

Voter Guide to District Elections

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For Dist. Dir.

Kei Quitevis

AFS, Local 461
Qualifications: Current Asst. Director; Gen. Council Delegate; Chapt. Pres. and Sec.-Treas.; BURC member; member OPEU Staff Screening and Employe Relations Committees.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "It is evident that union rights will be the big issue in the contract negotiations and it will be the responsibility of every member to enforce and protect those rights. I believe every member must become actively involved in union activities. Some will have particular areas of interest and that is good, but some of us have to oversee the union as a whole and that is what I see as the role of the Board of Directors."

Steve Teters

Health Div., Local 333
Qualifications: Chapt. Pres.; BURC Chairperson; Gen. Council Delegate; DHR Coalition Bargaining Table member; DHR Coalition representative to Central Bargaining Table.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "I feel I can add a great deal to the leadership of Dist. 1 and the Board of Directors."

John Clapp

ODOT, Local 137
Qualifications: None listed.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "To bring collective bargaining issues and collective bargaining contracts to focus in Dist. 1."

Gerry Altman

ODOT, Local 137
Qualifications: Gen. Council Delegate, Chapt. Pres.; BURC member; ODOT Coalition Bargaining Table member.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "Moving on up the line."

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Everett Haines

ODOT, Local 137
Qualifications: OPEU/OSEA member for 12 years, BURC member.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "To increase membership participation and for more effective bargaining."

Michael S. Howard

AFS, Local not provided
Qualifications: Chapt. V.P.; Gen. Council Alt. Delegate; Edit. Chapt. newsletter; Dist. representative to Metro Portland Plant Closure Organizing Committee.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "I think I am beginning to understand District issues enough to be of service in this capacity. I am especially interested in improving communications within the District so that the average member will have an idea of what the District and Board of Directors are doing."

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For Dist. Dir.

Steven Green

ODOT, Local 730
Qualifications: Current Director; Asst. Director; OPEU Employe Representation Committee Chairperson; OPEU Affiliation Steering Committee member; Chapt. and BURC officer.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "During the past year our union has laid a solid foundation upon which to build by affiliating with the Service Employees Union, by reorganizing along bargaining unit lines and by creating a structure for state employe bargaining that provides for larger membership participation. I have played a part in all these actions as Dist. 2 Director."

John W. Havery

Education, Local 581
Qualifications: Pres. Local 581.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "I wish to contribute my expertise towards the improvement of our union. I believe that I can do this effectively."

Kelly Clemence Kathriner

DMV, Local 735
Qualifications: Current Director; Asst. Director; Chapt. Pres.; Gen. Council Delegate.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "I have a sincere desire to help keep our District organized and informed. I want to help run the business of our union in the best interest of all of our members."

Barbara Palmer

OSH, Local 392
Qualifications: Current Director; Asst. Director; CASE Chairperson; BURC member; Chapt. Pres. and Sec.-Treas.; OPEU/OSEA member for 12 years.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "I am pleased with the direction the union and this District are going and I would like to continue to help that progress. With the new statewide Locals, the District must play an even more important role in education of membership."

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JoAnn R. Bowker

AFS, Local 461
Qualifications: OPEU Union Operations Committee member; Chapt. officer.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "The best way to make use of the benefits of a union is to become a part of that union. I want a more active part of OPEU."

Alfred Bushey

CSD, Local 414
Qualifications: Chapt. Pres.; BURC Chairperson; OPEU Rules Committee member; DHR Coalition Bargaining Table member; Union Steward.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "I like being involved in the decision-making of life. I believe that things are worked for and not handed to you. I want to become more able to help work out problems in my work area."

Richard Myers

Ore. State Library
Qualifications: Special Agencies Coalition Bargaining Table member; Chapt. Pres. and V.P.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "I feel we need to improve some of the leadership to improve the union as a whole."

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For Dist. Dir.

Beckie Bragg

U of O, Local 085
Qualifications: Bargaining Table member; BURC Chairperson; Local Grievance Committee Chairperson; Union Steward; OPEU Employe Relations and Clerical Committees member.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "To bring leadership to the District and to help it in setting goals and following through."

Gerald (Gary) Elliott

OSU, Local 083
Qualifications: Current Asst. Director; Chapt. V.P.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "I would like to further the welfare of my fellow employes."

John T. Cuff III

Vet. Affairs, Local 274
Qualifications: Former Asst. Director; Chapt. V.P.; OPEU Employe Benefits and Nominations Committees Chairperson; Union Steward; BURC member.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "The District Director's job is a complex one. Historically, we have lacked the continuity of leadership in our sub-district, and also statewide. How can the District's interest be promoted if the internal operations of the Board are not understood? My activities for the past two years—plus have been in this area. This coming Gen. Council will be one of the most important in our history."

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Alan W. Brown

U of O, Local 085
Qualifications: Chapt. Pres.; District 3 Search and Education Committees Chairperson.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "I feel strongly that the District must establish itself as the regional representation group for members of statewide locals. The District must educate its members, actively recruit new members and promote better pay and working conditions for its members."

Mark S. Lifschutz

OSU, Local 083
Qualifications: B.A. (political science) U of O.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "I feel an abiding interest in strengthening the position of workers through working with the union. I feel there is a glaring need for members of the union to take part in—giving their time to—the governing of their workplace."

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For Dist. Dir.

Ruth C. Montgomery

Jackson County, Local 925
Qualifications: Current Director; Gen. Council Delegate, OPEU Clerical Committee member; Chapt. Secretary and 2nd V.P.; Local Negotiations and Grievance Committees; Dist. Const. and By-Laws Committee.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "I sincerely feel that through unionism, good faith bargaining and the strength of solidarity lie our only hope for the future of our jobs. Without decent working conditions and benefits, we have no future, or a bleak one at best. It is my desire to continue working for and with the members of this district towards attaining our goals and to fulfill the duties of this office to the best of my abilities."

Henry (Hank) Wilson

Highway, Local not provided
Qualifications: Current Asst. Director; Chapt. Pres. and V.P.; Gen. Council Delegate and Alt. Delegate; Highway BURC member.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "I feel I have worked hard for my Chapter and District and will continue to do so."

Theresa L. (Terri) Anderson

Jackson County, Local 497
Qualifications: Current Director; former Asst. Director; CASE member; Union Steward; J.C.E.A. Government Relations Committee.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "I feel that in this time of change within our union it is important to maintain some continuity in leadership. I believe that as one of those who took part in affiliation and reorganization, I am in a position to help stabilize the new structure of the union so that the changes can be made to meet the needs of the membership."

Edward A. Holtgrave Jr.

SOSC, Local 084
Qualifications: Chapt. V.P. and Pres.; Gen. Council Delegate and Alt. Delegate; Union Steward; SOSC BURC and Higher Ed. Coalition BURC Chairperson.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "In the best interest of District 4, we need to develop more unity between agencies, develop better communications between the Board and members in the field and the District Council. It is time to listen and to speak for membership at all levels and to follow through with what you say where it counts."

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Mary Ruth Wooding

SOSC, Local 084
Qualifications: Chapt. Pres. and V.P.; Gen. Council Delegate;

BURC member.

Why Candidate is Running for Office: "When S.B. 57 is implemented, the next few years will be critical for OPEU. I would like to contribute my time and effort taking part in the decision-making process and working amicably with others in the district."

Stephenie J. Helliga

PUC, Local 860
Qualifications: Special Agencies Coalition Bargaining Team member; Union Steward; Dist. Const. and By-Laws Committee Chairperson; BURC Chairperson; Gen. Council Delegate and Alt. Delegate.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "I believe the District will best be served by active leaders who are concerned about their fellow members."

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No applications were received by the May 1 deadline. See the District 5 Newsletter for information on candidates who have indicated a desire to run for District Director and Assistant District Director.

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For Dist. Dir.

Richard W. Fraser

ODOT, Local 734
Qualifications: Current Director; Asst. Director; Gen. Council Delegate.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "To continue the work I started last year and because I am concerned about what happens with membership on the coast."

For Asst. Dir.

Jane Goodenow

AFS, Local 665
Qualifications: Union Steward; BURC member; Chapt. Secretary; OPEU Clerical Committee member; Gen. Council Alt. Delegate; OPEU Employe Benefit Board member.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "I have a strong desire to do all I can to make working conditions and salaries better for all the public employes of Oregon. The best way to do this is to get involved."

Nina L. (Peanuts) Crites

State Parks, Local 65
Qualifications: Gen. Council Delegate; special representative for District Director.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "Public employes in Oregon are fortunate to actually have control of their union. I feel each person should take an active part in their union to ensure that it remains a union controlled by its membership."

Leota M. Harvey

Employment, Local 669
Qualifications: Current Asst. Director; Chapt. Pres.
Why Candidate is Running for Office: "I want to give equal representation to the employes of the Southern part of District 6."