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Light up the ring! Trot out the tigers! Strike up the band! The political circus is back in town.

With primary season upon us, Oregon's multi-ring big top of races is in full swing again, and the tents are more crowded than ever this year, with a host of aspiring ringleader candidates, from red-nosed bozos to whip-smart lion tamers, all jockeying for the spotlight.

There are a lot of races to navigate, so *Just Out* is giving you plenty of tools to make smart choices on which candidates have your back and which ones just pulled a knife out of it. And for the first time in our 25-year history, we're offering a full spate of candidate endorsements across key Oregon, Multnomah County and Portland races: We conducted written questionnaires and telephone interviews and sat down in our office one on one with many of these candidates.

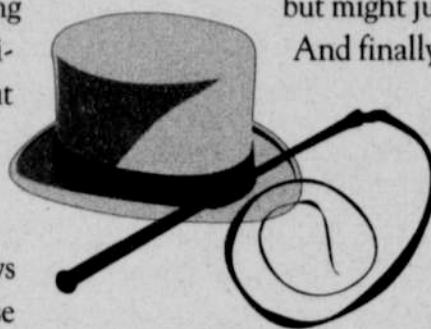
When it came time to choose just one endorsee for each race, the *Just Out* editorial team weighed several factors: experience, leadership and communication, demonstrated commitment to equality both in the sexual minorities community and across

a range of equal rights issues and those hard-to-measure traits: humanity, humility, personality. We are exceptionally proud of the candidates we have chosen to endorse and hope you will give them, and all candidates, your serious consideration.

Additionally, we've called out other notable candidates in the races: people who have also demonstrated support for the sexual minorities community but might just need a bit more polish or experience before entering the ring.

And finally, we're shining a bright red light on those candidates who we'd like to permanently have shot from a cannon right out of Oregon: backstabbing U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith, for example, or notorious gay-haters like Kevin Mannix and Mike Erickson, running for U.S. Rep. Darlene Hooley's seat.

Keep your eyes on these races, enter the ring with us—and let the circus begin.



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JUST OUT RINGLEADS THE ELEPHANT AND DONKEY SHOW

BY STEPHEN MARC BEAUDOIN AND JAYMEE R. CUTI

PORTLAND CITY TENT

PORTLAND MAYOR

Sam Adams

Just Out is proud to endorse Sam Adams, a tireless public servant and strategic civic leader, as the first openly gay mayor of a major U.S. city.

The most visible city commissioner, Adams has kept his 2004 campaign promise to "be there when asked." Not that he waits for invitations.

As the commissioner overseeing public utilities, transportation and environmental services and

as liaison to the arts and culture and small-business communities, Adams has made gains in all these arenas.

The commissioner has thrown himself into projects such as bicycle safety and mindful city growth. He's kept a watchful eye on sustainability and demonstrated a commitment to growing the city's creative capacity by forming innovative public-private arts partnerships and opening the City Hall doors to First Thursday art showings.

The openly gay candidate has also demonstrated a commitment to equality unmatched by his mayoral opponents. Adams' accomplishments in the gay rights arena include expanding health insurance benefits to domestic partners of all city employees; enacting nondiscrimination requirements based on sexual orientation for all contractors seeking work with the city; helping enact Multnomah

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County's domestic partnership registry; expanding the city's Civil Rights Ordinance to include nondiscrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity; co-founding Q Center; and sponsoring the city's Equal Benefits Ordinance, which requires

contractors to provide health care benefits to domestic partners of employees.

The city of Portland is ready for action, not visioning, and Adams has the energy, commitment and wisdom to lead.

PORTLAND CITY COMMISSIONER, SEAT 2
Nick Fish

The time has come for Nick Fish to take his place as a member of the Portland City Council. In a distinguished career that began as a legislative aide to openly gay U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., and extends to his career as a civil rights lawyer, Fish has worked tirelessly to extend equal rights to all people. He has been an outspoken advocate of marriage equality, a leader on fair and affordable housing and a vital supporter of our city's vibrant arts and culture community. Fish's *Just Out* endorsement is well earned.

