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General Election 2014

The Skanner News Endorsements

CANDIDATES

We are watching this Nov. 4 with interest, because the critical measures on the ballot point to a more interesting midterm election than usual. Will there be a large voter turnout? We sure hope so – with gun control and transit funding on the line in Washington State, as well as retail cannabis and legal driving cards for undocumented motorists in Oregon, there are game-changing initiatives awaiting your participation.

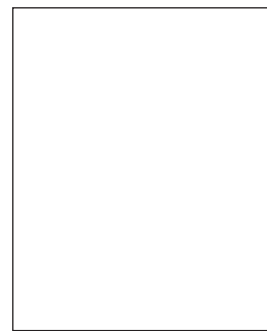
Be sure to vote this Nov. 4! Here are our Oregon candidate endorsements.



Earl Blumenauer

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE 3RD DISTRICT

Having worked at every elected level in the state – city commissioner, county commissioner, state legislator, and finally Congressman – our candidate has helped burnish Oregon’s reputation as a progressive state. He has endorsed universal healthcare, fought for the environment including the safety of bees, supported legalization of cannabis and more. **We endorse Earl Blumenauer.**



GOVERNOR OF OREGON

We are faced again with a lack of choices for state leadership. Gov. John Kitzhaber has been in the headlines for all the wrong reasons. Cover Oregon should have been his golden moment – but his lack of oversight in the \$250 million of federal funds for the health-care system resulted in one of the biggest scandals in Oregon history. We believe the incumbent is unresponsive to the needs of diverse communities, but at the same time, candidate Dennis Richardson’s views on women’s issues are extremely conservative, and he has no record of working on issues critical to people of color. Oregon has a leadership vacuum at the very top. We challenge our state’s political parties to do better. That is why at this juncture in history **we cannot endorse any of the candidates for governor.**

The Skanner News endorses these unopposed candidates:

STATE SENATOR 23RD DISTRICT Michael Dembrow

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 43RD DISTRICT Lew Frederick

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 44TH DISTRICT Tina Kotek

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 45TH DISTRICT Barbara Smith Warner

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 46TH DISTRICT Alissa Keny-Guyer

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 47TH DISTRICT Jessica Vega Pederson



Sen. Jeff Merkley

U.S. SENATOR

In a field dominated by unknown candidates, we are supporting the one who has shown himself to be responsible, accessible and surprisingly progressive in the tough terrain of the Capitol. Sen. Merkley spends quality time with our local communities, and is responsive to issues facing our community—he returns phone calls. He has been very aggressive on consumer protection issues. We need him to continue fighting for Oregonians. **We endorse Sen. Jeff Merkley.**



Kurt Schrader

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE 5TH DISTRICT

A steady leader who has made bipartisan cooperation his hallmark, our candidate is credited with bringing real benefits back to his constituents in Oregon. **We endorse Kurt Schrader.**



Susanne Bonamici

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE 1ST DISTRICT

As a consumer protection attorney with years of experience in the state legislature, our candidate made the jump into Congress squarely on the side of everyday people. Her big issues are taking care of the elderly, supporting small business, clean energy – and bipartisan cooperation. **We endorse Rep. Susanne Bonamici.**



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For full endorsements, go to www.TheSkanner.com