

Oregon Voter Scorecards

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Mission

Why is this particular Voter Scorecard needed, important, or helpful?

1. **Addresses the Need for Consolidated Information:** In the May 2020 local primary election, only [26%](#) of eligible voters from ages 18-34 cast their vote. According to Youth Service America, 38% of voters aged 18-29 indicated they were not involved in politics. The number one reason those who did not cast a vote was, "too busy, conflicting work." In order to select a preferential candidate, voters must invest time sifting through the disaggregated information available online, after skimming through the limited information presented in the voter packets distributed by the government. Our Voter Scorecards break this barrier by distilling this information for voters.
2. **Wider Scope than Other Voter Guides:** Our Voter Scorecards differ from other voter information resources, in that we compile information on all local candidates, instead of only the more well known seats. This is especially needed because in smaller county elections and/or elections dominated by incumbents, information on opposing candidates is harder to find and occasionally requires contacting the representative themselves to learn their platform. Also, resources only rate candidates/ compile information based on prior votes on legislation, which is not available for candidates who haven't served in office before. In our research methodology, we consider candidate statements, candidate website platforms, related work experience, and social media content shared.

Find Your Districts

All Oregonians vote for the US Senate Representative, Treasurer and Attorney General. However, you'll need to know your districts for Oregon House and Senate unless you already received your ballot. Enter your zip code in the following sites to quickly determine your districts:

Oregon House and Senate: [CLICK HERE](#)

US House of Representatives: [CLICK HERE](#)

Can't find your district's Scorecard?

Due to limited resources, we prioritized races without an incumbent (elections where neither candidate has held the office before, and/or never held public office before) to ensure voters can make informed choices when choosing between candidates who don't have a publicly available voting record.

Definitions & Research Methodology:

We've included relevant research, as it relates to the following four core values. We evaluate each Candidate's statements (via their website, interviews, news articles, Facebook, etc), votes cast, legislation sponsored and past professional/volunteer experience.

Core Values:

- **Education:**
 - Subtopics: school choice, school funding, students, teachers, education, and education topics
- **Environment:**
 - Subtopics: energy, environmental restoration, environmental protection, and the use of natural resources, forests and parks, climate change, nuclear issues, clean air/water, COVID public health measures, polluter accountability
 - Equity Crossover: Willingness to work with indigenous tribes to protect their resources and elevate their voices in decision making process
- **Economic Security:**
 - Subtopics: affordable housing, worker's rights, income equality, labor unions, minimum wage, rent ceilings, COVID economic relief
 - Equity Crossover: race and gender pay gaps, houselessness programs
- **Equity:**
 - Subtopics: police reform, prison reform, affirmative action, LGBTQ and anti-racism protections in the workplace, womens' rights (reproductive, etc), mental health issues, Pro-life v.s. Pro-Choice, death penalty

As relevant, we also include “additional notes” that relate to topics outside our core values (such as gun control) or insight on potentially corrupt candidate behavior. Lastly, we also include here relevant information about the District's race to consider. None of these are factored into the candidate's letter grade.

Grading Methodology:

A - F Grading scale: For the purposes of this grading scale, votes cast and direct action taken are weighted more heavily than public statements.

- **A** = 2+ statements, actions, or votes in support of the core value*
- **B** = 1 statement, action, or vote in support of the core value
- **C** = Conflicting statements, actions, or votes in support and opposition of core value
- **D** = 1 statement in opposition
- **F** = 2+ statements, actions, or votes in opposition (or 1 extreme instance)
- **Unknown** = No information found

*Please note a Candidate is unable to earn an A in equity unless they have taken action in the past

Statewide Elections

Secretary of State		
Candidate:	Shemia Fagan (D)	Kim Thatcher (R)
<i>Experience/Public Offices Held:</i>	Oregon State Senator (2019-2020); Oregon State Rep. (2013-2017)	Oregon State Senator (2015-2020); Oregon State Rep. (2005-2015)
Grade on Environment	A	F
Grade on Education	<u>A</u>	<u>D</u>
Grade on Economy	<u>A</u>	<u>C-</u>
Grade on Equity	<u>A</u>	<u>F</u>
<u>Shemia Fagan</u> <u>Environment:</u> ● Voting Record in Support: OLCV gives Fagan a 92% lifetime score relating to votes on environmental legislation (source) <u>Education:</u> ● Protections from Abuse: While not directly addressing education, Fagan has co-sponsored several bills aimed at preventing exploitation and abuse of students by educational institutions and staff (Source: BillTrack50) <u>Economic Security:</u> ● Preventing Evictions: Fagan voted for several bills intended to protect vulnerable renters and homeowners with mortgages from eviction and foreclosure stemming from pandemic-induced insolvency. (Source: BillTrack50) <u>Equity:</u> ● Police/Protest Reform: In the wake of the death of George Floyd, Fagan has co-sponsored multiple bills in the Oregon Senate that specifically aim to prevent acts of police brutality and ban the use of tear gas and LRAD devices during protests. (source)		

Kim Thatcher

Environment:

- **Walked Out:** In 2019, Thatcher walked out of the state Senate session in order to block the passage of HB2020. HB2020 was a bill that would pressure companies and polluters to purchase credits in exchange for each emitted ton of carbon. Over time these credits would become more expensive with the intent of forcing corporations to adopt more environmentally friendly practices. ([source](#))
- **Cap-and-Trade:** She strongly opposes any and all cap-and-trade bills. ([source](#))

Education:

- The interest group Stand for Children Oregon ranks Thatcher amongst the lowest scored current Oregon legislators given her votes against education bills such as HB 5017 (the State School Fund) and HB 3380 (expanding access to preschools). . ([source](#))

Economic Security:

- Thatcher's contracting company has a longstanding rivalry with the Oregon Dept. of Transportation that allegedly includes filing fraudulent claims as a matter of business practice and destruction of evidence during trial (unproven due to a lack of cooperating witnesses and the state's inability to afford sufficient computer forensics to prove ODOT's case) ([source](#)).

Equity:

- **Immigration:** Thatcher has a prolonged history of introducing and supporting policies explicitly targeting undocumented its ([source](#))

Additional Notes: As the Secretary of State, the winner of this election may be placed in charge of redrawing state legislative district boundaries in 2020 (provided the legislature is unable to agree on a set of boundaries). The results of this election would thus have a cascading impact on the number and shape of Oregon's voting districts for the next ten years.

Treasurer - State

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Candidate No. 1:</u> <u>Tobias Read (D)</u>	<u>Candidate No. 2:</u> <u>Jeff Gudman (R)</u>
<i>Experience/Current Office</i>	Oregon House of Representatives (2006-2016); Incumbent (2016-present)	Lake Oswego City Council (2010-present); Former Budget Chair/Treasurer/ General Chair, Oregon Swimming; Treasurer, Legacy Hospitals Foundation (2008-present)
Grade on Environment	Unknown	Support (A)
Grade on Education	Support (A)	Support (A)
Grade on Economy	Support (A)	Oppose (F)

Grade on Equity	Support (B)	Oppose (F)
<u>Tobias Read</u> <u>Environment:</u> - Unknown <u>Education (A):</u> - Read is endorsed by the Oregon Education Association. Funding Kindergarten: According to his website, “while serving in the Oregon House of Representatives, he successfully fought to fund full-day kindergarten for every child in Oregon because a strong early education opens doors to more opportunities later in life.” Affordable Higher Education: Read supports affordable higher education (source- interview). “Read is focused on supporting better regulations for student loans to protect borrowers and their co-signers, and is working to help students reduce their dependence on loans to afford higher education and skills training.” (website). <u>Economy:</u> Fair Wages: The UFCW Local 55 labor union endorses Read because he backed the “responsible contractor policy” that directs Oregon’s Public Pension properties to hire contractors who offer fair wage and benefit standards. Retirement: In 2015, he sponsored OregonSaves, the first state-sponsored Oregon Retirement Savings Plan; OregonSaves enrolls workers whose employers do not offer a retirement savings option, giving hundreds of thousands more Oregonians an opportunity to retire not otherwise accessible. Additionally, he chaired the House Committee on Transportation and Economic Development. <u>Equity:</u> Housing: During his term as Treasurer, “Read led the creation of the Oregon Sustainable Bond Program, which will help fund affordable housing development and projects that strengthen our communities and our economy.” He also worked with a diverse group of organizations including the Latina Network, Stand for Children and the Oregon Student Association, and legislators to pass the Education Savings Credit in June of 2019. <u>Additional Notes:</u> Out of State Money: Unfortunately, as of early December 2020, more than 40% of the money the treasurer reported raising in 2019 came from big-time out of state law firms, of which Read has direct discretion of whom he hires in lawsuits filed by the state. As such, this presents a potential conflict of interest.		
<u>Jeff Gudman</u> <u>Environment:</u> Waste Sewer Project: In 2012, while serving on Lake Oswego's City Council, Gudman wrote an opinion piece (Page 8) opposing the Lake Oswego Interceptor Sewer project. The project addressed capacity and structural soundness concerns with the sewer system and created a fund set aside in the event of a leak or burst once the project was complete. Gudman argues the fund was overfunded, and asked the City to credit funds back to citizens and mentions the funds also “could be used to upgrade the Portland-owned Tryon Creek wastewater plant,” indicating support for other projects that prevent environmental harm. Climate Action: In 2018, at the end of his term on the Lake Oswego City Council, Gudman helped craft and pass a Climate Action Plan, with numerous positive impacts detailed in this article. <u>Education:</u> Public School Funding: Gudman supports the renewal of the Lake Oswego Option Levy which provides \$6 million a year to fund public schools in Lake Oswego. While Lake Oswego is an affluent area with high		

property tax revenue that funds schools, it's important to note the Lake Oswego's School District 2017 report card states the district receives \$600 federal funds less per student than Salem.

- **Higher Education:** In 2015, he proposed via a [Portland Tribune article](#), a “Oregon Giving Pledge, made up of our state’s most successful individuals and families. It would be a permanent mechanism to provide no-interest loans to students seeking post-secondary education — either at a university, community college or professional/technical school. Individuals and families fortunate enough to have achieved success can contribute either for tax credits, tax deductions, a desire to help — or all three.”

Economic Security:

- **Houslessness/Mental Health:** In a 2015 [article](#), Gudman shares his opposition to any increase in business income taxes, which behind property taxes are the primary funder of county homeless services and mental health interventions.

Equity:

- **Funding Police:** [Gudman](#) believes “the City Council can potentially fund the vitally needed Police/911/LOCOM (Lake Oswego Communications) facility within existing resources.” Despite deeming himself a “budget hawk,” (Frugality tab of [Platform page](#)) he believes investing in the police department is imperative. Given the outcry from the clack community to defund the police, this stance does not seem to further racial equity.

Attorney General

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Candidate No. 1:</u> <u>Ellen Rosenblum</u>	<u>Candidate No. 2:</u> <u>Michael Cross</u>
<i>Experience/Current Office</i>	Incumbent: 2012 - Present	U.S. Air Force: 1984 - 1988
Grade on Environment	Support (A)	Oppose (F)
Grade on Education	Support (A)	Oppose (F)
Grade on Economy	Support (A)	Unknown
Grade on Equity	Mixed (C)	Oppose (F)

Ellen Rosenblum

Environment (A):

- **Carbon Emissions Laws:** Rosenblum joined a lawsuit against the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration after the decision was made to remove California's federal exemption allowing the state to set a higher fuel efficiency standard than the federal law. She [stated](#), "today, with basically the stroke of a pen, the federal administration just set back years of hard work on reducing carbon emissions."
- **Carbon Emission Accountability:** She also partnered with Governor Brown in a multi-state investigation into Volkswagen's violation of emissions standards, resulting in a [\\$68 million settlement](#) committed to diesel engine clean-up. Rosenblum also "intends to support, as allowed by law, the critical work [Kate Brown] has done, guided by public health experts, to ensure the safety and health of all Oregonians" ([DOJ, May 2020](#)).

Education (A):

- **Financial Aid:** In 2013, Rosenblum partnered with 12 other state attorneys generals, in support of the Protecting Financial Aid for Students and Taxpayers Act, a bill intended to ban for-profit colleges from using federal funds for marketing and recruitment purposes to ensure those dollars directly serve and educate students. It did not pass, but her support indicates her commitment to more equitable higher education ([source](#)).

Economic Security (A):

- **Federal Minimum Wage:** Rosenblum is a proponent of fighting income inequality and in February of 2020 circled a petition to raise the federal minimum wage via her [website](#).
- **Protecting Borrowers:** In 2012, Rosenblum ordered the permanent adoption of previously temporary rules that protected home owners from predatory lending practices. Per Rosenblum the order "placed no new obligations on local banks and credit unions, but made it unlawful for a mortgage loan servicer to fail to deal with a borrower in good faith" ([source](#)).

Equity (C):

- **Police Accountability:** Rosenblum pledges "to do everything in [her] power to help move [police accountability] conversations into concrete actions that address structural injustices, running the gamut of issues, including the possible expansion of [her] office's authority to independently investigate and prosecute excessive use of force cases" ([source](#)).
- **Mandatory Minimums:** As a former judge who enforced, yet opposed Measure 11, Rosenblum "sometimes wondered why I was even sentencing the defendant in a case because the sentence was already kind of a done deal and it took the discretion away from judges" ([source](#) - under 2012)
- **Houselessness:** She supports the "[HereTogether Homeless Services Measure](#)," or Measure 26-210, which secures funds for case management, mental health care, addiction and recovery treatment, job training, housing assistance, and culturally-specific services.

Michael Cross

Environment:

- **COVID:** Cross shared via his campaign's [Facebook page](#) his opposition to Kate Brown's announcement that phase 2 is the last phase the state will enter until a widely available COVID treatment and vaccine are available. Given COVID is a public health crisis, Cross's opposition is concerning.

Education:

- **Funding with Business Taxes:** In an [interview](#) with OBP in 2019, Cross raised objections to the \$1 billion annual business tax for education passed under Brown that year.

Economic Security: N/A

Equity:

- **Racial Justice:** Cross shared via his campaign's [Facebook page](#) a picture in relation to the Black Lives Matters protests stating "due to COVID, we're gonna need people to riot from home and destroy your own [explicative]." This flippant attitude toward human rights appears problematic for racial equity.
- **Police Reform:** Also via his [Facebook page](#), he expressed his opposition for Police Policy reform by condemning the special session held for these issues in June.
- **Problematic Language:** In his [Oregon Candidate Questionnaire](#) responses, Cross opposes Rosenblum "appealing [a] circuit court judge's ruling for a NEW TRIAL for people WRONGFULLY CONVICTED of murder." In his statement, Cross uses problematic slavery analogies, even claiming his opponent thinks she's above "us 'plantation workers."

Local Elections

Portland Mayor		
Candidate:	Ted Wheeler (Incumbent)	Sarah Iannarone
<i>Experience/Public Offices Held:</i>	Mayor, 2017-2020; Oregon State Treasurer (2010-2017); Chair, Multnomah Co. Commission (2007-2010)	Pursuing Ph.D. in Urban & Public Affairs, Portland State University Co-owner of Arleta Cafe and Associate Director of First Stop Portland.
Grade on Environment	B	A
Grade on Education	C	C
Grade on Economy	B	A
Grade on Equity	D	A
<u>Ted Wheeler</u> <u>Environment:</u> Under Wheeler, Portland joined the Bloomberg Philanthropies American Cities Climate Challenge to tackle transportation and energy-related emissions. Source <u>Education:</u> • Removed SRO's: Under pressure from BLM, Wheeler oversaw the removal of school resource officers from Portland Public Schools. <u>Economic Security:</u> • Houselessness Programs: Wheeler has made significant investments in housing and homelessness prevention, but has seen the number of homeless persons stagnate in recent years.		

- **Clearing Encampments:** His office has [received criticism](#) for clearing out Houseless encampments.
- [Wheeler voted](#) to enact the Residential Infill Project, which increases the number and variety of housing types available in the city, making housing more affordable to lower income residents.

Equity:

- **Oversight of Police:** [As most Portland mayors do](#), Wheeler chose to take on the role of police commissioner at the start of his first term; his leadership of the bureau has come under fire after a series of clashes between police and BLM protestors.

Sarah Iannarone

Environment:

- **Green New Deal:** Iannarone is running on a [‘Green New Deal’ platform](#)

Education: N/A

- *The office of mayor has little oversight into school policy (this is Portland Public Schools’ purview), so neither candidate has an especially well-developed education platform*

Economic Security:

- **Small Businesses:** Iannarone proposed a wide range of ambitious economic reforms that prioritize small businesses
- **Disaster Preparedness:** Iannarone proposed a [resilience based approach](#) to city disaster preparedness
- **Zoning Reform:** Iannarone proposed a series of zoning and housing reforms such as a Tenants’ Bill of Rights, re-legalizing SRO’s, and utilizing Community Land Trusts to ease rent burdens , improve housing accessibility, and reduce the number of people forced into homelessness.[\(source\)](#).

Equity:

- **Wealth Inequality:** Her policy agenda includes multiple measures intended to close the racial wealth gap in the city.
- **BLM:** Iannarone has incorporated BLM/racial equity issues into her policy agenda in light of recent protests. [Source](#)

Additional Notes:

The 2020 mayoral race may end up becoming a referendum not on homelessness but on police brutality - the Black Lives Matter protests have produced numerous cases of police violence against protestors and journalists, and the resignation of Police Chief Jami Resch. Portland is due for a Charter Commission in 2021 that may radically transform the city’s governance structure - Wheeler has openly stated he intends to be the last mayor of the commission-style city government, and Iannarone has also implied that she would make substantive changes to Portland’s form of elected leadership.

Portland City Commissioner - Position 4

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Candidate No. 1:</u> <u>Chloe Eudaly</u>	<u>Candidate No. 2:</u> <u>Mingus Mapps</u>
<i>Experience/Current Office</i>	Incumbent (2017 - Present)	City of Portland Program Coordinator (2018 – 2019)

	Publisher/Bookseller (1994 – Present) Co-founder, Board Member of Special Education PTA of Portland (SEPTAP) (2008 – 2011) Project Coordinator at FACT (2006 – 2007) Co-founder, Board Member of Independent Publishing Resource Center(1998 – 2001)	Executive Director of the Historic Parkrose Neighborhood Prosperity Initiative (2015 – 2018) Assistant Professor of the Department of Politics and Department of African and Afro-American Studies at Brandeis University (2007 – 2015)
Grade on Environment	A	A
Grade on Education	B	Unknown
Grade on Economy	A	B
Grade on Equity	A	A

Chloe Eudaly

Environment:

- **Clean Energy Fund:** Eudaly is endorsed by and supports the Portland Clean Energy Fund. Co-sponsored resolution with the goal of meeting 100% of community-wide use by 2050. ([source](#) - used for all below unless otherwise noted)
- **Transportation:** Eudaly developed the Rose Lanes Project. The goal is to “make Portland a more environmentally-friendly city, where people regularly choose buses over cars; and make it a more equitable one, where bus riders — disproportionately people of color and people with limited incomes — can commute as quickly as their wealthy, mostly white neighbors (crossover with equity - [source](#))
- **Climate Justice:** Endorsed by Sunrise Movement PDX, who are “young people fighting for a livable future for all. Making #climatejustice an urgent priority NOW.” ([source](#))

Education

- **Endorsement:** Portland Association of Teachers

Economic Security

- **Houselessness:** Strong emphasis on homelessness and housing problems, has developed and passed a number of ordinances to make housing more affordable, more stable, and more accessible to all
- **Public Transit:** Supports the growth of public transportation, aims to make public transportation options more reliable and accessible. Consideration of racial equity and environmental effects is closely tied into goals
- **Passed Fair Access in Renting Ordinance**
- Advocated for the **Cannabis Social Equity Grant**

Equity

- Supporter of **Open & Accountable Elections Program**
- Secured funding for **Universal Representation Project**

- **Endorsements:** Basic Rights Oregon, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon, Next Up Action Fund, Unite Oregon

Mingus Mapps

Environment:

- **Public Transit:** Emphasis on expanding public transportation in an environmentally sustainable way ([source](#) - used for all below)
- **Green Infrastructure:** Support for green infrastructure in Portland, energy efficiency and climate-resiliency requirements for building
- **Emissions Caps:** Supports the creation of emissions caps for buildings

Education: N/A

Economic Security

- **Affordable Housing:** Supports the development of low-cost and affordable housing for Multnomah County, protection of renters' rights

Equity

- **Houselessness:** Supports the creation of 1,500 city-subsidized housing units for houseless people who are disabled, mental ill, and /or drug addicted
- **More City Council Seats:** Supports the addition of more city council seats to offer more representation throughout Portland
- **Crime Prevention:** Served as supervisor for City of Portland's Crime Prevention program

Oregon House of Representatives

Oregon House of Representatives: District 2

<u>Candidate:</u>	<u>Alex Spenser (D)</u>	<u>Cliff Bentz (R)</u>	<u>Patrick Archer (I)</u>
<i>Experience/Public Offices Held:</i>	Poet, Performance Coach, and Writer. Served as co-founder with Kalamath Force for Peaceful Action and as a founder with The Women's March	Former Republican member of the Oregon State Senate, representing District 30 (2018-2020). Served in Oregon House of Representatives (2008-2018)	*Withdrew from race*
Grade on Environment	A	C	n/a
Grade on Education	B	unknown	n/a
Grade on Economy	A	B	n/a

Grade on Equity	A	B	n/a
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Alex Spenser

Environment:

- **Climate Change:** Spenser describes climate change and extreme weather as high on her list of priorities. She plans to address both of these issues by making timber and stewardship practices stronger. One example of Spenser's policy would be thinning and clearing felled wood to prevent forest fires from occurring.
- **Cap-and-Trade:** Spenser seeks to modify cap-and-trade to hold business owners to an incentive-based reduction of carbon as opposed to a penalty-based reduction of carbon. Spenser feels this change will foster competition and improve greenhouse gas fighting efforts in Oregon.

Education:

- **Equal Education for Everyone:** Spenser seeks to propose her Equal Education for Everyone Amendment. This amendment looks to provide every child and or student in Oregon a free education to the extent they desire (University and beyond). Spenser aims to make public schools the envy of private school.

Economic Security:

- **UBI:** Spenser believes a Universal Basic Income (UBI) will strengthen the economy and suggest one for individuals transitioning from 15\$ to 25% an hour.
- **Living Wage:** Spenser supports a \$15 minimum wage with an increase to \$25 by 2030.

Equity:

- **Police Reform:** Spenser is in favor of creating a database that compiles incidents of extreme force by members of the police. As well as redistributing police funds towards allocation and mandated use of body-cameras on officers.
- **Activism:** Led the Women's March in Klamath Falls.

Cliff Bentz

Environment:

- **NEPA:** Bentz supports President Donald Trump's plan to update the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Education: N/A

Economic Security: N/A

Equity:

- **Group Insurance:** Bentz is in favor of allowing individuals and small businesses to purchase group insurance plans as well as allowing his constituents to purchase health insurance from other states to create competition.
- **Healthcare:** Bentz has stated that he is strongly against government run healthcare. He believes focusing on free market principles would be more beneficial than Obamacare in driving down healthcare costs.

Oregon House of Representatives: District 9

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Candidate No. 1: Cal Mukumoto</u>	<u>Candidate No. 2: Boomer Wright</u>
<i>Experience/Current Office</i>	Business and Forestry Management	Teacher, principal, superintendent
Grade on Environment	A	B
Grade on Education	A	B
Grade on Economy	A	A
Grade on Equity	A	D

Cal Mukumoto

Environment:

- **Experience in Parks:** Chair of the Oregon Parks Recreation Commission, helping improve recreational trails, rivers, ocean shores, and byways ([source](#)).
- **Sustainable Forest Management:** Mukumoto previously served as a board member of the state Board of Forestry, forming and implementing policies and programs for sustainable management of the natural resources of Oregon's public and private forests ([source](#)).

Education

- **Job Training/Apprenticeship:** Mukumoto supports investing heavily into education, as well as expanding job training and apprenticeship programs ([source](#)).
- **Endorsements:** Stand for Children, Oregon Education Association, Oregon School Employees Association, Coos Bay Education Association, South Coast Education Council ([source](#)).
- See experience above.

Economic Security

- **Small Business/Healthcare Costs:** Mukumoto supports reducing healthcare costs and investing in small business ([source](#)).
- **Endorsements:** Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, Oregon Machinists Council ([source](#)).

Equity

- **Veteran Services:** Mukumoto supports improved access to veteran services ([source](#)).
- **Endorsements:** by Mother PAC, NARAL Pro-Choice PAC, Planned Parenthood Advocate of Oregon PAC, Safety and Justice PAC ([source](#)).

Boomer Wright

Environment:

- **Industry First:** Wright supports growth of forestry, farming, and fishing industries crossover with economic security
- **Opposes Cap-and-Trade:** Wright is opposed to Cap and Trade ([source](#)).

Education

- **Resources/Rural Students:** Wright advocates for more resources and support to directly classrooms, teachers, and students in rural areas ([source](#)).

- **No Standardized Education:** Wright states that there should be no standardized education; education should fit each community ([source](#)).

Economic Security

- **Jordan Cove Project:** Wright supports the Jordan Cove Energy Project and the jobs it will create ([source](#)-Candidate Survey).
- **Endorsements:** Oregon Farm Bureau, Timber Unity and Associated Oregon Loggers ([source](#)).

Equity

- **Veteran Services:** Wright supports increased access to veteran services and
- **Senior and Disabled Referral Program:** Wright supports the renewal of the Senior and Disabled Referral Program, “which provides property tax deferrals for those who have served” ([source](#)).
- **Endorsement:** Coalition of Police and Sheriffs ([source](#)).
- **Shutter Creek Correctional Institute:** Wright opposed the closing of the Shutter Creek Corrections Institute ([source](#)).
- **Affordable Healthcare:** Wright states that he is aware of the poverty in his district and how necessary it is to get value out of the healthcare system. He aims to make healthcare more affordable for working families ([source](#)).

Oregon House of Representatives: District 17

Candidate:	Paige Hook (D)	Jami Cate (R)
<i>Experience/Public Offices Held:</i>	City Councilor/Planning Commissioner, Stayton, OR	Grass Seed Farmer (Lebanon, OR)
Grade on Environment	C	C
Grade on Education	B	B
Grade on Economy	B	B
Grade on Equity	A	B

Paige Hook

Environment:

- **Industry First:** Her campaign site [directly links](#) environmental policy to the agricultural and timber industries, and opposes regulations that would financially harm her constituents.
- **Opposes Corporate Land Acquisition:** Hook is strongly opposed to corporate acquisition of forest land, and her website links to several stories discussing the issue.

Education:

- **Rural Teachers:** Hook, a city councilor from Stayton, advocates for special pay differentials and free license renewals for rural teachers.

- **Physical/Mental Health in School:** Hook supports installing nurse practitioners & behavioral health therapists in schools to ensure students have access to physical and mental health care.

Economic Security:

- **Livability:** [Hook's economic policy](#) typically revolves around solving rural residents' lack of access to critical infrastructure, housing, and services - these issues are often lumped together under the umbrella term of 'livability.'
- **Affordable Housing:** Hook's page on affordable housing directly references the way zoning and land use combine with wage stagnation to create unaffordable housing prices.

Equity:

- **BLM:** [Hook's website](#) prominently supports the BLM movement, providing educational resources for people looking to get involved and a strong statement in support of the movement, including its relevance to local rural counties.

Jami Cate

Environment:

- **Human Activity Causes Fires:** Cate is a strong advocate for responsible stewardship of [rural wilderness areas](#). Her facebook posts suggest she largely faults human activity such as cigarettes, neglected campfires, and other acts of carelessness by campers and hikers for recent increases in wildfire activity.

Education:

- **COVID:** Cate has [recently addressed](#) the uncertainty regarding school reopenings during the COVID crisis, prioritizing safe options for kids to interact and choices for parents to ensure kids are educated and taken care of during remote learning.

Economic Security:

- **Affordable Housing:** Cate's campaign made mention of [affordable housing and providing resources to resolve the homelessness crisis](#), but not in significant detail. As with the ADA issue, it was dropped from her website after she won the primary election.
- **Trade Schools:** Cate advocates for using trade schools as a means of preventing heavy student loan burdens and providing students (especially in rural areas) with marketable practical skills.

Equity:

- **ADA Abuse:** Notably, Cate's campaign website chose the ADA and alleged abuse/lax enforcement of regulations involving service dogs as a major issue during her primary campaign, but dropped the issue for the general election. It is unknown whether this policy position originated in some personal connection, but it is a rather 'niche' issue to pursue.
- In veiled terms, [her website alludes](#) to **pro-life**, **anti-gun control**, and **anti-welfare** positions, though these 'buzzwords' are not explicitly used.

Additional Notes:

- [Cate's platform](#) addresses the disconnect between the heavily Democratic state legislature and the concerns of rural Eastern Oregon farmers. During the primary, Cate's campaign website was the primary means of determining her political positions, but recently her use of Facebook has provided more insight into critical issues and her stances on them. This is likely a means of continuing to campaign in the COVID era, but the commingling of personal and political posts allows readers more nuanced insight into her candidacy.
- Although Cate barely won her primary over Scott Sword, the Republican party cast significantly more overall votes and likely will take this election. [The GOP's historic dominance](#) in this district led to Hook being the only Democrat to declare their candidacy in this race; the previous Republican incumbent routinely amassed 70% vote shares and ran unopposed in 2016.

Oregon House of Representatives: District 28

Candidate:	Wlnsvey Campos (D)	Dan Martin (R)
<i>Experience/Public Offices Held:</i>	Case Manager, Family Promise (Homeless Shelter) of Beaverton	Owner, Beaver Express Inc. (Courier Service)
Grade on Environment	A	D
Grade on Education	A	B
Grade on Economy	A	C
Grade on Equity	B	F

Wlnsvey Campos

Environment:

- **Green New Deal:** Campos advocates for a 'Green New Deal' of environmental legislation to combat climate change ([source](#)- same for all)

Economic Security:

- **Housing Stability:** Campos advocates for rent control programs and a ban on no-cause evictions.
- **Universal Healthcare:** Campos' endorses a single-payer healthcare system

Education:

- **Universal Pre-Kindergarten:** Campos voiced support for universal Pre-K
- **Increased Teacher Salaries:** Campos' supports increased teacher salaries
- **School Programming:** Campos' supports reinvestment in before and after school programming.

Equity:

- See Housing Stability above.

Daniel Martin

Environment:

- **Prioritizing Industry:** "Global warming is a concern," he said. "But putting a tax on carbon-based energy, without a plan as to how that money is to be spent, sounds like a government that cannot manage the money they have. We need a government in Oregon that will embrace the needs of industry and reach out to the small businesses."

Economic Security:

- **Opposes a Minimum Wage:** Martin is a small-business owner from Aloha, and opposes minimum wage increases due to the disproportionate impact they have on smaller employers. His public political stances appear limited to the content on his campaign Twitter page.

Education:

- States that if elected, his focus will be on K-12 education ([source](#)).

Equity:

- **Opposes BLM:** Martin's campaign Twitter account has posted multiple times in opposition to the Black Lives Matter movement, questioning its legitimacy & baselessly accusing them of various acts of destruction. ([source](#))

Additional Notes:

- Both candidates are political 'outsiders' who have not held public office previously. Martin ran for this seat in a previous election and lost the Republican nomination; in this election he was the only Republican to run. .
- The 28th district seat was vacated by a long-serving Democrat, and the vote totals for the primaries strongly favor that party, making Campos the favorite to win.
- Martin's campaign confines its public statements largely to Twitter, and lacks an official website, making it difficult to determine his positions on some issues.

Oregon House of Representatives: District 32

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Candidate No. 1:</u> Debbie Boothe-Schmidt	<u>Candidate No. 2:</u> Suzanne Weber
<i>Experience/Current Office</i>	Small-Business Owner	Teacher, Small-Business Owner, City Councilor, Mayor of Tillamook
Grade on Environment	A	D
Grade on Education	A	A
Grade on Economy	A	A
Grade on Equity	B	C

Debbie Boothe-Schmidt

Environment:

- **Environmental Protection:** Boone-Schmidt supports the protection of Oregon's natural resources.
- **Cap and Trade:** Boone-Schmidt expressed mixed feelings about Cap and Trade in Oregon, stating "On one hand, I totally agree we need to work towards Clean Energy. But, while moving in that direction we also need to make sure we are not contributing to loss of jobs without having living wage jobs in place, ready to go. My other concern is placing an additional tax burdens on small businesses, if in fact that's what would happen."([source](#))

Education

- **School Funding and Resources:** Boothe-Schmidt aims to address problems in Oregon's educational system by reducing class sizes and helping kids develop necessary skills for good-paying jobs.
- **Post-Secondary Education:** She is in favor of expanding apprenticeship programs and lowering the costs of higher education.
- **Childcare:** She will also encourage the growth of affordable childcare options.

Economic Security

- **Sustainable Forestry:** Boothe-Schmidt will support Oregon's rural economy by encouraging the practice of sustainable forestry, as well as opposing any offshore drilling.
- **COVID-19 Recovery:** Boone-Schmidt "will fight to ensure rural Oregon isn't left behind as our state recovers from the COVID crisis. She will ensure essential and frontline workers have the testing and PPE they need to keep themselves and the rest of us safe and healthy." ([source](#))

Equity

- **Affordable, Accessible Healthcare:** Boone-Schmidt aims to lower healthcare costs and increase access to quality care. "She will expand rural access, and transportation access, incentivizing doctors to go into rural communities, so people do not need to go into Portland. She will protect and expand access to healthcare, including treatment for addiction and mental health issues." ([source](#))

Suzanne Weber

Environment:

- Weber strongly opposes cap & trade taxes ([source](#))

Education

- **Experience and Action:** Weber "spent [her] career here on the north coast. [She] taught school here for thirty years and fought for better pay and protections for our teachers ([website](#)). While a teacher, Suzanne served in several roles in her local unions, including as a negotiator and a teacher representative ([link](#)).

Economic Security

- **Small Business Experience:** "Having run a business [Weber believes] that higher taxes hurt northwest Oregon" and benefit Portland only ([website](#)).
- **Salem Taxes:** Weber "opposes to the myriad of tax, fee and regulation increases coming out of Salem, including the hidden sales tax and the new mattress tax. She would have voted against the 2019 bill that stole over \$100 million from Oregonians' kicker tax checks ([source](#))

Equity

- **Police Support:** Per her campaign video, she will not support the defunding of the police in rural areas ([Video](#)).
- **Defending Protestors:** Weber shared an opinion piece from a cop from Astoria that stated: "It is wrong to assume all who protest for rights or freedoms are engaged in rioting, looting and violence" ([article](#)).
- Endorsed by the Tillamook Sheriff of Police ([Facebook Post](#)).

Oregon House of Representatives: District 35

Candidate

Candidate No. 1:
Dacia Grayber

Candidate No. 2:
Bob Niemeyer

<i>Experience/Current Office</i>	Firefighter Paramedic	Owner of New Ventures Engineering, LLC Published author Mentor at Tigard High School robotics
Grade on Environment	A	Unknown
Grade on Education	A	A
Grade on Economy	B	A
Grade on Equity	A	F

Dacia Grayber

Environment:

- **Reduced Carbon Footprint:** Grayber supports greatly reducing Oregon's carbon emissions, utilizing among other things "an aggressive tax on carbon that goes after irresponsible polluters." ([source](#))
- **Green Infrastructure:** Grayber is an advocate for investment into progressive infrastructure projects that promote public transportation. She will "use project labor agreements that support women and minority-owned business and implement community benefit agreements."
- **Disaster Prevention and Mitigation:** Grayber will invest in technology and craft policy to mitigate disasters like wildfires and earthquakes.

Education

- **Affordable Higher Education:** Grayber will fight to lower costs of higher education for all Oregon students. She states "We must also ensure stable and equitable implementation of the Student Success Act," and that Oregon should have "planning in place to ensure stable school funding in the future." ([source](#))
- **Classroom Accommodation and Inclusivity:** Grayber supports expanded investments in social-emotional and behavioral health support for students. She also supports the further diversification of teachers to "reflect the diversity of our student population," and increasing wages for all teachers and support staff. ([source](#))

Economic Security

- **Fair Economy:** Grayber will support working families through meaningful revenue reform and a revised tax code that is focused on people and small businesses, not corporations.

Equity

- **Affordable Healthcare:** Grayber is an advocate for affordable, quality healthcare for all.
- **Gun Reform:** Grayber will fight to implement responsible, common sense solutions such as secure storage of firearms to combat gun violence.
- **Affordable Housing:** Grayber expresses support for expanded affordable housing and the development of a legislature that prioritizes "policies that help people connect with places to live at a reasonable cost."
- **Immigration:** Grayber will fight to make immigrants welcome and supported in Oregon.
- **Civil Rights:** Grayber expresses support for the Black Lives Matter movement.

Bob Niemeyer

Environment: N/A

Education

- **Teacher Pay:** Niemeyer believes “we have heard for all too long that our schools are going down-hill and we need more money from the Federal Government to pay for teachers” ([source](#)).
- **Common Core:** Niemeyer believes “the people behind the creation of Common Core have simply run out of ways to create educational systems that can be sold to schools around the United States of America” ([source](#)).

Economic Security

- **Improve Roads/Housing:** Niemeyer criticizes the current state of Oregon’s infrastructure, asking “did the Legislature and Governor “Intend” to stop the construction of roads, cause high density housing, and make light rail the only goal for transportation in this State?” ([source](#)).
- **Business Profiting Off of Death:** Niemeyer shared that when his father passed the Oregonian’s price for a small obituary was \$950 ([source](#)).
- **Unemployment Benefits:** Niemeyer believes “we have heard for way too long that we need more money from the Federal Government to pay for unemployment benefits” ([source](#)).

Equity

- **Adding Barriers/Protections to Voting:** Niemeyer’s “vision for a voter system” includes required photo IDs and assigned voter numbers, in person-only (unless absentee), facial recognition, increased encryption for voter data and rolls, and ballots printed for each voter at the poll. All companies involved to bring this vision to life “would form a consortium would be paid \$6.50 for each vote cast. Thus creating an incentive to make sure that the voting process was valid and secure” ([source](#)).
- **Praise for Police (*no mention of reform*):** In a blob post, Niemeyer shares a personal story of fighting off an attacker with a knife on a bus, and argues this is “but one possible day in the life of a Police Officer [and they] should all be thanked and praised for their commitment to us all” ([link](#)).
- **Valuing Veterans:** Niemeyer would like to “personally thank all of the People of the United States of America for making up for elected officials that have not kept the promises we made to Veterans. The little things we all do like a discount or hiring a Veteran” ([source](#)).

Additional stances to consider:

- **Death Penalty:** Niemeyer believe “if someone rapes and kills a child, is caught, and convicted of the crime, it is the responsibility of the Government to take the life from those who attack the innocent to protect the citizens of the United States. If someone kills a prison guard doing his or her duty of protecting the public from criminals that would kill again if allowed on the streets, it is the responsibility of the Government to take life from those who obviously will kill again” ([source](#)).

Oregon House of Representatives: District 49

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Candidate No. 1: Zach Hudson (D)</u>	<u>Candidate No. 2: Greg Johnson (R)</u>
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<i>Experience/Current Office</i>	2017-Current (Troutdale City Council; 2010-2016 (Troutdale Citizen Advisory Committee/ Troutdale Budget Committee)	N/A
Grade on Environment	A	N/A
Grade on Education	A	N/A
Grade on Economy	A	N/A
Grade on Equity	B	N/A

Zach Hudson

Environment:

- **Urgent Action Needed:** Z. Hudson believes that quick action is needed regarding climate change ([Campaign website](#)).
- **Climate Change:** He lists focus on reducing carbon emissions, promoting clean air/water, and developing sustainable energy sources ([Campaign website](#)).
- **Opposes Fossil Fuel:** Z. Hudson also opposes fossil fuel infrastructure and promotes green energy ([Campaign website](#)).

Economy:

- **Consumer Protections:** Z. Hudson promotes consumer protections against predatory businesses and fraud ([Campaign website](#)).
- **Affordable Housing:** He also supports affordable housing ([Campaign website](#)).
- **Limiting Political Contributions:** He supports measures against corporations having large political contributions ([Campaign website](#)).

Education:

- **More Resources:** Z. Hudson believes more should be done for students: adding mental health services, better funding for teachers, counselors, nurses, resource officers and classroom assistants ([Campaign website](#)).
- **Trade Schools/College:** He also promotes additional support for vocational training and college ([Campaign website](#)).

Equity:

- **Equity within Systems:** Z. Hudson states that equality must be seen in housing/employment/legal systems ([Campaign website](#)).
- **Supports Individuals:** He also strongly supports welcoming immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees ([Campaign website](#)).
- **Stance on Immigration:** Z. Hudson states that there should be independence between Immigration & Customs and law enforcement. Additionally, people should not need citizenship status for a driver's license ([Campaign website](#)).

(Sources: [Ballotpedia](#), [Campaign website](#))

Greg Johnson

Not enough information available for subjective conclusions.

The only information available for Greg Johnson available online via Ballotpedia is the following: “Greg Johnson (Republican Party) is running for election to the Oregon House of Representatives of Representatives to represent District 49. He is on the ballot in the general election on November 3, 2020.”

(Source: [https://ballotpedia.org/Greg_Johnson_\(Oregon\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Greg_Johnson_(Oregon)))

Oregon House of Representatives: District 50

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Candidate No. 1: Ricki Ruiz (D)</u>	<u>Candidate No. 2: Amelia Salvador (R)</u>
<i>Experience/Current Office</i>	Public employee of the City of Gresham Working Families Party	City of Gresham, Appointment to Charter Review Committee, Gresham Redevelopment Commission Advisory & Budget Committee, Gresham Farmers Market, Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce, Historic Downtown Gresham Business Association, Portland Immigrant Statue & Award, Montavilla East Tabor Business Association – METBA, Montavilla Farmers Market, Parkrose Community Foundation, Historic Parkrose – NPI, Philippine Chamber of Commerce – PACCO, Parkrose Business Association, Parkrose Neighborhood Association, Senn’s Dairy Park Committee
Grade on Environment	A	N/A
Grade on Education	A	N/A
Grade on Economy	A	B
Grade on Equity	A	D

Ricki Ruiz

Environment:

- **Renewable Energy:** R. Ruiz will invest in renewable energy solutions so money can stay local and expand the local economy.
- **Reduce Emissions:** He also hopes to reduce Oregon’s Greenhouse Gas emissions with notable trackers by years 2035 and 2050.
- **Protecting Forests:** Aerial spraying and streamside clear cut logging must be restricted, according to R. Ruiz, alongside better protections of forest and wildlife areas.
- **High Fire Risk:** R. Ruiz also suggests limitations to development in areas with high fire risks.
- **Air and Water Quality:** and hold those accountable that are diminishing health standards. He also proposes that Oregon follows the “Buy Clean” act that Washington follows.
- **Public Transit:** R. Ruiz also addresses the need for promotion of public transit and also re-routing public transit to capture the needs of the entire community.

Economic Security:

- **Supports Workers:** R. Ruiz is focused on policies that support the employed, create jobs, and help with access to training and education.
- **Local Economy:** R. Ruiz is invested in the diversified, local economy, and promotes renewable energies as well.

(Re: **Health**)

- ☐ R. Ruiz focuses on access to healthcare coverage for all Oregonians, regardless of age, race, or immigration status.
- ☐ He believes that there should be a cap on insulin, specifically that it should not cost more than \$100.00 per monthly subscription.
- ☐ He states that menstrual products should be free in public schools and reproductive health care services should be provided regardless of ability to pay.
- ☐ R. Ruiz believes that health insurance should expand to cover mental health services and people should not be concerned to cover these charges if they need to seek mental help.

Education:

- **Student-Teacher Ratios:** R. Ruiz is a proponent for appropriate student-teacher ratios
- **Student Services:** He supports investment in mental health services/mentorship for students and believes that the promotion of secured student services helps the community. Preschooling and vocational training is included in this vision.
- **Funding:** R. Ruiz will promote educational funding; resources including, but not limited to, state-wide free breakfast and lunches, state-wide pre-kindergarten classes, sports programs, investing in community colleges, working with local boards for frequent educational updates, etc.

Equity:

- **Affordable Housing:** R. Ruiz promotes affordable housing and housing vouchers for most needing families and members in the local Gresham area. He wishes for expansion of affordable housing close to public transportation, grocery stores and healthcare facilities
- **Evictions:** He does not believe in evictions, but instead vouchers to promote financial recovery..
- **Home Buyer Skills:** R. Ruiz would like to invest in first time home buyer programs to teach locals financial skills, and he'd like to help renters by giving them additional protections.
- **Houselessness:** R. Ruiz would like to support the houseless population by creating more mental health, addiction support programs, job readiness, pathways back to school and mentorship avenues.
- **Police Reform:** R. Ruiz is a proponent of crime prevention, police accountability, reducing recidivism, mental health support, and aiding first responders.
- **Community First:** He will invest in programs that focus on prevention, community building, mental health support, and overall community safety.
- **Immigrant Rights:** R. Ruiz also supports the abolishment of ICE, provide protection for DACA recipients, and wants to remain a sanctuary state.

Endorsements: American Federation of Teachers (AFT), Basic Rights Oregon, NARAL Pro-Choice America, NARAL Pro Choice Oregon, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, AFT-Oregon, Willamette Week Editorial Board, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon, Oregon School Employees Association, Oregon AFSCME, Oregon League of Conservation Voters, NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon, Oregon AFL-CIO, Oregon Education Association

(Sources: <https://ricki4oregon.com/>, https://ballotpedia.org/Ricki_Ruiz, <http://ivoterguide.com/page>)

Amelia Salvador

Environment: N/A

Economy:

- **Consumer Affordability:** A. Salvador is focused on maintaining stability for Oregonians by focusing on taxation and consumer affordability in local communities.
- **Local Opportunities:** A. Salvador is a proponent for new local economic opportunities, new local amenities, housing/developments and job opportunities.
- **Sector Cohesion:** Amelia supports cohesion between private, public, and nonprofit sectors.
- **New Economies:** Amelia states that she wants to **revitalize*** older communities while creating newer communities as well. A. Salvador is eager to build new economies as much as possible and attract out-of-state business.
- **Living Wage:** She hopes to promote local livable wages in East County and serve all families and individuals while meeting their financial abilities.

Education: N/A

Equity:

- **Houselessness:** A. Salvador states that the cause of homeless is drug addiction and mental health. She states that as a mother, she empathizes with the homeless population and would personally help, should something similar happen to one of her children. She is compelled to advocate for them and not ignore their struggles. A. Salvador states, "I refuse to condone the problem, but would rather be pro-active [sp] to find a positive solution." Amelia intends to work with local and state forces to find solutions. She hopes to find solutions to the trash, overnight camping, and poor living standard that she states the homelessness crisis creates.

Endorsements: Oregon Right to Life

(Sources: <https://ameliafororegon.com/focus/>, [https://ballotpedia.org/Amelia Salvador](https://ballotpedia.org/Amelia_Salvador), [https://ivoterguide.com page](https://ivoterguide.com/page))

Additional Notes:

***Revitalize:** this term was used in Amelia's campaign website regarding revitalizing older communities. We find this terminology problematic as it could potentially serve to gentrify communities. (Quote: "*Within my real estate industry, I've gained much knowledge on revitalization of older communities, as well developing brand new communities and that it takes a village*")

Oregon House of Representatives: District 58

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Candidate No. 1:</u> <u>Bobby Levy</u>	<u>Candidate No. 2:</u> <u>Nolan Bylenga</u>
<i>Experience/Current Office</i>	Founder and President of Eastern Oregon Women's Coalition Serves as chair of the Oregon department of Fish and Wildlife commission	Senator of Portland State University's Associated Student Body Member of PSU Intercollegiate Athletics Board

	Helped establish the Eastern Oregon Economic Summit	
Grade on Environment	F	F
Grade on Education	A	B
Grade on Economy	C	C
Grade on Equity	B	A

Bobby Levy

Environment

- **Walk Out:** Supported the Republican walkouts during May 20

Education:

- **Supports Education:** At a virtual town hall, Levy went into detail about her support for education in Eastern Oregon. Describing Eastern Oregon University as the backbone of the community. ([source](#))
- **La Grande and Union County:** “(Levy) just thinks that it’s really, really important that Eastern Oregon be a strong part of La Grande and Union County”
- **Taxation to Fund:** Levy goes on to explain how she always votes in favor of any taxation for education within her local school district and Eastern Oregon University.

Economy:

- **Cap-and-trade:** Levy is strongly opposed to cap and trade.
- **Endorsement:** Timber United.
- **CAT:** Levy is against the Corporate Activity Tax (CAT Tax).

Equity:

- **Broadband Access:** Levy supports funding for broadband internet access for rural Oregonians who otherwise cannot attain internet access.

Nolan Bylenga

Environment:

- **Opposes Environmental Bills:** Bylenga has stated that he opposes environmental bills that would harm small businesses in his community. ([source](#))

Education:

- **Underrepresented Groups:** Bylenga has stated that he felt under represented communities should have their educational issues addressed before free college should be pursued. ([source](#))

Economy:

- **Fiscally Conservative:** Bylenga describes himself as fiscally conservative. ([source](#))
- **Low Income Opportunities:** Bylenga has stated that he seeks to build opportunity for low income individuals.
- **Against Living Wage:** Bylenga has shared concerns that increasing the minimum wage will harm small businesses.
- **Businesses over Environment:** Bylenga felt the Carbon Emission tax would run businesses out of the state.

Equity:

- **BLM Activism:** Bylenga is an advocate for Black Lives Matter, participating in various gatherings and

protests.

Oregon Senate

Oregon Senate: District 1

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Candidate No. 1:</u> <u>Kat Stone</u>	<u>Candidate No. 2:</u> <u>Dallas Heard</u>
<i>Experience/Current Office</i>	Roberts Creek Water District Budget Board (2017-Present) The Douglas County Transportation Board Secretary and Member (2019-2020) Registered Nurse (20 years)	Business Owner Incumbent (2019 - present)
Grade on Environment	C	D
Grade on Education	B	B
Grade on Economy	A	B
Grade on Equity	B	A

Kat Stone

Environment:

- **Increase Timber Taxes:** She believes in increasing Timber Severance Taxes in order to increase local government funding and funding toward public safety and fire management ([video](#)).

Education

- **Funding Public Schools:** She also believes the key to providing previously cut funding to Public Schools is the reinstatement of the Timber Severance tax (same source as above).

Economic Security

- **Healthy Rural Economy:** Stone believes “in the right of rural Oregonians to work, a healthy workforce and economy, supporting Oregon's Agricultural Industries and local business” ([website](#)).
- **Unemployment Benefits:** Stone believes in protecting unemployment benefits and an incentive for part time workers to seek additional work while receiving unemployment ([campaign video](#)).
- **Industry Experience:** At the age of 19, she began working for her family’s forest mill pulling green-chain, and now currently works all over the state of Oregon overseeing care for our veterans, elderly, and disabled community members” ([blog post](#)).
 - Crossover with equity: Stone is endorsed by the Consumer League, “in recognition of her strong support for consumer and human services issues. Our support goes to those candidates and

incumbent legislators who have shown a clear record of support for the major issues that are impacting consumers, particularly those that are disadvantaged ([Facebook post](#))

Equity

- **Volunteer for Disadvantaged Communities:** Stone is “a volunteer driver for UCAN medical transports for assisting at risk, low income, veteran and elderly populations to their medical appointments” ([blog post](#)).

Dallas Heard

Environment:

- **Removing Environmental Protections:** Heard sponsored a bill to conduct research intended to support removing the Ground Water Management Designation from parts of the Umatilla Basin ([source](#)).
- **Funding Ocean Programs:** Heard sponsored a bill that “appropriated moneys from General Fund to Oregon Ocean Science Fund, State Department of Fish and Wildlife, Higher Education Coordinating Commission and Oregon Department of Administrative Services for certain ocean program purposes ([source](#)).
- Heard sponsored a bill to allow single-family dwelling within the urban growth boundary ([source](#)).

Education

- **Class Size/Caseload Limits:** Heard sponsored a bill to allow class size and caseload limits to be included in mandatory collective bargaining agreements for school districts ([source](#)).

Economic Security

- **Limit Taxes for Elderly or People with a Disability:** Heard sponsored a bill that limited property taxes for people over 68 years old, or with a disability by freezing the assessed value for homes for those individuals - crossover with equity ([source](#)).

Equity

- **Support People with Disabilities:** for See economic security bullet. Also sponsored a bill to “Commemorate 100th anniversary of federal Rehabilitation Act and celebrates success of vocational rehabilitation in supporting Oregonians with disabilities to join the workforce” ([source](#)).
- **Foster Children/Families:** Heard sponsored legislation t. hat “appropriated money to Department of Human Services for transition services for current foster children and former foster children” ([source](#)).
- **Pro-Life:** Sponsored a bill that required medicare practitioners exercise “the proper degree of care to preserve health and life of child born alive after abortion or attempted abortion” ([source](#)).

Oregon Senate: District 2

Candidate:	Jerry Allen (D)	Art Robinson (R)
<i>Experience/Public Offices Held:</i>	Pension Trustee, Sonoma County Employees Retirement System (2003-2011); Fire District CERT volunteer, farmer	Chairman of Oregon Republican Party, 2013-2014;
Grade on Environment	C	F

Grade on Education	<u>B-</u>	D
Grade on Economy	<u>B</u>	?
Grade on Equity	?	?
<u>Jerry Allen</u> <u>Education:</u> ● Student Success Act: Allen's policy positions on education are somewhat unclear, though he cites the 2019 Student Success Act as something to build on in terms of educational attainment and investment. Source <u>Econ:</u> ● Re-Localization: He suggests a policy of ‘re-localizing’ economies to prioritize small businesses, a living wage, affordable housing, etc. to protect against fiscal shocks at the national level. <u>Env:</u> ● Local Infrastructure: Allen is a proponent of making substantive investments in local infrastructure to offset damage from earthquakes and other natural disasters (he includes COVID-19 in this category)		
<u>Art Robinson</u> <u>Environment:</u> ● Cap-and-Trade: He states he is adamantly opposed to cap-and-trade legislation and suggests mismanagement of federal forests is to blame for recent wildfire outbreaks in the state. ● Climate Change Denier: Robinson is an avowed denier of human-caused climate change and drafted a petition to dispute its existence. Robinson is well-known in Republican circles for his repeated (unsuccessful) runs for US Congress, and his petition formed the basis of much national GOP debate regarding the scientific consensus on climate change. Source <u>Education:</u> ● Home-School Curriculum: Robinson has also published a home-schooling curriculum that aligns with his stated values of improving children's education. He uses his past as a college professor and his personal curriculum to make the case for his ability to reform Oregon's educational system. <u>Equity:</u> ● Robinson's website strongly emphasizes pro-life and pro-second amendment positions. Source		
<u>Additional Notes:</u> ● The 2nd Senate District has been a Republican stronghold since 1984 and is projected to stay that way barring a major upset. Both candidates made conspicuous mention of the recent wildfires in Oregon, suggesting that their district felt the impacts of these more directly than people in the Metro area - though each candidate pointed the blame in different directions. ● Robinson has a substantial out-of-state funding base, including the influential Mercer family, and was recommended as a possible science advisor to the current President.		

Oregon Senate: District 3		
<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Candidate No. 1:</u>	<u>Candidate No. 2:</u>

	<u>Jerry Morgan</u>	<u>Lily Morgan</u>
<i>Experience/Current Office</i>	Army National Guard Wildland Firefighter (Single resource boss / Engineer)	Parole and probation program supervisor, Grants Pass City Council March 2010, Reserve Sheriff's Deputy Elected Josephine County Board of commissioners November 2016
Grade on Environment	Unknown	D
Grade on Education	Unknown	B
Grade on Economy	Unknown	D
Grade on Equity	Unknown	D

Jerry Morgan

No information available

Lily Morgan

Environment:

- **Opposes Cap-and-Trade:** Morgan opposes the Cap and Trade Bill ([voters guide](#)).
- **Jobs First:** Morgan states that she is a proponent of healthy forest lands that create jobs. Note: she is endorsed by TimberUnity PAC ([voters guide](#)).

Education

- **Freedom of Choice:** Lily Morgan supports the freedom to choose education and is therefore endorsed by the Oregon Moms Building Excellent Schools Together ([voters guide](#)).

Economic Security

- **Cap-and-Trade:** Lily Morgan is opposed to Cap and Trade taxes (crossover with environment).
- **Working Families:** Lily Morgan promises to “always oppose bills that hurt working families and threaten our jobs” ([voters guide](#)).
- **Small Businesses:** Morgan is opposed to taxes that negate growth for small businesses ([voters guide](#)).

Equity

- **Expanded Detention System:** Lily Morgan Passed the Adult Jail / Juvenile Detention Levy, which increased adult jail beds from 100 to 185 and re-opened the juvenile detention center and shelter
- **Pro-life:** Endorsed by Oregon Right to Life
- **Supports Police:** Morgan states that she “supports our police who keep our communities safe” ([voters guide](#)).
- **Houselessness:** Morgan supports mental health reforms and addressing houselessness ([voters guide](#)).

Other stances to consider:

- **2nd Amendment:** Supports the second amendment and will fight attempts to restrict Oregonians' right to bear arms.
- **Medical Freedom:** Morgan supports parents choosing medical options for their children ([voters guide](#)).

Oregon Senate: District 5

Candidate:	Melissa Cribbins (D)	Dick Anderson (R)
<i>Experience/Public Offices Held:</i>	Coos County Commissioner (2012-2018)	Mayor of Lincoln City, OR (2011-2014, 2019-Present); Lincoln City Council (2009-2010, 2015-2018);
Grade on Environment	B-	D
Grade on Education	<u>A</u>	B-
Grade on Economy	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
Grade on Equity	<u>B</u>	<u>D</u>

Melissa Cribbins

Environment:

- **EPA Advisory Committee:** Cribbins serves on the EPA's local government advisory committee, and is a past president of Energy Trust of Oregon. However, she has not proposed specific policies and the goals listed on her [campaign website](#) are somewhat vague.

Education:

- **Community Colleges/Technical Schools:** [Cribbins advocates](#) for funding community colleges and technical education to allow job skills to be taught in the district
- **Teacher Responsibility:** She also emphasizes the increased responsibilities outside of education that are placed on teachers (such as aiding with mental health and learning difficulties).

Economic Security:

- **Living Wage and Healthcare:** [Cribbins supports](#) a livable wage and paid family leave, as well as reducing healthcare deductibles to ensure residents are able to afford proper healthcare.

Equity:

- **Houselessness:** Cribbins emphasizes addressing houselessness both [generally and amongst veterans](#), and would specifically support policies aimed at getting veterans access to affordable housing.

Dick Anderson

Environment:

- **Opposes Cap-and-Trade:** Anderson opposes cap and trade but does not propose an alternative. Notably, [his website](#) frames it as a tax issue rather than an environmental one.

Education:

- **Trade Schools:** Anderson has a robust slate of policy proposals* on his campaign [website](#) including making trade schools and industrial careers more accessible to students (including welding programs in high schools).

- **Funding Reform:** He proposes reforming appropriations for education to ensure tax money is actually being paid by the intended payers and actually being received by the schools that need it.

Economic Security:

- **Tax Code Reform:** The overwhelming majority of Anderson's economic policies revolve around a wholesale reform of the state tax code. He promises not to allow any tax increases - of any kind - if elected.

Equity:

- **Protect Police Budgets:** Anderson has explicitly come out in opposition of any reduction in police budgets following the BLM protest movement.

Additional Notes: According to vote counts listed on [Ballotpedia](https://ballotpedia.org/2020_Oregon_State_Senate_election), The 5th District has recently proven to be highly competitive, often separated by only a few thousand votes; the "edge" currently is held by the Democrats.

*Anderson also calls for reopening schools and restarting school sports during the pandemic, feeling that the benefits of sports and in-person learning outweigh the health risks.

Oregon Senate: District 9

Candidate:	Jim Hinsvark	Fred Girod
<i>Experience/Public Offices Held:</i>	Farmer; Graduate of Portland State University (Bachelors in Geography)	Incumbent - Oregon State Senate (2008-present); Oregon House of Representatives of Rep. (1993-95, 2007-08) Current state Senate Minority Leader
Grade on Environment	A	F
Grade on Education	<u>B</u>	C
Grade on Economy	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>
Grade on Equity	<u>N/A</u>	<u>C</u>

Jim Hinsvark

Environment:

- **Climate Change:** [Hinsvark believes in climate change](#) and has made it a major component of his campaign, though he does not propose specific policies to address it.
- **Oppose Cap-and-Trade:** He [opposes cap and trade](#) legislation on the grounds of it being too bureaucratic and likely to be compromised by capitalistic forces (I.e., big companies win and pollute more).

Economic Security:

- **Taxes on high Earners/Corporations:** Specifically aiming his message at senior voters, Hinsvark supports [raising taxes on high income earners and corporations](#), with the goal of using the proceeds to fund major infrastructure projects and repairs.

Education:

- **Rural Schools:** While Hinsvark supports increased resources for rural schools and improving access to vocational training programs, he has not discussed educational policy in substantial detail.

Equity: N/A

Fred Girod

Environment:

- **Unmanaged Forests Cause Fires:** Girod's District was heavily impacted by the Beachie Creek Wildfire in 2020: even Girod's own home was destroyed. [However, Girod subscribes](#) to the belief that environmental regulation prevents logging or removal of dead and dying trees and that this is the primary factor affecting the frequency and severity of fire events.
- **Walk Out:** Girod also fled the capitol to prevent cap and trade legislation from being passed.

Education:

- **Less Bureaucracy:** Girod, both [in past elections](#) and [recently](#) during the COVID pandemic, has decried what he views as excess bureaucratic/administrative involvement in education policy.

Economic Security:

- **Pro-Logging:** Girod's [campaign website](#) discusses economic issues principally through the lens of the timber and agricultural industries - he views logging as both an economic boon and an environmental necessity.

Equity:

- **More State Troopers:** [Girod advocates](#) for more Oregon State Troopers on rural roads (a necessary resource in unincorporated rural areas), and for providing more funding to combat methamphetamine production and sale in his district.

Oregon Senate: District 10

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Candidate No. 1:</u> <u>Denyc Boles</u> <u>(R)</u>	<u>Candidate No. 2:</u> <u>Deb Patterson</u> <u>_____(D)</u>	<u>Candidate No. 3:</u> <u>Taylor Rickey</u> <u>(L)</u>
<i>Experience/Current Office</i>	Small business owner; served as		Stay at home dad

	staff in the Oregon legislature and advocated for Salem Health; coaching at Boys and Girls Club, serving Greater Salem Young Life, and contributing as a citizen to the Marion County Budget Committee	Medical professional background	
Grade on Environment	F	B	B
Grade on Education	N/A	B	B
Grade on Economy	B	A	N/A
Grade on Equity	F	B	A

Denyc Boles (R)

Environment:

- **Skeptical of COVID:** “I emailed the Governor's Chief of Staff this morning asking for an explanation for denying Marion and Polk counties application to enter phase 1 and the scientific data to support that decision. I was simply wanting to understand. That’s all. He responded at the end of the day that I should go to the Oregon Health Authority’s website for the information. Not exactly what I was asking for, but whatever. He didn’t provide the website, but I will. Check it out. Why is this so hard?” ([source](#)).
- **Pollution:** Voted against a bill to impose “enforceable deadlines for the phase-out of highly polluting older engines and requirements for cleaner equipment on major construction projects” ([source](#)).
- **Single Use Straws:** Voted to pass a bill that prohibits single-use plastic straws at restaurants unless asked for one directly. ([source](#)).

Education: N/A

Economic Security

- **Community First:** Polk County Commissioner Lyle Mordhorst endorses Boles, stating “Senator Boles has time and again put her community first. During the previous session, Denyc stood up to Portland politics and special interests groups to ensure our cost of living doesn’t increase and our jobs are protected.” ([source](#)).

Equity

- **Endorsements:** Oregon Chiefs of Police Association ([source](#)).
- **Chokeholds:** Voted in favor of prohibiting chokehold by law enforcement ([source](#));
- **Require Officer Intervention:** Voted in favor of Requirement for Police Officers to Intervene When a Fellow Officer is Engaging in Misconduct
- **Workers Rights:** Voted no to a workers right to labor union

Deb Patterson (D)

Environment:

- **Climate Change:** Patterson feels that climate change is an urgent matter ([source](#)).

Education:

- **Prioritize Opportunities:** She prioritizes “improved graduation rates and affordable college and vocational education opportunities” ([source](#))
- **Endorsements:** “American Association of University Professors” ([source](#));

Economic Security:

- **Living Wage/Affordable Housing:** She supports “living wage jobs and affordable housing for all” ([source](#)).
- **Stagnant Wages and Rising Cost of Living:** Patterson believes “our economy is working for some Oregonians, but not for all, due to stagnant wages against the rising costs of housing, property taxes and income taxes” ([source](#)).

Equity:

- **SRO:** Dedicated to protecting students of color “School Resource Officers are a subset of local police, and a form of law enforcement which has been shown to discriminate against students of color” ([source](#)).
- **Pro choice**

Taylor Rickey (L)

Environment:

- **Going Green:** Rickey promises to “put forth legislation to encourage businesses to go green” ([source](#)).

Education: N/A

Economic Security:

- **PERS & Taxes:** Prioritize reform of Public Employees' Retirement System and lowering taxes ([source](#)),

Equity:

- **Decriminalization of Victimless Crimes:** Rickey “believes in the decriminalization of all victimless crimes, and abolishing mandatory minimum sentencing” ([source](#)).
- **Criminal justice reform:** “Our prison population is extremely high and we need to use our resources to focus more on rehabilitation than punishment.”(above source)
- **Personal Experience:** He was convicted of a crime he allegedly didn't commit 10 years ago and took a plea deal and now believes plea deals should be done away with ([source](#)).

Oregon Senate: District 12

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Candidate No. 1:</u> <u>Bernadette Hansen</u>	<u>Candidate No. 2:</u> <u>Brian Boquist</u>
<i>Experience/Current Office</i>	Oregon State Legislature (Senate Water Policy Committee Administrator), Oregon Water Resources Department (Natural Resource Manager), and	Construction Worker - McMullen Custom Building, Business Manager and President - ASWOSC at WOSU & Operations Director - International Trask Limited: 1984 - 1987 Marketing Director - Network Analysis Software: 1987 - 1989

	Greater Yamhill Watershed Council (Executive Director)	Director of Operations - International Trask Group: 1989 - 1990 Director - International Marketing Group at Evergreen International Airlines: 1990 - 1993. VP of International and Government Affairs - International & National Charter Incorporated and Charter Networks: 1993 - 1995. Rancher and Family Partner - North Indian Creek Ranch: 1995 -2006. Executive director - International Charter Incorporated of Oregon Foundation: 1995 - 2008 Lieutenant Colonel - U.S. Army Reserve: 1975-2012 Incumbent: 2009 - Present
Grade on Environment	A	D
Grade on Education	N/A	A
Grade on Economy	A	A
Grade on Equity	B	D

Bernadette Hansen

Environment:

- **Carbon Markets:** Hansen believes “we can support innovation by creating incentives for Oregon to lead in the 21st century clean energy economy by finally fixing our broken carbon markets” ([source](#)). “Rather than “hurt businesses”, pricing carbon would incentivize Oregon businesses to innovate and adapt, finally leaving the 20th century fossil fuel boom behind and joining in on the 21st century clean energy economy.”
- **Climate Change:** Hansen believes “we need to do more given the reality of climate change, which threatens the integrity of the natural world and is a threat to human livelihood both here at home and across the globe ([source](#)).

Education: N/A

Economic Security

- **Houselessness:** Hansen believes “solving this complex issue will require us to prioritize and provide mental health support and social services, as well as emergency supports like shelter, food, and day programs.”
- **Housing Security:** Hansen lays out a detailed plan to address housing insecurity including promoting development that increases the supply of safe, affordable rental homes through federal, state, and local investments, eliminating administrative barriers to federally funded housing assistance, facilitating collaboration between public housing agencies, multi-family housing owners, and homelessness services systems and supporting state and community initiatives to encourage new construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing units ([source](#)).
- **Rural Broadband Access:** “I promise to stand up for our rural communities and make sure no one loses out on their perfect job only because their internet connection was not good enough.” ([source](#)).
- **Income Inequality:** Hansen believes in “raising the minimum wage, providing for earned sick time, better aligning education and apprenticeship with workforce opportunities, and incentivizing Oregon businesses to invest in and employ the people of District 12 ([source](#)).

- **Pro-Union:** Endorsed by Oregon Education Association, Oregon School Employees Association, and Oregon's American Federation of State, County

Equity

- See **income inequality** bullet above

Brian Boquist

Environment:

- **Removing Environmental Protections:** Boquist sponsored a bill to conduct research intended to support removing the Ground Water Management Designation from parts of the Umatilla Basin ([source](#)).
- **Incentivizing Solar Power:** Boquist sponsored a bill to provide rebates for the “purchase, construction or installation of residential and certain nonresidential solar electric systems” ([source](#)).

Education

- **Student Brain Injuries:** Boquist sponsored a bill that “requires the Department of Education to develop a form for public education programs to use when a student has been diagnosed with concussion or other brain injury” ([source](#)).
- **Homeschool Diplomas:** Boquist sponsored a bill tha “rRequires professional licensing boards to consider homeschool diplomas to be equivalent to high school diplomas for purposes of licensure, certification or other authorization needed to provide occupational or professional service ([source](#)).
- **Higher Education:** Boquist sponsored a bill that allows “refugees or special immigrant visa holders [to qualify] for exemption from nonresident tuition and fees at public universities...[and] to receive state and university scholarships or other financial aid” ([source](#)).

Economic Security:

- **Lower Prescription Drug Costs:** Boquist sponsored a bill to “design a program to import wholesale prescription drugs from Canada... [under the condition it] produces substantial cost savings for Oregon consumers” ([source](#)).
- **Rural Affordable Housing:** Boquist sponsored a bill to “establish a program within the Housing and Community Services Department to pay development costs for rural affordable multifamily housing” ([source](#)).
- **Rural Broadband Access:** Boquist, voted against \$5 million in rural internet funding earlier this year.

Equity

- **Police Campaign Money:** Boquist has accepted \$1,500 from Police PAC’s ([source](#)).
- **Police Reform:** Boquist sponsored a bill that would prohibit an arbitrator (AKA lawyer) from lessening disciplinary action against a law enforcement officer if the arbitrator and the law enforcement agency determine that the officer has committed misconduct ([source](#)).
- **Special Advocates:** Boquist sponsored a bill to increase the size and diversity of the group of court appointed special advocates” ([source](#)).

Additional stances to consider:

- **Pro-Life:** Sponsored a bill that required medicare practitioners excercise “the proper degree of care to preserve health and life of child born alive after abortion or attempted abortion” ([source](#)).

Oregon Senate: District 14

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Candidate No. 1:</u> <u>Kate Lieber</u>	<u>Candidate No. 2:</u> <u>Harmony Mulkey</u>
<i>Experience/Current Office</i>	Former Chair of the Oregon Psychiatric Security Review Board Current Chair of Transition Projects Board Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB) - 8 years Deputy District Attorney (12 years)	Youth Volunteer (20 years) Masters in Counseling from Western Seminary in Portland Therapist and Case Manager in the foster care system (present)
Grade on Environment	A	Unknown
Grade on Education	A	A
Grade on Economy	A	B
Grade on Equity	A	C

Kate Lieber

Environment:

- **Clean Water & Air:** Lieber is “fiercely dedicated to preserving our ability to pass on the legacy of environmental resources, clean drinking water and safe air to our children” ([source](#))
- **Climate Change:** “When talking about climate change, [Lieber] is eager to point out the weighty impacts of past and current generations and how these affect not just her kids – but all young people – and future generations” ([source](#)).
- **Native Resources:** “Kate is eager to increase funding to restore and protect our natural resources, and protect the region’s Native American fishing heritage” (same source).

Education

- **Public School:** “As a mother of two and a Portland Community College instructor, [Lieber] believes a strong public school system is the key to a strong economy and the future of our community” (same source as above).
- **First Hand Experience:** Lieber has served as the President at Oregon Episcopal School Board of Trustees since 2012 ([source](#)).

Economic Security

- **Houselessness:** Lieber “dedicates much of her free time to serving as the Board Chair for Transition Projects, a non-profit working to advance individual solutions to homelessness” ([source](#))
- **Small Businesses:** Lieber’s election page hosts a weekly “Small Business Spotlight” to increase visibility of these businesses in her district ([Facebook Post](#)).

Equity

- **Diverse Campaign Team:** Lieber’s “campaign team includes eight female high school student interns from diverse backgrounds that offer perspective on policy, communicate with young people and voters, and support the campaign in a variety of ways.” ([source](#))

- **Protecting Victims:** Lieber began her career in the “Multnomah County District Attorney's office pursuing justice for victims of child abuse and domestic violence” (same source as above).
- **Prison Reform:** “As a former Deputy District Attorney, [Lieber] believes we need to focus on practical ways to address the underlying issues driving high incarceration rates such as untreated mental health problems, drug and alcohol addiction, institutionalized oppression, and homelessness” ([source](#)). She opposes mandatory minimum sentencing (measure 11) and recognizes how they have “disproportionately impacted BIPOC community members” ([source](#)).
- **Racial Justice:** Lieber shows support for Black Lives Matter Movement and police reform via numerous posts on her campaign page (a few examples: [BLM Post 1](#), [BLM Post 2](#), [Police Reform Post](#)) and highlighted the Racial Inequity of Coronavirus as well ([Post](#)).
- See first Economic Security bullet
- **LGBTQ Rights:** Lieber, a lesbian, advocates for queer representation and rights ([post](#)).
- **Reproductive Rights:** Lieber “will fight for reproductive justice for all women. This includes abortion access, reproductive choice, health and equity” ([source](#)).

Harmony Mulkey

Environment: N/A

Education

- **Sex Ed. Reform:** Mulkey “is dedicated to preventing education indoctrination through comprehensive sexual education (CSE), which [she believes] is used to push a progressive agenda in the public-school system” ([source](#)).
- **COVID Concerns:** Mulkey expressed concern that the childcare offered by Portland Public Schools during their closure for COVID allowed wealthy parents to bring their children back to school for \$1,000 a month for “learning support and enrichment activities” ([Post](#) and [source](#)).
- Mulkey shared the supreme court ruling prohibiting states from banning public funding to religious school and stated, “an advocate for choice and believe that parents and caretakers should have options when it comes to how and where their children are educated” ([Post](#)).

Economic Security

- **Unemployment Reform:** Mulkey stated “we need to do better for our citizens and process their [unemployment] claims!” ([post](#)).

Equity

- **Protecting Children:** “As a former therapeutic foster parent, [Mulkey] is passionate for families. She will fight for Oregon’s foster care youth and work to ensure that Oregon’s most vulnerable children are cared for.” ([source](#))
- **Supports Federal Troops In Portland:** Mulkey on the federal government’s presence in Portland: “the lack of response from leadership in Oregon is why we are here today. The rioting and looting need to stop!” ([source](#)).

Additional Stances to consider:

- **Protecting Religious Beliefs:** Mulkey’s “pro-life beliefs led [her] to political activism and it became clear that [her] family’s religious beliefs and other basic freedoms were steadily being erased by a liberal agenda” ([source](#)).

Oregon Senate: District 25

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Candidate No. 1:</u> <u>Chris Gorsek</u>	<u>Candidate No. 2:</u> <u>Justin Hwang</u>
<i>Experience/Current Office</i>	Oregon State Representative since 2013 teaching geography and criminal justice at Mount Hood Community College since 1996 Was a portland police officer for 7 years	culinary arts degree from The Art Institute, a hospitality management degree from Le Cordon Bleu; restaurant and small business owner. board member of Mount Hood Community College Foundation, Mount Hood Medical Center Foundation, Korean Society of Oregon, and the Korean War Memorial Association
Grade on Environment	A	N/A
Grade on Education	A	A
Grade on Economy	A	B
Grade on Equity	A	B
<u>Chris Gorsek</u> <u>Environment:</u> ● Public Transit: Gorsek “worked to develop a plan that called for a route expansion and the creation of an express line between downtown Portland and Mount Hood Community College.” ● Accountability: Gorsek “passed legislation requiring a historic audit of Trimet” (source - same source for all) <u>Education:</u> ● Endorsement: American Federation of Teachers ● Student Mental Health: Gorsek “has supported bills that improve the mental health of students.” ● Student Success Act: Gorsek “has not only championed efforts to increase school funding, including the historic Student Success Act” ● DREAMers: Gorsek “has sponsored legislation to provide scholarship opportunities for DREAMers” ● Crossover with Equity: Gorsek sponsored “a bill that requires schools to teach LBGT and BIPOC history” <u>Economic Security:</u> ● Endorsements: Oregon League of Conservation Voters and Northwest Labor Council ● Preserve Pensions: Gorsek voted against “cuts to the retirements of police officers, firefighters, teachers and other frontline public servants.” ● Paid Family and Medical Leave: Gorsek “sponsored legislation that created Oregon’s progressive paid family and medical leave program.” ● Tenant Protections: Gorsek “passed the first tenant protection bill during the current housing crisis, which does not allow landlords to increase rent in the first year of a month to month tenancy.”		

- **Evictions:** Gorsek “pushed hard for the passage of HB 2004, which would have made no-cause evictions illegal.”

Equity

- **Endorsements:** NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon and Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste
- **Justice System Reform:** Gorsek is “deeply committed to creating an equitable justice system”
- **Demilitarize Officers:** Gorsek has a history of backing bills to “demilitarize law enforcement to allowing only legally acquired evidence into the courtroom”
- **Police Budget:** Gorsek “wants to create a police budget oversight committee, so that communities can be served safely.”
- **Healthcare as a Right:** Gorsek believes in “affordable, quality health care is a human right. As a result, Chris has sponsored every bill that would implement universal coverage for everyone in Oregon”

Justin Hwang

Environment: N/A

Education

- **Funding:** “As a board member of Mount Hood Community College Foundation, Justin will make sure our schools get the necessary funding they deserve”(source)
- **Quality:** “Justin will prioritize raising Oregon’s quality of education, beginning with K-12 funding.”(source)

Economic Security

- **Small Business Owner:** “As a small business owner and a local employer, Justin puts his employees first and sales second.” (source)

Equity

- **Immigrant Rights:** “As a first-generation immigrant, Justin will ensure all immigrants have access to the resources they need to thrive in our community. Justin will lead the way in Salem and oppose any legislation that may harm immigrants and their families” (source).
- **Houselessness Crisis:** “Homelessness is a multi-faceted issue and incessantly throwing taxpayer dollars at a complex problem is not a sustainable long-term solution. If elected, Justin will address key issues contributing to homelessness such as access to mental healthcare, support for our veterans, Oregon's restrictive land use system, and property tax rates for homebuyers” (source).

Oregon Senate: District 27

Candidate:

Eileen Kiely (D)

Tim Knopp (R)

<i>Experience/Public Offices Held:</i>	Navy Veteran and retired Financial Manager	Oregon House of Representatives of Representative (1995-2005) Oregon State Senator (since 2013)
Grade on Environment	A	F
Grade on Education	A	C
Grade on Economy	A	B
Grade on Equity	A	D

Eileen Kiely

Education:

- Eileen Kiely is in favor of protecting funding for education. Kiely seeks to increase graduation rates, reduce class sizes, and expand career and technical education.
- Kiely has also stated that if she is elected, she will make sure working families and students have the tools to succeed in online learning. ([source](#))

Equity:

- Kiely advocate for standing with Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon to protect reproductive rights by protecting access to essential healthcare, including birth control and abortion.
- Kiely wants to expand and protect the rights of gender and sexual minorities in Oregon.

Environment:

- Kiely supports taking action to combat climate change. Kiely believes that carbon emissions need to be reduced for the health and well-being for future generations.
- Kiely supports the Clean Energy Jobs legislation that seeks to limit carbon emissions and furthers clean energy initiatives.
- Kiely understands that rural Oregon communities lack the funds to address clean energy initiatives and intends to address that issue by allocating funding to rural communities and small businesses.

Economic Security:

- Kiely believes worker's security is key to achieving economic prosperity. Kiely looks to assure working families have affordable health care, child care and stable housing in order to improve the job market.

Tim Knopp

Equity:

- Senator Knopp is a sponsor of HB4048 (failed Mar 08 2020). A bill that prohibits abortion unless a physician determines probable post-fertilization age of unborn child, except in case of medical emergency. This bill also prohibits abortion of an unborn child with probable post-fertilization of 20 or more weeks (except in case of medical emergency), and requires physicians to report any attempt to perform or induce abortion to file a report with 30 days with Oregon Health Authority. ([source](#))

Environment:

- In 2019, Senator Knopp walked out of the state Senate session in order to block the passage of HB2020. HB2020 was a bill that would pressure companies and polluters to purchase credits in exchange for each emitted ton of carbon. Over time these credits would become more expensive with the intent of forcing corporations to adopt more environmentally friendly practices. Knopp opposed HB2020 because the bill would increase the cost of living for his constituents. ([source](#))

Education:

- Senator Knopp was a sponsor of HB4059 (failed Mar 08 2020) which required professional licensing boards to consider homeschool diplomas to be equivalent to a high school diploma for purposes of licensure, certification or other authorization needed to provide occupational or professional service. ([source](#))

Economic Security:

- Senator Knopp sponsored OR HB4065 (failed March 08 2020) which repeals driving privilege suspension and eliminates imposition of driving privilege for failure to pay fine. ([source](#))
- Senator Knopp voted Yes on a motion for a Senate Third Reading on OR SB1533 (Failed Mar 08 2020) which would provide grants and technical assistance to organizations assisting tenants in eviction proceedings. ([source](#))

Oregon Senate: District 28

Candidate:

Hugh Palcic (D)

Dennis Linthicum (R)

<i>Experience/Public Offices Held:</i>	General Manager of Sunriver Owners Association Chairperson of the Deschutes County Planning Commission Member of the Bethlehem Inn Homeless shelter Board of Directors	Member of the Oregon Senate Klamath County Commissioner (2008-2015)
Grade on Environment	A	F
Grade on Education	A	C
Grade on Economy	A	B
Grade on Equity	A	D

Hugh Palcic

Education:

- Palcic supports the Rural Investment in Schools and Education (RISE) concept plan. The goal of RISE is to restore, and revitalize education efforts in rural Oregon by delivering a quality and equitable education.
- Palcic seeks to transition to diagnostic testing in order to lessen the frequency of testing and remove funding qualifications from test scores. ([source](#))

Equity:

- Palcic is in favor of High-quality broadband internet for all, stating that the need for rural broadband access is critical. This measure seeks to provide internet access to rural Oregon at little to no cost.
- Palcic has stated that he will pursue affordable child care, as well as guaranteed health care and family supporting wages.
- Palcic wants to address racial inequities, stating that “we cannot move forward and solve any issue without facing this (racial inequity) head on.” ([source](#))

Environment:

- Palcic looks to invest more funding into renewable energy in order to create more jobs and boost the local economy and quality of life of his constituents.
- Palcic wants to create a regional team designed to identify and secure funding for energy projects by leveraging grants and loan programs at the state and federal level. ([source](#))

Economic Security:

- Palcic seeks to strengthen job training and apprenticeship programs to expand economic opportunity for his constituents. Palcic believes this will improve regional unemployment and make his region more desirable to expanding industries.
- Palcic is in favor of improving access and information about organizing workers’ unions. ([source](#))

Dennis Linthicum

Equity:

- Senator Linthicum is a sponsor of HB4048 (failed Mar 08 2020). A bill that prohibits abortion unless a physician determines probable post-fertilization age of unborn child, except in case of medical emergency.
- This bill also prohibits abortion of an unborn child with probable post-fertilization of 20 or more weeks (except in case of medical emergency), and requires physicians to report any attempt to perform or induce abortion to file a report with 30 days with Oregon Health Authority. ([source](#))

Environment:

- Senator Linthicum opposed HB2509, a bill that would ban plastic bags, as Senator Linthicum felt the bill did not address the free market's ability to address recycling and would not help the environment. In 2019, Senator Linthicum walked out of the state Senate session in order to block the passage of HB2020. HB2020 was a bill that would pressure companies and polluters to purchase credits in exchange for each emitted ton of carbon. Over time these credits would become more expensive with the intent of forcing corporations to adopt more environmentally friendly practices. Senator Linthicum felt denying quorum was imperative towards representing his constituents. ([source](#))

Education:

- Senator Linthicum supported reopening of schools, stating that getting students in school was a priority. This was in retaliation to Governor Kate Brown's decision to keep schools closed due to COVID-19 concerns. Senator Linthicum went on to express the need for school choice during the pandemic. "Failure to reopen schools and unlock educational choices for all students will negatively impact long-term inequities and further harm families. Education is critical to the future of our state, and our children's education must not be politicized" ([source](#))

Economic Security:

- Senator Linthicum sponsored OR HB4065 (failed March 08 2020) which repeals driving privilege suspension and eliminates imposition of driving privilege for failure to pay fine. ([source](#))

Oregon Senate: District 29

Candidate:

**Mildred
O'Callaghan
(D)**

Bill Hansell (R)

<i>Experience/Public Offices Held:</i>	Secretary	Member of the Oregon Senate Umatilla County Commissioner President of the National Association of Counties President of the Associate of Oregon Counties
Grade on Environment	?	C
Grade on Education	?	C
Grade on Economy	?	C
Grade on Equity	?	C
Mildred O’Callaghan <i>We could not locate information on this candidate</i>		

Bill Hansell

Equity:

- Senator Hansell Voted Yes on HB 2005. This bill mandates that 12 weeks of paid medical leave are required by employers. ([source](#))
- Hansell also voted Nay on HB 2015, a bill that would authorize drivers licenses for undocumented citizens. ([source](#))

Environment:

- Senator Hansell introduced and successfully passed SB 290 which grants civil immunity to anyone who fights fire in good faith. This bill grants more flexibility to free up resources for wildfire fighting efforts throughout Oregon. ([source](#))
- In 2019, Senator Hansell walked out of the state Senate session in order to block the passage of HB2020. HB2020 was a bill that would pressure companies and polluters to purchase credits in exchange for each emitted ton of carbon. Over time these credits would become more expensive with the intent of forcing corporations to adopt more environmentally friendly practices. ([source](#))

Education:

- Senator Hansel voted in favor of HB 2023. This bill requires the State Board of Education to uphold academic content standards for history, geography, economics, and civics by including instruction on the histories, contributions, and perspectives of women, individuals with disabilities, immigrants or refugees, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and individuals who are of Native American, African, Asian, Pacific Island, Chicano, Latino, or Middle Eastern descent. ([source](#))

Economic Security:

- Senator Hansel voted Nay on a bill that would increase the state business tax in order to increase funding for education. ([source](#))

Oregon Senate: District 30

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Candidate No. 1:</u> <u>Carina Miller</u>	<u>Candidate No. 2:</u> <u>Lynn Findley</u>
<i>Experience/Current Office</i>	Economic researcher	Incumbent 2020- Present; Interim Malheur County Justice of the Peace 2012 - 2013; City Manager of Vale from July 2013 - 2018
Grade on Environment	A	B
Grade on Education	A	N/A

Grade on Economy	B	B
Grade on Equity	A	D

Carina Miller

Environment:

- **Crossover with Equity:** “I believe we need to make sure we are thinking of the next seven generations and leaving enough resources and systems that are equitable and serving all people in our Senate district” ([source](#)).
- **Climate Change:** Miller plans to prioritize fighting climate change ([source](#)).

Education

- **Education in Rural Communities:** “Communities are much more spread out in rural Oregon and access to high-quality education and support for our educators is vital to economic development and responsible land management for our future.”

Economic Security

- **Rural Issues:** Miller is a “strong advocate for rural issues and needs of people in district 30” ([source](#)).

Equity

- Endorsed by Don Sampson, Tribal Leader, Walla Walla, Umatilla
- **Ethical Studies:** “Her areas of focus on council have been the ethnic studies bill and working on standards to be implemented into public education, cannabis, energy, telecommunications, trauma informed care, and legislation” ([source](#)).

Lynn Findley

Environment:

- **Agricultural Sustainability:** “Enhance our current efforts in the preservation of water, ranching and farming practices, and strengthen our support for agriculture, natural resources, tourism” ([source](#)).
- **Endorsement:** Timber Unity

Education: N/A

Economic Security

- **Remove Developmental Barriers:** Findley wants to “increase collaboration with state and local government agencies to remove and prevent unnecessary regulatory restrictions and other barriers related to economic development and identify viable industrial, commercial and residential land throughout the district.” ([source](#))

Equity

- **Endorsement::** Oregon State Sheriffs' Association.

Oregon House: District 33

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Candidate No. 1:</u> <u>Maxine Dexter</u>	<u>Candidate No. 2:</u> <u>Dick Courter</u>
<i>Experience/Current Office</i>	Physician, Oregon House of Representatives of Representatives District 33 (2020-present)	Professional Consulting Forester, Small-Business Owner, Alternate Delegate

		2020 Republican National Convention; Multnomah County Republican Precinct Committee Person; Delegate Oregon Republican Party; State Stewardship Coordinating Committee - Oregon Department of Forestry; Past Board Member - West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District; Salmon, Steelhead, Bull Trout Advisory Committee - Oregon Board of Forestry; D.L Phipps Forest Nursery Seedling Task Force - Oregon Department of Forestry; Washington, Clackamas County OSU Extension Advisory Committees; Stewardship Management Plan Standards - USDA Forest Service; Oregon National Guard; Vice Chair, Past Chair - National Woodland Owners Association Board; Vice President - Oregon Small Woodlands Association Board; Board Member, Past Chair - Oregon Tree Farm System, Inc.; Author, Founder, Manager - OTFS, Inc Memorial Fund Endowment; Past President - Association of Consulting Foresters of America Board; Past President - Oregon Association of Consulting Foresters Board; Executive Committee, National Operating Committee - American Forest Foundation; Past Chair, National Public
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		Affairs Committee - American Forest Foundation ;Past Chair, Forestry Committee - Oregon Association of Conservation Districts Board
Grade on Environment	A	C
Grade on Education	A	D
Grade on Economy	A	C
Grade on Equity	A	D

Maxine Dexter

Environment:

- **Renewable Energy:** Dexter voices support for the phasing-out of fossil fuel dependence, instead focusing on growth of renewable energy sources. Her plan to smoothly transition to 100% renewable energy sources includes protections for marginalized communities, region and local autonomy, streamlined state financing of green energy, transportation, and agriculture, and stricter regulations for fossil fuel and coal companies ([source](#)).

Education

- **Increased Funding:** Dexter aims to provide “increased funding for our education system, including Universal Pre-K, expanded after-school care, and increased funding for trade schools and community colleges.” ([source](#)).
- **Affordable Higher Education:** Dexter supports lowering college tuition and other costs responsible for ballooning student debt (same as above).

Economic Security

- **Unions:** Dexter supports worker unions, crediting her first union job for enabling her to work her way through school and become a physician. She voices support for House Bill 2016, “which makes it an unfair labor practice for employers to discourage employees from joining a union or to encourage employees to revoke their union dues authorization” ([source](#)).
- **Pension Protection:** Dexter aims to protect public employee pensions from cuts ([source](#)).
- Endorsed by Oregon AFL-CIO (American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organization) ([source](#)).

Equity

- **Affordable/Accessible Healthcare:** Dexter supports making healthcare available and affordable for all, while decoupling healthcare insurance from employment ([source](#)).
- **Reproductive Rights:** Dexter is a strong advocate of reproductive rights and women’s rights, stating “We cannot waver on the availability of the full spectrum of reproductive healthcare, including unencumbered abortion access. Women also deserve and should expect free, unhindered, access to long-acting reversible contraception.” Dexter aims to “provide mental health, preventative care, and comprehensive family-planning services, including universal access to long-acting reversible contraception” (same as above).
- **Racial Justice:** Dexter shows support for racial justice and the BLM (Black Lives Matter) Movement ([Twitter post](#)).

- **Gun Reform:** Supports gun reform, requiring safe-storage practices, increased standards for gun ownership, and minimum waiting times for gun purchases ([source](#)).
- **Affordable Housing:** Seeks to address housing problems with state-wide rental assistance, expanded affordable housing through eased loan requirements for non-profit, affordable housing developers, investment in environmentally friendly construction practices, and state-wide funds to assist homeowners in improving home energy efficiency

Dick Courter

Environment:

- **Cap-and-Trade:** Courter opposes the Cap & Trade Bill (HB 2020) which is designed to place a cap on greenhouse gas emissions ([source](#)).
- **Accomplishments:** ([source](#))
 - Certified Forester - Society of American Foresters
 - Fellow - Society of American Foresters
 - Oregon Forester of the Year - Society of American Foresters
 - Distinguished Service Award - Oregon Association of Conservation Districts
 - Leadership Award 2008 National Tree Farm Convention - Oregon Tree Farm System, Inc.
 - Hagenstein Family Forest Land Achievement Award - Oregon Tree Farm System, Inc.

Education

- **CAT Tax:** Funding Courter stands against Corporate Activity Tax (CAT), a tax that provides funding for the Fund for Student Success by taxing Oregon businesses with commercial activity in excess of \$1 million ([source](#)).

Economic Security

- **PERS:** Courter supports ending the current Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) programs and creating a more tax-friendly program for future participants ([source](#)).

Equity

- **Pro-Life:** Courter is a Pro-life advocate ([source](#)).

Oregon Senate: District 36

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Candidate No. 1:</u> Lisa Reynolds	<u>Candidate No. 2:</u> James Ball
<i>Experience/Current Office</i>	Pediatrician	Small-Business Owner, US Army Officer, Financial Analyst
Grade on Environment	A	B
Grade on Education	B	A
Grade on Economy	B	B

Grade on Equity	A	B
<u>Lisa Reynolds</u> <u>Environment:</u> • Climate Change: Reynolds supports the cap and trade legislation. She will “include communities of color in the policy discussion because they are [affected] first and worst.”(source) • Clean Air: Reynolds will push for stronger clean air legislation, including a requirement for clean diesel to be used in construction sites. • Endorsement: Oregon League of Conservation Voters <u>Education</u> • Endorsements: American Federation of Teachers (AFT), Oregon Education Association (OEA), Oregon School Employees Association (OSEA), and Portland Association of Teachers (PAT). <u>Economic Security</u> • COVID-19 Recovery: Reynolds’ first priority is a safe and effective recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; rigorous testing and contact tracing; statewide vaccination when available; large-scale re-employment through a proposed COVID-19 bond program. (source) • Endorsements: United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW), Service Employees International Union (SEIU), American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) <u>Equity</u> • Healthcare: Reynolds is an advocate for Healthcare for All in Oregon. She aims to expand mental healthcare and lower prescription drug costs. • Childcare: Reynolds will push for high quality, affordable childcare. • Affordable Housing: Reynolds supports the development of affordable housing units across Oregon and will work to decrease the gap between income and housing costs. She is an advocate for long term rent assistance. <u>Additional stances to consider:</u> • Pro-Choice: Reynolds supports the implementation of progressive policies in Oregon that support abortion access and birth control. She advocates for more accessible reproductive healthcare so individuals can better choose if and when they want to be parents. • Gun Reform: Reynolds is a “fierce advocate against gun violence.” She aims to pass the Safe Gun Storage bill and wants to ensure that gun owners are involved in conversations about policy reform. She is also an advocate for Extreme Risk Protection Orders in order to prevent gun abuse.		
<u>James Ball</u> <u>Environment:</u> • Climate Change: Citing the Canadian Minister of Natural Resources, Seamus O'Regan, Ball supports the growth of nuclear power to address net-zero emission goals. He also is opposed to “an overly restrictive, bureaucratic nightmare of legislation like Cap and Trade. (Facebook post) <u>Education</u> • School Safety and Performance: Ball aims to address Oregon’s poor high school graduation rate, the protection of children against drinking water contaminated with lead, and underpaid teachers as administration costs grow. (source) • Sex Education: Ball supports comprehensive sexual education in schools, going on to say “If you want fewer abortions, support comprehensive sex education. It’s really that simple.”(Facebook post)		

Economic Security

- **Opposes Tolls:** Ball states that highway tolls will most directly impact those least able to pay ([source](#)).

Equity

- **Homelessness:** Ball sees the homelessness crisis in Oregon to be “the issue of our generation” and will fight for public-private partnerships in order to combat it. ([source](#))
- Ball states, “I believe in a Republican Party that reaches out to minorities and the LGBTQIA+ community.” ([source](#))

US House of Representatives

US House of Representatives: District 1

Candidate:	Suzanne Bonamici {incumbent}	Christopher Christensen
<i>Experience/Public Offices Held:</i>	U.S. Congress (2012-present); Oregon State Senator (2008-11) Oregon State Rep. (2007-08)	<i>We could not locate Christensen's experience</i>
Grade on Environment	A	D
Grade on Education	A	B-
Grade on Economy	A	D
Grade on Equity	A	F

Suzanne Bonamici

Environment:

- **Committee Activity:** Bonamici is the “[top Democrat on the Science, Space, and Technology Environment Subcommittee, and...co-chair of both the Oceans Caucus and the Estuary Caucus](#).” She also serves on the select committee on the Climate Crisis and has made coastal acidification a signature issue.

Education:

- **STEM and Arts:** Bonamici has been actively supporting public education for years, creating a bill to [incorporate Arts into STEM education](#)
- **Higher Education:** She supports increasing college affordability through expansion of Pell grants, work-study, and income-driven repayment.

Equity:

- **BLM:** Bonamici has both publicly supported the Black Lives Matter movement and set up a donation [page on her campaign website](#) that splits funds between major progressive organizations and protest

assistance/activist groups.

Chris(topher) Christensen

Environment:

- **Market Based Approach:** The Ballotpedia survey suggests Christensen is slightly less opposed to scientific research than some in the Republican party, and suggests that the government should incentivize market-based approaches to implementing policies guided by science ([source](#)).
- **Climate Change:** Across multiple Facebook posts, Christensen seems to imply that recent forest fires are not the result of climate change, but of Oregon Forests being insufficiently logged ([source](#)).

Education:

- **Faith Based Education:** Christensen's Facebook page makes mention of his education at a Jesuit high school; he advocates for faith based education outside the traditional public school system.

Economic Security:

- **Timber Industry:** His economic policy hinges on increasing timber production as a state revenue source ([source](#)).

Equity:

- **Racial Justice:** Christensen's Facebook page makes it clear he vehemently opposes the BLM movement, Antifa, and protests of police violence generally; he proposes extreme sentencing requirements for rioters and protestors, and refers to some as domestic terrorists.
- **Police Funding:** Christensen's website indicates opposition to reduction of police budgets, though no other discussion of the issue is given ([source](#)).
- He has also accused the superintendent of the Portland Police Department of Marxism, racism, and communism.

Additional Notes:

- Outside of an outreach survey on Ballotpedia, information on Christensen's past history and policy positions is difficult to find. Even his campaign website lists only "rebuilding the economy," "promoting choice in education", and "reforming healthcare" as policy goals. These headings, which normally link to policy pages on other candidate sites, are just graphics.
- Oregon's 1st District includes Multnomah, Washington, Yamhill, Clatsop, and Columbia Counties. It leans solidly Democratic and is expected to be easy for Bonamici to win - as such, resources for her opponent are likely scarce and the campaign is not especially hard-fought. Christensen provided a photo and survey responses to Ballotpedia, but little else is known about him, his political stances on many issues, and his priorities if elected.

US House of Representatives: District 3

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Candidate No. 1:</u> <u>Earl Blumenauer</u>	<u>Candidate No. 2:</u> <u>Joanna Harbour</u>	<u>Candidate No. 3:</u> <u>Edward Baker</u>
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<i>Experience/Current Office</i>	1996-Present: U.S. Representative from Oregon's 3rd Congressional District 1990-1991: Served on the Governor's Commission on Higher Education 1986-1996: Served as Portland City Commissioner 1978-1985: Served as Multnomah County Commissioner	2002-2016: Entrepreneur and Attorney at Johanna Harbour Law, LLC 2019-2020: Aspiring Author and Jewelry Purveyor	Unknown
Grade on Environment	A	C	Unknown
Grade on Education	B	Unknown	Unknown
Grade on Economy	A	A	Unknown
Grade on Equity	B	C	Unknown

Earl Blumenauer

Environment:

- **Green New Deal:** Blumenauer [supports](#) the Green New Deal as its original co-sponsor and co-author,
- **Climate Protection:** as well as the protection of climate-vulnerable communities, prioritizing clean air and water, protecting fish and wildlife, elevating climate-smart agriculture and combating corporate influence (same source as above).

Education:

- **Strength/Accessibility:** Blumenauer [supports](#) a strong K-12 public education system for all and efforts to make higher education college more accessible.

Economic Security:

- **Public Housing:** Blumenauer's [housing plan](#) includes a radical increase in funding for construction, maintenance, energy efficiency, and safety upgrades in public housing.
- **Living Wage:** Blumenauer [supports](#) closing the wage gap, raising the minimum wage, and mandating paid family leave.
- **Fair Housing Act:** He recognizes the repercussions of years of discriminatory housing practices and [supports](#) “doubling funding for enforcement of the Fair Housing Act, strengthening existing fair housing laws, and expanding the Fair Housing Act to protect more people.” Also, he is “fighting to create opportunities for families who’ve been locked out of homeownership by creating incentives for first time homebuyers – especially those living in formerly redlined or segregated areas.”

Equity:

- **Equitable Housing:** Blumenauer supports equitable housing practices (see Economic Security).

- **Immigrant Rights:** Blumenauer [intends](#) to work to abolish ICE, end family separation, and Fight for DREAMers and Refugees. He also recognizes that environmental

Joanna Harbour

Environment:

- **Opposes Controlled Burns:** Harbour opposes [controlled burn practices](#) used for forest management. While these practices forest resiliency and recovery from a natural wildfire event, they also negatively impact air quality.

Economic Security:

- **Rebuilding/Restoring:** Harbour believes in “rebuilding the economy, saving small businesses, and restoring and adding jobs” (same source as environment).
- **Medicare:** She also supports “fixing Medicare” (same source).

Education: Unknown

Equity:

- **Anti-Sex Trafficking:** Harbour supports anti- sex trafficking policies and support for victims.
- **Immigrant Rights:** She [supports](#) DREAMers, but does not take a stance on the inequality perpetuated by ICE: “We must find a comprehensive plan for dealing justly and compassionately with the millions of illegal aliens who are already in this country. While we may give a pathway to citizenships for those who came here as minors after a vetting process, we should not ever give citizenship to the adults who flagrantly flaunted our laws and came here illegally.”

Edward Baker

We were unable to locate any information on Edward Baker and his platform.

US House of Representatives: District 4

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Candidate No. 1:</u> <u>Peter DeFazio</u>	<u>Candidate No. 2:</u> <u>Alek Skarlatos</u>
<i>Experience/Current Office</i>	Incumbent 1987 - Present	Army National Guard Sniper 2012–2017 Author, Actor
Grade on Environment	A	D
Grade on Education	A	Unknown
Grade on Economy	A	A
Grade on Equity	A	D

Peter DeFazio

Environment:

- **Green New Deal Sponsor:** “DeFazio is an original cosponsor of the Green New Deal and the Climate Emergency Resolution, and he pushed for the creation of the House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis” ([source](#)).
- **Climate Change:** “DeFazio held the first-ever hearing in the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on the climate crisis this February (2020) [which] examined the role the transportation sector plays in climate change, explored the dual-track approach of mitigation and resiliency, and...solutions for reducing carbon emissions and building green resilient infrastructure” ([source](#)).
- **Renewable Energy:** “In August 2019, DeFazio held a forum to learn more about harnessing hydrogen from excess solar, wind, and water” ([source](#)).
- **Clean Water:** DeFazio introduced the Clean Water for All Act as an attempt to prevent Trump’s repeal of clean water regulations, such as the requirement for polluters to obtain a permit in order to discharge potentially harmful substances into many streams and wetlands ([Clean Water for All Act](#)) ([Trump’s Repeal](#))

Education:

- **Pre-K Programs:** DeFazio supports increasing federal funding levels and federal resources to Pre-K programs, such as Head Start ([source](#)).
- **Revise No Child Left Behind:** DeFazio supports fixing the Elementary and Secondary Education Reauthorization Act, (AKA No Child Left Behind), by fulfilling federal funding promises and removing 100% proficiency mandates (same as above).
- **State Authority:** DeFazio voted for the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The ESSA (passed) reverts standardized testing and education plan authority back to the states, protects funding for low-income schools and ensures that minority and disadvantaged students are accounted for in measuring student success (crossover with equity) (same source).
- **Federal Funding:** DeFazio supported federal funding for school construction and modernization by actively opposing the removal of funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (same source).
- **Affordable Higher Education:** “DeFazio introduced in 2019 the HIGHER ED and AID Acts, two pieces of legislation aimed at making it easier for students to attend and pay for higher education” ([source](#)).
- **Student Debt:** [DeFazio Calls for Student Debt Cancellation in Next Coronavirus Relief Package](#).

Economic Security:

- **Reopened Coos Bay Pipeline:** When the Coos Bay Rail Line was embargoed by the Central Oregon and Pacific Railroad (CORP), in September 2007, and hundreds of people lost their jobs, DeFazio worked with the Port of Coos Bay, and state, and local shippers to reopen the line ([source](#)).
- **Jobs in Transportation:** As ranking member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure DeFazio will be a key architect of an authorization bill that primarily funds highways and transit, and “will work to bring needed infrastructure spending to Oregon to help create jobs and improve our long-term economic viability (same source as above).
- **Fund Transportation:** DeFazio secured \$1.1 billion and \$2.7 billion for Oregon's roads, bridges, highways, and transit systems, via two highway bills, MAP-21 (2012) and SAFETEA-LU (2005), respectively ([source](#)).
- **Economic Stimulus:** DeFazio voted against the Wall Street Bailout in 2008 and against “the \$789 billion economic stimulus package signed into law by President Obama because every penny of it was borrowed and [he believes] it was not spent on effective job creation programs.” Meanwhile, DeFazio voted for H.R. 2847, the Jobs for Main Street Act of 2009 that funded infrastructure spending, public service jobs, and emergency funds for a 6-month unemployment benefit insurance extension and an extension of COBRA health benefits ([source](#)).

- **Trade Deals:** DeFazio supports removing the burden businesses and workers face from unfair trade deals like the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the World Trade Organization (WTO) ([source](#)).
- **USPS:** DeFazio authored and passed a bill to help the Postal Service maintain sustainability ([source](#)).
- **Social Security:** DeFazio's has repeatedly authored and introduced legislation to protect and expand social security ([2019](#)) ([2018](#)) ([2017](#)) ([2015](#)).
- **Progressive Tax:** "DeFazio introduced in 2019 legislation to create a new progressive tax on financial transactions that would generate billions in revenue, while addressing economic inequality and reducing high risk and volatility in the market ([source](#)).

Equity:

- "We've seen a number of clashes between protestors and police, as recently as last night in the Thurston neighborhood of Springfield and in Eugene, demonstrating the need to continue our work toward dismantling systemic racism and truly delivering equality to Black Americans and other people of color" ([source](#)).
- DeFazio supported \$5.2 billion in advanced funding for 2011 for mental health services to help veterans ([source](#)). In August of 2020, DeFazio sent a letter to Roseburg VA Health Care System (RVAHCS) urging them to communicate with "local Veterans Service Organizations (VSO) and Oregon's congressional delegation, to keep them informed and engaged on issues facing southwest Oregon's veteran community, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic" ([source](#)).
- See third Education bullet for DeFazio's support for considering low-income and minority students in the measurements of school success.
- See final Economic Security bullet for DeFazio's legislation to address income inequality.
- DeFazio supports the Black Lives Matter Movement and protestors, stating "while the majority of protestors have been peaceful, DeFazio said he's upset that a small, destructive group has hurt the Black Lives Matter movement, by co-opting their events to carry out violence."

Alek Skarlatos

Environment:

- **Forest Management:** Skarlatos believes "protecting the environment is important...we must manage our forests, or the wildfires will do it for us" ([source](#)). However, he opposes the Green New Deal and believes it will destroy the economy per his election [video](#).
- **Climate Change:** "Skarlatos said he believes in climate change, but whether humans are doing enough to contribute to the causes of it, that's still up for debate." Additionally, he has "associations with Timber Unity, a group that fights environmental policies and helped push Republicans in Oregon's Legislature to walk out twice in an effort to thwart climate change legislation." ([source](#)).

Education:

- Unknown

Economic Security:

- **Timber Industry:** "Timber is the heartbeat of Southwestern Oregon, and Skarlatos stands for bringing back a thriving timber economy. However, Skarlatos believes in a diverse economic system based on free-market principles that allow our job market to thrive. With a better job market, this will allow lower- and middle-class wages to rise and support our state's economic growth" ([website](#)).
- **Pro-Growth Policies:** Art Laffer, Economist, endorses Skarlatos, stating "I have worked with leaders around the world and have supported Democratic and Republican leaders and I know Alek understands the need to bring back a strong American Economy and will support the pro-economy and pro-growth policies on trade, job creation, taxes, and regulations that will ensure that we emerge from our current situation stronger and more prosperous than before" ([website](#)).

Equity

- **Police Reform:** Skarlatos opposes defunding the police and abolishing cash bail ([Facebook Post](#)).
- **Border Wall:** “As the son of an immigrant, Skarlatos believes our diversity is an important part of what makes America great. However, he also believes that the failure to secure the border threatens our national security and way of life. For far too long politicians have refused to act, and violence is spilling into the United States. Skarlatos fully supports President Trump’s plan to build the wall, secure our border, and end sanctuary cities ([website](#)).
- **Verteran’s Rights:** “The Veteran’s Health Administration is still broken, and it needs a complete overhaul to improve care for our veterans. It is time to implement a voucher system that lets veterans choose where they receive their healthcare, and we can relieve some of the VA’s backlog to ensure we are providing private quality care for our veterans” (source same as previous bullet).

StopUS House of Representatives: District 5

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Candidate No. 1:</u> <u>Kurt Schrader</u>	<u>Candidate No. 2:</u> <u>Amy Ryan Courser</u>
<i>Experience/Current Office</i>	Currently: Member of the US House of Representatives Previously: Member of the Oregon Senate 20th District Member of the Oregon House of Representatives 23rd District	Currently: Ceo of Ecostar Carpet Care Previously: City Council Member of Keizer
Grade on Environment	A	D
Grade on Education	A	Unknown
Grade on Economy	A	B
Grade on Equity	Unknown	F

Kurt Schrader

Environment:

- **Climate Change:** Schrader is in support of the Paris Climate Agreement. Schrader has made multiple strides in protecting the environment by openly opposing attempts to reduce the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), supporting the Climate Action Now Act, and is in favor of renewable energy. Additionally, Schrader seeks to improve management of Oregon federal forestry land in an effort to combat forest fires. ([source](#)).

Education:

- **CTE:** Schrader is a supporter of career and technical education (CTE) programs. Schrader cosponsored HR 2353 The Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act which has since been signed into law and has granted Oregon schools with more expansive CTE programs.
- **Higher Education:** Schrader is also in favor of reducing higher education debt by currently working towards reauthorizing the Higher Education Act (HEA) passed in 2008 in an effort to address present day challenges HEA did not originally cover. ([source](#))

Economic Security:

- **Lowering Drug Cost:** Schrader is in favor of lowering drug costs. Schrader worked with Congressman Gus Bilirakis to create and pass The Lower Drugs Costs Through Competition Act which encourages drug makers to create generic drugs in the event of a shortage in order to drive drug costs down. ([source](#))

Amy Ryan Courser

Environment:

- **Forest Management:** Courser is in favor of cutting regulations on small businesses and agriculture within Oregon. Courser believes environmentalism has been harmful to Oregon's lumber community and seeks to create more jobs by cutting regulations on businesses in order to improve Oregon's economy. ([source](#))

Education:

- Unknown

Economic Security:

- **Repeal Obamacare:** Courser seeks to repeal Obamacare while protecting those with pre-existing conditions. Courser is in favor of free-market solutions to lowering drug costs. ([source](#))

Equity

- **Police Reform:** Courser opposes defunding the police.
- **Border Security:** Courser is against amnesty and is in favor of strengthening border control. Courser proposes deporting and prolonging the process of immigration for undocumented individuals by 7-10 years. ([source](#))

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Candidate No. 1:</u> <u>Jeff Merkley</u>	<u>Candidate No. 2:</u> <u>Jo Rae Perkins</u>	<u>Candidate No. 3:</u> <u>Ibrahim Taher</u>
<i>Experience/Current Office</i>	2009-Present: U.S. Senator from Oregon 2007-2008: Speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives 1999-2008: Member of Oregon's House of Representatives	Previously: Real estate agent, personal banker, and insurance agent Currently: Financial Advisor	Previously: High School Philosophy Teacher (Kuwait) Currently: Philosopher
Grade on Environment	B	Mixed (C)	Supports (A)
Grade on Education	Unknown	Unknown	Supports (A)

Grade on Economy	B	Mixed (C)	Supports (A)
Grade on Equity	Support (A)	F	Supports (A)

Jeff Merkley

Environment:

- **Conservation & More:** Merkley voted in support of the [Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018](#), which passed and provides funding for commodity support, conservation, trade and international food aid, nutrition assistance, farm credit, rural development, research and extension activities, forestry, horticulture, and crop insurance.

Education: N/A

Economic Security:

- **Food Security:** Please see the food security assistance component of the bill mentioned in the environment section.

Equity:

- **Opposed Kavanaugh:** Merkley showed his solidarity with women and sexual assault survivors when he [voted against](#) electing Brett M. Kavanaugh to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.
- **Reproductive Rights:** Merkley voted in favor of the [First Step Act of 2018](#), which proposed changes to the criminal justice system. Though the bill did not pass, it proposed limits to the use of restraints on pregnant women, restrictions in the application of mandatory minimum prison sentences for certain repeat drug offenses, and the implementation of a risk and needs assessment system aimed to reduce inmate's recidivism (the likelihood to offend again) once released.

Jo Rae Perkins

Environment:

- **Industry First:** Perkins states she has "talked with many people who worked in the timber industry. As the forests were shut down, not only did the loggers lose their income, the mills also shutdown. This has devastated entire communities and broke up families....This is all because the current U.S. Representative and the U.S. Senators seemed to care more about the environmentalists protecting a bird that is not even native to Oregon than they were about the families and the massive personal and financial devastation left in their wake."
- **COVID:** As far as public health, during [an interview](#), Perkins described COVID-19 as a "fake virus" and disparaged wearing masks to stem its spread. She also posted, via her Facebook, numerous [images](#) that condemn social distancing.

Economic Security:

- See Industry First bullet above

Equity:

- **Problematic Statement:** In 2016, Perkins attended a Portland rally to pay homage to Robert "LaVoy" Finicum, the Oregon wildlife refuge occupier who was shot and killed by state police that January. During the same interview cited above, Perkins said, "If the ladies decide to start wearing full-cover hijabs, will we get accused of not wearing a mask?" which is a culturally insensitive remark.
- **Racial Justice:** She posted an [image](#) on the campaign's Facebook page belittling the racial justice progress made as of late.

Ibrahim Taher

Environment:

- **Green New Deal:** Taher support's his party's [Green New Deal](#), which is a comprehensive plan proposed to save the environment and create a sustainable and clean economy.
- **Jordan Cove Pipeline:** He also [believes](#) "The Jordan Cove pipeline is a brutal attack on the climate that must not be allowed."

Education:

- **Investment in the Future:** Taher [argues](#), "Investing in Education is, factually, an investment in the future of the nation" and higher education should be free for all.

Economic Security:

- **COVID Assistance:** In a blog [post](#), Taher expresses concern about the economic stress of the COVID-19 shutdowns and instead of advocating for reopening, he asks "will we see another bailout, stimulus checks, and more unemployment funds? I have not seen any movements in this direction."
- **Worker Rights:** In a separate [post](#), Taher lays out his action plan supporting his belief that "workers rights are human rights."
- **Income Inequality:** He [believes](#), "our laws allow shareholders to exploit workers; they can take, in some cases, more than 10 thousand times what the lowest-paid worker makes. The problem of income inequality is a direct result of not acknowledging employees as partners who have direct rights in the profit."

Equity:

- **Police Reform:** Taher [asserts](#), "the police are given more power than the whole department of justice; they can prosecute you, judge, convict you, and execute; within seconds." He [believes](#) "our justice system and our culture in general, subconsciously, regard people's lives less worthy than officers' lives. Which, in turn, leads to less or no accountability for police abuse and misuse of their given power."
- **Marijuana Prohibition:** He [acknowledges](#), "The federal prohibition of marijuana has been unnecessarily cruel—wasting billions of dollars, unjustly harming millions of lives, and furthering racist policies."
- **Houselessness:** Via his Facebook page, he amplified a [story](#) of a Eugene resident struggling with houselessness.

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<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Candidate No. 1:</u> <u>Jeff Merkley</u>	<u>Candidate No. 2:</u> <u>Jo Rae Perkins</u>	<u>Candidate No. 3:</u> <u>Ibrahim Taher</u>
<i>Experience/Current Office</i>	2009-Present: U.S. Senator from Oregon 2007-2008: Speaker of the Oregon House of	Previously: Real estate agent, personal	Previously: High School Philosophy Teacher (Kuwait)

	Representatives of Representatives 1999-2008: Member of Oregon's House of Representatives	banker, and insurance agent Currently: Financial Advisor	Currently: Philosopher
Grade on Environment	B	Mixed (C)	Supports (A)
Grade on Education	Unknown	Unknown	Supports (A)
Grade on Economy	B	Mixed (C)	Supports (A)
Grade on Equity	Support (A)	F	Supports (A)

Jeff Merkley

Environment:

- **Conservation & More:** Merkley voted in support of the [Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018](#), which passed and provides funding for commodity support, conservation, trade and international food aid, nutrition assistance, farm credit, rural development, research and extension activities, forestry, horticulture, and crop insurance.

Education: N/A

Economic Security:

- **Food Security:** Please see the food security assistance component of the bill mentioned in the environment section.

Equity:

- **Opposed Kavanaugh:** Merkley showed his solidarity with women and sexual assault survivors when he [voted against](#) electing Brett M. Kavanaugh to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.
- **Reproductive Rights:** Merkley voted in favor of the [First Step Act of 2018](#), which proposed changes to the criminal justice system. Though the bill did not pass, it proposed limits to the use of restraints on pregnant women, restrictions in the application of mandatory minimum prison sentences for certain repeat drug offenses, and the implementation of a risk and needs assessment system aimed to reduce inmate's recidivism (the likelihood to offend again) once released.

Jo Rae Perkins

Environment::

- **Industry First:** Perkins states she has "talked with many people who worked in the timber industry. As the forests were shut down, not only did the loggers lose their income, the mills also shutdown. This has devastated entire communities and broke up families....This is all because the current U.S. Representative and the U.S. Senators seemed to care more about the environmentalists protecting a bird that is not even native to Oregon then they were about the families and the massive personal and financial devastation left in their wake."
- **COVID:** As far as public health, during [an interview](#), Perkins described COVID-19 as a "fake virus" and disparaged wearing masks to stem its spread. She also posted, via her Facebook, numerous [images](#) that condemn social distancing.

Economic Security:

- See Industry First bullet above

Equity:

- **Problematic Statement:** In 2016, Perkins attended a Portland rally to pay homage to Robert "LaVoy" Finicum, the Oregon wildlife refuge occupier who was shot and killed by state police that January. During the same interview cited above, Perkins said, "'If the ladies decide to start wearing full-cover hijabs, will we get accused of not wearing a mask?'" which is a culturally insensitive remark.
- **Racial Justice:** She posted an [image](#) on the campaign's Facebook page belittling the racial justice progress made as of late.

Ibrahim Taher

Environment:

- **Green New Deal:** Taher support's his party's [Green New Deal](#), which is a comprehensive plan proposed to save the environment and create a sustainable and clean economy.
- **Jordan Cove Pipeline:** He also [believes](#) "The Jordan Cove pipeline is a brutal attack on the climate that must not be allowed."

Education:

- **Investment in the Future:** Taher [argues](#), "Investing in Education is, factually, an investment in the future of the nation" and higher education should be free for all.

Economic Security:

- **COVID Assistance:** In a blog [post](#), Taher expresses concern about the economic stress of the COVID-19 shutdowns and instead of advocating for reopening, he asks "will we see another bailout, stimulus checks, and more unemployment funds? I have not seen any movements in this direction."
- **Worker Rights:** In a separate [post](#), Taher lays out his action plan supporting his belief that "workers rights are human rights."
- **Income Inequality:** He [believes](#), "our laws allow shareholders to exploit workers; they can take, in some cases, more than 10 thousand times what the lowest-paid worker makes. The problem of income inequality is a direct result of not acknowledging employees as partners who have direct rights in the profit."

Equity:

- **Police Reform:** Taher [asserts](#), "the police are given more power than the whole department of justice; they can prosecute you, judge, convict you, and execute; within seconds." He [believes](#) "our justice system and our culture in general, subconsciously, regard people's lives less worthy than officers' lives. Which, in turn, leads to less or no accountability for police abuse and misuse of their given power."
- **Marijuana Prohibition:** He [acknowledges](#), "The federal prohibition of marijuana has been unnecessarily cruel—wasting billions of dollars, unjustly harming millions of lives, and furthering racist policies."
- **Houselessness:** Via his Facebook page, he amplified a [story](#) of a Eugene resident struggling with houselessness.

Oregon State Supreme Court

Oregon State Supreme Court Position 1

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Candidate No. 1: Thomas Balmer</u>	<u>Candidate No. 2: Van Pounds</u>
<i>Experience/Current Office</i>	Currently: Associate Justice of the Oregon State Supreme Court Previously: Chief Justice of the Oregon State Supreme Court Deputy Attorney General, Oregon Attorney General's Office Attorney	Currently: Attorney Previously: Attorney with the Missouri Department of Revenue and the City of Cape Girardeau Policy Analyst Chief of enforcement and securities at the Dept. of Business and Consumer Services
Grade on Environment	Unknown	Unknown
Grade on Education	Unknown	Unknown
Grade on Economy	Unknown	Unknown
Grade on Equity	Unknown	Unknown
<u>Thomas Balmer</u> Balmer, if elected, plans to use his extensive background in constitutional, criminal and civil law to ensure the Oregon State Supreme Court remains both fair and impartial. (source) Balmer has stated that his experience prior to joining the OSSC grants him a deeper understanding of how state and local governments operate. (source)		

Van Pounds

Pounds has stated that he chose to run for the position of OSSC Justice in order to provide voters with a choice, asserting that Justices are more commonly appointed by the governor. Pounds seeks to create a process of electing a judiciary that is non-partisan. ([source](#))

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