



Biden Drops Out of 2024 Race

VP Harris Gets His Nod

(AP) President Joe Biden dropped out of the 2024 race for the White House on Sunday, ending his bid for reelection after a disastrous debate with Donald Trump that raised doubts about the incumbent's fitness for office. The unprecedented announcement, delivered less than four months before the election, immediately upended a campaign that both political parties view as the most consequential in generations.

The president — intent on serving out the remainder of his term in office — quickly endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris to take on Trump and encouraged his party to unite behind her, making her the party's instant favorite for the nomination at its August convention in Chicago.

The announcement is the latest jolt to a tumultuous campaign for the White House, coming a week after the attempted assassination of Trump at a Pennsylvania rally.

A party's presumptive presidential nominee has never stepped out of the race so close to the election. President Lyndon Johnson, besieged by the Vietnam War,



Vice President Kamala Harris embraces President Joe Biden after a speech on healthcare in Raleigh, N.C., March 26, 2024. President Joe Biden dropped out of the 2024 race for the White House on Sunday, July 21, ending his bid for reelection following a disastrous debate with Donald Trump that raised doubts about his fitness for office just four months before the election. (AP Photo/Matt Kelley, File)

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Loretta Smith Runs for City Council for 3rd Time

One of Three Black Women in the Race

By BEVERLY CORBELL

Loretta Smith, former Multnomah County Commissioner from 2010 to 2018, is running for Portland City Council for the third time. But with 13 other contenders for the new East Portland District 1 seat, she may be facing an uphill battle. Under the city's new plan for the council, however, each district will be represented by three people.

Previously, all Portland city councilors were "at-large" and did not represent a specific area of the city. This is the first election where councilors will be elected to represent four geographic districts, in a voter-approved plan.

Portland's reorganization of the city council expands the council to 12 members who will represent one of four geographical districts. Voters will be able to rank candidates in order of preference, using ranked-choice voting. Three city council members will represent each district.



Loretta Smith, photo by Brooke Herbert, courtesy of the Oregonian

District 1 has one of the highest populations of Black residents, and Smith told Oregon Public Broadcasting that she is eager to represent that historically underrepresented population.

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Director Long Joins City Parks Alliance Board

Expertise Brought to Organization

The City Parks Alliance (CPA) elected Portland Parks & Recreation Director, Adena Long, to its Board of Directors at the board's June 21 meeting in Seattle, WA. The City Parks Alliance board brings expertise from the public, private, and non-profit sectors to support the CPA's vision that everyone in urban communities will have access to high-quality parks and green spaces that are clean, safe, and vibrant.

"I am honored to be selected to serve on the Board, says Director Long.

"And excited to contribute to the advocacy efforts and vital resources the City Parks Alliance brings to urban park systems across the country."

"City Parks Alliance's Board of Directors represents the diverse perspectives of the organizations and individuals working to create sustainable, equitable, healthy parks in our cities. We are thrilled to add Director Long to our Board of Directors and for bringing their



PP&R Director Adena Long. Photo courtesy of Portland Parks & Recreation

expertise and leadership to our organization," said City Parks Alliance Executive Director Catherine Nagel.

City Parks Alliance is the only independent, nationwide membership organization solely dedicated to urban

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