

A union guide to Oregon's November general election

If a candidate is listed in bold below, they're backed by at least one labor organization. To keep a long list as short as possible, union-endorsed candidates who are running unopposed or against only token opposition are not listed.

DON'T FORGET: Ballots must be received (not postmarked) by Nov. 6!

LEGEND

The acronyms below refer to statewide or regional bodies unless a local number is listed.

AFL-CIO the state federation that most unions belong to

AAUP university professors

AFM 99 musicians

AFSCME state, county, and municipal employees

88 Multnomah County

189 City of Portland

2505 OLCC

328 OHSU

350 Clackamas County

3336 Oregon DEQ

3580 Metro

2831 Lane County

AFT AFT-Oregon (college instructors and school support staff)

ATU 757 transit

AWPPW pulp and paper mill

BAC Bricklayers Local 1

Boilermakers Local 104

CPBTC Portland metro area building trades council

CWA 7901 telecom

IAFF fire fighters

43 Portland

1159 Clackamas County

314 Salem

2210 Hillsboro

1660 Tualatin Valley

IAM Oregon Machinists Council

IBEW electrical workers

48 Portland

280 Albany

125 utility lineman local

IBT Teamsters Joint Council 37

IBU Inland Boatmen's Union

ILWU longshore/warehouse

Insulators - Insulators Local 36

IUOE 701 Operating Engineers

Local 701

IUPAT Painters District Council 5

IW Ironworkers Local 29

LiUNA Oregon/SW Washington

District Council of Laborers

483 public sector laborers

737 construction laborers

NALC 82 letter carriers

NOLC NW Oregon Labor Council, the local AFL-CIO

OBTC state building trades

OEA Oregon Education Assn.

(teachers) or local affiliates

OFNHP nurses and health techs

ONA Oregon Nurses Association

OPEIU 11 office/professional

OPCMIA 82 Plasterers Local 82

OPCMIA 555 Cement Masons

Local 555

OSEA school employees

PAT Portland Assn. of Teachers

PCCFFAP/PCCFCE faculty and

classified locals of AFT at PCC

PTE 17 Professional & Technical

Employees at City of Portland

Roofers Roofers Local 49

SEIU service employees

503 public sector

49 hospital and janitorial

SMART Sheet Metal Local 16

UA 290 plumbers and fitters

UFCW 555 grocery

UBC Carpenters

USW steel workers

WFP Working Families Party, a

union-backed minor party

CONGRESS

Congressional District 1 (NW Oregon)

Suzanne Bonamici, a three-term incumbent, has a 95 percent lifetime rating from the AFL-CIO. AFL-CIO, AFT, IAFF, IAM, IBT, IUPAT, OEA, ONA BonamiciForCongress.com

Congressional District 2 (E Oregon)

Jamie McLeod Skinner is a city planner and former AFSCME member. She's mounting the most serious challenge in years to 20-year incumbent Congressman Greg Walden, a Republican whose votes over the years have earned him a 23 percent lifetime rating from the national AFL-CIO. APWU, IBT, OEA, SEIU 503, UFCW, WFP JamieForOregon.com

Congressional District 3 (E Portland)

Earl Blumenauer, an 11-term incumbent, has a 94 percent lifetime rating from the AFL-CIO. AFL-CIO, AFL-CIO, AFT, OEA EarlBlumenauer.com

Congressional District 4 (SW Oregon)

Peter DeFazio, a 16-term incumbent, has a 94 percent AFL-CIO rating. AFT, OEA defazioforcongress.org

Congressional District 5 (W Oregon)

Kurt Schrader, an 11-term incumbent, has an 83 percent lifetime rating from the AFL-CIO. OEA, UFCW 555 kurtschrader.com

STATEWIDE

Governor

Kate Brown, a Democrat, has been Oregon's governor since John Kitzhaber resigned in February 2015. In 2015, Brown signed legislation giving Oregon workers the right to paid sick leave. In 2016, as unions considered two competing ballot measure proposals to raise the minimum wage, Brown met with business and labor leaders and crafted a compromise — raising the wage at different rates in different parts of the state. By 2022, the resulting legislation will raise wages to \$14.75 in the Portland area, \$13.50 in the Willamette Valley and the North Coast, and \$12.50 in rural Eastern Oregon. In 2017, Brown signed a \$5.3 billion transportation funding package and laws cracking down on abusive scheduling practices by employers, barring local jurisdictions from passing antiunion "right-to-work" ordinances, and taxing health care providers to pay for the Oregon Health Plan. Her Republican opponent, state representative Knute Buehler, voted against all those laws. He also says he won't sign any spending bills until the Legislature sends him a bill "reforming" Oregon's PERS public pension system. He did not seek union endorsement. AFL-CIO, AFT, OBTC, OEA, ONA KateBrownForOregon.com

QUESTIONS FOR KATE BROWN

As this issue went to press, we spoke with Governor Brown about some of the issues that matter most to working people. Look for that interview in our Oct. 19 issue, or check it out at nwlaborpress.org/2018/GovernorBrown



WORKER POLITICAL POWER IS ABOUT BOOTS ON THE GROUND. Labor 2018, the Oregon AFL-CIO's election effort, had a well attended kickoff Sept. 8, sending volunteers out from the Oregon Nurses Association office in Tualatin to canvass for Governor Kate Brown and House candidate Rachel Prusak. Visit orafclio.org/take-action or facebook.com/pg/OregonAFLCIO/events to join other union members knocking doors or to find out about upcoming canvasses around the state.

BALLOT MEASURES

Measure 102

SUPPORT This constitutional amendment would make public investments in affordable go farther by allowing local governments to partner with non-profit and private housing providers when spending public bond proceeds. Oregon legislators voted almost unanimously to refer this constitutional amendment to voters. AFL-CIO, OBTC, AFSCME 88, 189, 328, AFT, IBEW 48, IAFF 43, OEA, OSEA, PAT, SEIU 49, 503, UBC, UFCW, WFP YesForAffordableHousing.com

Measure 103

OPPOSE This measure, bankrolled by giant grocery chains, would amend the Oregon Constitution to bar any taxes on food or soda — and exempt the grocery industry from any future increases in the state's minimum corporate income tax. Bear in mind there is no current tax on groceries, and no one is proposing one. Grocery union UFCW is not in favor; in fact, defeating Measure 103 is one of its top priorities this year. AFL-CIO, AAUP, AFSCME, AFT, OEA, ONA, OSEA, SEIU 49, 503, WFP NoOn103.org

Measure 104

OPPOSE This constitutional amendment is the latest in a long line of efforts to undermine majority rule and hamstringing the ability of Oregon's elected representatives to fund schools and public services. A 1996 ballot measure (which itself passed by 55 percent in a low-turnout primary) currently requires a 60 percent (three-fifths) supermajority vote in the legislature to raise taxes of any sort. Measure 104 would make it so that lawmakers would also need that same hard-to-obtain three-fifths supermajority to repeal or reform tax breaks. If it passes, it will make it harder for the legislature to reverse special

interest tax loopholes that were a bad idea to begin with. AFL-CIO, AAUP, AFSCME, AFT, IAFF, OEA, ONA, OSEA, SEIU 49, 503, WFP NoOn104.org

Measure 105

OPPOSE This measure would repeal a 1987 state law that bars state and local law enforcement agencies from apprehending people SOLELY on suspicion that they may have violated federal immigration law. Back then, the law passed overwhelmingly, with support from both parties, in response to racial profiling by police, like a case in which Polk County sheriffs demanded that a U.S. citizen of Mexican descent prove he was in the United States legally. Under the law, local police are still arresting immigrants if they commit crimes. But Oregonians can't be stopped, detained or interrogated just because someone thinks they might be an undocumented immigrant. AFL-CIO, OBTC, AFSCME, AFT, IBEW 48, ILWU 5, IUPAT, IW, LiUNA, OEA, ONA, OSEA, SEIU 49, 503, UBC, UFCW, WFP ORunited.org

Measure 106

OPPOSE This constitutional amendment prohibits public funds from being spent on abortions in Oregon, except when medically necessary or required by federal law. It would impact two groups of Oregonians in particular: the 271,833 low-income women of reproductive age who are enrolled in the Medicaid-funded Oregon Health Plan, and the 77,344 women of reproductive age who get insurance through the Public Employees' Benefit Board (PEBB) and Oregon Educators Benefits Board (OEBB). For the majority of PEBB and OEBB enrollees who are union members, those are benefits they bargained for. AFL-CIO, AFSCME, AFT, IAFF, ONA, OSEA, PAT, SEIU 49, 503, UFCW, WFP NoCutsToCare.com

OREGON SENATE

Senate District 1 (Roseburg)

Dallas Heard, incumbent Republican OBTC

Shannon Souza, Democrat OBTC, IBEW 932, OSEA, SEIU 503, 49, WFP electshannonsouza.org

Senate District 3 (Medford)

Jeff Golden, manager for Medford's public television station, faces Republican businesswoman Jessica Gomez AAUP, AFSCME, IBT, OEA, OSEA, SEIU, SMART, WFP GoldenForSenate.com

Senate District 4 (Eugene)

Floyd Prozanski, incumbent Democrat. AFL-CIO, AFSCME, AFT, ATU 757, IAFF, ONA, OSEA, SEIU 49, UA 290, UFCW Floyd4Senate.com

Senate District 6 (Springfield)

Lee Beyer, incumbent Democrat. AFL-CIO, OBTC, AFSCME, AFT, OEA, ONA, SEIU, UA 290, UFCW VoteLeeBeyer.com

Senate District 8 (Corvallis)

Sara Gelsler, incumbent Democrat. AFL-CIO, OBTC, AFSCME, AFT, IAFF, IBEW 48, IBT, IUOE 701, OEA, ONA, OSEA, SEIU 49, 503, SMART, UBC, UFCW, USW SaraGelsler.com

Senate District 10 (Salem)

Deb Patterson, a Congregational minister and home care provider represented by SEIU Local 503, is an Oregon Labor Candidate School graduate who is challenging longtime incumbent Republican Jackie Winters. AAUP, AFSCME, AFT, IBT, OEA, OSEA, SEIU 49, 503, WFP DebPattersonOR.org

Senate District 11 (Salem)

Peter Courtney, incumbent Democrat and Senate President, faces a challenge from Republican Greg Warnock. AFL-CIO, OBTC, AFSCME, AFT, OEA, SEIU, UA 290, UFCW VotePeterCourtney.com

Senate District 13 (Keizer)

Sarah Grider, an educational assistant at Newberg School District, is president of OSEA Local 17 at Newberg High School. She's challenging Republican incumbent Kim Thatcher. Grider lost the Democratic primary to Willamette law professor Paul Diller, but then he dropped out of the race, and she was named his replacement in a party nominating convention. AFL-CIO, AFT, OSEA, PCCFAP/PCCFCE, SEIU 49, WFP SaraGrider.org

Senate District 15 (Hillsboro)

Chuck Riley, incumbent Democrat. AFL-CIO, AAUP, AFSCME, AFT, IAFF 1660, IBEW 48, IBT, OEA, ONA, OSEA, SEIU 49, UFCW, WFP ChuckRiley.org

Senate District 19 (Tualatin)

Rob Wagner, incumbent Democrat, is a former lobbyist for AFT. AFL-CIO, OBTC, AFSCME, AFT, IBEW 48, OEA, ONA, OSEA, PCCFAP/PCCFCE, SEIU 49, 503, UFCW, USW RobWagnerForOregon.com

Senate District 20 (Canby)

Charles Gallia, a health policy researcher, is challenging incumbent Republican Alan Olsen. AFL-CIO, OBTC, AAUP, AFSCME, AFT, IBT, ILWU, Insulators, IW 29, OEA, ONA, OSEA, SEIU 49, 503, UFCW Gallia40oregon.com