

# Oregon union members RUNNING FOR OFFICE

What would it be like if the government were run by people like you? One way to find out: Run for public office. The union members below are running for office this year. They're graduates of the Oregon Labor Candidate School, a union-funded training program that gives union members the skills to get elected. Interested? The next Portland-area session begins in October. Get your union to sponsor you, and find out more at [oregonlaborcandidateschool.org](http://oregonlaborcandidateschool.org).



**Ray Lister** — a journeyman electrician who's now a union organizer at IBEW Local 48 — is running as a Democrat for House District 26 in Wilsonville. If he wins the Democratic primary in May, he'll face a Republican in November for the seat formerly held by Republican John Davis. Republicans have a slight registration advantage in the district, so he'll need all the help he can get from organized labor. — [RayLister.com](http://RayLister.com)



**Adrienne Enghouse** — a Kaiser Permanente nurse and a tenacious union steward within the Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals — is competing with a McDonalds franchise owner to become the Democratic nominee for House District 51 in Clackamas. But Enghouse, who runs ironman triathlons, is ready to go the distance. The seat is currently held by Democrat Shemia Fagan, who's not seeking re-election.



**Roberta Phillip-Robbins** is an AFSCME-represented youth and gang violence prevention specialist at Multnomah County and a former teachers union member in Florida. She only has to win the Democratic primary to succeed state rep Lew Frederick, who's running for state Senate, because no Republicans have filed this year in overwhelmingly Democratic House District 43 in Northeast Portland. — [RobertaForOregon.com](http://RobertaForOregon.com)



**Teresa Alonso Leon** — the daughter of pro-union farmworkers — is an SEIU-represented diversity coordinator at Portland State University and a current member of Woodburn City Council. She's unopposed for the Democratic nomination in House District 22, but to succeed Democrat Betty Komp, who's not running, she'll have to beat Republican former Marion County commissioner Patty Milne in November. — [ElectAlonsoLeon.com](http://ElectAlonsoLeon.com)



**Sheri Malstrom** — a community health nurse at Multnomah County — helped get others elected as a member of the Oregon Nurses Association. Now she's in a race of her own for House District 27 in Beaverton. She hopes to succeed Tobias Read, who's running for state treasurer. She faces Darin Campbell in the Democratic primary. No Republican has filed to run. — [SheriMalstrom.com](http://SheriMalstrom.com)



**Mark Reynolds** — a retired Hood River high school teacher and member of the Oregon Education Association — is running in House District 52. If he wins the Democratic primary, he'll challenge Republican incumbent Mark Johnson. Johnson, a nonunion contractor, is considered one of the most anti-labor members of the Oregon Legislature. — [ReynoldsForOregon.com](http://ReynoldsForOregon.com)



**Tom Kane** is a teacher, a soccer coach, and an Executive Board member in the Portland Association of Teachers. A longtime resident of Canby, he's running unopposed for the Democratic nomination for House District 18 and will challenge incumbent Republican Vic Gilliam in November.



**Sally Cook** — a Marion County health educator — is a member of SEIU Local 503. She's running for a nonpartisan seat on Salem City Council in southwest Salem's Ward 7, challenging incumbent Warren Bednarz, a real estate investor who has held that position since 2012. — [sallyforsalem.org](http://sallyforsalem.org)

## INCUMBENTS — Current or former union members in the Legislature

**Michael Dembrow** (AFT-Oregon) SD 23  
**Diane Rosenbaum** (CWA) SD 21  
**Chip Shields** (AFT) SD 22  
**Laurie Monnes-Anderson** (OEA) SD 25  
**Mark Hass** (AFTRA) SD 14  
**Paul Holvey** (Carpenters) HD 8  
**Rob Nosse** (ONA) HD 42  
**Brad Witt** (UFCW) HD 31

**Barbara Smith Warner** (NALC, AFT) HD 45  
**Margaret Doherty** (OEA) HD 35  
**Jeff Barker** (Portland Police Assn) HD 28  
**Nancy Nathanson** (SEIU) HD 13  
**Jeff Reardon** (OEA) HD 48  
**Mitch Greenlick** (AFT) HD 33  
**Chris Gorsek** (AFT-Oregon) HD 49  
**Lew Frederick** (AFTRA) HD 43

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

# Oregon Senate labor stalwarts step down

Two state Senate Democrats with long ties to organized labor leave office when their terms expire at the end of this year.



Rosenbaum

State Sen. Diane Rosenbaum a former union official with Communications Workers of America (CWA)—decided not to run for reelection after 17 years in the Legislature.

Rosenbaum, 66, has a history of successes in raising the minimum wage: In 1989 as a lobbyist for CWA, she helped get the Oregon Legislature to raise it from \$3.35 an hour to \$4.75. She later was chief petitioner on 1996 Ballot Measure 36, which raised it to \$6.50, and 2002 Ballot Measure 25, which raised it to \$6.95 with annual adjustments for inflation thereafter. This year, she was on the Senate committee that passed a tiered increase to \$12.50 to \$14.75.

Besides the minimum wage, Rosenbaum says she's most proud of Oregon's sick leave law, the Oregon Family Leave Act, and laws requiring insurance companies to pay for contraceptives and annual breast cancer screenings.

Rosenbaum retired from the phone company in 2004. Before that she was executive vice president of CWA Local 7901, and served on the executive boards of the Oregon AFL-CIO and the Northwest Oregon Labor Council. She served in the Oregon House from 1998 to 2008. In 2001, she helped re-start a labor caucus within the National Conference of State Legislatures, and served for a time as caucus president. In 2008, she ran unopposed for the Senate District 21 representing Southeast Portland, Milwaukie, and Oak Grove. She served as Senate Majority Leader from 2010 to 2015.

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Shields

State Sen. Chip Shields is leaving office after 10 years in the Legislature. Shields, 48, is best known as an advocate of criminal justice reform. He became a member of American Federation of Teach-

ers (AFT) when he taught criminal justice classes at Portland State, and he never forgot the early labor support he got for his first House race in 2004.

It's not widely known, but Shields also played an important role in raising the minimum wage in 2002. When labor groups were determining whether they had the resources to go forward with the ballot measure, Shields tipped the balance by contributing \$50,000 in family money. That earned him the designation "labor hero" at a 2003 AFL-CIO awards dinner.

Over the 10 years he represented House District 43 and Senate District 22, he earned top rankings from the Oregon AFL-CIO as a steadfast labor ally who went above and beyond. He helped win partial unemployment benefits for workers whose hours were cut, and co-sponsored bills calling for single-payer health care and urging Congress to renegotiate trade agreements like NAFTA. He fought for "fusion voting" on behalf of the union-backed Oregon Working Families Party. And outside the Capitol, he came out to support union campaigns; for example, urging Portland State University to agree to a fair union contract for professors.



James Coon



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