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# Candidates for District-Level Delegates to the Democratic National Convention: Joe Biden — Congressional District 1

<b>Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Communities of Interest</b>
Gulzar Ahmed	Tualatin	Asian American/Pacific Islander
Anita Archer	Portland	
Ricardo Barajas	Portland	Hispanic/Latinx American
Jacki Bessler	Yamhill	Rural Democrat
Patrick Birkle	Saint Helens	Rural Democrat
Bridget Brooks	Tualatin	
Victor Chavez-Gonzalez	Forest Grove	Hispanic/Latinx American, Young Democrat
Rosa Colquitt	Tigard	African American/Black, People with Disabilities
Susan Cook	Hillsboro	People with Disabilities
Megan Drake	Portland	LGBTQ+ American
Chrissy Erguiza		Asian American/Pacific Islander, Young Democrat
Jaymee Fejes	Hillsboro	
Carl Fisher	Tigard	Young Democrat
Richard Freimark	Portland	
Julie Fugate	Sherwood	Rural Democrat
Charles Gallup Jr	Portland	People with Disabilities
Loida Gonzales	Beaverton	Asian American/Pacific Islander
Carol Greenough	Tualatin	
Tara Hansen	Hillsboro	Young Democrat
David Jarvis	Portland	People with Disabilities
Caitlin Jeffery	Tigard	LGBTQ+ American, Native American, Young Democrat

# Candidates for District-Level Delegates to the Democratic National Convention: Joe Biden — Congressional District 1

<b>Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Communities of Interest</b>
Thomas Kilbane	Portland	
Duncan Koller	Portland	Veterans or Active Service Members
Matt Laas	Portland	
Brittany Leffel	Portland	Young Democrat
Larry Ludeking	Tigard	LGBTQ+ American, Veterans or Active Service Members
John MacDonald	Portland	Veterans or Active Service Members
John Meissinger IV	Sherwood	Asian American/Pacific Islander, Young Democrat
Donna Nyberg	Saint Helens	Rural Democrat
Mary Parham	Tigard	People with Disabilities
Osiris Parikh	Beaverton	African American/Black, Young Democrat
Katherine Pokrass	Portland	
Ramana Reddy	Beaverton	Asian American/Pacific Islander
Gerritt Rosenthal	Tualatin	
Aninda Roy	Portland	Asian American/Pacific Islander
Cindy Smith	Portland	Asian American/Pacific Islander, People with Disabilities, Veterans or Active Service Members
Michael Taylor	Portland	
Paul Terdal	Portland	
Tatiana Terdal	Portland	
Alexander Thomas	Hillsboro	African American/Black, Young Democrat
Ermine Todd	Hillsboro	Veterans or Active Service Members
Johanna “Hanna” Vaandering	Hillsboro	LGBTQ+ American

# Candidates for District-Level Delegates to the Democratic National Convention: Joe Biden — Congressional District 1

<b>Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Communities of Interest</b>
Rose Etta Venetucci	Portland	
Reagan Vincennes	Beaverton	African American/Black
Laurie E. Volm	Portland	
Nicholas Webster	Aloha	
Joe Whittington	Portland	Veterans or Active Service Members
Veronica Williams	Tualatin	
Steven Yarosh	Portland	Veterans or Active Service Members

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# **Gulzar Ahmed**

**CD 1 – Male – Tualatin, OR**

**Candidate: Joe Biden**

**Communities: Asian American/Pacific  
Islander**



## **Statement of Candidacy:**

My name is Gulzar Ahmed I have lived in Oregon for over 40 years I own a small manufacturing business owner in Tualatin I am Ex Co-Chair of the Interfaith Council of Greater Portland where we attempt to foster understanding between various faiths, cultures, and traditions. I was PCP for precinct 423. I have participated in the Neighborhood Leadership Program to get my neighbors involved in the political process. I was born in Pakistan. I have seen many different political systems and believe American Political System is the best. It is the envy of the whole world. I believe in Democratic Party's Platform and values. Values like education, healthcare, energy, women and men's rights, equality, and due process for ALL. I support Mr. Joe Biden for president in the next election. I would love to represent Oregon at the Democratic National Convention. I need your support. Respectfully Gulzar Ahmed

## **When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?**

I will share the convention experience with friends and neighbors to energize them to get involved in this very important political process. I remember I was delegate to the national Convention in 2012 and how exciting this experience was. Democratic party needs public relation effort in promoting its values. I will try to support that effort.



# Anita Archer

**CD 1 – Female – Portland, OR**

**Candidate: Joe Biden**

**Donor: President's Council**



## **Statement of Candidacy:**

What are the Moral Imperatives enshrined in our Federal and State Constitutions? To establish justice, to maintain order, to promote general welfare, to insure domestic tranquility. In the last four years, these have been absent from our Federal Government to the detriment of our lives and those of our fellow citizens. During my 73 years of life, I have followed politics ... voted consistently ... voted Democratic ... supported Democratic candidates with donations ... placed signs in my yard, wore candidates' buttons. But I grew complacent, expecting fairness, expecting equity, expecting good government. That illusion was been shattered, awaking me and many others to We the People. We the People must take action, must participate, must rise up. How might I do that? Well, it could begin by being a very present, engaged, active member of the Democratic Party of Oregon, representing the State where "she flies with her own wings" at the Democratic National Convention in its unanimous selection of Joe Biden as our candidate, whose Moral Imperatives are active and visible.

## **When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?**

Having spent my adult life as a teacher, a professor, and a consultant to school districts across our country, I have concluded that if there is a desired outcome all parties must be willing to do what is necessary without regard to the task. So, I will ask two question: who needs assistance in this election and what needs to be done. Who needs assistance? Biden, Merkley, Bonamici, Stephensen, etc? This is yet to be determined. What kind of assistance is needed? Given that Covid 19 has unsettled all aspects of life, how campaigns will proceed is still a mystery. Given uncertainty, my commitment to do necessary tasks remains firm.

# **Bridget Brooks**

**CD 1 – Female – Tualatin, OR**

**Candidate: Joe Biden**

**PLEO: City Councilor, Tualatin**



## **Statement of Candidacy:**

I'm Bridget Brooks and I'm proud to be running as a delegate to formally select Joe Biden as the Democratic Nominee for President. Before I was elected as Tualatin City Councilor, I spent 2 decades practicing as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) with a Masters in Social Work (MSW). I am a community activist and psychotherapist by both training and inclination. While my psychotherapeutic work with individuals qualifies me as a mentor to those in need, my field experience in community building and analysis qualifies me as an effective advocate for social justice on behalf of the economically, socially, and culturally disadvantaged. It's a heartfelt mission focusing on personal and organizational transformation that helps people develop deeper and more meaningful experiences by building their own platform to express themselves. My past professional, community and interpersonal work have become a solid foundation for my 5 current elected official roles in my community and the Democratic Party. I'm proud to have earned the support and votes to serve the City of Tualatin as City Councilor, the voting delegate for the Women's Caucus to the Oregon State Central Committee (SCC), SCC Alternate for Washington County Democrats, and as elected Precinct Committee Person.

## **When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?**

I'm committed to bringing home the vision, strategy, and energy of the Convention, in a very big way, because it's vital we win! As an elected official, I'll utilize my platform to communicate with voters, endorse candidates, raise awareness about our party's platform, and how we, as Democrats, best serve voters. As a voting delegate for the Women's Caucus and long time advocate, I'll work to support candidates that reflect and support equity for marginalized groups, including women. Working with campaigns and the Neighborhood Leader Program, I'll continue contacting voters, hosting house parties, strengthening my House Leader District, and mentoring anyone who would like support in their role as a Neighborhood Leader, activist, or candidate. I'll continue contributing to all levels of the Democratic Party.

# **Rosa Colquitt**

**CD 1 – Female – Tigard, OR**

**Candidate: Joe Biden**

**Communities: African American/Black,  
People with Disabilities**

**PLEO: Chair, Black Caucus / Chair, Budget  
Committee**

**Donor: President's Council**



## **Statement of Candidacy:**

My hopeful journey to the National Convention began on April 25, 2019 when Vice President Biden announced his presidential candidacy. On the day of his official launch, I downloaded the 'team joe app,' pledged my full support for his election, and signed on as a volunteer and monthly donor. From April 2019 to the present, my support for 'Joe Biden for President' has never wavered. In April 2020, in collaboration with National Women for Biden, I launched the "Oregon Women for Biden 2020" statewide campaign. Facebook.com/OregonWomenforBiden2020 I'm with Joe in building a nation of equality and justice for all. I'm honored to champion many priority issues with our nominee. These include the "Lift Every Voice" Biden Plan to address economic and social inequality for Black Americans, an outreach model for all communities of color. Also significant are the Biden Plans to assure affordable, quality health care as a right for all Americans, to implement a humane immigration policy to protect and keep Latino families together, to protect women against violence, protect the rights of the LGBTQ community, and to prioritize transgender equality. I ASK FOR YOUR VOTE. Thanks greatly! 100% committed to elect Joe Biden, 46th U.S. President.

## **When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?**

Plans to elect Democrats in November include massive canvassing via calls both nationally (particularly in battleground states) and throughout Congressional District 1 to GET OUT THE VOTE! As a former county party chair and House District Leader, I'll use these experiences to provide leadership support to other PCPs to get out the vote! As current director of the "Oregon Women for Biden" campaign, I'll use the creative virtual training tools I'm gaining through the national Women for Biden community leaders trainings to help get out the vote. More importantly, I will actively recruit other Oregonians to participate in these virtual trainings. As an experienced fundraiser, I'll host virtual house parties to raise money for candidate support and to provide a platform for effective messaging.

## **For additional information about the candidate, visit:**

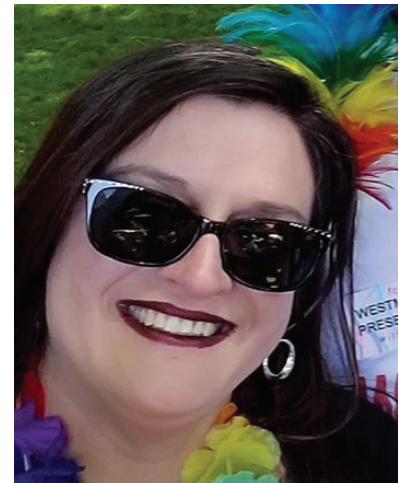
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# Megan Drake

CD 1 – Female – Portland, OR

Candidate: Joe Biden

Communities: LGBTQ+ American



## Statement of Candidacy:

From a very young age, I've been deeply interested in politics. In 1992, I had the opportunity to participate in a mock Democratic National Convention held for all middle and high school students in the state of Oregon. My middle school (Meadow Park) represented Hawaii and as a delegate, I was able to participate in all aspects of the convention, including floor speeches and caucus meetings. It ignited an interest in politics that continues to this day. I never thought I would be able to actually participate in the DNC, so I am beyond excited for this opportunity. As an out lesbian married to a trans man, I pledge to represent the Oregonian LGBTQIA+ community to the best of my ability if I am elected to be one of your delegates.

## When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?

I will volunteer for any and all activities identified by the Oregon Democratic Party - turf cutting, door-to-door, phone banking, etc. The down ticket races are just as important, if not more so, than those at the top of the ticket.



# Chrissy Erguiza

**CD 1 – Female – , OR**

**Candidate: Joe Biden**

**Communities: Asian American/Pacific  
Islander, Young Democrat**

**Donor: Grassroots Democrat**



## Statement of Candidacy:

I'm running to represent Oregon as a Biden Delegate. As a longtime Democratic Party volunteer and have served as a Precinct Committee Person in both Lane County and Washington County, for nearly 15 years, I've knocked doors, phone banked, as well as planned fundraisers in support of Democrats candidates. I am passionate about voter education and registration. I'm a former Vice-Chair ('16-18') of the Washington County Democrats and currently serve as their Blue Horizon Sustaining Fund Chair. In addition, I am currently Chair of the DPO's Local Events at State Fair Committee as well as the Chair of DPO's Asian American & Pacific Islander Caucus. The AAPI community is the fastest-growing electorate in the US and here in Oregon. We've seen an increase of AAPI representation over the years and I'm proud of the work I contributed as a campaign manager electing the first Person of Color/AAPI to the Lake Oswego City Council in 2018. Every year, I also participate in the Asian American Youth Leadership Conference to register high school students to vote. Outside of Party organizing, I've served on Planned Parenthood's Leadership and Advocacy Team assisting in flipping our local school boards to support students' access to healthcare.

## When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?

As a long-time State/County Party volunteer I understand the importance of electing Democrats up and down the ballot. I am committed to continuing to find spaces where I am needed to make sure our grassroots operations and organizing is effective. Naturally, I will partake in my County's robust Neighborhood Leader program to engage my neighbors to vote down-ticket. Depending on what the COVID-19 situation looks like, traditional methods may be limited, but I will call, email, and send letters/postcards. In my role as Asian American & Pacific Islander Caucus Chair, I will continue to work passionately to amplify and help elect the three Democratic AAPI candidates who are running for State Representative in November - this will include planning Zoom calls, in addition to fundraising and campaign efforts. Currently, the entire Oregon Legislature has no AAPI representation and it has been that way for a decade.

# Carl Fisher

**CD 1 – Male – Tigard, OR**

**Candidate: Joe Biden**

**Communities: Young Democrat**

**Donor: Grassroots Democrat**



## Statement of Candidacy:

I am running to represent the Democrats of the 1st Congressional District. We had an amazing field of candidates run for President this year. Many of us supported multiple candidates and now voters have brought us to Joe Biden. I applaud all the candidates and volunteers that have given of their time this year. It was amazing to meet so many of them in Iowa and hear about their journeys to each candidate. I saw first hand how Vice President Biden connected with everyday Americans. It's that empathy and connection that is going to serve him well as President. We need Joe Biden now more than ever. We need someone that will use the position of president not to serve himself and his family, but our country and lift people up in this time of crisis brought on by COVID-19. I will be a seasoned voice for our district and Oregon at the convention. I will be a strong advocate for Joe this fall. Proud to be supported by Les AuCoin, Jeanne Atkins, Margaret Doherty, Paul Evans, Barry Greenberg, Lupita Maurer, Bridget Brooks, Sheri Schouten, Dick Schouten, Claire Hall, James Freed, Mac Prichard, Mike Radway, and many more.

## When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?

I have long served my local Democratic Party as a PCP, House District Leader, and volunteered on numerous campaigns. From founding a College Democrats chapter to serving as Field Director of my local party the one thing that has fueled my activism is putting politics back in people's lives. We've become so disconnected from politics and it shows in policy outcomes and elections. Whatever the reason for the disconnect, we've got to be the ones that reconnect them to progressive politics. We need every Democrat reading this guide to become a Neighborhood Leader in November. Put politics back in someone's life in your neighborhood this fall. Be a local leader with me. Sign up here: [https://secure.ngpvan.com/MLFVmR\\_sOUyyJhhR3frqOA2](https://secure.ngpvan.com/MLFVmR_sOUyyJhhR3frqOA2)

**For additional information about the candidate, visit:**

<https://sites.google.com/view/oregonbidendelegates/carl-fisher>

# Julie Fugate

CD 1 – Female – Sherwood, OR

Candidate: Joe Biden

Communities: Rural Democrat



## Statement of Candidacy:

In high school I worked to elect Leon Panetta to his first term in congress. It taught me the inner workings of a campaign. Although things have changed over the years, fundamentally it's still a contact sport - talking to people, face to face, voice to voice. I've helped as a volunteer over the years - now I'd like to take it to the next level. This is the most important election in my lifetime - we must not lose!

## When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?

I'm willing to do whatever the party needs to get democrats into office. Calls, notes, face to face, voice to voice, whatever it takes!



# Carol Greenough

CD 1 – Female – Tualatin, OR  
Candidate: Joe Biden



## Statement of Candidacy:

I wish to be a delegate to represent all the people I have known who won't ask for this chance to raise their voices: my African-American grandsons who showed me about the eternal vigilance required to stay safe as a black man in America, my disabled brother who took a year to get Medicaid, my daughter and her wife who feared they couldn't marry under Trump. As a clinical/community psychologist working in schools, mental health centers and vocational rehabilitation in rural areas I have seen the devastation of losing a good mill job or experiencing domestic violence. As a former commercial fisher I know the mix of identity and self esteem that is threatened when an industry is cut back. As a business person, I know the challenge of making ends meet and the need for rational regulations. I currently serve on the Washington County Behavioral Health Council and helped write the Student Success Grant for TTSD. I want a chance to speak for the voices of the multitude of people that echo through my life. I am a progressive because that is the only way that all people can thrive. We have so far to go.

## When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?

Since organizing the first WashCoDems PCP training in 2004 and training over 100 PCP's in the first year, I have stayed involved in the Democratic party to elect candidates at all levels. I am currently a Neighborhood Leader, PCP and HD37 District leader. In 2013 I co-founded East Washington County Democrats. We meet monthly and bring community and policy makers together to talk about policy, share community and encourage activism and voting at all levels of government. As chair of this organization and as House District leader, I helped turn two seats from red to blue in 2018, electing Rachel Prusak and Courtney Neron. I will continue to do this work and to hold those we elect accountable as they represent us in office.

**For additional information about the candidate, visit:**

[EWCDems.org](http://EWCDems.org)

# David Jarvis

CD 1 – Male – Portland, OR

Candidate: Joe Biden

Communities: People with Disabilities



## Statement of Candidacy:

I am a lifelong Portland resident with public service in their blood. This passion comes from my own disability (night blindness (in low light conditions I see very little but otherwise my vision is normal with glasses) and some fine motor issues) as it imbued in me a sense of responsibility to serve those in my community that were not as lucky as I. I have a doctoral degree from Portland State in Public Affairs and Policy with a focus on government accountability and have been working for the past five plus years at the Higher Education Coordinating Commission administering the Community College and University funding formulas. I have a long track record of supporting democrats up and down the ballot, from working with the Oregon Bus Project to chairing the Campus Democrats at Grinnell College and as a PCP for several years. In addition, I worked for State Rep. Mary Nolan during the 2005 session. I would be honored to represent CD 1 at this year's convention as we end the Trump era.

## When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?

I would work to elect Shemia Fagan as Oregon's next Secretary of State and then look to support get out the vote and voter outreach efforts for state legislature and other local races. In this redistricting cycle, we need more than ever to strengthen our control of Oregon's government both to help us rebound from this pandemic and to allow us to build our national power and local successes.

# Caitlin Jeffery

**CD 1 – Female – Tigard, OR**

**Candidate: Joe Biden**

**Communities: LGBTQ+ American, Native American, Young Democrat**



## **Statement of Candidacy:**

As a lifelong Democrat and Oregonian, I have taken immense pride in participating in the election process and voting for candidates who truly care about those they represent. I served on the Arco Iris Spanish Immersion School Board for almost four years, two of which I served as Board President. I understand the difficulty of balancing opposing positions and making the best decisions for all, even if they are not easy ones. Oregonians take pride in being forward-thinking and progressive and we have paved the way for other states to adopt legislation that cares for the well-being of all residents. This year it will be even more important for the Democratic platform to represent the changing and progressive views of voters especially as a pandemic has magnified many of the systemic issues that hurt our country and its people. I commit to representing Oregon Democrats and our interests at the national convention and ensure that our voice is heard and considered in decision making.

## **When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?**

Upon my return from the Democratic National Convention, I commit to campaigning and advocating for Democratic candidates at the local, state, and national levels and sharing the priorities Democrats have for our country. It is important to unite voters in bringing our country together and moving us forward as a whole. Much of that will be through getting the word out about the Democratic platform/candidates and how the candidates will work in the best interest of the US to not only help in the recovery from a health and economic crisis but ensure that Americans have access to a living wage and benefits not reliant upon their employer.

# Duncan Koller

CD 1 – Male – Portland, OR

Candidate: Joe Biden

Communities: Veterans or Active Service Members



## Statement of Candidacy:

I'm supporting Joe Biden as the best candidate to lead our nation back to decency after the deranged and criminal Trump administration. American values are at stake. We must have a decent and honest person back in the WH to heal the nation. Joe Biden has shown his integrity and dedication the nation after a lifetime of honorable service. A little about me: I'm a naturalized citizen of the US, born in England and became a US citizen in 1964. Graduate of Oregon State University in 1969. I'm a Vietnam veteran and retired colonel from the US Air Force (30 years). After retirement I was a public school teacher for 6 years. I hold masters & doctorate degrees in education. Married 50 years to my wife, Cheryl. Father of 2 and grandfather of 2. I currently serve as a Precinct Committee Person in Washington County and Neighborhood Leader.

## When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?

I stand ready to do whatever I can to elect Democrats. I worked on President Obama's last presidential campaign and am willing to help in whatever role is most effective.

# **Brittany Leffel**

**CD 1 – Female – Portland, OR**

**Candidate: Joe Biden**

**Communities: Young Democrat**



## **Statement of Candidacy:**

I am a Senior at Portland State University earning my Bachelor of Science in Urban & Public Affairs with a minor in Sustainability. In addition to my academics, I am also Vice-Chair of the Young Democrats of Oregon. This role has highlighted the importance of democratic processes that are fair and equitable for all. Oregon's youth will be most impacted by the actions of the person elected to President in November. That is why I'm running to be a delegate for Joe Biden. Joe Biden will be our best chance to ensure we keep hold to the Supreme Court, we keep hold to cabinet members who support science, we keep hold to climate change policy influencing decision making, and we keep hold to the democratic processes that ensure freedom of choice and opportunity that is equitable and fair for all.

## **When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?**

I will use my position as Vice-Chair of Young Democrats of Oregon to increase youth representation across the state and support Democrats down the ballot by promoting candidates, ballot measures, and policies that advance economic, environmental, and social justice for all Oregonians.



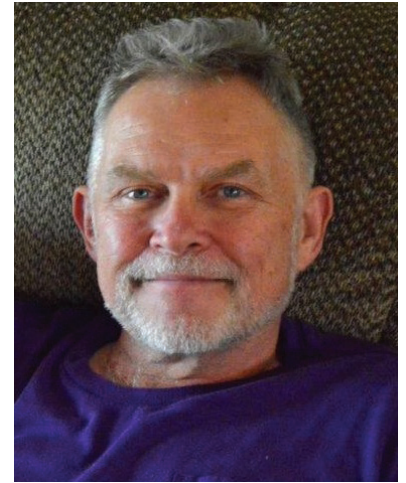
# Larry Ludeking

CD 1 – Male – Tigard, OR

Candidate: Joe Biden

Communities: LGBTQ+ American, Veterans  
or Active Service Members

Donor: President's Council



## Statement of Candidacy:

I am a lifelong Democrat. Moved to Oregon in late 2015. Have joined the Washington County Dems as an elected PCP, and participated in the NLP. In addition, I have been participating in a variety of fund raising activities with in the local democratic community. I am a retired physicist and believe that policy should be based on empirical, verifiable evidence. Progressive ideals are core to my own beliefs and actions. Education and critical thinking are some of the most important elements of what we should teach and reward. Taking responsibility for out for own actions and retaining integrity in public and private life are critical in building the kind of world I want our children to inherit. I have been active in WashCoDems as a member of the Training Committee. The goal being to give democrats more tools and opportunities to to support a healthy democracy.

## When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?

Key elements will be in fundraising for our democratic candidates, participation in the NLP program here in Oregon. We need to encourage everyone to vote. And as a Democrat, I will work to educate our voters in the principles of democracy. A healthy Democracy is not a spectator sport, but a vibrant engagement in the creation of a better public community.

# John MacDonald

CD 1 – Male – Portland, OR

Candidate: Joe Biden

Communities: Veterans or Active Service Members

PLEO: Vice Chair, Veteran's Caucus



## Statement of Candidacy:

I am proud to support Joe Biden. I believe that he stands with me, supporting the hearing of all voices in the party, but with the expectation that we must come together internally, so that we are united in electing a Democrat in 2020.

## When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?

I am willing to walk the neighborhood and make calls to encourage Democrats to vote.

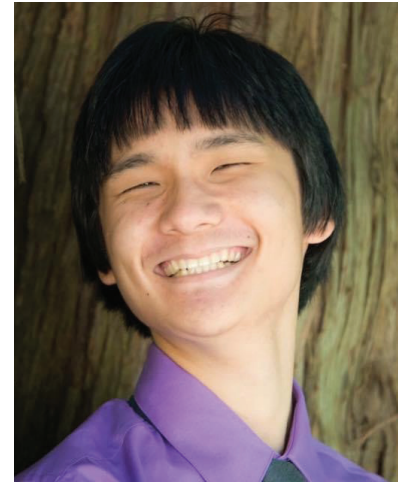


# John Meissinger IV

CD 1 – Male – Sherwood, OR

Candidate: Joe Biden

Communities: Asian American/Pacific  
Islander, Young Democrat



## Statement of Candidacy:

I'm running to be a DNC Oregon Delegate for Joe Biden. Our nation faces a choice right now. Four more years of a failed Donald Trump, or a return to normal with Joe Biden. I'm committed to helping get Joe Biden elected President, Democrats keeping them house, and Democrats taking the Senate. I'm ready to work with my fellow Oregon Democrats to make this happen.

## When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?

I will donate to campaigns. I will also write letters to the editor. I will also be very vocal on social media.

# Donna Nyberg

**CD 1 – Female – Saint Helens, OR**

**Candidate: Joe Biden**

**Communities: Rural Democrat**

**PLEO: Chair, Labor Caucus**



## Statement of Candidacy:

It has been my honor to serve as Chair of the DPO Labor Caucus–2012-2020. I have and will always fight for our workers and Oregon Democrats. Previous positions in the Democratic Party: Team Leader for Unity Forum for greater understanding on labor issues; Delegate to the National Convention in Charlotte; Chair, Columbia County Dems; State Central Committee Delegate; State Central Rules Committee; Platform Committee Delegate; 1st Congressional Committee Vice-Chair; Labor Caucus, Convening Secretary Wisconsin's Republican Legislature and their State Supreme court put lives in danger during the primary. IT BACKFIRED. Wisconsin elected a liberal justice. In the pandemic world, front-line and essential workers are at risk.–healthcare, safety and fire, truckers, grocery, sanitation, and maintenance workers–unions have your back. “Wall Street and the CEO’s didn’t build this country. The middle class did. And the middle class was built by unions. Unions built the middle-class. And working families and unions will be the drivers of our success once again...” JOE BIDEN, April 7, 2020 Some of my supporters--UFCW 555; Jeff Anderson; NW Labor Council; Bob Tackett; John Mohlis, OSBTC, ret.; IBEW48; Joe Esmonde; Carpenters; Michael Burch; Teamsters; Mark MacPherson; Scott Mills, IUPAT, Mary Botkin, ASCAP

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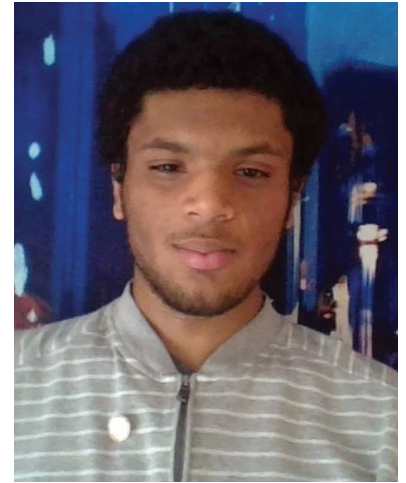
Nationally, this will be a squeaker, a long and hard nightmare campaign. Our goal is a Biden presidency, a Senate majority and the retention of the House and Speaker Pelosi. This will take a monumental effort of will and energy, combined and individual. In Oregon, the future Secretary of State and other offices are highly contested. Count me in! To that end I will: Volunteer and recruit wherever I can make the most impact. Work on phone banks Digitally, make videos and write and promote social media. Fund raise on behalf of the Oregon House and Senate Finance campaigns. Work with the coordinated campaign wherever they send me. Consider this a 50 state solution. In other words, I will sleep when we win!

# Osiris Parikh

CD 1 – Male – Beaverton, OR

Candidate: Joe Biden

Communities: African American/Black,  
Young Democrat



## Statement of Candidacy:

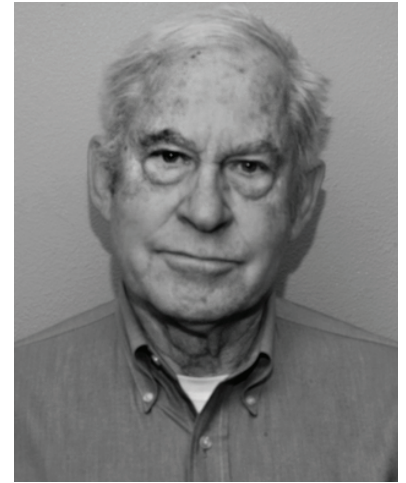
As a proud resident of Washington County and lifelong citizen of Oregon, I am excited to formally run for delegate to the DNC. As a Young Democrat and African American, I want to serve as a fresh example of the inclusive and diverse voices of Washington County and the state of Oregon. I have had the pleasure and honor of serving Democrats since 2013; tirelessly advocating and working on the campaigns of Greg Malinowski, Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden, and Tom Steyer. I have also served in volunteer roles with the Cedar Mill News and Washington Counties Committee for Community Involvement, bringing fresh perspectives on innovation and marketing. It is my passion and dedication to the advancement of the Democratic party that has instilled in me the pleasure of being on this ballot today. I believe that the democratic party today must stand against foreign attempts to undermine democracy in our country and continue to fight for what we all hold dear: the civil rights and liberties for all. Thank you for your vote.

## When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?

After my time at the convention, I plan to work with the nominee's campaign to assist in GOTV efforts. If stay-at-home restrictions are eased, I also plan on attending more events with the county's party and assisting in social media outreach.

# **Gerritt Rosenthal**

**CD 1 – Male – Tualatin, OR**  
**Candidate: Joe Biden**



## **Statement of Candidacy:**

I want to attend the 2020 Milwaukee Convention for a number of reasons. First, as an active member of the DPO Platform Committee and Chair of the Washington County Democrats Platform Committee I am very intimately familiar with and deeply committed to Oregon's Democratic values and want to make sure they are well represented. I have been active in platform value statements for over eight years. Second, I consider myself a progressive Democrat and although I will enthusiastically support Senator Biden, I want to carry forward the ideals expressed by Senators Warren and Sanders for a better future for America. Finally, as someone who was born in Milwaukee and grew up in the area (both Wauwatosa and Oconomowoc - 25 miles west), this would offer me opportunities to reconnect with Wisconsin Democrats and spend additional time helping them, through canvassing and other efforts, to take back their state. We had a farm in Waukesha County for many years and allowed large signs supporting Democratic candidates. I know the area intimately and would be able to offer other delegates insights on the Milwaukee situation.

## **When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?**

I am already a committed PCP, NL and HDL. I will continue those efforts until the election. In the Primary, in addition to my Washington County NL turf, I adopted two additional turf in the portion of Clackamas County near me. At the same time, I ran for the Metro District #3 position. I will remain highly active in WashCoDems and the DPO.

# Cindy Smith

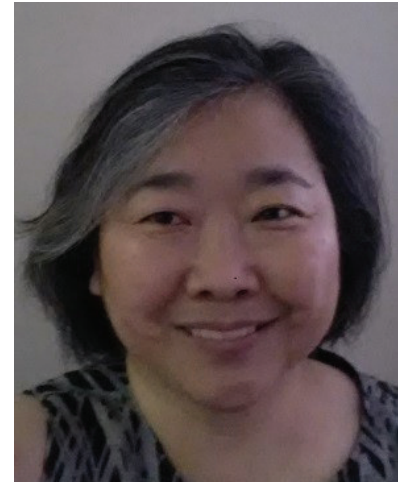
**CD 1 – Female – Portland, OR**

**Candidate: Joe Biden**

**Communities: Asian American/Pacific  
Islander, People with Disabilities, Veterans  
or Active Service Members**

**PLEO: Chair, Veterans Caucus**

**Donor: President's Council**



## **Statement of Candidacy:**

I'm Cindy Smith, a retired Air Force Master Sergeant, Chair of the DPO Veterans Caucus, Multnomah County Neighborhood Leader, PCP, State Central Committee Delegate, CD1 Delegate, and Member of the DPO Rules Committee. I'm campaigning for Joe Biden because he'll fight for veterans, promote women's rights, and continue Obama's progressive agenda. I first volunteered for Joe Biden when I flew to Des Moines, Iowa from DC in 2008 to volunteer for his presidential campaign. I've pitched in to help Gov. Brown's and Senator Merkley's past re-election campaigns, worked hard as a member of the DPO Rules Committee to ensure we make our state party fair and open to communities of color and other underrepresented communities, and I've participated in past State Platform Conventions. I believe it's an honor to serve our country and after retiring from the Air Force I worked at the Pentagon as a Program Manager and as a Service Liaison, and then as a Program Manager for the Department of Justice's Office of the Inspector General. I'd be honored to earn your vote.

## **When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?**

Donald Trump's lack of leadership, incitement of violence and hate, and failure to adequately respond to the Covid-19 Pandemic has helped cripple the US economy and caused needless deaths and suffering. We need a change! I'll work hard volunteering for Joe's campaign and also volunteer for the Coordinated Campaign to back Sen. Merkley, Rep. Bonamici, our great statewide candidates and legislative team. I'll help with the Multnomah Democrats Slate Card and Neighborhood Leader programs and continue to work hard at the DPO Rules Committee, and as Chair of the DPO Veterans Caucus I will continue to help promote veteran's programs and make sure veterans vote this November. I'm committed to volunteer to back Democratic causes and candidates and hope I can count on your support.



# Paul Terdal

CD 1 – Male – Portland, OR  
Candidate: Joe Biden



## Statement of Candidacy:

I have been a PCP in Multnomah County since 2004. I have served the party in many ways, including as Budget and Finance Chair, helping to raise the money that our local party needs to get out the vote and elect Democrats. I have also supported many local candidates, through canvassing, phone banking, and sponsoring house parties in my home. For the past dozen years, I have also been deeply involved in developing and implementing progressive policies to support individuals with disabilities and every day working families. I have written – and enacted – a half-dozen statutes in Oregon. In partnership with the Democratic caucus in Salem, I have created – and funded – nearly 2,000 living wage jobs to provide critical behavioral health services; empowered Oregon's Insurance Commissioner to seek restitution on behalf of consumers for violations of the Insurance Code; and reformed state regulations on mental health parity and Medicaid coverage. I have been a member of the DNC Disability Caucus since it was created in 2016. I have helped craft national policy positions on disability rights, and coordinated outreach to the disability community. As your Convention delegate, I will ensure that the Democratic platform embodies the progressive values we hold dear.

## When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?

Before and after the Convention, I will continue doing what I'm already doing: raising money to support Democrats; working with the party and campaign to reach out to voters; and ensuring that the party adopts and implements progressive policies that will make a difference. I will also continue to support the campaigns on a grass-roots level, with canvassing and phone banking, and reaching out to my own neighbors in my own precinct to get out the vote.

# Johanna “Hanna” Vaandering

CD 1 – Female – Hillsboro, OR

Candidate: Joe Biden

Communities: LGBTQ+ American



## Statement of Candidacy:

My name is Johanna “Hanna” Vaandering, an elementary physical education teacher and lifelong Oregonian. I believe our Democracy is at stake in this election and am asking for your support to be on the frontlines of the movement to protect our Constitution and elect Joe Biden as the 46th President. As an educator and union activist/leader I have spent my career advocating for public education, racial and social justice. I was honored to serve as President of the Oregon Education Association for four years and am currently a member of the NEA Executive Committee, representing 3 million educators and public service workers across the nation. During this administration, we have endured attacks on public education by a Secretary of Education who spent her entire life trying to dismantle public education. This administration denies climate change and has rolled back decades of protections that are putting our future in danger. We have to do better! My commitment to doing everything I can to ensure we wake up November 4, 2020 knowing we did everything we could to elect Joe Biden and down ballot candidates who support the working class and Democracy is unwavering. I ask for your support and your vote.

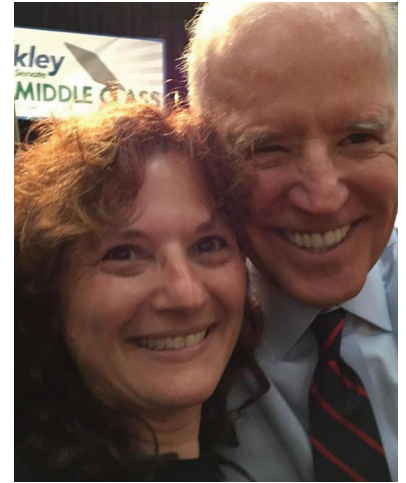
## When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?

Upon the conclusion of our convention, whatever form that takes, I will be prepared to hit the ground running. Working with our state leadership and the Biden campaign to energize the base to be involved not only in Oregon, but in battleground states as well. The COVID-19 pandemic will require us to build new and exciting ways to create a ground game that will sweep the nation. If we all work together and utilize technology effectively, Oregon can be a real player in this election. I look forward to being part of TEAM Oregon to take back our Democracy and will do whatever it takes to be a productive member of this Team.



# **Rose Etta Venetucci**

**CD 1 – Female – Portland, OR**  
**Candidate: Joe Biden**



## **Statement of Candidacy:**

My name is Rose Etta Venetucci. I feel I am qualified to represent my district at the convention. Please consider voting for me to represent you.

## **When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?**

I will diligently work as directed and spend an amazing number of hours phone banking, text banking, door knocking. I commit to training and organizing other PCP's and democrats to join me. There is something for everyone to participate in from their home, on the street, or the office. I would work diligently to be sure all Democrats are included and have the opportunity to contribute to getting Democrats elected.

# **Laurie E. Volm**

**CD 1 – Female – Portland, OR**  
**Candidate: Joe Biden**



## **Statement of Candidacy:**

I have been a healthcare worker since 1971-present. I am a PCP and neighborhood leader, working very hard to get people to vote. Our Vote is our voice. We need to protect our democracy and our planet, the country's integrity at home and abroad. I will work to leave a better place for our children

## **When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?**

I will continue to campaign, phone bank, door to door, gather others to join to get our candidates elected I am committed 100% to ensure our success

# Nicholas Webster

CD 1 – Male – Aloha, OR

Candidate: Joe Biden



## Statement of Candidacy:

In 2020, the Democratic Party was blessed with an abundance of incredibly overqualified presidential candidates. Many of us, including myself, initially supported another candidate. However, I enthusiastically support Joe Biden in his bid for the White House. His trailblazing record as Vice President is in the best progressive tradition of the party, and he will make an excellent President. I'm asking you to select me as a delegate to shape the future of the party and our state and country. Joe has promised to bring a diverse group into his administration. The delegates have a major task in achieving this vision in selecting a vice presidential nominee. We must also ensure that the convention platform is influenced by the progressive base of the party, and that the Democratic Party of Oregon continues to reflect this base. Thank you for your support.

## When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?

As it is unlikely that door-to-door campaigning will be feasible this year, the two areas I can best help in are data entry and a strong social media presence. I will provide information on Twitter and Facebook, in addition to Joe Biden, about candidates up and down the ballot, such as Jeff Merkley, Shemia Fagan, Courtney Neron, and Nafisa Fai. I will also perform data entry and analysis tasks as needed by the DPO. I will also, assuming that I was successful in my write-in campaign, begin work as a precinct committeeperson and use the tools available to me through that position.

# Joe Whittington

CD 1 – Male – Portland, OR

Candidate: Joe Biden

Communities: Veterans or Active Service Members



## Statement of Candidacy:

My first political activity was nailing-up flyers for Adlai Stevenson. I shook JFK's hand at my High School, worked on campaign staffs, and was President of Young Democrats at Linfield and Portland State College. My careers include US Navy officer, marketing executive, small business owner and college professor. I am active in my community including NAC chair and volunteer in several organizations. I am a PCP and work in get out the vote campaigns. I have seen Joe Biden in person and believe him to be a principled and most capable man who will make a great President. I would be proud to support him as a delegate.

## When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?

I will continue my support of Democrats, both financially and as a PCP, and work in get out the vote activities.

# Veronica Williams

CD 1 – Female – Tualatin, OR

Candidate: Joe Biden

PLEO: Treasurer, Washington County

Democratic Central Committee

Donor: President's Council



## Statement of Candidacy:

A life-long dedicated, passionate Democrat. First active in 2004 upon retiring after 34 years of Federal Service with the VA, Treasury & Energy Departments. I volunteered on my Congressman's campaign and joined the Washington County Democrats. For 16 years I have worked to help turn our county Blue. I led the Blue Horizon Fund, raising the dollars needed to create and support our permanent office; chaired our Contributions and Endorsements Committee to support and publicize Democratic candidates up and down the ticket – helping turn school boards, city councils, Mayor's, and last year our County Commission majority Democrat; currently serve as Treasurer of the WashCoDems and as treasurer for candidates; served as Finance Chair for Tobias Read for 8 years. I'm a State Central Committee member, DPO Budget Committee member, and President's Council Member. A PCP and Neighborhood Leader, I have knocked doors and called voters in my House District, raising voter awareness and turnout. In 2018 I worked to elect Rachel Prusak, defeating an incumbent R. In 2016 I was an alternate delegate, attending the National Convention for the 1st time. This year I would be honored to attend as a delegate for Joe Biden. I ask for your vote.

## When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?

This summer and fall I will be hosting conversations with legislative and local candidates on Zoom, as President of the Willamette Women Democrats. I will be assisting our PAC to raise and contribute funds to state and local candidates. I will be working with my fellow elected officers in Washington County to grow and train our Neighborhood Leader program. I will specifically be assisting the re-election campaign for Rachel Prusak and helping on Nafisa Fai's County Commissioner race and the Metro race. As I do every election, I will be actively engaged in the GOTV effort in my neighborhood. And lastly, as a member of SuperMajority, I will be making voter engagement and GOTV calls to other states with important Senate races, such as Arizona.



# Steven Yarosh

**CD 1 – Male – Portland, OR**

**Candidate: Joe Biden**

**Communities: Veterans or Active Service Members**



## Statement of Candidacy:

I seek to be part of the delegation so I can connect with and influence other decision makers. A dangerous polarity has taken hold of American politics, and working families & small businesses are being squeezed hard by it. Instead of trying to displace the other party and impose super-majority rule – all elected officials should be working hand-in-hand with each other, coming up with smart, common-sense solutions that support working families and small businesses. That isn't happening enough – so I want to join the delegation and make representation of working families & small businesses a greater priority. I'm a trial attorney with a strong background representing workers in civil rights and wage disputes. I'm also a former prosecutor (Washington D.C.) and was a leading trial attorney for the United States Department of Justice in the Waco, Texas case involving David Koresh and the Branch Davidians. I've worked as a sports writer and newspaper photographer - and also served 7 years active duty in the U.S. Navy, including 3 years on board the Battleship New Jersey (BB-62) and one year with the U.N. Peacekeeping Force in Beirut, Lebanon. I live in Portland, Oregon with my wife and teen-age son.

## When you return to Oregon from the Democratic National Convention, what will you do to elect Democrats up and down the ticket in November?

I will actively support Democratic candidates who possess two vital qualifications: 1. They've raised a child. Having to navigate the pitfalls of prenatal care, preschool, daycare, public school, pediatric care, etc. is vital to understanding whether certain governmental rules and policies are smart and helpful, or foolish and burdening. and 2. They've operated a small business. It's easy to talk about budgets, funding and the economy – especially when you're insulated from the impact of your own decisions. But it's a whole different game when you have to figure out permitting, sales, inventory, employment laws, leasing – and everything else small businesses struggle with every day. Good leaders understand this. That's why I will work hard to elect Democratic candidates who possess these two vital qualifications.

**For additional information about the candidate, visit:**

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