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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), Voters' Guide in Spanish (Guía para Votantes), and more are posted on our website [lwvor.org/voting](http://lwvor.org/voting).

Candidates on the ballot for statewide Oregon offices were contacted by email and mail to answer questions prepared by the League of Women Voters of Oregon. Candidate replies are printed as received, free of edits. Visit [Vote411.org](http://Vote411.org) for more information supplied by candidates, for candidate forums and events and for more information on voting in Oregon.

## **POLITICAL PARTY BALLOTS**

The primary election ballot you get depends on whether or not you chose a party affiliation when you registered to vote or updated your registration. If you were automatically registered to vote (at the DMV for example) you might not be registered with a political party. You can update your registration online by April 30th, 2024 at [oregonvotes.org](http://oregonvotes.org).

In Oregon primary elections, only those registered with the Republican party may vote for Republican candidates and only those registered with the Democratic party may vote for Democratic candidates in partisan races. If you are a member of a minor political party, such as the Independent Party of Oregon or the Working Families Party or the Green Party, your party will conduct its own primary election separately from the state election. If you registered as a member of a minor political party, or if you are non-affiliated (not registered with any party), you will receive a ballot with candidates for nonpartisan races, such as Oregon Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and other nonpartisan city and county races depending on where you live.

## **ONLINE RESOURCES**

You can find your district, your ballot candidates and more on our website: [lwvor.org/voting](http://lwvor.org/voting). 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](http://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.

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

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

Call Oregon Elections toll-free: 1-866-673-8683 (se habla español); or for the hearing-impaired: TTY 1-800-735-2900. Visit [oregonvotes.org](http://oregonvotes.org) to learn more about voting in Oregon, and click on County Election Officials for your county elections information.

## 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

## IMPORTANT DATES - MAY 21, 2024 PRIMARY ELECTION

- **April 30th** is the last day to register to vote, to select or change your political party registration or to update your mailing address
- **May 1st to May 7th** are dates 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 21st** is election day. Ballots must be dropped off at a ballot box by 8pm, or postmarked by May 21st. No postage is required to mail your ballot.

# CANDIDATES

Candidates for races will be listed first by party (not applicable for judicial races) and second by last name order using Oregon Elections' randomized alphabet. Candidates were invited to answer questions submitted by League of Women Voters volunteers. Answers provided by the deadline are provided here unedited and *as submitted* by the candidates within the word limit.

## US President

**Term:** 4 Years  
**Salary:** \$400,000

See information about candidates for the US President at [vote411.org](http://vote411.org)

## US Representative

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

How would you change Social Security to improve its long-term viability?

What changes in national immigration policy, if any, would you support?

What changes, if any, would you support in Congress to address the issue of climate change?

### District 1 - Democrat

**Suzanne Bonamici**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

**Jamil O Ahmad**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

**Courtney E Casgraux (Moore)**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

### District 1 - Republican

**Bob Todd**

[www.bobtodd.com](http://www.bobtodd.com)

I would make sure that the Social Security Insurance Fund was used solely for its intended purposes.

I would make it a felony to cross the border illegally and a forfeiture of any future citizenship. I believe in international intervention and prevention of the cause of the illegal immigration, and massive immigration law reform to make it more equitable for everyone.

I would push for an international ban on weather modification in the same stream of thought as has been done with nuclear and biological weapons treaties.

## US Representative - continued

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### District 2 - Democrat



**Steve William Laible**  
*kodelparty.us*

My immediate vision for "America the Beautiful" is to end homelessness and encampments ruining our quality of lives. Ending property taxes after the initial home purchase escrow/ closing & so much more!

Buy my book on Amazon, America the Beautiful. Royalty proceeds go toward funding my campaign.

The remaining 29-years of property taxes are tax FREE, thereby boosting your monthly disposable income. KodelParty.us shares the candidate's vision for several funding paradigm shifts, including an innovative funding idea to enhance Social Security for future generations, lowering retirement to 59, so you can celebrate a bigger/brighter life with a fully-funded retirement account worth millions of dollars. See Brainstorming page/ KodelParty.us"

Inside the Box thinking: Build a wall. Dumb! Impractical. Wholly inefficient, ineffective, and a waste of your money. This is a horrible mindset and it's racist. Brown people are stigmatized and stereotyped. US/Canada wall doesn't exist! Imagine that. Outside the Box thinking: Reverse Migration is the BEST! Hello. People, aka human beings only want to live in peace & safety. Why are we still killing people in wars. It's 2024 for the love of Mike. See KodelParty.us [yeskodel@aol.com](mailto:yeskodel@aol.com)

My role as a Rep, YOUR Rep, is NOT to go to Wash DC with my own agendas. Somehow that message is lost on many, if not most members. My only job is to represent constituents. Personally, I proudly participated in the first Earth Day in 1970! I jogged six (6) miles to and back from my Marshfield High School. Other kids road their horses, etc.

My goodness, who wouldn't want to take care of our planet? You get that we are ALL in space, right? Outer space! Our planet is in orbit. We need to take great care in our life source. Even if it inconveniences us to some degree. Maybe we ought not have 100,000+ daily airline flights buzzing our planet. 365 X 100K. Imagine the fuel emissions landing in our lungs, on our farms, agriculture. KodelParty.us



**Dan Ruby**  
*ruby4or.com*

*Candidate did not answer question.*

*Candidate did not answer question.*

Climate change is a major threat to our national and global well-being; I would work on and support legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote alternative energy and transportation infrastructure and workforce, and educate students and the public in science.

### District 2 - Republican



**Jason Beebe**  
*beebefororegon.com*

I would like to lock social security from elected officials using it as a fund for everything in our spending bills. Social Security was paid for by all the people who are required to do so from their income and then the government spends money that isn't theirs to spend. I would do everything I could to put a lock on it to stop legislators from accessing it.

We have laws that are not followed now that need to be. I would not change anything, but would rather we start enforcing the policy we have.

I would support government staying out of regulating industry and more towards guidance. Yes we need regulations to a point, but the people in government aren't there to do as they please, they are there to support the will of the people.

**Cliff Bentz**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

## US Representative - continued

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Salary: \$174,000

What changes, if any, would you support in Congress to address the issue of climate change?

What, if any, changes would you support in gun safety laws?

What, if any, changes would you support in congressional action on voting rights?

### District 3 - Democrat

**Maxine E Dexter**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

**Ricardo Barajas**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

**Nolan Bylenga**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*



**Rachel Lydia Rand**  
*dottrombone.com*

Forcing employers to allow employees to work from home if possible.  
Stimulus to encourage semi-electric 2 and 3 wheel bicycles.  
I'm proposing a universal food stamp benefit as a pathway into a new economy based on climate change action. See my website [www.dottrombone.com/politics](http://www.dottrombone.com/politics) for more details.

I'm a proponent of keeping a civil society while we address climate change. Today's slogan is "bicycles not bombs".

None suggested.



**Michael Jonas**  
*michaeljonasforcongress.com*

The climate crisis poses significant threats to our planet's stability and the well-being of future generations, with far-reaching implications for our environment, economy, and society. Urgent action is needed to mitigate the impacts of climate change and protect our planet for future generations. Therefore, I am committed to advocating for bold climate policies that prioritize renewable energy, environmental conservation, workforce training program development, and lift marginalized communities. By investing in sustainable practices and transitioning to a low-carbon economy, we can mitigate the worst effects of climate change and safeguard our natural resources.

Gun Safety (does community policing go here? Or police reform)

"Gun Safety Reform", "Common Sense Gun Laws", "Violence Prevention", "Responsible Gun Ownership"

Gun Safety Measures: Advocating for universal background checks, responsible gun ownership, and safe storage to reduce gun-related accidents and violence.

Assault Weapons Ban: Supporting a ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines to reduce the potential for mass shootings.

Closing Gun Sales Loopholes: Advocating for regulations that close loopholes in gun sales, including those at gun shows and online, to ensure background checks for all buyers.

Community-Based Violence Prevention: Investing in community programs and public health initiatives to address the root causes of gun violence and provide alternatives to violence.

"Fair Elections and Civic Empowerment", "Democracy Renewal", Inclusive Democracy for All", "Transparency and Voting Rights"

Democracy Renewal Initiative: Signifying the campaign's commitment to renewing and strengthening democratic processes.

Fair Elections and Civic Empowerment: Emphasizing the campaign's goal of ensuring fairness in elections and empowering citizens.

Inclusive Democracy for All: Reflecting the campaign's core message of inclusivity and equal access to democratic processes.

Transparency and Voting Rights: Conveying the campaign's focus on transparency and protecting voting rights.

**Susheela Jayapal**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

## US Representative - *continued*

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## District 3 - Democrat - *continued*



**Eddy Morales**  
[eddymorales.com](http://eddymorales.com)

My priorities around climate change seek to combat the crisis while centering justice, equity, and bringing a comprehensive approach. We can mitigate the impact of climate change while still ensuring frontline communities are supported. To me, that requires: A Green New Deal, investments in lasting, and sustainable infrastructure,

Protecting natural resources and biodiversity, Building our climate resilience.

Read more at: <https://eddymorales.com/issues/climate/>

Gun violence is a uniquely American problem, and one that we can fix - we just need leaders in Washington to start prioritizing our lives over NRA donor contributions. It's also one that is deeply personal to me. I mourn the loss of my two brothers and several close friends by committing to end the gun violence epidemic. I'll proudly earn an 'F' rating from the NRA's PAC and never accept a penny from them because I firmly believe in: Establishing universal background checks and Red Flag Laws, Banning assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, Promoting responsible gun ownership, Funding research, intervention, and survivor support resources.

Read more at: <https://eddymorales.com/issues/guns/>

My work is grounded in ensuring everyone has access to our democracy. During my time at the Voto Latino, Center for Community Change, and Democracy Alliance, I worked to engage and increase the political power of the growing Latino population and the Rising American Electorate (the new American majority composed of women, people of color, youth, and immigrants) in America. I worked to bring vote by mail to Honolulu and establish Permanent Early Vote List in Arizona to increase Latino turnout. As Treasurer at Democratic Party of Oregon I learned what it takes to protect our democracy, increase voter turnout, and ensure every voice is heard: We need to make it easier to participate in our democracy, not harder, We must protect and fully restore the Voting Rights Act, We must combat voter suppression efforts, We must keep our elections reliable and secure.

Read more at: <https://eddymorales.com/issues/voting/>

## District 3 - Republican



**Gary L Dye**  
[garydye2020.wordpress.com](http://garydye2020.wordpress.com)

I would let the free market and private organizations handle it. Place emphasis on plug-in hybrids and nuclear energy as solutions to global warming.

Do not allow any guns/weapons that are not available to local, state, and national police forces, including the national guard.

Require voter ID; only citizens should be allowed to vote. Signature validation on all mail-in voting.

**Teresa Orwig**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

**Joanna Harbour**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

## US Representative - *continued*

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### District 4 - Democrat

**Val Hoyle**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

### District 4 - Republican



**Monique DeSpain**  
*moniqueforcongress.com*

My priority for our social security program is to honor the promise made to those in the program as well as those nearing the program. We must honor the original intent which is, in its simplest terms, to provide federal assistance to the elderly, the unemployed, widows and fatherless children. The administration of social security is not so simple now and has fallen to abuse and waste. All federal programs, and the agencies that run them, must be transparent and held accountable to deliver on their core purpose and must be audited. Social security must remain funded and managed for success. A return to a healthy economy, including slashing inflation, is essential to the well-being of our elderly and poor who rely on social security.

Ensuring and maintaining our nation's border is an urgent, constant, national security interest and core function of our federal government that must not be compromised. Our immigration system, and its reform, is a separate and equally important challenge for America. A healthy immigration system that serves our national interests was best summarized by the late Representative Barbara Jordan in 1995 who said, "Those who should get in, get in; those who should be kept out, are kept out. [...]" It is my goal to expeditiously deliver a credible, reliable, enforceable immigration system to those who legally seek to live and work here. There is much work to be done. See my website for more.

There is no doubt humans have a significant impact on the planet earth and surrounding environments. I feel strongly we should be responsible stewards of all our natural resources by managing them respectfully, intelligently, and dealing always in fact-based science and experience. I am a staunch advocate for energy choice and responsibly developing new clean affordable energy options. We are innovative resourceful people who should not abandon science, commonsense, economic realities and the well-being of entire communities in the pursuit of political agendas. I support an "all of the above" energy strategy that strives for scientifically based clean energy choices that are affordable and end reliance on other nations.

**Amy L Ryan Courser**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

### District 5 - Democrat

**Janelle S Bynum**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*



**Jamie McLeod-Skinner**  
*jamiefororegon.com*

Social Security is our nation's most important and effective income security program. People who work pay into the program and it prevents retirees from becoming destitute. That's the deal people invest in. Republicans are constantly trying to cut this program that enables retirement with dignity. I oppose cuts to Social Security and would instead support caregiver credits, improved survivor benefits, and eliminating the taxable maximum income. I would roll back the Trump tax cuts, because the assumption was that they would be funded with cuts to Social Security. I also support making healthcare and prescriptions more affordable for all Oregon families so that Social Security dollars go farther for individual recipients.

We need comprehensive immigration reform for our families & economy. Examples include:

- Provide DACA recipients, who have lived & worked as Americans since childhood, with an expedited path to citizenship;
- Flexibility in the guest-worker program to address the workforce shortage in several sectors, including our farmers needing to harvest crops to put food on our tables;
- Allocate more resources to expedite the processing of immigration & asylum applications to address current challenges at our border.

These costs will be offset by benefits to our economy & reduction in other program costs. There is widespread agreement across the political divide on many of these issues, though Republicans in Congress are using it as a political wedge.

I'm the only candidate in this race with experience addressing the climate crisis in policies, programs, and implementation in communities. As an Environmental Planner for a regional water agency, I served 2M people in urban and rural areas and incorporated climate change measures into that work. I've developed partnerships to reduce GHG emissions in the construction industry, and I've led recovery in an Oregon city that lost 1/3 of its homes & businesses to urban wildfire. In Congress, I'll pursue investments in a renewable energy grid, increased storage capacity, emergency response measures, transition to 100% Clean Energy, and modifying the Stafford Act to better protect diverse communities & families impacted by the climate crisis.



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### District 5 - Republican

**Lori Chavez-DeRemer**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

### District 6 - Democrat

**Cody Reynolds**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

**Andrea Salinas**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

### District 6 - Republican

**Mike Erickson**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

**David A Burch**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*



**David Russ**  
*russisforus.com*

Remove it from federal control (they have repeatedly proven for decades that they can not manage it) and hand it over to the states as is required by The Constitution for The United States of America.

Finish the wall. Stop all asylum entries at southern border if not Mexican Nationals. Cancel all social programs for illegal invaders. Make E-Verify mandatory for all new hires. Stop all free medical care for illegal invaders. Enhance ICE deportation operations. Eliminate any path to citizenship for anyone who crossed border illegally, or under false circumstances (ie false claim of asylum etc).

Eliminate all federal climate related programs and policies. Exit Paris Climate Accord. Denounce any country or organization that is engaged in policies or legislation that controls people or companies based on false climate scare tactics.

**Conrad J Herold**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

# Secretary of State

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

**What qualifications and experience make you the best candidate for Secretary of State?**

**What are your priorities for the State Land Board?**

**What would be the impact on election processes and resources of adopting ranked-choice voting?**

## Democrat



**James Jim Crary**  
*craryja@gmail.com*

I am the only candidate who has laid out exactly what I will do when elected. Specifically, I will add a new tab on the SOS's website that will allow any registered voter to ask questions of any or all of the candidates that the voter can vote for. With the new tab:

- Voters can ask candidate(s) questions 24/7/365 from any smartphone, laptop, or desktop.
- All Qs & As will be in writing and open for all to see.
- After the election, all Qs & As will be archived and kept for future reference.
- Voters would vote, not upon negative ads, but instead upon who had the best answers to the voter's questions.

If voters voted for people who had the best answers to their questions, we would get elected officials who will address the problems we face

I want to use public land, that is not suitable for agriculture or forestry (but which receives a lot of annual sunshine), to install solar panels that will generate enough electricity to offset the electrical bills for every Oregon public school and public university.

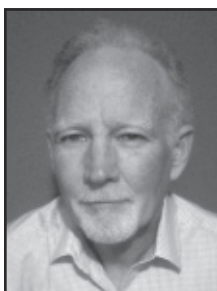
This will:

- substantially reduce the on-going operating cost of such institutions (as they would no longer have monthly electric bills).
- Address climate change in a tangible and dramatic fashion; and
- Bring economic development and good paying jobs to Oregon.

All of the millions of dollars in on-going savings could then be used by the public schools for other things (e.g., hiring more teachers, adding new classes, overdue maintenance, and staff pay raises).

I am a huge believer in, and advocate for, ranked-choice voting (RCV) because RCV:

- Ensures that the winning candidate has majority support among the voters (rather than allowing someone to win with a plurality if there are multiple candidates splitting the vote).
- saves costs associated with holding separate primary and runoff elections (as it combines both into a single voting process).
- eliminates the need for a separate runoff, reducing voter fatigue and increasing participation.
- Candidates in RCV systems often seek to appeal to a broader range of voters beyond their core base, as they need to attract second and third preferences from voters supporting other candidates. This promotes more positive campaigns.



**Paul Damian Wells**  
*lincolnprimary.org*

I'm not qualified for this position, but I am the only candidate that's actually committed to free and fair elections. We don't have free and equal elections in Oregon. We have partisan elections. Independent and third-party candidates are systematically disenfranchised, and over 43% of registered voters are legally barred from participating in the primary.

None and I don't think this is a priority for Oregon voters. I am writing this in March and the nominations for U.S. President have already been locked up. The Oregon primary is still two months away. No Oregon voter had any input at all in the selection of the only two viable candidates that will appear on the general election ballot. This is great for the DNC and RNC, but completely unacceptable for Oregon.

I fully support RCV. Gore lost to Bush in 2000 because of vote splitting. Would we have gone to war in Iraq had the election been fair?

I also support Oregon Initiative 2026-025. This ballot measure would replace the existing closed Presidential primaries with a single 6-month long tracking pole. Voters could online and endorse a presidential candidate at any time during the poll. On August 1st, only the top five candidates advance to the general election. This process would give Oregon voters a real opportunity to affect the outcome of the U.S. Presidential race. This initiative also gives Oregon Electoral College delegates the authority to vote for the winner of the national popular vote. Trump lost in 2016 but was still elected.

## Secretary of State - *continued*

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## Democrat - *continued*



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

My experience turning good ideas into results as a statewide leader sets me apart in this race. With OregonSaves, I transformed a concept into a program now serving more than 120,000 people who have saved over \$240 million dollars for retirement. As Treasurer, I've led a staff of nearly 200 people while managing a portfolio of \$130+ billion dollars. I'm running for Secretary of State because our democracy is at stake-with increased attacks against election workers and widespread misinformation, it's critical that we restore public trust in our elections process. Having a Secretary of State that voters trust will improve the effectiveness of everything else that we do.

The primary obligation of the Land Board is to maintain the "greatest permanent value" of our resources. I'm proud to have maintained the balance between conservation and economic development as a member of the Land Board for the last seven years. Our creativity helped convert the Elliott into North America's largest research forest. I will continue to advocate for innovative solutions while maintaining our long-term focus. A key element of this work is to consider the impacts of our decisions on the people who live, work, study, and recreate in these spaces, now and in the future. As a member of the State Land Board, I regularly speak with stakeholders throughout our processes and will continue to do so as Secretary of State.

Over the past six months, I have met with 23 of Oregon's county clerks to hear about their experiences managing our elections. The clerks have been very clear that they would need significant support from the state to successfully implement ranked-choice voting, as it would drastically alter our current system to be centralized with a singular statewide count. Without the proper infrastructure, this process could take significantly more time to deliver results than our current system.

As Secretary of State, I will work closely with the county clerks and leaders in the state legislature to ensure that any changes made to our elections system are matched with the resources required to implement them successfully.

## Dave W Stauffer

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*



**James Manning Jr**  
[votejamesmanning.com](http://votejamesmanning.com)

I am a public servant, not a politician, running to restore trust and integrity to the Office of Secretary of State. I will defend our democracy, preserve Vote by Mail, and ensure our Elections workers are protected and our data is secure. As a former U.S. Army Assistant Inspector General I will use the power of the audit - as I have nationally and internationally in the Army - to provide a transparent accounting of our departments, divisions, agencies, state-run programs. In the Senate, I have worked to pass landmark legislation around health care for all, education, social justice reform, and vital workers' protections that have benefited Oregonians in all corners of our state. As always, my door is open to all Oregonians.

As a member of the State Land Board, I will ensure that our public lands, waterways, and state forests are not for sale. I have earned the exclusive endorsements of the Sierra Club, 350 Salem OR, and Congressman Peter DeFazio because my commitment to our environment and preserving our precious natural resources for future generations remains unwavering.

I prioritize vital protection of our public lands, and critical collaboration and increased communication with Tribal partners. As Oregon's next Secretary of State I will lead with integrity, combat the climate crisis, and follow the science.

While cost is a concern, if Oregon voters approve adoption, my priority will be implementation of RCV that is transparent and clear, ensuring trust in our system and the process. Collaborating with our Elections Division, County Clerks, and the Oregon Legislature to get this right is key.

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### Republican

**Brent Barker**  
*brentbarkerfororegon.com*

Prior Governmental Experience: Named 2009 US-Asia Expo Ambassador for Arizona by Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC) International Trade Council. Received 2015 Commendation Award for Public Service by Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. Precinct Committee Person (PCP) and Oregon Delegate. White House Executive Office of the President (EOP) Office of Advance. 2022 Candidate for the Oregon Commissioner of Labor and Industries (BOLI). 2024 Candidate for Oregon Secretary of State.

The Oregon Secretary of State represents all voters in Oregon, all candidates, and all parties. This is a position that demands neutrality, honesty, diplomacy, dispute resolution; essentially this is Oregon's ambassador of goodwill. Oregon needs to come together.

As to the state Land Board and Sustainability - there is one question: Where are the job creation INCENTIVES that collaborate with the public/private forest management to reduce fire risk and improve economic vitality?

This is my priority pertaining to all land board decisions.

As a student of Law at Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law my focus is on Dispute Resolution, problem solving, and solutions.

Pointing the finger at others and telling them how wrong they are will only end in disaster. We must come together, find strength in unity in our diversity of values. When your values are clear - decision making is simplified.

Ranked Choice or Star Balloting adds another level of complexity to our machine counted mail-in-ballot voting system. The Secretary of State follows the rules provided by legislature and the Oregon Voter at the Elections Division.

Our Organic Voting Proposal:

1. Statewide Holiday for all State and Federal Elections
2. Tax credit to employer that provide 1/2 and full day paid holiday to employees
3. Statewide In-Person Voting
4. Valid Government Issued ID Required
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6. Voter Registration Rolls are all Reset to Zero (requiring new registration)
7. Equal observers of major parties required at all voting stations
8. Hand count tally results with observers
9. Ballots are archived - for automatic recounts of 51%

### Dennis Linthicum

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*



**Tim McCloud**  
*timmcloud4or@protonmail.com*

I have career experience in the governmental, nonprofit and businesses sectors, which includes small business ownership. I also have an education background in Small City Management and Public Administration and have chaired several government commissions and committees. I have experience working with, and managing staff and facilities for Oregon's most vulnerable populations. This includes foster youth, as well as both child and adult homeless populations; intellectual and developmentally disabled individuals; behaviorally-challenged individuals; and youth in the court systems. Currently, I work in Business Development and Information Systems management.

Regarding the majority of decision-making related to Oregon's Common School Fund, there is significant room for improvement. I look forward to analyzing the most recent (unreleased) budgets, and from there, as the Secretary of State, working towards moving Oregon into a position of fiscally responsible stewardship for statewide schools funding. Next, I will step into the role of protecting Oregon's waterways, natural resources, wildlife, and the public right-of-access to state lands. Most important is to keep the State Land Board accountable to the people of Oregon, not foreign investments and special interests.

In a democracy, the 'golden' rule is one person one vote. Ranked-Choice Voting, also known as 'preferential voting' or 'STAR Voting' as it will likely appear on the Oregon ballot, dilutes and destroys voting power. It is confusing and will easily be manipulated. The underlying framework of Ranked-Choice Voting allows government statisticians to rig the vote until they get the answers they ultimately decide. All behind closed doors, of course.

By shifting votes from one candidate to the next, voters become 'hostages' in the candidate 'selection' process. This is because candidates that are preferred very least, hold the greatest chances for being 'elected'. This is a process that mostly benefits special interests.

# State Treasurer

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

**What government reforms, if any, would you support to improve Oregon's fiscal strength?**

**What is your vision on how, if at all, Oregon should use its power to invest its holdings in an effort to affect climate change?**

**What, if any, reforms to Oregon's Public Employment Retirement System (PERS) would you support?**

## Democrat



**Jeff Gudman**  
[jeffgudman.org](http://jeffgudman.org)

Contrary to most political campaigns, I have not been shy about my plans and agenda for the office. My campaign has distributed, both digitally and in hard-copy, my Platform for Oregon's Financial Future, which examines in depth a number of reforms and projects I plan to implement as State Treasurer. Among them, in brief, are:

Encouraging Kicker Reinvestment - providing broad based and consensus recommendations to the Legislature  
Property Tax Reform to Incentivize Housing - Rebalancing property tax formulas

Developing Prioritization Criteria for our Debt Capacity - seeking the best use of funds

Investment Transparency

For additional depth and information on any of these items (and others), check out my platform at [www.JeffGudman.org](http://www.JeffGudman.org)

When Oregon holds and investment, we have an opportunity to promote our values in the corporate governance of that entity. I propose the following actions:

Create a syndicate of like minded institutional investors to ensure our holdings are meaningfully and prudently planning to move past fossil fuel reliance. I believe it is better to bring our values to bear in boardrooms.

Daylight the financial risks of climate change by including a climate change risk factor in the State's bond issuances.

Examine the possible increased use of Oregon's trust lands with regard to leveraging climate-friendly opportunities. For example, selling carbon credits for forestlands or increasing opportunities for constructing solar arrays in rangelands.

My first and primary priority is to protect PERS funds. In August 2021 I wrote about strengthening PERS by adding additional funds to the investments. In the current context that means injecting additional funds into the PERS fund now, in order to help control liabilities and employer contribution rates.

If I wrong, and the system is in the process of long term healing, the injection of funds now will reduce future contributions anyway. If I'm right, this change will avoid some of the potential substantial increases

Pension reform isn't a black and white issue. Our public employees deserve a retirement system they can count on. Contributions into that system are part of what we as taxpayers need to pay if we want quality services.



**Elizabeth Steiner**  
[elizabethfororegon.com](http://elizabethfororegon.com)

The answer is twofold: supporting the strength of our state investments, and lifting up Oregonians' financial security to enhance their economic well being. On the state side, I'll protect our credit rating by improving the strength of our pension while investing according to Oregon values. To improve Oregonian's fiscal strength, I will expand Oregon Saves, create a voluntary savings program to help Oregonians prepare for emergencies, and increase the use of 529 plans for the vast majority of Oregon children to save for higher education. I also plan to partner with unions, faith communities, and other interested stakeholders to enhance financial literacy. Our state is strongest when everyone has the tools and knowledge they need to succeed.

As Treasurer, I'll act decisively to address climate change and mitigate climate-related risk. I strongly believe our state's portfolio should be invested according to Oregon values. At this past session I chief sponsored the COAL Act, divesting Oregon from \$1 billion in coal investments. I'm committed to moving Oregon's investment portfolio to net-zero carbon emissions while maintaining fiduciary responsibility. I'm deeply appreciative of Treasurer Tobias Read for putting this goal in place, and I'm interested in finding ways to speed up the timeline. I'll also strengthen our portfolio against indirect climate risk to ensure worker pensions are protected, and I'll use our strength as an investor to push brown companies to be greener.

Oregonians who dedicate their careers to public service deserve a quality retirement. I don't believe there should be further changes to current benefits. I'm grateful for the endorsements I've received from unions representing municipal workers, health care workers, fire fighters, teachers, and many others in the public and private sectors. At they know that as Treasurer, protecting and growing our state pension fund will be my top priority. I will make smart investments based on Oregon values, increase transparency in Oregon's shareholder voting, increase worker engagement in where we decide to invest their money, and set stronger guidelines on environmental, social, and corporate governance reforms for the companies in our portfolio.

## State Treasurer - *continued*

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### Republican



**Brian J Boquist**

Oregon funds are not meeting their goals nor improving the deficit position. Nor are the funds performing even near to the market for some reason. It is not a matter of reform but a matter of research, review and changing the portfolio to improve returns and sustainability.

PERS participants and recipients have requested the funds be invested to maximize investment returns. Proven investments in environmental holdings that meet this requirement should be considered when fiscally sustainable and viable.

Diversify into more Oregon based businesses and holdings reducing international risks such as seen in Europe at this time.

# Attorney General - State of Oregon

**Term:** 4 Years  
**Salary:** \$82,220

**What are your top policy priorities for the state Justice Department?**

**How can the state Justice Department contribute to fighting drug trafficking and abuse?**

**What, if any, changes would you suggest to the conflict of interest rules applicable to the Attorney General?**

## Democrat

### Shaina Maxey Pomerantz

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*



**Dan Rayfield**  
[danrayfield.com](http://danrayfield.com)

Three overarching goals will focus our work. First, we'll work to protect Oregonian's values & policies from national threats. Examples include threats to our reproductive health care, collective bargaining, & vote-by-mail system. The second is to expand the work of the Civil Enforcement Division to ensure enforcement of the laws that protect our values & protect vulnerable Oregonians. Modeling off of other states' work, we envision this happening through creating a Working Families Unit to focus on protections like wage theft, misclassification, and child labor. Finally, we will focus on partnering with law enforcement & criminal justice reform advocates to keep our communities safe & help combat homelessness & substance abuse disorder.

The Attorney General plays a critical role in combatting drug trafficking and abuse. We will work closely with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, we can ensure a coordinated effort in disrupting and dismantling drug trafficking networks. This includes sharing intelligence, leveraging resources for complex investigations, and prioritizing the prosecution of drug dealers.

We've heard some concerns and many ideas regarding potential conflicts of interest issues when it comes to things like contracting, procurement, and case reviews. We are committed to conducting a comprehensive review of all of these processes to identify and implement structures to address any potential concerns.

## Republican



**Michael Cross**  
[michaelcross4oregon.com](http://michaelcross4oregon.com)

Let me be unequivocal: the paramount concern for Oregon's Attorney General must be tackling crime head-on. Every Oregonian deserves to feel secure in their homes, workplaces, places of worship, and neighborhoods. It is unacceptable that fear has become pervasive under the current administration. Addressing these challenges requires a straightforward, pragmatic approach rooted in proven law enforcement strategies. We must send a clear message to those who would perpetrate harm or infringe upon the rights of others: crime will not be tolerated. All actions will be conducted in adherence to the law and Constitution, while steadfastly upholding the rights of individuals. Fentanyl and Human Trafficking as well as the sources will be eliminated.

Addressing the Fentanyl crisis demands a comprehensive and decisive approach. I will leverage the full spectrum of law enforcement resources, from local to federal agencies, to combat this grave threat to public health. We need our laws to align with the severity of the crime. While legislative changes are pursued, I advocate for prosecutors to wield existing laws with rigor, ensuring that possession cases are charged with the potential harm posed by the quantity of Fentanyl involved. This means pursuing charges akin to attempted murder when evidence suggests intent to distribute lethal amounts. The penalties must echo the gravity of the crisis. We owe it to the countless lives lost and families shattered to fight with unwavering resolve.

My predecessor believed that she was the Governor's "lawyer." Shockingly she said those exact words in a zoom conference call! I was shocked. The State is the PEOPLE. It's high time that the office started treating the job that way. I will have an open door policy and we will have operators standing by so citizens can report issues of transgressions from companies or even other departments in Government. I want the AG's office to be your first call, if you can't resolve an issue. It seems to me that many cases can be quickly resolved without the need to spend thousands of dollars to hire an attorney. Oregonians can't always afford to hire an attorney to defend their rights, that's why the AG needs to be their first call.

## Will Lathrop

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

# Judge of the Oregon Supreme Court

**Term:** 6 Years  
**Salary:**  
**Chief Justice:** \$217,908  
**Member:** \$213,828

What would you like the public to know about the qualities necessary for a good judge?

When do you consider precedent binding?  
Please explain.

How does Oregon's court system need to be improved?

## Position 1

**Stephen K Bushong**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

## Position 2

**Rebecca A Duncan**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

## Position 3

**Meagan A Flynn**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

## Position 5

**Aruna Masih**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

## Position 7

**Bronson D James**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

# Judge of the Oregon Tax Court

**Term:** 6 Years  
**Salary:** \$203,082

What qualities and experience best qualify you to serve as a Tax Court Judge?

What are the main types of cases heard in the Tax Court?

What, if any, changes would you like to see in Oregon's Tax Court system?

**Robert Manicke**

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*



# Judge of Oregon Court of Appeals

Term: 6 Years  
Salary:  
Chief  
Judge: \$213,828  
Member: \$209,724

What would you like the public to know about the qualities necessary for a good judge?

When do you consider precedent binding? Please explain.

How does Oregon's court system need to be improved?

## Position 2

Megan L Jacquot

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

## Position 4

Robyn Ridler Aoyagi

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

Daniel Zene Crowe

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

## Position 6

James C (Jim) Egan

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

## Position 7

Steven R Powers

*Candidate did not respond by deadline.*

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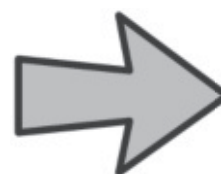
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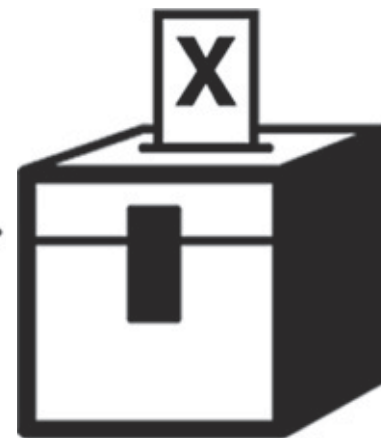
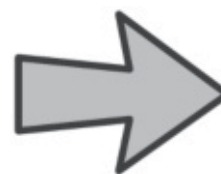
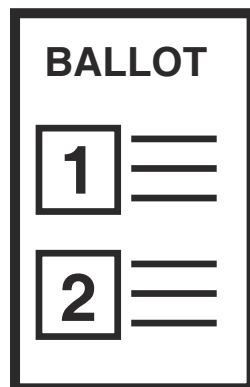
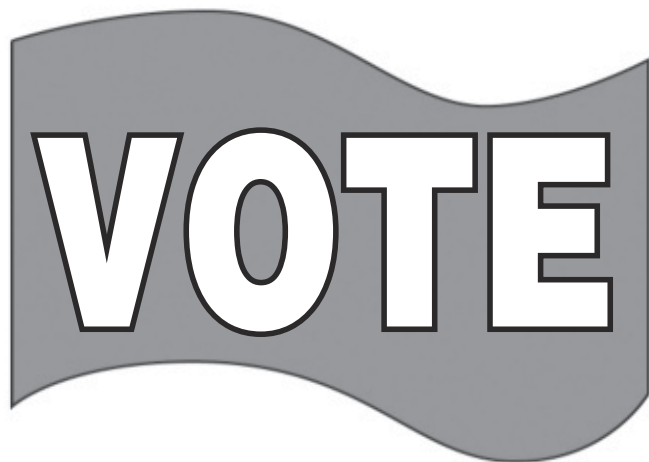
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