

effective representative for his constituents from day one. Should she win, Koops (28) would be the youngest woman ever elected to the Oregon House — an institution that needs more women, of any age, to join its ranks. Though she'll need toughening up, our bet is she'll be a quick study.

We'd be happy to see either one of these two candidates win the primary.

EW generally doesn't endorse in Republican primaries, but in the case of Joshua Powell v. Mark Herbert, it's really helpful to know that Powell regularly posts racist and anti-Semitic statements on social media and the Republican Party does not back him as a candidate.



County Commission

WEST COMMISSIONER, POSITION 1
JAY BOZIEVICH V. **NORA KENT** V.
BEVERLY HILLS

LEAN LEFT

There are two things that crack us up about this race. First that it's "nonpartisan," which means technically it's not about the political parties. And second, someone named Beverly Hills is running and will probably get some votes on the name alone.

But we say vote for Nora Kent.

Partisan or not, incumbent Jay Bozievich is a heavy part of the Lane County Commission's lean to the right. We don't mind that he's prickly and quick to take offense (he's probably got a Google alert for his name, is reading this right now and feeling annoyed, and is getting ready to send us an email); we mind that the best we can say of him is that he's been less polarizing than he's been in the

past — at least we haven't seen him taking photos of other commissioners and mocking them on Facebook lately. And we mind that his votes reflect a mindset that favors mining and logging over the environment. And we mind that back in 2015, you know, a couple mass shootings ago, he voted in favor of the resolution saying the county was "unable to expend any county resources for the implementation" of Oregon's new gun background check law.

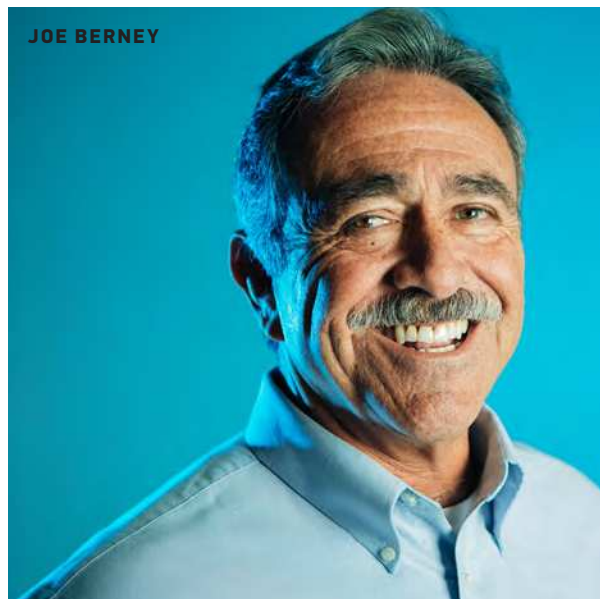
The West Lane Commissioner District is a mix of progressives and more middle-of-the-road and right-wing voters. Kent herself is from Deadwood, known as a progressive Coast Range enclave. She's new to politics, though not to public service as she points to her work at Lane Community College and volunteer efforts with her school district's PTA. Four years ago, Dawn Lesley gave Boz a run for his money. Hopefully this year, Kent can build on that and shake things up.

SPRINGFIELD COMMISSIONER, POSITION 2
SID LEIKEN V. **JOE BERNEY**

FEEL THE BERNEY

Lane County has a chance to reinvent itself from timber country into a forerunner of America's green future with Joe Berney. It all boils down to someone with a proven past in sustainable, renewable development who can give the county a boost into establishing sustainable work, against someone (current Springfield Commissioner Sid Leiken) whose partners represent business as usual in Lane County — timber and resource extraction.

In addition, Berney has a proven history as a social justice advocate. He served as assistant director of Community Services Administration during the Carter administration, worked with Teamsters and United Farm



Workers in Central Coast California and organized "Networking for Youth." His commitment to social justice showed when Grupo de Latino Acción Directa invited both Berney and Leiken to meet with Latinx voters in Springfield. Of course, only Berney showed up.

But, there's more to Berney than just his commitment to social justice. He says he has a Rolodex of previous partners with whom he's done green business and, since he knows what sort of incentives they like, he can attract them to Lane County. And, if his business' success is any indication of his ability to coordinate and make green development happen, Lane County could see itself in a more sustainable place in four years. At the very least, electing Berney will be a breath of fresh air Lane County desperately needs.



EAST COMMISSIONER, POSITION 5
HEATHER BUCH V. **KEVIN MATTHEWS** V.
GARY WILLIAMS V. FRANK KING V.
JAMES BARBER V. TIM LAUE

GO EAST, YOUNG VOTER

Voters in east Lane County have two great candidates in a field of many to support in unseating current East Commissioner Gary Williams. In the race against Williams — who is new on the board, since the right-leaning Board of Commissioners appointed him in early 2017 — we at EW believe east Lane County couldn't go wrong in supporting either Kevin Matthews or Heather Buch.

This isn't the first time Kevin Matthews has run for the east Lane County commissioner position. In 2014, he finished second to Faye Stewart. Since he's no stranger to the commissioner campaign, Matthews speaks with

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