

# Politics and your UNION



Kulongoski answers questions from members during a candidate forum.

**Union Endorses Ted Kulongoski for Governor of Oregon**

**In Ted Kulongoski, SEIU Local 503, OPEU has endorsed a candidate for Governor who is a strong advocate of organized labor and of OPEU's three biggest issues: quality public services, healthcare and PERS.**

Kulongoski was endorsed for Governor by the Oregon State Council of SEIU. In his every race for elective office in the past, he was endorsed by SEIU Local 503, OPEU when he was a candidate for the legislature, for attorney general, for state supreme court justice and in a previous race for Governor. He was also endorsed by the Oregon AFL-CIO, the Teamsters and nearly every central labor council in the state. As a legislative committee staff member, Kulongoski authored Oregon's Public Employee Collective Bargaining Act, championed it as a labor lawyer, a legislator, state agency head and elected statewide official.

"When there is a fair comparison," Kulongoski said, "public services provided by the public sector are a good value."

Kulongoski also said, "As Governor, I will lead (an effort to make) our tax system broader-based, more stable, progressive and adequate to meet the public service needs of Oregon's families and future."

Kulongoski would work to make healthcare more affordable and expand its coverage by addressing the rising cost of pharmaceuticals and explore ways to reduce the administrative and marketing costs in our health insurance system. He also supports a national healthcare strategy. He would work to expand the federal waivers for the Oregon Health Plan and cover children without insurance.

He recognizes the value of PERS in attracting and keeping valuable workers, who might otherwise go into the private sector.

For more information and to become active in Kulongoski's campaign for Governor of Oregon, contact your SEIU Local 503, OPEU field office or the Union's political office at the Salem Headquarters.

## U.S. Senate



### Bill Bradbury

As secretary of state, he has dealt with a contentious redistricting issue and survived all challenges. He is a strong advocate of ending punch card ballots and for a central voter registration file. He has been a strong defender of labor rights in his current position and in earlier public office.

## CAPE Early Endorsed Legislative Candidates, Primary Election 2002 (80%-100% voting record)

### Oregon Senate

#### Tony Corcoran SD 4 (Eugene & rural Lane)

Former SEIU Local 503, OPEU staff member with a 100% voting record in the 2001 session.

#### Joan Dukes SD 16 (Columbia & Clatsop)

A longtime SEIU 503 and labor supporter from the northwest corner of the state.

#### Peter Courtney SD 11 (Salem)

A champion of both labor issues and quality public services. Former party leader in the House who stands up for what he believes. A 100% 2001 voting record.

#### Frank Shields SD 24 (Portland)

A strong proponent of human services issues with a 100% SEIU 503 voting record. A minister who speaks up for the powerless and the poor.



Members reviewing map of Willamette Valley to go door-to-door in the Fall.

### Oregon House

#### Alan Bates HD 5 (Ashland)

A physician with an insider's perspective — and criticisms of the healthcare system and the need for reforms.

#### Phil Barnhart HD 11 (Eugene)

A candidate with a 100% SEIU Local 503, OPEU voting record in the 2001 session.

#### Robert Ackerman HD 13 (Eugene)

A leading critic of energy deregulation, as well as a strong labor supporter with a 92% SEIU Local 503, OPEU voting record.



District 2 candidate forum.

#### Elaine Hopson HD 32 (Tillamook)

An incumbent with an 82% voting record who fought for Oregon Youth Authority programs.

#### Mary Nolan HD 36 (SW Portland)

A longtime activist on progressive issues with a 92% voting record.

#### Carolyn Tomei HD 41 (Milwaukie)

A former mayor with a good grasp of local and state issues and a 91% voting record.

#### Diane Rosenbaum HD 42 (SE Portland)

One of the strongest advocates for progressive causes in the Oregon Legislature. A 100% SEIU Local 503 voting record.

#### Deborah Kafoury HD 43 (NE Portland)

Leader of her party in the House with strong Portland and Oregon roots. Skillful at mediating among different parts of her caucus. An 83% voting record.

#### Gary Hansen HD 44 (N Portland)

A union member and leader. Former county commissioner who is a strong defender of labor. A 92% voting record.

#### Jackie Dingfelder HD 45 (NE Portland)

Replaced JoAnn Bowman when she left the Legislature to run for county commissioner. Dingfelder has acquitted herself well in her first session and has been a vocal defender of union rights. She has made herself available to her constituents and earned our support. A 92% voting record.

#### Steve March HD 46 (NE Portland)

A county worker and a union member who has carried his belief in his coworkers into the Legislature. A 92% voting record.

#### Jeff Merkle HD 47 (NE Portland)

An effective voice for his district who has been active around environmental and neighborhood issues. His voting record (92%) has earned him our support.

#### Randy Leonard HD 48 (Portland)

A leader in the firefighters' union who is an outspoken proponent of issues in support of working families. He has stood up for us in fights against third tier PERS over multiple sessions.

#### Joanne Verger HD 09 (Coos Bay)

A relatively new legislator who has earned the respect of her colleagues and labor. Her 83% SEIU Local 503, OPEU voting record speaks well for her.

#### Kelley Wirth HD 16 (Corvallis)

In session and outside, she has worked tirelessly on behalf of SEIU Local 503, OPEU members at OSU and generally.

### Labor Commissioner



#### Dan Gardner

Leader of his party in the House who has fought hard and won funding for the Homecare Commission and supported homecare worker organizing and worker rights throughout his career.