

Northwest Oregon Labor Council adds more primary endorsements

Delegates to the Northwest Oregon Labor Council (NOLC) added more political endorsements for the May 15 primary election. NOLC has jurisdiction in Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, and Columbia counties.

At its monthly meeting March 26 the labor council endorsed Susheela Jayapal for Multnomah County Commissioner, District 2, and Jennifer McGuirk for Multnomah County auditor. Jayapal is running against three other candidates for the seat being vacated by Loretta Smith. Smith, who is term limited, is seeking a seat on the Portland

City Council. Her campaign was endorsed by NOLC earlier this year. McGuirk, senior performance auditor at Multnomah County, faces two opponents in her bid to succeed auditor Steve March, who is not seeking re-election. Both County seats are nonpartisan.

In nonpartisan races with more than two candidates, if no one wins a majority, the top two finishers advance to the November general election.

Ballots for the May 15 primary will be mailed April 25.

The last day to register as a new voter or to change party affiliation is April 24.

NOLC has so far endorsed:

City of Portland

Nick Fish, City Council, Pos. 2
Loretta Smith, City Council, Pos. 3

Metro

Lynn Peterson, President
Shirley Craddick, Councilor, Dist. 1
Christine Lewis, Councilor, Dist. 2

Multnomah County

Deborah Kafoury, County Chair
Susheela Jayapal, Commissioner
Mike Reese, Sheriff
Jennifer McGuirk, Auditor

Clackamas County

Paul Savas, Commissioner, Pos. 2
Sonya Fischer, Commissioner, Pos. 5
Pamela Clark, County Clerk
Ann Lining, Judge

Washington County

Kathryn Harrington, County Chair
Greg Malinowski, Commissioner, Dist. 2
Kimberly Culbertson, Commissioner, Dist. 4

Columbia County

Henry Heimuller, Commissioner, Pos. 2

PEOPLE

Unger named to top post at SEIU Local 503

Oregon's largest union has a new top officer. Melissa Unger, 38, was sworn in March 10 as executive director of Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 503. She'll oversee 140 union staff serving more than 58,000 union members — state and local government workers, and non-profit and home care workers.



Melissa Unger

Unger was serving as Local 503's political director. She succeeds Brian Rudiger, who announced his resignation in November. Unger was appointed by the local's executive board to serve the remainder of Rudiger's elected term of office, which runs through September.

A native Oregonian, Unger grew up on a wheat and clover farm in western Washington County. After attending the University of Oregon, she led the Oregon Student Association for five years. She went to work for Local 503 in 2007 as a political organizer, left for a six-month stint with the Ore-

gon House Democrats in 2011, and then directed SEIU's Oregon State Council before becoming Local 503 political director in June 2014.

Local 503 is one of Oregon's most politically active unions, and has been a major force behind ballot measure campaigns in recent decades. Unger is also the sister of former state representative Ben Unger, who now leads Our Oregon, a union-backed group that fights for economic and social justice via ballot measure campaigns.

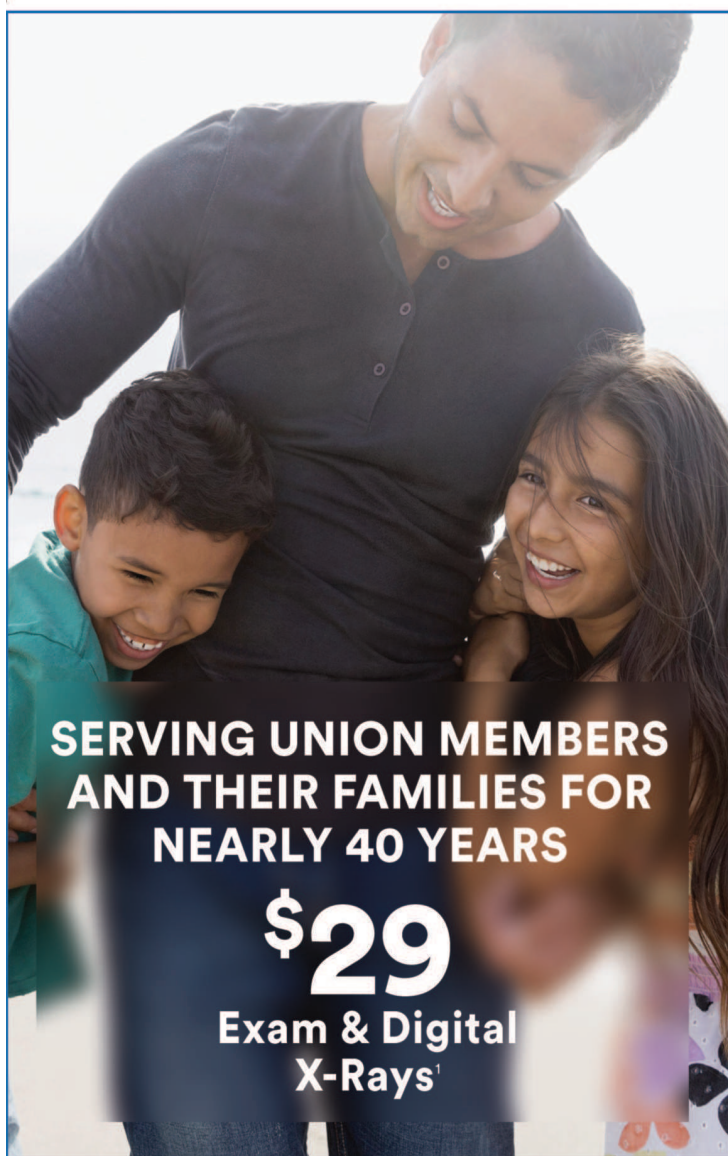
At Local 503, Melissa Unger led a 2011 effort to solicit ideas from state workers about how to save taxpayer dollars and make government more efficient. That resulted in several pieces of legislation, including a law setting goals for the minimum number of workers per manager at state agencies.

In 2013, Unger helped set up the Oregon Homecare Worker Supplemental and Benefits Trusts. The Trusts

now provide paid time off, dental, vision, and supplemental health benefits to over 20,000 home care workers.

Unger comes into leadership at a critical moment for Local 503 and public sector unions in general, with the U.S. Supreme Court about to decide whether to prohibit mandatory union fees for all public sector unions nationwide. A decision in the Janus v AFSCME case is expected by the end of June, and it's considered likely that a 5-4 majority will side with the anti-union National Right to Work Legal Foundation. But Unger says Local 503 has experience getting ready for an "open shop" workplace with voluntary dues, because its home care worker members have operated in that environment since a 2014 Supreme Court decision in a case called Harris v Quinn.

"We've learned that the thing you've got to do to make sure people want to be members is talk with them and have one-on-one conversations," Unger told the Labor Press.



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