Strong Finish for Hardesty

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many, but now lags 25 percentage points behind Hardesty. Still, she's maintaining an optimistic view heading into the general election.

"I was really surprised that it was such a low voter turnout. But I think the primary voters, they've spoken, and I am excited about going to November. I'm excited about being able to reintroduce myself to the people," Smith said.

Turnout in Multnomah County was only about 31 percent, which was lower than statewide results and a smaller percentage than the 2014 Primary Election in which turnout was almost 33 percent. The number of ballots counted, however, was greater -- both in Multnomah County and the state -- because there is a bigger population now than in 2014 and a larger number of registered voters, due in part to the motor voter effect in 2016.

Smith hopes to rally the youth between now and November, many of whom are being automatthat bill.

"I think it's the perfect time to get young people, people who haven't ordinarily participated in the democratic process to get them involved and get them engaged. I have a huge track record working with our youth and our seniors. rateur and veteran Bruce Brous-

paign." she said.

Both Smith and Hardesty campaigned on helping solve home- after election day. lessness and affordable housing issues in Portland, though they've mer state Rep. Shemia Fagan disagreed on some aspects of how (D-Clackamas) captured 62 perto go about that. While Smith sup- cent of the vote in a successful ports turning the never-opened campaign to unseat incumbent north Portland Wapato jail into a state Senator Rod Monroe in the shelter, Hardesty disagreed.

help clean up the city. The former percent of the vote while the third U.S. Navy woman and three-term candidate, Somali-born immigrant state representative also runs on rights activist Kayse Jama, came a platform of police reform. She in third. could not be reached for comment in time for publication of this ar- office since 1976, drew scrutiny

nomah County Chair Deborah tections, such as overturning the Kafoury secured her bid for statewide ban on rent control and re-election by capturing 71 per- outlawing "no-cause" evictions. cent of the vote, far above the He owns a 51-unit apartment commore than 50 percent needed to plex in east Portland and has been registration system that went into avoid a runoff. New comer Susheela Jayapal, a former general counsel at Aidas America and ney, and Jama ran on a platform of longtime community volunteer, giving cities the ability to impose also won outright by capturing rent control. ically registered to vote thanks to nearly 62 percent of the vote in the election for Multnomah torial candidate Knute Buehler County Commissioner for the of Bend won the Republican seat being vacated by Smith.

> was running against three others-construction business owner Sharon Maxwell, former restau-

And I think they're going to be a sard, and coffee shop owner Maria really important part of the cam- Garcia--all candidates of color. The victories by Kafoury and Jayapal's are unofficial until 20 days

In southeast Portland, for-Democratic Party. The race has One of Hardesty's proposals had a sharp focus on housing iswas to hire homeless people to sues. Monroe netted just above 20

Monroe who has been in public from fellow Democrats for being a In other local races, Mult- landlord that opposed tenant prosued by one of his tenants.

Both Fagan, a civil rights attor-

In statewide voting, guberna-Party nomination and will face Jayapal, who was born in India, off against incumbent Gov. Kate Brown, a Democrat, in November.



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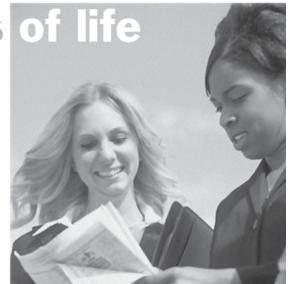
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