

Oregon race for governor generates tsunami of campaign cash

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SALEM — A \$100,000 check from a longtime conservative Oregon political donor to Republican Christine Drazan.

One for \$100,000 to Betsy Johnson's insurgent campaign from a construction industry group.

Two liberal political action campaigns top off at the same level in their total giving to Democrat Tina Kotek.

The top candidates for governor continue to pile up stacks of cash in the race to the top of Oregon's political pyramid.

The trio has raised more than \$17.1 million since January 2021, on pace to blow past the 2018 record of \$40 million when Democratic Gov. Kate Brown beat former Republican Rep. Knute Buehler of Bend.

The primaries are two months past and the general election more than three months away. The latest reports filed with the Oregon Secretary of State show a fluid financial situation.

Kotek and Drazan are coming off a May primary that saw the pair emerge from a combined roster of 34 candidates lured by the first



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Oregon governor candidates, from left, Republican Christine Drazan, Democrat Tina Kotek, and unaffiliated Betsy Johnson have raised more than \$17.1 million since January 2021 in their campaigns. The trio debate Friday, July 29, 2022, beginning at 2 p.m. You can watch the debate at www.eastoregonian.com.

open governor's race since 2010.

Dollar figures can be deceiving. Kotek reports \$500,000 in the bank — 10% of what Johnson has tucked away.

Drazan has more than \$300,000 from the Republican Governors Association. Kotek has \$53,000 from the Democratic governors.

Kotek's spokesperson Katie Wertheimer said it's a wrinkle of post-primary financial report timing, not a measure of long-term strength. Little of the recent money shows the reaction to the Supreme Court ruling in late June gutting Roe v. Wade abortion rights in place since 1973.

"We've also seen a huge

uptick in interest in volunteering to help Tina win in November," Wertheimer said. "We're confident that we will have the resources to win."

Drazan won the Republican primary with 23% of the vote and now has to rally the splintered factions behind her campaign as GOP standard-bearer. The six-figure national GOP commitment along with sizeable donations from business interests and activist donors is ramping up into late summer.

"No statewide GOP candidate in recent history has enjoyed the fundraising success Christine has had," said John Burke, Drazan's communications director. "We're excited to have so

TUNE IN TO SEE THE CANDIDATES DEBATE

PENDLETON — The three leading candidates in the race to become Oregon's next governor will appear live at a forum Friday, July 29, hosted by the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association.

Republican nominee Christine Drazan, Democratic nominee Tina Kotek and unaffiliated candidate Betsy Johnson are all scheduled to debate starting at 2 p.m. in Welches. The forum is moderated by Pamplin Media Group President Mark Garber. Questions will come from editors of newspapers across Oregon.

The debate will be livestreamed on the East Oregonian's website, www.eastoregonian.com, beginning at 2 p.m. July 29.

many new supporters on board since the primary and we're ready to deliver a historic victory this November."

On the flip side, Johnson's \$9.5 million in contributions is \$1 million more than Kotek and Drazan combined.

It's a formidable amount. But the former Democratic state senator from Columbia County still has to get on the November ballot and build a statewide campaign apparatus from scratch.

"We are in the home stretch of signature gathering and will far surpass the approximately 25,000 valid signatures we need to secure by Aug. 16 to put Betsy's name on the November

ballot," said Jennifer Sitton, Johnson's spokesperson.

While her money totals may dwarf her competitors, it's a head start to build a bulwark against the likely flood of national party money that will flow into the race after Labor Day.

"We are proud of our fundraising, but know the party institutions are preparing to back up the Brinks trucks to spend it all attacking Betsy," Sitton said.

The 2022 race already is unique in Oregon political history and will mark major shifts no matter the outcome. There's no incumbent for the first time in a decade.

Kotek is looking to run the Democratic consecutive win streak in elections for

governor to an even dozen. She'd be the first openly lesbian governor in United States history.

Drazan would be the first Republican governor since Vic Atiyeh was reelected in 1982, before half of Oregon residents were even born. She'd be the first Republican woman to hold the office.

Johnson is making the longest shot, a bid to be the second governor since statehood in 1859 that wasn't backed by a major political party. Julius Meier served one term after winning an independent bid in 1930 amid the Great Depression.

Kotek contends Johnson and Drazan are too far right for progressive Oregon, especially on gun control and the environment. Drazan casts Johnson and Kotek as a Democratic duo, who will drive inflation higher and increase the size of state government. Johnson says Kotek is too far left and Drazan too far right from what she says is the moderate middle that is left out of the parties' closed primaries.

With the choices cut from nearly three dozen to three, the political money will flow, along with daily emails and texts, YouTube ads, television commercials, blizzards of press releases and polls.

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Proposal specifications are available for download from the Hermiston Cemetery website at <http://hermistoncemetery.org/notices.html>.

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Foreclosure: The legal process of terminating an owner's interest in property and forcing a sale, usually as the result of a default under a mortgage.
Lien: A legal claim asserted over a property, usually to secure payment for a debt or obligation.
Mortgage: A legal agreement that conveys the conditional right of ownership on an asset or property by its owner to a lender as security for a loan.
Probate: The legal process that resolves a deceased person's debts so the executor or personal representative can distribute assets in an estate according to a will.
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