

...Organized labor's 2016 Oregon primary election scorecard

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time votes were counted, he was the only Republican candidate still standing. Trump has frequently criticized NAFTA and the Trans-Pacific Partnership, but the billionaire also has frequently taken positions at odds with organized labor, both politically and as an employer. Union members who are fans of the one-time host of *The Apprentice* will want to look closer at that record in the months leading up to the November election.

CONGRESS

Garnering 73 percent of the vote, four-term incumbent Democrat Kurt Schrader easily brushed off a primary challenge from former state rep Dave McTeague. Labor unions have been unhappy with Schrader for several recent votes in Congress, including support for "fast track" legislation that could speed passage of the Trans-Pacific Partnership. In the November general election, Schrader will face off against Republican attorney Colm Willis, a former political director for Oregon Right to Life. All other incumbents won by even larger margins against little-known primary challengers: U.S. Senate Democrat Ron Wyden, and House Democrats Suzanne Bonamici, Earl Blumenauer, and Peter DeFazio, and House Republican Greg Walden.

Statewide elections

GOVERNOR

With 84 percent support from Democrats, incumbent governor Kate Brown easily won primary challenges against lesser-known challengers. She'll face Salem Republican Bud Pierce, a cancer doctor, in November.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian won the Democratic primary, with 39 percent to 24 percent for former State Rep Val Hoyle and 26 percent for State Sen. Richard Devlin. All three Democrats had support from some quarters in labor, but Avakian had broader labor support than the others. And more than the others, he also took sides on some issues important to labor, including hostility to NAFTA-style trade deals and support for a pending ballot measure to raise taxes on big



It was a low-key election night party at Hillary Clinton's campaign Portland HQ. If the former secretary of state came off a bit stiff and flat, that's because a cardboard cutout was her only Oregon appearance save for a \$2,400-a-plate fundraiser last August. Behind her, her supporters watch U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders make a televised announcement of his 56-44 percent Oregon primary win.

corporations. Avakian will face Republican Dennis Richardson in November. Richardson, who served six terms in the Oregon House, ran for governor in 2014.

TREASURER

State Rep. Tobias Reed, unopposed in the Democratic primary, will face Republican Jeff Gudman in the fall.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Incumbent Democrat Ellen Rosenblum, unopposed in the Democratic primary, will run against veterans' rights attorney Daniel Zene Crowe, who was unopposed in the Republican primary.

State legislative elections

Union political organization can really make a difference in state legislative races, which are often decided on the basis of a few hundred votes. This year saw a bumper crop of union members running for legislative office, most of them trained and supported by the union-funded Oregon Labor Candidates School.

But the biggest primary disappointment for labor may have come several days after election night. Roberta Phillip-Robbins, a member of AFSCME Local 88, quit her job as a youth and gang violence prevention specialist at Multnomah County in order to run for House District 43, because her program is federally funded and federal rules prohibit campaigning. And labor organizations including AFSCME, Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Ore-

gon Education Association (OEA), United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555, and the Oregon AFL-CIO made her race a priority. She was slightly ahead on election night, but in the end her opponent, Tawna Sanchez, won by just 105 votes. Sanchez, who received a dual endorsement from the Oregon State Building Trades Council, succeeds labor stalwart (and AFTRA member) Lew Frederick, who's running for State Senate.

Ray Lister, an electrician and union rep for IBEW Local 48, won with 77 percent of the vote in the Democratic primary for House District 26 (Wilsonville). In November he'll face Republican real estate lawyer Richard Vial for the seat formerly held by Republican John Davis.

Teresa Alonso Leon, an SEIU member, ran unopposed for House District 22, but she'll have to beat Republican former Marion County commissioner Patty Milne in order to succeed Democrat Betty Komp.

Sheri Malstrom, a member of Oregon Nurses Association, won with 88 percent in Democratic primary for House District 27 (Beaverton). No Republican filed for the office, so she'll be headed to Salem in January, succeeding Tobias Read, who's running for state treasurer.

Mark Reynolds, a member of OEA, won with 75 percent in the Democratic primary for House District 52 (Hood River). He'll go on to challenge Republican incumbent Mark Johnson, one of the most anti-labor members of the Oregon Legislature, in November.

Tom Kane, a member of Port-

land Association of Teachers, was unopposed in the Democratic primary, and will challenge incumbent Republican Vic Gilliam for House District 18 (Silverton).

Metro elections

Incumbent Metro Councilors Sam Chase, Bob Stacey and Craig Dirksen won re-election. Chase and Stacey were endorsed by the Northwest Oregon Labor Council (NOLC), and Dirksen was backed by the Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council (CPBCTC).

County elections

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

State rep and labor ally Jessica Vega Pederson ran unopposed to succeed Judy Shiprack for County Commission, District 3. And Amanda Schroeder, Veterans Administration employee and president of the American Federation of Government Employees, had a surprisingly robust second place finish against Gresham City Councilor Lori Stegmann in the race to replace term-limited Diane McKeel in District 4. Stegmann, a Republican and former leader of the Gresham Chamber of Commerce, got 46 percent of the vote after raising \$154,000 and garnering endorsements from Gresham Professional Fire Fighters Local 1062, the Fairview Police Officers Association, and Multnomah County Chair Deb Kafoury. Schroeder, a first-time candidate, got 39 percent after raising just \$32,000 and campaigning after work and on weekends. The two

will face each other in a November runoff.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Incumbent Position 3 Commissioner Martha Schrader was endorsed by NOLC and eight other labor organizations, and won outright with 53 percent. The Labor Council didn't make endorsements in other county races, other than to urge voters *not* to support incumbent chair John Ludlow or Position 4 commissioner Tootie Smith, two noted union foes. But voters haven't seen the last of them. Ludlow placed second, and will face off against County Commissioner Jim Bernard in a November runoff. And Smith will face retired probation officer Ken Humberston in a runoff.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Incumbent commissioners Dick Schouten and Roy Rogers won re-election. NOLC endorsed Schouten, who ran unopposed, and Rogers, who was endorsed by the building trades, won with 52 percent of the vote to 24 percent for Glendora Claybrooks.

COLUMBIA COUNTY

Incumbent Position 1 Commissioner Margaret Magruder, endorsed by NOLC, placed first, but faces a runoff against Wayne Mayo. Position 3 Commissioner Tony Hyde, a 20-year incumbent, had NOLC's endorsement, but lost to Alex Tardif, an opponent of fossil fuels projects, by 51-48 percent.

HOOD RIVER COUNTY

Voters approved Measure 14-55 by 69 percent, prohibiting bottled water production and transport in the county. Swiss multinational Nestlé has been trying for seven years to get approval to draw water from a state-owned spring near Cascade Locks in the Columbia Gorge. Oregon AFSCME opposed the giveaway of public water, and contributed \$1,000 to the ballot measure campaign.

Municipal elections

CITY OF PORTLAND

State Treasurer Ted Wheeler won the mayor's race outright with 57 percent of the vote against Jules Bailey and 13 other candidates. The Northwest Oregon Labor Council and Fire Fighters Local 43 didn't take sides between front-runners