

Candidates from 1A

What experience do you have in public service?

Bozievich: Founding Board member and treasurer of the River Road/Santa Clara Volunteer Library; Lane Community College Board of Education 2003-2007; Lane County Board of Commissioners 2011-present, current Chair; Three River Foundation Board, Vice Chair 2011-present.

Kent: I've spent the last 25 years as an instructor for Adult Basic Skills at Lane Community College. I often serve as the entry point for some of our area's most needy. In addition to helping my students earn their G.E.D., I assist them with job searching skills, how to access services and how to find a home. We need a commissioner that will champion all of our citizens, not just a few private interests.

What are the most important issues you see facing the Siuslaw region?

Bozievich: Housing affordability is driving a workforce shortage holding back economic development and creating a financial burden for low-income families. Six in ten renters pay more than 30 percent of their household income in rent and 3 in 10 are paying more than 50 percent of their income in Lane County.

Public safety response time outside of the City of Florence needs to be improved. Prioritizing calls to life safety issues has resulted in property crime becoming epidemic.

Transportation limitations are creating issues accessing services where there is a lack of public or other low-cost transportation options, and it is also creating safety issues when drivers become frustrated with delays and take unnecessary risks trying to make up time.

Property tax burdens on low and fixed income families is threatening to add to the housing affordability issue and create problems for seniors aging in place.

Kent: We have several important issues facing our Siuslaw region. There is a lack housing availability and affordability. There is a shortage of police presence, rural patrols and sheriff liaisons. We don't tackle addiction treatment as a public safety issue. Folks in this region suffer from a lack of access to general and mental health care. Not one senior should have to take a taxi from Florence to Eugene to seek medical treatment.

Finally, we offer very few living-wage jobs in the Siuslaw Region. We need to diversify our economy and add jobs in the rapidly growing sustainable food industry. We should spend economic development dollars on helping existing small businesses expand and reach new markets.

What do you see as solutions to these issues?

Bozievich: Additional housing supply and diversity of housing types is the answer to the housing affordability issue. I am pursuing a follow up to the legislation I supported to allow accessory dwelling units like "mother-in-law" suites and converted workshops inside urban growth boundaries that would allow these in rural areas zoned for single-family homes where water supply and septic capacity are available.

I will also push for changes in building codes to allow more diversity in housing types like tiny homes and row homes.

I have a plan for improving public safety and adding deputies for patrol through the use of enhanced law enforcement districts similar to what Deschutes County set up to fund their Sheriff. I was able to restore 24-hour patrol and rebuild our jail and youth services capacity. Lane County has embraced the "Stepping Up" program to divert people with behavioral health issues from our criminal justice system and into appropriate treatment this included adding three mental health professionals to our jail staff.

I personally lobbied for HB 2017 that provided the resources to complete needed safety and capacity improvements to Hwy 126 and provides a new source of funding for rural mass transit that may result in the creation of an LTD route to Florence. The creation of a rural ride sharing system would cover those areas that mass transit cannot reach.

Finally, controlling the internal costs of government has allowed Lane County to pass a structurally balanced budget with no use of reserves or cuts in services while cutting taxes. I promise to continue that prudent financial management to prevent run away property taxes. We also received the highest financial rating Lane County has ever earned that allowed for refinancing of debt

at lower interest rates saving millions over the life of the debt.

Kent: I would bring back the rural sheriff liaison; we should do a cost study where we examine contracting with Oregon State police vs. adding Sheriff department FTE. My goal is to reduce administrative bloat while adding badges to patrol.

To tackle our housing problem, I will look at tools such as a construction excise tax, a real-estate transaction tax, enterprise zones and urban renewal districts. I will protect taxpayer interest in these subsidies by requiring community benefit agreements or project labor agreements on incentivized construction. In order to leverage federal resources for housing we should be looking for opportunities for partnerships, such as writing a state lottery-backed bond proposal to build affordable units in Lane County. We missed the mark with our lottery back bond proposals (funding for a new courthouse) in 2017.

We can explore less expensive methods for bringing much needed services to the region, such as using mobile clinics and taking advantage of unused office spaces or buildings to house these services. We should be stretching every dollar and empowering our non-profit service providers.

Identify what you see as the current successes in the region, and how you will build on them.

Bozievich: Oregon RAIN Florence was and continues to be a great success in mentoring entrepreneurs in moving from idea to a real business creating new local businesses and providing for the expansion of existing start-ups. I would continue to support this effort through Lane County's Rural Prosperity Initiative we approved.

The Oregon Dunes Collaborative is a successful model of bringing diverse interest groups together that had

been in conflict to agree on a plan to fight the invasive European Beach Grass that threatens the open sand ecology of the dunes. I helped get the process started when I worked to convince the USFS that their plan to limit OHV access to newly vegetated areas should be focused not on limitations but on why those areas were becoming vegetated. The collaborative will help preserve the Snowy Plover and other native species that depend on an environment of moving sand and the over \$120 million annual contribution of the OHV riders to the central Oregon coast. I will support the future work by lobbying for federal support for larger scale reclamation projects.

Kent: The Siuslaw Vision 2025 has put forth an inclusive model to bring small business and local community organizations together in order to expand opportunities for services throughout our region. With the funding of the Ford Family Foundation, they are well on their way to help increase access to transportation, childcare services and health care for our rural communities. The Vision team grew out of a larger community conversation which I was invited to attend two years ago.

What are your short term and long-term goals as commissioner?

Bozievich: Short term are to provide for more housing across rural Lane County, continue adding to the Highway 126 safety improvements and provide additional cost savings like our proposed investment of recent savings in a PERS side account creating additional future savings.

Long term I would like to provide a permanent and stable source of funding to implement our ten-year public safety plan. I would also like to expand our federally qualified health clinic system to the Florence area as well as mobile health services

like our current dental hygienist services we provide to several school districts using a specially equipped van.

Kent: Short Term: Increase the level of constituent service for West Lane residents. Currently, there is \$4,000/yr earmarked for constituent service. We need to ensure everyday citizens can navigate county government and get their problems solved.

Medium Term: Secure new revenue streams and stabilize the housing crisis. We should have a construction excise tax earmarked for affordable housing. We can study the effects of a soda tax to fund public health. We need to expand services for Lane County Behavioral health, and we should do more to combat the opioid crisis.

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FRESH CRAB

BAKED SALMON WITH GARLIC AND DIJON

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INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/2 lb salmon fillet
- 2 Tbsp fresh parsley, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves pressed
- 1/2 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1/2 tsp sea salt
- 1/8 tsp black pepper
- 2 Tbsp light olive oil (not extra virgin)
- 2 Tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 Lemon, sliced into 4 rings for garnish

FRESH IN THE CASE THIS WEEK:
Crab, Salmon, Ling Cod, Snapper, Petrale Sole, Oysters, Shrimp, Steamer Clams, Smoked Fish and more

How to Make It:

- Preheat the oven to 450° F.
- Line rimmed baking sheet with foil.

Step 1
In a small bowl, combine: parsley, garlic, Dijon mustard, sea salt, black pepper, oil and lemon juice.

Step 2
Slice salmon into 4 portions and arrange them on the lined baking sheet, keeping salmon skin-side-down.

Step 3
Generously brush top and sides of salmon with sauce and top with lemon slices.

Step 4
Bake at 450°F for 12-15 min or until just cooked through and flaky. Don't over-cook.

Happy Mother's Day!

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CORRECTED RESULTS LOSE TO WIN

WOMEN Overall Winners			MEN Overall Winners		
1st place	2nd Place		1st place	2nd Place	
Michelle Sodaro TOTAL loss 21.43%	Scholastica Turner TOTAL loss 18.47%		Carlos Galvan TOTAL loss 20.20%	Timothy Moffett TOTAL loss 19.51%	
Won \$500	Won 6 Month Membership to Coastal Fitness		Won \$500	Won 6 Month Membership to Coastal Fitness	
Contestant Name	Weekly % Lost	Total % Lost	Kassy Keppol	1.23%	4.38%
*DENOTES RANDOM PRIZE WINNERS			Melissa Samel	2.02%	2.97%
WOMEN'S RESULTS			Terah Cleveland	-1.65%	2.16%
Michelle Sodaro	1.68%	21.43%	Linda Kirsch	-3.65%	2.07%
Scholastica Turner	2.77%	18.47%	Crystal Circle*	1.09%	1.68%
Terry Dewey	4.71%	16.84%	Ann Carpenter*	2.16%	1.22%
Taylor Roberts	-0.47%	16.17%	Lollie Galvan	3.51%	1.19%
Aurea Hine*	1.09%	14.74%	Odilia Garcia	-0.36%	1.09%
Cheryl Wittmier	-0.49%	13.63%	Noemi Santos	-0.05%	0.95%
Linda Crowell	1.81%	13.47%	Jo Beaudreaux*	0.87%	-0.87%
Rhonda Brophy	0.82%	12.81%	Christi Gangstad Riggs	-1.30%	-0.90%
Leslie Wade	0.83%	12.53%	MEN'S RESULTS		
Kim Holden	1.83%	12.48%	Carlos Galvan	5.51%	20.20%
Keli Thrall	0.12%	11.20%	Timothy Moffett	3.77%	19.51%
Guadalupe Galvan	-0.24%	9.35%	Mack Wade	1.52%	16.31%
Tracy Hufford-Schmoe*	1.07%	9.07%	Jim Hecker*	0.00%	11.19%
Tamara Cole*	1.39%	8.10%	Bobby Riggs	1.22%	10.99%
Margaret Free	0.00%	7.99%	Al Rojas*	1.45%	10.98%
Leonor Marmion*	-0.68%	7.42%	Rick Hardwick*	1.60%	10.00%
AnnaMaria Chavez	-0.56%	7.02%	Delbert R. Hanks*	-0.15%	9.61%
Deb Vander Bogart*	1.33%	6.79%	Michael Cole	-0.19%	7.05%
Vida Hanks	-0.16%	5.57%	Randy Schmoe	1.16%	5.79%
Audrey Pearn	0.33%	5.51%	Robert Ybarra	1.27%	4.12%
Amanda Franklin	-0.80%	5.19%	Rodney Dewey*	0.08%	3.63%
Debbie Haring	-0.82%	5.11%	David Clark	0.00%	2.92%
Ashlee Cole*	1.05%	5.10%	Danny Keppol*	0.73%	2.78%
			Kurt Vander Bogart	0.60%	1.81%

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