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Historical Race for Mayor of Gresham

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A Black leader from Gresham has the potential to become the first Black mayor of any city or town in the Portland metropolitan area.

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The impressive list of endorsements was released last week by Stovall's camnaign

"Travis' long history of service to our community will help navigate our way to

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Unhealthy at Best



A view of smoky Portland from Union Station, downtown. The Portland metropolitan region remains under a thick blanket of smog from wildfires that are burning around the state and residents are being advised to remain indoors due to hazardous air quality.

Best prescription for smoke: Stay inside

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Very unhealthy air quality conditions are expected to last at least until the end of the week and possibility until next week because of dense smoke coming from massive wildfires in Oregon and across the West, officials declared Tuesday.

The extreme high winds, heat and dry conditions that gave rise to some of the worst wildfires in Oregon history finally abated as the week began, giving relief to fire crews, but the fires are still burning and



Dr. Gopal Allada

the risks to human populations continue, including from smoke. At least eight people have been killed by wildfires in Oregon since they erupted last week and more than 20 people are still missing

The Portland area has been under a dense smoke advisory for several days and an air quality advisory is in effect at least until Thursday.

Tyler Kranz, a meteorologist at Portland's National Weather Service office, said for the smoke to disperse Oregon will need strong enough winds blowing from the ocean towards land — but there needs to be a "perfect balance" of wind so that

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