



A UNION GUIDE TO THE 2021 PRIMARY ELECTION FOR SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

Washington's 2021 primary will help determine who holds local public office, including city councils and school districts. Last month the **Southwest Washington Central Labor Council** convened a Political Action Committee, which interviewed 17 candidates seeking the endorsement of the local labor movement. The commit-

tee voted to endorse eight of them, recommendations that were approved July 7 at the monthly delegates meeting. Ballots are being mailed out July 16 and must be postmarked by Aug. 3. For each office, the top two vote-getters in the primary will face each other in November.

CITIES

BATTLE GROUND

City Council, Position 4

Adrian Cortes is the current mayor and before that served on city council for the district.

VANCOUVER

Mayor

Anne McEnery-Ogle, incumbent, faces two challengers. AnneOgle.com

City Council, Position 1

John Blom is in a four-way race. JohnBlom.com

City Council, Position 2

Eric Paulsen, incumbent, faces two challengers. ep4cc.com

City Council, Position 3

Diana Perez is running in a three-way race.

SCHOOL BOARDS

CAMAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Position 1

Corey McEnry, incumbent, is a teacher and band director for Hockinson High School, and has served as union vice president with Hockinson Education Association. ElectCoreyMcEnry.com

VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Position 2

Sandra Zavala-Ortega, incumbent, faces three challengers ElectSandraZavala.com

Position 3

Wendy Smith, incumbent, faces four challengers

COVID close call

Scott Zadow, hospitalized with the virus, says COVID is no joke.

His daughter brought it home from softball practice. At first it felt like allergies. Then it was a cough, worsening through the night. By day three, IBEW Local 48 rep Scott Zadow says he'd never felt so sick in his life. His wife Brandi monitored his oxygen levels, and called 911 when they dropped to 66%. Zadow went by ambulance to the emergency room April 1, and stayed at Kaiser Sunnyside 11 days.

"It was scary," Zadow says. "The first couple days in the hospital I didn't think I was getting out of there."

Zadow, who just turned 44, says besides being a big dude he doesn't have any underlying conditions. The rest of his family got it, but had only minor or



When Scott Zadow's blood oxygen levels plummeted, his wife Brandi called 911.

no symptoms. He's grateful to the union paramedics and nurses for saving his life and for emotional support as he recovered. Since release, he's been sharing his story with union members.

"Trying to explain how sick I was is really hard. It was like having something in your body that's sucking every ounce of energy."

Union COVID vaccine events

Northwest Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO (NOLC) is partnering with the Professional Business Development Group (PBDG) to host several free COVID vaccination clinics, funded by the Oregon Health Authority. Pharmacy professionals from Albertsons/Safeway will administer the first of two Pfizer

"Getting as many people vaccinated as possible helps make our workplaces and our families safer," said NOLC Executive Secretary-Treasurer Bob Tackett in the announcement.

PBDG is a trade association representing minority and women contractors and others within the construction industry.



- **When/Where:** **July 17** at the Tualatin High School parking lot, 22300 SW Boones Ferry Rd, Tualatin; and **July 24** at Laborers 737 Training Center, 17230 NE Sacramento St., Portland
- **Cost:** Free
- **Register for a shot or to volunteer:** pbdgweb.com/covid-19-resources

Emergency heat rules in OR/WA

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slowed, and the finish line was moved to September 2021.

But when a historic heat wave broke temperature records three days in a row June 26-28, Brown decided workers had waited long enough, and ordered Oregon OSHA July 6 to issue a temporary rule by the end of the week.

"I am concerned that our recent record-breaking heat wave in the Willamette Valley is a harbinger of what's to

come," Brown said in a press statement on the order.

Excessive heat on the job isn't a new issue. In the last two decades over 900 workers' compensation claims have been filed over illnesses brought on by excessive heat, but 85% of the claims have been denied. With the climate warming, heat exposure is becoming a more serious threat to workers.

Oregon OSHA is still working on its permanent rule, which should be finalized by September.

YOUR RIGHTS UNDER WASHINGTON'S RULE

Washington's rule uses simple temperature, not heat index.

Over 89°, your employer must:

- Provide cool drinking water
- Encourage workers to take additional paid cool-down rest to protect from overheating

Over 100°, your employer must:

- Provide shade or another sufficient means for employees to cool down
- Provide a cool-down rest period in the shade of 10 minutes for every two hours of work

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