

Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 2



Jim Bernard

Occupation: Property Management

Occupational Background: Owner- Bernard's Garage (30 years), Clackamas County Board Chair; Clackamas County Commissioner; President North Clackamas Chamber; Founder Milwaukie Farmer's Market

Educational Background: Portland State University, Business Administration, BS

Prior Governmental Experience: Clackamas County Chair; Clackamas County Commissioner; Mayor of Milwaukie; Oregon Community Corrections Board

Jim will build on his Record of Accomplishments to continue to Deliver for the Citizens of Clackamas County

- **Bring Jobs and Economic Investment to the County**
- **Attract Funding for Roads, Bridges and Transit**
- **Improve our Environmental Stewardship**
- **Provide Fiscally Responsible Leadership**
- **Create Safer Neighborhoods**
- **Develop Affordable Housing Alternatives**
- **Reduce Homelessness and Addiction**
- **Advocate for Veterans' Services, Education, and Housing**
- **Support Families in Crisis and in Unsafe Situations**
- **Provide High Speed Internet Connectivity to Rural Areas**
- **Rebuild Relationships and Trust with Citizens, Businesses and Staff, as well as Local, State and Federal Partners**

These are not empty promises like so many politicians make. These are real successes Jim Bernard has delivered to the citizens of Clackamas County as a local elected leader and longtime business owner in the County. Here are just some examples of his leadership:

- Created good jobs for citizens within their local communities
- Attracted millions in funds for roads, transit and infrastructure
- Created the County Audit Committee to ensure proper use of funds, promoted transparency and secured AAA+ Bond Rating
- Established the Hospital Authority bringing millions in investments to the county
- Provided adequate funding for law enforcement, courts and community corrections
- Reduced homelessness and provided needed services to keep those in crisis on a path to recovery and stability
- Opened mental health and addiction treatment programs for at-risk individuals, short-term transitional housing and long-term affordable housing
- Funded the creation of the Family Justice Center to provide a safe environment for battered women, children and seniors

Elect Jim Bernard for Clackamas County Commissioner. Experience and Effectiveness Matters.

Go to www.votejbernard.com for more info and endorsements

(This information furnished by Jim Bernard)

Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 2



David Bush

Occupation: Small business owner, Entrepreneur

Occupational Background: Sheet Metal Worker, Auto Repair Shop Owner

Educational Background: Molalla High School, Local 16 5-year apprenticeship, Continuing Education for licenses and certifications

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Rooted in strong faith and guided by family values, David Bush believes that leadership starts with integrity, service, and commitment to community. As a small business owner, David understands the challenges that local families and businesses face every day and knows firsthand the importance of responsible leadership and common-sense solutions. Family comes first in everything he does, and that same dedication extends to serving the people of this county.

David is running for County Commissioner to bring fresh perspective, accountability, and positive change at the county level. With a heart for service and a deep respect for the community, David is committed to strengthening local businesses, supporting families, and ensuring that county government works for the people it represents.

Fiscal Accountability and Transparency

Our communities deserve accountability and transparency in government spending-without raising taxes or adding new fees. By focusing on efficiency and smart financial management, we can maintain essential services while respecting the financial burden already placed on families and local businesses.

Business Development

Strong businesses create strong communities. As County Commissioner, I will support business development by encouraging smart growth, cutting unnecessary barriers, and helping local businesses succeed.

Public Safety

As county commissioner, I will work to ensure our law enforcement, emergency responders, and public safety agencies have the resources and support they need to keep our communities safe. Strong partnerships, responsible budgeting, and proactive planning are essential to protecting families and businesses in our county.

It's time for a change!

Learn more about David at: www.electdavidbush.com

(This information furnished by David Bush)

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Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 2



Paul Savas

Occupation: Clackamas County Commissioner

Occupational Background: Small Business Owner 25 years; Aerospace Machinist

Educational Background: Oregon State University Extension Service; Cypress College

Prior Governmental Experience: Clackamas County Commissioner; Oak Lodge Sanitary Director; Oak Lodge Water Commissioner

Serving as Commissioner has been a great honor. Thank you for the trust you have placed in me. Here are some recent accomplishments and where I stand on the issues.

AFFORDABILITY AND LIVABILITY:

- Held the line on the budget—expanded essential services without raising taxes.
- Only urban county in Oregon to end the year with a fiscally sound budget.
- New libraries in Gladstone and Oak Grove and a new courthouse.

“Paul’s focus is simple: deliver results, live within our means, and keep more money in your pocket.” – North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Consistently supported fully funding the Sheriff’s Office and ensuring deputies have the resources they need.
- Proud to have the endorsements of the Clackamas County Peace Officers Association and our local firefighters.
- Secured investments in mental health and recovery to address prevention.

“Paul has protected funding for law enforcement and earned our trust.” – Ben Wiley, President, Clackamas County Peace Officers Association

TRANSPORTATION:

- Champion for rural roads, local control, and commuters.
- Stood firm for **NO TOLLS** in state transportation package.
- Advocating for transportation investments that reduce congestion.

ENDORSEMENTS:

I am proud to earn support from labor, business, and community leaders across Clackamas County, including:

AFSCME Local 350

Clackamas County Peace Officers Association

Home Building Association of Greater Portland

Northwest Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO

North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce

UFCW Local 555

IBEW Local 48

Ironworkers Local 29

Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County, IAFF Local 1159

District Attorney John Wentworth

Mayors:

Brian Hodson, Canby

Michael Milch, Gladstone Mayor

Joe Buck, Lake Oswego

Scott Keyser, Molalla

Denyse McGriff, Oregon City

Kathleen Walker, Sandy

Frank Bubenik, Tualatin

Rory Bialostosky, West Linn

Shawn O’Neil, Wilsonville

I will continue to be a commissioner for all residents. Please reach out to me if you need assistance.

www.ElectPaulSavas.com

(This information furnished by Paul Savas)

Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 2



Mark Shull

Occupation: Retired US Military

Occupational Background: USMC/US ARMY Lt Colonel (Ret), former President Shull Design and Development, Inc.

Educational Background: Oregon State University, Architecture, Bach Science; Command and Gen Staff College, Strategy/Operations, Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience:

Clackamas County Commissioner 2021-2024

The People’s Commissioner—for a stronger, more affordable Clackamas County

As your candidate for Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 2, I will continue to put residents first—fighting for lower taxes, less government overreach, and real solutions that protect our homes, wallets, and way of life.

- Time for Action, Not just Talk: Property Tax Relief for Seniors: I have a plan to provide a 3% county property tax rebate to all Clackamas County seniors age 65 and older who occupy their primary home, directly offsetting the Measure 50 annual 3% increase—your future financial security.
- No Tolling: I fought tolling from day one and will continue to oppose any tolls on I-205 or elsewhere—demanding accountability from ODOT instead of burdening drivers.
- Oppose Corporate Activity Tax: I stand against new or expanded taxes like the Corporate Activity Tax that hurt jobs and raise costs for families and business.
- Land Use Reform for Housing: Advocate for reforms to Oregon’s land use laws to free up more land for building affordable homes—addressing the housing crisis without endless regulations.
- Hardest-Working Commissioner: Unlike others who rarely are in their offices, I work tirelessly for you — listening to constituents, resolving problems, and delivering results every day.
- Equality, Not DEI/Equity Mandates: In my prior term, I eliminated DEI programs in county operations and will continue advocating for true equality of opportunity for all, without divisive equity policies.
- No Growth in Government Size: I will vote against any expansion of county government—cutting waste, holding down spending, and keeping costs low.
- Fight Metro Incursion: I will vigorously oppose Metro’s overreach into Clackamas County—protecting our local control and independence from Portland-area mandates.

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Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 4



Robert Kukish

Occupation: Owner Workingclass Iron Strength Training

Occupational Background: Carpenter/Foreman at R&H Construction

Educational Background: Central CT State University, Communication/Criminal Justice, BA

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Vote Rob Kukish - Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 4

Transparent government. Strong communities. Your voice in Clackamas.

Twenty years of working commercial construction projects taught me accountability matters.

When a project goes over budget, falls behind schedule, or loses community trust, there are real consequences. I'm running because county government needs that same discipline—honest budgets, transparent decisions, and leadership that answers to the people. Additionally, I've spent a decade coaching powerlifting and weightlifting, helping people build strength, discipline, and confidence.

Safe neighborhoods are the foundation of everything else we want to build—thriving businesses, good schools, vibrant parks. As commissioner, I will fully fund our sheriff, support our deputies, and ensure Clackamas County remains one of the safest places in Oregon to raise a family.

The homelessness crisis is not just a Portland problem—it is our problem. I will push for evidence-based solutions that combine housing access, substance abuse treatment, and mental health services. Compassion without accountability is not a strategy. We need measurable outcomes and we need to be honest with taxpayers about what is working and what is not.

Clackamas County's budget must be sustainable. Every dollar we spend is a dollar taken from a working family, a small business owner, or a retiree. I will scrutinize spending, oppose debt we cannot afford, and hold county government to the same standard I held every job site I ever ran—on time, on budget, no excuses.

Housing affordability is an urgent priority with unique challenges requiring creative solutions with consideration to ecologically sustainable land use and responsible development. Having worked in commercial construction for 20 years, I understand the realities of building in our region. We should encourage strategic growth, streamline permitting where possible, and support the development of housing that working families can afford without sacrificing the character of our communities.

(This information furnished by Robert Kukish)

Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 4



Brian O'Neill

Occupation: Northwest Regional Manager JD Steel, Inc.

Occupational Background: Field Superintendent, Operations Manager, Vice President. President for youth sports program North Clackamas 10 years, Youth Sports Coach 12 years. Advisor Fund committee North Clackamas school district, Advisory committee 2 years North Clackamas school

district. Served on Bond Committee for North Clackamas school district.

Educational Background: LaSalle High School, General, Diploma; Ironworkers local 29 Trade Sch, Ironworker trade 3 year prog, Journeyman; PCC, General, 1 year

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I have lived in Oregon my entire life and in Clackamas County for nearly sixty years. I have been married to my wife, best friend, partner, and matriarch of our family for nearly forty years. I have four adult children, three of whom live in Clackamas County, along with six granddaughters who all live in Clackamas County. I want to be a voice for my family, the citizens, cities, and businesses of Clackamas County.

We have become a reactive county instead of a proactive one. We wait for a major event (weather) to occur before a plan is developed. Do we have an adequate readiness plan in place for an earthquake?

We can't continue to kick the can down the road, putting deferred maintenance on the back burner with the idea that the next generation will need to take care of it. Our roads and bridges are a mess. We put up signs about weight limits for our bridges instead of fixing the issues. We no longer seal cracks in roads, allowing roads to deteriorate faster. In some cases, we avoid repairing county roads altogether within our road system.

This is not a call for additional taxes; it's a call to live within our means like every citizen and business is required to do. Instead of adhering to our budget, we move money from one budget item to another, eliminating much-needed programs without considering the impact on our business and citizens.

I'm ready to get to work!

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Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 4



Bill Osburn

Occupation: Rancher

Occupational Background:
Small Business Owner / Truck Driver

Educational Background:
OCHS/Rex Putnam, Diploma;
Clackamas Community College, Criminal Justice, AGS

Prior Governmental Experience:
Vice Chair Traffic and Safety

A Fresh, Independent Perspective

I believe government exists to serve the people, not dictate to them. It's time for a representative who listens first and acts with transparency and accountability. I am not bound by the silos of either political party. As a non-affiliated candidate, my only loyalty is to you.

Safety and Responsibility

- **Law Enforcement:** I stand firmly with our first Responders and law Enforcement to ensure our neighborhoods remain safe.
- **Infrastructure:** Our roads must be safe and well maintained, without excessive tax burden.
- **The Homeless Epidemic:** This needs to be tackled at its core, which is lack of proper mental healthcare vs costly temporary fixes that don't yield positive results.

Protecting Our Future and Our Past

- **Taxes:** You deserve a voice. I believe citizens should have a direct vote on any new tax proposals.
- **Metro:** It's time to evaluate our relationship with Metro. We must ensure this partnership benefits Clackamas County residents and provides a clear return on our investment.
- **Preservation:** We must protect our historic sites and local history before they are lost forever.
- **Housing:** I believe in affordable housing, ensuring our children and seniors can afford to stay in the community they love. I believe government is the problem. It's time to reduce the bureaucratic red tape, high development fees and over taxation that drive up costs.

As a lifelong resident born and raised in Clackamas County, my roots here run deep. My family history over 180 years is woven into this land, further strengthened by my Tribal connection to my Cayuse Ancestors. This isn't just a jurisdiction; it is home.

I am running to be your voice—a common-sense leader dedicated to keeping Clackamas County Affordable, Safe, and Accountable to the people.

(This information furnished by Bill Osburn)

Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 4



Diana Helm

Occupation: Clackamas County Commissioner

Occupational Background:
Small Business Owner: Terra Casa, Fred Meyer: Principal Buyer

Educational Background: Linn-Benton CC, Business & Music Studies

Prior Governmental Experience:
Mayor of Damascus, Sunrise Water Authority Board

LEADERSHIP, INTEGRITY, TRANSPARENCY

Commissioner Diana Helm has proven a strong voice for citizens of Clackamas County, advocating for affordable housing, streamlining permitting and addressing homelessness. Putting citizens of our county first is her north star. A longtime small business owner, Diana understands the importance small businesses are to our economic vitality.

FOCUS ON AFFORDABLE COMMUNITIES

Commissioner Helm has embraced the goal of building 900 more affordable housing units by 2030 and reduce regulatory burden by 2028 with timely permitting.

TAKING ON HOMELESSNESS AND ADDICTION HEAD ON

Our county is addressing the root causes of homelessness and addiction. Diana will continue her work to ensure shelter and recovery services are available for those in need.

PROMOTING SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

Commissioner Helm strongly advocates for programs like Safe Routes to Schools. She is committed to keeping our communities safe and secure.

A CHAMPION FOR FAMILY WAGE JOBS

As a small business owner for many years, Diana knows that economic growth is key to expanding family wage jobs in Clackamas County. That's why Commissioner Helm testified at the Legislature this year helping successfully pass a bill that will give our farmers the opportunity to operate farm stores, agritourism events and farm-to-table dinners so our citizens can experience the farm firsthand.

TRUSTED VOICES STAND WITH DIANA

Lori Olund, President Miles Fiberglass
United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555
NW Oregon Labor Council
Portland Metropolitan Association of Realtors
Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce
Home Building Association of Greater Portland
Portland Metro Chamber
Dan Fowler, Business Leader
Commissioner Ben West
Commissioner Martha Schrader
Former State Senator Betsy Johnson
Former State Senator Rick Metsger
District Attorney John Wentworth
Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm
Mayors: Scott Keyser, Molalla
Sean Drinkwine, Estacada
Michael Milch, Gladstone
Brian Hodson, Canby

And many more

(This information furnished by Diana Helm)

Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 4



R W Smith

Occupation: Environmental Consultant

Occupational Background: Lean Production Manager. Shop Supervisor. Arborist Assistant. Caregiver for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

Educational Background: University of Arizona, Environmental Studies, Bachelors; Seminole State College, Applied

Science, Associates

Prior Governmental Experience: Currently serving on Clackamas County Community Action Board (CAB). Currently serving on Community Climate Action Committee (CCAC).

CLACKAMAS VALUES. BIPARTISAN SOLUTIONS.

Clackamas County is my home. My family lives here, my children go to school here, and like many families we feel the pressure of rising costs. I'm running because the local government should work openly and responsibly for the people it serves. As your commissioner I will:

REDUCE COSTS FOR WORKING FAMILIES

Clackamas needs to be more affordable. I'll continue bringing together community and county leaders around solutions to this crisis.

- Irresponsible budgeting around our parks and courthouse have wasted millions in taxpayer dollars. Residents shouldn't be asked to foot the bill for poor planning.
- We must limit large corporations from buying up our housing supply and pushing families out of the market.
- To lower skyrocketing utility rates, we need to build new clean energy capacity while ending subsidies to massive data centers.

END UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS

We must move unhoused neighbors off our streets and into recovery-oriented care. These conditions are inhumane; the status quo has gone on far too long.

- We need more treatment options and more shelter beds for people experiencing severe addiction and mental health challenges.
- The best way to reduce homelessness is to prevent it in the first place by building more affordable housing.

KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

Everyone deserves to feel safe in their neighborhood. But the fentanyl crisis is tearing apart families and devastating communities across our region.

- Our police and first responders must have the resources and tools they need to keep our communities safe.
- While the federal government is targeting immigrants, we will stand up for our neighbors and ensure families have access to the support they need.

Learn more at: FriendsOfRemySmith.org

Endorsements

Democratic Party of Clackamas County
Council President Will Anderson (Milwaukie)
Councilor Adam Khosroabadi (Milwaukie)

(This information furnished by RW Smith)

Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 4



Pete Wease

Occupation: Mortgage Banking

Occupational Background: Mortgage lending and sales; Regional Vice President, NW Regional Area Manager, Market Leader of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Educational Background: Portland State University, BS, Psychology; Portland Adventist Academy, Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: None

My background is not as a politician. I'm a listener, a steward, and someone who believes in building a sound and lasting foundation for my community and future generations.

I'm a husband, a father of three boys, rooted in Oregon my entire life.

I've worked in mortgage banking for over 30 years. That means I understand budgets, risk, accountability, and what it means when financial decisions affect real families. Numbers aren't abstract to me - they represent people's homes, livelihoods, and futures. That discipline applies to managing a county budget and ensuring taxpayer dollars support essential services like public safety, health programs, and infrastructure.

My connection to Clackamas County runs deep. I've lived in Milwaukie most of my life. The only time I left Oregon was to work at the Perkins School for the Blind in Massachusetts — where I met my wife Sharon. When my father passed away, we came straight home to care for family. Oregon isn't just where I live. It's who I am.

I'm running for County Commissioner Position 4 because this position deserves someone who will be straight with you. Someone who reads the fine print, asks hard questions about how taxpayer money is spent, and shows up with honest answers. My career has been built on trust — you don't last 30 years in the mortgage industry without it.

Clackamas County is growing, and the decisions made in the next few years will shape it for decades. I want to be at that table — guiding those decisions with common sense, financial discipline, and genuine respect for the people who make this county home.

If you want someone committed to listening, protecting taxpayer resources, and planning responsibly for the future — I'd be honored to earn your vote.

(This information furnished by Pete Wease)

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Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 5



Ben West

Occupation: Clackamas County Commissioner; Registered Nurse - Cardiology; Lieutenant, United - States Navy Reserve

Occupational Background: Med-Surgical, Correctional, Community Health Nursing

Educational Background: Master of Nursing, Liberty University; BS-Nursing, Linfield University

Prior Governmental Experience:

Wilsonville City Council; Co-Chair, Metro Supportive Housing Services Task Force; Local Public Safety Coordinating Council; Association of Oregon Counties Board Member; Association of Oregon & California Lands Representative

STOP THE GAS TAX!

I stood firm against the Governor's record-high gas tax, which burdens families and businesses. I lead the fight against I-205 tolling. Voters are frustrated that politicians ignore how Oregon has become unsafe, unlivable, and unaffordable. As Commissioner, I promise to listen and fight back against out-of-touch governance.

PUBLIC SAFETY

"Ben is a strong supporter of law enforcement, committed to fully funding police budgets and holding criminals accountable. He is dedicated to protecting our communities, especially against unchecked crime spilling over from Portland." - **Clackamas Peace Officers' Association**

"Ben's unique RN background provides an invaluable policy perspective. A true partner to first responders, we trust his deep understanding of public health and safety to serve our county." - **Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County IAFF Local 1159**

Proudly endorsed by Portland Area District Attorneys:

John Wentworth, DA, Clackamas County
Kevin Barton, DA, Washington County

HOMELESSNESS CRISIS

"Ben is the foremost leader addressing the homelessness crisis. Thanks to his dedication, Clackamas County's policies are rooted in an effective recovery-oriented system of care. As Multnomah County struggles, Ben is quickly moving people off the streets and into treatment." - **Martha Schrader, Commissioner, Clackamas County**

"Ben is a trusted partner who brings pragmatic, comprehensive solutions that have helped families and reduced homelessness in Clackamas County." - **Mayor Joe Buck, City of Lake Oswego**

ECONOMIC GROWTH

"Ben understands what it takes to grow the economy and how to attract investors and industry back to Oregon. He's a champion for growth, small businesses, and job creators." - **Portland Metro Chamber**

I would appreciate your vote.

Learn more about me at and see my full list of endorsements at:
www.benwest.us

(This information furnished by Ben West)

Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 5



Sonya Fischer

Occupation: Family Attorney, Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: Clackamas County District Attorney Special Prosecutor; Program development for children, family, domestic violence programs

Educational Background: Warner Pacific University, Bachelors; PSU, Public Administration, Masters; Lewis and

Clark, J.D.

Prior Governmental Experience: Budget Committees for Lake Oswego and Centennial School District; County Commissioner

"As President Trump raises prices and undermines our fundamental freedoms, we need local leaders like Sonya Fischer holding the line."

- Attorney General Dan Rayfield

The Change Clackamas County Needs

As a mom of a daughter with disabilities, Sonya Fischer has always advocated for those who go unheard and underserved. When county government was failing kids like her daughter, Sonya fought back to fix a broken system.

Now she's running to fix what's broken on the County Commission

- **BRINGING COSTS DOWN for Families and Seniors.** Pushing back on utility rate increases, banning tolling, and building more homes that families can actually afford.
- **HOLDING GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE** to deliver better services for people and small businesses before asking for more of our hard-earned tax dollars.
- **KEEPING US SAFE** by funding the sheriff's office and getting people off our streets and into shelters or permanent housing.

"Commissioner Ben West can't be trusted to look out for us because he's too busy looking out for himself: Getting cushy government jobs for family members and spouting Donald Trump's dangerous policies. It's time for a new direction. I support Sonya Fischer.

- Deb Barnes, Retired NCS D Teacher

"Commissioner West wants to weaken Oregon law that ensures law enforcement resources stay local and do not assist lawless, masked ICE agents terrorizing our communities. I'll never put politics before our community's safety."

- Sonya

Sonya's Supporters:

U.S. Senator **Jeff Merkley**

Congresswoman **Janelle Bynum**

Clackamas Sheriff **Angela Brandenburg**

State Senators (Clackamas) **Mark Meek, Courtney Neron**

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State Representatives (Clackamas) **Daniel Nguyen, Jules**

Walters

Oregon City Mayor **Denyse McGriff**

Former Wilsonville Mayor **Julie Fitzgerald**

Former Milwaukie Mayor and CEO of North Clackamas Chamber

Wilda Parks

And more:

www.SonyaFischer.com

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Clackamas County Assessor



Bronson W Rueda

Occupation: Clackamas County Assessor

Occupational Background: Oregon Department of Revenue; Commercial Fee Appraiser; United States Army

Educational Background: University of Portland, Criminal Justice, Bachelor of Science; IAAO, Appraisal Courses, Certificates; Willamette University,

Public Management, Modules; Appraisal Institute, Appraisal Courses, Certificates

Prior Governmental Experience: Treasurer/Secretary, Oregon Association of County Tax Collectors; Budget & Finance Committee Chair, Oregon State Assessors and Tax Collectors Association

Hello Clackamas County voters. As my first 4-year term is coming to an end, I want to let you know I have upheld my promises made to you in my initial campaign, including:

1. Pursuing the highest standards in customer service.
2. Administering Oregon's property tax laws in a fair and equitable manner.
3. Advocating for technology that produces efficiencies while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

During the next four years as your County Assessor, I will continue to promote my original promises. I encourage you to contact my office if you have questions regarding property tax laws since many of them can be complex and confusing. I strongly feel the more educated we all are about Oregon's property tax laws, the better position we will be in to understand the challenges, benefits, and opportunities we have. On the surface, property tax may seem like an inconvenience to owning real or personal property, but it is one of the financial backbones that help keep our county safe and an attractive place to live. I welcome your call or personal visit anytime.

Thank you in advance for your support.

(This information furnished by Bronson W Rueda)

Clackamas County Justice of the Peace



Kathleen Rastetter

Occupation: Justice of the Peace, Clackamas County

Occupational Background: Justice Court Judge Pro Tem; Senior Attorney Clackamas County Counsel; Parter, Cosgrave Vergeer Kester law firm

Educational Background: Rutgers Law School, Law, Juris Doctor; Order of the Coif; Purdue University, Nutrition Sciences with honors, Bachelor of Science

Prior Governmental Experience: Justice Court Judge Pro Tem, Oregon State Bar Disciplinary Board

I have over thirty years of legal experience practicing civil, employment, appellate and tax law. I am committed to continuing to serve the public as the Justice of the Peace. I strive to fairly and impartially apply the law while treating everyone with dignity and respect.

My past and present community engagement includes:

- North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce
- JOIN, a homeless assistance nonprofit organization
- Dress for Success, a nonprofit assisting women returning to the workforce
- Oregon State Bar Board of Governors
- Campaign for Equal Justice Board of Directors
- Oregon Women Lawyers (President 2013)
- Federal Bar Association of Oregon (President 2003)

(This information furnished by Kathleen Rastetter)

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Metro Council, President



Juan Carlos González

Occupation: Metro Councilor, District 4; Chief Strategy Officer, Centro Cultural

Occupational Background: Non-Profit Executive

Educational Background: Forest Grove High School; Georgetown University, B.A.

Prior Governmental Experience: Metro Council (2018-present)

“Together, we will forge a Greater Portland where working families are supported, where young people can plant roots, where elders can retire with dignity, and where we build big projects that will change lives for generations”

- Juan Carlos Gonzalez

Juan Carlos' Proven Leadership

- Delivered 5,600 affordable homes under budget and ahead of schedule
- Championed living wage jobs for working families
- Led smart solutions to make public transit safer and efficient
- Strengthened investments in our public parks and natural habitats

A Shared Prosperity Agenda for Our Future

- **Affordable Housing:** Build more homes so working families can live and grow in the communities they love
- **A Thriving Economy:** Advance regional investments that bring good jobs, support small businesses, and unite our communities
- **Safe Transportation:** Ensure working people can reliably and affordably get around the region
- **Parks & Environment:** Invest in our public parks and natural resources

“Juan Carlos is a dedicated, collaborative leader who’s already delivered real solutions to our communities. He’ll be a Metro President that represents the urgent needs of Clackamas County on our regional government” - **Joe Buck, Mayor of Lake Oswego**

“I look forward to working with Juan Carlos to strengthen our business community and build on his achievements to uplift our local economy.” - **Katherine Lam, CEO of Bambuza**

Proudly endorsed by:

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley

Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici

Congresswoman Andrea Salinas

Oregon Attorney General Dan Rayfield

Metro Council President Lynn Peterson

Metro Councilors Ashton Simpson,

Duncan Hwang & Christine Lewis

State Senator Kayse Jama

State Representatives Daniel Nguyen & Mark Gamba

Clackamas County Chair Craig Roberts

West Linn Mayor Rory Bialatosky

Milwaukie Mayor Lisa Batey

Willamette Women Democrats

Building Power for Communities of Color

North Coast States Carpenters Union

Northwest Oregon Labor Council

Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council

Full list at Gonzalez4Oregon.com

(This information furnished by Gonzalez for Oregon)

Metro Council, President



Chris Christensen

Occupation: Retired/ Entrepreneur/Author

Occupational Background: Mortgage Consultant, Loan officer, Business Owner, Entrepreneur, Affordable Housing Consultant, Former Brewer at Blitz-Weinhard Brewery, Adjunct Professor

Educational Background: UCSD Extension, Certificate Coursework, Urban Planning; University of

San Diego, B.A. Degree, English/Business Administration; Jesuit High School, Portland Oregon, High School Diploma; Chapman Elementary School, Portland, Oregon, Clackamas Community College (1998); Real Estate School of Oregon (1995); American School of Mortgage Banking (1998).

Prior Governmental Experience: 2020 Congressional Candidate, Oregon Congressional District 1 (2020); 2022 U.S. Senate Candidate-Oregon; Registered Lobbyist, City of Portland (2020); Bridgeton Neighborhood Committee (1995).

As a fifth-generation Oregonian, I care deeply about the future of our region and the quality of life we all share.

Oregon is a remarkable place to live, work and raise a family. With thoughtful leadership and responsible planning, we can strengthen our communities, improve housing affordability, and protect the natural beauty that makes our region special.

As your Metro Council President, I will champion smart urban infill development and urban renewal, strengthen neighborhoods, and protect the farms, forests and open spaces that define our region. Thoughtful growth planning can create walkable, livable communities where homes, shops, parks and workplaces are connected.

A thriving region depends on vibrant small businesses, beautiful parks, and strong arts and cultural communities that bring us together and support a healthy economy.

We must also address our serious challenges, including homelessness and mental health, with practical, compassionate solutions that restore safety and stability.

I will work to protect our valuable agricultural lands, ensuring thoughtful decisions about development pressures including large data centers that threaten our farmlands and regional identity.

Metro must operate with fiscal discipline and stewardship of taxpayer dollars. I will lead with transparency and accountability, and a commitment to listening.

Together, with your vote, we can build stronger neighborhoods, a vibrant, thriving economy, and a region we are all proud to call home.

(This information furnished by Chris Christensen)

Metro Council, President



Ken Ross

Occupation: Code Compliance Officer; Public Safety Agent; Juvenile Counselor

Occupational Background: Public safety; municipal government; juvenile justice; labor representation; community advocacy

Educational Background: Paralegal coursework; DPSST Certified Instructor; Oregon

Inspector Certification (OIC)

Prior Governmental Experience: Union officer; public employee; community advisory work

I oppose gas tax increases that punish working families while political insiders protect the status quo. I am running for Metro Council President as an independent candidate because leadership should answer first to the voters, not political succession, special interests, or institutional endorsements.

For more than 35 years, I have served on the front lines of public service, working directly with communities, workers, and youth affected by government decisions. Throughout my career, I have not hesitated to challenge institutional corruption, demand accountability, and stand up for those whose voices are too often ignored.

Our region must also bring economic growth back in ways that protect working families and strengthen local communities. That means encouraging responsible development, supporting good-paying jobs, and pursuing innovative solutions that make our region affordable and livable again.

Metro must pursue creative housing strategies. If Portland Public Schools closes schools, Metro should partner with local governments to repurpose surplus school sites into mixed-income housing for working families, seniors, teachers, and first-time homebuyers while preserving valuable community assets.

This election presents a clear choice: continue along the current path supported by institutional insiders, or choose independent leadership grounded in frontline experience and accountability to the public.

Across our region, residents see promises made but trust strained and workers too often unheard. Restoring confidence in public institutions requires transparency, independent oversight, and leaders willing to challenge the status quo.

My priorities are simple:

- Independent oversight and transparent governance
- Protection for whistleblowers and frontline workers
- Strong public services and institutional stability
- Innovative housing solutions that strengthen working families

Metro's future should be shaped by the people of our region—not by special interests or political insiders. I respectfully ask for your support on May 19, 2026.

(This information furnished by Ken Ross)

Metro Auditor



Brian Evans

Occupation: Auditor

Occupational Background: 18 years of government auditing experience, Certified Internal Auditor and Certified Government Auditing Professional

Educational Background: Master's Degree, International Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Bachelor's Degree, International Affairs, Lewis

and Clark College

Prior Governmental Experience: Principal Management Auditor, Metro; Senior Economist, Business Oregon; AmeriCorps VISTA

Metro Residents,

You deserve transparent and accountable government. That's why I am running for reelection. The Auditor's Office provides objective and independent information about Metro's programs and services. The performance audits I lead make recommendations to increase efficiency, effectiveness, and equity.

RESPONSIVE TO THE PUBLIC

Voters approved ballot measures for supportive housing services, park and natural areas, and the Oregon Zoo in recent years. As Metro Auditor, I have audited each of these programs to ensure they deliver the promises made to voters.

Other recent audits focused on governance, equity, and ethics to respond to public concerns. The First Opportunity Target Area audit found out of date income limits reduced the number of people who could participate in the program. I also completed an audit that looked at public meetings, public records, lobbying, and contracts. Finally, two recent audits identified improvements to better manage ethics and conflicts of interest.

EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE TO BE SUCCESSFUL

I have a strong record of improving government. Over 18 years I completed performance audits of almost every aspect of Metro's operations including Portland's Centers for the Arts and Oregon Convention Center. I also audited internal functions like finance and information technology which are key to the success of all Metro programs.

HOLDING GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE

I center the public point of view. My goal is to show you what has been accomplished and where more work is needed. Being an advocate for the public improves services and increases accountability. As Metro Auditor, I will bring integrity, independence and continuous improvement to everything I do.

Read audit reports at:

<https://www.oregonmetro.gov/audits>

VOTE BRIAN EVANS FOR METRO AUDITOR

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Metro Council, District 1



Ashton Simpson

Occupation: Metro Councilor, Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: Construction Project Engineer, Nonprofit Leader, U.S. Air Force (Retired)

Educational Background: Portland State, B.S.

Prior Governmental Experience: Portland Metro Workforce Development Board, Joint

Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation

Fierce Advocate, Proven Leader

A proud resident of East County, Ashton is fighting for us. Ashton knows our communities deserve their fair share, but our streets are less safe, we have fewer parks, and people must travel farther for work, shopping, and recreation. That's why he's:

- Expanded training on public projects for family-wage careers in construction, especially for underserved communities.
- Directed efforts with cities and counties to build more housing and reduce homelessness.
- Delivered transportation investments to improve safety and congestion in East Portland.

Driven to Serve

Ashton knows many are struggling. Growing up seeing how government neglect impacted his neighborhood, Ashton has become a champion for his community. At Metro, he works relentlessly to reverse decades of disinvestment and provide for the people of East Portland and East County.

Ashton's priorities:

**Providing A Fair Share for East County
Keeping East County Affordable
Creating Dignity, Determination, & the Tools to Thrive
Building Neighborhood Community and Vibrancy
Rejecting Trump's Division and Hate**

"Together, we can continue creating an East Portland that supports every part of our community, and everyone who calls it home."
Ashton Simpson

Endorsed by:

**Oregon Working Families Party
NW Oregon Labor Council
Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council
Portland Metropolitan Association of Realtors
Portland Metro Chamber
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Building Power for Communities of Color
North Coast States Carpenters Union
Teamsters Joint Council No. 37
UFCW 555**

**Oregon Futures Lab & Color PAC
East County Rising**

**Latino Network Action Fund
Home Building Association of Greater Portland
Portland Fire Fighters' Association, IAFF Local 43
Portland For All**

Mayors Travis Stovall (Gresham), Jairo Rios-Campos (Wood Village), Dave Ripma (Troutdale), Keith Wilson (Portland)
Metro Councilors Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Christine Lewis, Duncan Hwang

Rep Ricki Ruiz, **Rep.** Zach Hudson
Gresham City Councilor Eddy Morales

www.ashtonformetro.com

(This information furnished by Ashton for Metro)

Metro Council, District 1



Noah Ernst

Occupation: In-House Council/ Superintendent, Radio Cab Company

Occupational Background: Attorney, Small Business Owner, Taxicab Driver

Educational Background: University of Oregon, J.D.; Central Washington University, B.A. Art, Philosophy

Prior Governmental Experience:

Candidate, Portland City Council District 1 (2024); decade of advocacy before Portland City Council on transportation policy

noah4metro.com.

I've spent my career solving problems in the real world as a small business owner, litigation attorney, and taxi driver. I've seen metro from every angle - boardrooms, back seats, courtrooms, and 3 a.m. pickups on 82nd Avenue. I am running to be the voice that's missing for working people in East Multnomah County.

I'm not a career politician or a special-interest insider. My real-world experience taught me something Metro's current leadership hasn't learned: when you spend money results matter: **fiscal responsibility matters.**

Metro has collected over \$1.3 billion in homeless services taxes since 2021. Homelessness has increased by 61%. Metro has spent hundreds of millions on transportation projects since 2019. Metro's data shows traffic fatalities increased by over 30%. Public transportation ridership remains below pre-covid levels.

That's not progress. That's lack of accountability and management failure, and we're all paying for it.

Homelessness: I will demand independent performance audits, measurable outcomes for every dollar spent, and an end to using one-time funding for ongoing programs. Taxpayers deserve transparency and results.

Garbage and Core Services: Metro's auditor found 'widespread issues' at transfer stations: safety failures, untrained workers, and risky financial practices. Meanwhile, our rates keep going up. I'll bring the accountability to Metro's core services that I'm demanding for homeless spending.

Transportation: East County has the highest traffic fatality rates in the region and traffic congestion is being made worse. I'll fight to decrease congestion, improve public transportation, and prioritize projects that actually reduce fatalities.

The incumbent had 4 years. It's time for a new direction AND BETTER REPRESENTATION FOR DISTRICT 1.

Endorsements

Multnomah County Deputy Sheriffs Association

Partnership for Progress

12 for PDX

Future Portland

Radio Cab

Additional endorsements at noah4metro.com

(This information furnished by Friends of Noah Ernst PAC #23430)

Metro Council, District 2



Christine Lewis

Occupation: Metro Councilor; Nonprofit Director

Occupational Background: Policy Analyst

Educational Background: B.A., Reed College; B.S., University of Pennsylvania

Prior Governmental Experience: Policy Analyst, State Legislature; Multnomah County; City of Portland; Bureau of Labor and

Industries

Community Involvement: Willamette Falls Locks Authority

WORKING FOR OUR COMMUNITIES!

Dear neighbors,

In my first two terms I've elevated our community voices at Metro for strong and vibrant neighborhoods, a robust economy, and a responsive regional government.

- We **partnered with local governments to provide additional resources** so more people can access safe and affordable housing.
- I've **pushed back hard on unfair tolling schemes** and worked for fairer alternatives. Investments are needed in neighborhood streets and transit service—we need a transportation system that works for everyone.
- We are **opening up more parkland** for families to enjoy, like Oregon City's Newell Creek.
- Metro is working with local businesses and economic leaders to **attract economic activity**, supporting job-ready lands, workforce development, and education.
- We have **increased investments that reduce trash dumping** in our public spaces, and have spearheaded innovations in reuse to divert targeted waste from the landfill.
- I've **led the efforts to reopen the Willamette Falls Locks** and am committed to public access and restoration around the falls—an incredible community treasure.

There is a lot of work to do. I am asking for your vote so we can continue to meet these challenges together.

- Christine Lewis

Supporters

Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Willamette Women Democrats

UFCW 555

NW Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO
AFSCME Local 3580

Building Power for Communities of Color
Portland Metro Chamber

Mayor Lacey Beaty, Beaverton
Mayor Rory Bialostosky, West Linn
Mayor Joe Buck, Lake Oswego
Mayor Denyse McGriff, Oregon City
Mayor Tom Ellis, Happy Valley
Mayor Keith Wilson, Portland
Councilor Brett Sherman, Happy Valley
Councilor Adam Marl, Oregon City
www.ChristineLewisForMetro.com

(This information furnished by Christine Lewis)

Clackamas County Elections

Two locations to serve you!

Clackamas County Elections

County Elections Office

1710 Red Soils Ct., Suite 100

Oregon City, OR 97045

Happy Valley Vote Center

Open May 4 – Election Day, May 19

inside the Happy Valley Library

13793 SE Sieben Park Way

Happy Valley, OR 97015

Hours at both locations:

Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, May 16, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Election Day, May 19, 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

At each voter service location, citizens can:

- replace a lost or damaged ballot,
- update voter registration information,
- get voting assistance if you have a disability,
- get voting assistance in a preferred language,
- return your voted ballot,
- vote in person.

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