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INTRODUCTION

This Nonpartisan Voters' Guide covers candidates for federal and statewide Oregon offices on the ballot. Versions in Spanish (Guía para Votantes) and Audio (English) will be posted on our website lwvor.org/voting.

This guide is published and provided free of charge by the League of Women Voters of Oregon, which does not support or oppose candidates or political parties.

Visit VOTE411.org and enter your home address for a list of the candidates for local and state offices who will be on your ballot, as well as any local candidate forums, ballot dropbox locations, and for more information on voting in Oregon.

VOTE 411

ELECTION INFORMATION YOU NEED

VOTER REGISTRATION

To register to vote in Oregon, you must be:

- A U.S. 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.)

Visit **oregonvotes.gov** to register to vote, or confirm and update your voter registration if needed. Your mailing address must be correct. Ballots are NOT forwarded.

The voter registration deadline is **Tuesday, October 13,** but if you're already registered and just need to update your mailing address, call your county elections office (see list on page 3).

Homeless Voters and Those Wishing Confidentiality

A person who is homeless or doesn't have mail service can register to have their ballot sent to their county elections office. Voters who need to keep their address private can complete an exemption form at **oregonvotes.gov** or contact their county elections office.

Persons with disabilities or a change in signature

Call Oregon Elections toll-free: 1-866-673-8683 (se habla español); or, for the hearing-impaired: TTY 1-800-735-2900. Visit **oregonvotes.gov or call your county elections office** to learn more about voting help for persons with disabilities, or if you believe your signature has changed since you last voted.

IMPORTANT DATES for the November 3, 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

- **October 13:** Last day to register to vote. If needed, update your mailing address to prevent any delay in receiving your ballot at your current address.
- **October 14-18:** Your ballot will be mailed to you at the address you provided when you registered. If you don't receive your ballot by October 20, call your county elections office at their phone number listed below.
- **November 3 (Tuesday)** is election day. If you registered to vote by October 13, but didn't receive a ballot, call your county elections office to find out about voting in person.
- ***Returning your ballot:*** For both options, NO postage is required:
  - **By official election dropbox: *no later* than 8pm Tuesday, November 3**
    You can find a list for your area at VOTE411.org or oregonvotes.gov. Many election dropboxes are near a library or city office.
  - **By Mail**
    Ballots must be postmarked by November 3 to be counted. Most mail across Oregon is now sent to Portland for postmarks, so we recommend:
    - Portland metro area: mail by Monday November 2
    - Outside Portland metro area: mail by Tuesday, October 27, or ask for a hand postmark when your post office is open by November 3
- ***REMEMBER to sign the back:*** Place your ballot in the return envelope provided, seal, and sign the back of your ballot return envelope where indicated.

County Elections Offices

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

CANDIDATES

Candidates will be listed by last name in the order provided by Oregon Elections' randomized alphabet. We contacted all candidates on the ballot to answer our questions. Candidate answers are printed as received within the word limit.

US Senator

Term: 6 Years
Salary: $174,000

What experience and skills make you the best candidate for this office? *(Max. 750 characters)*

What are the most important issues for the United States Congress currently and what would you do to address them? *(Max. 750 characters)*

How do you propose to improve the effectiveness of the federal government? *(Max. 750 characters)*

Republican

David Brock Smith

Candidate did not respond by the print deadline. Candidates can respond online at VOTE411.org until November 3.

Democrat / Working Families

Jeff Merkley

As Senator, I shut down the worst abuses of the Wall Street Casino and fought against the Trump administration's inhumane child separation policy. I led a national battle to stop billionaires from buying elections, prevent voter suppression, and end partisan gerrymandering. With Trump now turning our democracy into an authoritarian state, as Ranking Member of the Senate Budget Committee I am leading the fight against a ruthless billionaires win, families lose agenda that targets working Americans, rewards greed and corruption, and threatens our democracy. Every day, I roll up my sleeves and take on the powerful to deliver for ordinary Oregonians and a future where families thrive, and the rich pay their fair share.

End Trump's strongman state: No more ICE agents operating as secret police. Accountability for every civil rights violation. End political corruption: Ban stock trading and exchanging government favors for investments in Trump's companies. Reform the Supreme Court. Save our elections: End secret campaign funding. Expand vote-by-mail. Block 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: Transition from dirty, expensive fossils to cheaper, cleaner renewables.

I proudly wear the title of the Senate's Chief Filibuster Reformer. The American people are counting on Congress to pass bold solutions to our problems - from the affordability crisis to climate chaos, and much more. The filibuster is currently a tool of paralysis, requiring no effort and no showing by Senators who can block important legislation from any debate in front of the American people. A talking filibuster gives the minority a voice, not a veto. It encourages compromise between the majority and minority, while allowing legislation to receive consideration and debate on the Senate floor. Reforming the filibuster is the key that allows us to act on the challenges facing America. Our democracy and country depend on it.

US Senator - *continued*

Term: 6 Years
Salary: $174,000

What experience and skills make you the best candidate for this office? *(Max. 750 characters)*

What are the most important issues for the United States Congress currently and what would you do to address them? *(Max. 750 characters)*

How do you propose to improve the effectiveness of the federal government? *(Max. 750 characters)*

Libertarian

Gary Lyndon Dye

As a Libertarian, I believe that most of the things that government "manages" are not a legitimate function of the government -- I do not intend to manage those, except to get them reduced and/or eliminated, and not expanded and/or created. I do believe I am eminently qualified to try to get liberals and conservatives to agree on more freedom and liberty, rather than what they are now agreeing on: more government. We Libertarians are the centrists that qualify us to be the mediators between Liberals and Conservatives; the current centrists/moderates of the Democratic and Republican parties are totalitarian in nature, and are thus trying to get Liberals/Democrats and Conservatives/Republicans to agree on more government control and size.

Nobody will be able to escape the great destruction caused when the US Treasury can no longer sustain the national debt. That will happen soon if the course of our government is not changed. Our national debt has quickly grown to a level surpassed only during WWII. This has taken the efforts of Democrats and Republicans a decade to accomplish. They both spend with reckless abandon. Lately, it's been Republicans with their military and policing budgets, and the Democrats with entitlements. There have been warnings about the deficit and national debt while both parties have ramped up the government and its associated budget. But, they've spent the money regardless, further adding to the debt. Our economy will crash soon if nothing is done.

Kill the IRS. Replace most taxes with a simple Universal Transaction Tax on every exchange of money. Pay every citizen a Universal Basic Income and fire the welfare bureaucracy. Raise the UTT and cut government until the deficit and debt are gone. Property tax is already a regressive wealth tax — end it. Convert the Social Security, Medicare, and Federal Employee Trust Funds into a sovereign wealth fund. Convert government pensions to 401(k)s. No pensions for politicians. Bring the troops home. Defend North America under a renewed Monroe Doctrine. Lend our military only when allies are attacked. Sell weapons to non-enemies. Withdraw from the UN until every member is a democracy. Cut ties with dictatorships. Suspend all foreign aid.

Progressive / Pacific Green

Chris Henry

I work as a long-haul trucker, formerly UAW aircraft mechanic. I know the financial struggles of working people. I have served on boards of the Oregon Consumer League, Oregon Voter Rights Coalition, and other organizations. I do not accept contributions from corporations or wealthy persons; my campaign is strictly grassroots. I support working people, democratization of the workplace, free publicly-funded education from pre-K to trade guilds and higher education, Medicare for All, strong workplace safety, real campaign finance reform, protecting the environment and climate, taxing emissions that cause climate change, ending pointless wars, creating State Banks to avoid Wall Street ripoffs, and term limits for the U.S. Supreme Court.

CUT THE MASSIVE U.S. MILITARY End Pointless Foreign Wars. U.S. military has 128 foreign bases in 51 countries and operations in 29 more countries and consumes 50% of federal discretionary spending, including over 90,000 troops in the Japan and Germany alone. National debt is $40 trillion. HIGHER WAGES, BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS, LOWER PRICES Stop ludicrous tariffs and "free trade" deals that let corporations override labor, consumer and environmental protections. Triple the $7.25/hour minimum wage, same since 2009. Tax oil company excess profits due to war. Enforce antitrust laws to reduce prices. STOP THE BRIBERY OF UNLIMITED CAMPAIGN $$$ Support "Montana Plan" to nullify Citizens United and prohibit corporate political spending.

CONTROL A.I. AI executives agree AI could kill humanity in a decade. Trump and Congress are doing nothing. HEALTH CARE: MEDICARE FOR ALL All other 37 industrialized economies have universal healthcare. But the U.S–even with the most expensive healthcare system in the world–over 30 million have no health insurance. END AMAZING TAX BREAKS FOR BILLIONAIRES 40% of the benefit of the latest Trump tax breaks go to the top 1% of households, not to mention the massive tax exemptions for cryptocurrency and other scams. PREPARE FOR THE CASCADIA MEGA-QUAKE Create a federal "Shaky Day Fund" to prepare Oregon for the inevitable Cascadia Subduction Zone mega-earthquake and other catastrophic disruptions. Increase local wind and solar energy.

Congressional District 1

Term: 2 Years
Salary: $174,000

What experience and skills make you the best candidate for this office? *(Max. 750 characters)*	What are the most important issues for the United States Congress currently and what would you do to address them? *(Max. 750 characters)*	How do you propose to improve the effectiveness of the federal government? *(Max. 750 characters)*

District 1: Republican

Barbara J Kahl

Congress is supposed to represent the full breadth of American Life. I've written and testified on legislation, run businesses, raised children, administrated high-tech finance and purchasing, delivered hands-on health care, navigated complex regulations, been involved in K-12 education, trained for disasters, and served local and military communities. I've written grants and managed multi-million dollar budgets, supply chains, cost management, contracts, curriculums, and know what it means to be responsible for lives, both human and animal alike.

I operate as a doctor, surgeon, business owner, and public health guardian simultaneously. That's exactly the kind of multi-domain competence Oregon needs in Washington D.C.

Affordability: Housing and healthcare costs remain top concerns. Solutions should expand access to affordable housing while addressing medical costs by curbing excessive vertical integration in the health sector.

Taxation: Recent tax legislation provides middle-class relief, but long-term deficit risks remain. We should close corporate loopholes while protecting Oregon's timber, fishing, and tech industries from unintended tariff impact

Immigration: Balance border security with a workable guest worker program; critical for Oregon's agricultural sector, and fair treatment of long-term residents.

Education: Protect Pell Grants, restore strong K–12 standards; invest in training aligned with the state's vocational pathways and tech sector.

Improving the effectiveness of government begins with strong fiduciary accountability and responsible stewardship of public resources. Government should be guided by the priorities of the people it serves, ensuring that policies reflect the needs and concerns of constituents. A responsive, bottom-up approach, rather than a top-down model, leads to more effective, transparent, and trusted governance.

District 1: Democrat / Working Families

Suzanne Bonamici

My first job was in my mom's small business, and I worked in retail for several years. I then worked my way through community college, college, and law school. I've been a paralegal at Legal Aid, a consumer protection attorney, active community volunteer, and state legislator. My advocacy for public education inspired my first run for office, and now I am a national leader on the Education and Science Committees. I've spent my career fighting for a better future for Oregonians and I've earned a reputation as an effective leader who is always working to improve the lives of the people I'm honored to represent.

Too many people are struggling. Costs are rising and inequality is rampant. Your tax dollars should improve your lives, not make them harder. Congress should be making it easier for people to afford child care, housing, health care (including the right to make your own health care decisions), higher education, gas, and groceries.

We face serious challenges as the authoritarian and corrupt Trump administration attacks democracy, cuts important programs like Medicaid and SNAP, sends ICE to target marginalized communities, starts an illegal and expensive war, and threatens the right to vote– all while profiting from its policies. Your representatives should work for you, not be beholden to bullies.

Too many people have lost faith in the government and their elected officials. We need to do more to earn back the trust of voters by making a meaningful difference in people's lives. People need government to work for them, not for billionaires. The blatant corruption from the Trump administration is illegal and dangerous. I support a ban on Congressional stock trading and significant campaign finance reform that addresses the dark money in politics.

I support finding smarter, better ways to run government and reduce waste, but DOGE was a disaster. Indiscriminately slashing budgets and firing federal workers was chaotic, expensive, and hurt the government's effectiveness and ability to deliver for the American people.

Congressional District 2

Term: 2 Years
Salary: $174,000

What experience and skills make you the best candidate for this office? *(Max. 750 characters)*	What are the most important issues for the United States Congress currently and what would you do to address them? *(Max. 750 characters)*	How do you propose to improve the effectiveness of the federal government? *(Max. 750 characters)*

District 2: Democrat / Independent

Chris Beck

1. Obama administration Policy Advisor on rural community and economic development policy;
2. Served in Oregon House of Representatives (3 terms);
3. Early career staff experience in Oregon Legislature, including Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, and clerk for Senate President John Kitzhaber.
4. Real estate negotiator for national land conservation non-profit conserving scenic, natural, and recreational lands across Oregon.
5. Have worked on countless campaigns since 1986 and will deploy those experiences to mount an effective General Election campaign against the MAGA incumbent, Bentz.
6. I am guided by strong values and am thoughtful, reasonable, and practical. My experience will allow me to lead effectively.

1. Now, it's the Trump War. It must be stopped. Congress must step up and exercise its legislative and budgetary authority.
2. Health Care. Our national health care system was fragile before Trump and Bentz voted to destabilize it further with dramatic cuts to Medicaid. We must ensure rural health care is stabilized. Mount a bi-partisan health care reform system, along the lines of Oregon's nationally regarded Oregon Health Plan.
3. Affordability. Most of us are dealing with the dramatic impacts of inflation. Rents, utility bills, basic groceries, home-owners insurance, health care, etc. We must build more housing, eliminate the tariffs, and reform tax system to refortify programs aimed at helping vulnerable Americans.

Many federal programs need dramatic reform. Congress needs to step up, and stand up to interest groups who stop reform. Major reforms should be accomplished via reasoned compromise between both parties, so that solutions are balanced but can at long last move us forward.

The tax system must be addressed. Wealth transfer away from the middle class via tax cuts to the rich has taken needed resources away from federal programs which could have been addressing modern challenges. We must readjust the tax system so that dynastic families and corporations pay and that our key programs have stable funding, including Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and even Pell grants to enable affordable higher education for those who desire it.

District 2: Republican

Cliff Bentz

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Congressional District 3

Term: 2 Years
Salary: $174,000

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District 3: Democrat

Maxine E Dexter

With over 40 town halls and robust constituent services, I have proven my commitment to listen to people's lived experiences and perspectives, and turn that into action in Congress. As a physician for over two decades, I listened closely, analyzed data, and transformed complex information into actionable plans. I have a proven record of legislative success at the state and federal level, advancing large-scale, progressive, bipartisan policies. During my first term here, I have introduced ten pieces of legislation, and was the first freshman Democrat this Congress to have a bill become law. I am committed to working across the aisle to pass bipartisan legislation, a crucial skill for a productive member of the current minority party.

Congress must focus on restoring checks and balances, defending our democracy, and improving American lives. Congress must reaffirm and enforce restrictions on presidential powers, and reclaim our constitutional authority. We must uphold the rule of law, protect elections and refuse to bow to authoritarians. Furthermore, we must secure affordable healthcare, housing, food, and energy, which are crucial to ensuring a stable and sustainable quality of life for anyone who works hard and plays by the rules. To do this, Congress must be courageous, committed, and accountable to the American people suffering from the economic and cultural disaster that Trump has propagated.

To make Congress more effective, we need to enact meaningful campaign finance reform. We must cut corporate and billionaire spending out of political campaigns, and deliver equal power to the people through publicly-funded elections. Furthermore, too many bills in Congress today are short-sighted bandaids slapped over whatever wound is actively bleeding, which ignore the root cause of that problem. We must prioritize policies and programs that are transparent, accountable and deliver measurable positive outcomes that actually address the underlying issues. Thinking strategically, listening to our constituents, and working together courageously and compassionately, we can secure a brighter future that all Americans can feel.

District 3: Republican

Loran Ayles

I am a down to Earth, Blue-Collar union worker. I see the problems affecting the working American first hand. I have been involved in politics and political campaigns for more than 20 years and counting. Government officials and policy have gotten away from working for the People. It's far past time to get the working class back to representing the American people.

There are countless issues affecting our country and they are all important. Issues needing addressed including foreign policy and our interference with other governments across the globe. We need to make a priority of getting our own house in order. Fentanyl and other destructive drugs and their prolific abuse is an issue affecting nearly every citizen in one way or another. Illegal drug supplies must be curtailed and expand support for those with addictions. One of the greatest issues that demands attention is bringing this country back together. We have become so divided, all over political views and agendas, that is destroying America — United We Stand…

I propose that we all work together for our common good. We must be willing to have civilized and real discussions about the issues we face. Nothing will be solved with constant fighting across political aisles, we must be willing to work together to find acceptable solutions.

Congressional District 4

Term: 2 Years
Salary: $174,000

What experience and skills make you the best candidate for this office? *(Max. 750 characters)*	What are the most important issues for the United States Congress currently and what would you do to address them? *(Max. 750 characters)*	How do you propose to improve the effectiveness of the federal government? *(Max. 750 characters)*

District 4: Republican / Libertarian

Monique DeSpain

I served 30 years in the United States Air Force, including as a Judge Advocate General, where I advised commanders, handled complex legal matters, and upheld the rule of law in high-stakes environments. I understand leadership, accountability, and service. Today, I am a licensed attorney who continues to advocate for fairness and responsibility. My military background taught me how to make tough decisions, solve problems, and put mission and country first. I am prepared to bring that same discipline and integrity to Congress.

The most urgent issues include securing our border, restoring public safety, lowering costs for families, supporting veterans, improving forest management, and addressing homelessness. I support strong border enforcement, backing law enforcement, and policies that reduce crime. We must responsibly manage our forests to prevent wildfires and protect communities. I will work to reduce inflation, expand economic opportunity, and ensure our education system prepares students for success. Congress must focus on practical solutions that strengthen families and communities.

The federal government must be more accountable, efficient, and focused on core responsibilities. That starts with cutting wasteful spending, increasing transparency, and holding agencies accountable for results. I support simplifying regulations that burden small businesses and families while maintaining necessary protections. Congress should conduct stronger oversight and ensure taxpayer dollars are used effectively. My approach is grounded in discipline and results—bringing a mission-first mindset to government so it works better for the American people.

District 4: Democrat / Working Families

Val Hoyle

My experience in the private sector and in public service makes me the best-qualified person to represent Oregon's 4th Congressional District. I am like the people in my district, and I've never forgotten where I come from.

My highest priorities are (1) saving democracy, (2) protecting our natural resources, and (3) responsibly stewarding taxpayer dollars. These priorities involve investing in our communities, defending civil and human rights, and ensuring we have free and fair elections.

We need highly capable federal agencies to enforce laws that protect workers. We need regular audits and responsible budgets that preserve taxpayer dollars for critical programs like Social Security and Medicare. And we need to invest in modern, sustainable infrastructure to support a strong, fair economy.

District 4: Pacific Green / Progressive

Justin Filip

Candidate did not respond by the print deadline. Candidates can respond online at VOTE411.org until November 3.

Congressional District 5

Term: 2 Years
Salary: $174,000

What experience and skills make you the best candidate for this office? *(Max. 750 characters)*

What are the most important issues for the United States Congress currently and what would you do to address them? *(Max. 750 characters)*

How do you propose to improve the effectiveness of the federal government? *(Max. 750 characters)*

District 5: Democrat

Janelle S Bynum

As a congresswoman, former state representative, engineer, mom of four, and a businesswoman, I bring a variety of experiences that shape my understanding of the challenges facing hard-working families in Oregon's 5th Congressional District. I have an accomplished track record of fighting for lower costs, good paying jobs, and quality schools. I understand the serious threat Trump poses to our rights and democracy and have been a leader in the fight against his overreach and corruption. I have cut through partisanship by passing five bipartisan bills to deliver greater opportunities for Oregonians to get ahead.

I am delivering on the issues that matter most:

A "K-30" platform to ensure hard work translates to opportunity. I'm fighting for young Americans through bipartisan efforts aimed at improving education, creating jobs, and lowering the cost of housing.

Fighting for affordability — I'm focused on lowering costs, from groceries to housing to healthcare, and pushing back against the Trump administration's efforts to gut the Affordable Care Act.

Standing up to Trump and ICE — I have been clear that I will not tolerate a federal takeover of our communities. I have called out Donald Trump's version of ICE for what it is: a collection of goons who are rounding up people based on the color of their skin and kidnapping them off the streets.

Campaign finance and anti-corruption issues are crucial to me because they ensure our democracy operates with integrity and fairness, restoring public trust and creating a level playing field for all candidates. By improving campaign finance and tackling corruption, the federal government and congress will become more effective. In the statehouse, I voted in support of campaign finance reform, working to limit the influence of big money in politics and ensure policies reflect the needs of the people. In congress, I will advocate for efforts to root out corruption, pass campaign finance reform, and uphold democratic institutions.

District 4: Pacific Green

Andrea Townsend

Candidate did not respond by the print deadline. Candidates can respond online at VOTE411.org until November 3.

Congressional District 5 - *continued*

Term: 2 Years
Salary: $174,000

What experience and skills make you the best candidate for this office? *(Max. 750 characters)*

What are the most important issues for the United States Congress currently and what would you do to address them? *(Max. 750 characters)*

How do you propose to improve the effectiveness of the federal government? *(Max. 750 characters)*

District 5: Republican / Libertarian

Patti Adair

I am a fourth-generation Oregonian, a dedicated public servant with a strong background in finance, and a problem-solver with a proven record of delivering results.

As a Deschutes County Commissioner since 2018, I have overseen more than 1,200 employees and 22 departments while representing over 200,000 residents. As a commissioner, I have delivered for our families,Äiimproving public safety, growing our local economy, and supporting our veterans. Further, my extensive financial background gives me unique insight into promoting fiscal responsibility and strong oversight of your tax dollars.

I am the only candidate who will put people first, not politics, and will deliver commonsense solutions to the problems facing Oregonians.

I know firsthand that families are struggling. Congress must act now on affordability. I will lead the fight to slash wasteful spending, cut red tape, and lower energy costs to bring relief to Oregon households. I'll use my financial background to fight for fiscal policies that tackle inflation and reduce the cost of living. Public safety is non-negotiable: I've championed safer communities in Deschutes County and will push for law and order in Congress. Drug trafficking is destroying our neighborhoods ,Äî I'll fight for real border security and tougher enforcement to stop the flow of fentanyl and other deadly drugs into our communities. Oregonians deserve to feel safe and financially secure. I'll deliver results, not excuses.

As a County Commissioner, I have spent years streamlining government and delivering results for Oregonians. I'll bring that same accountability to Washington. First, we must cut spending and eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse. Your tax dollars deserve rigorous oversight. I'll apply my financial expertise to demand transparency and efficiency from every federal agency. Second, we must cut red tape regulations that slow down results and strangle small businesses. Finally, I'll work across the aisle, as I always have, because partisan gridlock is the enemy of effective government. Oregonians don't care about party labels; they want results. I'll deliver them.

Congressional District 6

Term: 2 Years
Salary: $174,000

What experience and skills make you the best candidate for this office? *(Max. 750 characters)*	What are the most important issues for the United States Congress currently and what would you do to address them? *(Max. 750 characters)*	How do you propose to improve the effectiveness of the federal government? *(Max. 750 characters)*

District 6: Democrat / Independent

Andrea Salinas

I am running for a second term in Congress we need a Democratic majority in the House to hold the president accountable and restore Congress as a coequal branch of government. With that majority, I will keep fighting for priorities that matter here at home, like protecting our immigrant families, making life affordable for working families, protecting reproductive freedom and protecting federal funding the administration threatens to cut from blue states. If re-elected, I will continue to make sure the values of Oregon's Sixth District are represented in Congress and that we stay focused on passing legislation that delivers real benefits for Oregonians.

Lowering costs for working families. Whether it's housing, childcare, prescription drugs, or groceries, families are feeling squeezed. I will continue fighting to expand access to affordable healthcare, increase housing supply, and bring down everyday costs. Protecting reproductive freedom and civil rights. Oregon has long been a leader in safeguarding personal freedoms, and I will work to ensure those protections remain strong at the federal level. Supporting small businesses and local economies. Independent and small business owners are the backbone of our communities. We need smart investments in workforce development.

Strengthening our democracy. I'm committed to reforms that reduce the influence of dark money and increase voting access

The effectiveness of the federal government should be measured by one simple question: does it deliver real results for the people it serves? Too often, families feel that government is either too slow, too complicated, or too disconnected from their daily lives. I believe we can and must do better—by making government more responsive, more transparent, and more accountable, while ensuring it reflects the dignity and diversity of the people it represents. That is what I strive to do every day as your Representative for the Sixth Congressional District.

Congressional District 6 - *continued*

Term: 2 Years
Salary: $174,000

What experience and skills make you the best candidate for this office? *(Max. 750 characters)*	What are the most important issues for the United States Congress currently and what would you do to address them? *(Max. 750 characters)*	How do you propose to improve the effectiveness of the federal government? *(Max. 750 characters)*

District 6: Republican

David Russ

The Most Qualified to Perform the Job Duties

A Businessman with the Knowledge and Experience to do the Job who is driven by a strong Moral Compass, supports the US Constitution, and Believes in You.

45 Yrs Sm Business – Contracting, Negotiations 35 Yrs Corp Executive - Operations, Real Estate, Finance, Quality Mgmt 30 Yrs Board Membership & Volunteer Management 10 Yrs Local Government - Mayor of Dundee Quality Manager for 2010 Census

Leadership Experience in Manufacturing (cosmetics, clothing, metals), Farm, Real Estate Development/Managment/ Sales, Retail, IT, and Accounting. Experience, Knowledge & Skills that are required every day in Congress to negotiate the best possible outcomes for individuals and businesses.

Overreach - RussIsForUS.com/10th-amendment Over Spending - RussIsForUS.com/virtual-rally#budget Lack of Oversight - RussIsForUS.com/what-if Introduce Bills to fix these things. - RussIsForUS.com/proposed-bills

The Federal Government is severely ineffective at doing the things it was never supposed to do. If we stop it from doing those things, it will be much more effective! Fixing it with the "No Strings Act." RussIsForUS.com/proposed-bills#no-strings is a great start.

Oregon Governor

Term: 4 Years
Salary: $98,600

What experience and skills make you the best candidate for this office? *(Max. 750 characters)*

What are the most important issues for Oregon currently and what would you do to address them? *(Max. 750 characters)*

How do you propose to improve the effectiveness of Oregon's state government? *(Max. 750 characters)*

Pacific Green

Brett Smith

I am the only candidate with an actionable track record for problem solving. I currently hold 6 United States patents and have built an FDA approved medical device. I am the only candidate who doesn't need to win to "further" their career. I am the only candidate not beholden to corporate interests and will always put Oregonians before party or personal gain. I am the only candidate not in bed with lobbyist trying to subvert the political system for their own interests. I am the only candidate who has had to live, work and raise a family under the rules they impose upon us. My experience is not hypothetical it is lived.

We cannot afford to live and it all stems from the same source. Corruption, Incompetence and greed. Whether it's taxes, homelessness, data centers, housing or water. Our leaders have lied to us and sold us to the highest bidder time and time again. Everything the government does, needs to be done for the people it serves. I intend to remind them the people it serves is us not shareholders.

Accountability. Corruption, negligence and incompetence will be meet with consequences. Bad actors will be brought to light and held accountable. There are ethics violations after ethics violations. Elected officials continue to get rich and we keep pretending the two aren't related. They need to be held accountable to the people they serve.

Democrat / Working Families

Tina Kotek

I'm an advocate who believes in putting people at the center of everything I do. I began my career fighting hunger and working to make sure children have health insurance and working families have access to affordable child care. I carry that value of service to Oregonians into the office every single day. I'm focused on tackling big challenges and building a better future for everyone. When I was Speaker of the House, I passed paid family leave, raised the minimum wage, and set our 100% clean electricity goal. As Governor, I've worked to build more housing, lower costs, and increase access to mental health and addiction care. I have visited all 36 counties and all 9 federally recognized Tribes to hear directly from Oregonians.

Oregonians are focused on the basics: affordability, housing and homelessness, and access to mental health and addiction care. I've taken these challenges head-on by expanding shelter and affordable housing, preventing thousands of families from losing their homes, and increasing treatment capacity. Affordability is on the mind of every Oregonian, which is why I canceled freeway tolls, protected people from utility rate hikes, removed medical debt from hurting your credit score, and pushed back on predatory lenders. I'm standing up to President Trump's harmful policies, fighting back against cuts to the Oregon Health Plan and food assistance, and making clear that Oregon will protect our communities from intimidation and overreach by ICE.

Improving effectiveness is rooted in accountability, focus, and coordination. It means listening to the state's customers and asking frontline workers for their suggestions to improve things. When we get audited, we implement the recommendations. I've set priorities and outcome targets on housing, mental health care, and education, and aligned state agencies to deliver results. I've set new expectations for customer service and worked to eliminate backlogs so Oregonians get faster responses. I passed a bill for fast track permitting for major projects. I also believe in listening, which is why I've visited all 36 counties to hear directly from all Oregonians. I'll keep cutting red tape and holding agencies accountable for results.

Oregon Governor - *continued*

Term: 4 Years
Salary: $98,600

What experience and skills make you the best candidate for this office? *(Max. 750 characters)*

What are the most important issues for Oregon currently and what would you do to address them? *(Max. 750 characters)*

How do you propose to improve the effectiveness of Oregon's state government? *(Max. 750 characters)*

Republican / Libertarian

Christine Drazan

I am a lifelong Oregonian and experienced leader with an unmatched record of standing up for Oregon families. We need to lower costs for families, unleash the private sector to create more jobs, and deliver safer streets. 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. As House Republican Leader and State Senator, I fought for common-sense solutions that make life more affordable and safer for Oregon families. I have an ambitious vision for the future of our state that rises above the noise of national politics and unites Oregonians around solutions that will make Oregon more affordable and improve the quality of life in our state.

Families are struggling with rising taxes and everyday costs, our communities feel less safe, schools are failing our kids and too many people are living on our streets. As governor, I will make Oregon more affordable by lowering taxes on working families, eliminate burdensome regulations that drive up energy, gas, housing and food costs, and make Oregon a place where businesses grow and create family-wage jobs. I will prioritize student learning with a laser focus on kids learning to read by the third grade, empower teachers and restore graduation requirements. And I'll prioritize public safety and homelessness, focusing on accountability, treatment and long-term sobriety. Oregonians deserve leadership that delivers results, not excuses.

I will strengthen core services to Oregon families by restoring a focus on the role of government that offers clarity and accountability. Government that promises to be all things to all people inevitably fails to serve anyone well. That is the government we have today. Our programs are both expensive and ineffective. I will eliminate programs and spending that are best accomplished with philanthropic or private sector investment. While protecting safety, equality and stewardship values, I'll repeal rules, rein in unelected bureaucratic power and reduce Oregon's regulatory burden that outpaces the rest of the nation. Oregon's leaders have failed to lead, and instead of serving the common good, they have advanced special interest agendas.

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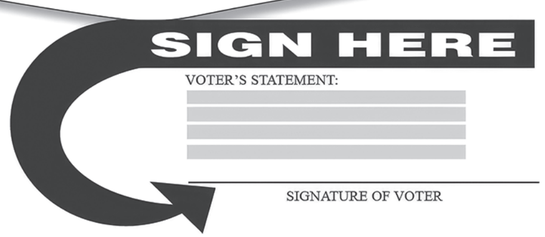

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ELECTION DAY:
Nov. 3

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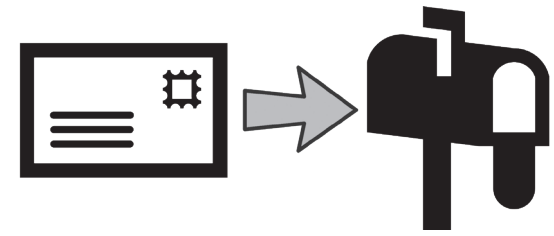

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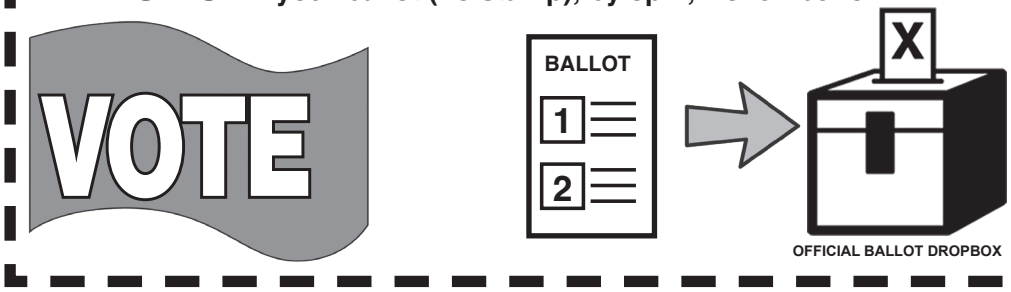

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