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5th Congressional District Joe Biden Caucus

Voters' Pamphlet

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Candidates for District-Level Delegates to the Democratic National Convention: Joe Biden – Congressional District 5

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James Aiken	Salem	
Annika Albrecht	Lake Oswego	Young Democrat
Larry Armstrong	Lincoln City	Veterans or Active Service Members
Kametria Bailey	Salem	African American/Black
Rodger Barkus	Tualatin	
Deb Barnes	Milwaukie	LGBTQ+ American
Aaron Beatty	Salem	LGBTQ+ American, Young Democrat
Connie Carver	West Linn	
Brian Clem	Salem	
Ellecia DeCouteau	Milwaukie	Veterans or Active Service Members
Michael Dye	Salem	Rural Democrat
Patricia Fischer	Silverton	People with Disabilities, Rural Democrat
Truman Fritz	Lake Oswego	Young Democrat
Diane L. Grover	Lake Oswego	People with Disabilities
Kelly Haider	Keizer	
Rick Hartwig	Salem	People with Disabilities
Chris Hoy	Salem	
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Nancy MacMorris-Adix	Salem	
Alicia Maestas	Salem	Young Democrat
Barb McCullough-Jones	Keizer	LGBTQ+ American, Rural Democrat
Scott Mills	Aurora	Rural Democrat, Veterans or Active Service Members African American/Black, Young Democrat
Whitney Morfitt	Salem	
Carina Perez Europa	Keizer	Hispanic/Latinx American, Young Democrat
Garet Steel Prior	Wilsonville	
Dianne H Rice	Lake Oswego	
Rene Rice	Lake Oswego	
Cheryl Lynn Roth	Wilsonville	
Sean Shevlin	West Linn	
Tyler Shockley	Dallas	Rural Democrat, Young Democrat
Elise Smith Sandusky	Salem	People with Disabilities
Brent Steele	Salem	
Karen Stevens	Salem	
Reginald Stewart	Salem	African American/Black, People with Disabilities
Owen Thomas	Salem	Young Democrat
Don Thomson	Milwaukie	Veterans or Active Service Members
Tina Turner-Morfitt	Salem	African American/Black
Cheryl Wyborny	West Linn	

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Annika Albrecht

CD 5 – Female – Lake Oswego, OR Candidate: Joe Biden Communities: Young Democrat



Statement of Candidacy:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Annika Albrecht and I am a candidate to be a Biden Delegate from Oregon's 5th Congressional District. I was born and raised in Oregon and grew up in Milwaukie. I graduated Cum Laude from Linfield College as a triple major in Political Science, History, and Communication Arts. While at college, I was very active in politics as a Campus Organizer for Hillary Clinton, interning for both U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley and our Congressman Kurt Schrader, working on Kate Brown's campaign, managing Ken Moore's campaign to unseat Republican Ron Nobel, and founding a Linfield College Democrats chapter. During my time as president of Linfield College Democrats, we were able to register over 10 percent of our students to vote and saw record turnout from our campus during the 2018 midterm elections. I support Biden because he is the only candidate we can trust to expand the Affordable Care Act, grow our middle class, and make important environmental regulations that will help protect our planet for my generation and those to come. I ask for your vote to represent Biden this summer.

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

In the last few months since graduating college, I have been managing a House District race, was elected Campaign Chair for the Young Democrats of Oregon, and have been working with the Biden HQ to spearhead the Oregon for Biden volunteer movement. As President of Linfield College Democrats and Political Director of Oregon College Democrats, I hosted phonebanks, canvass launches, and voter registration drives across the state. I will continue to organize to elect Democrats and register young people to vote as Campaign Chair of Young Democrats of Oregon as well as staying active in my County party. Oregon is my home and I cannot wait to dedicate my life to electing strong Democrats up and down the ballot!

Larry Armstrong

CD 5 – Male – Lincoln City, OR Candidate: Joe Biden Communities: Veterans or Active Service Members Donor: Grassroots Democrat



Statement of Candidacy:

Resume D Party - Past Chair Lincoln County Democrats (LCDCC) 2008. Member DPO State Central Committee 2008-2018. Lincoln County Delegate to 5CD 2018-Present. Background-Education Taft Grade School -Lincoln City, Riverdale Grade School and Lincoln High School -Portland. Oregon State U - B.S. 1966. US Army 1966-1968 West Germany. 40 years College Textbook and Law School Book Salesman.Retired

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

Work with LCDCC to elect D's from top to bottom of ticket

Rodger Barkus

CD 5 – Male – Tualatin, OR Candidate: Joe Biden



Statement of Candidacy:

I am running to be a delegate to both the district and national convention. I have worked to elect democrats in several elections in the tri-county area including Senator Merkley, Congresswoman Bonamici, Governors Kulongoski and Kitzhaber. I would like to represent Clackamas County Democrats in choosing our next 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?

My priority is electing Democrats to reverse the terrible stench of the Trump presidency and deny the election of any office holders and office seekers who support him. As I have time I will assist any campaign in need of help.

Deb Barnes

CD 5 – Female – Milwaukie, OR Candidate: Joe Biden Communities: LGBTQ+ American



Statement of Candidacy:

As a proud union public educator, I am asking for your support to become a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. The opportunity will give me the chance to share the experience with my broadcasting and journalism students in the North Clackamas School District as I Skype with them during the event. I was lucky enough to attend the Convention in 2012. I was not only able to share the importance of registering to vote but to introduce them to members of the Oregon delegation, the debates, and the news anchors from the networks. This year, I want to be there again to share how democracy works. I want them to become more involved and educated. I want them to see the process. Next school year they will again broadcast live election night television coverage in Clackamas County. I am a proud Democrat. I am a proud member of the OEA and NEA. I served as a member of the Milwaukie City Council. I serve as the President of the Oregon Association of Career and Technical Education. And, I am a proud public school teacher(we can handle disruptions - we have experience in crowded areas) who would appreciate 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?

I have a strong social media presence and will use that as a way to continue advocating for our candidate and our issues. I will spend all the time needed to reach out to my fellow Oregon educators to make sure they vote. I will volunteer making phone calls to help our new President be elected.

Aaron Beatty

CD 5 – Male – Salem, OR Candidate: Joe Biden Communities: LGBTQ+ American, Young Democrat



Statement of Candidacy:

I plan to show my generation that we have the power to shape the future of our politics. I seek to inspire others my age to participate in our democracy however they can, from the local to the national level. With your vote, I can take this goal all the way to the 2020 Democratic National Convention and make it a reality.

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

When I return, I will volunteer and make calls for Democratic candidates. I will encourage other young people to register to vote and invite them to volunteer with me as well. If colleges reopen in the fall, I will form or join a student group.

For additional information about the candidate, visit: <u>aaronjbeatty.com</u>

Ellecia DeCouteau

CD 5 – Female – Milwaukie, OR Candidate: Joe Biden Communities: Veterans or Active Service Members



Statement of Candidacy:

Hello, my name is Ellecia DeCouteau and I would be honored to represent Oregonians who support Joe Biden for president at the Democratic National Convention. I believe in the progressive platform of our party and am excited to participate. It is an especially crucial time for Democrats to hold office at every level starting with the president. I am a Speech Language Pathologist and a U.S. Army veteran. I have worked in Oregon public schools since 2015. In that capacity, I advocate to reduce barriers to education and for our students to access educational equity. Additionally, I live and own a business in Milwaukie where I work with children and their families in a private speech therapy clinic. I am a financial supporter of Democratic candidates and progressive issues. I would appreciate 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?

When I return from the Oregon Democratic National Convention, I am committed to reaching out to people with phone calls, yard signs and any other safe contact option available to provide information and encourage people to vote. This presidential election is critical for the continuation of our country's democracy.

Diane L. Grover

CD 5 – Female – Lake Oswego, OR Candidate: Joe Biden Communities: People with Disabilities



Statement of Candidacy:

I am supporting Vice President Joe Biden for President. I have dreamed of attending the National Democratic Convention as a National Delegate since I was a young girl. I have volunteered on local, state and national campaigns since 1972 when I served as a University Co-Chair for the McGovern Campaign. I have worked as a Presidential Election Monitor and traveled to Florida to work as a Legal Observer for the 2016 Presidential Election where I witnessed democracy in action. For the past several years, I have served as a Precinct Committeeperson (PCP) and Neighborhood Leader in Clackamas County and am currently an elected CD5 Delegate. I am also a proud Emerge Oregon Alumna and a member of the City of Lake Oswego Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Task Force. As an immigration attorney for almost 20 years, I have seen first hand what a difference our President can make in people's everyday lives. I want to be an advocate for these most vulnerable people so that their stories are not forgotten in the Democratic Party Platform negotiations and that immigration reform is at the forefront of our Platform. Immigrant voices deserve to be heard!!

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 PCP and Neighborhood Leader, I will be going door-to-door and phone banking to GOTV. My Convention experiences can be best utilized by giving presentations to various community groups, including immigrant organizations to discuss the importance of voter registration especially for new citizens. I will speak about how VP Joe Biden is the right person at the right time in our Nation's history. He will bring his wealth of experience and his unique ability to empathize with people. VP Biden will need fellow Democrats at the federal, state and local level to ensure that his policies become reality. That is why it is important to not only vote but vote Democratic in every race because what party you vote for does make a difference!

Kelly Haider

CD 5 – Female – Keizer, OR Candidate: Joe Biden Donor: Capitol Circle



Statement of Candidacy:

I am excited to have the opportunity to represent Oregon Democrats at the Democratic National Convention. I have spent most of my life in the Salem area. After graduating from South Salem High as a young mother, I went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree, and attended local schools including Chemeketa Community College and Corban University. I work in the mental health field and am passionate about issues that impact my community. I have made a career of helping vulnerable populations in my community ensure they are safe and have their needs met. I offer a unique perspective as a woman who has overcome significant adversity in my personal life to achieve my goals. I am a current resident of Keizer, where I live with my husband and our two dogs. Together we have 7 Children, their partners, and 5 beautiful grandchildren in our big blended family. I ask for your support because I believe that now, more than ever, we must take back the White House by electing Joe Biden. I am a strong supporter of LGBTQ+, Minority, and Women's Rights, as well as other issues that have been adversely impacted by the current administration.

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

For many years I have been an active volunteer with the Democratic Party of Oregon serving as a photographer donating my time for party events and candidate events, as well as supporting and participating in a variety of party and candidate events, conventions, and fundraisers as both a participant and a volunteer. When I return from the Democratic National Convention, I will be actively involved in my community raising awareness and encouraging people to vote for Democrats. I will make phone calls, send texts and display yard signs. When we safely can knock on doors, I will canvas in person to support the party and Elect Joe Biden and other down ticket candidates, especially Democrats running to flip challenging districts like mine, where I hope we help State Representative Bill Post retire this year.

For additional information about the candidate, visit:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1HeYlsSQcEqg00U9iuvGWpXSzdVVtGfDd

Rick Hartwig

CD 5 – Male – Salem, OR Candidate: Joe Biden Communities: People with Disabilities



Statement of Candidacy:

BACKGROUND IN THE PARTY: Chair, Marion County Democrats, 2009-2016; Chair, Local Events and State Fair Committee, 2012-2018; Chair, County Allocation of State checkoff funds, 2010-2016; Delegate to 2012 Democratic Convention; Delegate and Hillary Whip to 2016 Democratic Convention. I am a retired middle school teacher of 35 years with strong ties to labor. I have been a strong supporter of Joe for many years, long before the South Carolina primary. I have donated to his campaign, and, before the coronavirus, canvased my neighborhood for him. He will win the labor vote that we lost in the last election and the crucial states we need to oust the renegade occupier of the oval office. Hopefully, we will be able to have the convention in Milwaukee. I am a supporter of getting new and younger people involved in the delegation. As a person who has been to two conventions and a whip at the last one, our delegation needs someone to guide them. It is my hope that you would vote for me to do just that!

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

All politics are local. I will continue my role as a neighborhood leader and help all candidates up and down the ticket. I will use my experience to aid all candidates.

Chris Hoy

CD 5 – Male – Salem, OR Candidate: Joe Biden PLEO: City Councilor, Salem



Statement of Candidacy:

We each have a responsibility to ensure that our government reflects and honors the diversity of people, beliefs and values which we all hold dear. I ran for Salem City Council in 2017 at a very difficult time in our history. Apathy and divisiveness had allowed the most despicable result in a presidential election in our history and the incumbent behaviors that resulted found their way into a member of the city council. That person resigned and I was elected in a special election. That election allowed us to change the direction of the city to also better reflect the diversity of people, beliefs and values of our city. I was re-elected in 2018 to continue that work and this month we reinforced our direction by electing several more progressive council members. They were victorious over conservative candidates who outspent them many times over. We have turned our city around and now we all need to work to ensure that we turn our country around. I am committed to that work.

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 volunteered on 3 city councilor elections in the May primary. In November and beyond, I will knock doors (if allowed), make calls and raise money for county commissioner, legislative candidates, statewide candidates and Vice President Biden as I have done in many elections over the years.

Linda Ingalls

CD 5 – Female – Wilsonville, OR Candidate: Joe Biden



Statement of Candidacy:

I would very much like to be involved in the Democratic National Convention - even if it is on Zoom! I have never been and would love to have the opportunity and bring back information for everyone!

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 like to report to the Clackamas County Democrats, at the next meeting. I would tell everyone! My church, my friends, my family, anyone and everyone. I am a neighborhood leader and will certainly share it with them.

Mary Lyon

CD 5 – Female – Lake Oswego, OR Candidate: Joe Biden



Statement of Candidacy:

I'm an active member of the Democratic Party of Clackamas County, and its Communications Committee, as a content creator for clackamasdems.org. Also Indivisible Clackamas, where I'm co-leader of the Research & Writing team that builds the weekly "asks" for your Reps, Senators, and Governor on critical issues. I'm a lifelong Democrat starting with the Student Coalition for Humphrey/Muskie. Also a mother, grandma, activist, writer, strategist, media critic, environmentalist, and I appreciate science so much that I married a science nerd! I'm a fan of cognitive linguistics expert George Lakoff, and I'm convinced that Democrats everywhere need to become much more mightily muscular in messaging! My background includes 25 years in broadcast journalism, anchoring, reporting, writing, editing, and producing for local radio & TV, the Associated Press, NBC Radio, and more. I'm a five-time Golden Mike Award-winner. I'm also a very minor "glass-ceiling breaker" - I was the first "news chick" in FM rock radio in L.A., back in the mid 70s!

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 writing skills and messaging ideas to promote candidates with the Clackamas Dems and in local newspapers, and help any campaigns I can. The Clackamas Dems and Indivisible Clackamas give me two great platforms! Also available for interviews and even some media coaching.

Nancy MacMorris-Adix

CD 5 – Female – Salem, OR Candidate: Joe Biden Donor: Capitol Circle



Statement of Candidacy:

I have been an active Democrat since I moved to Oregon in 1978. I have walked for state and local candidates, served on my local school board, chaired the Oregon Nurses Association Cabinet on Health Policy, and lobbied alongside Oregon progressives for safe gun laws, paid family leave, and health care for all. I am both an Emerge Oregon and an Oregon Labor Candidate School Alum. After years of local work, the last 3+ years of the Trump presidency have motivated me even more to work to elect Democrats around the country. Given that our Oregon seats in the U.S. Senate are secure, I am making plans to to travel to another state to help take the U.S. Senate back from far right wing Republicans. Also, as a nurse-midwife, I take seriously the need to work for a better Oregon and a better America for all the babies I help birth. Though I was initially a Warren supporter, I have transitioned to supporting Joe Biden as Democrats across the country have chosen him as our nominee. I would be proud to represent Oregon and I would be proud to vote for Joe Biden on the floor of the convention. Please give me 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?

My biggest priorities are flipping Senate District 10 to the D's and getting a D elected to the Marion County Commission. I will work for Deb Patterson and Ashley Carson Cottingham. In addition, I might work to elect Democrats to the Senate in states where my work might help us flip the Senate. Statewide ballot measures that protect workers, the environment and the community from gun violence will get my efforts. I retire in 8/31 so I will have the time to commit.

Barb McCullough-Jones

CD 5 – Female – Keizer, OR Candidate: Joe Biden Communities: LGBTQ+ American, Rural Democrat



Statement of Candidacy:

Born and raised in Seattle's inner-city "projects", I learned the value of hard work, loyalty, and unions at an early age. As a single parent, my Mom belonged to the food service workers union, which I too joined when I began working. I am a life-long Democrat believing in the fundamental values we represent. I am a first-generation college graduate where I earned bachelor's and master's degrees. Professionally, I was a nonprofit executive for more than 35 years. I have been a registered lobbyist working on civil rights issues and in 1994, I became the first out lesbian to run for public office in Arizona. Democratic party service includes Vice Chair of the Arizona Democratic Party LGBT caucus; current chair of Marion County Democrats fundraising committee; and member of our communications committee. In Oregon, I have worked on anti-bullying laws and procedures as well as a five-county coalition working on racially inclusive policies to achieve health equity and culturally appropriate data collection. My fundraising committee has raised more than \$60,000 through our dinner event and donor programs. I helped move MCDCC into new headquarters and am a regular office volunteer. I'm proud to be a Democrat!

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

Voter registration and mobilization are key to winning up and down the ballot. I will continue to work with Marion County Democrats' communication committee and other like-minded organizations to register voters, ensure ballots are returned and disseminate party platform and candidate information to create well-informed voters. Through our fundraising committee we will work to increase loyal donors so we can continue supporting candidates throughout Marion County. As a member of the MCD executive team, I will continue to offer my voice and experiences to advance Democratic values and our candidates. Furthermore, I live in a "red" dominated area of Marion County and will continue to work with City and County officials to ensure policies reflect Democratic values.

For additional information about the candidate, visit: http://mariondemocrats.org/

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Scott Mills

CD 5 – Male – Aurora, OR Candidate: Joe Biden Communities: Rural Democrat, Veterans or Active Service Members Donor: Grassroots Democrat



Statement of Candidacy:

As the Labor delegate to the SCC I am fully aware of the assault on workers and their future and will vote for resolutions regarding positive outcomes in their favor.

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 status in the Presidents donor and grassroots lists. Continue with my door and Phone contact GOTV as a 5th time elected PCP. As the chair of Local 1094 IUPAT and the elected Recorder of the Northwest Labor Council will continue to support candidates who the AFL-CIO and Labor council endorse in meeting I chair and attend

Carina Perez Europa

CD 5 – Female – Keizer, OR Candidate: Joe Biden Communities: Hispanic/Latinx American, Young Democrat PLEO: Secretary, Latino Caucus / Vice Chair, Marion County Democrats Donor: Grassroots Democrat



Statement of Candidacy:

One of my earliest memories was my parents telling us how lucky we were to live in a country where you could be whatever you wanted if you just worked hard enough and were fair to those around you, they instilled in us the promise of what the US could be. Although I still believe in that promise, the reality is that too many people in our country cannot afford healthcare, families live paycheck to paycheck, and education is failing students. That promise is slipping away from everyday people. From young people worried about paying their student loans, to communities who live in fear because the institutions that should ensure safety and shelter instead are used to victimize and oppress any groups considered other. I'm a Democrat because I want to restore that promise for everyone. As Vice Chair of the Marion County Democrats and a member of the DPO Executive Committee, I have worked to build a party that is representative of what America looks like. I'm running as a delegate to continue the work of moving past our divisions to focus on the things that are important - to be the party that stands up for what is right.

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 Party leader I pledge to help organize in Marion County and statewide to support Democratic candidates and progressive ballot measures through canvasses and phone banks. I also pledge to help do voter outreach in communities throughout the state and to continue to grow our Party through voter registration. I want to help us focus better on reaching out to marginalized communities, because when these communities are welcomed and included history has shown us that our Party and country are stronger. When voting is accessible to everyone Democrats win.

For additional information about the candidate, visit:

https://www.facebook.com/112238347167072/posts/112309727159934/?vh=e&d=n

Garet Steel Prior

CD 5 – Male – Wilsonville, OR Candidate: Joe Biden



Statement of Candidacy:

As your delegate, I'll bring my experience starting and growing a policy-based advocacy non-profit, a decade of work in the legislative world, and high-quality communication skills to the table to strengthen our election mobilization efforts. My work will be conducted in partnership with traditionally marginalized people, as I have been formed childhood experience with racially-based education inequality. Examples of my work with coalition-building include: In 2018, I transitioned the leadership of Richmond Forward, and organization I founded, over to a racially diverse, all-start team of women, who I first met as volunteers. As a volunteer, I successfully headed the Richmond Public Schools Facilities Task Force that included - at times contentious - community members, government staff, and elected officials to adopt an \$800 million, 20-year plan to address the City's greatest civil rights need, failing school facilities. Seven months ago, I met a few neighbors who were interested in forming a group to address equity, diversity, and inclusion. Since then, I have supported (budget, website, notes, agendas, etc.) the formation of an organization, Wilsonville Alliance for Inclusive Community. It has been awesome to see our group grow to represent Wilsonville's gender, race, sexual orientation, age, and religious diversity.

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

Organize, communicate, and engage others to mobilize and grow our base in support for Democrats at every level. Living in a purple district, I can play a crucial role in speaking to swing voters in the southwestern Portland metro area. I'll work to keep key Oregon house districts, like Prusak and Neron, while helping change Thatcher's Senate seat to the warm, welcoming color of blue. DEFEAT TRUMP!

For additional information about the candidate, visit:

https://www.agaretinwilsonville.com/

Dianne H Rice

CD 5 – Female – Lake Oswego, OR Candidate: Joe Biden

Statement of Candidacy:

I will support Joe Biden, I am a long time registered Democratic for over 20+ years,, I can travel to convention at my own expense to support the party.

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 all candidates, at all levels of the ticket. We need to win at all levels of government, and not let our guard down at any level, my message is please do not focus on Presidential election only. Lower level elections are critical.

Rene Rice

CD 5 – Male – Lake Oswego, OR Candidate: Joe Biden

Statement of Candidacy:

I support Joe Biden, along with my wife Dianne Rice, we will support the local elections also.

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

We will work door to support Joe Biden, but also state level candidates, and local candidates as needed.

Sean Shevlin

CD 5 – Male – West Linn, OR Candidate: Joe Biden



Statement of Candidacy:

My name is Sean Shevlin and I am a husband, father, and public school teacher. I have taught in Oregon the last 10 years at Woodburn High School and West Linn High School. I have taught high school math for 20 years in 3 states and love inspiring our next generation to discover a love for math and learning. I currently live in West Linn Oregon with my wife and 3 children. My wife is also a teacher at Lakeridge High School. Politics and civic duty is an active conversation topic in our family and I am honored to have the opportunity to represent Oregon as a delegate for Joe Biden. Thank you for your consideration and I hope that we may work together to inspire the country with decency, positivity and unity.

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

When I return from the convention I will share stories about my experiences with those in our local community. I will help get more Democrats to vote in November for all of our candidates by volunteering for voter outreach and going door to door. I will also try hard to get the younger generation to vote by using my social media outreach.

Tyler Shockley

CD 5 – Male – Dallas, OR Candidate: Joe Biden Communities: Rural Democrat, Young Democrat



Statement of Candidacy:

Rural Oregon needs the Democratic Party. I grew up in rural eastern Washington and now live in rural Oregon, so I understand the values, the roots, that go deep: autonomy and patriotism. These are both my values and the values of the Democratic Party. As a Democrat I value autonomy and independence but realize that for many groups the barriers are still too high to achieve self-determination. It's only through breaking down these barriers that we can allow all to experience such freedom. As a Democrat's I love this country but am not willing to settle for what has been and instead I'm actively working to make it better. This country was not founded on freedom alone but on uniting in community with those around us. It's built into the fabric of this country to link arms with neighbors and tighten the common bonds that bind us so that no fellow American is left to wander this life alone. Our roots are the same. It's how we grow and live that sets makes us distinct. I live to move humanity forward. I'd appreciate your vote so that I can share these values with Oregon and this country.

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 be actively working to elect Democrats by volunteering for Bernadette Hansen's campaign to unseat Senator Boquist. If time allows I hope to do canvasing. As for other Democrat's I plan on actively engaging in discussions with my family, friends, and coworkers and showing them how their values are represented by the Democratic Party.

Elise Smith Sandusky

CD 5 – Female – Salem, OR Candidate: Joe Biden Communities: People with Disabilities



Statement of Candidacy:

My name is Elise Smith Sandusky, I am a daughter, sister, wife, mother and grandma. I didn't follow the traditional path in my life. I came from a broken home, I was a single parent at a young age, I became a college graduate as well as a proud parent of college graduates and a mom of a United States Marine, and last but not least I'm currently married to the man of my dreams. I struggled and I never gave up. I feel I can openly and honestly represent the State of Oregon as a State Delegate for the Democratic Party at the National Convention. I understand and relate to so many fellow Oregonians. It would be an honor to represent you and the State of Oregon at the 2020 Democratic National Convention. I'm currently employed at a nationwide nonprofit origination in the position of Human Resources. I choose to work for this company because it recognizes the struggles among citizens across all boundaries. Their mission aligns with my personal beliefs and passion to represent and have a voice for all. Thank you all for your time & remember to 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?

It is time to take America back and build unity among all citizens. My never give-up until the job is done drive will carry me after the Democratic National Convention. I am committed to organizing voter contact, volunteer management, digital strategy, data analytics and getting the word out to our voters to keep Oregon a strong Democratic State. Strength in numbers.

Brent Steele

CD 5 – Male – Salem, OR Candidate: Joe Biden



Statement of Candidacy:

There are times in life when what you do matters. What you say matters. What you believe matters. I have voted in every presidential election since 1980; the out come of this election matters more than any in my lifetime. We are at a crossroads in our country. One road would be easy, let things continue as the have since January of 2017. No concern about consequences of our actions. The other road..is a tough road. It will require effort, hard work, but also concern for the future. What our planet is like after our passing. I, for one, chose the hard road. It is the correct decision to go forward.

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'll start in my neighborhood, speak to my neighbors about the choices presented in November. I'll use social media to broaden my reach, to present our choices up and down the ticket. I will continue to broaden my reach, work with local Democrats and others to hopefully provide an understanding of where our country is right now.

Owen Thomas

CD 5 – Male – Salem, OR Candidate: Joe Biden Communities: Young Democrat



Statement of Candidacy:

I'm a Politics and Religious Studies student at Willamette University and Salem resident. I've been a supporter of Joe Biden since he announced his candidacy and am an active moderator of r/JoeBiden on Reddit, a growing online community of 17k subscribers committed to promoting and celebrating the former vice president's campaign. I'd be honored to be among Oregon's delegates and help represent Gen-Z voters at the convention.

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 plan to continue my contributions to r/JoeBiden and volunteer for the Democrat in the competitive Secretary of State election whenever possible.

Cheryl Wyborny

CD 5 – Female – West Linn, OR Candidate: Joe Biden



Statement of Candidacy:

I am a retired health care professional with a BS in Nursing from Grand Valley State University in Michigan and MS in Public Health from UC Berkeley. My career included positions with Kaiser Permanente in California, OHSU and Providence Health. Through my professional experience I developed the ability to work in complex organizations with people from different backgrounds; acquired effective communication skills; and the mastered the ability to develop and implement action plans for complex projects. In 2016 I began volunteering for the Oregon Democratic Party during the primary and national elections. My volunteer activities included calling, texting and canvasing to get out the vote in the Portland Metro Area for in 2016 and 2018. During the 2020 primary election I wrote letters and called voters to get out the vote in Clackamas County. I am a member of the Willamette Women Democrats. I believe my experience and skills make me a qualified person for this role.

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 knowledge and skills to get out the vote in my community. In addition, I will work throughout the State to help get out the vote in other communities as needed. I would also like to work to improve the information available in democratic voter database to make contacting voters more effective and efficient.