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Statewide Ballot Measures

Measures 82 & 83 (*Wood Village casino*)

Support

Measure 84 (*Tax break that only benefits the heirs of millionaires*)

Oppose

Measure 85 (*Reform corporate kicker by putting money into K-12*)

Support

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Ballot Measure 26-141 (*Gresham measure to change the City Charter to require councilors to live in and represent specific districts, rather than run city wide.*)

Support

Multnomah County

Ballot Measure 26-143 (*Form library district*)

Support

City of Wilsonville

Mayor: **TIM KNAPP**

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City of Wood Village

Ballot Measure 26-142 (*Wood Village casino*)

Support

Oregon State Senate

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A union guide to the Oregon ballot

With two weeks to go before the Nov. 6 mail ballot due date, the Oregon AFL-CIO and union partners are ramping up their political operation. This year, the labor federation's priorities are re-electing two statewide officials, electing more "worker-friendly" state legislators and judges, ending the corporate kicker tax refund, permitting construction of a private casino, and opposing an effort to eliminate the estate tax on millionaires.

SECRETARY OF STATE: Oregon's secretary of state is responsible for elections, state agency audits, the state archives and the corporation registry — and, significantly, becomes governor if the governor dies or is incapacitated. Labor-backed Democratic incumbent Kate Brown was a longtime union ally in the Oregon Legislature,

and as secretary of state has defended Oregon's vote-by-mail system and cracked down on abuses by initiative petitioners. Her Republican opponent Knute Buehler has never won public office before, but has campaign funding from a Who's Who of businesses and wealthy individuals, including a \$50,000 contribution from Nike mogul Phil Knight.

LABOR COMMISSIONER: The union movement has a strong interest in who heads the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI), because the agency enforces wage and hour, civil rights, and prevailing wage laws; and oversees apprenticeship programs. Incumbent labor commissioner Brad Avakian gets mostly good ratings from Oregon unions for his first four-year term, and he has union support for re-election.

Challenger Bruce Starr, a Republican lawmaker, has said he would support making Oregon a right-to-work state. [Unions are weaker in right-to-work states because union-represented workers can't be required to pay union dues.]

The Oregon AFL-CIO is backing several statewide ballot measures this year:

- **CORPORATE KICKER: MEASURE 85**, placed on the ballot by the union-backed nonprofit Our Oregon, would amend the state Constitution to eliminate the corporate income tax "kicker," and instruct the Legislature to spend those funds instead on K-12 education. The kicker, unique to Oregon, is a state income tax rebate that occurs whenever income tax revenues exceed

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Worker Representation: Labor looks to its own ranks for candidates to support

By **DON McINTOSH**
Associate Editor

When you're fighting for jobs and workers rights, it helps to get "friends of labor" in public office. But electing "family" may be better still: Union members and leaders, in state and local elected office, may not need coaxing or explanation to know which side they're on.

"When it comes to bread-and-butter labor issues, bargaining rights, rights at work, people who understand the labor movement and who have lived those values as union members themselves make better advocates," says Elana Guiney, Oregon AFL-CIO political and communications coordinator. "That's not to say we don't have some great friends in the Legislature who have not been in unions. We absolutely do. But the more that people can talk first-hand about those issues, the better off workers are."

This year in Oregon, as many as two

dozen union members are candidates for public office. Some are shoe-ins; others are long shots.

For many years, unions have encouraged and supported members to run for office. This year, nine Oregon unions went a step further and formed the Oregon Labor Candidate School — a six month course in the mechanics of political campaigns — for union members who want to promote a pro-labor agenda in public office. Eleven students took part, and were taught by political and media consultants who volunteered their time. Most are working on campaigns for local school boards in 2013.

Union members are also running for a number of seats in the Oregon Legislature:

- Deschutes County GIS Analyst **Geri Hauser** — a member of the AF-SCME Local 3997 Executive Board and past member of Operating Engineers Local 701 — is running as a Democrat for Oregon Senate District 27

in Bend. She faces former Republican state Senate majority leader Tim Knopp, who defeated Republican incumbent Chris Telfer in the primary.

- State Rep. **Arnie Roblan**, (D-Coos Bay) is leaving the House to run for an open seat in Senate District 5, where incumbent Democrat Joanne Verger is retiring. Roblan is a former teacher and member of the Oregon Education Association (OEA).

- Journeyman electrician **Claudia Kyle**, a member of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 48, is challenging, for the second time, incumbent State Rep. Kevin Cameron (R-Salem).

- **Paul Holman**, a firefighter and paramedic for the City of Newberg, is a member of International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF). He's running against incumbent Kim Thatcher (R-Keizer) and Libertarian Ryan Haffner.

- **Jeff Reardon** was a member of

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