

NOLC endorses candidates for Port, Fire District boards

The Northwest Oregon Labor Council has endorsed Earl Fisher for re-election to the Port of St. Helens board of directors, Position 4, in the May 15 special election.

Fisher is a retired superintendent of the Clatskanie School District.

At a meeting with the labor council's Executive Board on April 9, Fisher said he understands labor's issues — such as project labor agreements and prevailing wages laws on construction projects, and a worker's right to join a union.

"We have a good working relationship with the Longshoremen at the Port," Fisher said. "We try to insist that projects be done with union labor, or at least that they pay prevailing wages for the work done."

Fisher said as a board member his goal is to use the port to attract industries that will provide family-wage jobs.

At the recommendation of Clackamas Fire Fighters Local 1159, the labor council has endorsed Dave McTeague, Marilyn Wall and James Doane for re-election to the Fire District No. 1. board of directors.

Wall and Doane are running unopposed. McTeague, a former state legis-

lator and chair of the board, is being challenged by Brian Cox.

"Mr. Cox is a former Fire District board member who is anti-union," said Burke Slater, vice president of Local 1159. "We are actively opposing him."

Clackamas Fire District No. 1 provides fire, rescue and emergency medical services to Milwaukie, Oregon City, Happy Valley, Johnson City and a portion of Damascus, in addition to several unincorporated areas in the vicinity. Clackamas Fire has 15 fire stations and a workforce of more than 200 employees and volunteers.

In the Molalla Rural Fire District, NOLC endorsed Mike Towner and Brian Wolfe for board seats.

Towner, a member of Fire Fighters Local 1660, is in a contested race for the open Position 1 board seat.

Wolfe, a member of Local 1159, is running unopposed for Position 2. No candidates have filed for another open seat in Position 3.


The Estacada Rural Fire District also has had no candidates file for an open seat.

Burke said that if anyone is interested in running as a write-in candidate to contact him at 503-351-9904.

The Board of Directors establishes Fire District policy through the passage of resolutions and ordinances.

The Board also adopts the District budget, approves appropriations and levies taxes.

Candidates for the boards must be residents or own property in the respective districts.



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