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May 15 Primary Election Endorsements of the NW Oregon Labor Council

CLACKAMAS COUNTY

County Commissioner, Position 2 : **PAUL SAVAS**

County Commissioner, Position 5 : **SONYA FISCHER**

County Clerk : **PAMELA WHITE**

County Judge : **ANN LININGER**

COLUMBIA COUNTY

County Commissioner, Position 2 : **HENRY HEIMULLER**

METRO

President : **LYNN PETERSON**

Commissioner, District 1: **SHIRLEY CRADDOCK**

Commissioner, District 2: **CHRISTINE LEWIS**

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

County Chair : **DEBORAH KAFOURY**

County Commissioner, District 2 : **SUSHEELA JAYAPAL**

County Auditor : **JENNIFER MCGUIRK**

Sheriff : **MIKE REECE**

CITY OF PORTLAND

City Council, Position 2 : **NICK FISH**

City Council, Position 3 : **LORETTA SMITH**

WASHINGTON COUNTY

County Chair : **KATHRYN HARRINGTON**

County Commissioner, District 2 : **GREG MALINOWSKI**

County Commissioner, District 4 : **KIMBERLY CULBERTSON**

**Ballots must be submitted by
8 p.m. on May 15, 2018**

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A UNION GUIDE TO OREGON'S 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION

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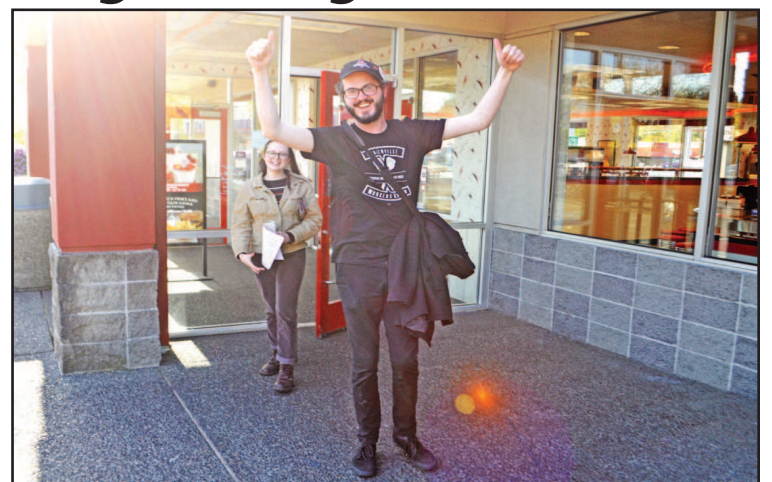
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It's official: A Burgerville goes union

The 92nd and Powell Burgerville may be the nation's first officially unionized fast food union.

Workers at the Burgerville restaurant at SE 92nd and Powell Boulevard already knew they were union. Now a federal agency has verified it.

In ballots counted April 23 by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB), the workers demonstrated their choice to join Burgerville Workers Union in a 18-to-4 vote. That means Burgerville is now legally obligated to recognize the union and bargain in good faith with respect to wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment — for the 30 employees of



Burgerville worker Emmett Schlenz walks out of the 92nd and Powell store with the ballot result: A 18-4 vote for the first-ever official fast food union.

that store.

“Our employees have spoken, we hear them, and we support their decision,” said Beth

Brewer, Burgerville's senior vice president of operations —

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VOA presents an anti-union 'final offer'

CEO Kay Toran proposes no raises and a "right to work" rule that would undermine the union.

They're on the front lines helping Oregonians recover from serious addictions, but a group of about 70 Portland workers at non-profit Volunteers of America (VOA) can't seem to get a first union contract.

They say that's because VOA's long-time CEO Kay Toran has refused — during 15 months of negotiations — to agree to a basic union contract provision known as “union security.” Union security is a requirement that all union-represented workers join the union or at least pay a ‘fair share’ of the union's costs to negotiate and enforce their contract. In other words, Toran is insisting that VOA be an “open shop” in which workers wouldn't have to join or support the union.



VOA employees Butch Nicklin (left) and Kristina Downes work at the men's residential alcohol and drug treatment center. Workers there voted to unionize in September 2016 and still don't have a first union contract.

That's despite the fact that the workers demonstrated overwhelming support for unionizing when they voted 46 to 3 to join Oregon AFSCME on Sept. 28, 2016. The workers staff a pair of Medicaid-funded residential alcohol and drug treat-

ment facilities in Portland where up to 87 addicts at a time spend six months in court-ordered treatment. Many staff members are themselves recovering addicts and clients of the non-

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