



Endorsements

Support the candidates who will represent you and support you.

Northwest Oregon Labor Council

OREGON STATEWIDE: Governor: **Kate Brown**

STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES

SUPPORT: Measure 102: Constitutional amendment to make affordable housing bond dollars go farther by allowing local governments to partner with non-profit and private housing providers.

OPPOSE: Measure 103: Constitutional amendment that would allow a tax carve out for corporations that want to avoid paying their fair share. Blocks the ability of voters and local governments to make their own decisions about local issues and address public health crises.

OPPOSE: Measure 104: Constitutional amendment that would make it harder to eliminate tax loopholes or hold corporations and the wealthy accountable for paying their fair share.

OPPOSE: Measure 105: Constitutional amendment to repeal 30-year sanctuary state law.

OPPOSE: Measure 106: Constitutional amendment to prohibit public funds from being spent on abortions in Oregon, which could impact public employees and people on Medicaid.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY: Clerk: **Pamela White**

COLUMBIA COUNTY: Commissioner: Pos. 2: **Henry Heimuller**

CITY OF GLADSTONE: Mayor: **Tammy Stempel**

CITY OF GRESHAM

Councilor: Position 2: **Eddy Morales**

Councilor: Position 4: **Mario Palmero**

CITY OF HILLSBORO:

Commissioner, Ward 2, Position A: **Kyle Allen**

Commissioner, Ward 3, Position A: **Olivia Alcaire**

CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO: Councilor: **Emma Burke**

Councilor: **Jackie Manz** Councilor: **Daniel Nguyen**

METRO: Councilor, District 2: **Christine Lewis**

Support Measure 26-199: A regional bond to fund affordable housing for low-income families, seniors, veterans and people with disabilities.

CITY OF MILWAUKIE: Mayor: **Mark Gamba**

MULTNOMAH COUNTY: Auditor: **Jennifer McGuirk**

Circuit Court Judge, Pos. 30: **Ben Souede**

CITY OF PORTLAND:

Commissioner, Pos. 2: **Loretta Smith**

WASHINGTON COUNTY: Chair: **Kathryn Harrington**

Oregon Senate (Within Northwest Oregon Labor Council's jurisdiction)

Dist. 13: Sarah Grider; Dist. 15: Chuck Riley; Dist. 16: Betsy Johnson; Dist. 17: Elizabeth Steiner Hayward; Dist. 19: Rob Wagner; Dist. 20: Charles Gallia; Dist. 24: Shemia Fagan

Oregon House (Within Northwest Oregon Labor Council's jurisdiction)

Dist. 27: Sheri Malstrom; Dist. 28: Jeff Barker; Dist. 29: Susan McClain; Dist. 30: Janeen Sollman; Dist. 31: Brad Witt; Dist. 32: Tiffany Mitchell; Dist. 33: Mitch Greenlick; Dist. 34: Ken Helm; Dist. 35: Margaret Doherty; Dist. 36: Jennifer Williamson; Dist. 37: Rache Prusak; Dist. 38: Andrea Salinas; Dist. 40: Mark Meek; Dist. 41: Karin Power; Dist. 42: Rob Nosse; Dist. 44: Tina Kotek; Dist. 45: Barbara Smith Warner; Dist. 46: Alissa Keny-Guyner; Dist. 47: Diego Hernandez; Dist. 48: Jeff Reardon; Dist. 49: Chris Gorsek; Dist. 50: Carla Piluso; Dist. 51: Janelle Bynum; Dist. 52: Anna Williams

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POLITICS

Making sense of the ballot measures

By Don McIntosh

In the next three weeks, Oregonians will vote on whether to give giant grocery companies a special immunity from taxes, whether to make it harder for lawmakers to end wasteful tax loopholes, and whether to overturn a 30-year-old law that limits racial profiling. Washingtonians, meanwhile, will vote on whether to make the state a national clean energy leader, and whether to reform rules around police use of deadly force. For the following statewide ballot measures, unions are lined up on just one side.

OREGON MEASURES

YES: Measure 102, referred to voters by a near-unanimous legislature, has no opposition. It would stretch public investments in affordable housing farther by letting local governments partner with private housing providers when they spend bond money.

NO: Measure 103 is pitched as banning taxes on groceries, but Oregon has no taxes on groceries, nor any plans to add them. So what's it really about? Why did America's grocery and soda giants spend \$2.4 million on paid petitioners to get it on the ballot and another \$2.5 million since then to carpet-bomb Oregon with campaign ads? Two reasons. One, in other states, some

local jurisdictions have passed "sin" taxes on sugary drinks, which may prove to be a bigger killer than tobacco. Measure 103 would bar voters and elected leaders in Oregon from doing that. But that's not all. If the Oregon Legislature one day passes a business gross receipts tax – like the one the state of Washington has had for decades, or the one the union-backed Measure 97 tried to establish in 2016 – grocery companies would be exempt. In fact, the measure's critics say it's written so broadly it would exempt just the industry from a whole range of possible taxes.

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Questions for Kate Brown

Oregon Governor Kate Brown is up for re-election against a candidate backed by billionaire Phil Knight. I spoke with her about some of the issues that matter most to working people.

By Don McIntosh

If Bend Republican Knute Buehler had been Oregon's governor instead of Democrat Kate Brown, none of the landmark labor-backed legislation of the last four legislative sessions would be law today. No minimum wage increase. No workers' right to paid sick leave. No first-in-the-nation "fair scheduling" law. And



no transportation infrastructure investment package. As state rep, Buehler voted against every one of those things. But as governor, Brown signed them into law.

Now Buehler is running a campaign fueled by magical thinking: He says he wants to catapult Oregon schools into the

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WASHINGTON BALLOT

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