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persions on vulnerable populations but to highlight how city services must be in better collaboration to address trash, graffiti and safety issues. On homelessness, Mapps has been vocal about his thoughts on city versus county responsibility – the county must step up because the city’s resources and bandwidth are limited.

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Mapps has the support of Margaret Carter, the first African American woman elected to Oregon state legislature, as well as Avel Gordly, the first African American woman elected to the Oregon state senate and Gary Hollands, chair of the Portland Public School Board. He is also endorsed by Protec 17, a local public union representing about 1,000 service employees.

NO on Gonzalez

Meanwhile their colleague, fellow mayoral candidate Rene Gonzalez, has appeared more interested in establishing himself as the most conservative voice on council than in making any positive gains for the city. While we appreciate

nuance and collaboration – not pat talking points about how bad downtown looks.

CITY COUNCIL

Voters will be asked to indicate their top six preferences for the three open council seats in their district.

District 1

This district lies largely to the east of 205 and includes the area surrounding PDX.

Loretta Smith

We previously endorsed Loretta Smith in her 2020 run for city council based on her broad range of experience in developing policy, her focus on youth employment, her strong commitment to education and dedication to safe and affordable housing. As we embark on a new chapter of city leadership, we know a steady hand and a trove of professional and lived experience are essential. Smith’s many years working for U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) as a point-person for constituents, and her deftness at launching federally funded programs right here in Multnomah County, qualify her to co-lead the new district. We are confident that Smith will center equity and opportunity in her district and city if elected.

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healthy debate among diverse voices, Gonzalez has taken an antagonistic and unconstructive approach

Gonzalez hasn’t been a terribly effective councilmember, at times submitting eleventh-hour draft proposals in opposition to the mayor’s, frustrating both fellow commissioners and members of the public. Procedural missteps and a tendency to toe the line for the Portland Police Association (which has endorsed him for mayor) have made Gonzalez’s brief tenure on council more obstructionist than productive.

Gonzalez is courting voters on a platform of grievance. Portland needs a leader who understands that complex issues like homelessness and addiction require

Candace Avalos

Candace Avalos previously ran for city council in 2020, spurred by how the pandemic shed light on social and economic inequities that persist today. She is currently the executive director of Verde, an environmental nonprofit. As former chair of the Citizen Review Committee, Avalos has done her homework on the inner workings of police review and accountability in Portland, and her service on the Charter Review Committee has given her in-depth knowledge of how the new city government will operate. We have observed Avalos’ intense dedication to civic engagement, and feel she will be an excellent addition to the new city



Day in History: Angela Davis

Black revolutionary Angela Davis, seated at right at table in court at San Rafael, Calif. on a change of venue hearing, October 19, 1971, smiles as a supporter in the courtroom shouts: "I love you Angela." At left is Margaret Burnham, one of Miss Davis' attorneys.

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equity cosponsoring a successful bill to compensate those wrongly convicted and imprisoned, helming the CROWN Act to ban discrimination based on hair type, style or texture, and, as chair of the bipartisan House Judiciary’s Equitable Policing Subcommittee, helped pass a package of bills to better train police to assist with medical emergencies and distress during arrest and to limit the public release of booking photos.

Bynum is also committed to making sure Oregonians have the same reproductive rights they did before Roe vs. Wade was overturned, and her unwavering support for abortion access is sorely needed in a rural region of a state bordering Idaho, which has some of the most Draconian reproductive healthcare bans on the books.

She has the backing of Gov. Tina Kotek, retiring congressman and progressive stalwart Earl Blumenauer and the Congressional Black Caucus PAC, to name a few. If elected, Bynum would be the first Black representative Oregon has ever sent to the U.S. Congress – and we think Congress would benefit greatly from her voice.

U.S. House Oregon District 6

Andrea Salinas

Andrea Salinas has nearly completed her first term representing Oregon’s newly gained sixth Congressional seat, where she has demonstrated her dedication to preventing hunger among seniors, supporting behavioral health workers, ensuring tribal rights and protecting access to reproductive health care. She has proven herself a pragmatic and impactful leader.

Salinas is again challenged for the seat by previous Republican opponent Mike Erickson, whose pro-life, law-and-order platforms have been undermined by accusations from a former partner that he paid for her abortion, and by his own legal record, which includes a DUI in 2016 alongside charges for possession of oxycodone

done that was not prescribed to him. To us, it’s a clear choice: Salinas will continue with integrity to fight for equity, access and dignity for all Oregonians.

STATEWIDE

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dan Rayfield

In his time as state legislator and former speaker of the house, Oregon Rep. Dan Rayfield (D-Corvallis) has earned the support of retiring Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, who praised Rayfield for the balance of passion and accountability he brings to his vision for Oregon. He also enjoys the support of U.S. senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, the Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon, the Oregon Nurses Association and Oregon AFL-CIO, to name just a few. He knows the ropes and has committed to fighting national threats to reproductive health care and pledged to fight predatory lenders – priorities borne out by his experience litigating civil rights and consumer protection cases.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Tobias Read

We believe current Oregon State Treasurer Tobias Read has the steady judgment to lead the office of Secretary of State, which has unfortunately seen more than its share of controversy since Shemia Fagan resigned last year amid reports she was moonlighting as a consultant for a cannabis company while in office. As voting access issues arise elsewhere in the country, and as conspiracy theories of voter fraud permeate the national conversation, we feel transparency and accountability are especially paramount in a state hailed as a pioneer in ease of voting by mail. Oregon’s inclusive voter registration system is another bragging right for the state, but the Secretary of State’s office has more recently taken another hit as it was revealed that it accidentally registered 1,250

non-citizens to vote, due to a clerical issue, although fewer than 1% of them did. Read has rightly criticized this bungle and vowed to correct course. We can think of no better recommendation than Read’s seven years as a successful state treasurer, and his prior five terms representing Beaverton in the state House.

STATE TREASURER

Elizabeth Steiner Hayward

In her 12 years on the legislature, Oregon Sen. Elizabeth Steiner (D-Portland) has become known as one of the top budget writers in the state. In explaining how her background as a physician informed her passion for state-level number-crunching, she made the astute observation that financial woes are profoundly damaging to physical and emotional health. Her platform has some solutions: She wants to introduce an accessible online portal for Oregonians to start college, retirement and general savings accounts; she aims to see twice as many Oregon students with higher education savings plans and she wants to explore launching a bond program for babies born in Oregon, in which the state would make a deposit.

We admire how clearly Steiner draws the line between the highest accounting position in the state and quality of life for the most vulnerable. We’re eager to see the positive changes she’ll make as state treasurer.

STATE SENATE

District 22

Lew Frederick

Sen. Lew Frederick was elected to state office in 2009. He is the longest-serving member of the state legislature’s BIPOC Caucus, which focuses on equity and on dismantling racist, long-standing policies. He has fought against barriers like book bans and other educational disparities.

But Lew Fredrick, has failed