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Candidates for District-Level Delegates to the Democratic National Convention: Bernie Sanders – Congressional District 3

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Abigail Collins	Gresham	Asian American/Pacific Islander, LGBTQ+ American, People with Disabilities
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James “Jas” Davis	Portland	
Jesse Davis	Portland	Young Democrat
Andrew DeMarrias	Portland	LGBTQ+ American, Native American, Young Democrat
Laurence Donohoe	Portland	
Ira Erbs	Portland	People with Disabilities
Will Ganschow	Portland	
Kazzrie Hekati	Portland	LGBTQ+ American
Lindsay Huber	Portland	Hispanic/Latinx American, Young Democrat
Kyle Huth	Portland	
Suzanna Kassouf	Portland	Young Democrat
Ben Lavine	Portland	Young Democrat
Kel Montgomery	Portland	Asian American/Pacific Islander, Young Democrat, People with Disabilities
Amelia Moore	Portland	African American/Black
Barbara Neidig	Portland	

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Maggie Taha	Portland	Young Democrat
Jonathan Tasini	Portland	
Meagan Tate	Portland	Young Democrat
Tommy Thompson	Portland	Young Democrat
Adam Weiner	Portland	
Jodi Zeisel	Portland	

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Nathaniel Applefield

CD 3 – Male – Portland, OR

Candidate: Bernie Sanders



Statement of Candidacy:

Once sold as a driver of innovation and a creator of jobs, our economic system is now plunging many in our country into poverty as it threatens to destroy our planet. The gains in our markets are only seen by the privileged few, and with those gains political power has also consolidated in the hands of the already powerful. My name is Nathaniel Applefield, and I'm running for Delegate to give a voice to those too often left behind, to advocate for an equitable economy and for environmental justice. Far too often, our government leaves behind families who are struggling to make ends meet. Far too often, our elected leaders turn a blind eye to the suffering in our communities, catering instead to profits over people. As the Statewide Field Director for Jeff Merkley in 2008, I worked with you to build the largest grassroots movement Oregon has ever seen. As the Political Director for the Outdoor School for All campaign in 2016, I passed a statewide measure so that every Oregon child gets a chance to learn about the natural world. I would be honored to have 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 will work tirelessly to elect Democrats up and down the ticket this summer and into the fall. While my favorite and most effective means of voter contact is in-person canvassing, that simply may not be possible this year. If that is the case, I will do whatever it takes using phone, internet, or other means to reach out to voters in a meaningful way. I'm committed to Eileen Kiely running for State Senate, Emerson Levy running for State House, Phil Chang running for Deschutes County Commission, and many more.

Kavan Bahrami

CD 3 – Male – Portland, OR

Candidate: Bernie Sanders

Communities: Young Democrat



Statement of Candidacy:

I believe deeply that we are all judged by how we treat the least amongst us, and that as a society we should strive to build a government that does its best to protect and nurture that instinct. To that end, it should reflect the citizens it claims to represent, and serve to empower them at all levels to solve the problems we all face. I've lived in Portland for a little over 9 years, have been a member of the Mult Dems for a little over 2, and would very much like the opportunity to represent a portion of the Bernie Sanders wing of this Democratic 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?

In 2008 I traveled across the country to work with the Obama campaign. In 2016 I spoke to everyone I knew, went to rallies, and made donations. In 2018 I went door to door in my neighborhood passing out slate cards and making sure everyone had the information they needed to make informed decisions. When I get back from the convention I plan on doing all that I can to make sure we get representatives into office that will fight for us and work to make this a country for and by the people.

Sucheta Bal

CD 3 – Female – Portland, OR

Candidate: Bernie Sanders

Communities: Asian American/Pacific
Islander



Statement of Candidacy:

ENDORSED BY NEW DEAL DEMOCRATS to bring progressive values to the Democratic national convention. Pledged to support Bernie Sanders. I am an Oregon transplant with Midwest roots and have made Portland my home for nearly a decade, working in the public sector to advance equitable economic growth. I volunteered for the Bernie Sanders presidential campaign and was energized by the diverse coalition of people that participated. The experience inspired me to become more involved in moving the Democratic Party towards progressive goals. I have been elected as a Precinct Committee Person in Multnomah County and I am taking this step of running to be a delegate at the national convention because I want the party to be held accountable to the voices of the working class, immigrants, and people of color. The Democratic Party must be bold in promoting worker's rights, fair elections, and getting corporate money out of politics, so we can return democracy back to the people. Medicare For All, The Green New Deal, and reducing income inequality must be central to its platform and its nominee for President. As a first-generation American, I believe in a safe and welcoming America for all and want humanitarian-based immigration policy.

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 remain active with the BerniePDX group and the New Deal Democrats to help elect Democrats up and down the ticket. I am comfortable with phone banking, text banking and good old-fashioned door-to-door chats (as long it is safe) thanks to my previous experiences campaigning for Obama, Sanders, and as chapter president of Amnesty International in college. I will also serve as a precinct committee person in Multnomah County (precinct 4409) and help inform my neighbors and community of the issues and candidates.

James “Jas” Davis

CD 3 – Male – Portland, OR
Candidate: Bernie Sanders



Statement of Candidacy:

I've been active in progressive politics for 30 years on issues from universal health care to voting reform, and I've been an avid Bernie supporter since 2015. I got more involved in the Democratic party because of Bernie, and over the past few years have worked to elect progressive Democrats and helped create one of the most progressive county platforms in the country. As a Board Member of the Equal Vote Coalition, I support STAR Voting (Score Then Automatic Runoff) and am proud to have helped bring STAR Voting to the Democratic Party of Oregon and as well as to the recent Independent Party of Oregon statewide primary. I recently ran for Portland city council and am including my campaign website and videos so you can learn more about me and the issues I championed, including a public bank, bold climate action, local food resilience and other progressive issues. I manage Awakenings Wellness Center in Portland and am a supporter of co-ops, place-based economics and building local resilience. ENDORSED by the NEW DEAL DEMOCRATS

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 worked to help elect progressive Democrats for over 30 years, ever since working on Cal Anderson campaign in 1988; and I will continue to work to elect our candidates up and down the ticket going forward.

For additional information about the candidate, visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVvOPiJsylU&list=PLay3TdL5j-Ozd1Prjgg93eI21-9mCS6xc>

Jesse Davis

CD 3 – Male – Portland, OR

Candidate: Bernie Sanders

Communities: Young Democrat



Statement of Candidacy:

My name is Jesse Davis, I was born and raised in SE Portland. I grew up in a low income household, and was raised primarily by my father after my mother passed away when I was young. These aspects of my youth highlight the urgent need for a livable wage, and universal health care. Since my high school graduation in 2012 I have been working with young kids and teens in at risk communities. Starting as a youth coach, I moved on to assist in all after school activities at my old Middle School. I now work as a Manager for a local business in Vancouver. I hope to represent Democrats in the great state of Oregon.

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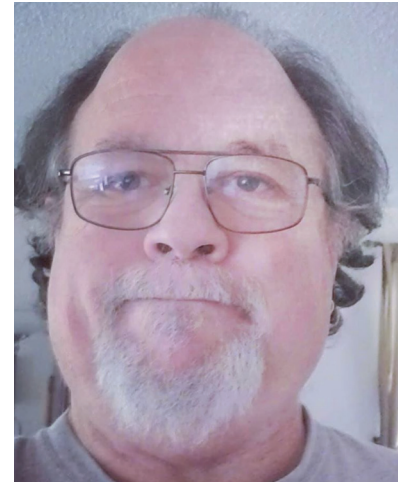
I will use social media platforms extensively to purvey the message of the Candidates on the ballot. Engaging and interacting with the community to spark conversations about each candidate and their policies. Additionally as our state reopens I will safely attend any council meetings to better understand the needs of our community and use that information to relay with them the best candidate that represents those needs.

Ira Erbs

CD 3 – Male – Portland, OR

Candidate: Bernie Sanders

Communities: People with Disabilities



Statement of Candidacy:

Hello, I am a lifelong progressive educator, union officer, dedicated Democrat and elected PCP for Multnomah County. Bernie Sanders speaks for me: He's a defender of workers, a universal healthcare proponent, and an advocate for reigning in corporate greed and taxing those most able to support actions for the greater good. I want to represent Oregon at the national convention and fight for these ideals to be incorporated into the Democratic Party Platform. I have worked to promote Democratic candidates as VP of Political Action for the educators' union at Portland Community College and through AFT-OR. I have also volunteered for candidates, donated, hosted house parties, and helped Get-Out-The-Vote. I will show up in Salem and Town Hall meetings to push for progressive legislation and to support the rights of workers in our community. I will continue to be at your job actions as a steering committee member of Portland Jobs with Justice, and will work to promote equity and equal access in our public spaces. I believe there is no room at the table for fascists, bigots and anti-unionists. Elect me, and help us take back our government from fringe elements that are working to destroy our democratic institutions.

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 work for PCC and AFT-OR Unions to motivate members to vote Democrat, to donate to campaigns and to show up and support progressive candidates. I regularly attend PCP meetings and speak up to advocate for progressive candidates for State and Local Office. I am working to limit money and expand access to voter registration. We must educate citizens to the importance of voting and that elections have consequences. I attend candidate forums, and community events and endeavor to inform participants about the Platform and planks of the Oregon Democratic Party and will continue to participate in pro labor, people powered candidate activities.

Kazzrie Hekati

CD 3 – Female – Portland, OR
Candidate: Bernie Sanders
Communities: LGBTQ+ American



Statement of Candidacy:

I'm a political activist supporting economic, racial, social, and environmental justice for all. I sent 80,000+ texts for Bernie, and hosted virtual house parties for other Progressive candidates: Sarah Iannarone, Albert Lee, and Margot Black. I support two ground-breaking initiatives currently collecting signatures to get on the November ballot: IP-34, The Oregon Psilocybin Services Act gives those suffering from depression, anxiety, and anyone that would benefit, a new treatment option by creating a licensed and supervised psilocybin-assisted therapy system. Medical research shows that psilocybin therapy is uniquely effective in treating depression, anxiety, and addiction. To SIGN the FINAL VERSION of this initiative, released SEPTEMBER 28th, 2019... go to: <https://yesonip34.org/sign-the-petition/> Because people suffering from addiction need help, not criminal punishments, I support: IP-44, The Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act. <https://yesonip44.org/sign-the-petition/> Instead of arresting people for drugs, this act uses marijuana tax money to pay for addiction and recovery services and supportive housing, to help people get their lives back on track. This measure doesn't legalize any drugs. It removes criminal penalties for small amounts/personal possession and directs people to treatment. I'd 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?

As may be obvious from my candidate statement, this is my first time running. I'm choosing to engage with this Party that has slowly drifted farther and farther to the right, and away from my values as a true Progressive. My main goal in getting involved is to impact the Party platform, helping to drag it back to the left, as far possible. ESPECIALLY in this time of SUCH Great Upheaval and Change... We need to embody Progressive values: Compassion, Transparency and Cooperation. When I return from the Convention, I commit to engaging with Party Leadership to assist however I'm needed, to elect as many Progressive Democrats as possible in November. I'm ready to learn how this works and be involved.

For additional information about the candidate, visit:
<https://Hekati.com>

Ben Lavine

CD 3 – Male – Portland, OR

Candidate: Bernie Sanders

Communities: Young Democrat



Statement of Candidacy:

I'm a native Portlander and lifelong Democrat, living in the Woodlawn Neighborhood since 2010. Bernie Sanders's 2016 candidacy had a deeply personal significance for me. Seeing this secular Jewish man on the biggest stage in the world, advocating for the progressive ideals that I strongly believe in, made me feel connected to a part of my heritage that I have always had difficulty relating to. That campaign inspired me to get more involved. I became a precinct committee person, I've volunteered for local candidates and initiatives, and I was elected to the 3rd Congressional District Committee. I also am the chairperson of the Campaign and Candidate Liaison Committee of the Multnomah County Democrats. The people that I've worked with on that committee don't always agree on everything, but we are all dedicated to working together to build grassroots Democrat power, to bring us closer to a world where we take climate change seriously, where people of color can exist in public spaces without the fear of a violent encounter, and where working people can prosper and the wealthy pay their fair share. I am committed to using that collaborative approach in my work as one of Oregon's delegates.

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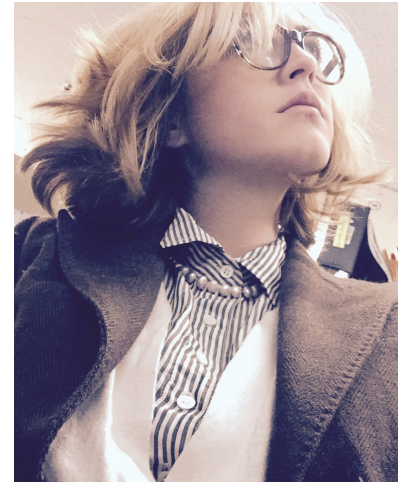
The MultDems Campaign Committee is currently discussing a postcard campaign to try to flip US Senate seats in Maine, Kentucky, or elsewhere; facilitating digital campaign events for local candidates, with Neighborhood Leaders working to extend invitations to voters in the relevant districts; a 'slate card' campaign that can adhere to social distancing guidelines; and other communication with and promotion of candidates. I also plan to be personally involved in voter registration and GOTV efforts, as we draw closer to autumn months.

Kel Montgomery

CD 3 – Female – Portland, OR

Candidate: Bernie Sanders

Communities: Asian American/Pacific Islander, Young Democrat, People with Disabilities



Statement of Candidacy:

I'm a proud Oregonian who was able to spend my academic and finance-centric years in Seattle and NYC, which gave me enough perspective to return home and enter the non-profit sector, mostly serving Veterans and the houseless. Much of my concern with the current administration is the daft handling of just politics. If we remain under the purview of the GOP, this situation will get much worse. We need to restore democracy. Important seats will be vacated soon that will seriously shape our future. We face a great opportunity to fully unite the Democratic party. Let's be united in restoring justice.

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

Simply put, Democrats need to win to quell the tailspin our country is in on so many fronts. We cannot afford to tolerate even four more years on this path. What we desperately need is a concerted effort to tackle the current pandemic, failing economy, lack of justice, and so much more. The GOP lacks interest in correctly addressing these and other real problems facing hard working Americans.

Barbara Neidig

CD 3 – Female – Portland, OR
Candidate: Bernie Sanders



Statement of Candidacy:

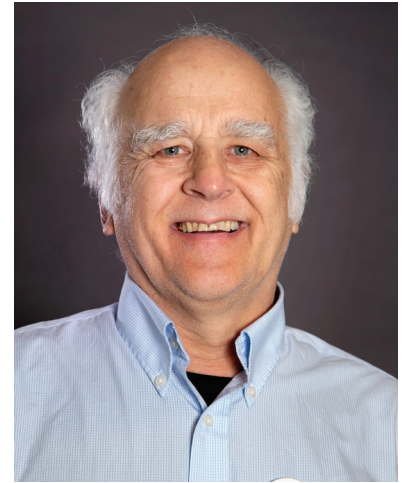
I have been interested in Bernie Sanders since I first heard him interviewed on the radio around 2012. Later, I attended his rallies when he campaigned in Portland. It is important to ensure that Senator Sanders issues are reflected in this election. This campaign has been so odd, to say the least, in our pandemic situation. Senator Sanders campaign was truly forced to shut down prematurely. Whether his name appears on the ballot in November, I want to make sure that former VP Biden and the DNC will support issues in the platform that Sanders put forth. And, as Senator Sanders instructed his supporters to do, we will vote for the Democratic candidates in November.

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 communicate to all around me how important it is to vote; and to vote for all Democrats. Getting the Democrats to mail in their ballot will be VITAL. I can hold meet and greets for the local candidates and to help organize candidate events.

Tom Sincic

CD 3 – Male – Portland, OR
Candidate: Bernie Sanders
Donor: President's Council



Statement of Candidacy:

I was proud when, in 2014, I ran for office and The Oregonian labeled me “the unleashed progressive.” Over the last 3 years I have been leading the fight for universal health care both inside and outside the party. As a nurse, here is my pledge: I will take that fight to the Convention. I will use this position to advance the Sanders’ platform. After all, it is about the issues. Additionally, I will fight for the necessary rules to “assure fair and open participation.” A priority will be to create support and solidarity with other state party Sanders’ delegates so together we will say, “Never 2016 again.” My values focus on community, equity, and service to those in need and the environment. It is ultimately about the issues. My concerns are health care access, environment, education, labor, equity, and the influence of corporations (money in politics) on government decision-making. I have the strengths that are necessary for Convention representation as a Bernie Sanders delegate. These are: listening, the courage to speak, strategic thinking, organizing, and seeing the intersectionality of issues. My Motto: “It is time to tear down walls.”

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 know that committee leadership and majorities matter so it will be essential that I not only do the work but do as much as possible to get others to join me. I will do everything to push candidates to be very progressive in their positions so people want to come out and vote for them. This is how we will win up and down the ticket.

For additional information about the candidate, visit:

<http://tomsincic.com/>

Jonathan Tasini

CD 3 – Male – Portland, OR
Candidate: Bernie Sanders



Statement of Candidacy:

I am optimistic about the future of the progressive movement even in this time of crisis because I witnessed first-hand how the Sanders campaigns' agenda defined the debate over the past five years. I wrote "The Essential Bernie Sanders and His Vision For America" and, at Bernie's request, I served proudly as a 2016 national surrogate, traveling nationwide to speak to activists/voters/supporters and advocating on TV for our movement. In every state and community, I saw how people connected to the Sanders message; for some, it was a first taste of politics while for others, the campaign brought them back into politics. We won the debate on issues—and, now, we have to look to the future to figure out how to best strengthen the progressive movement, building on victories we've had in the past and learning the lessons from electoral campaigns that fell short. I also served as a 2016 DNC delegate. I've been a labor/progressive activist/strategist for my whole adult life. I have supported, and will continue to support, the Sanders agenda and the movement, including, as Bernie says, working to defeat the most dangerous president in our lifetimes.

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 work with my local activist core to spread accurate information and turn out the vote.

For additional information about the candidate, visit:

www.workinglife.org

Tommy Thompson

CD 3 – Male – Portland, OR

Candidate: Bernie Sanders

Communities: Young Democrat



Statement of Candidacy:

I am here today to say, “The status quo has got to go!” We deserve accountability from our representation, we deserve transparency, Oregon deserves champions to fight for those who can’t fight for themselves. My name is Tommy Thompson and I’m running for Democratic delegate because I’m ready to become one of the champions that Oregon deserves. I’ve been a union member and supporter since I joined the workforce at 17 years old. I believe in honest, hard work with fair pay and benefits for workers and their families. I bring innovative ideas, a fresh perspective, and a true vision for what Oregon CAN be and WILL be, but only with the support of each and every one of 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?

My plan is to get right to work. To continue my partnerships with non-for-profits throughout Oregon to reach out and educate Oregonians on the issues and how they can help. Knocking on doors, phone/text banking, social media presence, anything I can personally do to get Democrats in office in November!

Adam Weiner

CD 3 – Male – Portland, OR
Candidate: Bernie Sanders



Statement of Candidacy:

I grew up in WI in Russ Feingold's district & moved to Portland in '06. Feingold spoke to my class in elementary school and I've been a proud Democrat ever since. I rallied friends to turn out the vote for Feingold and John Kerry back then & have been a proud Bernie, Merkley, Wyden, & Blumenauer supporter more recently too. I've been successful in getting friends to get more involved in supporting Democrat candidates lately. I'm still plugged in to the community back in my home battleground state of WI and am proud to have recently helped guide my Trump supporter friend to see the light leave the GOP. His lifelong Republican father is leaving too after my friend spoke with him at length. I look forward to furthering my contributions to the public good. Thank you for your consideration.

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Continue to lead respectful and civil discussions with my ideologically diverse group of friends and family, as well as continue to phone bank and volunteer for Democrat candidates. I try my best to help turn out the vote, especially with those under 40 years old. I also do my best to help dispel myths and talking points from far right wing think tanks like CATO institute.