

Johnson

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On Friday, she added Democratic former Gov. Ted Kulongoski and former U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Oregon. She's backed by former Rep. Knute Buehler, R-Bend, who was the GOP nominee for governor in 2018, losing to Gov. Kate Brown in her last election.

Johnson, 71, has straddled the political divide for much of her life. Born in Bend and raised in Redmond, her father, Sam Johnson, was a prominent timber industry business owner. He served seven terms in the state House, as a Republican. He was mayor of Redmond at the time of his death in 1984.

After earning a law degree and commercial pilot's licenses for both fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters, Johnson ran an aviation company that included firefighting aircraft.

Like her father, she ran for the House, winning election in 2000.

Unlike her father, she was a Democrat.

She moved to the Senate in 2005 and served until resigning to run for governor.

With the primary on Tuesday, she now knows who her opponents will be if she qualifies for the ballot.

Former House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, won the Democratic nomination. Former House Minority Leader Christine Drazan won the Republican nomination.

Johnson was often at odds with Kotek, most recently on

carbon cap legislation that led to Republican walkouts in 2019 and 2020. Passage of the bill was a priority for Kotek. While its fate was uncertain in the Senate, Johnson was seen as a likely opponent.

Over the years, Kotek and leaders of the progressive wing of the Legislature's Democrats have seen Johnson as a roadblock to legislation on gun control, the environment and the expansion of collective bargaining rights further up the ranks of fire, police and other public employees.

Johnson already has a sound-bite-ready line when asked about Kotek, playing off polls that show Gov. Kate Brown with low popularity ratings.

"Tina Kotek is more Kate Brown than Kate Brown," she said.

On the Republican side, Drazan won a fragmented primary with 22% of the vote among 19 candidates. Fervent followers of former President Donald Trump were unable to rally around a single standard-bearer, instead splitting their votes into substantial chunks spread among several candidates. That helped Drazan win on election night.

Johnson said it will be impossible for Drazan to appeal to moderate swing voters who are the key to winning the governorship while not alienating the conservative GOP base.

"I don't think she's going to be able to speak her mind," Johnson said.

Kotek had been the front-runner for the nom-

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— Betsy Johnson, running for governor of Oregon



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ination since announcing her candidacy in September. Democrats have been planning a counterattack on Johnson since well before Kotek's primary victory on Tuesday.

'Let Betsy be Betsy'

Oregonians for Ethics, a political action committee that registered with the Secretary of State's Office in early February, has raised \$195,000 to highlight Johnson's votes against Democratic initiatives. The largest contributor has been the Democratic Governor's Conference, with a total of \$65,000.

Drazan has chafed at suggestions that if Johnson makes the ballot, the Republican candidate could be nothing better than a spoiler for a Johnson victory over Kotek.

In April, Drazan told Willamette Week that Johnson's break with the Democratic Party was an opportunistic move to take advantage of the first election in which a governor or ex-governor wasn't on the ballot since 2002.

"She could have been helping recruit and elect moderate Democrats all these years," Drazan said.

Johnson says she won't re-

visit her politics to try to siphon more votes away from Kotek or Drazan.

"Let Betsy be Betsy," Johnson said. "Let me get out and connect with regular people who are sick and tired of the status quo."

Drazan will be the only candidate who is against abortion rights running for governor. That could cap Johnson's appeal to a large percentage of Republicans.

The abortion issue could loom even larger due to a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that could strike down the landmark Roe v. Wade ruling.

Johnson said her position is "not negotiable."

"I am unapologetically pro-choice," she said. "I disagree with everything that Tina Kotek stands for except when it comes to a woman's right to choose."

Johnson said that the much discussed urban-rural divide is a problem for Democrats, whose center of political power is Portland.

Johnson is critical of Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler and what she sees as local officials allowing sometimes violent demonstrations and sprawling populations of homeless to chase away businesses and visitors.

But she sees the popular Republican route of campaigning

against Portland as misguided.

As the state's largest city and business hub, the city automatically has a huge — at times overwhelming — impact on state politics.

"You can't have Oregon without Portland," Johnson said. "It's our metropolitan area."

While Democrats dominate in Portland and much of the Willamette Valley, Republican political leaders have often been drawn from Eastern, Central and southwestern Oregon. Drazan, from Canby in Clackamas County, close to Portland, was an exception.

Johnson noted she grew up in Central Oregon and has represented districts first in the southern coast around Bandon, then one on the far northwest of the state. Her aviation business took her to all corners of Oregon, with frequent stops in Portland.

Johnson said that makes her a unique candidate — not bound by one spot on the state map for political support. She hopes her campaign appeals to voters in between the political norms in Salem — which she sees as political extremes.

"Rural or anyone who feels disrespected and ignored," Johnson said. "My loyalty will only be to the people of Oregon."

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Hydro Flask

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Hydro Flask hired Makris in 2017 as director of marketing. He'd previously worked as a marketing supervisor for Icebreaker, Columbia and Salomon.

Delperdang said Makris routinely bullied her in public, around the office and in meetings, according to the lawsuit. She states she received several years worth of positive performance reviews and was on track to receive a promotion until Makris, and Operational Director Lucas Alberg, subjected her to negative performance reviews in retaliation for her filing a complaint against Makris with human resources.

The suit alleges several female employees resigned from the company due to Makris' alleged conduct.

"(W)orking conditions due to the discrimination and retaliation were so intolerable that a reasonable person in her circumstances would have resigned," the lawsuit states.

The lawsuit states that in 2018 and 2020, three male Hydro Flask employees filed complaints with human resources officials stating they witnessed Makris harass Delperdang and other female employees.

The first instance described in the lawsuit occurred in December 2017 on a work trip to Hawaii. She states Makris interrupted a conversation among employees to make a lewd comment regarding her necklace. "This comment made (Delperdang) feel very uncomfortable and powerless," the lawsuit states.

She states that after Makris acted hostile toward her during a meeting, she filed a complaint with human resources, according to the lawsuit. She was told by the representative that her complaint

would be investigated. She alleges it was never followed up.

About one month after she filed her complaint, Makris "accosted and yelled" at her in the middle of the marketing department. The yelling went on for several minutes and when she attempted to speak, Makris "interrupted her, raised his voice, and continued to yell at her," the lawsuit states.

"This incident occurred in front of other employees in the Marketing Department. When Mr. Makris left, several employees approached (Delperdang) and asked if she was okay. (She) was shocked and felt humiliated and unsafe," the lawsuit states.

In May 2020, Hydro Flask employee Mitch Loge filed a complaint with human resources officials alleging he was retaliated against. In his report, Loge stated he witnessed Makris and Alberg treat Delperdang unfairly.

"Mr. Loge informed HR that it was well known within the Marketing Department that Mr. Makris consistently harassed and treated Plaintiff unfairly," the lawsuit states.

Delperdang states she was subject to unfair scrutiny and receiving "needs improvement" in her performance reviews despite hitting "every" performance metric.

In 2020, she was placed on a performance improvement plan twice. She told the human resources director she was being asked to do the jobs of three employees and was being set up to fail. She was terminated Nov. 3, 2020.

Founded around 2008 by Travis Rosbach and Cindy Morse, Hydro Flask's sales skyrocketed around 2016, the same year it was sold to global consumer goods company Helen of Troy.

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