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Columbia-Pacific Building Trades Council endorses in several races

Sam Adams picked up more labor support in his campaign to become the next mayor of Portland.

On April 24, the Columbia-Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council announced that it was endorsing Adams for mayor — as well as several other candidates in city and county races within its jurisdiction.

“As a city commissioner, Sam has always been there for the building trades,” said John Mohlis, executive secretary-treasurer of the CPBCTC. “He has a good record with us, and he deserves our support.”

The building trades council also endorsed Commissioner Randy Leonard for re-election, and Nick Fish to fill an open seat on the Portland City Council.

In Multnomah County, the building trades backed newcomers Deborah Kafoury and Judy Shiprack. Both are seeking open seats on the County Commission.

Kafoury is a former Oregon House Democratic Leader from Portland. She compiled a 90 percent Committee on Political Education (COPE) voting record with the Oregon AFL-CIO while serving in Salem.

Shiprack served three terms in the Oregon House, where she had a 95 percent COPE voting record representing Southeast Portland. At that time she was Judy Bauman.

A former Multnomah County deputy district attorney and former di-

rector of Link Community Development Corp., a union-backed affordable housing nonprofit organization, she is married to Bob Shiprack, executive secretary of the Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council.

In Clackamas County, the building trades endorsed Lynn Peterson and Martha Schrader for re-election to the County Commission, as well as newcomer Trent Tidwell. The building trades also endorsed Clackamas

County Sheriff Craig Roberts for re-election.

Commissioners Joe Corsiglia and Tony Hyde received building trades council support in their bids for re-election to the Columbia County Board of Commissioners.

In Clatsop County, the nod went to incumbent County Commissioner Patricia Roberts and homebuilder Cary Johnson, who is running in District 4. Election day is May 20.

Southwestern Oregon CLC likes Main for Coos County Council

COOS BAY — Robert “Bob” Main has been endorsed by the Southwestern Oregon Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, in a non-partisan race for Coos County commissioner, Position No. 1.

Main, currently the Coos County assessor, is challenging incumbent commissioner John Griffith. Main is a former delegate to the labor council as a member of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 2936.

Griffith, who was described by the labor council “as very non-labor friendly,” declined to answer a questionnaire sent in advance to him or to attend the labor council’s candidate’s forum April 7 at the Bay Area Center in North Bend.

“Bob Main was overwhelmingly endorsed because of his clear support for union members and their families,” said Shawn Jennings, director of the Committee on Political Education for the SWOCLC.

Jennings said residents of Coos County are angry by the lack of response to residents’ needs, and continued cuts in public services affecting public safety, such as the sheriff’s department, district attorney, animal enforcement, drug enforcement and the juvenile department.

County employees are represented by AFSCME Local 2936.

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