

# Obama wins Oregon Democratic primary

Change to Win members across Oregon waged an aggressive grassroots effort to help push Barack Obama to victory over Democratic rival Sen. Hillary Clinton in the May 20 primary election. Obama captured 59 percent of the vote to Clinton's 41 percent.

The Change to Win labor federation endorsed Obama earlier this year, while the national AFL-CIO was neutral in the primary. That, however, didn't stop several international unions from making endorsements and promoting their favorites.

AFL-CIO affiliates supporting Obama included the Boilermakers; Plumbers and Fitters; Utility Workers Union; the International Longshore and Warehouse Union; and the American Federation of Government Employees.

Oregon AFSCME Council 75 also endorsed Obama, even though its international union campaigned for Clinton.

Change to Win affiliates endorsing Obama were United Food and Commercial Workers, the Teamsters, UNITE HERE, and the Service Employees International Union.

According to Change to Win, it has 80,000 members in Oregon.

"Change to Win members and volunteers pushed Sen. Barack Obama to victory in the Beaver State, bringing him the majority of pledged delegates and within reach of clinching the Democratic nomination for the president of the United States of America," said Executive Director Greg Tarpinian. "Now it's time for the Democratic Party to unite together for victory in November and bring the change working families need."

Tarpinian, who will be leaving the federation July 6 to return to the New York-based Labor Research Association, said its volunteers made more than 150,000 phone calls; knocked on nearly 30,000 doors targeting areas in North/Northeast and Southeast Portland, and Gresham; sent hundreds of thousands of direct mail pieces to Democratic households; helped manage get-out-the-vote staging locations in Portland and Tigard; and conducted member-to-member education efforts at worksites throughout the state.



## UFCW Local 555 rallying for Obama

Members and leadership of United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555 rallied with Oregon Congressman Earl Blumenauer May 19 on behalf of Barack Obama's presidential campaign. The rally took place at Obama's campaign office at SE 30th and Division in Portland the day before the Oregon primary election in which Obama won by a margin of 55-45 percent. Blumenauer is an Obama superdelegate, and UFCW was one of the first unions to endorse the Illinois senator's campaign.

## Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council's May primary endorsements get mixed results

Nine of 12 candidates endorsed by the Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council in the Oregon primary were successful May 20.

At the City of Portland, the building trades backed Mayor-elect Sam Adams, Commissioner Randy Leonard, and Nick Fish. Leonard is an incumbent and Fish was running in a special election for a seat vacated by Erik Sten.

In Multnomah County, Deborah Kafoury and Judy Shiprack were the top vote-getters in their respective races. Kafoury received 87 percent of the vote and will take office in January 2009. Shiprack garnered 37 percent of the vote and will face runnerup Mike Delman (18 percent) in November.

In Clackamas County, Craig Roberts was re-elected sheriff while Lynn Peterson and Martha Schrader were re-elected easily to the county commission. All were endorsed by the CPBCTC. Trent Tidwell, an Oregon City commissioner, lost in his bid for a seat on the newly expanded Clackamas County Board of Commissioners. He finished fourth in a seven-person race.

In Clatsop County, CPBCTC-endorsed Commission Chairwoman Patricia Roberts received 41 percent of the vote to finish second behind Jim Scheller (46 percent). Because there was a third candidate in the race, the two will square off again this fall. Scheller was endorsed by AFSCME

Local 2746.

In District 4, where the seat was open, Dirk Rohne defeated endorsed candidate Cary Johnson by a margin of 62-38 percent.

In Columbia County, CPBCTC-backed incumbent Joe Corsiglia lost to challenger Earl Fisher 5,189 to 3,014 in the Democratic primary. Fisher had endorsements from United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555, Teamsters, Oregon School Employees Association, and IBEW Local 48.

Fisher will take on Republican Warren Nakkela in November.

CPBCTC issued an early endorsement for Columbia County Commissioner Tony Hyde. The Republican incumbent will face Democrat Pat Zimmerman in November. Neither candidate was challenged in the primary.



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