

Oregon AFL-CIO issues endorsements for May primary

The Oregon AFL-CIO's Committee on Political Education (COPE) issued endorsements for the May 15 primary, though most of the candidates they endorsed don't have primary opponents.

In races that do, the state labor federation backed the re-election of U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio. The 12-term congressman is being challenged by Oregon State University graduate student Matthew Robinson in the Democratic primary.

Robinson, 24, of Cave Junction, is the son of Republican primary candidate Art Robinson, whom DeFazio handily defeated in 2010. The elder Robinson spent more than \$1 million attacking DeFazio. He is running unopposed in the Republican primary.

Matthew Robinson told the Eugene Register-Guard earlier this year that his political views are "very similar" to his

father's. DeFazio criticized Art Robinson in 2010 for his denial of global warming and his attacks on the public school system, the newspaper reported.

There are only a few contested races in the Democratic primary for the Oregon House of Representatives. In those races, the AFL-CIO is supporting incumbent Mike Schaufler in District 48 representing Happy Valley; Jennifer Williamson in House District 36 representing Southwest Portland; and Ben Unger in House District 29 representing Hillsboro, Cornelius and Forest Grove.

In District 48, Schaufler is being challenged by retiring school teacher Jeff Reardon.

House District 36 is being vacated by Democrat Mary Nolan, who is running for Portland City Council. Williamson faces Sharon Meieran, an

emergency room doctor, and Benjamin Barber, a computer programmer.

Unger is running against Katie Riley in District 29. The winner will face incumbent Republican Katie Eyre in the November general election.

On the Republican side of the aisle, the AFL-CIO endorsed incumbent Bob Jenson in District 58 representing Umatilla and a portion of Union counties. Three Republicans have filed against Jenson, who resides in Pendleton.

All other endorsements from the AFL-CIO were for incumbents running unopposed in the Democratic primary. They include Ted Wheeler for state treasurer; Kate Brown for secretary of state; Brad Avakian for state labor commissioner; Suzanne Bonamici for U.S. representative, 1st District; and Kurt Schrader for U.S. representative, 5th

District.

Republicans fielded no candidates to run for state treasurer or the 1st District U.S. House seat, which means Wheeler and Bonamici have already won.

In the Oregon Senate, the AFL-CIO endorsed Diane Rosenbaum, Dist. 21; Chip Shields, Dist. 22; Lee Beyer, Dist. 6; Chris Edwards, Dist. 7; and Floyd Prozanski, Dist. 4.

Delegates also endorsed Arnie Roblan, a Democrat who is leaving the House of Representatives to run for an open seat in Senate District 5.

In the Oregon House, the state labor federation backed Jules Bailey, Dist. 42; Jeff Barker, Dist. 28; Phil Barnhart, Dist. 11; Peter Buckley, Dist. 5; Michael Dembrow, Dist. 45; Margaret Doherty, Dist. 35; Chris Garrett, Dist. 38; Paul Holvey, Dist. 8; Val Hoyle, Dist. 14; Tina Kotek, Dist. 44; Greg

Matthews, Dist. 50; Nancy Nathanson, Dist. 13; Tobias Read, Dist. 27; Greg Smith, Dist. 57; and Brad Witt, Dist. 31. All but Smith are Democrats.

CPBCTC endorsements

The Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council issued the following political endorsements for the May 15 primary election.

Portland City Council: Mary Nolan, Position 1; Steve Novick, Position 4.

Multnomah County: Judy Shiprack, commissioner, District 3.

Metro: Sam Chase, counselor, District 5.

Clackamas County: Dave Hunt, County Commission Chair; Jamie Damon, commissioner, Position 4;

Columbia County: Earl Fisher, commissioner.

More unions take action in Portland mayor's race

More unions are taking positions in Portland's mayoral race, where 23 candidates have filed to run. Incumbent Sam Adams is leaving after serving only one term.

Last week, the Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council (CPBCTC) endorsed Eileen Brady, while United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) Local 555 endorsed Charlie

Hales.

Local 555 is Oregon's largest private sector union with some 19,000 members and retirees. CPBCTC has 27 affiliated locals representing more than 25,000 union members.

CPBCTC joins the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 48, Sheet Metal Workers Local 16, Bricklayers and Allied Crafts Local 1,

and Operating Engineers Local 701 in endorsing Brady, a businesswoman and co-founder of New Seasons Markets.

The front-runners are Brady, Hales, and Jefferson Smith, a state representative from Northeast Portland.

Smith has been endorsed by AFSCME Local 189, the largest union of city workers, and the Portland Associ-

ation of Teachers, which represents nearly 4,000 members.

Hales is a former Portland city commissioner who now is a senior vice president at HDR Engineering planning new light rail and streetcar lines.

The primary is May 15. If no candidate captures a 50 percent majority, the top two vote getters will face off in the November general election.

...ATU takes strike vote

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proposes that full-time workers pay 15 percent of the premium for employee-only coverage, an amount that comes to over \$90 a month. Part-timers would pay at least 50 percent of the employee-only premium, and 100 percent for family coverage.

Under the previous contract, which expired Nov. 30, 2011, hourly wages start at \$12.92 and rise to \$21.23 over 10 years.

Local 757 has argued that TriMet would save money by bringing the work in-house — eliminating duplicate management and the need to pay corporate income tax and deliver a profit.

No strike date had been set as of press time, and a mediation session was scheduled March 22.



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