

Put My Experience to Work

Critical issues addressed in local election

BY CHIP SHIELDS

I am running for State Representative in House District 43 to put my experience to work in Salem for north and northeast Portland. For seven years I have been working in the district everyday on critical issues like living-wage jobs, public safety, affordable housing, access to health care, and ensuring that our schools have the revenue needed to keep class sizes small.

I founded Better People in 1998, a local organization that has helped hundreds of former offenders find and keep living-wage jobs. I took a leadership role in the Minimum Wage Campaign in 2002 that resulted in 100,000 minimum wage earners getting a raise this year and every year.

I helped pass last year's school levy and I'm working to stop its repeal this year. This record of delivering results has led to my endorsements by many community leaders, including Senators Margaret Carter and Avel Gordly.

If elected, I will pour my heart into three key issues: living-wage jobs, health care and schools. In addition, I will pour my energy into two related issues - race and

criminal justice reform - issues that affect the other three.

On living-wage jobs, I will work to ensure that people who live in north and northeast Portland have a fair shot at the jobs being created by the last Legislative session's \$2 billion transportation package. I will fight for a real-estate transfer fee so real-estate speculators pay their share in low-income housing construction. I will vigorously defend minimum wage increases from Republican assault.

On health care, it's time that the Republican-controlled legislature stop putting the interests of the pharmaceutical giants ahead of the rest of us. I will work to cut the cost of prescription drugs by passing legislation to bring private insurers into the state's bulk purchasing program and to allow purchasing of pharmaceuticals from Canada.

We must also revive a dying Oregon Health Plan by making corporations pay their fair share of taxes.

On schools, I believe we can protect schools from future recessions by creating a rainy-day fund with funds taken from the corporate kicker and by raising the corporate minimum tax so that profitable corporations pay more than \$10 annually. We must stop the repeal of the Multnomah County school levy. We must

make college more affordable because educational development ignites economic development.

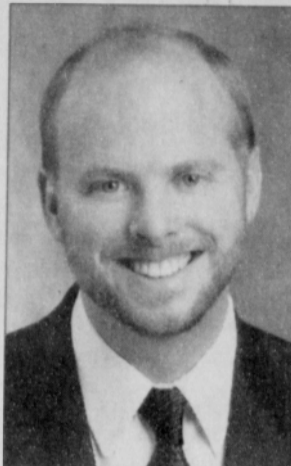
But the gains in living-wage jobs, health care and schools cannot be sustained if race and criminal-justice issues are ignored. Racism, personal and institutional, drastically impacts everyone in north and northeast Portland when it comes to living-wage jobs, health care and schools. As executive director of Better People, I saw the disparity in employment opportunities. As your State Representative, I will never forget it.

I will also fight for fairness and equality no matter your gender, your resources, your disability, your sexual orientation or gender identity.

The cost of criminal justice policies also impacts our communities. Money spent on prisons is money not spent on living-wage jobs, health care and schools. We can no longer afford to spend more on corrections than higher education.

My background in working with recovering addicts and former felons has prepared me to make improvements to our criminal-justice system in ways that increase public safety, increase fairness and save taxpayer dollars.

These are the community concerns I will take to Salem. I ask for your vote. Please call me at 503-493-4411 if I can be of service to you and your family.



Chip Shields is the Democratic candidate for State Representative in House District 43 covering north and northeast Portland.

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<p>Aerobics Mallory Ave. Christian Church Mon, Wed, Fri, 6-7am, Pierce • 5:30-6:20pm, Granville • 6:30-7:30pm, Nickerson</p> <p>Low Impact Aerobics Daniel's Memorial Church Tue, 7:15-8:15pm, Granville</p> <p>Water Aerobics (Contact AAHC) Columbia Pool, Matt Dishman</p> <p>African Exercise Matt Dishman Sat, 10-11am, Addo</p> <p>Body Conditioning Wild Oats Market Sat, 9:30-10:30am, Nickerson</p> <p>Chicago Step Classes Will Resume Soon</p> <p>Kickboxing Mallory Ave. Christian Church Tue, Thu, 6-7pm, Keller</p>	<p>Pilates (Contact AAHC) Matt Dishman Tue, 8-9pm</p> <p>Stretching/Body Sculpting (Class courtesy of Matt Dishman) Matt Dishman Tue, Thu, 7-8am, Lois</p> <p>Tai Chi (Contact AAHC) St. John's Community Center Tue, 6:30-7:30pm</p> <p>Walking Group Peninsula Park Sat, 12:30pm, Woods Lloyd Ctr, 1st Fl. in front of Sears Tue, Thu, 6:30pm, Woods</p> <p>Weight Mgmt./Conditioning Whitaker Track Tue, Thu, 9-10am, Hasan</p> <p>Yoga Wild Oats Market Tue, Thu, 7:30-8:30pm, Wren</p>
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Columbia Pool, 7701 N Chautauqua
Daniel's Memorial Church, 1234 NE Killingsworth
Mallory Ave Christian Church (Gym), 126 NE Alberta
Matt Dishman, 77 NE Knott

Peninsula Park, 700 N Portland
St. John's Community Center, 8427 N. Central
Whitaker Track, NE 42nd & Killingsworth
Wild Oats Market, 3535 NE 15th

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We Can't Afford Measure 37

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sector has a large dependency on international markets. Energy costs are rising. The price of oil has skyrocketed. The price per barrel of oil is now over \$55, double the cost of 2003.

Indicators are that the economy

is tightening. Fewer jobs mean less revenue for vital programs. Less revenue means less services at the very time when more assistance is needed.

The forecast for Oregon General Fund revenues for 2005-07 is \$138.7 million lower than the prior forecast. Expected personal in-

come tax receipts have been revised downward by \$46.4 million.

We cannot afford Measure 37. Please vote no.

Sen. Margaret Carter is a member of the Senate Interim Revenue Committee and represents north and northeast Portland in the State Legislature.

It's time to "Pay Back Bush."

"For the fourth year in a row, President Bush declined the NAACP's invitation to speak at its annual convention."

Los Angeles Times
July 15, 2004

OREGON VOTERS' BILL OF RIGHTS

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- **IF YOU DID NOT GET A BALLOT OR YOU LOST YOUR BALLOT OR MADE A MISTAKE, YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO GET A NEW BALLOT.** Go to the Multnomah County Elections Office at 1040 SE Morrison or call 503/988-3720.
- **YOUR VOTE COUNTS IF YOU TAKE IT TO AN OFFICIAL DROP SITE BY 8P.M. ONELECTION DAY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2.** If you are in line at 8 p.m., you are on time. Don't let anyone turn you away.

North Portland, Northeast Portland, and St. Johns Official Ballot Drop Sites

24-Hour Drop Sites:

- Goodwill Store, 3134 North Lombard St.
- US Bank, 39th Ave. at Tillamook St.

Public Library Drop Sites (library hours only):

- No. Portland Branch, 512 N. Killingsworth
- Albina Branch Library, 3605 NE 15th
- Hollywood Branch Library, 4040 NE Tillamook St.

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