



# Voters' Pamphlet

**Oregon Primary Election**  
May 19, 2026

Official Publication

This is your official 2026 Primary Election Voters' Pamphlet. It is meant to help you cast your vote by mail ballot. Ballots will be mailed to registered voters beginning April 29.

Included in this pamphlet are election deadlines, voter registration information, your rights as an Oregon voter, candidate statements, and measure information.

**Tobias Read**  
Oregon Secretary of State



**Oregon Secretary of State**  
Elections Division



**Oregon Secretary of State**  
Tobias Read



Dear Oregon Voters,

Two hundred fifty years ago, 13 American colonies fought for the right to choose their own leaders. Since then, we have worked to build a nation where “liberty and justice for all” is more than just an ideal by expanding the freedom to vote to all citizens. Every time we brought more citizens into the process, our country moved one step closer to that vision of a more perfect union. When you cast your ballot, you honor this great American legacy. It affirms your right to decide our shared future and hold your government accountable. **Your vote is your power as an Oregonian and an American. Thank you for using it.**

Voting in Oregon is secure and easy. Here's how to make sure your vote gets counted:

- Fill out your ballot correctly: read instructions carefully and fully fill in your choice.
- Sign your ballot envelope: your signature should match the one you used to register to vote or at the DMV.
- Return your ballot on time: mail it, or even better, use a secure drop box ([oregonvotes.gov/dropbox](https://oregonvotes.gov/dropbox)). You can also vote in person at your county clerk's office. Ballots must be postmarked by 8 PM on May 19, 2026.

*NEW FOR 2026: Due to delays at USPS, if you haven't mailed your ballot at least 7 days before Election Day, use a drop box or go directly to a post office and ask for a postmark before you place it in a collection box.*

- Track your ballot: see when it's sent to you and received by your county clerk at [oregonvotes.gov/myvote](https://oregonvotes.gov/myvote).

And once you've cast your ballot, you can trust the system that counts it. Oregon elections are among the most secure and transparent in the nation. Voter rolls are updated daily. Vote-tallying machines are certified, locked down, and never connected to the internet. Counties publicly test tally systems before and after every election. Each ballot has a unique identifier, and every signature is verified. If there's ever a question about voter intent, trained reviewers from different political parties must agree on the result. And after the election, ballots are preserved and audited by counties. That's what accountability looks like, and it's built into every step of our process.

If you ever have questions about Oregon elections, rely on trusted sources:  
the Secretary of State's office ([oregonvotes.gov](https://oregonvotes.gov)) or your county clerk ([oregonvotes.gov/counties](https://oregonvotes.gov/counties)).

**This year, your voice matters more than ever. Stand up for the Oregon and the America you believe in. Honor the generations who fought for this right. Make your plan to vote. Cast your ballot. And use your power.**

Sincerely,

**Tobias Read**  
Oregon Secretary of State



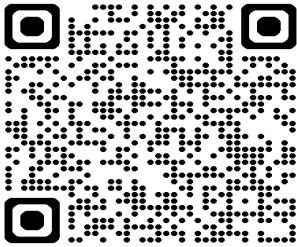
Scan the QR code  
to visit [oregonvotes.gov](https://oregonvotes.gov)

## Voters' Pamphlet Translations Making Voting Accessible

*ORS 251.026, ORS 251.167, ORS 251.170, ORS 251.173 & ORS 251.315*

In 2021, the Oregon Legislature passed the Voter Language Access Bill (HB 3021) requiring the Secretary of State to translate portions of state and county voters' pamphlets into Oregon's most spoken languages. The law seeks to remove barriers to voting for those who are not fully proficient in English.

To help in this effort, the Translation Advisory Council was created. The Council is made up of volunteer community members who represent the ethnic, linguistic, and cultural diversity of Oregon voters. Council members make sure professional translations are accurate and retain the original tone and meaning in a culturally appropriate manner.



Selected portions of the State Voters' Pamphlet are available in Arabic, Simplified & Traditional Chinese characters, Farsi, French, German, Lu Mien, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Marshallese, Nepali, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese. These translations can be found online at [OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet](https://OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet)

To learn more about the Translation Advisory Council, please visit [Oregon.gov/languages](https://Oregon.gov/languages)

### Arabic

تتوفر أجزاء مختارة من كتيب الناخبين في هذه الولاية باللغة العربية. يمكن العثور على هذه الترجمات عبر الإنترنت على [OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet](https://OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet)

### Chinese (Simplified characters)

州选民手册中的选定内容提供简体中文版本。请访问 [OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet](https://OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet) 获取该版本。

### Chinese (Traditional characters)

州選民手冊的部分內容提供繁體中文版本。可造訪 [OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet](https://OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet) 獲取該譯本。

### Farsi

بخش‌های منتخبی از بروشور رأی‌دهندگان ایالت به زبان فارسی موجود است این ترجمه‌ها را می‌توان به صورت آنلاین در وب سایت [OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet](https://OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet) یافت

**French**

Certaines sections de cette brochures des électeurs de l'État sont disponibles en français. Ces traductions peuvent être consultées en ligne à l'adresse suivante [OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet](https://OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet)

**German**

Bestimmte Teile dieser bundesstaatlichen Wahlbroschüre sind auf deutsch verfügbar. Diese Übersetzungen finden Sie online unter [OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet](https://OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet)

**Iu Mien**

Naaiv nquenc zaangc njaux mienh ginv nyei sou-dorn maaih deix dorngx zorqv cuotv daaih faan bieqc mv deix waac –Mienh waac. Meih mv baac haaih lorz faan ziangx nyei waac yiem naaiv [OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet](https://OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet)

**Japanese**

この州の有権者向けのパンフレットの一部分は、日本語でもご利用いただけます。これらの翻訳は、[OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet](https://OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet)にてオンラインでご覧いただけます。

**Khmer**

ផ្នែកដែលបានប្រើសរសេរនៃខិត្តប័ណ្ណសម្រាប់អ្នកបោះឆ្នោតខេត្តនេះ គឺអាចរកបានជាភាសាខ្មែរ។

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**Korean**

주 유권자 팜플렛의 선택된 부분은 한국어로 준비되어 있습니다. 번역은 온라인 에서 찾아볼 수 있습니다 [OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet](https://OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet)

**Marshallese**

Möttan melele ko emōj kelet ie ilo peba eo an ribout ilo state ewōr ilo Kajin Majol. Kwōmaron loe ukok kein online ilo [OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet](https://OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet)

**Nepali**

यस स्टेट मतदाता पम्प्लेटका चयन गरिएका भागहरू नेपालीमा उपलब्ध छन्। यी अनुवादहरू [OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet](https://OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet) मा अनलाइन फेला पार्न सकिन्छ।

**Russian**

Отдельные части брошюры избирателей штата доступны на русском языке. Эти переводы можно найти в Интернете по адресу [OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet](https://OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet)

**Somali**

Dooro qaybaha galkaan xogta codbixiyaasha degmada ayaa lagu heli karaa af-Soomaali. Turjumaadahaan ayaan laga heli kara barta oonlaynka ah oo ah [OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet](https://OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet)

**Spanish**

Algunas secciones de estos folletos para votantes del estado están disponibles en español. Estas traducciones están disponibles en línea en [OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet](https://OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet)

**Tagalog**

Ang mga piling bahagi ng mga pamplet na ito para sa mga botante ng estado ay mababasa sa Tagalog. Makikita online ang mga pagsasaling-wikang ito sa [OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet](https://OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet)

**Thai**

จุลสารผู้ลงคะแนนของรัฐบางส่วนจัดทำเป็นภาษาไทย ฉบับแปลเหล่านี้สามารถพบได้ทางออนไลน์ที่เว็บไซต์ [OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet](https://OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet)

**Ukrainian**

Окремі частини брошури виборця штату доступні українською мовою. Ці переклади можна знайти онлайн на вебсторінці [OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet](https://OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet)

**Vietnamese**

Các phần được chọn trong tập thông tin cử tri tiểu bang này có bản ngôn ngữ tiếng Việt. Bản dịch có thể xem trực tuyến tại [OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet](https://OregonVotes.gov/voterspamphlet)



## For questions about:

- registering to vote
- updating your registration
- elections and voting
- completing your ballot
- returning your ballot
- absentee ballots
- replacement ballots
- signature requirements



**Contact your County Election Office.**

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**For Benton County residents,  
this is a joint voters' pamphlet.**

To save on mailing and production costs, a county that prepares a voters' pamphlet may insert the pamphlet into the center of the state voters' pamphlet for distribution. It includes information about candidates and measures from local governments located within the county.

County Voters' Pamphlet starts after page 32



## It is against the law to:

- sign a ballot return envelope other than your own
- vote more than once in an election or cast a fraudulent ballot
- vote a ballot if you are not legally qualified to do so
- unduly influence another voter to vote in a particular manner
- sell, offer to sell, purchase, or offer to purchase another voter's ballot
- obstruct an entrance of a building in which a voting booth or official ballot drop site is located
- deface, remove, alter, or destroy another voter's ballot, a posted election notice, or election equipment or supplies
- attempt to collect voted ballots within 100 feet of an official ballot drop site
- establish a dropsite without displaying a sign stating "Not An Official Ballot Drop Site"

*This list is not exhaustive. Any violations of Oregon election laws or rules are subject to civil and/or criminal penalties.*

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For more information about voting in Oregon or if you think your rights as a voter have been violated, please contact the Secretary of State at:



**oregonvotes.gov**



**1 866 673 8683**

*se habla español*

**TTY**

**1 800 735 2900**

*for the hearing impaired*

# vote!

## Dates to Remember



→ **Tuesday, April 28**

Last day to register to vote or to change political party affiliation for this election.

→ **Wednesday, April 29**

First day for counties to mail ballots.

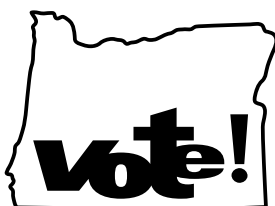


→ **Tuesday, May 19**

Election Day

Last day to return your ballot.

If you mail your ballot it must have a USPS postmark by 8 pm on Election Day. Or return your ballot to an official drop box by 8 pm on Election Day.



**[oregonvotes.gov/myvote](https://oregonvotes.gov/myvote)**

Use this online tool to check or update your registration status and track your ballot.

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## Where do I vote?

In Oregon, we vote by mail. You can vote from anywhere you choose.

If you're registered to vote by **April 28**, your ballot will be mailed between **April 29** and **May 5**. Your county elections office will mail it to the address in your voter registration record.

If you don't receive your ballot by **May 8**, call your county elections office.

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## What if I've moved?

Ballots cannot be forwarded. To receive your ballot, update your voter registration information at [oregonvotes.gov/myvote](https://oregonvotes.gov/myvote).

If Election Day is less than 5 days away, call your county elections office for instructions on how to get your ballot.

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## How can I get my ballot early?

If you will be away from your home on Election Day, update your voter registration information at [oregonvotes.gov/myvote](https://oregonvotes.gov/myvote). To request an absentee ballot, enter your absentee mailing address and how long you will be there.

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## Is the voters' pamphlet translated into other languages?

Yes. Portions of the voters' pamphlet are available online in:

Arabic, Simplified and Traditional Chinese characters, Farsi, French, German, Iu Mien, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Marshallese, Nepali, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese.

You can find these translations online at: [oregonvotes.gov/voterspamphlet](https://oregonvotes.gov/voterspamphlet).

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## Why don't I get to vote for major party candidates?

Oregon's primaries are closed. You must be a member of one of Oregon's two major parties, the Democratic or Republican party, to nominate that party's candidates to the General Election.

If your ballot does not include major party candidates, it means you're not registered to vote as a member of a major party.

Minor party and candidates not affiliated with a political party will appear on the General Election ballot in November, along with the major parties' nominees.

You will be able to vote for any candidate on your ballot at the General Election in November.

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## How do I complete my ballot?

Your ballot packet will include instructions on how to complete and return your ballot. Follow the instructions!

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## What if my ballot is damaged?

If your ballot is lost, destroyed, or damaged in a way that stops you from voting, call your county elections office and ask for a replacement ballot.

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## Do I have to vote on everything?

No. Your ballot will still be counted, even if you don't vote for every contest or measure on it.

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## Can I change how I voted?

If you have mailed or dropped off your ballot, your vote cannot be changed. If you still have your ballot, follow the instructions that were sent with your ballot.

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## How do I return my ballot?

You can return your ballot by mail, no stamp needed. If you mail your ballot, it must have a USPS postmark dated on or before 8 pm on May 19.

Or return your ballot to any county elections office or official drop box. You can find the nearest drop box, along with a map of how to get there, at [oregonvotes.gov/dropbox](https://oregonvotes.gov/dropbox) or by contacting your county elections office.

County elections offices are open on Election Day from 7 am to 8 pm.

## Is the secrecy sleeve required?

No. If you received a secrecy sleeve, you don't have to use it unless you want to.

If you didn't receive a secrecy sleeve, your county is one of the many that have incorporated additional security features approved by the Secretary of State's Office into the ballot return envelope and therefore no longer need the sleeve.

## Do I have to sign my ballot return envelope?

Yes. Your signature is a security measure used to verify your identity. You're the only person who can sign your ballot return envelope. Power of Attorney documents do not apply to voting.

If you cannot sign your name, contact your county elections office for more information.

Your ballot is only counted if the signature on the ballot return envelope matches signatures in your voter registration record.

If your signature does not match or you forget to sign the envelope, the county will notify you. You will have until 21 days after the election to prove you were the one who signed the envelope.

## If my name is on the ballot return envelope, is my vote really secret?

Yes. After signature verification, your ballot is separated from the ballot return envelope before it is unfolded and counted.

## Can I track my ballot?

As a registered voter, you may view updated ballot information at [oregonvotes.gov/myvote](https://oregonvotes.gov/myvote). You can see when a ballot is sent, received, or if it was returned as undeliverable.

## When will election results be known?

Initial results will be released beginning at **8 pm, May 19** and will continue to be updated through election night and the days following.

Between election night and the date the election results are certified, the unofficial results reported on [oregonvotes.gov](https://oregonvotes.gov) will change as vote counting continues.

Results are not final until the election is certified and the official abstract of votes is published. Final certified results will be available 37 days after the election.

## Do I need a provisional ballot?

If your eligibility to vote can't be determined you have the right to request a provisional ballot.

To obtain a provisional ballot, go to your county elections office in person and fill out a Provisional Ballot Request Form.

Your provisional ballot will only be counted if you are determined to be eligible to vote.

## How do I file a complaint?

If you believe Oregon election law has been violated, and are an Oregon registered voter, you can ask the Elections Division to investigate. Anonymous requests will not be investigated.

You can find more information and submit a complaint for Elections Division investigation at [sos.oregon.gov/investigation](https://sos.oregon.gov/investigation).

# Know Your Rights

## Your rights as an Oregon Voter include:

- the right to **access official ballot boxes and election offices** without interference
- the right to **keep your vote private**
- the right to **vote without intimidation or threats**

## Voter Intimidation may include:

- **Aggressive or harassing questions** about whether you are qualified to vote intended to interfere with your right to vote, scare you into voting a certain way or to intimidate you from voting, such as questions about your citizenship status, criminal record, residency, other personal information, or questions about how you intend to vote.
- **False or misleading statements or accusations** about voter fraud or related criminal penalties, designed to frighten you away from voting.
- **Verbal or physical threats** – express or implied – meant to stop you from voting or to force you to vote for a particular candidate or measure.
- **Purposefully obstructing or interfering** with your ability to vote.
- **Targeted surveillance** of specific voters or groups of voters, such as following or tracking voters, copying license plates, taking videos or photos, etc., with the intent to dissuade or obstruct them from voting.

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For accurate information about voting, or to report voter intimidation



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*for the hearing impaired*

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## Oregon



### **View unofficial election results**

starting at 8 pm on May 19

Unofficial results will continue to be updated through election night and the days following.

Between election night and the date the election results are certified, the unofficial results will change as vote counting continues.

Final certified results will be available June 25.



**[results.oregonvotes.gov](https://results.oregonvotes.gov)**



# Voters with Disabilities

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For more detailed information on accessible voting contact **your county elections office.**

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## What are the different ways I can vote?

→ **Accessible format ballot**

You mark this ballot using a computer with assistive technology, print and return it. You may also use the accessible tablets or computer stations located in every county elections office.

→ **Large print ballot**

→ **Ask for help**

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## Who can help me vote my ballot?

→ **Anyone except your employer or union**

You can get help from a friend, family member or other trusted person. Under Oregon law you cannot receive help from your employer or union.

→ **County Voting Assistance Team**

You do not have to ask for help from someone you know. County Voting Assistance Teams are available to help you vote your ballot privately and independently.

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## What if I cannot sign my ballot return envelope?

→ **You may use a signature stamp or other indicator as your signature**

You must complete a signature stamp attestation form along with a voter registration card before using the stamp or mark to sign your ballot envelope.

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## What other accessible resources are available?

→ **Statewide Voters' Pamphlet**

Available in digital audio or accessible text at [oregonvotes.gov](https://oregonvotes.gov).

## Know Your Rights

# You have the right to **vote!**

If you are a US citizen, live in Oregon, are 18 years old, and have registered to vote.

- **You have the right** to a secret vote. You do not have to tell anyone how you voted.
- **You have the right** to get a “provisional ballot”, even if you are told you are not registered to vote.
- **You have the right** to get a new ballot if you make a mistake.
- **You have the right** to vote for the person you want. You can write in someone else’s name if you don’t like the choices on your ballot.
- **You have the right** to vote “yes” or “no” on any issue on your ballot.
- **You have the right** to leave some choices blank on your ballot. The choices you do mark will still count.
- **You have the right** to use a voting system for all Federal Elections that makes it equally possible for people with disabilities to vote privately and independently.
- **You have the right** to know if your ballot, including a “provisional ballot”, was accepted for counting.
- **You have the right** to file a complaint if you think your voting rights have been denied.
- **You have the right** to vote or cast your ballot if you are in line by 8 pm on Election Day.
- **You have the right** to know if you are registered to vote.
- **You have the right** to choose whether or not you want to register as a member of a political party.
- **You have the right** to use a signature stamp or other mark but first you have to fill out a form. No one can sign for you.
- **You have the right** to ask for help from elections staff or from a friend or family member. There are some people who cannot help you vote, for example, your employer or union.
- **You have the right** to vote if you are houseless.
- **You have the right** to vote if you have been convicted of a felony but have been released from custody, even if you are on probation or parole.
- **You have the right** to vote if you have a guardian and if you need help reading or filling out your ballot.

for more information



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## Candidates

Oregon statute (ORS 254.155) requires the Secretary of State to complete a random order of the letters of the alphabet to determine the order in which the names of the candidates will appear on the ballot.

The alphabet for the **2026 Primary Election** is:

G, A, K, I, O, B, C, H, D, V, M, N, P, L, J, X, Z, S, R, E, W, F, Q, Y, U, T

Candidate statements included in the pamphlet are separated by office type and position and are further arranged in the same random order in which the names of candidates will be printed on the ballot. In the Primary Election pamphlet, partisan candidates are further separated by political parties.

Statements are arranged in the following manner:

- Democratic candidates by position, in ballot order
- Republican candidates, by position, in ballot order
- nonpartisan candidates by position, in ballot order

Candidates pay a fee or submit signatures in lieu of paying the fee for space in the State Voters' Pamphlet. The information required by law—pertaining to occupation, occupational background, educational background and prior governmental experience—has been certified as true by each candidate.

## Duties and Responsibilities of Precinct Committeepersons

Precinct Committeepersons (PCPs) encourage voter registration, vote on official party business, elect county party leadership and nominate State Representatives or State Senators when there is a vacancy in one of those offices.

PCPs are only permitted for major political parties. The Democratic Party of Oregon and the Oregon Republican Party have both chosen to elect PCPs.

Each precinct is allotted a number of PCPs based on the count of registered voters in the precinct. Individuals can only file for (or serve in) one precinct at a time. However, PCP candidates can choose whether they want to file to serve in the precinct they live in or an adjoining precinct in the same county or a precinct that is in the same county and the same state representative district as the precinct the candidate resides in.

Find more information at [oregonvotes.gov](https://oregonvotes.gov)

## Measures

Measures are proposed changes to the Oregon Constitution or to state laws. For the measures in this Voters' Pamphlet, you will find the following information:

1. the ballot title
2. the estimate of financial impact;
3. the complete text of the proposed measure;
4. the explanatory statement; and
5. arguments filed by proponents and opponents of the measure.

### Ballot Title

The ballot title is drafted by the Attorney General's office and distributed to interested parties for public comment. After review of any comments submitted, a ballot title is certified by the Attorney General's office. This certified ballot title can be appealed and may be changed by the Oregon Supreme Court.

### Estimate of Financial Impact

A special committee of legislators drafted the Financial Impact Statement for Measure 120. Committee appointment pursuant to SB 1599 (2026).

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## Complete Text of the Measure

This provides you with the actual changes that will be made by the measures to the Oregon Constitution or to state laws.

## Explanatory Statement

A special committee of legislators drafted the explanatory statement for Measure 120. Committee appointment pursuant to SB 1599 (2026).

## Measure Arguments

Any person or organization may file arguments in favor of, or in opposition to a measure on the ballot by purchasing space for \$1,200 or by submitting a petition signed by 500 voters. Arguments in favor of a measure appear first, followed by arguments in opposition to the measure, and are printed in a random order within each category.

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## Disclaimer

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Jeff Merkley  
Paul Damian Wells

**US Representative****4th District**

Daniel B Bahlen\*  
Melissa Bird  
Val Hoyle  
Melvin Smith\*

**Governor**

Forest (Fora) Alexander\*  
James Atkinson IV\*  
Cal Kishawi\*  
Tina Kotek  
Donnie M Beckwith\*  
David W Beem\*  
Steve William Laible\*  
Brittany Jones\*  
Tristan Sheppard\*  
Miranda Weigler\*

**State Senator****8th District**

Sara Gelsler Blouin

**State Representative****10th District**

David Gomberg

**15th District**

Joanna Robinson

**16th District**

Sarah Finger McDonald

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Brent Barker  
Deborah C Brown\*  
David A Burch\*  
Russell McAlmond  
Jo Rae Perkins  
Timothy Skelton\*  
David Brock Smith

**US Representative****4th District**

Monique DeSpain  
Stefan G Streck

**Governor**

Danielle Bethell  
Hope A Dalrymple\*  
Ed Diehl  
Christine Drazan  
Chris Dudley  
Kyle M Duyck  
David Medina  
Robert Neuman\*  
Brad T Peters  
Paul J Romero Jr  
Wen Waddell\*  
Martin Ward  
Tim O Youker\*  
DeAngelo Leroy Turner\*

**State Senator****8th District**

Valerie Draper Woldeit

**State Representative****10th District**

No Candidate Filed

**15th District**

Shelly Boshart Davis

**16th District**

No Candidate Filed

**Nonpartisan****Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries**

Chris Lynch  
Christina E Stephenson

**Judge of the Supreme Court****Position 4**

Christopher L Garrett

**Judge of the Court of Appeals****Position 1**

Ryan T O'Connor

**Position 9**

Jacqueline Kamins

**Position 12**

Erin C Lagesen

**Position 13**

Doug Tookey

**Judge of the Circuit Court****21st District, Position 3**

Yema T Measho  
Joseph O Elwood  
Michael W Flinn

**21st District, Position 2**

Matthew Donohue

**\*Candidate chose not to submit a voters' pamphlet statement.**

This is a complete listing of federal and state candidates filed for the May 19, 2026, Primary Election, as prepared by the Secretary of State for counties covered in this pamphlet. County and local government candidates are listed only if those offices are eligible to appear in this pamphlet. The ballot you receive may include additional local candidates and measures that do not appear in this pamphlet.

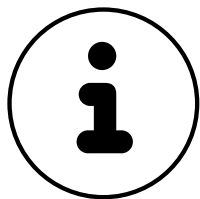
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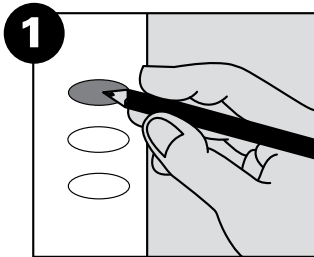
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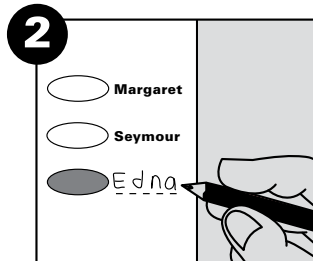
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## Complete your ballot

Carefully read and follow all instructions printed on your ballot.



**1** To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice.



**2** To write-in a candidate:

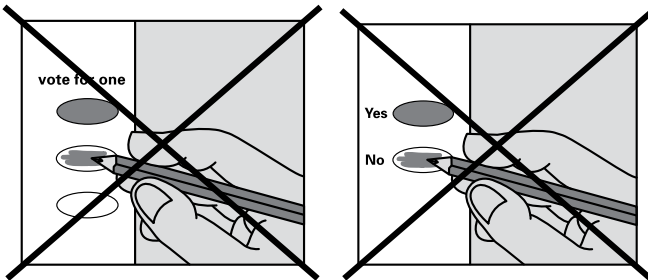
→ Clearly print the candidate's name on the blank line provided on the ballot

**-and-**

→ Fill in the oval next to the name you wrote-in

## Check for errors

You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still count.



If you vote for more than one option, your vote **will not count** for that candidate or measure.

### **!** Check your ballot carefully

You can not change your vote after you have returned your ballot.

If you need a replacement ballot, contact your County Elections Office. Contact information can be found on page 6.

**US Senator**

## Jeff Merkley

Democrat

**Occupation:** U.S. Senator for Oregon

**Occupational Background:** Habitat for Humanity; National Security Analyst; Small Business Founder

**Educational Background:** David Douglas High School; B.A., Int'l Affairs; Masters in Public Policy

**Prior Governmental Experience:** State Representative; Oregon House Speaker

Jeff is the son of a union mechanic, attended public schools, was the first in his family to go to college, and lives in the same blue-collar neighborhood he grew up in.

**Jeff's vision:** "Families thrive, and the rich pay their fair share."

But the mega wealthy are making that vision harder to achieve. The people have the ballot box, but billionaires have lawyers and lobbyists, media campaigns, and unlimited secret campaign donations. And they have Trump, who is building a strong-man state with the mission of "families lose, billionaires win."

**There has never been a more important moment to fight back.**

**End Trump's strongman state:** No more ICE agents operating as secret police; no more operations at schools and warrantless home raids. Full accountability for every civil rights violation.

**End political corruption:** No more stock trading; no more exchanging government favors for investments in Trump's companies. The Supreme Court needs reform and a binding code of ethics.

**Save our elections:** Stop gerrymandering. Require paper ballots. End secret campaign funding. Expand vote-by-mail for all. Block Trump's election rigging.

**Strengthen the foundations for families to thrive:** Housing. Health care. Education. Good-paying jobs! Stop drug companies from price gouging. Ban hedge funds from buying single-family homes. Create affordable daycare and debt-free opportunities for trade school and college.

**Meet the climate chaos challenge:** Rapidly transition from dirty, expensive fossils to cheaper, cleaner, renewables.

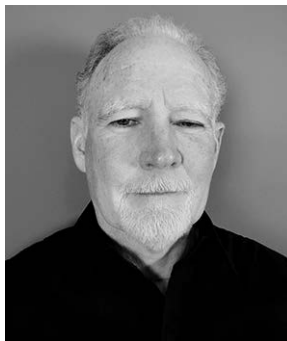
**Create opportunity across Oregon:** Jeff holds a town hall in every county, every year and champions every corner of Oregon: rural broadband; clean water; and investments in mental health, schools, ports, transportation, agriculture, and mills.

**Endorsements:** OR Labor Federation, AFL-CIO; Planned Parenthood Action Fund; Oregon League of Conservation Voters; and others.

**Let's Save Our Republic!**

[jeffmerkley.com](http://jeffmerkley.com)

*(This information furnished by Jeff Merkley for Oregon.)*

**US Senator**

## Paul Damian Wells

Democrat

**Occupation:** Retired

**Occupational Background:** Electrical Engineer

**Educational Background:** BSEE Purdue 1984

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Voting Rights Advocate since 1992

**Zionism is Racism.**

The sectarian violence in Palestine won't end until the original crime is addressed. Not all Jews are Zionists, and incredibly, not all Zionists are Jews. (or Republican)

**Since 2016, the Democrat Party has been collapsing.**

**Trump didn't win in 2016 or 2024. Democrats lost.**

Hate mongering is no substitute for leadership. I'm a working-class independent voter. We need federal legislation to counter the consolidation of power, wealth and influence by corporate oligarchs. (corporate fascism)

**Corporations don't have any civil rights. Corporations aren't persons.**

Corporations are artificial entities, created by statute, not constitutional provision. Congress can regulate, limit and even abolish them at will. The bipartisan system fails when corporate syndicates "own" both parties.

**A tariff is a sales tax that victimizes working-class families.**

Tax corporate profiteering instead. Only those corporations that create and preserve jobs should be allowed to keep their profits.

**Are Democrats defending or assaulting democracy?**

In June of 2025, support for the Independent Party (IPO) passed the 5% voter registration threshold needed to create a primary election for independents. In July of 2025, bipartisan elections were preserved when governor Kotek signed HB3908-2025. Raising the threshold to 10%.

Meanwhile, HB3166-2025 would have replaced bipartisan elections with a "unified" primary election. All candidates and voters participate equally. Five candidates advance. It died in a Democrat controlled committee.

The "Lincoln Primary" is a "unified" tracking poll for the U.S. Presidential race. Lasting from February 1st through August 31st. All candidates and voters participate equally. Five candidates advance. ([lincolnprimary.org](http://lincolnprimary.org))

**Democrats reject free and equal elections. Voters reject Democrats.**

Bipartisan elections force "voting for the lesser of two evils" and enable corporate fascism. By advancing just two candidates, "Top Two" primaries preserve bipartisan elections.

*(This information furnished by Paul Damian Wells.)*

**US Representative, 4th District**

## Melissa Bird

Democrat

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner

**Occupational Background:** Social Worker, Author, Policy Advocate, Lay Preacher

**Educational Background:**

BS, Human Development and Family Studies, University of Utah; MSW, University of Utah; PhD, Social Work, University of Southern California

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Chief Lobbyist, Planned Parenthood of Utah

### A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL

As a mom, Native woman, veteran's spouse, and part of the LGBTQ+ community, I've lived the struggles too many families in Oregon's 4th District face, including relying on SNAP, navigating job loss, and caregiving while raising a family. I don't approach policy from a distance. I've lived its consequences. **My life and career have been dedicated to fighting for dignity, access, and justice for communities too often ignored by those in power.**

**Government Accountability**

I will fight to overturn Citizens United, hold officials accountable through impeachment when warranted, and raise taxes on billionaires. We must ensure federal funding is spent on people's needs, not political games.

**Economic Development**

I will fight to transform our economy so working families can thrive, this includes supporting small businesses, holding big tech accountable, and championing the Rural New Deal.

**Community Livability**

Families should not have to choose between paying bills, keeping their home, or seeking health care. I will fight for Medicare for All, stopping private equity from raising housing costs, and cancel student loan debt.

Oregon's 4th District deserves representation that is deeply connected to our communities. As a former educator and social worker, I understand the pressure families face balancing work, caregiving, and rising costs. I've spent my career turning lived experience into policy that strengthens healthcare access, housing stability, economic opportunity, and community well-being.

**ENDORSEMENTS:**

Progressive Democrats of America  
 Progressive Democrats of America, Oregon Chapter  
 Indivisible Newport  
 Luhui Whitebear  
 John Selker  
 Heide Lambert, Mayor of Waldport  
 Paulita Peña-Urenda, Xilonen Farm & Forestry, Inc.  
 David Alba, State Coordinator, Progressive Democrats of America  
 Devon Lawson, Higher Education Advocate  
 Rebecca Chavez Houck, Former Utah Legislator

Learn more by visiting [www.melissabirdforcongress.com](http://www.melissabirdforcongress.com)

(This information furnished by Melissa Bird for Congress.)

**US Representative, 4th District**

## Val Hoyle

Democrat

**Occupation:** Congressional Representative

**Occupational Background:** Domestic and International Sales, Manufacturing Distribution

**Educational Background:**

Emmanuel College, BA; Bunker Hill Community College

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Oregon Labor Commissioner; Oregon State Representative; Chair, Federal Export Council of Oregon; Precinct Committee Person and Chair Democratic Party of Lane County

### A PROVEN FIGHTER FOR US

For over 40 years in the labor movement, in business and international trade and as an elected leader I have fought for an economy that works for working people. That includes better schools, family wage jobs, and dedicating our tax dollars to the needs of our communities instead of endless wars abroad. It's been my greatest honor to represent Oregon in Congress, and I hope to earn your vote to keep up the fight.

*"There are a lot of people that we go to when we want something said. When we want something done, we go to Val Hoyle."*

**Brett Deedon, President, Lane Professional Firefighters Association**

*"Trump is trashing the Constitution and attempting to end our Representative Democracy aided and abetted by the Republican majority in the House. We need fighters like Val Hoyle in the House and in the majority to stop Trump's authoritarian takeover."*

**Former Congressman Peter DeFazio**

*"Val Hoyle is our champion in the House to protect and expand Social Security and Medicare. We're proud to support her."*

**Max Richtman, President, National Committee on Protecting Medicare and Social Security**

*"There is no stronger voice for our community's values than Val. She is the champion I trust to protect immigrants from unlawful detentions, defend our access to reproductive healthcare and to protect our public lands."*

**Lane County Commissioner, Laurie Trieger**

**Proudly Endorsed By**

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden  
 U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley  
 Former Congressman Peter DeFazio  
 OR Labor Federation, AFL-CIO  
 North Coast States Carpenters  
 Oregon Nurses Association  
 Oregon League of Conservation Voters

For more information: [valhoyle.com](http://valhoyle.com)

(This information furnished by Val Hoyle for Congress.)

**Governor**

# Tina Kotek

Democrat

**Occupation:** Governor

**Occupational Background:**  
State Legislator, Children First for Oregon, Oregon Food Bank

**Educational Background:**  
University of Oregon, University of

Washington

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Oregon State Representative 2007-2022, Speaker of the House 2013-2022

### Working for a Better Oregon

Tina started her career at Oregon Food Bank because she believes no one should go hungry. As Speaker of the House, she invested in Oregon's public schools, passed the nation's strongest abortion access law, put Oregon on a path to 100% clean electricity, and passed landmark laws to raise the minimum wage and guarantee paid sick leave and paid family leave.

Oregon faces huge challenges, from the rising cost of living to President Trump's attempts to threaten our communities and take away healthcare and food assistance.

### Tina Stands Up to Trump to Protect Oregonians

- She resisted Trump's illegal attempt to deploy the Oregon National Guard on our streets.
- When Trump tried to take away SNAP benefits from Oregon families, she fought back and won, delivering food assistance to hard-working Oregonians.
- Tina supports enforcing the law, but Trump's ICE has gone too far, putting all of us in danger. Tina fights to protect Oregonians and keep our communities safe.

**While Trump's tariff taxes raise prices, Tina is working to address the cost of living for Oregon families.** Tina canceled proposed freeway tolls, called for a three-year pause on new local taxes in the Portland area, took action to lower utility bills, increased access to affordable childcare, and made prescription drugs more affordable.

**There is a lot more work ahead. Tina is tireless, focused, and won't stop fighting for Oregon's future.**

#### Endorsed by:

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

Alliance for a Safe Oregon

Basic Rights Oregon PAC

North Coast States Carpenters Union

Oregon AFSCME

Oregon State Building & Construction Trades Council

OR Labor Federation, AFL-CIO

Oregon Nurses Association

Planned Parenthood Action Oregon

The Mother PAC

*(This information furnished by Friends of Tina Kotek.)*

**State Senator, 8th District**

# Sara Gelser Blouin

Democrat

**Occupation:** State Senator

**Occupational Background:** Children with Disabilities and Family Support Coordinator, Oregon DHS; Instructor, LBCC

**Educational Background:** MAIS, Oregon State University; BA, Earlham College

**Prior Governmental Experience:** State Representative, Corvallis School Board

We send legislators to Salem to work hard for us.

**Senator Sara Gelser Blouin understands the assignment.**

### Sara delivers for our communities

- Fought against the expansion of Coffin Butte Landfill and passed legislation requiring comprehensive methane monitoring.
- Secured millions of dollars to:
  - Repair the Osborn Aquatic Center in Corvallis
  - Build affordable veterans' housing in Albany
  - Launch the Hub City Tiny Home Village in Albany
  - Construct a fire evacuation route in Oak Creek
  - Complete safety improvements on Highway 20
  - Build a trauma informed grand jury room at the ABC House, our regional child abuse assessment and advocacy center

### Sara works to cut costs for Oregon families

- Stopped data centers from driving up our electricity prices
- Expanded the working families tax credit
- Removed medical debt from credit reports
- Cracked down on wage theft
- Protected our housing supply from private equity investors

### Sara stands up for our rights

- Unapologetically defended Oregon's sanctuary law
- Voted to keep ICE out of schools and hospitals
- Required law enforcement to remove face coverings and wear identification badges
- Championed legislation ensuring access to reproductive and gender-affirming care without government interference

### Sara fights to protect essential services

- Rejected Trump's corporate tax giveaways that threatened Medicaid and food assistance
- Fought for increased investments in our public schools
- Spearheaded effort to eliminate Oregon's backlog of untested rape kits
- Led landmark reforms improving safety and transparency in memory care and assisted living facilities
- Increased penalties for fentanyl dealers
- Cut red tape so homeowners can protect their houses from wildfire without HOA restrictions

### Fighting for Oregon's future

Sara is a pro-choice leader that fights hard for our families. She is running for reelection to strengthen our schools, continue advocating for our rights, and give all Oregonians the chance to get ahead.

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

*(This information furnished by Sara Gelser Blouin for State Senate.)*

**State Representative, 10th District**

## David Gomberg

Democrat

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner, retired

**Occupational Background:** 30 years in business

**Educational Background:** BS (Political Science/Honors) OSU;

MA (Political Science/History/Economics) OSU; MBA (Marketing/Finance) Willamette

**Prior Governmental Experience:** State Representative; Senior Services Commission; Small Business Advisory Council; Ocean Science Trust; Seismic Safety Commission

### **AN EFFECTIVE INDEPENDENT ACCESSIBLE LEADER FIGHTING FOR US**

I'm a Democrat. But I work hard in Salem to bridge the partisan divide and work with members of all parties to benefit the people of our district.

Salem doesn't always represent small rural communities well. That's why I've fought for commonsense solutions to local challenges.

- **Smart Investments for Rural Communities:** I've **secured millions in direct state investments** for dozens of local projects that save you money.
- **Wildfires:** when my neighbors lost their homes, I took action, to **reduce taxes, expand insurance, and lower rebuilding costs.**
- **Affordable Housing:** I was named a **Housing Champion** for funding affordable housing and homelessness solutions in Lincoln, Benton, and Lane Counties.
- **Emergency Response:** I've sponsored bills to **better prepare our emergency responders**, our schools, our hospitals, and to reduce the cost of preparing your home.
- **Seniors:** I was named a **Champion of Seniors** for working to reduce property taxes on retirees, expand assisted living opportunities, and **keep retirees living independently in their homes.**
- **Veterans:** As budget committee co-chair, **I safeguarded funding for Veteran Services.**
- **Education & Public Schools:** I'm fighting to make sure our teachers, staff and students have the resources they need to succeed.
- **Good Jobs:** I was named a **Workforce Champion** for helping create new and better job opportunities on the Coast.
- **Health Care:** I'm working to **reduce prescription costs** and to address the crisis in Oregon's health care workforce.

We need an active, vocal, effective advocate for our part of Oregon. When so many in Salem prioritize Portland interests, I'm there standing up for us.

Thank you for honoring me with the responsibility of representing you in Salem.

*(This information furnished by Gomberg for State Representative / [www.ElectGomberg.com](http://www.ElectGomberg.com).)*

**State Representative, 15th District**

## Joanna Robinson

Democrat

**Occupation:** Behavioral health project coordinator

**Occupational Background:** Administration; marketing; restaurant and hospitality; researcher

**Educational Background:** MBA, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; BA, Reed College

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Albany Public Safety Commission

For too long, politicians have failed to represent working people. As a parent, I feel the pressure of rising costs every day, and I know families are working harder than ever, making tough choices, and still falling behind. Government should create shared prosperity across our communities, not stand in the way of it.

I'm running for office because we deserve real representation. My leadership is grounded in lived experience and guided by community voices. From the cost of groceries to affordable childcare to protecting the outdoors we all cherish, I will fight for what matters to you.

**Affordable Housing.** I will champion solutions that keep Oregonians housed, including building affordable housing, strengthening tenant protections and rental assistance programs, and creating pathways to homeownership. Smart, community-focused housing ensures affordability and responsible growth go hand in hand.

**Healthcare for All.** I will work to increase access, reduce costs, and address the rural healthcare crisis by supporting local clinics, investing in rural providers, and ensuring that every community gets the care it needs.

**Education and Workforce Pathways.** I support fully funding public education and expanding pathways through community colleges, trade programs, and certified apprenticeships that prepare people for family-wage careers in construction, manufacturing, healthcare, and agriculture.

**Fair-Share Taxation.** I support a fair tax system that eases the burden on working families while ensuring large corporations and the wealthiest pay their fair share. A fair tax system lets us invest in safe infrastructure and healthy communities.

**Protecting Working People.** I will defend workers' rights and promote policies that help people provide for their families, build stable careers, and retire with dignity. Everyone deserves fair pay, safe working conditions, and respect on the job.

### **Endorsed by:**

Oregon Working Families Party

Benton County Commissioner Gabe Shepherd

Albany City Councilor Michael Thomson

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

*(This information furnished by Joanna Robinson for Oregon.)*

**State Representative, 16th District**

# Sarah Finger McDonald

Democrat

**Occupation:** State Representative; Board Member, Alliance for a Safe Oregon

**Occupational Background:** Academic Advisor, Instructor, Research Associate, OSU

**Educational Background:** PhD, Horticulture, OSU; MS, Virginia Tech; BS, Notre Dame

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Corvallis School Board Chair; OSBA Legislative Policy Committee

"Strengthening and building our community is job number one. We must continue building housing, get vacant commercial spaces rented, get the right land ready for business to build, keep our schools safe and funded. We must build an environmental stewardship infrastructure to protect us from federal overreach, and we have to plan for the end of Coffin Butte. There's a lot at stake right now and I'm honored to be fighting for our home." - Sarah Finger McDonald

As the state representative for District 16, Sarah Finger McDonald made sure Corvallis and Adair Village's interests are front and center.

- Procured \$4 million for Adair Village to update their waste water system allowing 1000 homes to be built
- Required Republic Services use modern sensing technology to monitor methane at the Coffin Butte landfill
- Convened the Mid-Willamette Solid Waste Taskforce to plan for the future of waste management in our region

As a representative who believes in working for all Oregonians, Sarah Finger McDonald fought to create an Oregon that is affordable, safe, and where opportunities are possible.

- Championed legislation that helps keep kids and schools safe by requiring notification if ICE comes on campus
- Stood up to the gun lobby by carrying gun violence tragedy prevention legislation on the House floor
- Preserved existing affordable housing and restricted large institutional investors from driving up home prices
- Ensured state-regulated health plans cover preventative services
- Established a coordinated permitting process to support economic development
- Fast tracked renewable energy siting
- Funded recovery of Oregon's wildlife

**Endorsed by:**

Alliance for a Safe Oregon  
 North Coast States Carpenters Union  
 Oregon State Fire Fighters Council  
 Oregon Nurses Association  
 U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley  
 US Senator Ron Wyden

For more information: [sarah4oregon.com](http://sarah4oregon.com)

*(This information furnished by Sarah 4 OR House.)*

**US Senator****Brent Barker**

Republican

**Occupation:** Mediation and Dispute Resolution, Investment Real Estate Principal Broker and Business Owner.

**Occupational Background:** Worked in the trades to pay for

higher education. Nationally Accredited health practitioner and entrepreneur; to become a television spokesperson. National Finance Business Development Manager, Small Business owner, commercial real estate investment professional.

**Educational Background:** Bachelor of Science (BS) Administration and Master of Arts (MA) Health at California State University. • Leadership Institute International Division - Vienna, Austria. • FINRA. • Pepperdine University Business School. • Pepperdine University School of Law – Mediation, Arbitration & Dispute Resolution.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** • 2009 - US-Asia Ambassador Economic Council International Trade Council. • 2015 Commendation Award for Public Service by Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. • Since 2019-2026 Precinct Committee Person. • Oregon Delegate. • 2015- 2020 White House Executive Office of the President (EOP) Office of Advance. • 2022 Candidate for Oregon Commissioner of Labor and Industries (BOLI). • 2024 Candidate for Oregon Secretary of State. Membership Organizations: Multnomah Bar Association, Oregon Mediation Association, NRA, TCGC, Heritage Foundation & Professional

**HAD ENOUGH?**

As Oregon's United States Senator, I will restore **\*\*Integrity\*\*** and **\*\*Respect\*\*** to our **Beautiful State**.

I will end sanctuary crime laws, support election reformers (**SAVE ACT**), forge business alliances for new jobs, secure federal infrastructure funds, reduce the high cost of living, and limit hedge fund housing investments that inflate median home prices.

**My campaign strongly supports the **\*\*AMERICA FIRST AGENDA\*\*****

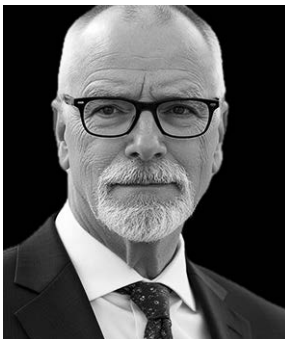
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3. Rebuild and modernize Oregon Infrastructure
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5. Enact laws and ratify treaties that are **America First**
6. Confirm honorable Judges and competent Federal Agency Heads
7. **Protect our Constitutional Republic** from subversive forces
8. Encourage, Promote, Economic Success for Oregon Families that Bring High Paying Jobs

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*(This information furnished by Brent Barker for Oregon.)*

**US Senator****Russell McAlmond**

Republican

**Occupation:** Executive Director and Founder of the Center for Human Equality (CHE) in Oregon, Chief Investment Officer Rogue Russell Investments in Southern Oregon

**Occupational Background:** CEO and Senior Financial Advisor Evergreen Capital Management - Portland, Oregon, Bank of America - Vice President - Portland, Oregon, US Bank - Vice President - Portland, Oregon

**Educational Background:** MBA - Master of Business - CCU, MSFS - Master of Financial Services - The American College, Management and Organizational Leadership - Bachelor - George Fox University, Business Administration - Bachelor - CCU, Certified Financial Planner (CFP). Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC), Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU)

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Josephine County Public Safety Budget Committee

**Russ McAlmond is an Oregonian with deep family roots in our beautiful state that desperately needs new management.**

As a US Marine veteran and human rights activist with strong conservative values Russ knows how to fight for all Oregonians, not only the extreme few on either the left or the right. He is the only fresh Republican candidate who can bring the majority of voters in Oregon together to stop the hate and polarization. Most Oregonians are not extremists, but want safety and stability for our state and families.

As a financial expert, he is in favor of reducing taxes in Oregon and nationally. Oregonians are too heavily taxed and regulated by the current political management. He is in favor of term limits and Voter ID. He pledges to voluntarily serve no more than two terms as your new US Senator. He is opposed to men competing in women's sports and a strong 2nd Amendment supporter as an important constitutional right that needs to be protected for everyone.

Russ desires a Human Rights Act to be passed that is based on the Declaration of Independence where it proclaims that we are "all created equal with unalienable rights" so that every American is only judged as a unique individual. He would be honored to have your vote!

*(This information furnished by Friends of McAlmond for US Senate.)*

**US Senator**

## Jo Rae Perkins

Republican

**Occupation:** Health Insurance Producer, Essential Needs Distributor

**Occupational Background:** Insurance Producer, Financial Advisor, Banker, Realtor, Office

Mgmt.

**Educational Background:** Oregon State University, Bachelor of Science, Political Science, minor Speech Comm; University of Portland, Executive Certificate in Financial Planning; Linn Benton Community College, Associates Business Management.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Oregon Republican Party State Secretary 2022 and 2020 U.S. Senator Nominee, 2024 and 2016 Presidential Elector, ORP State Convention, Delegate/Bonus Delegate; Linn County GOP, Chairwoman, Vice-Chairwoman, Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Precinct Committee Woman 2008 – Present; Linn County Republican Women, President, 1st & 2nd VP; ASOLBCC Business Manager; Albany Visitors Association, President/Vice-President; Commissioner, Albany Human Relations Commission 2019-2021

Following are issues sent to me by voters around Oregon that need to be addressed and changed by the U.S. House and Senate.

- Reform the Health Insurance Industry. Natural treatments, cover Naturopaths as Primary Doctor.
- Reform Medicare, Medicare Advantage and reduce control of CMS.
- Secure the border with changing unlawful immigration from civil to felony!
- End abuse of the Supremacy Clause by Cities and States.
- End Anchor Baby loophole.
- Tighten up budget oversite to End Waste, Fraud, Abuse.
- Reduce/end Continuing Resolutions. Pass a solid budget.
- Reform/reduce taxation at all levels.
- Stop supporting enemies of the State, NGOs, Non-Profits.
- Cap Interest Rates per the National Bank Act, close loopholes.
- Term Limits - Maximum of 12 years combined between both Houses of Congress!
- Provide housing for our Veterans!

I have traveled Oregon multiple times and have a broad understanding of Oregon's diverse culture and believe we have more in common than we realize.

### Jo Rae:

Will stand firm to save **your** Constitutional Rights.

Is 100% Pro-Life as all life begins at conception.

Is a follower of Jesus Christ.

Is Committed to fiscal stewardship of your tax dollars!

Married Geoge March 18, 1978, two adult children, eleven grandchildren!

Humbly I ask for your prayers, **boldly** I ask for your vote.

**“For Oregon, For America, For Such A Time As This”**

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*(This information furnished by Jo Rae Perkins.)*

**US Senator**

## David Brock Smith

Republican

**Occupation:** State Senator, Small Business Owner

**Occupational Background:** State Representative, County Commissioner, Small Business Owner/Business Manager, Director-

Economic Development

**Educational Background:** Pacific High School, SOCC, SOU

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Senator-Deputy Leader, State Representative-Assistant Leader, Legislative Committees-Vice Chair-Energy & Environment-Natural Resources-Agriculture, Land Use & Water-Education-Economic Development & Trade-Veterans, Emergency Management Federal/World Affairs-Joint Ways & Means-Sub-Public Safety/Natural Resources, Legislative Task Forces/Workgroups-Sudden Oak Death-Opioid-Maritime Workforce Development-Invasive Species-Agricultural Ditches-Salmon & Habitat Enhancement, Pacific Northwest Economic Region-Delegate, Council of State Governments West-Co-Chair Wildfire & Disaster Preparedness/Public Safety Committees, Senate Board Member-Oregon Infrastructure Finance Authority/Oregon Environmental Restoration Council, Co-Chair-Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus, Co-Chair-Legislative Wine Caucus

### Working For You! Serving Oregon First!

As a third-generation resident and small businessman from Southwest Oregon, David has spent his life serving his community and standing up for the people who live and work here. Our beloved Oregon is in peril, and as he continues to help lead the efforts for real solutions for our working families, their communities and the businesses that support them, more can and will be done. He's fought for you in the Oregon State Capitol in Salem, and he will continue to put you first in the U.S. Capitol in Washington.

- **Making Oregon Affordable:** We need common sense solutions that incentivize job growth in our communities. That means no new taxes, more support for our local businesses, eliminating fraud and reducing unnecessary government spending.
- **Ending the Homelessness Crisis:** We need drug and mental health treatment that works! David has and will continue to fight for treatment and accountability, and bring an end to permanent street camping. We need strong elected leaders who will represent the homeowners, businesses and residents in Portland and across Oregon.
- **Wildfire Prevention Policy:** David has led the state in wildfire prevention, and as your United States Senator, he will continue our fight to make sure federal regulations prioritize the jobs, needs and safety of the people who live here in Oregon, not political extremists.

More Information:

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

[www.OregonLegislature.gov/smithd](http://www.OregonLegislature.gov/smithd)

*(This information furnished by David Brock Smith for Oregon.)*

**US Representative, 4th District**

# Monique DeSpain

Republican

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Occupational Background:** Colonel; United States Air Force (retired), Attorney

**Educational Background:** J.D.; Willamette University College

of Law, M.S., Administration; Central Michigan University, B.S., Psychology; University of Utah

**Prior Governmental Experience:** United States Air Force, 30 years, JAG

**Monique is the only candidate endorsed by Farms in Oregon's 4th Congressional District.**

**Monique is the only candidate endorsed by Law Enforcement from Oregon's 4th District.**

### REAL LEADERSHIP. NOT A CAREER POLITICIAN.

Monique DeSpain is running for Congress because we deserve real leadership and commonsense solutions. After decades of failed career politicians, our communities face rising costs, increased crime, and declining opportunity. Monique is a political outsider who will challenge the status quo and fight for positive change for Oregon.

A retired U.S. Air Force Colonel, attorney, and mother, Monique served our country and defended our Constitution and the rule of law. She understands leadership, accountability, and delivering results.

### **Restore An Affordable, Thriving Economy**

Oregonians are struggling with the rising cost of living, healthcare, housing, taxes, and everyday necessities. Businesses are leaving. Monique will fight to restore a thriving economy, strengthen small businesses, and create opportunities so families can stay and build a bright future.

### **Protect Public Safety and End the Fentanyl Crisis**

Communities across Oregon are struggling with addiction, crime, and the devastating impact of fentanyl. Monique will support law enforcement, border security, and ensure our justice system prioritizes crime victims and safe communities.

### **Steward Oregon's Natural Resources Responsibly**

Oregon's forests are vital to our economy, our environment, wildfire prevention, and funding public safety and education. Monique supports responsible forest management that ends our smoke season while supporting well-paying jobs in Oregon.

### **Hold Government Accountable**

Career politicians have lost the trust of the people they serve. Monique will demand transparency, fiscal responsibility, and accountability with our tax dollars.

Learn more: [www.MoniqueForCongress.com](http://www.MoniqueForCongress.com)

(This information furnished by Monique DeSpain.)

**US Representative, 4th District**

# Stefan G Strek

Republican

**Occupation:** Student, Disability

**Occupational Background:** Food Service, Cashier, Financial Aid Processor

**Educational Background:** Southern Oregon University, MBA

(in progress), Marketing, Finance, Analytics. University of Oregon: BA, Art-Painting. University of Caen: CIT-French. Lane Community College: AAoT-Art. SEHS: CAM Business-Management.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** NA

**Disclosure:** This statement costs \$2,500, we get 325 words. Above header words count towards the limit.)

Please visit my website for updates.

[www.Vote4Strek.com](http://www.Vote4Strek.com)

There's a difference between being the best, And being the best, you can be.

I'm just trying to be the best version of myself, competing only with the man I was yesterday.

Philippians 4:13 "I can do all this through Him who gives me strength".

10 years ago, I entered politics to raise awareness, and raised my own awareness.

Every generation faces unique challenges and successes. You are not your job, nor how much money you have in the bank. You're not the car you drive, or the contents of your wallet.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 "For everything there is an appointed time; ...for every purpose under the Heavens."

Growing up, I watched classic American TV shows, "Gilligan's Island", "The Green Hornet", "The Incredible Hulk", "Batman (Adam West version)", "The Beverly Hillbillies"...

Generations of Americans have been raised to believe we can be anything,

Movie Stars, Music Heroes, Millionaires and Billionaires...

Isaiah 61:1-4 "...They shall renew the wasted cities..."

After entering politics, I was fired from my job for being disabled.

I consigned a lawyer and sought restitution.

Money didn't satisfy me, so I ran for Congress.

**Please, Let Me Fight For Your Rights!**

### My Priorities:

Good people, working hard to break even, who can't afford to be on this ballot.

Fix American Healthcare, returning decisions between You and your Doctor.

Protect Homes, Families and Rural Farmland.

### Congress Should:

Remove financial and logistical barriers from the political process.

Tax-incentivize "Direct Primary Care" Healthcare.

Streamline Veterans' Disability Benefits.

Protect Businesses, Schools, Religion, and Gun Rights.

Investigate Covid-19 Crimes.

[www.Vote4Strek.com](http://www.Vote4Strek.com)

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(This information furnished by Stefan Galen Strek.)



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**Governor**



**Danielle Bethell**

Republican

**Occupation:** Marion County Commissioner

**Occupational Background:** Keizer Chamber of Commerce CEO; Bethell Plumbing, Co-Owner

**Educational Background:** McKay

High School; Oregon State University, BS

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Salem/Keizer School Board, County Commissioner

Are you inspired with the kind of Republican nominee we've had for Governor in the past?

For years, our party has nominated legislators - people who know how to debate policy, but have never run a government or delivered a service. Oregon doesn't need another insider, we need someone who has actually been responsible for making government work for the people.

As a Marion County Commissioner, I am already running the fifth-largest county in Oregon. Every day I oversee budgets, public safety, land use, behavioral health systems, and programs communities depend on. That's the difference between a legislator and an executive: legislators write laws; *executives deliver results*.

Oregonians are frustrated and rightfully so. We are struggling with affordability, businesses are weighed down by regulation, and our systems continue to fail those who need help most. Too many decisions in Salem are driven by urban priorities, leaving the rest of our state behind.

**I'm running for Governor because Oregon needs bold leadership that focuses less on politics and more on outcomes.**

Over the past five years, I've built relationships with county commissioners and local leaders from every corner of Oregon—rural, urban, and frontier communities alike. These leaders run local governments and understand what's working and what isn't. Many are already supporting this campaign because they know Oregon needs a governor who listens and respects them as partners.

I believe in limited government that delivers, focused on core responsibilities like public safety, strong infrastructure, education, healthy communities, and a thriving economy where businesses grow and families succeed.

If you're ready for a Republican nominee with real executive experience, someone prepared to lead and fight for you on day one, I would be honored to earn your vote.

For a full list of endorsements visit [DanielleBethellforGovernor.com](http://DanielleBethellforGovernor.com)

(This information furnished by Friends of Danielle Bethell.)

**Governor**



**Ed Diehl**

Republican

**Occupation:** State Representative, HD17 2023-present

**Occupational Background:** Owner, Concept Systems Inc.

**Educational Background:** Bachelor/Master of Science,

Mechanical Engineering, Stanford University

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Led grassroots gas tax referendum

Ed Diehl spent his career building an award-winning company from the ground up to more than 100 employees. For the past three years, he has served in the **Oregon Legislature**, fighting to defend **conservative values** and stand up for taxpayers. From the inside, he has seen firsthand how Oregon's government has grown out of touch and no longer works in the best interests of **the people**.

Most recently, **Ed Diehl led the grassroots effort to bring Governor Kotek's massive \$4.3 billion gas tax and fee increase to voters.**

As governor, Ed Diehl will fight to make Oregon the best state to live, work, raise a family, and retire with dignity—where children and grandchildren can stay here and build their futures.

**Ed Diehl Shares Our Conservative Values**

- Audit every dime to eliminate government waste and fraud
- Cut state spending by 10%
- Freeze property taxes for seniors
- Fight to eliminate the death tax
- Cut taxes and fees by 10%, putting thousands back in your pocket
- Make **streets** safe again
- Restore **discipline, excellence, and accountability** in our schools
- Unleash free enterprise, cut regulations, create 25,000 private-sector jobs
- Actively manage Oregon's forests, water, natural resources
- Defend the Second Amendment, fight Measure 114 (**endorsed by Tony Aiello, Jr and Derek LeBlanc**)
- Protect girls' sports—no males in female competitions
- Pro-life (**endorsed by Oregon Right to Life PAC**)
- Address homelessness with compassion and accountability—no camping in public spaces
- Secure elections with voter ID, clean voter rolls, transparent systems so every legal vote counts

**Ed Diehl Solves Problems For A Living - He Will Get Results**

Ed and his wife Jamie met at Stanford and have been married for 36 years. They raised two children and now enjoy time with three grandchildren. They share **values of faith, responsibility, and community**.

**Together, Let's Take Back Oregon!**

(This information furnished by Ed Diehl for Oregon (PAC ID 21823).)

## Governor



## Christine Drazan

Republican

**Occupation:** State Senator

**Occupational Background:** State Representative; Executive Director

**Educational Background:** George Fox University, BA

**Prior Governmental Experience:** House Republican Leader; Oregon Innovation Council; Clackamas County Planning Commission

**OREGON DESERVES BETTER. CHRISTINE DRAZAN WILL DELIVER.**

*"It's time for Oregon to step out of the shadows of past failures and live up to the promise of a brighter future. Oregonians deserve results—not excuses. Delivering a more affordable and safer Oregon starts with firing Tina Kotek. I am committed to making Oregon the best place in the nation to buy a home, raise a family, start a business and receive a world-class education."*

— Senator Christine Drazan

### **TOUGH. TESTED. CONSERVATIVE.**

As a lifelong Oregonian and experienced leader, Christine has an unmatched record of challenging waste and mismanagement while fighting for common-sense solutions that make life more affordable and safer for Oregon families. Christine is a proven fighter who will never give up on the state we love and doesn't back down when the fight gets tough.

Christine defeated Tina Kotek's \$11.7 billion gas tax and fought to protect girls' sports and keep men out of their locker rooms. She led the walkout to stop cap and trade and defended our Second Amendment rights against attacks. She worked to secure our elections and pledged to fire agency bureaucrats and audit government spending.

Christine Drazan's leadership is battle-tested and unwavering in its commitment to restoring freedom, making Tina Kotek a one-term governor and unleashing a limitless future for the people of Oregon.

### **PUTTING OREGONIANS FIRST:**

- CUT TAXES & LOWER THE COST OF LIVING
- UNLEASH OREGON'S ECONOMY
- MAKE HOMEOWNERSHIP A REALITY
- END HOMELESSNESS
- RESTORE SAFE COMMUNITIES
- FIX OUR SCHOOLS
- FIRE BUREAUCRATS & CUT WASTEFUL SPENDING

### **ENDORSEMENTS:**

Senate Republican Leader Bruce Starr

House Republican Leader Lucetta Elmer

Deputy House Republican Leader Alek Skarlatos

Oregon Right to Life PAC

Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs (ORCOPS)

Oregon Farm Bureau Federation

Associated General Contractors Oregon-Columbia Chapter

Oregon Nurseries PAC

AG-PAC

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

*(This information furnished by Friends of Christine Drazan.)*

## Governor



## Chris Dudley

Republican

**Occupation:** Founder, Chris Dudley Foundation; Businessman

**Occupational Background:** Portland Trail Blazer; NBA Player; Business & Non-Profit Development

**Educational Background:** B.A., Economics, Yale University, CFP

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Republican Nominee for Governor, 2010

**I'm running for Governor because Oregon deserves better.**

I love this state. Its natural beauty, independent spirit, and hardworking people. But too many Oregonians see the same problems getting worse: failing schools, growing homelessness, rising crime, and an economy leaving families behind.

Our problems may feel overwhelming, but I've spent my whole life defying the odds. My parents taught me the value of hard work to achieve your goals, but too often that hard work doesn't pay off for Oregon families anymore.

Growing up in a working-class home and being diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at 16 put the odds against me, but I never wavered in my determination to achieve my goals. I later became the first NBA player with Type 1 diabetes, played 16 years in the league, including six with the Portland Trail Blazers.

I took that same drive beyond basketball into my business career, becoming a Certified Financial Planner, CEO, and a leader in non-profit's right here in Oregon.

I've never let challenges stop me, and I'm not going to stop when it comes to fighting for Oregon.

We must restore excellence in education by raising standards, supporting parents, and ensuring every child receives a quality education.

We must confront homelessness and addiction with both empathy and accountability, expanding treatment while ending open-air drug markets and restoring order to our communities.

And we must rebuild Oregon's economy by cutting unnecessary regulations, lowering taxes on working families, and supporting job creation across our state.

Together, we can restore opportunity, safety, and confidence in Oregon's future.

**Join me in making Oregon the best place to live, work, and play.**

I'm honored to earn your vote!

**SEE ENDORSEMENTS – LEARN MORE**  
**[Dudley4Oregon.com](http://Dudley4Oregon.com)**

*(This information furnished by Dudley for Oregon PAC#24693.)*

**Governor**

# Kyle M Duyck

Republican

**Occupation:** Genomics Researcher, General United States Army, King of Russia

**Occupational Background:** Farmer

**Educational Background:**

B.S. Biochemistry and Biophysics Oregon State University, M.S. Bioinformatics and Genomics University of Oregon, Successfully Defended Life and Health Sciences PhD Thesis Open University

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Classified

Oregon is at a crossroads. Across the state there is growing frustration with the direction and size of government. Too many Oregonians, rural and urban alike, feel unheard by a system that has become inefficient, overregulated, and driven more by ideological governance than practical problem-solving.

My campaign is rooted in a simple belief: the people of Oregon deserve a government that works for them—leadership able to reform spending, restore efficiency, and return power to voters.

In 1776, the First American Revolution rallied around a simple truth:

No Taxation Without Representation.

In 2026, Oregonians rally around my Constitutional Amendment:

No Taxation Without Voter Approval.

A Legacy of Leadership and Stewardship

My family's story is woven into the fabric of both Oregon Territory and world history. Our Duyck ancestry served as Lands Advocate of Holland during one of the most prosperous periods of the early Dutch Republic. This office evolved into the Grand Pensionary, the Chief Executive of the first Modern Republic.

On the other side, my Newton ancestor—the uncle of Sir Isaac Newton—arrived on the Mayflower, seeking freedom and opportunity in the New World. Their descendants journeyed west, eventually settling in Oregon Territory to build a legacy of resilience and leadership.

Since the 1800's, the Duyck Family Farms have helped preserve the Tualatin Plains, one of the most fertile soils in the world, protecting it from urban sprawl through sustainable agriculture.

My Vision for Oregon

- Stop Urban Growth Boundary expansion
- No Taxation Without Voter Approval
- Zero default property tax on owner-occupied homes
- Tariff large, often foreign, investment in property, scaled by homes owned
- Expand school choice and vocational training
- Dismantle health insurance industrial complex
- Improve identity verification and uncounterfeitable paper ballots in elections

*(This information furnished by Kyle M Duyck.)*

**Governor**

# David Medina

Republican

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner

**Occupational Background:** Conservative Social Media Journalist @DavidMedinaPDX

**Educational Background:** George

Fox University

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Counselor, Maclaren Youth Correctional Facility; Campaign management of Legislative, Congressional, and School Board races

### END GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION

**Oregon is in crisis.** As Governor, I will launch a **DOGE-style audit at every level of government** to root out fraud, waste, and corruption. Without total transparency, Oregon's problems cannot be fixed. I won't play politics. I will do what is right to hold people accountable!

### PUT OREGONIANS FIRST

**While establishment politicians** prioritize illegal aliens and special interests, **I will put YOU first.** I will veto every bill that fails to prioritize our citizens. We will end wasteful spending driving our state into the ground. We will bring **Common Sense** back to Oregon.

### RETURN OREGON TO GREATNESS

**Oregon should be the pinnacle** of education, safety, business, and affordability, but current policies are destroying our cities and rural communities, driving families and businesses out of our state. This ends when I am Governor.

**We will:**

- **Exempt property taxes** for seniors, veterans, and the disabled.
- **Repeal the Estate Tax.**
- **Restore safety** by supporting law enforcement and ending the Sanctuary State.
- **Enforce mandatory treatment** for the drug and homelessness crises.
- **Eliminate the CAT tax** to bring businesses and jobs back to Oregon.
- **Defend Medical Freedom** and protect parental rights.
- **Audit ODOT** to redirect DEI funding toward fixing our damaged roads, bridges, and infrastructure.
- **Use modern forestry practices** to prevent wildfires and rebuild local economies.
- **Support School Choice** to ensure tax dollars follow the student, not the system.
- **Lower costs** by repealing bogus climate regulations and reducing utility bills.
- **Cut income taxes for families** to make Oregon affordable again.

### VOTE DAVID MEDINA FOR GOVERNOR

**Oregon belongs to the people,** not the politicians. I am a lifelong Oregonian, father, and a man of faith **Saved by Jesus Christ.** I am unbought, unafraid, and ready to fight for our future. **Let's Go Oregon!**

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

*(This information furnished by David Medina For Oregon - PAC ID: 24670.)*

**Governor**

## Brad T Peters

Republican

**Occupation:** Statesman

**Occupational Background:** Platform Engineer with 18 years at IBM and Intel

**Educational Background:** BS Biochemistry and Biophysics, BS

Computer Science, Masters Business Administration: Oregon State University

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

A Governor must bring Oregon a clear vision - and a plan to bring opportunity to every corner of our state.

I am an Oregon native. I understand technology, and how transformational it can be.

Oregon can lead in AI and automation to revolutionize education, revitalize manufacturing, and develop renewable resources to export high-value finished goods to the world. But we must start making bold choices.

**Our future depends on three priorities:** Expanding opportunity, making life affordable again, and preparing our children for tomorrow's economy.

This is the future I offer.

**Action Plan:**

- 1) Economic Growth:** It is time for an Oregon Business Incubator. One element is a Business Reviews platform with 5-star rating system. Start-ups with strong reviews grow to \$150k income with zero tax and waived permit fees.
- 2) Housing:** When the average Oregonian cannot buy the average home, our land-use policy has failed. **But it doesn't have to be this way.** Laws must adapt to provide affordable homes.
- 3) Education:** I propose a new Alternative Educational Pathways program giving students flexibility to pursue technology tracks and skills for tomorrow's economy.
- 4) Farmers:** I will end the regulatory madness. Farmers need water, freedom, and the ability to sell their finished product.
- 5) Renewable Energy:** Newberry Crater is a geothermal jewel barely explored. I will expedite development to strengthen Oregon's long-term energy security.
- 6) Portland:** OHP should apply equitable standards in healthcare coverage. I oppose child transition, but adults should have access to fertility preservation options supported by insurance.

Our future can be extraordinary if we focus on what matters: Expanding opportunities, affordability, and preparing our children for the future.

Visit [BradPetersforOregon.com](http://BradPetersforOregon.com) for *The New Vision for Oregon* white paper.

Thank you for considering me to be the next Governor of Oregon.

*(This information furnished by Brad Peters.)*

**Governor**

## Paul J Romero Jr

Republican

**Occupation:** Teacher; CEO

**Occupational Background:** Project Mgmt; Auditor; Educator

**Educational Background:** BS in Workforce Ed & Dev; BS in Mech Eng/Math (Inc)

**Prior Governmental Experience:** US Navy Vet 10 years Honorable Svc; PCP

**Dear Oregonians,**

As a Navy veteran, substitute teacher for SPED Pre-K to 12th grade, father and now grandfather, I've seen the systems break from the inside. Education is failing, taxes are crushing families, and leaders have failed the people. Oregon doesn't need more party politics. It needs real leadership rooted in truth, transparency, and constitutional accountability. Oregon needs a Project Leader, not a politician.

**With focus on the future,** I propose to end State Income Tax, State Property Tax, CAT Tax, excessive fees & licensing costs, and hidden taxes. Yes, there is a way to accomplish this. End Federal Welfare for the non-use of state resources rebuilding our STATE timber industry & promoting an economic environment that attracts and keeps businesses and jobs. We must ensure that jobs for our high school and college graduates are available. County budget issues disappear managing their own resources. Oil and natural gas in Eastern Oregon must be capitalized on for all Oregonians along with a refinery in SE Oregon where Federal waste and remnants of uranium mining need addressing. Additional funds will be sought from the Federal Govt for management of Federal waste, Uranium mining, and a water project bringing water back to the area. Ending SB-100 freeing our natural resources for public benefit while improving our water quality and ending hidden cap & tax.

This is the starting point for real leadership. Solid ideas, vision, and action when you elect me.

I am not a politician. I am committed to being a great Statesman, Project Leader, and a true representative of We The People.

**Contract with Oregonians**

**[www.romerofororegon.com](http://www.romerofororegon.com)**

Facebook Lives Sunday 5pm at "Paul Romero for Oregon Governor 2026"

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*(This information furnished by PAUL JOSEPH ROMERO, JR.)*

**Governor**

# Martin Ward

Republican

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**Occupation:** author

**Occupational Background:**  
canvassing

**Educational Background:** psu

**Prior Governmental Experience:**

none

Can find details of my policies at [www.theprinceofpeace.net](http://www.theprinceofpeace.net)

Abortions – Will make abortions illegal with executive order by applying homicide laws based on the 14th amendment of the constitution which requires states not to “deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”

Same Sex Marriage – Will raise fees on same sex marriage with executive order, making them unaffordable.

Transexual Surgery – Will work to make transexual surgery, sterilizing birth control and any mutilation of reproductive organs illegal.

Child Abuse – Will require annual screening of minors for child abuse, focusing on sexual abuse and extremer forms of physical abuse.

Education Reforms – Primarily 6th-12th grade. Will eliminate English, history, and Spanish and replace them with research courses. Students will simply research their desired occupation.

Free College – Jesus paid it all. Will decrease salaries, increase class sizes, increase class loads of professors. Professors currently are paid 150,000 and only teach 3-4 courses a semester.

Prison/Jail Reform – Will build new jails and prisons that have mini kitchens and bathrooms inside cells. This will allow security to keep prisoners separated, decreasing prison crime. Will save 250-500 million a year due to decreased security staff.

Federal Medicaid/Food Stamp Cuts – Budget cuts can cover this.

New Homeless Shelters – Need 1 billion to build new shelters that are properly designed to house homeless.

Lower Rent - Government ownership of apartments has shown to decrease rent by 30-40% due to eliminating landlords. Will test these models.

Legislature Reforms – Will increase pay of senators/ reps, require 200 business days in Salem, new duties and schedules.

Read my lips, no new taxes.

*(This information furnished by martin ward campaign political committee.)*

**State Senator, 8th District**



# Valerie Draper Woldeit

Republican

**Occupation:** DoorDash Driver

**Occupational Background:** 40+ years teaching; 10 years as a small business owner, Coordinator/ Recruiter, American Discovery

**Educational Background:** AS,

Linn-Benton Community College; BS, Asbury University

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

Valerie has deep roots in the Mid-Willamette area. Her working-class family helped build up the middle class in Linn, Benton, and Marion counties by building homes for veterans returning from World War II. She's a former K-12 teacher and a DoorDash driver. She is a mother of four and grandmother to eleven grandchildren. Valerie recently returned from a humanitarian trip to Uganda where she was working on establishing free education and health care for children in one of the poorest areas of the country. Through these experiences, **Valerie is ready to help bring balance back to Oregon.**

## **DEFENDING LAW ENFORCEMENT & PROTECTING OREGONIANS**

Government's job is to protect its citizens. Democrats' policies of catch-and-release for hardened criminals have made Oregon less safe. We need leadership and accountability. As State Senator, Valerie will DEFEND law enforcement and always PROTECT the Oregon Way of Life.

## **RESTORING EXCELLENCE IN SCHOOLS**

Career politicians continue to make excuses for our failing government school system by lowering standards and pushing an extreme agenda. As State Senator, Valerie will get kids FOCUSED on the basics and ADVOCATE for teaching students how to think, not what to think.

## **MAKE OREGON MORE AFFORDABLE**

Oregon has become one of the most expensive places to live, work, and raise a family, and families are feeling the pain of inflation more than the rest of the nation. To help alleviate that pain, Valerie will REFORM our taxes and CUT red tape to make Oregon more affordable and unleash Oregon jobs.

## **CLEANING OUR STREETS**

Addiction, mental health challenges, and lack of affordability have caused more people to live on the streets in Oregon. As State Senator, Valerie will WORK to get the homeless off the streets.

See all at [valeriefororegon.com](http://valeriefororegon.com)

*(This information furnished by Valerie Draper Woldeit.)*

**State Representative, 15th District**

# Shelly Boshart Davis

Republican

**Occupation:** Mom; Owner, Boshart Trucking; State Representative

**Occupational Background:** Small Business; Farmer

**Educational Background:** Oregon State University, Bachelor of

Science in Business Administration

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Linn County Budget Committee; State Representative

*"Shelly is a commonsense leader who does the right thing. She understands the unique needs of our local small businesses, families, law enforcement, and farmers."*

**Roger Nyquist, Linn County Commissioner**

*"I've worked side-by-side with Shelly for years on behalf of Oregon families who are frustrated by the status quo. She is a powerhouse legislator who understands how to get things done in a tough political environment."*

**Christine Drazan, Republican Candidate for Governor**

*"Shelly has been instrumental in supporting our local veterans housing project, local businesses, and rural Oregon communities. We appreciate leaders who listen and stand with those who serve."*

**Zachary Draper, VFW Commander, Post 584**

**Fighting The TAX AND SPEND Agenda**

Since you first sent me to Salem, I've been fighting every day for the working men and women who are ignored by Portland politicians.

Last year, Governor Kotek signed a \$4.3 BILLION tax increase on YOU in the form of higher gas taxes and DMV fees. While liberal politicians talked about "revenue," I was focused on your reality: higher costs. VOTE NO on Measure 120!

**A COMMONSENSE Conservative**

I grew up on the farm and in the truck shop right here in Linn County. I chose to raise my family here, where my husband and I built our businesses. I believe government functions best when regular people run it.

In Salem, I have fought for our values:

- Sponsoring legislation to roll back Oregon's "Hidden Gas Tax" that adds up to 23¢/gallon.
- Advancing parental rights, school choice, and graduation standards.
- Fighting waste and fraud.
- Defending the 2nd Amendment.
- Supporting law enforcement.
- Standing up for Oregon businesses and workers.

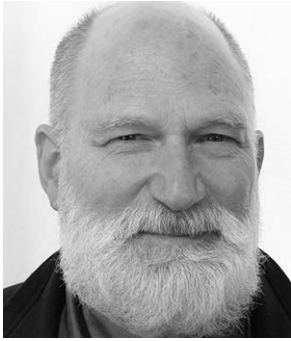
**ENDORSEMENTS**

Taxpayers Association of Oregon

Oregon Right to Life PAC

Oregon Coalition of Police & Sheriffs (ORCOPS)

*(This information furnished by Shelly Boshart Davis.)*

**Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries**

## Chris Lynch

Nonpartisan

**Occupation:** Compliance Specialist

**Occupational Background:** Two decades working for small employers; two decades working in state government.

**Educational Background:** Portland Community College (no degree); Hunter College (no degree); Lincoln High School.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Civil Rights Investigator, Civil Rights Manager, BOLI. Safety Enforcement Manager, DCBS.

BOLI needs help. I know, because I've been there. BOLI enforces Oregon's civil rights, child labor, and wage laws. Whether you're a business owner, employee, tenant, or consumer, in times of conflict, BOLI can make a difference.

After decades working for small businesses, I went to BOLI as a PCC intern, and eventually became a manager in the Civil Rights Division. For 14 years, we effectively served Oregonians. I left in 2019 because I couldn't stand to watch the agency fall apart; mismanagement by multiple labor commissioners has caused untenable backlogs and massive delays in case processing. In 2023 I was optimistic about a new commissioner's potential and I returned to BOLI that October. But leadership was absent, staff morale was decimated, and I could not stand to stay.

BOLI has been a sinking ship, unable to meet demands, while the current commissioner prioritizes increasing middle management over empowering front line workers. A recent Secretary of State audit of BOLI noted "*money alone will not fix BOLI's problems.*" Employee morale is an organization's greatest resource. Leaders who don't recognize that will never fulfill their team's potential.

Under my lead, claims would be closed or investigated, but they would not linger in limbo for years on end. Our priority would be fair, effective, and efficient processing of cases without a partisan agenda. Often, Republicans will believe BOLI is too aggressive, while Democrats will think BOLI isn't doing enough. I am not a Democrat or a Republican, or even a politician. I would be honored to lead BOLI forward for all Oregonians.

More at [CL4LC.com](http://CL4LC.com)

*(This information furnished by Chris Lynch for Oregon.)*

**Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries**

## Christina E Stephenson

Nonpartisan

**Occupation:** Labor Commissioner

**Occupational Background:** Small Business Owner, Civil Rights Attorney

**Educational Background:** Hillsboro High School; American University, B.A.; University of Oregon School of Law, J.D.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Oregon Legislative Workgroup on lowering prescription drug prices

Christina Stephenson is a mom, civil rights attorney, and former small business owner who grew up in rural Oregon and spent her career protecting workers and families. Voters elected Christina to fix a broken state agency, and that's exactly what she's doing as our Labor Commissioner.

**Christina is making Oregon's economy work for families and small businesses, not special interests.**

### Protecting Oregonians

Christina secured over \$17 million back to workers who had their wages stolen or rights violated on the job. She also helped pass bipartisan legislation to protect children by closing a loophole in child labor law.

### Expanding Job Training

Christina knows college isn't for everyone. That's why she strengthened registered apprenticeship programs so everyone can find a good paying job and keep up with the cost of living.

*"Christina listens to both sides and has impeccable integrity. She has proven herself as a Labor Commissioner who stands up for all workers and our small businesses."* - Abby Kellner-Rode, Owner, Boundless Farmstead

### Holding Government Accountable

Christina eliminated bureaucracy and reduced backlogs that were decades in the making, launched a mediation program to help Oregonians get results faster, and helped pass a bipartisan law to make BOLI work better for everyone.

### Lowering Costs for Small Businesses

Christina created a toolkit and advisory council to level the playing field for small businesses, lower their costs, and cut unnecessary red tape.

### **We support Christina!**

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley

Oregon State Fire Fighters Council

Oregon Working Families Party

Oregon Nurses Association

American Federation of Teachers Oregon

Basic Rights Oregon PAC

Service Employees International Union - Oregon

OR Labor Federation, AFL-CIO

Oregon State Building & Construction Trades Council

Oregon & Southern Idaho District Council of Laborers

And many more: [www.ChristinaforOregon.com](http://www.ChristinaforOregon.com)

*(This information furnished by CS for OR PAC ID 18555.)*

**Judge of the Supreme Court, Position 4**

# Christopher L. Garrett

Nonpartisan

**Occupation:** Justice, Oregon Supreme Court

**Occupational Background:** Justice, Oregon Supreme Court (2019-present); Judge, Oregon Court of Appeals (2014-2018);

Oregon House of Representatives (2009-2013); Private law practice (2000-2001, 2002-2013); Law Clerk, United States Court of Appeals (2001-2002)

**Educational Background:** J.D., University of Chicago Law School (2000); B.A., Reed College (1996)

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Judge, Oregon Court of Appeals; State Representative; Speaker Pro Tempore, Oregon House of Representatives; Law Clerk, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Oregon Senate President

**Experienced. Principled. Fair.**

A native Oregonian, Justice Garrett attended his local public schools, graduating from what was then Wilson High School (now Ida B. Wells) in Portland.

He began his public service career as a legislative staffer and a law clerk for a federal judge. As a lawyer in private practice, he represented businesses and nonprofit organizations, and provided pro bono services to people in need. In 2008, he was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives, where he earned a reputation for working effectively with people from across the political spectrum.

In addition to his judicial service, Justice Garrett has taught law school courses on legislation and regulation, serves on the Oregon Council on Court Procedures, and co-chaired the Futures Task Force for the Oregon State Bar.

Justice Garrett understands that a judge must approach every case with an open mind, listen carefully, and apply the law to the facts without fear or favor. Our system depends on judges with the integrity to decide cases based on the law, not personal preferences. These principles will continue to guide Justice Garrett's service on the Oregon Supreme Court.

*(This information furnished by Committee to Retain Justice Christopher Garrett.)*

**Judge of the Court of Appeals, Position 1**

## Ryan T O'Connor

Nonpartisan

**Occupation:** Judge, Oregon Court of Appeals

**Occupational Background:** Judge, Oregon Court of Appeals (2025-2026); Partner, O'Connor Weber (2012-2025); Co-Executive

Director, Equal Justice Law (2023-2025); Deputy Public Defender, Oregon Office of Public Defense Services (2005-2011)

**Educational Background:** J.D., University of Notre Dame Law School (2005); B.A., University of Portland (2001); Capital High School, Olympia, WA (1997)

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Judge, Oregon Court of Appeals (2025-2026); Deputy Public Defender, Oregon Office of Public Defense Services (2005-2011)

Judge O'Connor has served on the Oregon Court of Appeals since March 2025. He has heard dozens of appeals and authored dozens of opinions. Before that, Judge O'Connor represented hundreds of clients at trial, before administrative agencies, and on appeal in Oregon state courts and in federal courts. His clients included individuals and small businesses. He helped exonerate two people who had been wrongfully convicted of crimes. Throughout his legal career, Judge O'Connor has been known for his collegiality and legal ability.

Judge O'Connor grew up in Olympia, Washington. He moved to Oregon for college and has lived in Oregon for more than 20 years. Judge O'Connor and his family enjoy hiking, camping, and playing sports. He volunteers on the board of the local little league and as a youth softball coach. Judge O'Connor is an active member of the Oregon State Bar and has served on the advisory boards of nonprofit organizations.

"I am honored to serve Oregonians as a judge on the Oregon Court of Appeals. I am committed to making sure that every party that appears before me is treated respectfully, fairly, and according to the rule of law. I will keep working to ensure that Oregon's courts are transparent, accessible, and fair. I ask you to retain me as Judge on the Oregon Court of Appeals." - Judge Ryan T. O'Connor

*(This information furnished by Elect Judge Ryan O'Connor.)*

**Judge of the Court of Appeals, Position 9**

## Jacqueline Kamins

Nonpartisan

**Occupation:** Judge, Oregon Court of Appeals, 2020-present.

**Occupational Background:** Of Counsel, Markowitz Herbold PC, 2019-2020. Senior Assistant County Attorney, Multnomah

County Attorney's Office, 2015-2019. Senior Assistant Attorney General, Oregon Department of Justice, 2006-2015. Adjunct Professor of Law, Lewis & Clark Law School, 2009-2019. Associate, Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP, 2004-2006. Judicial Clerk, Honorable Kim McLane Wardlaw, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, 2002-2003.

**Educational Background:** University of Virginia School of Law, J.D. 2002. Columbia University, B.A. 1997.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Oregon Court of Appeals, Judge. Multnomah County Arbitration Panel, Arbitrator. Positions listed above with the Oregon Department of Justice, Multnomah County Attorney's Office, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

**Professional service:** ORAP Committee (voting member). Federal Bar Association (member, executive board, president). Oregon Women Lawyers Society (member). OGALLA (member). Multnomah Bar Association (member). American Bar Association (member).

**Community Service:** Dougy Center for Grieving Children and Families (Volunteer Facilitator) 2013-present. Path Home (Shelter Volunteer) 2018-present. ACCESS Academy (Volunteer Drama Club Instructor) 2022-present.

Judge Kamins is committed to treating each litigant with dignity and respect and working tirelessly toward reaching the correct result in each case. Knowing how critical the cases before the Oregon Court of Appeals are to the litigants, Judge Kamins prioritizes issuing fair decisions in a timely fashion and has devoted her time on the bench to finding ways to reduce the amount of time that litigants are waiting for decisions. Outside the courtroom, Judge Kamins and her family volunteer with organizations that reflect her deep commitment to supporting marginalized communities and those impacted by the deaths of close family members.

### Statement

"I am honored to serve Oregonians as a judge on the Court of Appeals. I take the trust that voters have placed in me extremely seriously and I am committed to earning that trust each day on the job."

*(This information furnished by Committee to Elect Judge Jackie Kamins.)*

**Judge of the Court of Appeals, Position 12**

## Erin C Lagesen

Nonpartisan

**Occupation:** Judge, Oregon Court of Appeals

**Occupational Background:**

Judge, Oregon Court of Appeals, November 12, 2013-Present, including as Chief Judge, January

1, 2022-Present; Senior Assistant Attorney General and Assistant Attorney General, Oregon Department of Justice; Associate, Stoel Rives LLP; Judicial Clerk to the Hon. Susan P. Graber, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit; Mathematics Teacher, Milwaukie High School

**Educational Background:** Willamette University College of Law, JD, summa cum laude (2000); Harvard University Graduate School of Education, EdM (1994); University of Oregon, MS, Mathematics (1993); Williams College, BA, English and Mathematics, cum laude (1991); Portland Public Schools, K-12.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Oregon Court of Appeals, Judge; positions listed above with the Oregon Department of Justice and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

**EXPERIENCED**

Judge Lagesen has served on the Oregon Court of Appeals since November 12, 2013, and has served as the court's Chief Judge since January 1, 2022. She is an elected member of the American Law Institute. In 2025, she was one of the recipients of the Oregon State Bar's Wallace P. Carson, Jr. Award for Judicial Excellence.

**DEDICATED**

Judge Lagesen regularly presents at legal education programs, has authored chapters on state constitutional law and appellate practice for state bar publications, and is a past chair of the state bar Constitutional Law section. She also is a long-time volunteer coach for the high school "We the People" constitutional law program.

**FAIR**

Judge Lagesen is proud to serve the people of Oregon on the Oregon Court of Appeals. She is committed to improving the administration of justice in that court to the best of her ability. She will handle each case before her with care, treat those who appear before the court with respect and impartiality, and work to ensure that the rule of law applies the same way to all people, no matter who they are or where they are from.

*(This information furnished by Committee to Retain Judge Lagesen.)*

**Judge of the Court of Appeals, Position 13**

## Doug Tookey

Nonpartisan

**Occupation:** Judge, Oregon Court of Appeals

**Occupational Background:**

Judge, Oregon Court of Appeals; Senior Deputy and Deputy Legislative Counsel, Office of the

Legislative Counsel; Adjunct Professor of Law, Willamette University College of Law (Fall 2009 and 2010); overseas experience through a variety of initiatives to improve access to justice and respect for the rule of law, including Fulbright Scholarships in Singapore and Kazakhstan.

**Educational Background:** National University of Singapore, Faculty of Law, LL.M.; Cornell Law School, J.D.; University of Chicago, B.A. (English Language and Literature); Oregon State University (freshman, sophomore years); McNary High School, Keizer, High School Diploma.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Office of the Legislative Counsel, Senior Deputy and Deputy Legislative Counsel; United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Judicial Law Clerk; United States District Court, District of Colorado, Judicial Law Clerk.

**Other Experience:** Oregon State Bar, Public Service Advisory Committee (2006-2011); Council on Court Procedures (2017-2021); Oregon Bench and Bar Commission on Professionalism (2018-2022); current member, Tribal, State, and Federal Court Forum. In 2021, he was one of the recipients of the Oregon State Bar's Wallace P. Carson Jr. Award for Judicial Excellence.

*(This information furnished by Judge Doug Tookey for Oregon Court of Appeals.)*

**Judge of the Circuit Court, 21st District, Position 3**

## Yema T Measho

Nonpartisan

**Occupation:** Attorney/Owner, Law Offices of Yema Measho LLC

**Occupational Background:** Immigration Attorney

**Educational Background:** J.D., Willamette University College of

Law; B.A., University of Washington

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Oregon DOJ Sanctuary Promise Advisory Committee Member

**Community Service:** Benton Community Foundation Board Member; Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center Board Member; frequent guest speaker on immigrant rights and law

### **Yema's commitment to Benton County runs deep**

For more than 15 years, Yema has practiced immigration law in Corvallis, serving individuals, families, and businesses throughout Benton County. She has served on local boards, raised her family here, and advocated for our neighbors who have nowhere else to turn.

### **Yema is ready to do the job**

Immigration law is a high-volume, complex, and constantly evolving practice. As an immigration attorney, Yema has developed the discipline to manage demanding dockets while giving each case the attention it deserves. Her practice requires working at the intersection of federal law and Oregon's family and criminal laws, giving her broad experience.

### **Yema supports treatment based approaches**

Yema is committed to help develop programs that connect people to treatment and recovery services, while still promoting accountability, to help reduce repeated involvement with the justice system.

As a judge, Yema will focus on three core commitments:

- **Fair process:** every person, regardless of circumstances or background, will be heard and treated with dignity and respect.
- **Fidelity to the law:** every ruling will be grounded in the facts and the law.
- **Access to Justice:** every party will have the opportunity to make their case.

Join your neighbors in voting for Yema Measho!

### **Endorsements:**

Benton County Commissioner Gabe Shepherd  
 Benton County Commissioner Nancy Wyse  
 Former Benton County Commissioner Xan Augerot  
 Corvallis Mayor Charles Maughan  
 Lorena Reynolds, Attorney  
 Former Corvallis Councilor Dr. Ed Junkins  
 Lee Eckroth, Business Owner  
 Dr. Michelle Eckroth, Pediatrician  
 Dr. Ronald Guenther, Emeritus Professor, OSU  
 Adair Village Councilor John Wilson

For more about Yema, visit [yemameashoforjudge.com](http://yemameashoforjudge.com)

*(This information furnished by Yema Measho for Judge.)*

**Judge of the Circuit Court, 21st District, Position 3**

## Joseph O Elwood

Nonpartisan

**Occupation:** Attorney/Owner, Law Office of Joseph Elwood

**Occupational Background:** Criminal and Civil Trial Attorney, Procurement Manager/Contracts Officer, Field Service Engineer,

Nuclear Operator

**Educational Background:** Willamette University College of Law, Marylhurst University, Portland State University/PCC, Naval Nuclear Power School

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

When an individual steps into a courtroom they are likely experiencing one of the worst periods in their life. And yet, there are few things as important as a courtroom in our country's system of justice. I have seen the effect that a good judge can have in the lives of everyone involved.

In the limited number of words allowed in this publication I hope to convey a little about who I am and why I am the best choice for Benton County Circuit Court Judge.

I grew up the oldest of nine siblings in rural Nevada. After high school I followed in my grandfather's footsteps and joined the United States Navy serving as a nuclear operator on the USS Nimitz until my honorable discharge in 2001. After the Navy I worked in the semiconductor industry, but I always wanted to work with people instead of machines. In 2009 I moved to Corvallis to attend law school and I have lived in Benton County ever since.

I believe that the judicial system is in place to 1) protect the citizens of the community; 2) fairly resolve civil disputes; and 3) prevent criminal recidivism. There are times when incarceration is required to protect the community. However, there are many cases where the community will benefit more from fixing the underlying issue leading to criminal behavior. For this reason, I want to make drug treatment court and mental health court a priority. I have seen how these alternative forms of justice can change lives and these changes continue to future generations. My dream for Benton County is a judicial system that uses all of these available tools to enhance the safety of this beautiful area.

*(This information furnished by Joseph O. Elwood.)*

**Judge of the Circuit Court, 21st District, Position 3**

# Michael W Flinn

Nonpartisan

**Occupation:** Trial Lawyer

**Occupational Background:** Trial lawyer practicing civil, criminal, family, and juvenile law in Oregon since 1995. In private practice for 15 years, with law firms and independ-

ently in his own solo practice law firm. Deputy District Attorney for 15 years. Author of chapter in lawyer reference book. Instructor for Trial Advocacy class.

**Educational Background:** J.D., University of Oregon School of Law, 1995; BA, University of Oregon, 1991.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Deputy District Attorney in Linn, Deschutes, and Benton Counties.

## EXPERIENCE

Mike Flinn has always been a trial attorney. Over the past 30 years as a lawyer, he has handled more than 150 jury trials and litigated thousands of criminal and civil cases. He has substantial experience in criminal law, civil law, and juvenile law. He has prosecuted criminals who harmed the most vulnerable members of our community, and defended people who have been unjustly charged with crimes. He has represented survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse. This work is an extension of the compassion and dedication Mike Flinn has for all.

## COMMUNITY

Mike Flinn is a lifelong Oregonian, where he raised his three children, two of whom attended Crescent Valley High School in Corvallis. He has worked as a lawyer in Benton County Court for 17 years. He is deeply committed to making sure Benton County is a safe and supportive environment for everyone.

## DEDICATION TO FAIRNESS AND THE RULE OF LAW

In these times, Benton County needs a judge with the experience necessary to honestly and consistently apply the law. Judges without this important, longstanding experience make poor decisions, undermining the credibility of the courts and damaging our community. Mike Flinn wants to serve Benton County so that he can apply his extensive experience to every case that comes before him and ensure the law is fairly and equally applied to everyone. He would be very honored to receive your vote.

## ENDORSEMENTS

Benton County Democrats

*(This information furnished by Michael Flinn.)*

**Judge of the Circuit Court, 21st District, Position 2**

# Matthew Donohue

Nonpartisan

**Occupation:** Presiding Judge, Benton County Circuit Court

**Occupational Background:** Assistant Attorney General, Oregon Department of Justice; Judicial Clerk, Oregon Supreme Court; Judicial Clerk, Oregon Court of Appeals

**Educational Background:** Juris Doctorate, University of Oregon School of Law; Bachelor of Science, Oregon State University

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Circuit Court Judge, Benton County Circuit Court; Board Member, Corvallis 509j School District; Member, City of Eugene Charter Review Committee

I have been honored to serve the people of Benton County since 2013 as a fair, impartial, and independent judge of disputes arising in our community.

I understand that our community expects that everyone has equal access to our courts. I have worked with community partners, our judges, and our court staff to reduce barriers for people who represent themselves without attorneys. During my term we increased support to help them effectively participate in our justice system. This work is ongoing and I remain committed to leading these efforts.

Judges also have a significant role in assisting people to address behavioral health issues that bring them in contact with our justice system. As Presiding Judge I have worked with many organizations and individuals to start a Family Treatment Court. This provides parents in juvenile dependency cases whose children have been removed from their home with treatment and support options necessary to reunite their families. We have also restarted our Adult Drug Treatment Court to aid defendants with substance use issues to help them avoid repeat offenses and become productive members of our community. Our judges, community partners, and justice system stakeholders have also created an Aid and Assist Docket to help defendants in criminal cases whose mental health issues are so severe that they cannot assist in their own defense.

I offer my experience and commitment to justice for the people of Benton County. I look forward to the privilege of continuing my service in my next term as Circuit Court Judge.

*(This information furnished by Donohue or Circuit Court Judge.)*

## Referendum Order by Petition of the People

## Measure No.

**120**

Increases fuel taxes, registration/title fees for roads, tax on wages for public transportation services

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**Result of "Yes" Vote**

"Yes" vote increases fuel taxes, certain vehicle registration/title fees for state, local road construction, maintenance, improvements; increases tax on wages for public transportation services.

**Result of "No" Vote**

"No" vote retains fuel taxes at 40 cents per gallon, rejects increases to vehicle registration and title fees, tax on wages for public transportation services.

**Summary**

Measure increases motor vehicle fuel and use fuel taxes 6 cents per gallon, increases annual registration fees from \$43 to \$85 for passenger vehicles; from \$63 to \$105 for utility and light trailers, low-speed vehicles and medium-speed electric vehicles; from \$44 to \$86 for mopeds and motorcycles. Measure increases passenger vehicle title fees from \$77 to \$216. Revenues from tax/fee increases distributed: 50% to Department of Transportation, 30% to counties, 20% to cities. Revenues used for state and local road construction, maintenance, and improvements. Measure increases tax on wages for public transportation services to two-tenths of one percent; applies to wages of employee who is a state resident, regardless of where services performed, or non-resident for services performed in this state.

**Estimate of Financial Impact**

A 'Yes' vote on the measure has the following effects.

For Fiscal Years 2027 through 2035, fuels tax collections would increase by an annual average of \$104 million, registration fee revenue would increase by an annual average of \$157 million, and title fee revenue would increase by an annual average of \$130 million. Increased revenues result in additional average annual allocations of \$196 million to the state, \$117 million to counties, and \$78 million to cities.

Payroll tax collections and public transportation service expenditures would increase by \$118 million in Fiscal Year 2027 and by \$124 million in Fiscal Year 2028.

**Committee Members:**

Senator Kayse Jama, Co-Chair  
Representative David Gomberg,  
Co-Chair  
Senator Khanh Pham  
Senator Bruce Starr\*  
Representative Shelly Boshart Davis\*  
Representative Ben Bowman  
Representative Willy Chotzen  
Representative Lucetta Elmer\*

**Appointed by:**

President of the Senate  
Speaker of the House  
President of the Senate  
President of the Senate  
Speaker of the House  
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Speaker of the House

\*Member dissents (does not concur with the estimate of fiscal impact)

*(The estimate of financial impact was provided by the above committee pursuant to SB 1599 (2026).)*

**Text of Measure**

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon**

**FUEL TAXES AND REGISTRATION AND TITLE FEES**

**SECTION 16.** ORS 319.020 is amended to read:

319.020. (1) Subject to subsections (2) to (4) of this section, in addition to the taxes otherwise provided for by law, every dealer engaging in the dealer's own name, or in the name of others, in the first sale, use or distribution of motor vehicle fuel or aircraft fuel or withdrawal of motor vehicle fuel or aircraft fuel for sale, use or distribution within areas in this state within which the state lacks the power to tax the sale, use or distribution of motor vehicle fuel or aircraft fuel, shall:

(b) Except as provided in ORS 319.270, pay a license tax computed on the basis of [34] **46** cents per gallon on the first sale, use or distribution of such motor vehicle fuel or aircraft fuel so sold, used, distributed or withdrawn as shown by such statement in the manner and within the time provided in ORS 319.010 to 319.430.

**SECTION 17.** ORS 319.530 is amended to read:

319.530. (1) To compensate this state partially for the use of its highways, an excise tax hereby is imposed at the rate of [34] **46** cents per gallon on the use of fuel in a motor vehicle.

**SECTION 18.** ORS 803.420 is amended to read:

803.420.

(6) The registration fees for each year of the registration period for vehicles subject to biennial registration are as follows:

(a) Passenger vehicles not otherwise provided for in this section or ORS 821.320, [~~\$43~~] **\$85**.

(b) Utility trailers or light trailers, as those terms are defined by rule by the department, [~~\$63~~] **\$105**.

(c) Mopeds and motorcycles, [~~\$44~~] **\$86**.

(d) Low-speed vehicles, [~~\$63~~] **\$105**.

**SECTION 19.** ORS 803.090 is amended to read:

803.090. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the fee to issue a certificate of title under ORS 803.045 or 803.140, to transfer title under ORS 803.092, to issue a duplicate or replacement certificate of title under ORS 803.065 or to issue a new title due to name or address change under ORS 803.220 is as follows:

(b) For a vehicle title for trailers eligible for permanent registration under ORS 803.415 (1) and motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating over 26,000 pounds, excluding motor homes, \$90.

(c) For a vehicle title for vehicles other than those vehicles described in paragraph (b) of this subsection, [~~\$77~~] **\$216**.

**TRANSIT****SECTION 24.** ORS 320.550 is amended to read:

320.550. (1) As used in this section:

(a) "Employer" has the meaning given that term in ORS 316.162.

(b) "Resident of this state" has the meaning given that term in ORS 316.027.

(c) "Wages" has the meaning given that term in ORS 316.162.

(2) A tax is imposed at the rate of [*one-tenth*] **two-tenths** of one percent of the wages of an employee who is:

(a) A resident of this state, regardless of where services are performed.

(b) Not a resident of this state, for services performed in this state.

(10) Residents subject to the tax imposed under this section on wages earned outside this state from an employer not doing business within this state shall report and pay the tax in an amount not to exceed [*one-tenth*] **two-tenths** of one percent of the wages earned outside this state, and at the time and in the manner, as determined by the Department of Revenue by rule.

Note: **Boldfaced** type indicates new language; [*brackets and italic*] type indicates deletions or comments.

**Explanatory Statement**

Ballot Measure 120 amends Oregon statutes to increase the fuel tax, vehicle registration fees and title fees and temporarily increase the payroll tax used for public transportation.

Under current law and the Oregon Constitution, state fuel taxes and registration fees are imposed to pay for highways, bridges and roadside rest areas in Oregon. Payroll taxes, fares and other funds are used to pay for public transportation. Currently, a payroll tax is imposed at a rate of one-tenth of one percent. The payroll tax applies to the wages of an employee who is a resident of this state, regardless of where services are performed, or of an employee who is not a resident of this state, for services performed in this state. The revenue from the payroll tax is given to public transportation agencies across the state to provide public transportation, like bus service.

The Legislative Assembly enacted House Bill 3991 in a 2025 special session. Among other things, the bill increases vehicle fuel taxes and some vehicle registration and title fees. House Bill 3991 requires owners of electric vehicles and hybrids to pay a flat fee or a per mile fee for miles driven; imposes additional accountability measures for the Department of Transportation; eliminates existing statutory language requiring tolling for some highway projects; and simplifies the state's "weight-mile" system of taxing heavy trucks. The bill provides that the new funding from increasing the fuel tax, registration fees and title fees will be shared among the Department of Transportation, counties and cities. In particular, cities and counties with smaller populations will get more funding than they currently receive and the state agency that is responsible for most of the roadside rest areas in the state will get additional funding to improve and maintain the rest areas along highways.

Petitioners collected sufficient signatures to invoke the right of referendum to ask voters to approve or reject certain increases in the fuel tax, vehicle registration and title fees and payroll taxes, as set forth in Ballot Measure 120. Ballot Measure 120 raises the state's fuel tax to 46 cents and raises vehicle registration fees by \$42 for passenger vehicles, utility and light trailers, low-speed vehicles, mopeds and motorcycles. Ballot Measure 120 raises title fees for passenger vehicles by \$139.

The measure also temporarily increases the payroll tax for public transportation. Public transportation agencies will get more funding from the temporary increase in payroll taxes. The measure provides that the tax rate will increase to two-tenths of one percent until January 1, 2028. Starting January 1, 2028, the payroll tax rate will return to one-tenth of one percent.

If voters do not approve Ballot Measure 120, fuel taxes, registration fees and title fees will remain at their current levels. Also, the payroll tax for public transportation services will remain at its current level.

**Committee Members:**

Senator Kayse Jama, Co-Chair  
Representative David Gomberg,  
Co-Chair

Senator Khanh Pham  
Senator Bruce Starr\*  
Representative Shelly Boshart Davis\*  
Representative Ben Bowman  
Representative Willy Chotzen  
Representative Lucetta Elmer\*

**Appointed by:**

President of the Senate  
Speaker of the House

President of the Senate  
President of the Senate  
Speaker of the House  
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\*Member dissents (does not concur with explanatory statement)

(The above committee was appointed to provide an impartial explanation of the ballot measure pursuant to SB 1599 (2026).)

## Argument in Favor

Oregon education professionals understand that our students depend on safe, reliable transportation to get to and from school every day, to ensure they arrive safely and ready to learn and grow. That's why Oregon's education unions are asking for a YES on Measure 120.

"Safe transportation is not a luxury for Oregon's students, it's the first step to getting an education." -Enrique Farrera, OEA President

**For schools and education employees, reliable transportation is more than a convenience — it's a foundation for success.** School buses must operate on safe roads to ensure students arrive on time, especially in rural and underserved areas. Teachers, school staff, and support professionals rely on well-maintained roads and transit options to reach schools every day.

**Measure 120 provides stable, long-term funding to maintain and improve Oregon's transportation system.** This includes safer streets around schools, better-maintained roads for buses, and stronger public transit that helps students, families, and educators get to school and work reliably.

**Investing in transportation is an investment in education.** Safe, reliable roads and transit help students get to school, teachers get to classrooms, and allow staff provide essential services that make learning possible. Tens of thousands of educators and educational support professionals encourage all Oregonians to vote **YES on Measure 120** to protect students, support educators, and strengthen the communities where we live and learn.

Oregon Education Association

Oregon School Employees Association

American Federation of Teachers – Oregon

*(This information furnished by Elvyss Argueta, Oregon Education Association.)*

## Argument in Favor

**Measure 120 Means Investing in Oregon's Workers, Infrastructure, and Climate Future**

**The Oregon Blue Green Alliance is a coalition of labor, environmental, and community organizations working towards creating good jobs, while protecting our environment.** There is a clear nexus between worker and environmental justice in transportation. **Oregon's transportation system can help reduce our carbon footprint while providing good, family wage jobs for a skilled workforce.** This requires a sustainable funding source presented to voters in Measure 120. We urge you to vote yes to fund Oregon's transportation system.

Our member labor unions represent thousands of transportation, construction, and public sector workers. **We know that strong infrastructure requires a strong workforce with the resources to do the job right.** For years, we've seen the opposite, with hundreds of critical positions going vacant without the funding to fill them. This spiral is not sustainable, and road users see the results every day in the form of crumbling infrastructure and delayed response times to accidents.

**Voting YES on Measure 120 will protect family-wage union jobs, strengthen our transportation workforce, and ensure Oregon has the people and resources needed to maintain safe roads, reliable transit, and essential public services for years to come.**

Oregon's transportation challenges are climate challenges that impact communities in all four corners of our state. **We need a statewide funding plan that supports every community's ability to maintain safe roads, enhance low-carbon transit options, and keep essential services running.**

This transportation funding package also advances **Oregon's commitment to maintaining our natural resources and promoting clean, healthy communities across our state.** Investments in public transit, allocations to local counties, and

resources for multimodal transportation alternatives are essential to creating the Oregon we want to pass on to our children.

Measure 120 prioritizes environmental sustainability and the workforce who maintains our transportation infrastructure.

**Vote YES on Measure 120.**

**Oregon Blue Green Alliance**

*(This information furnished by Felisa A Hagins, SEIU Oregon.)*

## Argument in Favor

Oregon's unions are asking you to **Vote YES on Measure 120 for safe roads, connected communities and good jobs.**

Measure 120 will:

- Protect Family Wage Union Jobs
- Invest in Safer Roads
- Fund Reliable Transit

We all deserve to feel safe as we travel across our beautiful state. From Beaverton to Brookings and Medford to Malheur, everyone wants to get from Point A to Point B and not have to worry about whether our roads will be maintained or even open at all.

The last few years have seen hundreds of essential positions within ODOT go vacant without funding to fill them. Maintenance crews have been decimated, in many cases leaving just a couple of people responsible for hundreds of lane miles of roads. The threat of additional layoffs has caused hundreds of workers to leave ODOT to find a stable paycheck to provide for their families. All this while our infrastructure deteriorates, response times to emergencies go up, and roads become less safe.

Without this funding, we're all going to see more potholes, crumbling bridges, and more frequent road closures.

**That's why Oregon's labor movement is asking you to vote YES on Measure 120.**

**Unions saying YES are:**

OR Labor Federation, AFL-CIO

Oregon AFSCME

Association of Engineering Employees of Oregon

LIUNA Oregon - Oregon & Southern Idaho District Council of Laborers

SEIU 503

*(This information furnished by Catie Theisen, Oregon Labor Federation, AFL-CIO.)*

## Argument in Favor

**33,000 Miles of Roads Need Maintenance**

Counties across Oregon are responsible for the primary maintenance of over 33,000 miles of roads, infrastructure, and in some cases, transit. Years of underinvestment have resulted in potholes, crumbling bridges, and reduced public transportation services. County road departments statewide have been forced to make major staff reductions for decades. Between 1995 and 2017, the county workforce fell by 24%, or 485 positions. Today, we operate at roughly 80% of the staff needed to maintain Oregon's roads and bridges. When the Oregon Legislature passed a pared-down transportation funding bill last year, we saw a way to safer travel. We urge voters to preserve that essential funding by voting YES on Measure 120. This package preserves the state's allocation of 30% of essential State highway funding for counties.

To deliver the quality services our residents depend on, we need safe, well-maintained infrastructure. Emergency response, public safety, waste collection, are counting on Oregonians to VOTE YES on Measure 120.

Oregon's transportation crisis is a statewide problem that impacts all 36 counties and every community. That's why we need a statewide funding solution that ends years of kicking the can down the road. Alone, the counties simply don't have the tools or the jurisdiction to tackle this problem independently.

For three decades, counties have been forced to make difficult decisions: reducing road maintenance crews, delaying key safety improvements, and cutting routine maintenance. Without stable long-term revenue, counties will continue to make deeper service and staffing cuts. This will increase the number of accidents and further deteriorate our ability to respond.

Oregon voters have an opportunity to finally fix our transportation system. We urge you to Vote YES On Measure 120 to maintain our most basic public infrastructure.

Kathryn Harrington, Chair, Washington County Commission

Pat Malone Benton County Chair

Nancy Wyse, Benton County Commissioner

Benton County Commissioner Gabe Shepherd

Phil Chang Deschutes County Commissioner

Laurie Trieger Lane County Commissioner

*(This information furnished by Susan Allen, Oregon AFSCME.)*

## Argument in Favor

### Reliable Frequent Transit Matters

Oregonians depend on a transportation system that provides clean, reliable ways to get where we need to go. Public transit is one of the most effective tools we have to reduce pollution, cut climate emissions, and make transportation more affordable and accessible. Decades of underinvestment have weakened our transportation system and put transit service at risk in communities across the state. Voters should protect a long-term transportation solution by voting **YES on Measure 120**.

Strong, stable transportation funding is essential to preserving and expanding public transit. **The lack of ongoing funding has created an environment of scarcity, with transit advocates pitted against other road users while cuts have impacted every community in Oregon. We all deserve better.**

Buses, light rail, and regional transit connections move hundreds of thousands of Oregonians every day while producing far fewer greenhouse gas emissions than individual car trips. **When transit systems are reliable and frequent, more people choose them—reducing congestion, lowering emissions, and helping Oregon meet its climate goals.** But when funding is unstable, transit agencies are forced to cut routes, reduce service, and raise fares, making it harder for riders to get to jobs, school, health care, and other essential destinations.

Right now, transportation systems across Oregon are preparing substantial cuts to the essential services so many of us rely on to get where we need to go. This is a death spiral for public transit, but we have a way out. **Measure 120 will provide the stable funding we need to have safe roads and public transit systems that reflect the needs of communities across our state.**

If Oregon wants to move forward, we need to invest in a multi-modal system that provides different communities with the resources to identify transportation solutions that make sense for their unique needs. This requires sustainable funding to build a sustainable future. **Please vote YES on Measure 120.**

Oregon Transit Association

Amalgamated Transit Union

*(This information furnished by Felisa A Hagins, SEIU Oregon.)*

## Argument in Favor

### LOCAL ROADS AND BRIDGES NEED REPAIR

As mayors we know how essential transportation is to the health, safety, and economic vitality of cities. **Safe roads, reliable transit, and well-maintained bridges are the backbone of our local economies** and the foundation of opportunity for working families.

When transportation funding is unstable, cities are forced to delay critical maintenance: like filling potholes, replacing foglines and guardrails, scale back safety improvements, and postpone projects that support housing and job growth. **Emergency response time increases. Congestion worsens. Bus service becomes less reliable. The burden falls hardest on working people, seniors, and students who rely on safe, affordable ways to get to work, school, and medical appointments.**

Oregon's cities depend on a partnership with the state and county governments. State transportation investments help cities leverage federal dollars, plan responsibly, and deliver projects efficiently. **Without predictable funding, cities face impossible choices: raise local taxes and fees, cut other essential services, or allow infrastructure to deteriorate further.**

Investing in transportation is not just about concrete and asphalt. **It is about public safety, economic development, and our ability to keep highways and roads safe and clear as we see more extreme weather conditions.** It supports local businesses, connects rural communities to vital services and regional markets, and ensures first responders can reach people quickly in emergencies - to save lives. Functional transportation systems create family-wage jobs and strengthen supply chains that keep Oregon competitive nationally and globally.

**Vote YES on Measure 120** to preserve essential transportation funding for communities like ours across the state. Our residents deserve safe streets, reliable transit, and infrastructure that reflect the strength and promise of Oregon. **We stand united in calling for this transportation investment our communities need to thrive.**

Mayor Lacey Beaty Beaverton

Mayor Malynda Wenzl Forest Grove

Mayor Lisa Batey Milwaukie

Mayor Keith Wilson Portland

Mayor Jim Akers City of Maywood Park

*(This information furnished by Susan Allen, Oregon AFSCME.)*

## Argument in Favor

### TRANSIT RIDERS UNITE

As a Portland City Councilor and a student who rides the bus to Portland State University, we know public transit is essential. We ride with workers commuting to jobs, students getting to class, parents traveling with their kids, seniors going to appointments, and neighbors trying to get where they need to go safely and affordably. For many Portlanders, transit is not a backup plan. It is a lifeline.

That is why we urge a **YES vote on Measure 120**.

Oregon depends on public transportation. Buses, MAX, and other transit connections help people get to work, school, health care, and everyday destinations without the high cost of owning a car. Transit also reduces congestion, cuts climate pollution, and helps make our city more accessible and connected. **If we want an Oregon that is more affordable, more sustainable, and easier to get around, we need to invest in transit.**

**If this funding measure doesn't pass, the Portland Bureau of Transportation is facing an \$11 million shortfall.** That could mean layoffs for about 50 staff, delays to safety projects, and reduced maintenance on the streets and infrastructure Portlanders rely on every day. TriMet is identifying service cuts to close a \$300 million budget deficit. Our city isn't alone. Transportation systems across Oregon are facing cuts that threaten the service riders depend on.

**When transit funding is unstable, riders feel it first.** Service is cut, routes become less reliable, and costs become harder for working people and students to absorb. **Those impacts are real, and they fall hardest on the people with the fewest options.**

Measure 120 would help provide stable funding for transportation and transit so Portland can keep moving forward. It is an investment in safe streets, reliable service, and a city that works for the people who live here. **We're all on this bus together.**

**Angelita Morillo, Portland City Councilor & Transit Rider**

**Owen Swanson, PSU student & Transit Rider**

*(This information furnished by Felisa A Hagins, SEIU Oregon.)*

## Argument in Opposition

**12,000+ Yamhill County Residents Demanded a Vote Stand With Them — Vote NO on the Gas Tax**

By **Jason Fields, Candidate for Yamhill County Commissioner, Position 3**

More than **12,000 Yamhill County residents** signed the petition demanding a public vote on Salem's massive transportation tax increase.

Across Oregon, **250,000 citizens signed** so voters — not politicians — could decide.

I'm proud to have helped gather those signatures.

Many were collected by volunteers standing outside grocery stores, talking with neighbors who are worried about the rising cost of living.

The question people kept asking was simple:

**How much more are we expected to pay?**

The Legislature's transportation package raises **\$4.3 billion in new taxes over the next decade**, including:

- Higher **gas taxes**
- Increased **DMV fees**
- New **vehicle charges**
- A **doubling of payroll taxes for transit**

For many households, that means **hundreds of dollars more every year.**

And remember: Oregon already has some of the **highest fuel prices in America.**

Families are struggling with groceries, housing, childcare, and energy costs. Adding billions in new taxes right now will only make life harder.

My campaign for **Yamhill County Commissioner** is built on a simple belief:

**The answer to every problem cannot always be a new tax.**

During my five years on the Yamhill County Budget Committee, I've worked to protect reserves and fund essential services **without raising taxes.**

Over the past year, I've also **knocked on thousands of doors across Yamhill County**, listening to families about the challenges they face.

People are paying attention.

And they are frustrated with policies that keep making life more expensive.

Citizens stepped up and demanded a vote on these taxes.

Now it's our responsibility to show up and be heard.

And as you make your decisions, pay attention to who stood with taxpayers during this process — and who didn't.

**Vote NO on Measure 120**

**Jason Fields**

Candidate, **Yamhill County Commissioner – Position 3**

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

*(This information furnished by Jason Fields, Fields for Yamhill County.)*

## Argument in Opposition

Measure 120 asks **you—the Forgotten Oregonian—to pay again.**

The Forgotten Oregonian might be you—the electrician driving to a job site, the nurse commuting before sunrise, the farmer hauling equipment, or the small business owner trying to keep employees working. These are the people Salem politicians always expect to pay more.

In 2017, lawmakers passed a massive transportation tax package and promised it would fix congestion and repair our roads. Instead, we've seen exploding costs, delayed projects, and a growing bureaucracy at ODOT.

Now they want billions more.

Higher gas taxes. Higher vehicle fees. Higher costs for families already struggling with inflation and rising living expenses.

Before asking you and your family for more money, state government should prove it can responsibly manage the billions it already collects. That means reforming ODOT, prioritizing road maintenance, and ending the waste and mismanagement that have defined Oregon's transportation system for years.

**As a chief petitioner on Measure 120**, I led the unprecedented grassroots effort to refer this tax package to voters. In just 38 days, an all-volunteer team gathered over **250,000 signatures**—something never before accomplished in Oregon history.

Before serving in the legislature, I **spent my career in business and engineering**, building a company from the ground up that employed 100 talented people solving some of the country's most difficult manufacturing challenges. I solve problems for a living—and I deliver results.

As I travel Oregon during my campaign for Governor, I hear the same message everywhere: **people feel forgotten by the government that is supposed to serve them.**

Vote **NO on Measure 120** and stand with the Forgotten Oregonian. **Together, let's take back Oregon.**

— Ed Diehl

State Representative, Oregon House District 17  
Co-Chief Petitioner for the Measure 120 'No Tax Oregon' Referendum  
**Republican Candidate for Governor**

*(This information furnished by Edwin L Diehl, III, Republican Candidate for Governor.)*

## Argument in Opposition

Taxpayers Association Oregon  
urges No on #120

### Here's what politicians have been building

- Hyatt Convention Center luxury hotel (\$74 million tax subsidies)
- Nines luxury hotel Portland (\$16 million tax subsidies)
- Ritz Carlton Portland Hotel \* bankrupt \* (tax subsidies)
- Portland celebrity food court (\$10 million tax subsidies)
- Private Hillsboro baseball stadium makeover (\$30 million tax subsidies)
- Hollywood films (\$20 million tax subsidies)

### Here's what taxpayers wished they built

- bridges
- bypasses
- express lanes
- paving potholes

Both progressives and conservatives agree that our elected officials (state, county, city) are wasting money on things government should not be subsidizing in the first place.

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*(This information furnished by Jason D Williams, founder Taxpayers Association Oregon, Co-Chief Petitioner Gas Tax Referendum.)*

## Argument in Opposition

**COPS PAC SAYS**  
**VOTE NO ON MEASURE 120**

The **Community Oriented Public Servants (COPS) PAC** represents community leaders, public safety professionals, and citizens who believe government should protect public safety while respecting the economic realities facing Oregon families.

Many of our members work in or alongside **law enforcement, fire**

**service, and emergency response**, where we see firsthand the challenges our communities face every day. Our mission is simple: support policies and leaders who strengthen communities, protect families, and preserve common-sense local governance.

Our PAC Director, **Brian Wheatley**, has served as a **reserve police officer since 2008** and has long been committed to community service and public safety. Like many of our members, he believes public policy must reflect the real-world pressures families and small businesses are experiencing.

### Measure 120 moves Oregon in the wrong direction.

Across our state, families are already dealing with rising costs for housing, groceries, fuel, and basic necessities. Small businesses are struggling with higher operating costs and economic uncertainty.

Now the government is asking working families to pay even more.

Policies that significantly increase the cost of living ripple through the entire community. When transportation costs rise, the effects are felt everywhere — by commuters, small business owners, farmers, tradespeople, and working families trying to stretch their budgets.

Public servants should always be mindful of how government decisions affect the people they serve.

At COPS PAC, we believe Oregon families deserve responsible leadership that protects both **public safety and economic stability.**

Measure 120 fails that test.

For the sake of Oregon families, small businesses, and communities already under economic pressure...

**VOTE NO ON MEASURE 120.**

### COPS PAC

Brian Wheatley, Director  
Reserve Police Officer  
Learn more at [www.COPSPAC.com](http://www.COPSPAC.com)

*(This information furnished by Brian Wheatley, COPS PAC #20935.)*

## Argument in Opposition

**YOUR CLACKAMAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER BEN WEST SAYS:**

**VOTE NO on MEASURE 120**

As your Clackamas County Commissioner, I'm urging you to vote resoundingly **NO on Measure 120**. While infrastructure requires attention, **massive gas tax increases and payroll taxes** coming from workers' paychecks are a misguided assault that heaps unnecessary hardship on families and local businesses amid crushing economic challenges.

In my re-election race to continue serving you as County Commissioner, **I'm the only candidate** with an unyielding record of resisting the relentless cycle of burdensome taxes.

**My opponent and Oregon's political class have a troubling history of:**

- Backing flawed I-205 tolling schemes;
- Backing Salem's out-of-touch policies saddling hardworking residents with ever-higher costs;
- Enabling expansive government overreach that lacks accountability.

The same politicians who stripped election integrity by rigging this election to May instead of November have backed my opponent for years.

**County Commissioners are the ONLY BACKSTOP to Salem's Overreach.**

**Commissioners must STAND UP to Salem politicians who put Measure 120 on the ballot in the first place.**

When new gas tax threats loomed, I didn't talk...I acted. In the rain alongside you, together we gathered 250,000 signatures to give voters a voice against tone-deaf Governor Kotek and a runaway legislature.

**Transportation solutions need fiscal discipline and prioritized budgets, not blank checks funded by the working class.**

**MEASURE 120 is UNJUST.**

It's regressive. It disproportionately punishes commuters and workers struggling with soaring housing and grocery costs. We cannot afford another permanent, record-high tax increase that lacks clear oversight or transparency.

My opponent's record reveals a preference for ODOT's failures and endless quests for new revenue.

**My actions reflect an unwavering rejection of "tax-first" ideology.**

I'll continue to demand rigorous transparency and accountability from our transportation departments.

**You have two important votes on your ballot!**

**VOTE NO for Measure 120 and VOTE YES for candidates** who keep Clackamas County moving – affordably without freeway tolls, and gas and payroll tax increases that come from your paycheck.

*(This information furnished by Ben West.)*

## Argument in Opposition

Taxpayers Association Oregon  
urges No on #120

Oregon gas taxes have been soaring for nearly a decade.

2018 + 4 cents -- **a +13% increase**

2020 + 2 cents -- **a +5% increase**

2022 + 2 cents -- **a +5% increase**

2024 + 2 cents -- **a +5% increase**

2025 + 6 cents -- **a +15% increase** (under HB 3991)

Total = 46 cents

**This chart proves ODOT has more money.**

This chart shows you have been paying more.

This chart shows you have been paying more every 2 years.

Yet, ODOT and politicians decided to triple their tax increase in 2025 compared to previous years. Triple! That is too much. Too fast. ODOT should balance their tax increases with taxpayers' ability to pay it. They should be modest and fair. Measure 120 is neither modest or fair. No on #120.

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*(This information furnished by Jason D Williams, founder, Taxpayers Association Oregon, Co-Chief Petitioner Gas Tax Referendum.)*

## Argument in Opposition

Farmer, Business-Owner, and  
**YAMHILL COUNTY COMMISSIONER Kit Johnston**  
Encourages **YOU** to **VOTE NO ON MEASURE 120**

**Protecting Hardworking Oregon Families**

As Chair of the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners, my responsibility is to stand up for the taxpayers of our county. That means **NO NEW TAXES** and **NO TAX HIKES!**

I personally helped circulate the petition to refer this **\$4.3 billion tax increase** to the voters. More than **12,000 Yamhill County residents signed**, joining 250,000 Oregonians statewide who demanded *the right to vote on these taxes.*

With families already feeling the pressure of higher costs for groceries, fuel, housing, and utilities, new taxes and tax hikes deepen the financial strain many households and businesses are facing in Oregon.

**Protecting Oregon's Referendum Process**

I stepped forward as a plaintiff representing Yamhill County in the lawsuit challenging the state's decision to move the referendum that clearly stated a vote in NOVEMBER to the May election instead.

Moving this vote to May forced counties to **rapidly adjust staffing, security, and ballot processing** — all of which **increased election costs for taxpayers.**

The rushed timeline created concerns about equitable access. Many citizens rely on gathering signatures in lieu of paying a fee to submit statements to the voters' pamphlet. With the shortened timeline, many people did not have the time or resources to participate.

**Protecting Oregon Drivers**

ODOT needs to budget *effectively and efficiently* while prioritizing what is important to Oregonians.

**Reducing fatalities at our most dangerous intersections is a PRIORITY!**

STOP wasteful spending.

STOP delaying projects, which drives up costs.

I have personally spoken out about coming to a bipartisan agreement **that does not increase the burden on Oregon families** and that prioritizes road projects, which could reduce fatalities by up to 90%.

Leadership means standing up for the people you represent.

Now it's time for voters to make their voices heard.

**VOTE NO on MEASURE 120!**

Yamhill County Board of Commissioners Chair

**KIT JOHNSTON**

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

*(This information furnished by Kit Johnston, Friends of Kit Johnston, PAC 21700.)*

## Argument in Opposition

Taxpayers Association Oregon  
urges No on #120

**Vehicle title fees to increase by 181%**

It's not just the gas tax.

This package includes large hikes to title and registration fees that hit every vehicle owner in Oregon. Title costs are set to increase by a staggering 181%.

For someone who needs a car to get to work or take their kids to school, these fees are a massive new barrier to transportation.

These aren't just "adjustments"—they are significant hits to your wallet.

Reject these excessive fees. No on #120.

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## Argument in Opposition

Taxpayers Association Oregon urges No on #120

Your tax dollars are **wasted on lavish government parties ...**

- \$75,000 Employee party at the zoo by transit agency Tri-Met (1)
- \$11,589 Staff party featuring therapy goats for Portland City staff (2)
- \$26,500 Christmas and retirement party for Oregon Energy Trust (3)
- \$13,000 retirement party on a boat for Portland Public School staff (4)
- \$9,330 tostada themed party for Governor's staff (5)

You and I are witnessing a lot of partying using taxpayer dollars at various government entities at the same time when they claim they're "broke" and need more money. ODOT said they had to raise gas taxes. Yet, when the gas tax referendum (I was a co-chief petitioner) halted the ODOT gas tax, then ODOT miraculously soon found \$213 million in savings just last March (6). They lost my trust. Vote No.

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Sources: (1) KATU 11/15/25, (2) Willamette Week 9/16/25 (3) Oregon State Audit 6/2018 (4) KGW 8 1/9/19 (5) Oregon Capital Chronicle 1/8/25 (6) KGW-TV 8 3/9/26

(This information furnished by Jason D Williams, Founder, Taxpayers Association of Oregon, Co-Chief Petitioner Gas Tax Referendum.)

## Argument in Opposition

I am 73 years old, confined to a wheelchair, and live on a low-income. Like thousands of other Oregon seniors, disabled people, and working families, the massive tax increases in HB 3991 will hit me hard.

This law raises the gas tax to 46 cents per gallon, nearly doubles vehicle registration and title fees, and doubles the payroll tax that funds transit. For someone on a fixed income in rural Klamath Falls, these increases aren't just numbers on paper. This is money I won't have for groceries, medicine, and my healthcare needs. Rural Oregonians drive farther for medical care, groceries, and daily needs. These tax hikes punish the people who can least afford them.

That's why I worked so hard gathering signatures for Referendum 2026-302. Over 250,000 Oregonians signed the petition because we believe the people, not just politicians in Salem, should have the final say on these huge tax increases.

Vote **NO** on Measure 120. Repeal these unfair tax increases and send a message that Oregon should not balance its budget on the backs of its most vulnerable citizens.

Submitted by: **Mary Martin, Klamath Falls, Oregon**

(This information furnished by Mary Martin.)

## Argument in Opposition

Taxpayers Association Oregon  
urges No on #120

### Your transportation tax \$\$\$ recklessly wasted

- \$1.1 billion over-budget Rose Quarter project (1)
- \$565 million over-budget I-205 Abernethy Bridge (2)
- \$500 million over-budget Hood River Bridge (3)
- \$200 million to study I-5 bridge never built (4)
- \$200 million over-budget Hwy 20 Eddyville (5)
- \$134 million for costly car-free (bus only) bridge (6)
- \$61 million to study tolling (7)
- \$19 million for costly car-free bridge over busy I-84 (8)

This type of over-budget blunders and mis-spending has gone on for decades. It won't stop until voters say enough! Take charge of your transportation dollars by demanding fiscal discipline before you approve of higher taxes.

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Sources: (1) The Oregonian 5/9/25 (2) OPB 8/5/25 (3) City Observatory.org 10/23/25 (4) Oregonian 7/4/13 (5) OPB 10/11/2016 (6) Portland's Tillicum bridge (7) OPB 3/12/2, (8) Portland's Blumenuer Bridge over I-84. Projects are based on completed or estimated costs with some not yet started. Funding include various government entities. See also more ODOT waste at [OregonCatalyst.com](http://OregonCatalyst.com)

(This information furnished by Jason D Williams, founder Taxpayers Association Oregon, Co-Chief Petitioner Gas Tax Referendum.)

## Argument in Opposition

### A personal message

**I spent 27 years of my life investigating and exposing government waste, fraud & abuse, since I founded the Taxpayers Association Oregon in 1999.**

The difference over 27 years, is that Oregon's million-dollar boondoggles have become billion-dollar boondoggles. Oregon is now in the top 10 biggest, fattest, most expensive state government states in America (per capita).

I joined as a chief petitioner to the gas tax referendum along with Senator Bruce Starr and Rep. Ed Diehl, so we could stop these skyrocketing taxes.

All I wish is for us to be like other states by (1) prioritizing essential services (2) reducing overlap (3) ending corporate welfare (4) more transparency (5) not trying to do everything but rather doing what is important better (6) data-driven results & other cost-effective tools to reduce waste and abuse.

You can help by voting no on bad taxes.

Sincerely,  
Jason Williams  
Founder, Taxpayers Association of Oregon  
Co-chief petitioner on gas tax referendum

25 years of daily tax and political news at [OregonWatchdog.com](http://OregonWatchdog.com)

(This information furnished by Jason D Williams, founder Taxpayers Association Oregon, Co-Chief Petitioner Gas Tax Referendum.)

## Argument in Opposition

Oregonians are already struggling with high costs for gas, groceries, and everyday essentials. Measure 120 asks voters to uphold a massive tax and fee hike from House Bill 3991 — a 6-cent-per-gallon increase in the state gas tax (from 40 to 46 cents), doubling the transit payroll tax (from 0.1% to 0.2%), and sharply raising vehicle registration and title fees (e.g., title fees jumping from \$77 to \$216).

These increases were rushed through a special session with little public input and will hit working families, small businesses, rural drivers, and commuters hardest. Gas prices will rise further, making commutes, deliveries, and family road trips more expensive. Higher registration and title fees punish vehicle owners, while the payroll tax hike burdens employers and employees alike — all to fund a transportation package that lacks accountability and efficiency.

Over 250,000 Oregonians signed petitions to refer this law to the ballot, showing widespread opposition. Yet the Legislature tried to silence voters by moving the vote from November to May — a lower-turnout primary — in SB 1599, a move many see as an attempt to undermine our constitutional referendum rights. (Opponents are challenging this in court.)

Vote NO on Measure 120 to reject these burdensome tax and fee increases. Protect Oregon families from more costs, demand better spending priorities, and send a clear message: taxpayers deserve a voice, not higher bills.

Oregon needs real solutions for roads and bridges — not automatic tax hikes that ignore economic realities.

(This information furnished by Joyce M Furlong.)

## Argument in Opposition

Taxpayers Association Oregon  
urges No on #120

High gas taxes hurt us all

Gas taxes hurt farmers  
Gas taxes hurt truckers  
Gas taxes hurt the poor  
Gas taxes hurt you and me  
Gas taxes hurt small shops

Gas taxes hurt Uber drivers  
 Gas taxes hurt delivery drivers  
 Gas taxes hurt seniors on fixed income  
 Gas taxes hurt soccer moms going to soccer  
 Gas taxes hurt unemployed going to job interviews

Oregon has nation's 12th highest gas tax.  
 That hurts.

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## Argument in Opposition

### ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION — Referendum Petition 2026-302 (HB 3991)

A simulated Citizens' Initiative Review panel of 23 Oregonians — selected to mirror the state's demographics by geography, party, race, age, and income — spent five days examining HB 3991 with testimony from legislators, ODOT officials, economists, county engineers, tribal leaders, and transit agencies.

**The jury voted 12–11 to repeal.** This near-split, from a projected 67–19 polling blowout, shows this is a harder choice than either side admits.

#### The jury unanimously found:

- ODOT's funding crisis is real, driven by structural decline in gas tax revenue as vehicles become more efficient.
- HB 3991's taxes are regressive. Low-income families pay a far higher share of income than wealthy Oregonians, with no offset or rebate.
- Deferred maintenance costs compound — every year of underfunding makes the eventual bill larger.

**The majority voted NO because:** The bill asks low- and middle-income families to bear the cost without accountability. ODOT has a \$1 billion forecasting error and billions in project overruns. The bill's oversight provisions lack teeth — no independent oversight board, no binding cost caps, no competitive bidding reform. The legislature passed it in a special session on party-line votes after 95% of public testimony opposed it. The governor herself later asked to repeal it.

**The minority voted YES because:** Roads and transit are failing now. 483 ODOT workers already laid off. Counties will close rural roads. Tribal communities will lose access to medical care. Rejecting imperfect funding in hope of a better bill risks years of compounding deterioration.

**Both sides agreed:** Oregon needs infrastructure funding and ODOT accountability reform. The legislature should pair real revenue with real reform in any replacement bill.

Full simulation: [cir.ElectionByJury.org/or-gas-2026](http://cir.ElectionByJury.org/or-gas-2026)

*(This information furnished by Clay Shentrup, Co-founder and Board Member, Election by Jury.)*

## Argument in Opposition

### **VOTE NO ON SALEM'S \$4.3 BILLION TAX HIKE**

Oregon lawmakers passed a **\$4.3 billion tax increase**.

Gas taxes go up.  
 Payroll taxes double.  
 DMV fees increase.  
 New vehicle charges are added.

For many families, that means **about \$300 more every year**.

And that's before you fill up your tank.

Oregon already has the **4th highest gas prices in America**—about **\$4.13 per gallon**.

We already pay the **12th-highest gas tax in the country**.

And Oregon adds another hidden cost through the **Clean Fuel Standard**, which can add **5–35 cents per gallon** to fuel prices.

Then something remarkable happened: Oregonians pushed back.

More than **250,000 citizens signed petitions** to force a vote on these tax increases — including **over 12,000 people right here in Yamhill County**.

The petitions clearly stated the vote would occur in the **November 2026 election**, when the most voters participate.

But lawmakers didn't like that, so they **changed the rules**.

Instead of November, they **moved the vote to the low-turnout May primary**.

Local leaders stepped forward to defend voters' rights.

**Yamhill County Commissioner Kit Johnston** joined the **legal challenge**, and **community members like Jason Fields, candidate for Yamhill County Commissioner, helped gather signatures** so the public could have a voice.

Now the decision is yours.

If you believe Oregon families already pay enough...

If you believe voters deserve the final say on massive tax increases...

**Send Salem a message. VOTE NO.**

**Tom Hammer, Director**

**Town & Country PAC**

*(This information furnished by Tom Hammer, Director, Town and Country PAC.)*

## Argument in Opposition

### **SMALL BUSINESS CANNOT AFFORD ANOTHER PAYROLL TAX**

#### **Vote NO on Measure 120**

Small businesses are the backbone of Oregon's economy, but they are being pushed to the brink by rising costs and higher taxes.

**This package doubles the state's payroll tax**, which directly increases the cost of every business and farm in the state.

When the government raises these taxes, businesses think twice about staying in Oregon.

Already, Oregon small businesses have paid higher state taxes, county taxes, city taxes, property taxes, wage taxes, labor costs, electricity costs and inflation costs.

We should be encouraging economic growth, not taxing the ability of businesses to provide jobs.

#### **VOTE NO ON MEASURE 120.**

**For more information, follow us at [OregonWatchdog.com](http://OregonWatchdog.com)**

*(This information furnished by TJ Reilly, Oregon Small Business Association.)*

## Argument in Opposition

**ANGELITA SANCHEZ, STATE REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATE SAYS:**

#### **Vote NO on Measure 120**

#### **Stop Gas Tax Tricks. Protect Election Integrity**

I gathered signatures for a November General Election vote against Gas Taxes because **Oregon is too expensive** and you deserve to vote.

After petitions qualified, super-majority politicians moved the election to May because they didn't want to be held accountable for tax-raising at an election where Gas Tax increases appear with them on the November ballot.

### Changing the rules AFTER the people spoke harms Election Integrity.

I know firsthand because I was there. As a Linn County captain, I gathered signatures in the cold and rain. I drove thousands of petitions over ice-covered mountain passes so rural voters' voices would be heard.

As staff to Senator Cedric Hayden, I worked in the Capitol when Senate Bill 1599A passed on a party-line vote to rescind your rights and rig the election to May where THEY KNEW voter participation would be low.

### So I sued as the Linn County "Right to Vote" Plaintiff to protect our right to be heard!

The power of the Vote should belong to the People, not politicians.

**I've stated clearly on public record:**

**"If government wants to charge the people a fee, people deserve a vote."**

**PEOPLE SHOULD DECIDE!**

Tina Kotek and Democrat politicians don't think we should vote. They shouldn't be trusted with more power!

### From local mayors to state legislators:

- When politicians raise taxes and fees, assuming their constituents are too ignorant to participate or too stupid to vote, it tells you everything about who they are.

**Some politicians don't trust voters, but I do!**

I'm the *only candidate* running for HD11 who takes action to protect the integrity of our elections AND keep Oregon affordable.

**You have two votes to take today.**

1. **Vote NO on Measure 120!**
2. **Vote YES for candidates who protect election integrity and protect your constitutional rights!**

Sincerely,  
Angelita Sanchez

<http://www.angelitasanchez.com>

*(This information furnished by Angelita Sanchez, Candidate HD 11.)*

## Argument in Opposition

As a candidate for East Lane County Commissioner, I'm urging you to **vote NO on Measure 120**. While our infrastructure needs real solutions, bipartisan options were available but rejected in favor of slapping massive gas tax increases and payroll taxes directly from workers' paychecks. Transportation improvements demand fiscal discipline and smart priorities, oversight, not blank-check tax grabs from the working class.

I'm **Jake Pelroy**, a Marine Veteran turned small business owner running to make East Lane County work for working families. After leaving the military, I started a business that lets me serve my community through public policy. I've fought tax and fee increases and worked to reduce red tape for Oregonians. In this campaign to serve you, I'm the only candidate with a proven record of standing firm against endless tax hikes.

My opponent, Heather Buch, and Oregon's political insiders have a troubling history of supporting policies that keep piling costs on hardworking residents. The same politicians who shifted elections to May instead of November have backed her for years. Heather supported the much larger version of Measure 120, stating in a letter of support she is "encouraged by the thoughtfulness of House Bill 2025."

County Commissioners are the last line of defense against Salem's overreach. We must stand up.

When new gas tax threats appeared, I collected signatures to get the gas tax on the ballot, giving voters a real voice against Governor Kotek and a runaway legislature.

My record proves I reject "tax-first" solutions. I'll continue demanding real transparency and efficiency.

If you live in East Lane County, District 5 encompasses the cities of Cottage Grove, Creswell, Coburg, Oakridge, Lowell, Westfir, portions of South West Eugene, and the unincorporated communities of Goshen, Pleasant Hill, Dexter, Walterville, Blue River, McKenzie Bridge, and Marcola. You have critical choices on your ballot! Vote NO on Measure 120 and vote YES for candidates like me who keep East Lane County affordable for working families.

*(This information furnished by Jacob D Pelroy, Pelroy for Commissioner.)*

## Argument in Opposition

Taxpayers Association Oregon  
urges No on #120

There once was a lady named Kotek  
Who greatly taxed my paycheck  
She raised my gas taxes and DMV fees  
Brought me financially to my knees

My friends said they can't take it anymore!  
So, they moved to Nevada, Texas, and Idaho  
I'd join, but I'm simply all out of luck  
Cuz I can't afford gas for my U-Haul truck

Keep taxes low & affordable so families don't leave.

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*(This information furnished by Jason D Williams, founder Taxpayers Association Oregon, Co-Chief Petitioner Gas Tax Referendum.)*

## Argument in Opposition

**The issue is about taxation with representation**

As Oregon celebrates America's 250th birthday this July 4th, we're reminded about our nation's core principles. One core value is "No Taxation Without Representation".

The Oregon 250 Resolution Celebrating America's 250th has this reminder:

*"WHEREAS, the Boston Tea Party and the creation of 'No Taxation Without Representation' enshrined low taxes in our government. Lower taxes empowered everyday people and small businesses to great, never-before-seen heights, which made us the world's biggest economy in 1890, unseating our former rulers, Great Britain. Today, the average wage of America's poorest state is still greater than the average wage of most European nations."*

Clause #5 (of 15)

**Oregon 250 Resolution honoring America's 250th  
[Oregon250.com](http://Oregon250.com)**

When the \$4.3 billion gas tax was passed by politicians, they did not ask voters.

This is why I was a co-chief petitioner to the gas tax referendum petition which helped collect a quarter million signatures so Oregonians could have a right to vote on this tax. People can disagree on the tax, but we should all agree that we have a right to vote on it. We need taxation with representation.

Let us reflect upon our historic democratic principles when we consider any election issue.

For more information on our nation's history read below:

- You can read all 15 clauses of the Oregon 250 Resolution (celebrating America's 250th) at [Oregon250.com](http://Oregon250.com).
- The Oregon 250 Resolution, which is celebrating America's 250th, is a resolution with the goal of being passed by Oregon cities and counties as a way to recognize our nation's history, honor our unique liberties, and also act as an inspirational

teaching tool to the younger generation.

(This information furnished by Jason D Williams, founder Taxpayers Association Oregon, Co-Chief Petitioner Gas Tax Referendum.)

## Argument in Opposition

Taxpayers Association Oregon  
urges No on #120

We asked people how the gas tax increase impacts them:

**"I'm currently commuting 70 miles one direction for work. I've been looking for work closer but haven't had any luck. I already spend between \$300-400 every single month driving back and forth for work... This gas tax would cause me to not be able to pay the bills that I'm already struggling to pay. I would end up living in my car if this tax is put into effect."**

-- Commuter from Roseburg (1)

**"I'm 81 years old, and I do not have any savings or investments to help with my retirement expenses. To have that big a jump in taxes would sink me even more in debt than I am right now. ... My income does not reach my expenses."**

-- Senior from Oregon City (2)

The people hurt the most by this gas tax are the most quiet among us. They need us to help protect them. Please reject the gas tax hike.

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Sources: (1)(2) 2026 Gas Tax Impact Report -- How it hits everyday people, Report by Jason Williams, Taxpayers Association of Oregon, 3/11/26, [OregonCatalyst.com](http://OregonCatalyst.com) News Blog. People asked last fall how HB 3991's gas tax impacts them.

(This information furnished by Jason D Williams, founder Taxpayers Association Oregon, Co-Chief Petitioner Gas Tax Referendum.)

## Argument in Opposition

The 2025 legislative session was revealing: The governor and legislators had more money than ever. They allocated money to pet political priorities first, then ran out before paying for roads and bridges, one of their PRIMARY responsibilities. They forced an "emergency" session to raise taxes to make up the difference. 250,000 Oregon voters signed a petition to repeal the tax. The politicians forced the Measure into the primaries, a low turnout election, so it won't be on the ballot next to their names running for re-election. Is that the "protecting democracy" they keep crowing about? And now they claim to have "found" the money, but they still want to raise taxes.

### Legislature Priorities Have Changed

The 2001-03 biennial Oregon budget was \$34 Billion:

- 32% for schools
- 12% for infrastructure
- 6% for public safety
- 12% for administration
- 25% for "human services" (safety net)
- 13% for everything else

The 2025-27 budget is \$140 Billion, four times higher:

- Only 18% on schools
- 7.5% on infrastructure
- 5% on public safety
- 14% on administration
- 45% on human services, almost half
- 10.5% for everything else

Numbers don't lie. Note the shift of priorities from education, infrastructure and public safety to more handouts, bureaucracy and perma-dependency.

### We Aren't Getting Much For Our Money

Oregon Pre-K-12 schools rank 44th in the US despite spending \$19,376 per child. Mississippi ranks 10 levels higher at 34th and spends only \$12,394 per child. Colorado ranks 6th for \$16,410 per child. Oregon paid \$724 Million in 2024 to "help" 12,034 homeless in the PDX Metro area. That is \$60,412 per person, but the homeless count rose by 61% in that time. Where is all the money going?

### Time For A Change

Politicians have quadrupled state spending in 24 years. Every year it is more giveaways and higher taxes, and few visible improvements in ordinary taxpayers' lives. Businesses are leaving. Tell the politicians to remember the needs of Oregon taxpayers who pay the bills.

### VOTE NO ON 120

(This information furnished by Tom R Hope.)

## Argument in Opposition

Vote NO on Measure 120.

Oregon Freedom Coalition and its tax reform project, No Tax Oregon, oppose Measure 120.

Oregon's working families are already stretched thin. Measure 120 asks you to approve a massive package of tax and fee increases that will hit the people who can least afford it the hardest.

If this measure passes, you'll pay more at the pump—the gas tax jumps from \$0.40 to \$0.46 per gallon. You'll pay more to register your car—fees nearly double from \$43 to \$85. You'll pay \$139 more just to title a vehicle. And the state employee payroll tax for transportation doubles from 0.1% to 0.2%.

These aren't small numbers for families living paycheck to paycheck. For a two-car household that fills up weekly, the added costs stack up to hundreds of dollars a year—money that could go toward groceries, childcare, or rent. In a state where the cost of living is already squeezing middle- and lower-income Oregonians, this is the wrong approach at the wrong time.

Supporters say we need this funding to maintain our roads and bridges. Nobody disputes that Oregon's transportation infrastructure needs investment. But billions of dollars in new taxes and fees shouldn't fall disproportionately on everyday drivers and working people. Before asking Oregonians to pay more, the legislature should demonstrate it can spend what it already collects responsibly and explore funding solutions that don't place the heaviest burden on those with the least.

Nearly 250,000 Oregonians signed a petition to put this question before voters because they believed the legislature went too far. They were right.

**A NO vote on Measure 120** repeals these increases and sends a clear message: find a better way to fund transportation — one that doesn't balance the budget on the backs of working families.

**Say NO to taxes. Vote NO on Measure 120.**

(This information furnished by Nicholas J Stark, Oregon Freedom Coalition.)

## Argument in Opposition

Taxpayers Association Oregon  
urges No on #120

### What did ODOT do with the extra one billion bonus?

**"The Oregon Department of Transportation will receive over \$1 billion dollars in additional transportation funding as part of the federal infrastructure package. The money will go toward projects around the state that will benefit drivers, transit riders, cyclists and pedestrians, help maintain roads "**

ODOT Press release,

11/7/21 (1)

What did ODOT do with that extra billion?

What new bridge was built?

What new bypass was built?

Roughly **three years after ODOT received a billion dollar bonus from the federal government, they came back asking taxpayers for a massive gas tax and DMV fee increase.** It doesn't make sense. Vote No on #120.

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(1) Source: "ODOT to receive more than \$1 billion in transportation funding", ODOT press release, 11/7/2021, URL content. [govdelivery.com/accounts/ORDOT/bulletins/2fb2ab2](http://govdelivery.com/accounts/ORDOT/bulletins/2fb2ab2)

See more ODOT commentary, articles at [OregonCatalyst.com](http://OregonCatalyst.com)

(This information furnished by Jason D Williams, founder Taxpayers Association Oregon, Co-Chief Petitioner Gas Tax Referendum.)

## Argument in Opposition

Taxpayers Association Oregon urges  
No on #120

**Oregon has the nation's 5th highest gas prices**

- #1. California - \$5.36
- #2. Hawaii - \$4.76
- #3. Washington - \$4.74
- #4. Nevada - \$4.39
- #5. Oregon - \$4.30

Source: AAA as of 3/12/26

- We are paying more.
- We are hurting more.
- We are sacrificing more.
- We have less money left over for our families.

We can't afford Measure #120. No on #120.

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## Argument in Opposition

**VOTE NO ON MEASURE 120**  
**Reject the \$4.3 Billion Gas Tax Package**

Measure 120 asks Oregon voters to approve one of the largest transportation tax increases in state history.

It includes:

- A **6-cent gas tax increase**
- **Major increases** to vehicle registration and title fees
- A **doubling of the payroll tax** that funds transit

Oregonians are already struggling with the **high cost of living.**

Families on the North Coast rely on their vehicles to get to work, school, and medical care. These taxes will make everyday life **more expensive for working families and seniors.**

**More than 250,000 Oregonians signed petitions** to ensure voters could decide this issue.

I stood with them.

- I helped **gather signatures** to qualify the referendum.
- I later served as **Tillamook County's plaintiff** in a statewide lawsuit defending voters' rights when politicians tried to change the rules and move the election.

While the court allowed the May election to proceed, the principle remains:

**Voters deserve the final say on massive tax increases.**

But this tax package exists because **our current State Representative, Cyrus Javadi, cast the deciding vote to pass it.**

That vote forced a **\$4.3 billion tax increase** onto Oregon families.

Soon after, Javadi **switched political parties.**

Then he voted again — to **move the referendum to a lower-turnout May election**, away from the November ballot where voters originally expected to decide the issue.

Many voters in House District 32 see this for what it is: **a betrayal of the trust they placed in their representative.**

Oregonians deserve leaders who **stand with voters — not Tina Kotek and her failing policies.**

Instead of raising taxes again, Oregon should:

- Fix spending priorities
- Improve oversight of transportation dollars
- Make better use of the funds we already collect

**Vote NO on Measure 120.**

Max Sherman  
Tillamook County Plaintiff – Gas Tax Referendum Lawsuit  
Candidate for State Representative, House District 32  
[www.votemaxsherman.com](http://www.votemaxsherman.com)

(This information furnished by Max Sherman, Max Sherman for Oregon.)

## Argument in Opposition

Taxpayers Association Oregon  
urges No on #120

**My history with referendum proves politicians wrong**

**2003 tax referendum:** Oregon lawmakers passed a \$600 million income tax hike saying the sky-will-fall without it. I was co-chief petitioner to the tax referendum petition that stopped it by putting it to voters (Measure 30) who rejected it by 58%. Sky did not fall.

**2017 tax referendum:** The Oregon town of Ontario became the first city to pass a big sales tax saying the sky-will-fall without it. I helped lead and fund the effort for the tax referendum petition that stopped it by putting it to voters (Measure 23-58) who rejected it. Sky did not fall.

**2025 tax referendum:** Liberal lawmakers and Gov. Kotek passed a massive gas tax increase saying the sky-will-fall without it. Once again, I am co-chief petitioner to the tax referendum that stopped it by putting it to voters (Measure 120).

I've been doing tax referendum petitions for 20 years.  
I can attest that the politicians' sky-will-fall scare tactic is a fraud.

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The Oregon Elections System for Tracking and Reporting is a secure web-based application developed for campaign finance disclosure and enhanced to support candidacy and State Voters' Pamphlet filings.



## **Search ORESTAR**

Find information about political committees registered in Oregon, campaign contribution and expenditure transactions, and candidate filings for state offices filings by using ORESTAR's public search.

## Who can register to vote?

To register you must be:

- A US Citizen
- A resident of Oregon
- At least 16 years old

If you are not yet 18 years of age, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.

## How do I register to vote?

Register to vote

- Online at [oregonvotes.gov/register](https://oregonvotes.gov/register)
- By mailing your completed registration card to your county elections office.
- By completing a registration card in person at any county elections office, the Secretary of State's Office, and some state agencies such as the DMV.

## Do I need to update my registration?

Update your registration if you move, change your name, signature or mailing address, or want to change or select a political party.

You can provide the new information online at [oregonvotes.gov/myvote](https://oregonvotes.gov/myvote) or by completing and returning a voter registration card to your county elections official.

## Address Confidentiality Program

The Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) provides participants with a legal substitute address and a mail-forwarding service. Survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking are provided with a substitute address to use on public records instead of their real address.

Individuals whose personal or family safety may be in danger if their home address is available as a public record may register to vote with confidentiality protections by applying for the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP).

To apply to the Address Confidentiality Program, you must work with a victim advocate who has been designated as an Application Assistant by the Attorney General. For more information or to find an Application Assistant near you call **888-559-9090** or visit [www.doj.state.or.us/acp](https://www.doj.state.or.us/acp).

Participation in the ACP by itself does not guarantee anyone's safety. ACP staff do not provide threat-assessment or safety-planning and are not allowed to offer legal advice.

## Do I need to provide I.D.?

You must provide your valid Oregon Driver's License, Permit or ID number if you have one.

If you do not have a valid Oregon ID, provide the last four digits of your Social Security number.

If you do not have a valid Oregon ID or Social Security number, you can find a list of acceptable alternative identification online at [oregonvotes.gov](https://oregonvotes.gov).

## What is the deadline to register?

To vote in the **May 19, 2026**, Primary Election, your completed registration card must be:

- postmarked by Tuesday, **April 28**; or
- delivered to a county elections office, the Secretary of State's office or voter registration agency (e.g., DMV) by Tuesday, **April 28**.

If you register to vote online, your registration must be submitted by 11:59 pm on **April 28**.

## Do I have to pick a political party?

No. If you do not select a party, you will still receive a ballot for every election in which you are eligible to vote, including the primary election. However, your ballot will only include nonpartisan offices and ballot measures, if any.

All offices will appear on your General Election ballot.



To register to vote or update your registration, return this form by mail, drop off at your County Elections Office, or use online voter resources at: **oregonvotes.gov/register**

**Qualifications**

Are you a citizen of the United States of America?  yes  no  
 Are you at least 16 years of age?  yes  no

**!** *If you mark no in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form.*

**Personal Information** \*required information

last name\* first\* middle  
 Oregon residence address, city and zip code (include apt. or space number)\*  
 date of birth (month/day/year)\* county of residence  
 phone email  
 mailing address, including city, state and zip code (required if different than residence)

**Oregon Driver License/ID number**

Provide a valid **Oregon Driver License, Permit, or ID:**

*I do not have a valid **Oregon Driver License/Permit/ID.**  
 The last 4 digits of my Social Security Number (SSN) are:*

**x x x - x x -**

*I do not have a valid Oregon Driver License/Permit/ID or a SSN.  
 I have attached a copy of **acceptable identification.***

**Political Party**

- Not a member of a party
- Constitution
- Democratic
- Independent
- Libertarian
- No Labels
- Pacific Green
- Progressive
- Republican
- We the People
- Working Families
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**Signature** *I swear or affirm that I am qualified to be an elector and I have told the truth on this registration.*

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**!** *If you sign this card and know it to be false, you can be fined up to \$125,000 and/or imprisoned for up to 5 years.*

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