

# Oregon Dreamers heading to State of the Union speech

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When President Donald Trump gives his State of the Union address, he'll see the faces of 24-year-old Aldo Solano of Portland and at least 25 other "Dreamers" who could face deportation without congressional action.

U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer, D-Oregon, was the first member of the House to announce he would boycott the president's annual speech Tuesday to the joint session of Congress. Instead, he is sending Solano.

Solano said he wants to attend the event to advocate for passage of immigration reform that will protect undocumented immigrants who came to the country as children and allow them to legally work and study here.

In a Facebook post last week Jan. 22, Blumenauer

wrote that he was frustrated by the lack of progress in protecting "Dreamers."

Since then, at least 24 House Democrats plan to bring or send "Dreamers" to the event, according to ABC News. That number includes Oregon's U.S. Reps. Suzanne Bonamici, Peter DeFazio and Kurt Schrader.

Oregon's U.S. Sens. Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden also plan to bring recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program as guests to the speech, their spokespeople said.

Solano said he is willing take the risk of negative attention from the administration to advocate for protecting the 800,000 DACA recipients from deportation. More than 11,000 of them live in Oregon. Ending DACA would cost the state more than \$605.6 million annually in loss of gross domestic product, according

to the Center for American Progress.

The program, established in 2012 by President Barack Obama, has allowed Solano to legally work and attend college in the country.

Solano studies at Portland Community College and works as the policy director for the Oregon Latino Health Coalition.

Solano's parents, who were agricultural migrant workers, brought him at age 6 to the country from Mexico for a better life. At the time, his older brother was 8, and his younger sister was less than 1 year old. Both of his siblings also are DACA recipients.

He grew up and graduated from Woodburn High School. Like other DACA youth, he has almost no memory of a home other than the United States.

"This is my home," Solano said. "There is nowhere else for me to go."

# Three vie for community development director job

The Daily Astorian

Three finalists for Astoria's community development director position will attend a public meet and greet Feb. 15.

The candidates are vying for a position previously held by Kevin Cronin since 2015. Cronin announced he was leaving his post last fall amid concerns about his management.

City Manager Brett Estes, who had been the community development director prior to Cronin, filled in as interim director. Former Astoria

planner and Cannon Beach Mayor Mike Morgan came on in October to serve as an interim city planner to further round out the community development staff while Estes searched for Cronin's replacement.

Estes has not released the names of the candidates. They will be announced the night of the meet and greet.

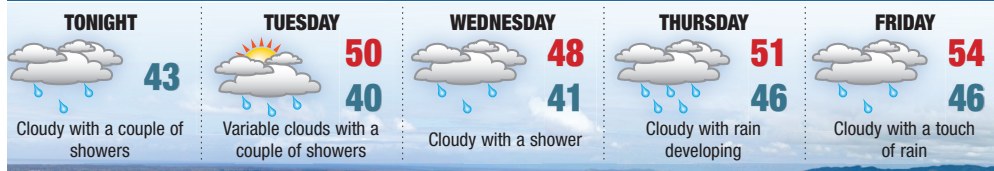
The informal reception is open to anyone who wants to meet the candidates and provide feedback to the city. It will be held at Clatsop Community College, Columbia

Room 219. Doors will be open from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Separate from the meet and greet, the candidates will be interviewed by the city's other department heads and by Estes.

The community development director oversees issues such as development review, code enforcement and urban renewal. During his time with the city, Cronin helped launch Advance Astoria, which was intended as a road map for strategic economic development, looking at what the city already has and where new opportunities could develop.

## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



### ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday.

**Temperatures**

High/low ..... 59°/46°  
 Normal high/low ..... 51°/38°  
 Record high ..... 64° in 1940  
 Record low ..... 11° in 1969

**Precipitation**

Sunday ..... 0.06"  
 Month to date ..... 10.11"  
 Normal month to date ..... 9.31"  
 Year to date ..... 10.11"  
 Normal year to date ..... 9.31"

### SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight ..... 5:16 p.m.  
 Sunrise Tuesday ..... 7:41 a.m.  
 Moonrise today ..... 3:28 p.m.  
 Moonset today ..... 6:00 a.m.

Full Last New First  
 Jan 31 Feb 7 Feb 15 Feb 22

## REGIONAL WEATHER

