

# Businessman Alley announces Republican bid for governor

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Capital Bureau

SALEM — Lake Oswego businessman Allen Alley announced Monday he is again making a bid for the Republican nomination for governor after a failed attempt in 2010.

Alley, 62, made the announcement on Twitter and in a message on his campaign website one day before the deadline to file for the May 17 primary.

"I'm running for governor because the political class in Salem has let us down," Alley said in a statement. "They've let the lobbyist foxes in the hen house. I want to reinvent state government so it serves us — not the special interests."

Specifically, the Legislature has increased spending without producing corresponding results, Alley said. The state yields a poor graduation rate and high reliance on food assistance, he said. Lawmakers also have wasted money on the failed health care exchange website, Cover Oregon, and the Interstate 5 bridge project, known as the Columbia River Crossing, he said.

He also criticized Gov. Kate Brown's lack of action to stop a ballot measure to increase the state tax on corporations, calling it a "sales tax."

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Before facing Brown, who is seeking to complete the term of former Gov. John Kitzhaber, Alley will contend with Salem oncologist Bud Pierce and at least three other Republicans in the May primary.

Jim Moore, political science professor at Pacific University, said Alley emerges as an immediate front-runner among the Republican candidates.

"Pierce may have money, but he's essentially been invisible to voters," Moore said. "The others are not running serious campaigns based on the amount of money they have raised and their low public profiles."

Alley, a technology investor and former CEO of Pixelworks, is a familiar face in Oregon politics. He served as deputy chief of staff in the administration of Gov. Ted Kulongoski, a Democrat. He sought the Republican nomination for governor in 2010

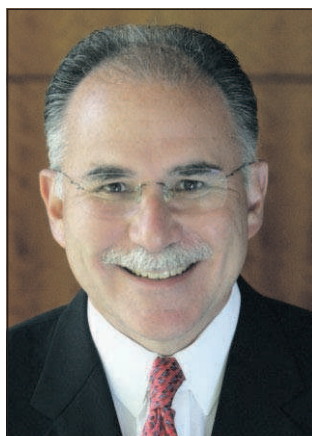
but lost to former NBA player Chris Dudley.

In 2008, Alley launched a successful bid for the Republican nomination for state treasurer in the primary and lost to Democrat Ben Westlund in the general election. He also is a former chairman of the Oregon Republican Party.

"I would change the way we administer every single agency in the state and make transparent the entire budgeting process, post it to the World Wide Web and crowdsource and make government more open and accountable," Alley said. "Nobody has the experience to even remotely do that."

In the past, Alley has largely self-funded his campaigns. This time, he said he intends to fundraise to help build an invested coalition of supporters.

Other Republicans who had filed for the primary as of Monday afternoon are Tigard engineer Bob Niemeyer, Lyons



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**Allen Alley**

real estate broker Bruce Cuff and five-time gubernatorial candidate Bob Forthan, a state worker.

Brown, the former secretary of state, succeeded Kitzhaber when the former governor resigned in February 2015 amid accusations that he and his fiancé, Cylvia Hayes, used their public positions for profit. Her office indicates she plans to file her paperwork for reelection on Tuesday's filing deadline.

The November election will determine who will serve out the remainder of Kitzhaber's term, which expires in 2018.

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## Authorities discuss how to get people to obey warning signs

By ZACH URNESS  
Statesman Journal

PACIFIC CITY — How do you get 19-year-olds to pay attention to warning signs?

That's the question, in a nutshell, that state parks officials, lawmakers and community members face as they attempt to reduce the troubling number of deaths at Cape Kiwanda State Natural Area.

Seven people have died at the popular Oregon Coast destination since 2009, including five during the past eight months. The average age of the victims is 19.

Most of the time, the victims hiked up a sand dune, disregarded fencing and signs, climbed onto a hazardous sandstone bluff and fell into the ocean.

"It's a beautiful place, it's easy to reach, and there are lots of people that climb up there," said Chris Havel, a spokesman for the Ore-

gon Parks and Recreation Department. "It's one of those places that draws people in and, even when they're confronted by signs and fences, they stop thinking about safety."

In response to the most recent incidents — two fatal accidents in February — state and county officials, along with state Sen. Arnie Roblan, are taking part in a town hall meeting March 17 in Pacific City to discuss how to prevent future incidents.

There have been fencing and signs warning people to stay off the bluff since 1996. The fencing was extended to 1,275 feet long following a fatal accident in 2009.

"More fencing and signs — along with devoting more staff time through park rangers — are the things we know how to do, and that's where we'll start at the meeting," Havel said. "But we want to hear from the community and listen to other suggestions."

## Astoria Rescue Mission talent show set for Thursday

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The Astoria Rescue Mission's annual talent show is being held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Astoria Hilltop Church of the Nazarene, 725 Niagara Ave.

There is no cost for admission, and refreshments will be served following the program.

The Astoria Rescue Mission is celebrating its 30th year of meeting the needs of homeless individuals in the community. Renovation of a donated house for use as a family mission starts this spring, beginning with the removal and replacement of the roof. For information, call 503-440-5414.

## Activists end campaign for \$15 minimum wage

By PARIS ACHEN  
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SALEM — The chief sponsors of a ballot initiative to raise Oregon's minimum wage to \$15 in three years have decided to end their campaign.

A survey of campaign partners for Oregonians for 15 indicated a majority, including unions and other organizations, are against continuing the petition, said initiative chief sponsor Jamie Partridge.

The campaign partners support a three-tier minimum wage plan approved by the Legislature last month that hikes wages over a seven-year period, he said.

The partners "considered the bill the governor signed to

be a victory, though our steering committee still believes the bill is too low, too slow," Partridge said. "But we don't have the organizational backing or the voters."

A recent poll commissioned by Oregon Public Broadcasting indicated that just 28 percent of voters would support the \$15 initiative, compared with 51 percent before the Legislature approved a more gradual minimum wage plan.

The legislative plan hikes wages to \$14.75 in the Portland area, \$12.50 in rural and coastal counties with struggling economies and \$13.50 in the rest of the state — including Clatsop County — by 2022.

The first pay bump starts in July, from \$9.25 to \$9.75 statewide.

"We do take credit for the advance, the step forward by the Legislature," Partridge said. "One hundred thousand workers will benefit from the bill. Legislators were talking about \$10 an hour (in) a couple of years. We would be nowhere near \$15 without the rallies, marches, committee hearings and hard-nose lobbying and the 40,000 signatures we gathered."

President Barack Obama commended the Legislature and Gov. Kate Brown for approving the plan and called on Congress to follow suit. He said more than half of states now have wages higher

than the federal minimum wage of \$7.25.

Another group, the Raise the Wage coalition, said last week that it suspended signature gathering to place a measure on the ballot to raise wages to \$13.50 statewide during a three-year period. That measure also would have lifted a ban on cities and counties setting higher wages.

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