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MAY 1, 2020

May 19 Primary Election Endorsements of the NW Oregon Labor Council

CITY OF PORTLAND

Mayor: **TED WHEELER**

City Council, Position 1: **CARMEN RUBIO**

SUPPORT MEASURE 26-209 FIX OUR STREETS PORTLAND
10 cents per gallon gas tax to fund street repair, maintenance and safety projects

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Board of Commissioners:

Commissioner, District 1: **SHARON MEIERAN**

Commissioner, District 3: **JESSICA VEGA PEDERSON**

Commissioner, District 4: **LORI STEGMANN**

District Attorney: **MICHAEL SCHMIDT**

Circuit Court Judge: **RIMA GHANDOUR**

METRO COUNCIL

Councilor, District 6: **BOB STACEY**

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair: **JIM BERNARD**

Commissioner, Pos. 3: **MARTHA SCHRADER**

Commissioner, Pos. 4: **KEN HUMBERSTON**

LAKE OSWEGO

Mayor: **THERESA KOHLHOFF**

BEAVERTON CITY COUNCIL

Councilor, Position 3: **JOHN DUGGER**

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Commissioner, District 1: **NAFISA FAI**

COLUMBIA COUNTY

Commissioner, Position 1: **MARGARET MAGRUDER**

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPPORT MEASURE 26-208 BOND RENEWAL

Authorizing the district to issue \$65 million in bonds for school security and facility improvements and receive a \$7.49 million state matching grant. The measure would not increase current tax rates due to the expiration of existing debt.

NOLC RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE OREGON AFL-CIO

ATTORNEY GENERAL: ELLEN ROSENBLUM; **TREASURER:** TOBIAS READ

OREGON HOUSE: HD 28: WINSVEY CAMPOS; HD 35: DACIA GRAYBER;
HD 36: LAURIE WIMMER; HD 50: RICKI RUIZ

OREGON SENATE: SD 25: CHRIS GORSEK

**Ballots must be submitted by
8 p.m. on May 19, 2020**

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Postal Workers mourn colleagues, seek stimulus



Postal workers gathered April 28 to mourn their brothers and sisters who died on the job—and to demand that Congress include USPS in the next stimulus package. Nationwide, 45 postal workers have died of COVID-19, 1,800 are confirmed with the disease, and 9,000 are in quarantine. Mail volume has dropped more than 30% and USPS could be insolvent by September. The Postal Board of Governors has called on Congress to appropriate \$25 billion to sustain the service, but the Trump Administration is opposed. At the mic (left) is Joe Cogan, president of American Postal Workers Union Local 128.

After four years, Nabisco bakers get contract

Contract dispute ends as Mondelez-Nabisco struggles to keep workers on the job in crisis

By Don McIntosh

A four-year union battle with the maker of Oreos and Ritz crackers ended April 14 with a new national union contract that contains significant union concessions. The deal came five days after an unofficial walkout at the Portland snack factory—amid mounting absenteeism around the country due to the coronavirus pandemic.

To reach agreement on the new union contract, the Bakery, Confectionery, Tobacco and Grain Millers (BCTGM) union appears to have given up for now trying to keep Mondelez in the union-sponsored pension, which was the biggest sticking point since contract bargaining began in February 2016. Mondelez—created in 2012 as an independent spinoff of Kraft-Nabisco's global snack division—said it was pulling out because the pension is projected to run out of money by



Members of Portland's Bakers Local 364 picketed outside the Northwest Portland home of a Mondelez board member July 21, 2018—to oppose the company's withdrawal from the union pension.

2030. Over union objections, Mondelez halted contributions to the pension on May 23, 2018, and instead started contributing 26 cents to \$4.73 per hour to a 401(k)-style retirement savings plan, with older workers getting the larger contributions. Mondelez also retroactively raised wages 2.25% per year.

For most of the last four years, the two sides have been in a

strange kind of limbo: Almost no negotiations took place, and the union continued to represent workers under the terms of an expired union contract, but workers never struck, and the company never locked them out.

But by late March 2020, Mondelez was having trouble keeping workers in the bakeries,

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OREGON'S MAY 19 ELECTION**

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