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## ***INTRODUCTION***

This Nonpartisan Voters' Guide is published and provided free of charge by the League of Women Voters of Oregon. Large print, audio (read aloud), screen-reader accessible (automated) and Spanish Voters' Guides (Guía para Votantes) and more information are posted at our website [lwvor.org/vote](http://lwvor.org/vote).

Candidates on the ballot for statewide Oregon offices were contacted by email to answer questions prepared by the League of Women Voters of Oregon. Candidate replies are printed as received, free of edits. Contact [lwvor@lwvor.org](mailto:lwvor@lwvor.org) for more information.

## ***POLITICAL PARTY BALLOTS***

No voter in Oregon will see all the candidates on their Primary ballot. Voters who are registered as a member of the Democratic Party or the Republican Party will receive a ballot that includes all the candidates for that specific party, along with all eligible nonpartisan contests. Voters not belonging to a political party or to a minor political party will receive a ballot for the Primary Election that includes only eligible nonpartisan contests. If you are not registered with the political party in whose primary you wish to vote, you have until April 26 to change your registration to allow you to vote in that party primary.

## ***REDISTRICTING INFORMATION***

New congressional and legislative redistricting maps for Oregon were approved in 2021. Elections using these new maps will take place in 2022, with those elected taking their seats in January of 2023. This means it is possible you may now reside in a different US House, or State Legislative district than the last time you voted. Your ballot will be updated with your new district information, and you can find out more information about which district you are in, and who will be on your ballot, by visiting [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org).

## ***ONLINE RESOURCES***

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

CHECK & UPDATE YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION AND ADDRESS

You can register to vote, check on your registration, or update it online at oregonvotes.org. Click Register to Vote to register to vote. Click My Vote to check or update your registration, including your party affiliation and address. Your address must be correct. Ballots are NOT forwarded.

See oregonvotes.org for contact information of county election officials.

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

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

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

IMPORTANT DATES - MAY 17th 2022 PRIMARY ELECTION

- April 26th is the last day to register to vote, to select or change your political party registration or to update your mailing address
- April 27th to May 3rd - when ballots will be mailed. If you do not receive your ballot by May 7th, contact your county elections office. You can call them at the phone number below.
- May 17th is election day. Ballots must be dropped off at a ballot box by 8pm, or postmarked by May 17th. No postage is required to mail your ballot.

COUNTY ELECTIONS PHONE LIST

# County Elections Offices

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

# CANDIDATES

Candidates for races will be listed first by party (partisan races) and second by last name order using Oregon Elections' randomized alphabet.

## US House - District 1

**Term:** 2 Years  
**Salary:** \$174,000

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**What do you see as the federal government's role in mitigating the impact of climate change on such events as wildfires, flooding, heat domes, drought, and more severe storms?**

**How would you improve public confidence in the electoral process and assure that voting privileges are secure for all?**

**What specific legislation would you support, if any, to reduce gun violence in this country?**

### District 1 - Democrat



**Christian Robertson**  
*christianforor1.com*

The federal government needs to make extreme moves to invest in clean, renewable energy and drive us to Zero Carbon Emissions by 2035 with electricity and transport being at Zero Emissions by 2030. The 2050 target maintained by mainstream Democrats is not sufficient and chooses to sacrifice people around the world for the sake of dirty industries. We can accomplish this by investing \$16 trillion in rollout of current clean technologies as well as R&D into new technologies.

The current fight to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Act is a great start. We need to implement nationwide mail-in voting and automatic voter registration like we have here in Oregon to allow more people to have their voices heard in elections.

Repeal the Dickey Amendment to allow gun violence to be studied by the CDC; implement universal mental health care to treat those suffering from anti-social disorders; passage of the Crime Gun Tracing Modernization Act to allow the ATF to use computers to track gun crimes rather than massive paper libraries.



**Scott Phillips**  
*scottphillipsforcongress.com*

The role of the federal government in mitigating climate change is to meet or exceed America's Paris Agreement commitment for net zero carbon emissions by 2050. Right now, we are on a path to fall short with profound implications for the future my children (and yours) will have. This is unacceptable. The current approach is not succeeding. Time is running out. I will seek creative and scalable solutions to reduce climate change both at home and abroad. We need new ideas to bend the curve.

Voting should be celebrated not suppressed. This is not Putin's America. We must reform the Electoral Count Act to avoid a constitutional crisis in 2024. I like the John Lewis Voting Rights and the Freedom to Vote Acts. But these won't increase public confidence beyond Democrats. To protect our democracy, we need to expand our coalition with a serious attempt to win back voters in blue-collar and rural America (many were once Democrats). I'm proposing a Rural Marshall Plan to start.

I support common sense gun regulation from background checks to red flag laws to regulating ghost guns. But these are empty promises in a polarized country with two opposing political cultures when it comes to guns. I am not a gun owner and I do not intend to be. But we must show the other side we don't hate them. If elected, I'll take a gun safety course so they can see I'm trying to find common ground. Yes, it's a stunt, but we need to find ways to dialogue with people we disagree with.



**Suzanne Bonamici**  
*bonamiciforcongress.com*

Extreme weather events, exacerbated by climate change, harm our environment, economy, and public health. The Federal Government must reduce emissions, lead the transition to clean energy, improve forest management, provide accurate weather forecasts, and support FEMA to provide relief to those affected. The climate crisis is a national emergency, and I will continue to advocate for policies that will protect public health and the environment for generations to come.

Free and fair elections are the foundation of a democracy. We must debunk misleading rhetoric about election safety and oppose voter suppression efforts that disproportionately target communities of color and low-income voters. I strongly support the John Lewis Voting Rights Act, which will restore voting protections, and the For the People Act, which will expand participation and improve access to voting.

We need and deserve to be safe from gun violence. It is past time for the federal government to enact meaningful gun violence prevention laws. As a member of the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, I've supported legislation to require universal background checks and to close loopholes that make it easier for dangerous people to access firearms. I support getting assault weapons off our streets and closing the "boyfriend loophole" that leaves many domestic violence survivors in danger.

US House - District 1 - continued

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Salary: \$174,000

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How would you improve public confidence in the electoral process and assure that voting privileges are secure for all?

What specific legislation would you support, if any, to reduce gun violence in this country?

District 1 - Republican

Christopher A Mann  
chrismannspeaks.com

The government has done a good job when it comes to regulating emissions and emission levels. They are over stepping their bonds when it comes to pushing everyone into electric vehicles and a non fossil fuel country. The costs to our citizens would be exorbitant. Fossil fuels are essential in our survivability and insures our power grids wont suffer shutdowns, brown outs, r black outs.

Voter ID is essential. There should never be last minute changes for an election. Absentee ballots should only be used on a special needs basis. Mail in ballots have shown across the country can easily be susceptible to fraud. There have been people charged with voter fraud at an alarming rate, and hose are only the cases that have been reported or openly challenged.

I would like to see gun owners have more responsibility when it comes to securing their guns. If their guns are used in a crime and they did not have them properly secured, they should have some responsibility for that crime



Armidia (Army) Murray  
armysarmy.net

None! Climate Change is not real. I believe the Federal government has done a poor job in managing the land that belongs to “We the People”. They have permitted overgrowth, causing depletion of nutrients in the soil. They have refused to permit the clearing of dead and dying trees which makes it harder to get to the fire, causing larger forest fires that are harder to control. Windmills kill thousands of birds, including endangered ones. Permit chemical spraying in the sky!

Valid Registration of American Citizens only, Voter ID, Clean Voter Rolls, Promote Voting Process 3rd Party Full Forensics Audit.

Protect the 2nd Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America! Enforce the Laws and prosecute Criminals, Not Law Abiding Citizens. Government must not put regulations on the Right to Bear Arms, This Right keeps the government in check, and the power in the hands of “We the People!”



# US House - District 2

**Term:** 2 Years  
**Salary:** \$174,000

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How would you improve public confidence in the electoral process?

What can be done to fix the dysfunctional partisan divide we see in government?

How can the federal government mitigate the effects of climate change that are already occurring, such as wildfires, flooding, heat domes,drought, and more severe storms?

## District 2 - Democrat

**Adam Prine**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*



**Joe Yetter**  
*joefororegon.com*

Restore and strengthen the Voting Rights Act. Promote secure vote-by-mail, paper trails, and removal of barriers to voter registration and participation. Get money out of politics; enact campaign finance reform; abolish the Electoral College; assure a paper trail in all elections. By listening to the public; at this moment, legislation does not reflect what people want. By articulating and agreeing on common values and then the policies that will fulfill these values and serve all of us:

Eliminate the influence of big money and powerful corporations in elections. End the gerrymandering that drives candidates to extreme positions. Restore the authority of the FEC. Restore the Fairness Doctrine of the FCC.  
And personally, by always emphasizing our common humanity, shared values, and inextricably bound fate.

By every means possible: massive federal, state, and private support of fundamental research, engineering, and infrastructure. Maximal, rapid development of renewable resources. Decarbonization, sequestration, and electrification of everything possible. Improved resilience through fuels reduction, agricultural practices that sequester carbon and build soil; frugal irrigation practices and alternative crops. Promote equity so that the poor and marginalized do not bear most of the burdens.

## District 2 - Republican

**Mark Cavener**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

**Katherine M Gallant**  
*katgallant.com*

Every ballot should have voter ID and a chain of custody for validation. No machines tallying the votes should be connected to the internet.

Our government was set up and successful for centuries as a republic. The guidelines are set forth in our constitution and should be followed. Beyond that, we need to get dark money out of campaigning that would motivate better candidates.

To start , we need to manage the forest better, clearing the dead trees and underbrush. Until our foreign neighbors adhere to the same rules, using clean energy will have little effect. It has to be a world effort.

## Cliff S Bentz

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

# US House - District 3

**Term:** 2 Years  
**Salary:** \$174,000

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What responsibility, if any, does Congress have for political, social, or environmental refugees from other countries? What role does Congress have in the assimilation of refugees the U.S. accepts?

What more specifically could the federal government do to mitigate the effects of climate change that are already occurring, such as wildfires, flooding, heat domes, drought, and more severe storms? Please explain your answer.

How would you assure that voting rights are secure for all? Please explain.

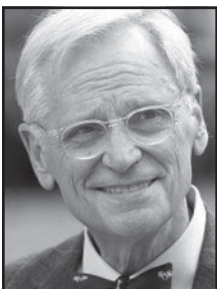
## District 3 - Democrat

**Jonathan E Polhemus**  
*@uspolhemus*

Congress has the responsibility of working with the President to determine how refugees are accepted. Congress does not necessarily need to legislate refugee assimilation, but it does have the authority to. We should take in more refugees, and the entire immigration process should be safely sped up.

There is much more the federal government can do to address the causes of climate change! Our Federal Emergency Management Agency has many of the responsibilities for mitigating the effects of climate change that are already occurring. FEMA's Mitigation Directorate implements a variety of programs that cover potential extreme weather events. FEMA needs significantly more funding, and the federal government must learn from past emergency response failures.

I support the Freedom to Vote Act, the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, and the For the People Act. Although I do pledge to work towards the goal of voting rights for all Americans, I could only assure they are secure after Republicans change their behavior on this issue. The Brennan Center for Justice says 19 states enacted 33 laws in 2021 making it more difficult to vote. I firmly support expanding voting rights and motivating people who (have the right to, but) typically don't vote.



**Earl Blumenauer**  
*earlblumenauer.com*

The US has a longstanding commitment to helping vulnerable people around the world, including refugees & immigrants searching for a better life. Congress can do its part by reforming our outdated immigration system. The humanitarian crisis in Ukraine is the latest example of why we must ensure those arriving in our country have what they need to thrive in our communities.

We all know the climate crisis is an emergency. The federal government ought to act like it. That's why I introduced legislation that orders the president to declare a national climate emergency & mobilize our federal resources to deal with this crisis. My Climate Resilience Act strengthens FEMA's response to climate disasters. It would help communities mitigate their risk before disasters strike. For the first time, this legislation would have FEMA deal with extreme heat and freeze events.

I began my public service career organizing to lower the voting age. Access to the ballot is the cornerstone of our democracy. I have fought to prevent states from enacting voter suppression laws, and in support of comprehensive voting rights. I am frustrated that the Senate has failed to act, but I am not deterred. We all must use every tool to affirm the vote, increase pressure, & empower voting rights for all.

## District 3 - Republican

**Joanna Harbour**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

# US House - District 4

**Term:** 2 Years  
**Salary:** \$174,000

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How would you improve public confidence in the electoral process and assure that voting privileges are secure for all?

What specific legislation would you support, if any, to reduce gun violence in this country?

## District 4 - Democrat



**Sami Al-Abdrabbuh**  
*samiforcongress.com*

Climate systems know no borders; a federal approach is critical for responding to, and preventing, climate crises. In Congress, I will advocate for the same meaningful policies that I introduced locally: sustainable, profitable solar panels and energy efficient buildings. I will use my experience evaluating emergency management systems to help communities impacted by climate disasters. Finally, I will support the Green New Deal or similar federal legislation that addresses climate crises.

Accessing the ballot, getting money out of politics, and preventing conflicts of interest are vital to our democracy. We must stop gerrymandering and limit corporate campaign contributions. I have successfully backed election reform such as ranked choice voting, which promotes the candidate with the most voter support. In Congress, I will champion federal vote-by-mail legislation, ban stock trading by elected officials, and work to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Act.

Senseless deaths from gun violence must end. Oregon's 4th district is among the highest in the US for suicides using a gun. I support universal background checks, banning concealed carry in schools (like we did in Corvallis), safe storage laws, and red flag laws to keep guns away from domestic abusers. I will prioritize the Disarm Hate Act, work to fund school threat assessment teams that identify students at risk of violence, and support laws that bar domestic abusers from having guns.



**G Tommy Smith**  
*gtommymsmith4congress@gmail.com*

We need to start with a carbon tax. Ban single-use plastic. Have more control burns in the West by the Forrest Service. Be free of fossil fuels by 2030 as an energy source. Reduce the impact of floods by creating a national water relocation system that would drain the excess amount of water of known flood areas to other parts of the country that need the water.

It should have been secured with the Passing of the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act and the Freedom to Vote Act. While serving the people I will fight to get those bills passed in both the House and the Senate. We need to stop the dark money and gerrymandering on both sides of the aisle. Automatic enrollment into mail-in voting whenever anyone earns a driver's license or received a state-issued identity.

I support Extreme Risk Protection Orders. That allows concerned family members, law enforcement, or others to seek to keep individuals who are viewed as potential threats from being in possession of firearms. Ban Ghost Guns sales. Keep those who are on the terrorist watch list from being able to obtain firearms. Regulate access to weapons by those who have a history of violence. Require waiting periods for all guns.



**John S Selker**  
*selker4congress.org*

Most of the transition from carbon to solar will be organized and implemented without national investment. The federal government simply needs to invest in connecting the regions of the country to share power across this great land. Locally, and even regionally, utilities can install and operate solar, wind, and other renewable energy systems. But in any given area, clouds or lack of wind can cut production. This is why we must install a continental-scale electrical interconnect. When it is

We are lucky to live in a state where our participation in elections is relatively easy-voting by mail is safe, secure, and reliable. Oregon has been doing it successfully for years. The right to vote is one of the most sacred rights given to us by the founding fathers, and it isn't a right that I take lightly. Across the country, voting rights are being attacked. We must do more to secure and reform our elections, which is why I am a proud supporter of both the Freedom to Vote Act and the Joh

I grew up shooting rifles at targets in Longview Washington. I understand the purpose and danger of guns. Today we are facing deep challenges with the explosion of gun ownership in the USA, and the wide availability of guns specifically designed to kill large numbers of people, rather than being designed for personal defense or recreation. Gun violence has exploded in recent years - up by over 50% over a decade, with over 45,000 firearm deaths in 2020 and 30% higher in 2021 than 2020. Active



US House - District 4 - continued

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Salary: \$174,000

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How would you improve public confidence in the electoral process and assure that voting privileges are secure for all?

What specific legislation would you support, if any, to reduce gun violence in this country?

District 4 - Democrat - continued



Steve William Laible  
yeskodel@aol.com

Federal gov't must take the lead here. Call it a moonshot! I address this fully in my book, America the Beautiful Résumé to Serve. Mother Nature is helping move deniers to our side with her big stick. Record breaking climate events are upon us. Leadership & urgency is paramount. April 22, 1970, the first Earth Day, was an exciting time for me as a junior (Marshfield, Coos Bay). The idea of saving our planet was a paradigm shift. I propose a national aqueduct system, better forest mgmt, & more!

An innovative idea of mine is to offer voting via the nation's 250k+ ATM's. Pin numbers & captured photos document one-time login. Tabulation results are federally protected by banking laws & regulations & decentralized, eliminating need for volunteers to screen or recount ballots. Eliminates sinister bad actors destroying paper ballots. Signature verification also eliminated with use of pin number. No waiting in precinct lines for 12+ hours. Water bottles allowed. National Voting Act!

A gun is no more responsible for carnage & mayhem than a pencil is for misspellings. Focus must be solely on individual responsibilities & mental health. Advocates have morphed the 2nd Amendment completely out of context. An ad hoc militia's belief to bear arms has no merit of thwarting US Marines, Navy, Army or Air Force war power. No citizen ought to be permitted to mount a Gatling gun on their porch, or the hood of their car, which can fire 900 rounds per minute! No automatic weapons! Period



Val Hoyle  
valhoyle.com

We must act swiftly to address the climate crisis by passing laws that will transition our economy off of fossil fuels, make America a world leader in clean energy, and create good-paying union jobs in our communities. I was proud to support climate action in the legislature by passing the Clean Fuels Program legislation and voting for Oregon's landmark law to eliminate coal power. I'm ready to take that work to Congress and fight to reduce carbon emissions and create good jobs for Oregonians.

We are at a critical point with respect to voting rights and ensuring that all Americans have access to the ballot. I'm proud of my work in the legislature to pass our automatic voter registration law, and I will push to make ballot access easier for all Americans. I will work to make Oregon's vote-by-mail system the national standard, with paper ballots that can be easily audited. I will also fight to end Citizens United and pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

In the legislature, I led the fight to pass universal background checks for firearm sales. This is a critical policy that prevents private sellers at gun shows or on the internet from transferring a gun to someone with a felony record or a domestic abuse restraining order. I will support legislation in Congress to extend that law nationwide. I will also support legislation to close the Charleston Loophole, regulate ghost guns, and reduce firearm suicide deaths with Extreme Risk orders.



Jake Matthews  
whynotoregon.com

Our government must promote the most scientifically and economically efficient ways to reverse climate change. The time for playing politics is over in this matter as cowardly leaders have handed my generation a world on fire. Oregonians are displaced, voiceless and powerless on this crisis. I have the perfect scientific and economically-viable solution. Green, subscription- living cities of the future are being built all around the world by high tech countries. Oregon will not be left out.

All who want to vote, will vote. Hidden roadblocks to having your ballot count, legal loopholes and internet conspiracy theories will not hijack our democracy earned in sacrifice. Our country will not be held hostage to mass psychosis. Full transparency of rules and vote counting overseen by any who wish to monitor will be available. Vote by mail, rides to the polls, we will do whatever it takes to ensure that if you want to express your vote, you will.

Subscription-living cities of the future tackle gun violence perfectly by optimizing a person's happiness index and providing them a fantastic outlet for their mental health. The city we build in Oregon will see zero gun violence and will be used as an example of effective gun rights. As a multiple gun owner, I'd gladly give up my guns to save even one person. Let's understand how to prevent the lone wolf attacks like the 2017 LV Massacre. This will never happen again, on my watch.

Doyle E Canning

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

US House - District 4 - continued

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How would you improve public confidence in the electoral process and assure that voting privileges are secure for all?

What specific legislation would you support, if any, to reduce gun violence in this country?

District 4 - Democrat - continued



Andrew Kalloch  
[www.andrewkalloch.com](http://www.andrewkalloch.com)

As a Member of Congress, I will bring the urgency of a young Oregonian and the passion of a parent to fighting climate change. I will treat every bill as a climate bill by fighting for federal investment in renewable energy, restorative agriculture, engineered timber, mass transit, and carbon capture technologies, while ensuring a just transition to a carbon-free future by supporting low-income Americans and rural communities. This is an unprecedented global challenge and America must lead.

From the ACLU to my time in government, I have fought to protect democracy and voting rights for every American. I'm leading by example in this campaign, rejecting money from Corporate PACs. In Congress, I'll work to pass the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, overturn Citizens United, mandate transparency in political spending, eliminate partisan redistricting, and require open primaries so that every voter can make their voice heard. My promise: I will put country above party, always.

I'm proud to be endorsed by Ceasefire Oregon Action Fund and I'll continue the work I've done to develop and enact creative, common sense solutions to gun violence. In Congress, I will fight for universal background checks, federal "red flag" legislation, updated gun dealer regulations, comprehensive safe storage regulation (such as Ethan's Law), a ban on "Ghost" guns that evade background checks, investment in "smart" gun tech, and the repeal of laws that shield the gun industry from liability.

District 4 - Republican

Alek Skarlatos

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

# US House - District 5

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**Salary:** \$174,000

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What can be done to fix the dysfunctional partisan divide we see in government?

How can the federal government mitigate the effects of climate change that are already occurring, such as wildfires, flooding, heat domes, drought, and more severe storms?

## District 5 - Democrat



**Kurt Schrader**  
kurtschrader.com

I cosponsored and voted for the For The People Act to expand voting rights, especially vote-by-mail which has been a hallmark of Oregon's inclusive process for over 20 years, reduce the influence of money in politics, ban partisan gerrymandering and create new ethics rules. I also voted for the John Lewis Voting Rights Act to restore key parts of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, so states cannot disenfranchise voters.

I believe in taking Oregon and National values to get real results. I founded the Bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus made of 29 Democrats and 29 Republicans; the only bipartisan forum in Congress that meets regularly to solve our nation's problems. We have made great strides in finding common-sense responses to major issues like the humanitarian crises at the border. Covid relief during the bridge to the Biden administration, and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

I led the effort to pass the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the largest investment in infrastructure in American history, bringing \$5 billion to Oregon for roads, bridges, broadband, EV to reduce fossil fuels, public transit to drive down carbon emissions, and address wildfire and water issues. We must implement the Wyden-Schrader wildfire disaster relief bill, my legislation to mitigate threats of catastrophic wildfires, and pass key BBB elements promoting renewable energy technology solutions.



**Jamie McLeod-Skinner**  
jamiefororegon.com

The outsized influence of corporate PAC money leads to lack of public trust and accountability. If we are to reduce the leverage big money has on politics, we need a serious commitment to preventing pay-to-play, requiring full disclosure of donations, preventing congressional stock trading, and limiting corporate PAC contributions. I have maintained my commitment to accountability since I was first elected in 2004 by not taking corporate PAC money. With responsibility comes accountability.

Our government is undermined by political silos and breakdown of trust. As a rural Democrat who has traveled countless miles across Oregon, I work to bridge the urban-rural divide and build the kind of relationships to end the dysfunction. We need to protect voting rights, ensure fair representation, and prevent elections from being attacked. We also need to invest in our public schools as they can create an environment for growing minds, with different ideas, to learn the value of shared space.

We need to shift government investments from fossil fuel to renewable energy infrastructure to mitigate climate change while making sure our communities have the resources to prepare for and recover from natural disasters. I have done this work on the ground, most recently leading wildfire recovery in a small city that lost a third of its homes and businesses to wildfire. I am currently working part time on emergency preparedness to protect lives and property.

## District 5 - Republican

**Madison Oatman**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*



**Laurel L. Roses**  
laurelrosesforcongress.com

I believe that we need to return to voting in person on election day. Election Day would be a national holiday, and the polls would be open for 24 hours. If a citizen wanted to vote by mail, they could request a ballot be sent to them before the election, and that ballot would need to be received by midnight on election day. We are responsible to help every eligible voter have an opportunity to vote, and voters need to be responsible for voting in a timely manner.

I believe if we enact term limits on Congress, like they put on the President, that elected representatives would better remember that they work for the people who sent them there. They would have to stay focused, because they would have to return to the communities that elected them and account for the decisions they made.

Until there is an open, honest discussion allowed between scientists with different opinions, data, and information, and politics is taken out of it, then there will continue to be a great divide in the country over the climate change issue. More actual scientific evidence, less fear mongering and taxing middle income citizens in America, while the worst polluters (India, China, Russia) are doing nothing to reduce their impact on anything.

# US House District 5 - continued

**Term:** 2 Years  
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How would you improve public confidence in the electoral process?

What can be done to fix the dysfunctional partisan divide we see in government?

How can the federal government mitigate the effects of climate change that are already occurring, such as wildfires, flooding, heat domes, drought, and more severe storms?

## District 5 - Republican - continued

**Jimmy Crumpacker**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*



**Lori Chavez-DeRemer**  
*lorichavezderemer.com*

According to the Heritage Foundation, Oregon is ranked 48th in the nation in election integrity. We can and should do better with Oregonians feeling confident about their election system. I am in favor of full transparency and audits of our elections. Lastly, we need to pass voter ID laws and ban ballot harvesting in Oregon to ensure there are no irregularities to the election process.

As a non-partisan mayor I worked with people from all across the aisle. We solved issues that would benefit all Oregonians. Fully funding our police, offering school choice, and keeping taxes low are non-partisan issues. I will take my proven track record to be an impactful legislator in Congress.

We need to let our private sector and experts on the ground take the lead to combat wildfires. We need proper forest fire management and that starts with getting the resources our firefighters need on the ground. Proposals like Cap and trade and the Green New Deal will decimate rural Oregon. We need to let the free market take the lead.



**John Di Paola**  
*dipaolaforcongress.com*

Paper ballots. Hand counting. Photo ID assuring that voter is a US Citizen. Election Day should be a holiday and fall on a Monday so families can vote in their communities. Mail in voting for very limited circumstances (out of country, military, illness, disability) with advanced registration. No ballot harvesting. Citizens participate in Election Duty just as they are called to participate in Jury Duty. Forensic audits of EVERY election. Clean voter rolls every year.

We must concentrate on SOLUTIONS INSTEAD OF POLITICS. All people would benefit by solving to common problems including the economy and inflation, lawlessness, homelessness, drug addiction, quality and content of education, and environmental impact. We are all well aware of the policies that DON'T work. The solutions to these problems currently exist and are known to all parties. We must implement practical, measurable solutions and put aside ideology.

The climate change debate is a distraction from implementing currently successful measures to mitigate the impact of human activity on the planet. The Green New Deal destroys our Energy infrastructure without an immediate, effective replacement; destruction of our economic system: increases save of government; implements wide spread high tech surveillance of citizens. Reforming tax laws to favor restoring our forests and landscapes, conservation, mitigation and education to involve citizens.



# US House - District 6

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**How would you improve public confidence in the electoral process and assure that voting privileges are secure for all?**

**What specific legislation would you support, if any, to reduce gun violence in this country?**

## District 6 - Democrat



**Cody Reynolds**  
*codyfororegon.com*

The federal government can immediately begin making the investments necessary to transition away from a carbon based economy. By incentivizing green research, developing smart grid infrastructure, and further encouraging the adoption of home solar and battery systems we can begin to move towards a greener tomorrow.

While serving in the Army, I put my life on the line for this Democracy, for the sacred rights we are guaranteed as Americans in the Constitution, and no law should stand between us and our right to vote. We should be working to make voting more accessible to all Americans. That means making voting day a federal holiday, it means ensuring that there are sufficient polling stations to meet the needs of every municipality, it means early voting, and it means mail in voting.

Gun violence is a public health crisis and should be treated as such. I would move to more fully fund the research being done by the National Institute of Health to collect data around gun violence. We first need to understand the problem before we can discuss solutions around reducing gun violence.



**Andrea Salinas**  
*andreasalinasfororegon.com*

I am proud to be endorsed by the Oregon League of Conservation Voters and the League of Conservation Voters Action Fund. They have recognized me as the climate champion in this race. I have led the fight against pollution and climate change in Oregon and will take bold action to tackle our climate crisis in Congress. The federal government has a significant role to play to mitigate the impact of climate change, and I will fight in Congress for the urgent action that is so desperately needed.

Increased access to the ballot box does not mean decreased election security, as we've seen in Oregon. I've had a hand in legislation to expand voter access by requiring paid postage on our ballots and allowing ballots that are postmarked by Election Day to be counted up to seven days after if postmarked by 8:00 pm. I'm committed to ensuring our election systems have the adequate resources needed to make them inclusive, accessible, and fair.

As a state legislator, I've been a champion for gun safety legislation, and I will continue to do that at the federal level. We need to pass common sense gun legislation that includes requiring background checks on all gun sales, passing a "red flag" law, disarming folks that could be dangerous, focusing on criminal justice reform, examining how we can decrease gun violence in cities, and ending the power of the gun lobby and extreme gun groups. These priorities would make our communities safer.



**Loretta Smith**  
*lorettaforcongress.com*

Mitigating the impacts of climate change will take sustained action on the federal level to plan, coordinate and provide the resources necessary to prevent climate change from worsening and help families and communities, on an equitable basis, adapt to increased natural disasters. I support a whole-of-government approach including declaring a climate change emergency, passing both the End Polluter Welfare Act and the Build Back Better legislation to begin moving towards a clean energy future.

Many states are actively engaged in preventing individuals from voting and are threatening democracy. Supporters want to make it significantly harder to vote, suppress the vote of Black and Hispanic voters, and purge voters from underserved communities from the voter rolls. I support both the Freedom to Vote Act and the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. These bills will restore the Voting Rights Act, combat vote suppression and create a national standard for voting security.

Gun violence affects every corner of our nation. I believe in reasonable efforts to prevent gun violence and ensure dangerous individuals do not possess weapons, such as closing the boyfriend loophole to prevent abusers from possessing a firearm. We must also prevent purchasers from circumventing background checks, like the Charleston and unlicensed sale loopholes. I also support funding violence intervention programs and gun violence research to better understand gun violence.

US House - District 6 - continued

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District 6 - Democrat - continued



Teresa Alonso Leon  
teresafororegon.com

It is imperative to advance policy that puts us in line with our state's climate goals. This includes doubling the clean fuel standards and finding creative solutions to reducing the pollution that is currently emitted by vehicles. As a representative of a rural district, I know the effects of climate on farms, crops and harvest season, which have severe economic impacts. And, these steps are needed to protect our safety as wildfires, flooding & excessive heat can devastate our communities.

Voting is the cornerstone of American democracy and as lawmakers we must amplify our trust in election officials because we have a truly free and fair process to participate in our democracy. I fully support two pieces of proposed legislation before Congress; the John Lewis Voting Rights Act and the For the People Act. This federal voting rights legislation will work to ensure that elections are run fairly and accurately.

We must take bold efforts to reduce gun violence in our country as 110 people are killed daily and another 200 people are wounded due to gun violence. In Congress, I would support and led the fight to expand background checks, close loopholes, modernize our laws to combat straw purchases and gun trafficking, and protect the most vulnerable from gun violence by keeping guns out of the hands of convicted domestic violence abusers.



Kathleen Harder  
drkathleenharder.com

In Oregon, we've seen the impact of climate change directly: from heat domes and wildfires to the impact of severe storms. One thing I look forward to doing as a Congresswoman is bringing all the stakeholders of the public and private forests to the table. We have a unique opportunity to guide our interventions in Oregon by doing active research in our state forests. We need to continue to work together to find pragmatic, science- based solutions that protect our communities and jobs.

We must pass meaningful legislation that shows people that we can continue to work together and secure our democracy. In Congress, I will co-sponsor the John Lewis Voting Rights Act and advocate for Election Day to be a National Holiday. We must make it easier, not harder, to exercise one's constitutional right to vote. We further need transparency and accountability. We must overturn Citizens United and prevent unprecedented billions of dollars from continuing to influence our elections.

Everyone has the right to live without the fear of gun violence. That's why I will work to promote public safety by supporting common-sense gun safety legislation and universal background checks. We must close loopholes and support "red flag" laws that allow families to ask courts to take guns away from domestic abusers.

Matt West

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

Greg Goodwin

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

Carrick Flynn

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

Ricky Barajas

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

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District 6 - Republican



David Russ  
russisforus.com

The Federal Government should not be involved in this issue.

Turn control of elections over to States as stated in the constitution.

Minimum prosecution requirements for District Attorneys

Nathan A Sandvig

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

Angela Plowhead

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

Amy L Ryan Courser

Candidate did not respond by deadline.



Ron Noble

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

Mike Erickson

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

Jim Bunn

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

# US Senate

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## Democrat

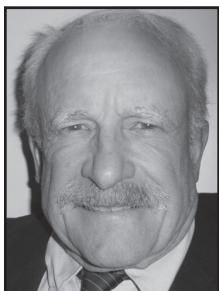


**Ron Wyden**  
*wydenforsenate.com*

As Chair of the Senate Finance Committee, I am leading the fight to kill the fossil fuel subsidies that drive the climate crisis. I authored the Clean Energy for America Act, which would throw out existing fossil fuel subsidies in the tax code and replace them with new incentives for clean energy while creating hundreds of thousands of high-wage, high-skill jobs in the process. Should it pass, it would represent the biggest action Congress has ever taken in the fight against the climate crisis.

I have spearheaded the effort to pass federal legislation to give every American the opportunity to vote by mail and require state governments to automatically register their citizens who apply for drivers' licenses. I have authored legislation to reduce long wait times in polling lines, which disproportionately affect underserved communities, by holding accountable state governments and election officials. And I support the For the People Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

I have authored key legislation to protect domestic violence survivors from gun violence by closing loopholes that allow domestic abusers to legally obtain firearms. I have also sponsored common sense legislation to expand background checks, prohibit the sale of firearms to those convicted of hate crimes, and to fund federal grant programs to support violence intervention initiatives. Finally, I have sponsored legislation to ban the sale of fully automatic weapon modifications.



**Brent Thompson**  
*brentthompsonforussenate.com*

The two parties ignore that ever more Americans and people on the planet preclude our ability to halt climate change. How can the US expect other countries to take seriously the need to stop population growth when we refuse to level our own? Instead we try to feel good by buying electric cars changing a few light bulbs to LEDs. Unbelievable isn't it? Plus, we have no national policy to promote compact urban forms to halt traffic generating, wild life killing and resource wasting sprawl.

In Oregon 36% of registered voters are non affiliated or non partisan which means they cannot vote for a Republican or a Democrat in primary elections. We need to encourage that 36% to hold their noses and register for one of the two major parties so candidates who are more centrist might emerge from primary elections.

It would be great to discuss the intent of the writers of the Second Amendment from 230 years ago. Did they envision assault weapons or single shot weapons? I think the latter.



**William E Barlow III**  
*wmbarlow.com*

William believes the federal government's role in mitigating the impact of climate change is research and policy. He thinks most people want to adopt behaviors that will lessen their impact on the environment but do not have the mechanisms they need. Emerging technologies combined with systematic exploration of city development could provide greater sustainability, further equity, and create healthier environments.

William will defend against both voter and candidate disenfranchisement. Career politicians are reducing confidence in the electoral process by refusing to relinquish their chair. Currently, voters' rights are an absurd pretense to the gerrymandered election of an indefinite incumbent. Established politicians claim to support voters' rights yet maintain a system that discourages the rights of new candidates to challenge. William is running to assure that voting privileges are secure for all.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) manages a national database of digital images of spent bullets and cartridge cases that were found at crime scenes or test-fired from confiscated weapons. William would support legislation that expanded this database to include spent bullets and cartridge cases from new weapons. We must reduce gun violence in this country.



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Republican

Darin Harbick

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

Sam Palmer

Candidate did not respond by deadline.



Jo Rae Perkins  
perkinsforussenate.vote

Return control of the forest to the states and counties. Lack of proper forest management has contributed to massive wildfires. Climate change is cyclical. Geologic studies prove the earth's axis has changed over the centuries. In addition 9.0+ earthquakes have also caused the earth to tilt on its axis, this also contributes to changes in weather patterns. In short, there is nothing else the federal government can do.

End vote by mail. End machine counting of ballots. Voter ID.

At the federal level nothing. The issue is not the guns. Guns are not violent. It is a matter of mental health issues which need to be addressed



Christopher C Christensen  
chris4oregon.com

Federal agencies such as the Forest Service and Bureau of Reclamation should coordinate policy strategy and long term planning to bring together multi jurisdictional stakeholders in a task force to solve regional issues at the local level.

- 1) Require valid photo identification or attestation to vote
- 2) Require that all votes be cast and counted by election night
- 3) Outlaw motor voter laws
- 4) Outlaw sanctuary jurisdictions
- 5) Break up California into six states, each of which shall have no more than 10 electoral votes (electoral equity)

All Americans have the unalienable right to defend themselves, others, their home, and their lives without fear of criminal or civil reprisal. All law-abiding citizens have the right to keep and bear arms in a manner of their choosing without government infringement and I support interstate reciprocity of all government-issued concealed carry licenses. Supporting legislation that infringes on the second amendment would be unconstitutional and I would not vote to support such legislation.



Ibra A Taher  
ibrahimtaher.com

I do not agree with with the climate change argument. The government's role in protecting the environment should be centered around preventing polluting the air, water and soil. Regulations in this regard is needed and corruption in governmental agencies is the main obstacle to achieve that.

We have to have the most possible secure voting system. In-person voting and manual counting are the most secure methods. To avoid possible misuse, ID verification for voting registration and casting vote must be required.

Gun violence is a symptom of an unhealthy society. To reduce it, we need to address the essence of this problem. Controlling one of the tools of violence will not solve our problems. And in the case of guns, the controls are unconstitutional and unbeneficial in general. Preventing a known criminal from obtaining such a device is the only justifiable control.

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Republican - continued



**Robert M Fleming**  
robertflemingforsenate.org

I believe the Federal Government should get out of the states individual ability to manage their forests which in turn will allow harvesting and cleanup of those forests to mitigate the threat of fires and minimize the size of any fires that are started. The federal government is there only to assist when needed and asked for. They are a support feature of this country.

The best way to ensure a fair and secure system would be to vote in person with valid issued ID for verification. Mail in voting only for those out of country, in the armed forces, and when requested by those above listed folks.

I would abolish gun control laws pertaining to one's ability to own and possess firearms. I would work to abolish the ATF and any laws/rules instituted by them. I would support stricter penalties, enforcement of penalties, and prosecution of crimes to the fullest extent of the law. Incarceration and reduce in-jail comforts as a deterrent. Let the system work for the safety of the taxpaying public. Funding of more jails where needed as well.



**Jason Beebe**  
beebefororegon.com

The federal government should open up National Forests to selective logging and thinning to reduce wildfire fuels. More storage for water on farms, ranches and for municipalities in wet months would help mitigate water issues in drought.

This is more of a state level issue but I would support voting in person, with a valid ID, and remove vote counting machines.

I believe there are enough laws in place already that inhibit ones rights to own a gun. Criminals will do whatever they can to get guns and they do not follow laws. Law abiding citizens are the only ones hurt by gun laws and I would not support anything new, but rather the repeal of most gun laws.

# Oregon Governor

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**Salary:** \$98,600

**How would you address the state's three most pressing issues in the budget you will present in 2023?**

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**What should Oregon state government be doing to provide for the safety and resilience of our residents and infrastructure in the face of disasters such as drought, wildfires, floods, etc.?**

## Democrat



**Tobias Read**  
[tobiasread.com](http://tobiasread.com)

I'll invest in our future-- from universal pre-K, to expanded summer learning, to apprenticeships and vocational training for all. We also need to address our housing crisis by providing more emergency shelter that moves people off our streets and parks, and builds more housing to tackle our enormous supply deficit. And we need to be on offense against the climate crisis with smart incentives and infrastructure improvements.

Nearly 16,000 people experience homelessness daily in Oregon. We need housing for everyone experiencing homelessness as quickly as possible. We must speed up everything from acquiring motels; building more safe rest villages; providing more addiction and mental health services; and cutting through the bureaucracy surrounding zoning and building in order to get people off the streets. There's nothing compassionate about letting people live outdoors in dangerous and unsanitary conditions.

Oregon needs to take aggressive and innovative steps to address the climate crisis, which is something we can no longer avoid. It's already here. As Governor I will follow through on Oregon's recent commitment to achieve 100% clean energy by 2040, focus on long term funding for wildfire prevention, and invest in a workforce that is ready to grow the green economy. And we must accelerate the electrification of our transportation system.



**John Sweeney**

I would do a complete budget review to expose duplications and eliminate them. Thus getting more for our money.

This is a local problem. And, should be done by the cities & counties because they are the closest the the problem. Then the State can assist them.

Droughts and floods are very hard to predict and control. But, wildfires can be better controlled through tall grass and brush removal. And, stopping people from parking in those areas and causing fires with their cars & trucks.



**Patrick E Starnes**

By creating the Oregon Health Fund and providing OHP for ALL (ohp4all) we can then free up millions of dollars the state and schools are spending on private-for-profit health insurance companies and thereby have more dollars in the classroom to help reduce classroom sizes, hire additional teaching assistants and increase graduation rates, etc.

My proposal is to create the Oregon Shelter Fund outside of the General Fund where the state can be a better partner in joining local and federal dollars in solving communities' housing crisis. I propose we use a Vacancy Fee on abandoned homes (Zombie Homes) across the state. It serves two purposes: creates funding and also puts pressure on wealthy out of state banks to restore abandoned homes or commercial buildings.

I am the only Governor candidate proposing to use the Kicker to fund an Emergency Crisis Fund for wildfires, droughts, pandemics and major earthquakes/tsunamis along the coast.

Oregon Governor - continued

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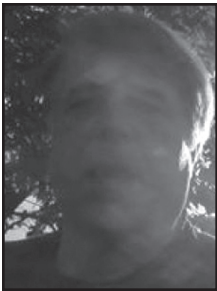
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Democrat - continued



Dave W Stauffer  
staufent.com

Dave Stauffer is the only candidate that has any practical, workable, affordable solutions to our air pollution/climate change problems. Dave Stauffer has invented three physical solutions to cut down on massive amounts of air pollution throughout Oregon, the United States, and the world. Dave Stauffer must be elected so that he can get our governments to install his solutions in time to avert the worst environmental effects of air pollution. I have two U.S. patents on my inventions.

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Dave Lavinsky

Candidate did not respond by deadline.



Peter W Hall  
peterhallgovforall.com

We must address issues of poverty by using cost of living as a guide to determining income levels for public financial assistance and increase this financial assistance so that all citizens can find adequate housing. Climate change has created drought and wildfire risk which must be addressed by determining what water resources are truly available and compensating those who may lose those resources. We must ensure that all school districts have the resources needed to provide proper education.

We must determine poverty levels for public assistance on cost of living and raise funding for this assistance so that all citizens can have access to adequate housing. We must also provide proper mental health infrastructure so that all citizens will be able to be housed safely. Expanding property available for affordable housing must also be a priority.

We must determine what water resources are realistically available on a sustainable level and develop a plan to compensate those that will lose those resources. We must also have an integrated system of emergency responders at all levels of government so that resources can be moved where needed at short notice. We must also upgrade our utility infrastructure to withstand inevitable stresses on it so that it does not fail during natural disasters.

Genevieve Wilson H

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

Peter Winter

Candidate did not respond by deadline.



Keisha Lanell Merchant  
drcoachkay.wixsite.com/  
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Environmental Justice, Restorative Justice, and (Economic Development EqualityJustice) Civil Justice, Holistic approach to Quality of Life. This includes the end to punitive reinforcement systems into empowerment culture systems, humanitarian aid systems, and equal mathematics tax exemption systems that provides quality of life and quality of care practitioners, professionals, and executives (leaders). The community building includes universal modernization, eco-friendly green practices, civil

It is not affordable housing when communities are based on credit checks, background checks, and income based regardless of affordability. We need to build communities, campuses, and businesses that serve populations without injustice, dysfunction, defects, and inequalities criminalization, stigmatization, and demonization, and to be excellent. We need to become a humanitarian aid community-based state. A holistic approach to humanitarianism and quality of life and quality of care excellence.

We need to plant as a government more food forests, aroma therapy forests, cactus forests, and provide more water systems, to resolve the disasters of wildfires, droughts, and climate changes. We need to stop our reliance on Douglas Fir, and balance it out with moderation by using fire and water proof products which includes more planting for bamboo, hemp, and the use of these products which research and develop for more plant resiliency to serve eco-friendly and green zone reliance to increase



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Democrat - continued



Michael Cross  
michaelcrossfororegon.com

We need accountability and transparency in our governance again. PERS needs to be addressed fairly and equitably, not only for the recipients but for the people paying into it- that may NOT EVER be able to draw from it. Empowering individuals, solving our Homeless Crisis, and making Oregonians feel safe again - in their homes, work, school, and yes even a leisurely stroll through the park in the evening! We can have ALL THESE THINGS with Michael Cross as Governor.

I have a comprehensive 4-year plan to solve homelessness in Oregon, and doing will also bring affordable housing. This is a partnership between the government, and non-profit organizations that are skilled in solving substance-abuse issues, and this will completely eliminate our homeless crisis in Oregon.

By utilizing proven techniques and best prictices as deemed necessary and appropriate, by professionals in that expertise, and by working in conjunction with local municipalities. This methodology and practice should also be proactive to have solutions before there's a problem. As an example, the age-old practice of grazing in our forest lands will dramatically reduce the underbrush problem which will reduce the fire hazard. But we should not be allowing grazing near stream and bodies of water.



George L Carillo  
georgefororegon.org

As the governor, I would conduct a fiscal analysis and measure qualitative and quantitive data to determine if we are fiscally responsible for our current contracts. If outcomes of each agency are not showing favorable measurable outcomes, then we will no longer continue funding. The social determinant of the health of our community is a domino effect of issues that contribute to the systemic inequities.

The state government can help by limiting landlords to charge no more than 30% of the total household income for low-income individuals. reinvest in Section 8 Housing funds & other programs to allow a tax break for landlords who provide low-income housing. Oregon can also create an interagency council for ending houselessness throughout the state. This will be led by the governor & connect all state agencies, organizations, & resources to understand & meet the needs of different populations.

The state must be ready to collaborate with local organizations, & communities to provide personal protective equipment, temporary evacuation sites, relocation areas, supplies & resources in the face of natural disasters. We will evaluate current response time and resources to determine the amount of contracts & resources we need for safety & individual needs. We must re-allocate state funds to ensure disaster response & recovery have all resources needed to tackle the growing disaster season.



Tina Kotek  
tinafororegon.com

Our budget should reflect our values on issues that are important to Oregonians, like housing and homelessness, access to mental health care, and climate change. As Governor, I will make sure our spending is effective and achieves our goals and that our dollars are invested equitably across our state. I will invest in emergency or emerging issues to solve problems strategically and help agencies meet benchmarks, especially in customer service and transparency, which supports good government.

Homelessness is a humanitarian crisis in our own backyards. This challenge has two parts: the immediate crisis we see on our streets and the longer-term challenge of an inadequate supply of affordable housing. I will bring more urgency to helping people experiencing homelessness get stable and into permanent housing, which includes improving access to mental health and substance abuse treatment. I will also work with Oregonians to develop a 10-year plan to build more homes across our state.

From heat waves to wildfires to droughts and flooding, our communities are already experiencing the effects of climate change. I will work to increase the resiliency of communities facing extreme weather events, including protecting people who have to work outside and supporting community technical assistance for small family farms and ranches. I will advocate for investments in water infrastructure and convene the regional conversations needed to help communities be more resilient.

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Democrat - continued



Michael Trimble  
trimbleforgov.com

I will lower rents of middle-to-low-income by at least \$100 at multi-unit apartment properties in my first 100 days while I work with the legislature to ultimately cap rents of middle-to-low-income to 30% of their income in my first term. I will ban all rent related nonrefundable fees including application and pet fees, as well as criminalize vacancies longer than 45 days. I will raise hourly minimum wage to \$15 & institute a living wage of \$25 an hour.

In addition to criminalizing vacancies longer than 45 days, the state government will give that unit to a tenant on the waiting list below market value at 30% of that renter’s income and build at least 25,000 low-income housing units every year to keep up with demand, while embarking on a renter-to-owner program rather than the existing mortgage program. Homeless Oregonians will receive free housing through rehabilitation and rent to own programs.

Much better forest management is needed as well as common sense of locations where people live. It is pointless and counterproductive rebuilding homes in areas prone to wildfires only for them to burn down again the next year. Until we get a better handle of our forest management, human habitation needs to be limited in those dangerously prone areas.

Ifeanyichukwu C Diru

Candidate did not respond by deadline.



Wilson R Bright  
wilsonbright.org

I believe in using peoples money likes my own. I’m not one to throw money at problems, I have solutions like I revolutionize our educational system by keeping schools open 52 weeks a year, and from 7:30 Am to 6: 30 PM. But I will do it all by staying within the current budget. I build affordable housing and sell it back to the public. I have a Rent to Own program that allows more to own homes yet its a mortgage not an expense.

I will end homelessness in Oregon in a good way. I will create three centers, two in Willamette valley and one in Deschutes County. They will be located in the countryside with distance from the drug dealers. They will be safe from hard drugs and guns and everyone will be offered a private space, and free meals. You can come and go as you wish on daily shuttles. I am unique amongst the candidates that I don’t believe in subsidizing a person and not asking for them to quit their drugs.

I believe we should have contingency plans in work. Lets stop irrational use of watering grass lawns before we ask from the farmers to sacrifice the food they grow. Please read my plan on how I offer homeless people jobs planting trees. Lets work on Carbon reduction and we will have less of the problems we are starting to experience.

David Beem

Candidate did not respond by deadline.



Julian Bell  
drjulianbell.com

We must invest in addressing climate change. We must de-carbonize personal transportation and our homes. We must curtail use of natural gas. The carbon intensity of our industries must decrease, and Oregon must divest from fossil fuel companies. Health insurance must be simplified and delivery of care standardized, approximating a single payer system. Cost savings can be used to improve education and mitigate PERS costs. The state of Oregon must invest in affordable workforce housing.

Private investment in housing in a free market system is driven by profit and this in turn drives costs, which, combined with marked income inequality, makes housing very expensive. The only other agency that might invest in housing not directly for profit is the people themselves, by way of their public representative, the state of Oregon. Because of this it appears to me that the only pathway to affordable workforce housing is investment in new housing by the state of Oregon.

All the disasters listed are being made worse by climate change. Improving climate change requires decreasing the greenhouse effect of the atmosphere. Natural gas is mostly methane. Methane is initially 120 x as effective as CO2 at trapping heat. It also degrades much faster than CO2. Curtailing its use will improve climate change faster than any other intervention. We must particularly focus on decreasing residential use of natural gas. All of us can work on this right now in our own homes.

# Oregon Governor - continued

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**Salary:** \$98,600

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## Republican

**Amber R Richardson**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*



**Bill Sizemore**  
*friendsofbillsizemore.com*

I would begin by reshaping how we pay public employees. We pay a salary, which we divorce from the first class health benefits and exorbitant pension benefits. I would include all three portions in one lump sum, which would represent a fair compensation amount for the position, and then let employees decide how much of that amount was allocated to each of those three segments. Fair to public workers and fair to taxpayers. I do not believe the state has any lack of funding whatsoever.

I would definitely not build free housing for the homeless. That is not a proper function of government. It would be impossible to build enough free housing once word got out that Oregon was giving people free housing. I would allocate more money to drug rehab and mental health services, but whether homeless took advantage of those services or not, they would not be allowed to camp illegally and trash neighborhoods , streets, or highways.

Build more water storage reservoirs. Properly manage forests, including regular thinning and harvesting to prevent tinderbox buildups that lead to catastrophic fires.

**Stefan G Strek (Stregoi)**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*



**Nick Hess**  
*votehess.com*

Public Safety. Adequate funding for state police & grant programs to ensure access to high quality body cameras & community resource programs. Homelessness. Ensure funding for shelters, drug & alcohol rehab facilities, technology updates, and affordable housing. Education. I support school choice and competition between private & public schools. The state pays approximately \$11,920 per student. Under school choice that money would follow the student in the form of vouchers.

To combat homelessness, the state must fund established non-profit organizations with proven results through the use of grants. We must remove OHA’s certificate of need that restricts building new mental health and drug rehab facilities. To increase affordable housing, we need to build denser in our urban city centers. And remove unnecessary building restrictions that tack on costs to new construction. Grants must be available to first-time homebuyers that are paid back when the house is sold.

The state must be better at planning ahead especially when it comes to crisis management. Responsible logging and mechanical clearing of fuel loads helps with wildfire prevention. With the increase of federal funds for infrastructure projects, the state must modernize piping in rural areas and invest in new dams & reservoirs. We need to consider desalination plants along our coastline which will not only add jobs, but allow for fresh water to be pumped into areas most affected by lack of water.

**John G Presco**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

**Bud Pierce**

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Republican - continued



Stan Pulliam  
stanpulliam.org

#1 and #2 are intertwined: the festering culture of criminality and mass homelessness decaying every corner of our state, while politicians have made it worse defunding police. I will triple the size of state police, deploy the Oregon National Guard to stop riots, and not allow homeless who refuse help to continue to live on the streets. Our schools are some of the worst in the nation. As Governor, I will promote school choice and personalized learning options for students based on their needs.

I’d like to focus on the most visible aspect of the homeless problem, which is people camping in public right of ways and committing crimes. I want to use state resources of the DEQ and ODOT to decide when to sweep camps for public safety concerns and locate those camps to a Port of Portland property where they would be monitored by Port Police. When they commit crimes, they will be taken to jail. If it’s a big enough hassle for people to commit crimes in Oregon, they’ll go somewhere else.

We have to be bold in looking for solutions to our infrastructure in the face of natural disasters. When it comes to wildfires we face a choice: wisely thin our forests or stand by as we watch them burn every year. Even though much of Oregon’s forests are on federal land, the state is capable of doing more to manage our forests. Under federal Good Neighbor Authority policy, Oregon can take proactive steps to thin forests before wildfires destroy our communities.



Kerry McQuisten  
kerrymcquisten.com

I’m a conservative. Wasteful administrative spending in all areas would be targeted as I don’t believe there are only three pressing issues. Specific areas, such as pass-through funding for areas along our southern state line that need help preventing human and drug trafficking, are the kinds of issues at which I’m looking for recommended increases.

Failed legislation, misplaced resources, misplaced mercy, and lack of mental health services create our homelessness issue. We can no longer paint these individuals with one large brush. Housing-first doesn’t work. Legislation that hamstring local management of the problem needs reversed. Resourcing as enabling needs replaced with concrete goals. Mental health facilities need properly funded. Housing in general is a separate issue related to supply, demand, inflation, permitting, taxation, etc.

The government should stop focusing on climate change and racial inequity when they consider these issues, and start looking at things like fuel load, emergency access, disaster preparedness, economic self-sufficiency, and other common sense topics.



Tim McCloud  
or4mccloud.com

As Governor, I will raise school district performance through school vouchers, incentives and awards to increase graduation rates and prepare students for the job market via school-to-skills pathways. I will combat high costs of living through tapering of critical tax areas: real property, income, and business; while advocating for fairer and higher wages. I will support access to new and inclusive housing developments. And I will lead the way on innovation in energy diversification.

High cost of living and increasing inflation only add to the complexities of homelessness. In situations of mental health crisis and substance abuse, people may need other interventions and treatment, prior to housing. While housing development is underway, Oregonians need access to various types of assistance that may include food, medical care, and transitional housing. We must have better planning to take care of children and their families- before and during economic and housing crisis.

As Governor, I will include Native wildland groups, geo-scientists, agricultural communities, utilities, architecture, transportation, construction and materials, and professional logging organizations on developing innovative solutions for increasing our state’s resistance to natural disaster. Oregon’s National Guard will be trained and prepared to offer assistance where it is needed; including wildfires, water transportation and building efforts for small-scale desalinization plants.



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Republican - continued



Brandon C Merritt  
merritt22.com

I am campaigning on a \$7500 tax credit for each child in the state who is not enrolled in public school, to be used for private, charter, or homeschooling alternatives. This will encourage competition in education and make school districts and schools more responsive to parents’ and students’ needs. I will also be aggressive in cutting wasteful spending, taxes, and regulatory overhead.

As governor, I will make sure we provide temporary housing to them, offer appropriate medical and psychiatric treatment, and create meaningful projects so they can give back to the community. It’s clear to me that all people need a sense of purpose. Those who accept this help will be shown grace and compassion. Those who choose to refuse it will be politely encouraged to move elsewhere.

Wildfires: We need to encourage landowners, including private, state, tribal, and federal, to actively maintain and manage their forests. We cannot allow these lands to lay fallow and neglected. Drought: We need to construct new water storage and management infrastructure to make sure we have sufficient water for fish, farmers, and recreation. Floods: similarly to the water storage infrastructure, we also need to construct water management infrastructure in the wetter areas of the state.

Reed Christensen

Candidate did not respond by deadline.



Jessica Gomez  
jessicagomezforgovernor.com

- A proposal & funding to begin development of an “assisted living-model” such as the successful one we already have for senior citizens - providing levels of care including drug or alcohol abuse or mental illness - for the unsheltered homeless.  
- To help bridge the achievement gap for ESL students, I would create a budget for incorporating two-way immersion language in every District.  
- Provisions to repurpose already-available public dollars to increase public safety.

The fact that housing is very expensive shouldn’t surprise anyone - Oregon has spent decades enacting government policies that drive up the cost of housing. I will implement a market-based strategy to ensure housing is more plentiful and affordable. This will include setting a statewide goal for housing cost to median income ratio and streamlining the urban growth boundary expansion process. My administration will work closely with local government to reduce SDCs and reduce regulatory delays.

In some cases, Oregon’s government has increased the likelihood of wildfires through policies that have severely reduced forest management and salvage on public lands. Oregon should partner with our forest products industry to implement modern forest management practices and clear areas of bug-killed timber. We must also insist that federal legislators do more to allow proper management of federal forests. We must invest in water storage, reclamation & low evaporation irrigation technology.

Marc Thielman

1) Stop underestimating projected revenues that average over 3 billion in “overcollection” per biennium.  
2) De-couple funding to cities and counties so local governments can set their priorities rather than one size fits all rules  
3)Prioritize investments in Law & Order, local police/sheriff departments, fire, Port improvements, small and medium business creation/expansion, Natural resource industry growth and access, strategic Infrastructure projects to include more water resource storage.

Affordable housing begins by first assigning the price for a 2-3 bedroom home. My plan is to partner with builders to offer comfortable starter homes to working families starting at \$175,000. This is accomplished by subsidizing the project with state and county land donations and reduced regulations and planning fees. Homelessness can only be resolved at the individual case level. Accountability must be restored & choices given to get each case connected to the right resources. End enabling.

The government needs to prepare for these events by expanding water storage, forest thinning and management, and flood relief projects. Currently, little is being done and our forests are burning, our farmers/ranchers are suffering, and our infrastructure is crumbling. I plan to open up our forests for access to logging/ hunting/recreation with science-based thinning and management that will revive our timber industry, improve forest habitats, reduce fuels, and expand the Biomass industries.

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Republican - continued



Bob Tiernan  
bobotiernan.com

The most pressing issue is Lack of Leadership and complete failure to address Oregon’s most serious problems: 1. Crime and Lawlessness; 2. Homeless & campers living in squalor and making many parts of Oregon looking like a third world Country. 3. Better schools by offering school choice, charter schools, trade schools, home school and vouchers to pay for them.  
COSTS?  
Leadership? No cost  
More State Police: 30 million  
Homeless: Existing funding plus 5 million  
Schools: Existing funding

Create more opportunities for builders to build homes and apartments by surgically extending the urban growth boundary. Expand the pilot project the legislature started in 2015 to bump out the Urban Growth Boundary in 50 acre parcels using public/private partnerships for affordable housing in communities around the state. Reduce SDCS, eliminate inclusionary zoning and other overregulation that are driving up the costs for builders. Get Oregon’s economy moving focusing on small business.

Wildfires: Better Forrest management practices that cleans the forrest floors from fuel that feeds the fires, thin forests and establishing predictable fire breaks. Remove dead or dying trees. Listen to local county fire officials. Pre-position fire crews and equipment for faster responses to fires. Tax credits for wilderssss residents to implement best practices, such as clearing brush & metal roofs. Enact water conservation programs where needed. Tax credits for well improvements.

Christine Drazan

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

David A Burch

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

Court Boice

Candidate did not respond by deadline.

Raymond Baldwin

Candidate did not respond by deadline.



Bridget Barton  
bridgetbartonfororegon.com

The intertwined issues of crime, substance abuse, and homelessness are most pressing. Despite record spending, the problem is growing. I’ve been in recovery from alcoholism for 40 years. What we’re doing now is enabling addiction and homelessness; it’s not compassionate. We’re allowing people to commit slow suicide on our streets. Worse, it’s the root cause of rising crime rates. Oregon needs an outsider like me with practical life expertise, experience and backbone to address these crises.

Career politicians have failed us by their refusal to address the root causes of homelessness. We have a substance abuse problem, not a housing problem. Oregon is #2 in the country in substance abuse per capita, and #50 in treatment beds. Funds must be reallocated toward low-barrier shelters to clear our streets, and to treatment options for substance abuse and mental health. I would also stand with law enforcement to ensure they have the resources they need to keep our streets clean and safe.

We need significant revisions to state and federal forest policy, including putting fires out on ALL forests, re-building roads into forests so firefighters can access fires faster, expand sales in state forests, and better management of post-burn sales. When droughts start to cripple rural areas, lawmakers throw millions at them and say they fixed the problem. State government, which spends millions on non-essential programs, should develop an investment package built for and by rural Oregon.

# Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI)

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Term: 4 Years  
Salary: \$77,000

How will you balance the needs of business with those of workers in administering the Bureau of Labor and Industries?

What more could be done by the Bureau of Labor and Industries to eliminate discrimination in access to housing, public spaces and job opportunities in Oregon?

What can the Bureau of Labor and Industries do to increase job training programs to provide well-qualified workers to industry?



**Christina E Stephenson**  
*christinastephenson.com*

Growing up my parents owned a small business where I learned the value of hard work. Now I own a small business, where I treat the people I employ with dignity and respect, because I've spent my entire career as an attorney fighting for workers. I've worked extensively with labor unions, small businesses, and the Bureau throughout my career so I know what it takes to ensure fairness for both workers and employers. I have support from businesses, workers, and the past five Labor Commissioners.

We need to maximize our scarce resources by using the data-backed approach of "strategic enforcement". I intend to forge deeper community relationships and use this model to ensure that we are reaching the most marginalized populations in our state and using all of our tools to ensure compliance with the law. Good businesses shouldn't have to compete with businesses that don't play by the rules and with strategic enforcement we can support both workers and our responsible businesses.

One of my top priorities is expanding apprenticeship programs to provide a pathway to economic stability and address our workforce shortages. That means increasing flexibility in how workers can participate in paid apprenticeships; obtaining funding for childcare, transportation, and tools; and expanding into industries like healthcare and education. I believe this model can be used effectively to make many family-wage careers more accessible and help diversify our workforce.



**Cheri Helt**  
*cherihelt.com*

My husband and I employ 63 people in our restaurant. We offer full benefits to all of our employees, this is our commitment to our co-workers so they know just how much we value their hard work. I'll approach the job of Labor Commissioner the same way: growing opportunities for employees and small businesses. By increasing apprenticeships we help Oregonians secure high waged skilled jobs, matching the labor force needs of Oregon's small businesses.

First, BOLI offices must be open and accessible to employees and employers, and expedite their process in a more timely manner. BOLI must immediately address the high volume of unassigned cases in its civil rights division. Second, BOLI needs to advocate for an adequate supply of housing for our workforce. We will never achieve fair housing without increasing access to workforce housing for our working families. I will be a strong voice for Oregon's workforce housing needs.

BOLI needs to connect high school career and technical education programs directly with BOLI-affiliated apprenticeship programs. Oregon has a severe shortage of skilled workforce. These are high wage jobs, often overlooked career paths in high school. We can change that by creating a seamless pipeline from high school to apprenticeship. BOLI can improve Oregon's economy and give Oregonian's access to great career opportunities by taking a leading role in this effort.

**Chris Henry**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

**Robert Neuman**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*



**Casey M Kulla**  
*kullafororegon.com*

BOLI has a duty to protect and support workers while also a responsibility to educate businesses about their duties. This is inherently a worker-focused organization, as a result, but the flip side of this tension is BOLI has a duty to fairly investigate complaints and make decisions in a neutral way based upon the law and evidence before us, acting as arbiter rather than advocate.

BOLI is near a historic low in staff, even as more programs and rights must be enforced. This creates an untenable position, where BOLI staff do not have the time to investigate each complaint as diligently as Oregonians deserve. My priority is a fully-staffed, fully-supported agency, so that we rebuild trust with the public that peoples' rights will be protected and our laws enforced.

The Future Ready Oregon funding package sends money to BOLI to staff-up the apprenticeship division; this gives us the time to develop new apprenticeship pathways in response to market needs and to assess existing pathways to make sure they are keeping apprentices on track and graduating them. My service on our workforce board and my experience as a plumber's assistant gives me the personal and professional experience to provide strong leadership to the apprenticeship division.



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**Brent T Barker**  
*brentbarkerfororegon.org*

Given the recent political division in our state and country, we look forward to bringing a level of civility and bipartisan spirit to governing. With so many workers' lives at stake, the role here at BOLI is a great place to start with that approach. Employee safety is a top priority. We want to provide a real service to every business and every worker in the state of Oregon. We are excited to continue the collaborative training and education initiatives

The Labor Commissioner is the Executive Secretary of the Wage and Hour Commission, enforces state laws related to employment, housing, and public accommodation with respect to discrimination, wages, hours of employment, working conditions, prevailing wage rates, and child labor. Our campaign will work with business and labor to encourage and promote high paying jobs to Oregon; protect workers, rights and improve Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) social media public service ratings.

Brent Barker for Oregon has been listening to business owners. Business owners have concerns over labor availability with marketable skills, supply chain delays, time to train an effective staff, swift government support and stable tax rates. Business owners want the Oregon Corporate Activity Tax to be reviewed or eliminated. Addressing these business concerns will incentivize new business operations to move to Oregon, instinctively bringing higher paying jobs with employee career advancement



**Aaron R Baca**  
*westernreforestation.com*

Training resources will be made available and free for any person. Providing the tools for workers to develop the required workplace trainings without first needing to employed will empower job seekers and better prepares the workforce. Providing the public to a credited workplace training program saves employers training days, empowers workers with relevant resume building skills and expands the topic.

Providing the public with free online workplace trainings addresses this issue in many ways. It removes the barrier of needing pay, or to be employed in order to gain access. Take Title IX for example. This federal law prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and gender, it also implements policy and procedures at universities and colleges from preventing sexual misconduct and protection from retaliation. This is an online training that is beneficial for all and should be public.

Free online training for crossover standards. Opening the door to programs will involve some flexibility of a career path during the first year while gaining general industry skills. A first year general education that is transferable to a similar sector draws those workers still uncommitted or uncertain and will generate more skilled workers into the industry.



# Judge of the Oregon Supreme Court

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**Term:** 6 Years  
**Salary:**  
**Chief**  
**Justice:** \$134,000  
**Member:** \$131,000

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

What aspects of the law are especially interesting to you and how will your interests benefit the Supreme Court?

How can the courts contribute to crime reduction?

## Position 6



**Roger J DeHoog**  
*judgedehoog@gmail.com*

Professionally, I bring a strong blend of public service and judicial experience to the role. Personally, my own experiences as a first-generation American of mixed ancestry, my legal and community work with persons of limited means and diverse backgrounds, and my ongoing efforts to inform myself about and involve myself in issues related to law and equity, all provide me with with a unique perspective from which to gauge the impact that the court’s work has on the public that it serves.

I could not do what I have done for 10 years without having a deep interest in the law itself, without limiting that interest to an area or two. That said, my work as a trial lawyer and circuit court judge have made me keenly aware of the practical impact that the appellate courts’ decisions have on the trial courts and their consumers. As an overriding interest, I am very conscious of issues related to access to justice and the need for equal treatment of persons within/without the system.

Through informed practices that focus on early services to families confronting issues related to income disparity, substance abuse, and mental health; sentencing programs that emphasize rehabilitation as much as punishment or retribution; and, relatedly, a juvenile-justice system that has the resources and authority it needs to help ensure that troubled youth can obtain the education, treatment, and support they need to develop into contributing members of our communities.

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

# Judge of the Oregon Court of Appeals

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**Salary:** \$150,980

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Describe the qualities and background that you would bring to this position.

How can the courts contribute to crime reduction?

What aspects of the law are especially interesting to you and how will your interests benefit the court?

## Position 3



**Darleen Ortega**  
*[judgedarleenortega.com](http://judgedarleenortega.com)*

I’ve been an appellate judge for nearly two decades, establishing myself as one of the court’s most productive and respected judges, a leader in areas of law that affect Oregon’s most vulnerable populations, and a voice inside and outside the court for improving the administration of justice. I bring to the bench a deep commitment to challenging our judiciary to better serve Oregonians of all walks of life, and I bring the skill set and credibility to champion that cause.

Our courts can contribute in visible ways through the sentencing process by imposing punishments aimed at deterring future crimes, rehabilitating offenders, and removing dangerous individuals from society. But they can also contribute in less visible ways by disrupting root causes of criminal behavior: correcting structural injustices; remedying cycles of trauma and abuse; and affirming the dignity and worth of each person in this state.

I’m especially interested in aspects that touch the lives of marginalized persons and their families, like juvenile law, criminal law, and abuse protection orders. I approach those areas with curiosity and care, looking and listening beyond the walls of law libraries to better understand how our decisions ripple through the lives of everyone involved, and I bring that broader lens to the court’s work, examining the biases and assumptions that influence development of the law.

**Vance Day** *Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

## Position 5

**Scott A Shorr** *Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

## Position 8

**Ramon A Pagan** *Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

## Position 10

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**Anna M Joyce** *Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

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