

## US SENATE DISTRICT #30, OREGON

### Carina Miller



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Carina Miller lives on Warm Springs Indian Reservation, where she raises her son. She graduated from Madras High School in 2005 and went on to get a B.S. in Ethnic Studies from the University of Oregon. Her passions include grassroots organizing, activism, volunteering and being steward of the land.

**How does your previous experience help qualify you for this position?**

Carina serves as a Columbia Gorge Commissioner, Co-Chair of the Energy Committee for the ATNI, Chair of the Native American caucus for the DPO and as member of the Board of Directors for ACLU Oregon. Previously, she served on the 27th Tribal Council for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

**Tell us why you are running for this office and list your top three concerns.**

Carina chose to run for office so voices like hers can be heard across the state. In Oregon there has never been an Oregon Tribal member elected to the legislature. She served on Tribal Council for a federally recognized sovereign nation and worked on local, state, and federal levels in multiple areas. Her lived and professional experiences make her uniquely qualified to represent this district. There are a lot of things left on the table that could greatly improve every community in Oregon Senate district 30. Carina's top three concerns include the environment/water, education and social justice.

**How should the Oregon Legislature**

**respond to concerns over the climate crisis?**

Pass policy that creates a more sustainable economy using the just transition framework. In our state we have experts on climate change and we need to be utilizing their knowledge to help us solve this crisis. While also being mindful of those who will be most impacted, we need to hear their perspectives as well. When we work as one rather than against each other, we can make our state more sustainable for generations to come.

**Please describe a specific piece of legislation you would sponsor or support in the next session.**

Carina would support taking bold action on climate change while also being mindful of those who are being most impacted by these decisions.

**Please give one specific suggestion you have for helping Oregon achieve stable education funding.**

Tax large corporations. Our children, youth and aspiring college students deserve to have the education they need and want. We need to be demanding more funds from large corporations throughout Oregon to help with these costs.

**What is your opinion on the practice of members of a political party walking out during a Legislative session?**

It is unacceptable for any elected official to do this and this is why I am running to be your next State Senator.

### Lynn Findley (incumbent)



Sen. Lynn Findley

I'm Lynn Findley, I serve as our Senator for Senate District 30 and previously as State Rep. for House District 60. I have lived in Eastern Oregon for all of my life. I worked in land and fire management and city planning for 30-plus years prior to joining the Legislature.

**How does your previous experience help qualify you for this position?**

I have a long track record of fighting issues in the government on behalf of the communities and people I represent. My experiences as a legislator for three years, in city management and various commissions, and legislative committees have molded me to be an excellent listener and advocate.

**Tell us why you are running for this office and list your top three concerns.**

I am running for this office to continue fighting for those in my community. Often times, Salem is out of touch with our needs here in rural Oregon. As an Eastern Oregonian all my life, I have seen first-hand the unique challenges we face. Continuing to serve as our state senator would allow me to be a voice for citizens that trust me to represent them and their interests. My biggest priorities are being an advocate for our agricultural community and natural resources, fighting for lower taxes and smarter spending, and removing barriers to economic development in our communities.

**Please describe a specific piece legislation you would sponsor or support in the**

**next session.**

The two pressing issues I will address in the 2021 legislative session are introducing an Estate Tax Exemption and Land Use Relief for development.

**Please give one specific suggestion you have for helping Oregon achieve stable education funding.**

It's important to understand we can't treat education as a one-size-fits all approach. In order to achieve stable education funding, we need to reduce the PERS burden, and balance the budget earlier so our districts can plan. Money needs to go to classroom, not exorbitant retirement plans.

**What is your opinion on the practice of members of a political party walking out during a Legislative session?**

If my colleagues will not allow for a fair process in the building, then I will represent my constituents from outside the building.

**How should the Oregon Legislature respond to concerns over the climate crisis?**

The most immediate way to tackle climate change is to ensure we have a healthy landscape and responsible, sustainable practices when it comes to natural resources. We need proper forest management, active fuels mitigation and an aggressive fire suppression program. In eastern Oregon, we successfully employ noxious weed management, sustainable grazing and aggressive fire suppression. Carbon sequestration from having a healthy landscape will reduce our carbon output by over 50 percent, when coupled with the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, our total carbon emission will be nearly imperceptible. We must support Oregon's agricultural and natural resources with smarter, stronger policy.

## KLICKITAT COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #3

### Jim Sizemore



Jim Sizemore

I've been an active part of the community since I moved here 43 years ago. I've been involved in Goldendale Jaycee's, Natural Resources Advisory Board, Board of Equalization, Fair Board, I've been a volunteer firefighter. I'm honored to have served as your commissioner for the past eight years.

**How does your previous experience help qualify you for this Legislative role?**

I have a lot of leadership experience in the county. These experiences have given me a lot of knowledge about many parts of our county; what needs to be done and what I can do to help. I work hard to represent everyone who lives in Klickitat County.

**Tell us why you are running for this office and list your top three concerns.**

The people who live in Klickitat County need a Board of Commissioners that have experience in the budgeting process and the internal working of county government. My priority is to use my experience as we work through a pandemic and a recession. Another pressing priority is to help our county residents and natural areas be more fire resistant as mother nature and weather changes. Another priority is I'd like to put more emphasis on mental health, with a

focus on bringing qualified professional help to those that need it.

**What role do you believe the Washington State Legislature has in responding to concerns over the climate crisis?**

I believe government has a role in not only responding to the climate crisis but also to be a part of the solution. Klickitat County is a leader in Washington State for renewable energy. I have and continue to encourage and support wind, solar, and pump storage projects. I have always believed in science-based management practices of natural resources. The management of our public lands in Klickitat County need rethinking and I want to be a part of updating public land management to better reflect a more resilient landscape to extreme weather conditions brought about by the change in climate.

We need childcare. I would support any legislation that could help us bring quality and affordable childcare to our rural county.

Klickitat County is now in Phase 2. The best immediate help for small business is for the county to move to Phase 3. I would suggest that business owners make a public ask that everyone wear a mask, social distance, and respect the number of people that can gather.

**Do you support the Port of Hood River's efforts to replace the Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge? Why or why not?**

I support this 100 percent. The bridge is vital to our economy. It will be a bi-state effort and I want to help get it done.

### Dan Christopher



Dan Christopher

My wife and I live in Centerville. I graduated from Mt. Hood Community College. I have been a successful business owner for the last 20 years. I also volunteer with many organizations in our community, because I want to make a difference in peoples' lives.

**How does your previous experience help qualify you for this Commissioner role?**

I have been making presentations before State representatives; State Policy Commissions and County Commissions for over 25 years. I have been in our Klickitat County Commissioner meetings weekly for years. The voters of District 3 chose me almost 2-1 over my opponent in the primary election, because they trust me.

**Tell us why you are running for this office and list your top three concerns.**

I am running, because our people need help now! Our current leadership is turning District 3 into communities of poverty and despair, while making their special interest campaign donors rich.

We need Transparency. I am in all the public meetings. We need to end the behind closed door meetings and deals that only benefit the wealthy campaign donors.

Support our at-risk youth. Currently the Commissioners only allot \$24,000 on our at-risk youth.

Growth management/development strategies that protect our critical environmental areas. Right now I believe our current commission looks at environmental and habitat concerns more like speed bumps.

**What role do you believe local governments have in responding to concerns over the climate crisis?**

Growth, or growth management and its relationship to wildfire, smoke and public safety. We have already started seeing the rush of people fleeing the big cities for the fresh air and clear waters here. While growth can be good for your economy, I believe we need a balanced growth policy to make sure we don't end up with land development issues like they did with the Paradise Hills complex fire in California in 2018. When you put large developments, in a rural treed areas like the White Salmon River, with small volunteer fire departments you are asking for wildfire problems

**Please describe a specific piece of legislation you would sponsor or support in the next session.**

Transparency. Video conferencing all meetings to the public. You will never have a government that serves it's people until all meetings are held in public.

**Give one specific suggestion you have for helping small businesses recover from the economic effects of the coronavirus pandemic.**

I believe we need new, younger, fresher ideas to increase our county's tourism. Create a tourism citizens advisory board to help increase our county tourism.

**Do you support the Port of Hood River's efforts to replace the Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge? Why or why not?**

Yes. But I also think Klickitat county and especially White Salmon should have an equal voice on that bridge building commission where currently it doesn't.

## US SENATE DISTRICT #3, WASHINGTON

### Jaime Herrera Beutler



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I'm Jaime Herrera Beutler and I grew up in Southwest Washington. Serving our region's families and communities is my mission. Of

Washington's 12 members of Congress, I've been ranked "most effective" for championing legislation to protect jobs, make health care affordable, and preserve our way of life.

**How does your previous experience help qualify you for this U.S. Legislator role?**

Since taking office, I've worked with Republicans and Democrats to get things done. From securing funding for the Dallesport Regional Airport expansion and Hood River Bridge replacement, to getting legislation signed

into law to manage sea lions destroying our salmon, I've worked hard to deliver for our community.

**Tell us why you are running for this office and list your top three concerns.**

One: We have to protect jobs and small businesses. Prior to the pandemic we had record low unemployment, and growing wages. I'll support lower taxes, small business relief and other actions to get us there.

Two: Let's make health care more accessible and affordable. I'm supporting solutions to lower prescription drug costs and protect coverage for preexisting conditions.

Three: We need to better manage our forests. With thinning, responsible harvests and maintenance we can make them more resilient to the wildfires that destroyed homes and threatened our health. And it will support jobs in our rural communities, too.

**What role do you believe the federal government has in responding to concerns over the climate crisis?**

Congress should act to reduce harmful emissions and harness innovation for a cleaner future. I support the Use It Act to foster carbon capture technology and the BEST Act to strengthen renewable energy storage. Forest management to control wildfires will prevent millions of tons of heat-trapping carbon from being released. But we should be leery of public discourse that shames people about climate change; I favor offering positive actions to combat it. And I vehemently oppose carbon taxes that big companies would simply pass on to families, making it more expensive to power their homes

and small businesses.

**Please describe a specific piece of legislation you would sponsor or support in the next session.**

I'll keep pushing for my Safe and Affordable Drugs from Canada Act, allowing folks to pay on average one-third the cost of their current prescriptions.

**Give one specific suggestion you have for helping small businesses recover from the economic effects of the coronavirus pandemic.**

We must extend the Paycheck Protection Program I helped create that's preserved 9,500 small businesses and 95,000 jobs in Southwest Washington alone. Until we have

emerged from this crisis, we must do everything possible to help our favorite main street businesses — and the jobs they support — from permanently shuttering.

**Do you support the Port of Hood River's efforts to replace the Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge?**

**Why or why not?**

It's vital, which is why I fought to secure a \$5 million grant to begin the replacement process. This project has my full support.

Beutler's opponent, Carolyn Long, did not respond to the Columbia Gorge News questionnaire. Information is available on her website.

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