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"I'm proudest of one fact: I am the author of more successful legislation than any legislator in Oregon history," Mannix said in an interview on Jan. 18. "And it's not because I'm a miracle worker, but my method was different. Identify a problem, sit down with some folks and discuss a compromise to the solution. And develop a solution that a broad range of people can support and say, this is a good thing."

One of the most influential, and controversial, bills that Mannix helped

pass was Measure 11. The law, passed in 1994, established minimum sentencing for violent crimes such as murder, assault, kidnapping and robbery.

Measure 11, which included life without parole sentencing for juveniles, has been criticized and softened by Oregon legislation in recent years, which Mannix admits is part of the reason he decided to run again.

"When people commit violent crimes, yes, we need to hold them accountable. And some of them need to be kept off the streets, especially for the most violent crimes," Mannix said. "But while we're holding people accountable and incarcerated, I'm the author of the constitutional amendment that empowered the state to provide good prison work to prison inmates."

Mannix wants to increase funding for rehabilitation programs in prisons, such as counseling and education, and reentry programs for when prisoners are released. He added that he wants to work on addressing underlying issues that can lead to increased crime.

"I will have a plan to take to the legislature to empower local communities, to



Navarro

clean up laws that may not have allowed officers to hold people accountable and to train and support teams of people to go out to encampments and find out what are their underlying issues and why aren't we addressing them," Mannix said.

Opposite Mannix, Navarro is once again seeking the Democratic nomination in the district. In 2020, Navarro ran against and lost to the longtime Republican incumbent Bill Post.

Navarro was born and raised in

Keizer and said that he believes he can represent the newly redrawn district even better than the old one.

"I really looked at the map and I saw that there's seven different veteran service organizations within the new House District 21," said Navarro, who is a veteran himself. "Demographically, we also have a larger population of the Latino community in House District 21 this time around, which is definitely one thing I was excited about."

Navarro's views on the Oregon

If we're sending people to prison to be held accountable, then we should give them the opportunity to understand why what they did was wrong.

— RAMIRO "RJ" NAVARRO JR.

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