and treatment like addiction & mental health decrease the risk of re-arrest and re-incarceration. This is the better public safety and health alternative.

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## Position 12 - *continued*



**Rima Ghandour**  
*rimaforjudge.com*

Throughout my career in the law, I’ve been deeply committed to advancing justice for all. When Trump banned travel from several Muslim-majority countries, I provided free representation to those caught up in it. I regularly volunteer to help Dreamers complete their DACA applications. I’ve received a Diversity & Inclusion Award from the State Bar. We need to counter the fear being created in immigrant communities about ICE raids on courthouses.

Our public defenders must receive fair compensation to ensure quality representation of defendants in criminal justice proceedings. Within the bounds of the judicial canon of ethics, I would support pay equity for public defenders. I look forward to the recommendations of the taskforce created by the 2019 legislature to address this matter and will support efforts to ensure equal access to justice.

I am glad that Multnomah County has several courts that serve as alternatives to incarceration including drug treatment, mental health care, and community court. All of these programs help address the underlying condition that led people to offend. They put offenders on a path to rehabilitate and not reoffend, without using incarceration. I will be glad to spend my time adjudicating cases through those alternatives and work with stakeholders to improve processes and keep innovating.

## Position 13



**Morgan Wren Long**  
*morgan.w.long@ojd.state.or.us*

I strive every day to bring equal justice and a sense of fairness to all persons who come before me. I am fair, calm, compassionate, and care about the experience of those who appear in front of me.

As a former indigent defense attorney, I saw firsthand how difficult it is to provide good defense with too high caseloads and a lack of adequate resources. I firmly support reforms that will ensure that all those involved in the criminal, delinquency, and child welfare areas receive good representation. This would include bringing defense salaries on par with state attorneys, capping caseloads, and providing easier access to resources.

I am a firm believer that all possible alternatives should be explored prior to incarcerating nonviolent offenders. I personally oversee juvenile delinquency cases, and the numbers demonstrate that incarceration of any period greatly increases a juvenile’s risk of recidivism. Any efforts to keep youth at home, while simultaneously putting appropriate measures in place to keep the community safe, overall help to lower the crime rate and boost a youth’s chance of lifetime success.

## Position 14

**Amy Holmes Hehn**

*Candidate contact information not available.*

## Position 18

**Tom Ryan**

*Candidate contact information not available.*

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## Position 19



**Michael A Greenlick**  
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I focus every day on treating litigants, parties, jurors, defendants and victims with respect. I believe strongly in the importance of procedural justice. That means, I strive to listen carefully, communicate to others that I hear and understand their positions, work hard to make unbiased decisions based on the facts and the law, and explain my rulings. I am an empathic, hard working and respectful person with broad experience working with diverse populations. I love my work as a trial judge.

I support adequate funding to the Oregon Judicial Department, and more specifically, to the indigent defense system. I started my career as a public defender and learned first hand how difficult it is to provide quality representation when case loads are too high. In the 2019 legislative session, a bill was debated that would have established a unified state public defender system. I think this idea has much merit and should be continued to be explored if adequate funding can be established.

Judges should consider alternatives to incarceration for non-violent offenders. If an offender can be safely supervised on probation with access to resources to address identified risks and needs, the community will be made safer. For two years, I supervised a specialty court called START Court. The goal of START Court is to provide intensive judicial and probation supervision for offenders convicted of felony offenses. We also coordinated housing, treatment and mental health services.

## Position 21

**Stephen K Bushong**

*Candidate contact information not available.*

## Position 33

**Michael S Loy**

*Candidate contact information not available.*

## Position 34

**Beth Allen**

*Candidate contact information not available.*

## Position 36



**Heidi Moawad**  
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Equal justice for all is an important goal, and I believe it starts with empathy. Understanding how and why an individual has ended up in the justice system, and their unique life challenges, can help to ensure they are treated fairly. In addition, each party appearing in the court must feel that they received a fair opportunity to be heard, so being a good listener is also a critical quality. Each day starts with the goal of being respectful and ensuring that sense of fairness.

Chief Justice Walters announced in the OJD Strategic Campaign our branch's support of the OPDS in their efforts to improve the system. I have a deep respect for the work our court-appointed attorneys do, but as a non-partisan candidate, I do not believe it is appropriate for me to commit to supporting specific reforms. Rather, it is important for me to ensure that when an individual is in my courtroom they are well represented, and receive a fair hearing.

My judicial philosophy is that I must follow the law. There are many opportunities within the legal framework, and within Multnomah County specifically, for nonviolent offenders to be sentenced to something other than incarceration. I participate regularly in settlement conferences to explore those options, and when appropriate exercise my judicial discretion to sentence an offender to something other than incarceration.



## Judge of the Circuit Court, 4th District - *continued*

**Term:** 6 Years  
**Salary:** \$145,192

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Describe the particular qualities and experiences that you would bring to the Court to advance the ideal of equal justice for all.

A 2019 report commissioned by the Office of Public Defense Services was critical of Oregon's public defense bureaucracy. What reforms would you support to ensure all persons have equal access to legal help and to the legal system?

What is your philosophy about alternatives to incarceration for nonviolent offenders?

### Position 38



**Amy M Baggio**  
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Life can be exceedingly hard due to housing and food instability, mental illness and substance abuse, domestic violence, and employment insecurity. Working as a public defender helped me understand the impact of these issues as potential underlying causes of criminal conduct, as well as how these prevalent problems can affect families for generations. Working as a PD also taught me the importance of humility and the value of compassion. These understandings further the goal of equal justice.

As a former public defender and a former member of the Oregon Public Defense Services Commission, I understand the challenges of our overburdened indigent defense system. I believe that removing per-case compensation, lowering public defender case loads, and improving public defender pay are essential in evolving our indigent defense system into a more fair system for all Oregonians.

Incarceration is sometimes necessary, even in cases involving nonviolent offenses. This is because nonviolent crime can cause grave damage in our community and some defendants repeat offend. My philosophy is that our system works best when judges are informed as to all circumstances underlying defendants' criminal conduct and are able to tailor sentences to address each defendant's unique situation. Whether incarceration is appropriate depends on the particular defendant's overall situation.



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# District Attorney, Multnomah County

**Term:** 4 Years  
**Salary:** \$197,940

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**What is your philosophy regarding charging juveniles as adults when prosecutors have discretion?**

**The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office has been challenged by years of staff reductions. What strategies will you employ to avoid negative impacts to public safety because of these reductions?**

**Opponents of the cash bail system say that it is biased and one of the main drivers of disproportionate incarceration of poor people and people of color. What are your thoughts about changing the cash bail system?**



**Mike Schmidt**  
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I was proud to work to pass SB 1008 in 2019, which reformed youth sentencing in Oregon. Measure 11 has saddled the state with massive prison costs. We should instead allow judges to apply case-by-case justice and put the money saved from less incarceration into programs that really work, like education, mental health services, and addiction treatment. Attempting to waive youths into adult court should be exceptionally rare, transparent, and only when it is the only way to ensure public safety.

What we're doing right now isn't working. I believe we should measure success in terms of how much safer we make the community and how much we reduce recidivism - not just by how many cases we win. By measuring our work in a smarter way, we can identify which cases need more time and resources - such as violent crimes like domestic violence. I also believe that by making the DA's office more transparent, we can increase community trust and attract additional resources to fund innovative work.

I was the first candidate in this race to call for eliminating cash bail. We should get money out of criminal justice wherever possible. When someone is arrested, the judge should consider if they are dangerous or a high risk to fail to appear at their next court date. Whether they have \$500 should have no bearing on whether they remain in custody. I'll work with stakeholders to invest resources in pre-trial services to ensure accountability and allow people to maintain their lives.



**Ethan D Knight**  
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Giving people a chance to rehabilitate and become functioning members of society is a key part of criminal justice. We need to balance the opportunity for rehabilitation with the risk that juvenile poses to other minors and the community. Where there is a pattern of violence that harms others, placing that person in the adult criminal justice system may make sense. It is one of the toughest decisions we have to make and I commit that the office will take each matter on a case-by-case basis.

When I was in the District Attorney's office, I helped create the Community Court program, which benefits offenders and the community. Yet this program and others have been systematically underfunded. If I am faced with smaller budgets I will focus on preserving the essential services provided by the office. I've navigated tough budget times at the state and federal level and am ready to do so again, but the choice to deprive this office of resources is one I will tirelessly fight against.

Basing the bail system on the ability to pay is inherently inequitable. I support alternatives to cash bail that do not rely upon financial factors such as those already used in the federal court system or those used in DC. Replacing cash bail must include rules that ensure people appear and provide effective supervision in order to protect the public. Any plan to eliminate cash bail must come with a comprehensive plan of how to replace it, along with the resources to implement that plan.

# State Senators - Republican

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**Salary:** \$31,200

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## District 14



**Harmony K Mulkey**  
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I believe that all the lawmakers on both sides worked tirelessly, and the challenges were great. The lawmakers who walked out did so with heavy hearts after exhausting every effort to offer amendments their constituents were demanding. I suggest that if legislation becomes so contentious that amendments are not considered that these bills should be put to a vote by the people.

The issues most pressing for me and those I seek to represent are issues of freedom and choice. Two areas where I strongly support these freedoms are in medical interventions and choice in education. I would support any strong legislation that would maintain medical freedoms and individuals rights to medical privacy. I would also support legislation aimed at helping children reach their greatest potential with choice in educational options for all families in Oregon.

I support absolute transparency in campaign finance. I also agree with the Oregon Supreme Court that limits on campaign contributions violate the law.

## District 25



**Justin Hwang**  
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Legislators boycotting a legislative session is not an easy topic to address. These types of boycotts are allowed by the Oregon Constitution, so unless the Oregon Constitution is amended, lawmakers both Democrat and Republican will utilize their right to walk out if they see dangerous policy being proposed - policy that is not in the best interest of their constituents. As a State Senator I will vote for common ground legislation and reach further to find a policy that works for all Oregonians.

East County is in the midst of a housing crisis. With renters struggling to afford rent and an increasing number of Oregonians living on the streets, our current plan is pushing more and more residents out to the outskirts of society. I will fight to loosen up Oregon's restrictive land use system to lower the cost of housing. I will decrease property tax rates for all homebuyers, especially for the most vulnerable homeowners in our community and better our mental healthcare services and funding.

I do believe there needs to be campaign finance reform to create greater transparency for the general public. I am in favor of making sure all political outreach programs (direct mail, websites, digital ads, etc.) include a political "paid for by" disclaimer. Right now there are many campaigns that create outreach programs on behalf of candidates or issues that do not include a disclaimer, nor do they have to. These disclaimers can give us better awareness of the influence of money in politics.

# State Senators - Democrat

**Term:** 4 Years  
**Salary:** \$31,200

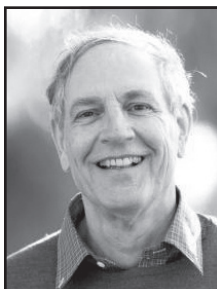
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## District 14



**Dick Schouten**  
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I've served on the five-member Washington County Board of Commissioners for the past 20 years. When I was in the minority on issues I never thought about walking out. Walking out hurts your credibility and diminishes your ability to work with others on future legislation. Lawmakers must demonstrate respect for other members, differing views and find common ground. Lowering chamber quorum requirements will also encourage cooperative behavior.

Combating climate change by passing some version of the Oregon Clean Energy Jobs Bill is a must in 2021. Such legislation will need to address job loss fears. Those fears are now further heightened by COVID-19. The 2021 session will need to address the longer term consequences of COVID-19. Housing remains a pressing issue. I want to end mortgage interest deductions for 2nd, etc., homes. Ending those deductions will provide funding to keep people in their homes and finance affordable housing.

We need big money out of politics. We don't have a full-time legislature, but we do have full-time lobbyists. There is nothing inherently wrong with lobbyists or lobbying. What's wrong is our current system giving lobbyists far more influence in the legislature than the general public. I support the strict contribution caps and the reforms described by Honest-Elections. I would also like to increase state income deductions for political contributions - doubling them would be a good start.



**Kate Lieber**  
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Our democracy is in crisis, nationally and here in Oregon. We cannot have our government held hostage by legislators who won't fulfill their elected duty. I would be in favor of the following:  
1) Changing quorum requirements  
2) Removing legislators from their seat for the term and reduce quorum requirements in response  
3) Penalizing walkout legislators by charging them \$500 a day and not allowing them to use their PAC money to pay their fine

Given the global pandemic that we are currently fighting, we must make sure that Oregonians can get back to work and that the most vulnerable in our state have the resources they need to get back on their feet. This crisis serves to reveal previous crises that were ignored by our society, and nowhere is that more clear than with economic and housing insecurity. We must increase access to capital to ensure small businesses can open their doors and workers aren't in danger of losing jobs or housing.

There must be substantial regulation of money in Oregon politics. When politicians are tied more to big money interests than to voters, the voice of ordinary people is drowned out and our democracy is broken. I would be in favor of various reforms, including:  
1) Full disclosure of money in elections, including dark money spent on media and ads  
2) Political contribution limits and source prohibitions  
3) Public financing of campaigns

## District 18



**Ben Bowman**  
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I opposed the undemocratic Republican walkouts that paralyzed the last legislative session. The walkouts were harmful to the legislature as an institution and to our state. Elected leaders should show up to represent their constituents -- especially when they have substantive disagreements about policy. I support a constitutional amendment to prevent future walkouts, and I believe in including lawmakers from the minority party in legislative drafting and building relationships across the aisle.

The most pressing issue in 2021 will be rebuilding our economy and education system in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. Right now, our most vulnerable populations are being hurt the most: children, low-income families, and the elderly. I will support legislation that thoughtfully invests our limited resources to serve these Oregonians: creating jobs for those who were laid off, making healthcare more affordable, and making sure kids receive high-quality educational opportunities.

We need to get big money out of politics. Right now, corporations and the wealthy can donate unlimited amounts to political campaigns. This is wrong and it is a direct threat to our democracy. I support amending the Oregon Constitution to institute caps on contributions. I also support public financing for legislative campaigns so candidates with grassroots support can compete on a level playing field. These reforms would lead to a legislature that better represents all Oregonians.



## State Senators - Democrat - *continued*

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### District 18 - *continued*

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### District 21



**Kathleen Taylor**  
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I was disappointed by the walkouts. Intentionally shutting down the legislative process is not an acceptable way for the legislature to conduct business and is also not fair to Oregonians who elect us to represent them. I make it a priority to work with both my Democratic and Republican colleagues to create and enact policies that are good for Oregon and have bipartisan support. I believe that we can continue to work together to pass legislation for all of Oregon.

My most pressing issue for the 2021 session is to pass a Student Loan Bill of Rights. This legislation will protect student borrowers from the harmful practices of student loan debt servicers. Oregonians carry over \$18 billion in student debt and loan servicers who collect payments on these loans are largely unregulated and are not required to act in the best interest of borrowers. In partnership with the Attorney General, I will be working to pass these protections during the 2021 session.

I am a strong supporter of campaign finance reform. I believe that everyone deserves a voice in elections and not just the largest donors. I am supportive of setting limits on campaign contributions and increasing transparency around donations by requiring the sources of campaign contributions and campaign advertising to be disclosed.

### District 22

**Lew Frederick**  
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*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

### District 23



**Michael Dembrow**  
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Oregon has a unique constitutional loophole that allowed Republican lawmakers to walk out, first over school funding, then over climate action. It's one thing to make a symbolic point, then return; it's another to completely shut down a session and cause badly needed public priorities to die. Representative democracy expects the majority to work with the minority to incorporate their needs and values where possible. Objective observers agree that we did. That's why this loophole must be closed.

If I had filled out this form a month ago, my answer would have been different. Our priority now must be dealing with any residual effects of the pandemic and the economic effects on families, businesses, and the state budget. And we must make sure that we incorporate lessons learned from this crisis into our responses to public health and housing, economic inequality, and the social safety net. In the fall I'll speak more about actions to combat climate change and adequately fund higher ed.

I share the voters' concern. I'm proud that the Legislature has sent to the voters an amendment proposal that will remove our current constitutional restrictions and allow legislators, or the people via initiative petition, to curb the influence of big money on elections and public policy. I plan to campaign in support of that amendment. If successful in November, we can then put firm caps on individual and corporate contributions. That will be one of my priorities for the 2021 session.

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### District 25




**Chris Gorsek**  
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The legislature is a deliberative body by definition whose constitutional function is to vote on contentious issues. We all need to understand that If we're unable to debate and vote we're irrelevant. Walking away from a responsibility eventually results in the loss of the correlating privilege. If legislators continue to walk out instead of accepting the level of influence provided by their share of the electorate they'll likely force a change to the quorum rules.

The Covid-19 outbreak will inform economic, healthcare (mental and physical), public safety, and housing policy for the foreseeable future. There are also needs to address predated the current emergency around funding our regional state universities and community colleges. The most important takeaway from the immediate crisis will be that we need to appreciate that every aspect of policy has an impact on the whole and that prevention is cheaper than reacting.

It is clear we need more stringent state laws regarding political donations. Debate and the participation of all legislators and stakeholders is the only way to arrive at equitable reform. A challenging and creative discussion that considers the many different ways that certain changes could provide unintended consequences is really how we'll develop an effective policy here. Especially with the US Supreme Court decisions related to money being considered speech.



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# State Representatives - Republican

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## District 27



**Sandra Nelson**  
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Getting to intelligent, data-driven compromises is a goal of bi-partisan leadership. But when a super-majority proposes legislation vehemently opposed by the minority, the minority must use all tools available to try to ensure that the voice of the minority is heard, a voice that represents over one-third of the population. We as legislators must drive for agreement and at the same time ensure that decisions which jeopardize the future of the state are fully highlighted by all means necessary.

To achieve safety and prosperity we need to have an ability to forecast and manage the challenges for the state while having the economic power to be able to implement our plans. We need first to enact legislation that mandates a defined continuity plan for both the public and private sectors to be able to meet current and future crises. And second, to drive legislation that promotes the growth of small business and entrepreneurship, eliminating those regulations that hamper economic growth.

I would support a discussion about eliminating large PAC and large private donations for state house and senate seats, as well as setting caps on how much could be collected and how much could be spent on local campaigns. Setting caps would also show the voters who can manage within a budget versus who would raise money (taxes) to pay for their own agenda. We are supposed to be a citizen legislature. Citizens should be electing citizens, not special interests electing career politicians.

## District 31



**Brian G Stout**  
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Like most of all Oregon according to numerous polls in the past months, I was in support of the lawmakers walking out. There are long established rules and guidelines for elected officials and both sides have used them at times over the course of history. I am saddened though that the Democrat majority choose to ignore the will of the voters for the short session which is intended to work on and pass budget bills and focused on a nuclear plan to enact the cap and trade tax and nothing else.

The people of this state have spoken and the people of my district have spoken. They have made it clear they are a solid NO on a sales tax, a road tax, a timber tax, fuel taxes, carbon taxes etc.. Not referring tax measures to the voters by enacting the "emergency" clause where there is no immediate threat to life is wrong. I would work to fix this loophole. We should not be able to rename any revenue raising measure as a "fee" and thus say it is not a tax and avoid the will of the people.

Campaign finance laws have been modified and adjusted frequently. Lobbyist serve a purpose to inform our lawmakers about hundreds of complex issues. Our representatives have a duty to defend and support our citizens. A large issue which has created an uneven playing field is the influence of union and pac money that primarily supports democrat candidates and causes. They funnel the funds thru hundreds of pacs in order to hide the final result of where and how it is spent on candidates.

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## District 33



**Dick Courter**  
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Lawmakers on both sides of the isle have in recent years walked out during legislative sessions. Refusal to meet on middle ground for the purpose negotiating an effective compromise appears to have been the walkout trigger. All lawmakers should recognize and respect all opinions offered in discussions and hearings before acting. When compromise seems to be impossible on controversial issues, the legislature should refer to Oregon voters a referral resolution which has worked well 100 years plus.

Two issues concerning to me are runaway taxes and government transparency. Especially following the recent and unfortunate virus spreading across the world, businesses and individuals should not be burdened with added taxes. The Commercial Activity Tax (CAT) and the Cap and Trade tax will have lasting effects on Oregon economy. Both were promoted as business taxes, but they will be passed through to citizens purchasing product. Lack of government transparency causes misunderstanding of issues.

Specifically, I am opposed to large monetary war chests coming from out of State to influence politics. I would support legislation capping corporate and to some degree individual out of state money aimed at specific legislative issues especially if the fund source is an apparent conflict of interest addressing a specific issue.



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### District 35 - *continued*



**Bob Niemeyer**  
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Our Lawmakers did exactly what was required to Represent the People that elected them. This kind of contentious issues should have been sent to the voters. Soon as there were comments made like: "This is too complicated for voters to decide", the entire effort should have been sent to the voters. I believe that the voters are far smarter than the Democrat Party Leadership thinks they are.

PERS. My first priority is to stop any project outside the require purview of the Oregon Constitution until PERS has been funded enough to again be self sufficient. Stop Light Rail, Stop Metro and their eternal planning of useless projects, and get out of the way of such local projects like the Coos bay LNG terminal. Secondly, stop Toll Roads. We have paid for our roads. Stop wasting our fuel taxes on projects that only lead to high density housing and increased cost of livng.

Pay the elected and appointed office holder as if they were what I call "Independence Contractors". The only way to get the elected and appointed to represent the People instead of the government is make sure that they only receive money that they themselves must pay for anything and everything like taxes, retirement, and healthcare. Our elected and appointed officials work for the government when they get retirement, healthcare, and perks instead of the People of Oregon.

### District 36

**James A Ball**  
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### District 38



**Patrick Castles**  
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Oregon was once a state where bipartisanship flourished. We now have a governor who says, "Revenge is a dish best served cold." The walkout was precipitated by undemocratic actions taken by the Democrats. The use of the "Emergency Clause" prevents a referral to the people. The emergency clause was reserved for spending money on fire retardant if a fire breaks out, not for stopping the people from voting on the issue. Unfortunately, the only way to solve this problem is to change the Legislature

Regressive taxes have become a way of life for the one-party state Democrats. They are punishing the poor and middle class with one tax after another. I would repeal the gross receipts tax (HB3427) and prevent other damaging taxation to our community. Citizens who lose their businesses and jobs go on welfare, food stamps, and unemployment insurance. They then become a burden to those who are lucky enough to retain their source of income. Let's keep Oregon working with sound management.

I am very concerned about the influence of money in politics. Any sort of restrictions would have to comply with the Oregon and the United State Constitutions. I would support a Lobby Tax, and rebate the proceeds to the people with the Kicker. The tax would amount to one dollar for every dollar donated to the recipients. If big money continues to flow under this modest proposal, I would expect the tax to go higher as a percentage in a progressive manner according to the amount contributed.

### District 41

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### District 44

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### District 47

**Ryan Gardner**

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### District 49



**Joe Demers**

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Each party needs to represent they're constituents so a walk out is essential when your party is a super minority. The best outcome to work on a bipartisan level is to balance and keep a balanced legislature both House and Senate. Having a super majority is highly partisan and undermines the people's voices that have difference of opinion.

Safety in light of a pandemic is pressing! Addressing the homelessness with support for non profits like helping hands that want to effectively make facilities like Wapato into a mental care and recovery center is a must and legislation that supports this with monies the government already have is the best course of action. Allowing gun programs for our teachers would add to the safety of our schools and children. Brining security to our parents in the school districts again.

Union reform severing the ability of unions to donate to candidates and governor's to legislate in favor of special interests. Keep fund raising for candidates and offices, independent to they're constituents and private business.

### District 50

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### District 51



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### District 52

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*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

# State Representatives - Democrat

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## District 27



**Sheri Schouten**  
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It is a privilege to represent you in the Oregon House of Representatives. I'm sad to report that my Republican colleagues chose not to show up. If given the choice between walking out and taking tough votes, I will take a tough vote. The committee process was working, that's where legislation is crafted, fine-tuned, and people make compromises. If you feel your constituents would not support a bill you vote against it.

I am sponsoring The Oregon Insulin Affordability Act. This was legislation I tried to pass in 2020, but because of the Republican walkout, the legislation died before getting a vote. This legislation would cap the out-of-pocket costs for a 30-day supply of all insulin products required for a diabetic Oregonian on private insurance at \$100.

We need to be doing more to get big money out of politics. Strict Contribution limits are needed. We should also be doubling the size of Oregon's Political Tax Credit that gives working people a chance to donate to campaigns and get money back on their taxes. I would even consider a higher tax credit for individuals making under \$75,000 a year.

## District 31



**Brad Witt**  
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Republicans denied a quorum the legislature's ability to conduct legislative business five times in the last two sessions. They resorted to this "nuclear option" believing that the Democrat leadership and their supermajority shut Republicans out of the legislative process. The damage that walkouts cause is underscored by the paucity of resources that Oregon can muster against the COVID-19 pandemic. The situation could be improved by used more artful negotiations and spending more time together.

It goes without saying that the devastating impacts that COVID-19 has had on Oregon's economy, personal and family budgets, and the viability of many of our small and medium-sized businesses will be a priority of mine now and throughout the 2021 legislative cycle. As a former economist, I fully intend to lead efforts in the design and implementation of a comprehensive stimulus and recovery program that will focus on providing essential state services and assistance to those who need it most.

I was a proud supporter of SJR 18, which will allow voters to decide this November whether the state constitution should allow limits on campaign donations. It is about time that voters had a say on campaign finance limits in large part because we are an outlier among states in terms of our outright ban on limits. Campaigns are incredibly costly ventures and if voters want to do something to control the spending of campaigns, I fully support them in making that constitutional decision.

## District 33



**Serin Bussell**  
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We owe it to Oregonians to show up to work, do our jobs, and find ways to work together. I look forward to finding creative ways to collaborate and embrace challenging conversations, both on the Democrat and Republican sides of the aisle. Voters also have the option of an Initiative Petition to change the rules of quorum, etc., to hold law-makers accountable. I will do my part to collaborate and hold fellow legislators accountable. I urge all Oregonians to do the same of their elected leaders.

We need progressive revenue reform now. If we want to address climate change, we need to fund renewable energy and alternative transportation projects; if we want to have the best schools, we need to fully fund our education system; if we want to ensure that folks who lose their jobs in a recession retain access to a doctor, we have to pay to expand state-covered healthcare. We need to eliminate many tax credits and deductions, reform our fee system, and repeal the Kicker and Measure 5.

I strongly support campaign finance reform. We need robust public financing of elections, limits on how much money can go into campaigns, and reasonable salaries for mayors, county commissioners, state law-makers, etc. Money in politics is a major structural barrier that keeps people from running for office and remaining in office. And we must appropriately tax corporations and extremely wealthy individuals so they can't unduly influence our political system and everything linked to it.

## State Representatives - Democrat - *continued*

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### District 33 - *continued*



**Christina E Stephenson**  
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The COVID-19 pandemic demonstrates just how much we need our elected leaders to come together to do their job and uphold their obligation to Oregonians. While I expect there will always be a robust debate about the "how," I know that we can find common ground on the "what" - which is providing a high quality-of-life for Oregonians. Political stalemates don't work for either side and I will always seek out opportunities to solve problems with whoever is willing.

I see 2021 as an opportunity for us to build a system that works for ALL Oregonians. We can and must transition to a climate-resilient economy while investing in what matters most: strong public institutions that provide affordable and equitable access to housing, education, and care (healthcare, childcare, eldercare). A top priority will also be a bill I've drafted which increases enforcement of existing laws related to consumer protection, the environment, child welfare, and safe workplaces.

I am very concerned about the influence of money in the legislative process and have taken the Green New Deal pledge, the No Fossil Fuel Money pledge, and developed a No-Pharma Money pledge. I strongly support campaign finance reform and would like to see substantial changes so that the interests of voters are not drowned-out by monied special interests. I believe we must prioritize transparency, enforcing existing laws, and passing a Constitutional amendment permitting contribution limits.



**Andy Saultz**  
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As a career educator and consensus builder, I am uniquely positioned to create policy where all voices are heard. I am a process person, and we have to be inclusive in everything we do. I view the walkout as a symptom of a larger problem of hyper-partisanship. Any compromise is seen as weakness and betrayal. I fundamentally reject this viewpoint and am running to bring Oregon together to solve our larger problems of school quality, homelessness, health care, and environmental degradation.

In 2021, we must rebuild our economy from the COVID-19 pandemic and improve Oregon's public education system. As unemployment rises, we must do everything we can to support workers and small businesses by providing government funds to help with liquidity and weathering this storm. However, our long term economic well being relies on a strong education system. We must make significant investments to raise our second worst in the country high school graduation rates and better prepare students.

The far-reaching influence that big money has on Oregon politics is a huge problem and is bad for democracy. I support reforms that would cap all political contributions from individuals, businesses, labor unions, and PACs at \$500. Special interest groups and corporations throw an ungodly amount of money around to influence who gets elected. I worry that many of the campaign finance proposals that I have seen exclude some PACs or groups because they are core supporters of the Democratic Party.



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We are Oregonians and it is time to work together, not against each other. In 2021 our state leaders must be ready to work outside of the identity political traps we have seen, rebuilding trust and partnership for the good of all Oregonians. We need to refocus on what is truly important - the health of our people and our communities. When we agree on shared desired outcomes, we can work transparently together towards these goals with stakeholders, informing our decisions with robust data.

I am running with the goal to fix Oregon's healthcare system. We must focus on optimizing the health and resilience of our people and our communities. Healthcare is a human right and nothing could possibly have exposed the fragility of our system more than our current public health crisis. Insurance should be portable and not tied to employment. We need universal access to high-quality, affordable care that prioritizes prevention. We must keep people, not profit, at the center of all we do.

If I had my wish, campaigns would be universally publicly funded. Short of that, we have work to do. I would support the following changes: 1. Maximum contribution limits should be instituted at \$250/year for individuals and \$2500/year for PACs and corporations to any candidate or issue; 2. PACs and candidates should have to transparently disclose all donors to their campaigns on their websites in a standardized fashion in addition to on ORESTAR; 3. I would support limits on PAC contributions.



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### District 35 - *continued*



**Dacia Grayber**  
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I don't believe there is any place in politics for running away-- it is imperative we show up, find common ground, and tirelessly collaborate to forge solutions. That is what our communities expect of us, and that is what I expect of myself and fellow legislators. I've spent nearly 20 years as a firefighter running towards situations that others run away from, and I'm not stopping now. What we need in Salem are brave, courageous, and empathetic voices that will commit to working together.

Standing up for small businesses: We must help businesses recover from the COVID-19 crisis by providing immediate relief and support, including increasing financial assistance through grants, loans and reducing bureaucratic red tape. Fighting for working families and a fair economy: In Salem, I will fight for living wage jobs, stronger protections for workers, increased safety in the workplace and hold corporations accountable by passing equitable tax reform.

My vote is not now or ever bought or sold. I am in support of corporate campaign contribution limits. Oregon is one of five remaining states without campaign contribution limits, and I will work to support legislation that creates equity in campaigns and removes hidden contributions from the shadows. Transparency and accountability could go a long way to creating elections that are fair and accessible and truly uphold a "citizen legislature."

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### District 36



**Lisa Reynolds**  
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As a pediatrician, I know that the climate crisis disproportionately affects the health of children. It is imperative that we reduce greenhouse gases by setting limits on emissions and spurring innovation in the industrial, energy, and transportation sectors. We must enact Cap and Invest to drastically reduce emissions and to generate revenue to modernize our energy system and to develop jobs in rural and low income communities. This will improve the health and future of all Oregonians.

The urban/rural divide hampers some legislation, but most bills pass with strong statewide and bipartisan support. We can find common ground, including natural resource management that provides long term health and prosperity. From a public health perspective, we must make sure that we have sufficient and high quality water for every Oregonian. To do this, we may need to re-tool the agricultural products being grown in the drier parts of our state. Farmers must be included in these discussions.

In the COVID19 pandemic, preventing the loss of life is paramount, and this exacts a huge economic cost, with no clear end in sight. I will introduce legislation that provides healthcare to every Oregonian as well as loans and grants to get people and businesses back to work. I will push for an overdue and dramatic enhancement of our public health system including universal COVID testing and vaccination. Through these measures, we can better assure future economic recovery and, yes, prosperity.



**Adam Kelly Meyer**  
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Climate impacts increasingly threaten the health and livelihoods of Oregonians, from running out of water to massive wildfires and smoke to extreme storms and countless other impacts to our communities. We can't afford to keep falling behind other states on climate change. It's time for Oregon to take responsibility for our share of reducing pollution, just like so many other states and countries are working to do. The longer we fail to act, the more we risk the future for the next generations.

In 2014, a friend and I ran 3,165 miles across America, from Portland to DC. The goal was to take the pulse of Americans and learn about what people were proud of in their communities. We talked with people across the country and met with over 100 community leaders in towns big and small. The America that revealed itself to us was not bitterly divided, but one with shared values, needs, and dreams. I believe Oregonians hold many shared values and we can build on these to solve problems.

Oregon has led the nation on a number of progressive issues, from land-use to recycling. Today our state, like the country, appears to be bitterly divided. Protests have turned violent, our legislators are skipping town to avoid votes, and the social conversation has become increasingly polarized. I believe we need a new generation of leadership to heal our state. I can bring a collaborative political skillset to move our state forward issue by issue in a comprehensive and thoughtful way.



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### District 36 - *continued*



**Rob Fullmer**  
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The state should lead - using policies that create incentives for industry to move towards renewable energy solutions as quickly as possible, while protecting economically vulnerable and under-served communities from potential price increases that could impact them. Climate change is real and it's already here - the science tells us it's going to get worse, even were we to cut all greenhouse gas emissions right away. The governor's executive order was necessary, I strongly favor Cap and Invest.

The urban/rural divide is convenient, if misleading, shorthand for the nationalization of local politics and the polarization and selective sourcing of the news we watch. While there are real differences between rural and urban life, there are liberals in the fields and conservatives in our urban centers. In my view, corporate money in politics is what's behind this schism and meaningful campaign finance reform along with public financing of elections will help to return civil discourse.

We are at the beginning of a test on our society that hasn't been seen since since World War 2. Strengthening safety nets will be essential if we're going to come through the Coronavirus pandemic with anything resembling our current social fabric intact. We will need to make free healthcare available to all. We'll need to back-fill lost wages, protect vulnerable families from eviction, and make sure everyone is fed and has running water. We'll need to pull together, as Oregonians - as Americans.

**Laurie Wimmer**  
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Oregon should do everything in its power to meet this target, because each state and nation must do its part. I supported both the 2019 and 2020 cap and invest bills because they balanced the carbon capture goals with just transition labor goals and included concessions to rural Oregon. In addition to this work, I support a wide range of environmental improvements in forestry, water quality, air quality, and much more. I also support the Green New Deal.

It is certainly true that our vast and varied landscape breeds different perspectives and priorities, but on most issues, the urban/rural and Dem/Republican divides are not present. I see an increasing tendency toward cynical transactionalism in politics to be a far greater problem. The House and Senate -- all four caucuses -- also need to have better relationships than currently exist. The bonding comes first, and then the problem-solving on difficult issues will become possible.

Oregon's economic prosperity has taken a massive hit due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and it will likely take a few years to build back our state's economy. Even before this crisis, though, the wide disparity in incomes and wealth concerned me greatly. The gap was widening, demanding changes in our tax code, our opportunity gateways (fully funding education, for instance), and our supports for the most vulnerable. Please see my proposals for a more humane Oregon at [lauriefororegon.com](http://lauriefororegon.com).

### District 38

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### District 41



**Karin Power**  
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Lawmakers have one constitutional duty: to vote. It is deeply concerning to me that members who shut down the democratic process by walking out 4 times in 10 months are disenfranchising the majority of Oregon voters. This year, Republicans stipulated that only budgets and a handful of other bills pass. Is a unilateral selection process fair and transparent? When one party shuts down the democratic process when they don't like the outcome, compromise becomes more difficult and trust is eroded.

Our state is experiencing a public health crisis as these Voters' Guide responses are due. I believe we can combat this pandemic together, but the economic devastation for some families will last long after businesses reopen. COVID-19 has exposed the vast inequality in our economy. In the years ahead, we need to reshape how we classify work and provide benefits, and how we value healthcare providers, garbage haulers, janitors, firefighters, teachers, laborers, and other essential/frontline jobs.

Oregonians want less special-interest money in our system, and yet our state remains one of five without spending limits. In November, we will have the chance to vote to amend Oregon's constitution and allow state and local governments to regulate campaign finance. The Legislature referred this amendment to voters in 2019, and I strongly support this amendment to open the door for further reforms and campaign donation limits. It's past time to reduce the influence of money in politics.

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### District 42



**Paige Kreisman**  
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The voters of Oregon elected a Democrat Super majority in both chambers of the legislature, and a Democrat Governor. These Republican walkouts fly in the face of the one person, one vote principal of our democracy. I do not believe that we need or should negotiate, appease, or compromise with a party that behaves this way. We must pass quorum reform to prevent these petty walkouts, and then get back to work for the people of this state.

OREGON GREEN NEW DEAL We can meet our climate goals, while centering justice and equity for workers and front line communities. Oregonians deserve representatives that will take on fossil fuel corporations. That's why I'm proud to be the only candidate in this race not funded by the fossil fuel industry. DEFENDING PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND UNIONS Unions deserve representatives who fight for them just as hard as they fight for our community. I'm proud to be endorsed by a broad coalition of unions.

It's time to get big money out of politics. OR is one of 5 states with no corporate contribution limits. As a result, we have the most corporate elections spending in the country, per capita. This ends with me. I'm proud to be 100% people powered, with no corporate money accepted. I'm running against the top recipient of private healthcare money in the house because I believe the people own our democracy, not health insurance companies, not the fossil fuel industry. Learn more at [Paige2020.com](http://Paige2020.com)



**Rob Nosse**  
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I'm frustrated that the Republicans walked off the job and took a taxpayer funded vacation rather than tackle one of the largest issues facing our planet, climate change. I have worked closely with my Republican colleagues on a variety of issues over my time in the Legislature, but at the end of the day, in our democratic republic, the Legislature represents the majority of voters. I will personally gather signatures and campaign for ballot initiatives that will address this quorum issue.

Clearly our top priority will be supporting working families and small businesses suffering from the economic impacts of the COVID-19 crisis. No Oregonian should be struggling to pay the bills because of something completely out of their control. A single payer health care system would help with this. The next most critical issue facing our community is still climate change. I'm fighting for my children and grandchildren to have a safe and healthy climate. I support a Green New Deal for Oregon.

I strongly support campaign finance reform, which is why I will be supporting the ballot initiative referral up in November that will repeal the Constitutional prohibition on regulating campaign finance. Once that measure passes, I will work to establish firm campaign finance limits and dramatically increased transparency in how campaigns are funded and who is making donations.

### District 43

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### District 44

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### District 45



**Barbara Smith Warner**  
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The legislative walkouts of 2019 and 2020 were not about working together, they were about the future of Oregon's democratic process. Instead of majority rules and one person, one vote, they give a super minority the ability to block anything they disagree with. If our democracy is to survive, we must do our job as legislators to develop policy that includes many perspectives, and then vote on those bills.

This will depend on how the current pandemic will play out and impact our state, country and world. My main priorities are gun violence prevention, specifically a safe storage bill that will keep guns out of the hands of people who shouldn't have them, and revenue reform that continues our work toward a fairer tax system.

Public financing is the only way to create a truly level playing field in campaign finance reform. Systems like Portland's, that require public outreach and grassroots organizing to show viability and encourage small donors, are a great way to make real progress toward full public financing.

### District 46



**Shawn MacArthur**  
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Elected representatives are there to lead, not run away. We must communicate across both sides of the aisle on complex issues. As a business owner and event producer, I handle many things happening at once with many different sets of people. I have to find balance to get to achieve goals and will do so in the Legislature as well.

Housing First. Now more than ever, we must protect our most vulnerable communities. Short term solutions are not sufficient to house the homeless. We need to transition to long term housing and provide a support structure to make sure it works. We need to pay more attention to disabled and aging populations. Housing is a human right, and we must do better in this crisis. After spending tens of millions on this, the number of houseless individuals is not decreasing. The time for action is now!

We need caps on campaign contributions. Oregon is one of 5 states without these caps, and corporations and wealthy individuals have too much say in the process. I am primarily self-funding my campaign and not taking funds from corporations.



**Khanh Pham**  
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Building authentic relationships across party and geographic divides is key. We need to engage in activities that force legislators to build relationships with the members of the other party. For example, each legislator could be paired with a member of the other party and go on a listening tour of each other's districts. I am currently organizing a statewide listening tour because I know that dialogue is key to breaking through and showing people how much we have in common.

1) I will champion a just economic recovery from the COVID-19 recession by ensuring that our revenue system is equitable and that the wealthiest corporations and individuals are paying their fair share. 2) I will propose an Oregon Green New Deal that mandates 100% renewable energy by 2050, while creating family-wage jobs for the workers and communities that will be most impacted by the recession and the energy transition.

Oregon is one of 7 states that allow corporations to give money to candidates and is one of 5 states with no limits. I would vote to end corporate cash in politics. Another significant step is to limit individual contribution limits, including money individuals give to PACs that pass the money on to candidates as well as to individual candidates. Individual contribution limits will help make politicians accountable to the people, not ultra wealthy individuals.



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### District 46 - *continued*



**Jeffrey Cogen**  
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The Republicans have walked out the past two sessions. This is a very bad thing. It undermines democracy. Lawmakers can more effectively work together when they agree on an issue, but this wasn't possible when the issue is global warming. But what is possible, is that lawmakers can vote on an issue and when they lose, they lose. The Republicans didn't even want to vote and they walked out. But we can make walking out be a violation of law. A ballot measure is coming in December to do just that.

I will be best known as the legislator who got first class treatment for our kids, especially in the child welfare area. We have a foster care system that is straining at its roots. We must do better. The independent living program helps foster kids who are on the verge of aging out of the system. It is a very good program, but funding is insufficient. At least fifty percent of the kids have no placement in the independent living program. I would double the funding, making all kids have a place.

I support campaign finance reform. I think matching the federal limits and applying them to everyone, including independent expenditures, is a good place to start. But we must go further. I support an Oregon campaign finance limit of \$500 for all races.

### District 47

**Diego Hernandez**  
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*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

### District 48



**Jeffrey Reardon**  
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I have worked well with many of my republican colleagues because I know they feel as strongly about their districts as I do mine. It was especially disappointing to see them abandon several bills that we'd worked on together to benefit people across the state. The repeated walkouts threaten democracy and our ability to collaboratively solve problems. Oregonians must find a way to make it less attractive for legislators to walk off the job.

Last fall when I decided to run again, I wanted to focus on funding for our higher education system, with an emphasis on community colleges. I also wanted to lead efforts to ensure Oregon has ample clean water for generations to come, which would require finding ways to fund infrastructure improvements and finding a way for regional planning. But as I sit here in the midst of the coronavirus epidemic, I might be of greater service working on the budget issues coming our way. Stay tuned.

I would support strict limits on campaign spending and much greater transparency,

### District 49

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### District 50



**Ricki Ruiz**  
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I was deeply disappointed seeing some of our lawmakers walk out during both legislative sessions. In my opinion, an elected legislator is voted by the people to show up, represent, and vote to pass or not pass bills that are introduced during sessions. I believe that we, as Oregonians share many values and ideas, which is why over 70% of Oregon bills are passed unanimously and with bipartisan support. I am committed to representing my constituents & helping rebuild the bridge to bipartisanship.

Legislation that I will propose and support cover one of seven pressing issues that I am committed to fighting for. Similar to California's AB 394, Oregon needs to make sure we are not assigning unlicensed individuals to perform nursing functions with or without licensed supervision. Oregon needs to establish a certain minimum nurse-to-patient ratio that will require health facilities to adopt written policies and procedures for training and orientation of nursing staff.

I will fully support banning lobbyists from donating and fundraising for candidates across the state of Oregon. I also support prohibiting legislative elected leaders to move from elected office to pursue a lobbyist position after their term is over. Multi-millionaire corporations and their lobbyist have a lot of pull on what they decide to pass and elect into legislative positions. It is time we move away from money influencers and instead work for the people of Oregon.



**William Miller**  
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I was and continue to be extremely frustrated by the Republican walkout, but it is important to note that both parties have used walkouts and the threat of walkouts as a political tool. I believe we need to remove it as an option, or enact penalties strong enough such that legislators simply don't see it as an option. Oregonians deserve to have elected officials that work for them, and produce results.

The two main issues I am focusing on are economic recovery / opportunity, and access to health and well being. We need to be thinking boldly as a state in how we can act to support everyday Oregonians struggling to pay bills. We need to also see this as an opportunity to rethink and rework our economies so they work better for everyone. Second, every Oregonian deserves the right to comprehensive healthcare, and our healthcare workers deserve to be supported in every way possible.

First and foremost, I support an amendment to Oregon's constitution that explicitly allows limits on campaign contributions. Once this is done, I strongly support creating strict finance limits-- potentially capped at \$1000 per individual. I would like to see what policy experts see is the appropriate limit. I would also like to see PAC contributions limited to the same amount as individuals. I would also like to see ranked primary voting, and move our presidential primary date forward.

### District 51

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### District 52



**Anna Williams**  
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I absolutely do not support lawmakers walking out on legislative sessions, and support policies establishing strict consequences for legislators with 10 or more unexcused absences from floor sessions, regardless of party affiliation. I believe that the first step to helping lawmakers more effectively work together is to close the urban-rural divide that currently exists and that has created seemingly insurmountable partisan lines within our legislative bodies over the last few decades.

My utmost priorities for the 2021 session will be comprehensive child abuse prevention and increasing access to high-quality and affordable childcare (especially for our rural communities where we often live in the middle of child-care deserts), while keeping in mind the needs of our rural communities and the issues they face.

I wholeheartedly support campaign finance reform, and believe that the influence of money in our electoral system undermines the very purpose of our democracy. I believe in overturning the Supreme Court's "Citizens United" decision, and that independent political expenditures from organizations and corporations should not be protected by the first amendment as they ultimately perpetuate inequality in our elections, which leads to inequality in policy.

# Portland Metro Councilor

**Term:** 4 Years  
**Salary:** \$45,707

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How does the proposed ballot measure to address homelessness fit into Metro's mission?

What can Metro do to expand opportunities for consumer recycling?

How does Metro's proposed transportation investment ballot measure impact its carbon reduction goals? What elements would you recommend including as the plan develops?

## District 3

**Gerritt Rosenthal**  
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2-part answer: On one hand, housing and homelessness are new areas of involvement for Metro. But the regional and serious nature of the housing and homeless crises were the reason that regional governments sought Metro's involvement. There is concern for "authority creep" but many, in particular cities and community organizations, recognize the benefits (efficiency and consistency) to a regional approach. Metro is a competent coordinator of regional solutions. It will take diligence.

Three legs: 1) more local facilities to receive and process various waste streams, 2) partner with private entities to expand recycling and reuse technologies and options, 3) provide incentives to cities to be innovative. One big problem is creating markets (which may be regional) for various recycling streams. Metro can use expanded local intake facilities to provide education on options. Metro can also provide informational resources to the legislature in developing incentives.

To be truthful..not very much. The primary goals of the proposed measure are to improve equity (reduce displacement, better access for impacted communities) and safety (safer crossing/paths for bicyclists and pedestrians) in key corridors. The proposed GHG reduction (5000 T) is small. Metro should take a hard look at Tier 2 and see if better elements (e.g. BRT on Hwy 99W) might assist. Other options, e.g. electric vehicles to transportation hubs and more charging stations, need more emphasis,



**Dr. Alison Balbag**  
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Homelessness is a product and reflection of unjust disparities in our society. I advocate for creating meaningful change and progress that moves everyone forward together.

Metro should continue with its current plans for new recycling and waste centers that are accessible to the public.

I recommend that our public transit system be worker-friendly, so that transportation is prioritized for middle- and low-income workers who provide the essential services that enable our society to run.  
Suggestions include:  
• No-cost/low-cost fares  
• Reduced overcrowding to ensure space for workers (e.g. increased frequency of running times, increased carrying capacities, and shorter duration times to reduce total commute time)  
• Restrooms at stops

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**Tom Anderson**  
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Metro is tasked with providing regional planning and coordination for issues that effect all of the cities in Metro, regardless of jurisdictional boundaries. Homelessness has not been an issue for Metro in the past, but as the Portland area grows every city has been seen increases in demands for services directly related to homelessness. As a regional taxing authority Metro can fund programs that smaller cities could not do on their own.

Metro is constantly adjusting to the changes in the way we recycle. China has recently rejected some of the materials that we used to send over to recycle so Metro will find other cities, counties or private businesses that will provide that service. The technology of recycling is spurring new companies here in the Portland metro area to come up with innovative solutions. Metro has good systems in place that can connect the public to these resources.

The most obvious piece of the Get Moving 2020 Transportation measure that will help to reduce carbon, is the proposed SW Corridor light rail project. An electric train will carry travelers through Tigard and SW Portland and give people options to the traditional auto commute. This will also spur Transit Oriented Development so that people can live close to the stations and establish a sense of community and have to travel less for goods and services.

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## District 5



**Chris Smith**  
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Metro has the ability by vote of its Council to find issues to be “of regional significance”. I don’t think that anyone can honestly say that our houselessness or affordable housing crises are not regional in scope. They clearly don’t stop at city or county lines. As a member of the Planning and Sustainability Commission in Portland, I’ve touched most of Portland’s housing policies over the last decade and was a member of the speakers’ bureau for the affordable housing bond measure.

One of the strongest ways Metro could expand the amount of material recycled would be to require manufacturers or retailers to assume cradle-to-grave product stewardship. For example, Metro is currently evaluating a program to ensure that mattresses, which have a large percentage of recyclable components, can be recycled by households. In Portland, I was able to increase the safety of the recycling truck fleet by mandating side guards to protect cyclists and pedestrians.

Metro’s analysis of the corridor improvement packages shows a reduction of 25 million miles traveled each year. While that sounds like a big number, the total amount of driving in the regional annually is 75 Billion miles. So this reduction is only a fraction of one percent! The current package still includes too much support for drive-along automobile trips, and misses affordable opportunities, like building out the regional biking and walking network. We can and must do better!



**Karen Spencer**  
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Because Metro serves the public and works “to chart a wise course for the future”, addressing homelessness and its root causes should be a top priority.

Metro should strive to send the smallest amount of waste to landfills. As Metro implements the 2030 Regional Waste Plan, it should look at ways to foster innovation in consumer recycling. Such an initiative may include grants for machinery that would allow the capture of more consumer recyclables. Metro should increase outreach and education, especially for youth, on the benefits of recycling, tips for recycling, and the innovative ways in which their recycled materials become new products.

The measure makes only a slight reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, primarily through the reduction of vehicle miles traveled. After a year of work, the Transportation Task Force struck a balanced approach between safety, equity, efficiency and planning for growth. I’d like to see more investments in multi-modal transportation options, especially tackling the last mile and first mile problem. I’d also like to see metrics for reducing greenhouse gas emissions incorporated into each project.



**Cameron Whitten**  
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Metro’s website states, “The charter recognizes that regional government and issues evolve over time and so it grants Metro authority to assume responsibility for future issues of “metropolitan concern.” This means that as the needs of our region change, so should Metro. As I talk to District 5 voters, whether business owners, teachers, nurses, or students, one thing I’ve heard clearly, homelessness is a crisis impacting working families throughout our entire region. We need bold action now.

Single use plastics and mixed use paper degrade our environment and add alarming levels of greenhouse gases. Due to international trade history and local infrastructure, many single use products cannot be easily recycled by individual consumers. I propose an environmental levy that holds corporate polluters responsible for single use. The amount they pay into the system declines as the return rate for their products rise. This will encourage the use of more reusable and recyclable goods.

Our region is expecting a 20,000 population growth each year, this increased congestion causes our health, climate, and economy to suffer. We need to invest in the transportation system of the future, where every Metro resident has access to safe, affordable, and reliable multi-modal transportation. I recommend the ballot measure fully fund youth pass region wide, use congestion pricing, and invest equitably in transit service. This ballot measure is just one step. We must continue the work.



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**Mary Peveto**  
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The homeless services ballot measure was crafted by a large coalition of over 50 regional organizations and elected officials who identified a program to match the scale and scope to the crisis, to follow up on the success of the 2018 affordable housing construction bond. Metro can ensure accountability to voters and taxpayers by holding all 26 jurisdictions accountable for their fair share of investments in housing and services to assist the unhoused populations in their communities

People are consuming more and recycling less in the region, & recycling incorrectly, contaminating the whole system. Recycling is only our 3rd best option. Metro needs to redesign our systems to prioritize reduce and reuse, such as "Pay As You Throw" programs that charge consumers less if they throw out less trash, expand curbside recycling and composting efforts, ban food waste from landfills and encourage the creation of a comprehensive composting system.

We have too many cars and vehicles on the road, which account for 40% of greenhouse gas emissions in the region, that went up 6% for 2019, and 14% over the last five years. To achieve carbon reductions, fully fund the Youth Pass regionwide, invest in bicycle network connectivity and safety, shift away from expensive freeway expansion to tolling of the regional freeways, and increase public transit ridership substantially, by improving safety, security, frequency, and convenience to commuters



**Mary Nolan**  
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Warm wishes for health and resiliency to all, thanks to workers selflessly serving people who are sick or at risk. I support the ballot measure's goal to end a tragic regionwide problem, but it needs sharper focus and program details. I'll bring significant executive experience in healthcare to assure funds are deployed prudently, effectively. We should use proven strategies, set clear outcomes, assess progress often and quickly achieve real reductions in the number of people sleeping outdoors.

Increasing recycling isn't enough. Our collective responsibility is to reduce landfill waste. This saves energy used to make throw-away products/packaging, as well as energy used and air pollution caused by transporting the waste to distant landfills. Metro must first create incentives for manufacturers and retailers to reduce single-use packaging. To recycle what can't be reduced, Metro should work to to create Oregon-based markets for recycled materials and set rates that reward conservation.

Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transportation can only happen by reducing both the number of vehicle miles traveled and emissions per mile. The transportation plan should require each funded project meet both goals. Highest priority should be: Youth Pass for all; move single-passenger trips to carpools, transit, bikes or walking; convert all transit vehicles to electric/zero-emission technology; build infrastructure that supports zero-emission cars with ubiquitous charging stations.

## District 6



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Metro's mission, established by the people in Metro's voter-approved charter, is to address "matters of metropolitan concern." The rising number of people experiencing homelessness and their presence in all three counties clearly makes the problem regional. Regional funding will scale up existing, effective city and county homeless services to meet the size of the problem, get people into housing, and keep them housed.

Metro's goal, consistent with state law, is to reduce waste, not necessarily to increase recycling. Recycling only works when material has value that exceeds the cost of collecting material for re-use. I support product stewardship laws that require manufacturers and sellers to recover and reuse packaging and products that can't be easily and cheaply recycled. I also support leaving fossil fuels in the ground rather than using them to make more hard-to-recycle plastics.

Metro Council intends to propose a package of investments that reduces the amount of regional greenhouse gases produced by transportation. I will fight for investments that help more people move more safely, not for projects that tear down homes and businesses to move more cars. I will insist on replacing all TriMet's diesel buses with battery-electric buses as soon as possible. And I will support free transit for all youth, building a future ridership for those clean buses.



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**Leigha LaFleur**  
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With the unique role it plays in the region, Metro is ideally positioned to fill the gap in services profoundly affecting area residents who are on the verge of becoming, or who are already are, houseless. Additionally with the work of the Here Together coalition, bringing together community organizations with business interests to create workable solutions spanning diverse perspectives, I see a great opportunity for the equitable and successful implementation of this measure.

With the wide variety of types of plastics and the small market for a very limited type of post-consumer plastics, most plastics that Metro residents put in their recycling bins end up in landfills. This is essentially recycling in name only. I strongly believe that the best thing that Metro can do to improve consumer recycling would be to expand the use of our current waste-to-energy system to also convert our plastics waste into energy. Doing this makes both dollars and sense.

A huge contributor to our carbon footprint is transportation. At this time, Metro has the chance to positively impact our carbon future by investing heavily and equitably in public transportation and associated infrastructure improvements (like bike lanes and sidewalks) that will allow for greater safety and ease of use. Purchasing electric buses as well as increasing bus service areas and times make using public transportation a more viable option for more people, lowering carbon emissions.



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# Multnomah County Commissioner

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The need for mental health and drug addiction services in Multnomah County has exceeded capacity. What more can the County do to address this need?

The County has forecasted a budget gap of \$35 million over the next five years. What are your thoughts about reducing this deficit?

What justice system reforms do you propose to address racial disparities?

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## District 4



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The County recently purchased a property in downtown Portland and our board has approved preliminary plans for a first-of-its-kind behavioral health resource center. This facility will offer respite, in particular, for people experiencing homelessness. It will provide laundry and showers, food, peer-led resources, shelter, and transitional housing. We have also partnered with the Quest Center and Bridges to Change to open the region's first recovery housing for LGBTQ+ residents.

This gap is a symptom of our structural tax deficit. We've been creative and nimble to attempt to fill that gap - from renegotiating our share of transient lodging/car rental taxes to sustaining/increasing vehicle registration fees & reevaluating the business income tax. Pre COVID-19, we were going to be able to fill much of that gap, but now everything has changed. Currently, we are updating our budget forecast. Fortunately, we do have some reserves that we can access to help see us through.

Continue utilizing/expanding: pre-arrest diversion, improved case processing, and culturally-specific community housing. Including innovative programs like Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion program, or LEADA, and the Diane Wade House. We have safely reduced jail use by over 10% in the past 5 years & provided hundreds of jail diversion opportunities focused on alternatives for those struggling with addiction, mental health, poverty, and homelessness. Also, look at potential for a homeless court.

# Portland City Mayor

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**Randy Rapaport**  
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We are in a period of abrupt climate change. The city must take aggressive actions and plan accordingly with a deep adaptation approach for housing and food security. This exciting plan would rapidly increase the supply of affordable housing in town. My plan adds large community gardens to be located on available land in the city of Portland and we will redevelop city owned golf courses into new neighborhoods of affordable housing and affordable retail space as well.

We need to restructure our city commission which was designed by the power to be control of much of what happens with city resources. We will change that with strict lobbying reforms, and adopt district representation and a Mayor elected at large. Take that as an example of positive change with more responsible representation. I am optimistic that a majority of Commissioners will be interested in reforming Portland's governance and corrupted system for improved livability.

The city has a dismal record of effectively developing affordable housing. That would change as we integrate and streamline bureaus such as PHB, Prosper Portland, and we would add a quality development team which would develop 1000's of affordable units in partnership with HUD and other resource providers to create a portfolio of multi family apartment buildings with affordable retail commercial spaces. We would continue to work with the pipeline of identified developments.



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According to the latest climate science, these goals are way too low, way too slow, and our society will be drastically impacted and altered by 2050 if we don't take bold action now. A strong commitment to no new fossil fuel infrastructure also means stopping oil trains & other fossil fuel transport trains from coming through Portland. We will strengthen & expand the Portland Clean Energy Fund so that more projects can be granted and implemented to make more homes and buildings energy efficient.

Portlands government structure needs to better serve the civil liberties of all Portlanders without creating more of the same inequities we've experienced in distribution of services. The city has been cited for its use of police to provide direct services & referrals for families in need; this has led to over representation in our judicial system for generations. A lens of equity is key to creating a sustainable focus for the positioning of a new commission and how districts are developed.

More work can be done in the city to address the demolishing of neighborhoods, we need to invest in preservation, street repairs and the general infrastructure to provide safety and accessibility for all Portlanders. Preservation can provide sustainable long term housing solutions. Our massive resource of inter generational housing in neighborhoods are rooted in part for the dynamics of changing families and community growth. For more information go to TeresaRaifordforMayor.com

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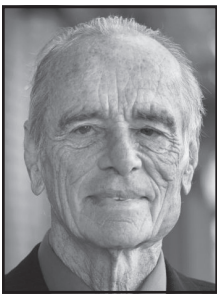


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Reasonably good, but some of the smaller ideas such as an energy score on homes up for sale and the 1% Clean Initiative sales tax are not well thought out as they have a disproportionately negative financial impact on Portlanders who are not able to carry any additional financial burden of any kind. I intend to focus on low income individuals and families to make it easier for them, and without any additional financial burden, to reduce their carbon footprint.

A significant percentage of Portland's diversity is concentrated in East Portland. If the City is truly sincere in its desire to represent and value diversity, then this is where a significant amount of effort needs to be focused. This effort should also recognize and subsequently target other groups pushed out to the east such as disabled, elderly, and others with challenges that need addressing. I have program models on my campaign site to address many of these issues.

The immediate need for folks experiencing homelessness is clearly safety. We must get people off the street and into a safer environment and provide needed services and a pathway to permanent affordable housing quickly. The lack of affordable housing in Portland is mostly driven by greed. There is only one way to address that: make it more profitable to provide affordable housing and less profitable not to. This can be done thru business tax incentives or penalties.



**Michael O'Callaghan (Mike O'C)**  
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The city needs to half traffic by odd/even license plates, if the people support. Also many mobile auto monitors. Tax on cars to pay for free Mass transit.

Merge the city / county and adopt manager form of government with regional representation.

Allow garage rental. Allow 25 person villages. Tax un-occupied properties \$100 per bedroom per month and buy a storage building. Again see my website page [mayormikeoc.org](http://mayormikeoc.org). We need to suspend all rent car mortgage payments until Corona settles down. 1-3 years .



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**Ozzie González**  
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I would describe the City’s progress as insufficient and trending in the wrong direction at this point. We need to get serious about the magnitude of this issue and own up to the need for better cooperation between government and industry. The largest reductions will come from new vehicle types, new fuel types, non-fossil-fuel based plastics, and locally produced and sourced products. Timelines aside, I will make sure ‘Portland Made’ becomes a standard line in how we shape the green economy.

Portland will be better served by electing leaders who, like me, represent the increasingly diverse population of the city. With people in the agency who speak the languages spoken here and by easing access to public forums with childcare, language interpretation, and remote participation options, more people will be able to participate. Our region doesn’t need leaders who “give us a seat at the table” as if it was theirs. We need leaders who want our perspectives and value our lived experience.

We can do so much better! My objective is clear: end random camping in the streets. My aim is to provide places where people can go to meet their basic needs, receive referrals for services, and take the initial steps towards reintegrating into the community. I will give people without jobs and homes a secure means to get money by establishing an “Adopt a Park” program and setting up city cleanup, habitat restoration, and community food pantry projects. A more detailed plan for this is online.

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Despite our rising carbon emissions, I believe Portlanders have everything we need to make radical progress and become the global climate action leader our community aspires to be. Acting with urgency and partnering with frontline communities is the only ethical and practical response to the climate crisis unfolding around us. We can be a beacon of hope and a catalyst for change, but we need leadership that believes it’s possible. Please see my plan to get us there: sarah2020.com/greennewdeal

As Portland grows, it can feel more crowded, uncaring, and inaccessible than ever. I am running for mayor because I understand that despite our growing pains, local government is one of the most important levels for problem-solving. For Portland to achieve our goals we must ensure we have a healthy democracy powered by community-based politics, not big money and special interests. Let’s empower our communities to shape a government that works for all of us. <https://sarah2020.com/goodgovernment>

Currently, the whims of the market and the drive for corporate profits outweigh the public’s interest in promoting diversity, equity, and opportunity in our city. This has left us with an extreme shortage of housing that the community can realistically afford. We must treat our housing emergency with urgency. Learn more about my Five-Year Strategic Plan for Ending Portland’s Housing State of Emergency led by the Progressive Task Force for Housing All Portlanders at [sarah2020.com/housing](https://sarah2020.com/housing)

# Portland City Commissioner

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## Position 1

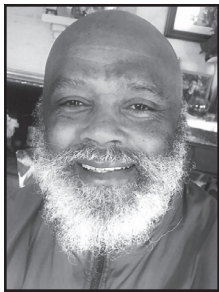


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Due to strong equity work inside the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability over the last decade, the City has made substantial progress in centering climate action around the needs and priorities of frontline communities who've been hit first and worst by climate change. Now, we must bring the urgency needed to double down on this progress - like rapidly implementing the Portland Clean Energy Fund and moving more quickly toward renewable energy - in order to meet the goals of the Plan.

Lived experience and meaningful community engagement by elected leaders matters, and especially with those who've been marginalized and have borne the brunt of racial, economic, and other forms of injustice. Portlanders deserve to see themselves reflected in their elected leaders. This is why I support changing our form of government to a legislative council with a city administrator and commissioners elected by district to enable better representation from all parts of our city.

The City, together with other local partners, is doing great work, yet is still outpaced by the need. We need regional collaboration and joint investment by elected leaders in what works: permanent supportive housing, rent assistance, and public-private partnerships that move us toward paths to permanent homes. The ballot measure led by Metro and the Here Together Coalition presents an incredible opportunity for us all to turn our aligned values into aligned action.



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according to the numbers the climate action plan is currently on a path for a 40% reduction in emissions, the addition steps I would make is a continual enforcement of the current regulations 1. use California as a model to retrofits of existing diesel engine trucks with particulate trapping filters, 2. transition to new technology diesel engines or alternative fuel technologies that produce 90% fewer emissions of diesel pm and NOx 3. cap and trade.

Change Portland current form of government, from a commissioner mayor form of government, and adopt the Portland City Club recommendation. multimember districts. with a city manager over the bureaus, adding four more commissioners will give Portland's rapid growing population the representation it need for equitable outcomes. This will help eliminate redlining and gerrymandering

1. create an affordable housing trust fund  
2., increase the earned income tax credit  
3., low income housing tax credit,  
3. lower the housing costs 4. increase housing quality 5. stabilize unstable neighborhoods 6. big tech and big business and bond elections.



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Safety, reliability, and efficiency of public transportation has not been improved, so there is no incentive to modify behavior. While the reduction of lanes on major roadways has already been implemented. Portland is making it less desirable to drive a car from outer sections of southeast and northeast Portland but has failed to improve options for public transportation for these individuals. If we want a sustainable action plan there has to be incentives and innovation not penalties.

Portland has experienced incredible growth over the last ten years. Our population has increased with nearly 7,000 residents every year since 2010. During this exciting period of growth, we must focus on a "Back to Basics" approach to local government; in order to maintain a balanced society. Incorporating representatives from multiple districts in city council and adding a city manager position will provide better representation for all communities of Portland.

Portland has done a great job in providing accessible services for the homeless. Portland has become a destination for individuals who are experiencing or nearing homelessness. It is well known most major west coast cities are bearing the brunt of homelessness for the nation. As a city we need to continue to be an example for how to handle this national houseless issue while also encouraging other cities to follow the parts of our model that work best.

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## Position 1 - continued



**Mary Ann Schwab**  
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Climate change is clearly a top priority facing our community. The Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability has done excellent work for the past 12 years to address local climate issues. We must improve the public's awareness by informing businesses and residents how to reduce their own energy consumption. I'm fighting for Portland to have a safe and healthy climate and I strongly support the Oregon Green New Deal.

Audit Report 2016, Civic Life agreed to support a stronger framework inclusive of neighborhood associations, coalitions, ethnic organizations and local businesses. Advisory committees must become more diverse inclusive of all groups. The City Council needs district representation so all areas of Portland have an equal voice in city issues and budgets. Houseless people need to be centralized in places like the Bybee Lakes Hope Center (Wapoto) where services can include apprenticeship programs.

I challenge the claim the Residential Infill Project is the only way to achieve housing affordability. The real solution is to provide more housing density appropriately priced for low income wage earners close to services in town centers and along transit corridors. The City Council must pursue the neighborhood-specific goals in Portland's Comprehensive Plan. This includes ADUs and tiny houses located in single-dwelling zoned neighborhoods.



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I would describe our progress meeting our goals as slow and somewhat steady. We pride ourselves on our progress but I believe one of the biggest impediments to our success is ourselves. As a city, we become bogged down in great ideas and struggle with follow through. How we meet the goals of this plan and those to come, is greatly dependent on how we manage those ideas and run our city. We need to look closely at our operations and implementation. Our growing home needs a City Manager.

I believe Portland would be better represented with district based commissioners instead of the current at large structure. I would like to work toward 6 seats; SE, NE, SW, NE, and the addition of two commissioners to represent East and North Portland to represent and speak for the needs within each community. We are a vocal city and I believe we are all best served by consistently working to build better pathways to communication, especially with those previously excluded from the conversation.

I believe Portland can think creatively. I would like to see us ask different questions. I would like to look at the ratio of vacant housing within the city to cost and I believe the rental registry will be a valuable source of data. I would like to create a better way for people experiencing housing instability to connect with the city. Many of our answers are with their lived experiences and we need to address systemic barriers and build better pathways to collaboration.



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**Timothy DuBois**  
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In 2015, the year the Climate Action Plan was put in place, the EPA ranked Portland included the worst county in the U.S. for exposure to diesel particulate - the worst airborne carcinogen according to California risk assessments. While no longer the worst, Multnomah county is still ranked in the worst 1% of counties nationwide. This is progress, but not nearly enough.

The greatest issues facing our ethnically and economically diverse population are housing unaffordability, homelessness, fewer resources. The city can implement strategies to level the playing field. Increasing housing first resources, like housing vouchers, is a successful tactic to solve the issue of a lack of affordable housing, instead of the symptoms, like too few beds available at shelters. Ensuring that city agencies work together is crucial for this approach to reduce homelessness.

Portland needs to start with a Housing First approach, which prioritizes getting people in homes so they can become self-sufficient. One popular approach is housing vouchers, which are attached to the renter, not the room. This helped ensure that the people in need of affordable housing options are receiving it without creating specific housing for low-income earners. These programs are effective, 75-91% of families who were rapidly rehoused remained.

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**Candace Avalos**  
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Every policy decision made at all levels of government needs to be approached from the lens of climate to take comprehensive, local action. To reach the goals of the Climate Action Plan, City Council must (1) define the goals clearly and create more buy-in among stakeholders, (2) create steps to achieve them that are realistic and reflect nationwide best practices, (3) empower people with expertise to take leadership, and (4) design a robust assessment to measure the benchmarks of the plan.

I was the first candidate in my race to come out strong on a platform for reforming our form of government. This archaic system with at-large elections, instead of district representation, has created a lack of access by vulnerable communities most impacted by decisions made in City Hall. We deserve to elect members of our own community that understand the lived experiences of our neighbors, and can bring new diverse voices to the table where crucial decisions are being made for our future.

There is a lack of coordination and leadership among government agencies to be collaborative and efficient in addressing houselessness. Uniting the efforts of nonprofits and community organizations to provide front line services is an important step forward. We need case management, better streamlining of resources, and connecting care to be holistic. Growing income inequality needs to be part of the conversation, and City Hall must have an economic growth plan that reflects this lens.

## Position 2 (Unexpired Term)



**Dan Ryan**  
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The City Climate Action Plan illustrates a key reason I'm running: elected leaders advocating for all of Portland, not just their own bureaus. The Climate Action Plan gives us a path to action but we must do more. 1. cut car emissions - that means more housing density, safer sidewalks, more bike lanes, and more effective transit 2. build more housing in our neighborhoods for people at all income levels 3. be clear about how the plan makes things better for under-served communities of color

As CEO of All Hands Raised we shifted power from the politicians to the community. We built a culture of transparency and accountability. We included culturally responsive nonprofits, business, trades, and Pre-K, K-12, and higher education at the table. In six years, graduation rates went up by 11.5%. Accelerating results for African American and Latin students with rates improving by 15.5%. Equity, inclusion and diversity takes bold action.

Homelessness is personal for me. Five years ago, my older brother died on the streets. When we bring together nonprofits, communities of faith, business, and government we will get results on our most complex issues. Portland needs more authentic public and private partnerships now more than ever as we reset government from the devastating impact of COVID-19. It is time for tested life experience leadership. I am here to bring us together to be the City we want to be.

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**Margot Black**  
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The climate action plan doesn't go far enough fast enough. The strongest, most recent climate efforts from the city--such as fossil fuel infrastructure ban, 100% renewable energy goals, and Portland Clean Energy Fund--originated from advocates pushing the city farther and faster. Because of a strong climate-advocacy community, we should look there for solutions, and toward a Green New Deal.

The city must be more meaningfully inclusive, accessible, and responsive to our increasingly diverse population. \*Increase pay for employees with multiple language fluencies and other cultural competencies. \*Set up east side city council satellite sites, if not relocate city hall to Gateway. \*Change the size, form, and method of electing our city government for better representation. \*Ensure that public advisory bodies are diverse and that their input impacts decision-making.

\*House the Houseless through aggressive strategies to acquire and convert existing structures and vacant housing units to public housing, including permanent supportive housing. \*Keep People Housed through stronger tenant protections and aggressive "but reasonable" reforms on our eviction process. \*Ensure "Affordable Housing" Is Actually Affordable by revising affordability metrics, enforcing current regulations, and implementing recommendations to reduce the cost of development.



**Tera Hurst**  
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As Chief of Staff to Mayor Hales, our office wrote the Climate Action Plan. We need to take bolder action to address our climate emergency in City Hall. I led Oregon's most sweeping climate action yet. Now, Portland needs a Green New Deal creating thousands of jobs that protect us better from global warming. That's why I'm proud to have received the endorsement of the Oregon League of Conservation Voters.

We need to change our City Council to be more reflective of our City our current form of government lacks accountability. I would advocate for district representation and expand the number of City Commissioners. If we truly want to be a city centered on equity and equitable outcomes, we need this to be reflective in our decision-making bodies and systems. This is why I'm proud to have been endorsed by Multnomah Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson, APANO, and NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon.

Thousands of people live on our streets and even more, are getting pushed out of the city. This is unacceptable. As City Commissioner, my office will continue to look for and try any and all options that could lead to lasting solutions. I will immediately: 1. Extend moratorium on evictions and foreclosures. 2. Prioritize immediate investments increasing our affordable and supportive housing units. 3. Expand rent vouchers for families and seniors helping them keep their homes



**Aquiles Montas**  
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The City has a well rounded environmental plan that includes: river, green, urban, zoning, fossil fuel, off-road cycling. I believe one that needs to be added would be solar and wind energy.

The City needs to create a task force that includes representation from all neighborhoods and recruit members from the representing immigrants, refugees, rural areas, people of poverty and genders which may include many of the city organizations with different nationalities.

Number one: turn City and County empty buildings into public housing. two: buy empty buildings and lots especially in N Columbia and around 82nd ave to turn into public housing developments. three: rents cost in the new public housing should be according to the income: For retired elders no more than \$100. single parents with kids, two parents with kids. Many other states and cities have them working well. For example Miami Florida

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**Alicea Maurseth**  
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Risky Fossil-fuel Infrastructure: Facilities holding up to 388 million gallons of petroleum products are located on the banks of the Willamette, mostly on liquefiable soils. to close those terminals before an earthquake turns the banks of the Willamette River into a superfund site. Restore the CBA: I would support policies that promote transitions away from the extractive industries. Electric Busses: The city should require a transition to electric public transit going forward.

Improve access and engage them in the discussion. Commissioner Eudaly has discussed taking some of the traditional consultative privileges of Portland's neighborhood associations and moving it into citizen committees which could be organized demographically, ensuring that they represent the city's diverse lived experiences. I think that's a great place to start.

Create an Empty Homes Tax, similar to the one in Vancouver B.C. There are more empty rooms in Portland than there are people sleeping on the street. Expand the Street Response Team. Hardesty's pilot program is being trialed in Lents. I would like to expand this program to include more teams and service more neighborhoods. Implement transitional housing. A person sleeping in a temporary shelter is still houseless, but a safe place to sleep enables people to focus on permanent solutions.



**Loretta Smith**  
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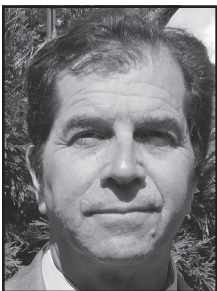
We have made some great strides towards meeting our goals, but we're not being aggressive or inclusive enough to be successful. The hard truth is that many of the environmental policies and initiatives we've instituted locally have left out many low-income communities and people of color. We can't achieve our ambitious goals when we have large sects of the city that don't have sidewalks and public/alternative transportation that is financially out of reach for many; that's where I want to focus.

When it comes to equitable representation, I strongly believe that the city would be well served by increasing the number of seats on council to include district-based representation alongside at-large council members. When we look at the real "bricks and mortar" types of services the city provides (roads, sidewalks, water, housing, etc) and compare it to the inequitable way our city currently operates (e.g. many neighborhoods in East Portland don't have sidewalks), the need for change is clear.

We're making the biggest financial investments in affordable housing in modern history, but we need to ensure that the housing we're building is affordable for those most rent-burdened and most in danger of becoming homeless. We need to fully account for alternative housing methods for people who don't do well in traditional housing or shelters, and we also must adequately plan for those people on the streets who will likely need permanent supportive services to stay stably housed.

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**Walter Wesley**  
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Portland is Drafting a plan for at least a 50 percent carbon emission reduction below 1990 levels by 2030, however this is an Environmental Emergency. Aggressive action must occur within the next five to ten years. I would seek 10 percent annual decarbonization and legally binding policies for net zero emissions by 2025. I would also demand the City stop Zenith Energy's expansion of tar soil oil exports.

54 Candidates are are for City Office this May 19th. the common thread among us is that we want to see change in what we see as a problem-filled city government lacking responsiveness to public concerns.

The city needs to have a goal of 48,000 homes for low income residents.



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**Terry Parker**  
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The city is making things worse by removing and narrowing full service travel lanes on major streets increasing congestion, fuel consumption and emissions. To make transit work better, entire streets need to flow better. Bike ridership is flat yet PBOT continues to spend millions of dollars to build a Cadillac like system for a small demographic of riders (8%). Adequate off-street parking with charging connectivity for electric cars needs to be required with all new residential developments.

Portland's world renowned framework of Neighborhood Associations needs to be strengthened and expanded as per the 2016 Auditor's Report. This includes giving formal recognition to community and identity groups that abide by the same standards. City advisory committees including the PSC must become more diverse. Geographical City Council representation with quadrants/districts based on the distance from downtown and central city needs to be carefully looked at when the City Charter is reviewed.

Programs that can demonstrate results such as those that will soon take place at Wapato need to be supported. Increasing density in single family home neighborhoods will target the demolition of the most affordable homes, eliminate green yards and remove mature trees that act as carbon offsets. New construction almost always costs more. Triplexes and quadplexes should be restricted to corridors and around the fringes of town centers and transit centers as per Portland's Comprehensive Plan.



**Diana Gutman**  
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Our city has set a positive example on climate action nationally & globally. The city created its first climate plan in 1993, and the most recent Climate Action Plan came out in 2015. The Action Plan identifies over 170 actions to be completed or significantly underway by 2020. The climate crisis demands serious action and needs a community-centered approach. I seek to include our community and youth leaders as we take action to address the climate crisis as a city and nationally.

I believe that it is time for us to address our racist history. It's no secret that Portland was built off of colonial violence and racism. In order to heal from trauma and move forward, we must first acknowledge our city's failings and take action in our government to heal our community. As an indigenous woman and your prospective commissioner I would push for restoration in our city by working towards implementing and amending policies to be inclusive so we a city can thrive!

I would push for more housing units in our city to be designated for specific transitional needs. Whether you're from the homeless community or a Survivor of abuse trying to flee an abusive situation. Safe housing is a human right! I believe that if we were to come up with programs to further help our community partners and landlords we could bridge that gap and identify ways that we can actually protect those in need and serve our community. Public safety is a community effort.

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**Julia DeGraw**  
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The City is behind in meeting its Climate Action Plan (CAP) goals. A key issue with this, & many other City plans, is matching the plan to measurable, achievable benchmarks, then fully funding & implementing the plan. The CAP also needs to be used to ensure future policies & projects will help us meet our climate goals. If projects, like freeway expansions, make it harder to meet our climate goals, we should not do those projects. We need more than just plans for climate change, we need action.

My lead issue, in 2018 and now, is system change. We must elect City Council members from districts throughout the city, and have them focus on creating long-term, visionary policies and serving their constituents, rather than running bureaus. This means ending our at-large election system and Commission form of government. I support having robust community engagement during the 2021 Charter review process to create a form of government that better represents and serves the people of this city.

Keep people in their homes by fully funding & improving rent assistance. Stop sweeps of houseless individuals; instead, invest in temporary shelters on public/private land where sanitation & health services can be provided. Build adequate housing at every level of the market to end the housing shortage. Continue investing in supportive housing for those struggling with mental health & addiction issues. Improve coordination across city bureaus & other jurisdictions to address the crisis.

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Portland leads the nation in combating climate change with walkable neighborhoods, bike-friendly streets, living roofs, green buildings, closed-loop systems, and neighborhoods where people can meet most of their daily needs. Emissions have gone down 2-3 times the national average, but transportation, responsible for a third of our emissions, has only dropped around 5%. We need to ramp up multimodal transportation, including sharing apps, EVs, bike-only streets and free cross-city public transit.

Portland should increase the size of the council and elect councilors from districts using a preference voting system that eliminates vote splitting and assures winners are elected by the majority. A larger council elected geographically using STAR Voting would result in a more diverse and representative council. Councilors should represent constituents and make policy, not run bureaus. We should use an equity lens in policy-making, and should take restorative steps to dismantle white supremacy.

To house the houseless and new arrivals, we need more kinds of housing at lower prices, and a public bank to help finance unconventional housing. House prices and rents are driven up by speculation - people buying multiple homes and profiting by raising rents - and too many units sitting empty. By moving to progressive property taxes, and a fee on empty units, we can remove housing from the speculative market, incentivize home-sharing, subletting and submarket rents, and increase homeownership.



**Jack Kerfoot**  
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Our City is not protecting our environment. Zenith Oil is still importing/exporting heavy oil, TriMet is still buying diesel buses and the utilities are too slow to move to renewable energy. Oil import/export fees can be assessed to encourage oil terminals to close. Our city should announce annually the progress at reducing greenhouse gas emissions, for our city, TriMet and the utilities. This report must identifying successes, failures and remedial action to protect our environment.

Portland's City Council type of government isn't effectively representing our city's increasingly diverse and growing population. I support a city government that would have the executive authority of city government with the mayor, create a paid position of city manager and elect unpaid city commissioners from districts, not from the city at-large. Until the city has a new form of government, I pledge to hold town hall meetings on a regular basis across our entire city (NW, N, NE, SE and SW).

Portland has hundreds of nonprofit organizations working independently to serve unhoused or at-risk people. Our city should be taking the lead in the coordination of these efforts. City Council must also recognize that well-intentioned projects, funded by multi-million-dollar bond proposals may have devastating consequences. Every new bond measure causes property tax to increase, rents to escalate, business closures, and job losses, which also contribute to housing instability.



**Sam Chase**  
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I've made climate action a central priority as a Metro Councilor and Portland has been a positive partner in advancing our collective efforts, but the city has not done nearly enough. I'll be a bold leader to eliminate diesel and carbon emissions and will: win a free youth pass and expand my successful effort to launch a low-income transit fare program; eliminate dirty diesel; build 20 minute communities, and convert methane gas from food waste to power the city's fleet.

Empowering people with lived experience in decision making creates better outcomes for all of us. On Metro Council, I successfully championed efforts to implement a Committee on Racial Equity to guide decision-making; and won resources to support culturally specific organizations with capacity grants. I will pair these strategies with a new government structure that has centralized management and commissioners elected by district because we need representation from ALL parts of Portland.

Serious times demand serious leadership. I'll implement proven solutions that match the scale of our crisis. We must fund best practices to get people into safe, stable housing; reduce cost and improve accountability to produce more affordable housing; and create living wage jobs that prevent poverty and housing insecurity. As a teenager I lost my father to mental illness and drug addiction. I'm deeply committed to solutions that address conditions contributing to chronic homelessness.

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**Cynthia Castro**  
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While Portland was the first US City to have a Climate Action Plan, there is still much to do. The City must: Respond swiftly and urgently; Center frontline communities & lead with racial equity; Honor the relationship Indigenous communities have to this land; Protect watersheds, rivers and natural areas; Support free public transit; Continue infrastructure investments, like sidewalks & transit safety; Protect and grow the urban tree canopy; Reduce diesel emissions; Support green jobs.

The City's public information, community outreach and equity teams need to be supported to work together to create plans for authentic community engagement, that are well resourced, and have collective impact. Additionally, it is time to change our form of government so that Portlanders across the City have a champion on City Council. Finally, the City needs to continue hiring a more diverse workforce and Portland City Council needs more people of color, reflecting the diversity of the city.

The City of Portland needs to: Continue production of affordable housing & permanent supportive housing; Preserve existing affordable housing; Invest more resources to help people stay housed; increasing short-term rental assistance & homeownership programs; Include anti-displacement strategies as standard practice; Center the voices of those experiencing houselessness in all decision-making; Adjust wages to keep up with inflation; Provide universal basic income.

## Position 4

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Since 2012, Portland has seen transportation emissions increase as other sectors have reduced their emissions. Bicycle and transit trips are stalled or falling and distributed further away from job centers. Ridesharing firms aren't being incentivized to support carpool and transit multi-mode trips. Commissioners are distracted by bureau-specific issues and have lost clarity of the big picture due to the structure of our Commissioner form of government. We need to reverse all that.

1) Reform our system of government and change from at-large elections to support both divergent interests and areas of the city. 2) Strengthen and enforce ethics, campaign finance, transparency, and anti-patronage rules. 3) Invite government participation with virtual meetings and innovative forms of liquid and direct democratic voting. 4) Strengthen the power of the City Auditor and improve government transparency by radically changing the default mode of city government to one of openness

We need to listen to neighbors experiencing problems and enforce laws to ensure offenders receive funded, needed treatment. Portland should embrace shelter and affordable housing proposals rather than squander or block them due to zoning rules. The City must fund public housing. Affordable housing should be increased near transit corridors while preserving our single home neighborhoods. I grew up in a single-wide mobile home and still believe in the American dream for those who work hard.



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## Position 4 - continued



**Keith Wilson**  
keithforportland.com

Our city needs to more aggressively pursue meeting our Climate Action Plan. Transportation comprises 42% of emissions. I propose requiring Renewable Diesel or blends that can reduce emissions on heavy duty vehicles up to 60%. This new technology is available now. Electric heavy-duty trucks begin production in 2021. I will convert our entire municipal fleet of Class 1 to Class 8 vehicles to electric by 2030. Portland will be the nation’s leader in GHG reduction and meet our plan goals.

Change from our current Commissioner form of government with at-large elections to a Council / Manager form with council seats representing districts. Our current voting process leads to a lack of diversity, equity and opportunity for minorities with few exceptions. At large elections have resulted in only three people of color being elected in over 100 years. District based representation will improve the likelihood of a more diverse city council.

Quality of life for both the homed and homeless is important. Allowing people to camp on our streets is misguided compassion. 35% of campers are homeless upon arrival to Multnomah County. We need to engage our police and justice system, not in a punitive fashion but to uphold our laws and values. In turn, we must provide, at minimum, pop-up temporary shelters so that everyone has a safe place to sleep and shelter and more deeply affordable housing so every person is able to live in Portland.



**Chloe Eudaly**  
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Portland has a mixed track record on meeting our climate goals. In light of the most recent IPCC report, it’s time to double down on our efforts. Emissions from transportation are on the rise. Creating a safe, equitable, & sustainable transportation system that improves & expands public transit & active transportation options will be critical to this effort. The Rose Lane Project is just one of many examples of how we can achieve our goals by using our existing infrastructure more efficiently.

I’m supportive of changing our form of City government. In the meantime, by centering racial equity in everything we do, we can create a more just, equitable, and representative city for all. Our current civic engagement system does not reflect the full diversity of our communities. And while this is an indisputable fact, there has been resistance to change for decades. I believe it is our civic and moral duty to change that by building a bigger table and welcoming and including diverse voices.

Housing is a basic need and a fundamental human right. Our failure to treat it as such has led to a national housing crisis. City Council has taken significant action on housing since I took office in 2017, including passing historic tenant protections, investments in affordable housing, and homelessness prevention and services, but we cannot win this fight alone. We need complimentary progressive policies and deep investment at the state and federal levels that prioritize people over profit.



**Sam Adams**  
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An expert: “Portland’s phony, failing climate policy.” Need: Self-sufficient building; 20-minute neighborhoods, connected with non-auto options; Smart implementation of Clean Energy Fund: <https://bit.ly/3bHS7s6>

Need: Elect City Councillors by districts; Impact decision-making before decisions are actually made: Create four equity advisory commissions; Lower voting age to 16-years-old

Need: Fully legalize street medicine; Use unforeseen cannabis tax revenues for low/no-cost treatment; Build more low-income housing faster: legalize co-housing/boarding houses

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### Annual Dues Levels

Single \$79 ☐  
Household \$118.50 ☐  
Limited Income  
\$45 ☐  
Student  
\$5 ☐  
Supporting  
\$175 ☐  
Sustaining  
\$250 ☐

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## Unaffiliated Voters

If you chose *not* to register as a member of a political party, or if you were registered automatically as part of the “Motor Voter” law, you are a non-affiliated voter. For the May 2020 Primary Election, voters registered non-affiliated, with a minor party or with the Independent Party will receive a ballot with non-partisan offices like county commissioners, Metro Councilors and ballot measures.

If you wish to vote for the Democratic Party candidates or the Republican party candidates in the May 2020 Primary you must register with one of those parties. **Party Changes must be completed by April 28th.** Submit changes online by April 28, 11:59 pm at [oregonvotes.org](http://oregonvotes.org). For information on updating voter registration including changing party affiliation by mail, call 503-988-3720. (Mail in updates must reach the elections office by April 28th.)