

Schrader gets an EARFUL

UNION MEMBERS CALL ON THE CONGRESSMAN TO SUPPORT THE PRO ACT.

Dozens of union members held an informational picket March 8 at U.S. Rep. Kurt Schrader's district office in downtown Oregon City to urge him to support the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act and a coronavirus relief bill—the American Rescue Plan. Schrader was one of only two Democrats to vote against the initial House version of the \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief bill, which passed last month.

In the crowd were more than two dozen Oregon Women Labor Leaders (OWLL) dressed in Rosie the Riveter outfits. They danced in the street in front of Schrader's office chanting "No good reason to vote no. If Kurt does, he's got to go!" and "Working women are watching!"

The following day, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the PRO Act by 225-206, and the American Rescue Plan by 220-211. Schrader voted in favor of both bills, along with all of Oregon's Democratic delegation. The PRO Act bill, H.R. 2474, now goes to the Senate, where it faces an uphill battle.

"As the gap between the rich and everyone else widens, we need to find solutions to increase workers' prosperity," said Oregon AFL-CIO President Graham Trainor. "That's why the PRO Act is so important: it gives working people better tools to fight for better wages, benefits and working conditions."



In Memoriam

CLARENCE C. NOON: Sept. 26, 1939 - Feb. 25, 2021

Clarence Noon a former business rep for the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council 55 and later Council 5, passed away Feb. 25 in Keizer, Oregon. He was 81.



Clarence Noon

Noon held a degree in physics and was a math teacher before going into commercial painting and joining Salem-based Painters and Tapers Local 724 (which has since merged into Painters Local 10). He was president of the local and was hired as a business rep by the District Council. He served in that capacity until retiring in 2001 at age 62.

CLARENCE CLYDE NOON was born Sept. 26, 1939 in Alliance, Nebraska. After graduating from Hemmingford High School in 1957, he joined the Navy and held the rank of Electricians Mate 1st Class.

Noon married Bonnie (Riggs) on Aug. 26, 1962. They had two children.

He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in physics with a minor in mathematics from Chadron State College in Nebraska, graduating in 1967. The following year he

moved his family to Otter Rock, Oregon, where he taught math at nearby Newport Jr. High School.

He initiated into the Painters Union in 1974, dropped out in 1984, and rejoined in 1989.

He was a resident of Monmouth, Oregon at the time of his death.

Noon is survived by his wife; a daughter, Sherry Lines; a son, Jerry; three grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Visitation was held on March 13. Private family services will be held.

PEOPLE

New labor representation on Appentice Council

Laborers Local 737 political and legislative assistant **Danielle Garza** will join several other union representatives as a member of the Oregon Apprenticeship and Training Council (OS-ATC). Appointed by Oregon Kate Brown Feb. 2 to a four-year term, she was confirmed by the Oregon Senate on March 4. OSATC—Chaired by Oregon Labor Commissioner Val Hoyle— is re-



Danielle Garza

sponsible for approving new apprenticeship programs, advising the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries on apprenticeship policy, and making decisions about individual apprentices' registration, discipline, and placement. Garza, who has a background in human resources management, has worked for Local 737 since January 2020. Garza said her priority on OS-ATC will be to foster apprentice opportunities for women and people of color.

Union leader vies to succeed state rep Diego Hernandez

Effective March 15, there's a vacancy in Oregon House District 47 in outer east Portland, following the resignation of state representative Diego Hernandez in the wake of sexual harassment allegations. Multnomah County commissioners will choose this month who to appoint from among three contenders recommended by Democratic precinct committee persons in the district. In order of preference, they are Andrea Valderrama, **Adrienne Enghouse**, and Robin Castro.

Enghouse, a nurse at Kaiser Permanente, is former president of Oregon Nurses and Health Professionals (OFNHP) and a graduate of the Oregon Labor Candidates School. Valderrama, policy director for ACLU of Oregon, last year filed a restraining order against Hernandez for violent and threatening behavior. Castro is an environmental scientist and ran for Portland City Council in 2020.

Another unionist, SEIU Local 503 steward and East County Rising board member Cayle Tern, also sought appointment but didn't make the top three.

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