

Conkling for Congress: Gary Conkling Knows The First Congressional District

Gary has lived in Astoria and Beaverton and understands the problems and opportunities of both rural and urban parts of the diverse First District.

Gary worked in Washington, D.C. for six years on behalf of Oregon and the First District as the top aide to Congressmen Les AuCoin and Ron Wyden.

Gary and his wife of 21 years, Mary Beth, have two small children and appreciate the pressures facing American families.

Gary and Mary Beth are involved in their community. Gary was appointed by Governor Goldschmidt to serve on Tri-Met. He served on the mental health agency's board in western Multnomah County, including downtown Portland. Gary founded the Business-Education Compact, a grassroots organization dedicated to educational excellence. Mary Beth, a former teacher, served on a local school committee, delivered Meals on Wheels, and volunteered at Doernbecher Children's Hospital.

Gary and Mary Beth vote in local elections.

Gary knows more is wrong with America's economy than \$300 tax cuts doled out in an election year can fix.

Gary wants to put men and women to work now by accelerating federal capital projects and requiring sensible bank loan policies that help small businesses create jobs.

Gary believes Americans must reinvest in themselves so we have a strong economic foundation entering the 21st century. Gary advocates investments in education, from full funding for Head Start to support for colleges, universities and job training. He wants America to repair its bridges and roads, expand public transportation, modernize airports and bring the tools of the Information Age to every home and business.

Gary believes tax policy should encourage savings and investment. Individual Retirement Accounts should be restored and enhanced so savings can be used for a first home or college education. Businesses should be encouraged to reinvest in new plants and equipment. The tax burden must be distributed equitably among all taxpayers and not fall like a lead weight on the middle class.

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City Commissioner Dick Bogle Announces Candidacy for Re-Election



Commissioner Dick Bogle, who has served the people of Portland for 32 years, has announced he will run for re-election to the City Council

BY D. BELL

City Commissioner Dick Bogle recently announced that he would be running for re-election to the City Council.

In a press release to the media Commissioner Bogle submitted that he has been serving the people of Portland for 32 years; first as a police officer, then as a television news reporter anchor, then as executive assistant to City Commissioner Schwab, and for the last 7 years as a City Commissioner. He also cited that his tenure has not been without mistakes. However he states that he has made private compensation from his own personal assets to correct both incidents brought to the public's attention.

In the case regarding sexual harassment, he sought counseling to heighten his awareness about women and their perception of sexual issues.

As far as a platform is concerned,

Commissioner Bogle focused on matters that effect the quality of livability in the areas of safety from crime, drugs and gangs, affordable housing, including the homeless, quality education, health care and jobs, harmony amongst people of every color and diverse national origin, and ballot system, in the development of working partnerships between the public and private sector. And finally in a controlled growth of the region enabling us to maintain our level of quality livability.

He reviewed his performance during his seven years as City Commissioner by observing that he spearheaded the highly effective drug house ordinance, proposed and campaigned for the successful 9-11 levy and fought to save the Office of Neighborhood Associations from cuts that would have eliminated neighborhood crime prevention and the city's link with the Southeast Asian community.

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NWPC Endorses Vera Katz for Mayor of Portland



Vera Katz

The National Women's Political Caucus (NWPC) announced February 11 their endorsement of Vera Katz for her 1992 bid to be mayor of Portland.

NWPC President Harriet Woods said "Katz fought the battle in Oregon on education reform, health care, the environment, and public safety. She has been a leader on reform in those areas."

"Katz was a barrier breaker for women in the Oregon House. Her leadership and exemplary legislative record make her a national role model for political women. We will continue to support her bid for Mayor throughout the coming year," added Woods.

Katz was the first woman to serve as Speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives, and is the only person ever to hold that post for three consecutive terms.

Katz said she was "honored" by NWPC's endorsement. "It's nice to know that someone outside the state recognizes what I have done for the people of Portland and the state of Oregon, as well as what I can do for Portland in the future."

"It also means a great deal to me that, in making its decision, the NWPC considered my record on the issues and my ability to be a leader for Portland," added Katz.

Katz was endorsed by the bi-partisan political planning committee of NWPC at their last meeting in Washington, D.C. Her main opponent in the race for Mayor is Portland City Commissioner Earl Blumenauer.

The political planning committee considers a candidate's legislative record and position on preserving reproductive freedom, support for accessible and affordable child care, and support of the Equal Rights Amendment. The political planning committee also carefully considers the candidate's ability to win before voting to endorse a candidate.

Katz is one of two women candidates running for state or local office who have received NWPC's endorsement. NWPC also endorsed Texas Railroad Commissioner Lena Guerrero in her bid for re-election.

Candidates running for the U.S. Senate who have received NWPC's endorsement include: U.S. Rep. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), Carol Moseley Brown (D-Ill.), U.S. Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.), and Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.).

In U.S. House of Representative races NWPC has endorsed Iowa Secretary of State Elaine Baxter (D); U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.); Sylvia Garcia (D-Texas); U.S. Rep. Joan Kelly Horn (D-Mo.); Cheryl Davis Knapp (D-Fla.); and Barbara Kreamer (D-Md.).

NWPC is the only national, bi-partisan, grassroots membership organization that identifies, recruits, trains, and supports women candidates for elective and appointive office at all levels of government.

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