

...Election results: Washington

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359,000 pieces of mail informed union members about their unions' endorsements.

"We had some tough decisions to make when it came to prioritizing our resources," said Oregon AFL-CIO President Tom Chamberlain. "But watching the results come in, I'm convinced that we did the right thing, and I am looking forward to working with the many new pro-worker candidates who were elected across our state."

In local elections, Charlie Hales defeated Jefferson Smith for mayor of **Portland**, and Amanda Fritz turned back a challenge from former state rep Mary Nolan for re-election to the City Council. Unions were split, with every candidate running with some labor support.

In **Multnomah County**, voters strongly supported Measure 26-143 to form a new library district. Library employees are members of AFSCME Local 88.

The Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council scored a win with passage of Measure 26-144, a \$482 million bond measure for the **Portland School District**. The trades hope to secure lots of work rebuilding schools in the district in the near future.

In **Columbia County**, Earl Fisher and Tony Hyde were re-elected to the Board of Commissioners. Both were endorsed by the Northwest Oregon Labor Council (NOLC), and Fisher had backing from the Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council.

At the **City of Wilsonville**, Tim Knapp was re-elected mayor and Susie Stevens was elected to the City Council. Both ran with support from NOLC.

Labor-backed candidates didn't fare as well in **Clackamas County** and **Gresham**. NOLC-supported candidates Richard Strathern and Paul Warr-King lost bids to the Gresham City Council, while Clackamas County Commission incumbents Chair Charlotte Lehan and Commissioner Jamie Damon lost re-election despite strong labor support.

Lehan and Damon had not yet conceded as of press time, however, citing an ongoing investigation by the state Department of Justice into ballot tampering by an elections worker. A part-time temp employee, a registered Republican, was accused of filling in ballots for Republican candidates on sections of ballots that voters left blank. In an email to supporters, Lehan said the temp worker marked ballots for her opponent. "If these allegations turn out to be true, it will be an unprecedented breach of trust and could call into question the integrity and validity of this election."

"Because of this I have been advised by legal counsel to hold off making any decision in this race until the Department of Justice investigation is complete. At that time we will assess the outcome of the investigation."

LABOR'S OWN

A couple of **union members** celebrated first-time political victories on Election Day.

Brian Adams, a member of the Fire Fighters Union who attended the Oregon Labor Candidate School, was elected to the Sandy City Council, Position 3. Adams won with 54 percent of the vote against two other candidates.

Jake Carter, a member of IBEW

Local 125, was elected to the board of directors of the Columbia River Public Utilities District. He defeated Darrel Purkerson by a margin of 64 to 35 percent.

WASHINGTON

In the **State of Washington**, labor-endorsed Democrat Jay Inslee won the governor's race. Democrat Kathleen Drew lost her race for secretary of state by just 0.6 percent.

WSLC-endorsed candidates Brad Owens for lieutenant governor, Bob Ferguson for attorney general, Mike Kreidler for insurance commissioner, Peter Goldmark for public lands commissioner, and Sheryl Gordon McCloud for Supreme Court all won.

In a pair of too-close-to-call **Southwest Washington legislative races**, labor-backed Democrat Tim Probst was ahead of incumbent state Sen. Don Benton (R) by 16 votes as of Nov. 13 in the 17th District. School teacher and Washington Education Association member Monica Stonier led her Republican opponent by 81 votes for an open House seat in the 17th. Washington counts ballots that were post-marked as late as election day, and results won't be officially certified until Nov. 26. Jim Gizzi lost his race for Position 2 in the House.

In the 49th District, labor-endorsed Democrats Annette Cleveland (Senate), Sharon Wylie, and Jim Moeller all won handily, while candidate David Shehorn lost his House race in the 18th District.

The current breakdown in the Washington Senate is 27 Democrats and 22 Republicans. In the House it's 56 Democrats and 42 Republicans.

In **Clark County**, labor-endorsed Democrat Joe Tanner lost his bid to unseat incumbent Republican County Commissioner Tom Mielke, 51 percent to 49 percent. Labor-opposed Republican David Madore unseated Re-



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