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# Candidates for PLEO Delegates to the Democratic National Convention:

## Bernie Sanders

<b>Name and PLEO Title</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Communities of Interest</b>
<b>Deren Ash</b> Director, La Pine Park & Recreation District Board	La Pine	People with Disabilities, Rural Democrat
<b>Zach Bessett</b> Chair, Springfield School Board	Springfield	
<b>Heather Bishop</b> 2nd Vice Chair, Benton County Democrats	Corvallis	Young Democrat
<b>Weston Drumheller</b> Vice Chair, Columbia County Democrats	Warren	African American/Black, Native American, Rural Democrat
<b>Mark Gamba</b> Mayor, Milwaukie	Portland	
<b>Nora Kent</b> School Board Director, Lane Education Service District	Florence	Rural Democrat
<b>Leigha LaFleur</b> Chair, 3rd Congressional District Committee	Portland	
<b>Charles Maughan</b> City Councilor, Corvallis / Secretary, Gun Owners Caucus	Corvallis	
<b>Tara Patterson</b> Vice Chair, 1st Congressional District Committee / Vice Chair, Elections Integrity Caucus	Yamhill	Rural Democrat
<b>Lurette Robbins</b> Chair, Multnomah County Democrats	Portland	LGBTQ+ American
<b>Omar Sandoval</b> Chair, Yamhill County Democrats	Dayton	Hispanic/Latinx American, Young Democrat
<b>Lisa Stiller</b> Chair, Healthcare Caucus	Beaverton	People with Disabilities
<b>Kat Florence Stone</b> Board Director, Umpqua Public Transportation District	Roseburg	Rural Democrat

# Candidates for PLEO Delegates to the Democratic National Convention: Bernie Sanders

<b>Name and PLEO Title</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Communities of Interest</b>
<b>Larry Taylor</b> Chair, 1st Congressional District Committee	Astoria	LGBTQ+ American, Rural Democrat
<b>Ronald Thompson II</b> Vice Chair, 4th Congressional District Committee	Springfield	

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*Candidates without statements listed in this pamphlet did not submit them to the Democratic Party of Oregon.*

# **Deren Ash**

**CD 2 – Male – La Pine, OR**

**Candidate: Bernie Sanders**

**Communities: People with Disabilities,  
Rural Democrat**

**PLEO: Director, La Pine Park & Recreation  
District Board**



## **Statement of Candidacy:**

I have been a Democrat and a progressive since I was old enough to register to vote. Single-payer healthcare and stopping climate change have been my top issues for a most of that time, and when I had a stroke last fall (in my thirties), and armed with “good” insurance, I experienced the need to lose our for-profit insurance model at every step. I have been a Berner since 2015. Bernie’s platforms and values are our platforms and values, and we need delegates who can give those progressive values a voice without turning other people off. I have the experience to do that. As a Bernie delegate to the 2016 Hawaii convention, where only 30% of the delegates were for Bernie, I successfully fought against a rule change meant to exclude Berners from future primaries, and for a resolution urging the DNC to remove superdelegates’ superpowers. As an officer and rules chair of the Maui Democratic Party, I had the opportunity to work with people of differing views. As a member of the La Pine Park & Recreation District board, in a very conservative area, with conservative board members and community leaders, I again have that experience.

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

I will work hard volunteering for two candidates here in Deschutes County who are going to flip Republican-held seats. I will also continue being as active as possible in the DPO to do what I can to ensure the DPO is inclusive and welcoming to newcomers and nonaffiliated voters, and can promote candidates who hold true to Democratic values. It is not enough simply to grow the party. We need an inclusive party, and we must have candidates who people want to vote for, who will advance Democratic platforms that benefit people over big donors. In order to elect Democrats, we need to nominate candidates who will put people over big donors, so we need a system that gives those candidates a fair chance.

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

<http://deren4dnc.us>

# Heather Bishop

CD 4 – Female – Corvallis, OR  
Candidate: Bernie Sanders  
Communities: Young Democrat  
PLEO: 2nd Vice Chair, Benton County  
Democrats



VICE CHAIR, BENTON COUNTY  
**Heather Bishop**

## Statement of Candidacy:

Since 2016 I have committed everything to fighting for change because I was inspired by Bernie Sanders. While becoming a leader in my County Democratic Party, activism and getting progressives elected, I also met my life partner and made lifelong friendships because we all felt called to action. At the heart of everything, Bernie Sanders has inspired and informed my life to change direction in such drastic and amazing ways. I never thought I would have made such important relationships through a shared goal of a better future. I plan to continue this fight through progressive involvement and to never give up. I will proudly represent Oregon if I am elected, Sincerely, Heather Bishop. Endorsed by 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 plan to raise money, knock doors, phone and text bank, hold events, have forums, meet up's and use the experience I have garnered over the last 4 years to activate more voters. I also plan to focus on holding our elected officials accountable to representing our party platform, supporting progressive initiative petitions, push strong legislature and be vocal. I will also make buttons and talk to many strangers and continue talking about all of our amazing candidates.

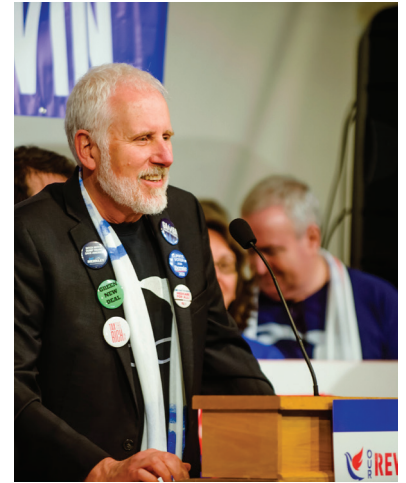
## For additional information about the candidate, visit:

<https://orca-us.org/candidates/>



# Mark Gamba

CD 5 – Male – Portland, OR  
Candidate: Bernie Sanders  
PLEO: Mayor, Milwaukie  
Donor: Grassroots Democrat



## Statement of Candidacy:

I'm Mark Gamba. I've been called the most progressive Mayor in the State of Oregon. I just ran for Congress against Kurt Schrader to help enact Bernie's vision. Bernie Sanders should have been our president for the last four years, and he should be the nominee now. Bernie started a movement to save our democracy by making it work for all Americans and to enact critical bills like Medicare for All and the Green New Deal. This movement that Bernie started has moved the needle a long way, and if we want the progress that's been made to stick, we must continue pushing. We need delegates who can carry that message and who have the political acumen to look for opportunities to move the party further to the left. We need delegates who will heed Bernie's wisdom, and help take back our country. Maybe that's why his campaign reached out to me the day after my race ended to ask me to run as a PLEO from Oregon. I would be honored to represent those who seek a bright future for this country as one of your Bernie Delegates to the National Convention. Mark Gamba  
Mayor of Milwaukie

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

The same thing I've been doing for the last decade: Holding house parties to raise money, speaking at public events, writing letters to the editor, working social media and knocking doors. I've found and nurtured progressive people to run for office locally, to build depth in our ranks and cause positive change at the local level. I believe that our challenge this year will be to bring the deeply distraught progressives back into the fight to elect our nominees. They feel cheated, and it will require empathetic leadership to help them see why need to elect democrats and then keep pushing those democrats towards our progressive ideals. Our country, our democracy and our planet cannot tolerate another 4 years of Trump and McConnell.

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

[www.markgamba.com](http://www.markgamba.com)

# Nora Kent

**CD 4 – Female – Florence, OR**  
**Candidate: Bernie Sanders**  
**Communities: Rural Democrat**  
**PLEO: School Board Director, Lane**  
**Education Service District**



## Statement of Candidacy:

I am running for delegate to the Democrat National Convention because I want the voice of Rural Democrats to be heard. I have resided in the coast range for several years and now live part time in Florence, where I am a PCP and an active member of the Florence Area Democrat Club, along with being a Congressional District 4 delegate . Last year I was elected to the Lane ESD Board Directors; the Democratic Party of Lane County , along with Senator Manning, Representatives Wilde, McKeown and Julie Fahey endorsed my campaign. I have worked as an Instructor at Lane Community College for 26 years, teaching Adult Basic Skills ( and a member of the union legislative action team for two years). As vocal advocate for my students in the community, I emphasize social awareness, along the importance of voting. Recently I worked to pass the LCC bond and I was also active with the Jamie McLeod- Skinner campaign. In the past have organized successful fundraisers and a Voter Information event. I deeply believe that people have the power to affect change ; I want to be part of that wave of change. I humbly 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?

When I return from the convention, I can fully devote my time to working on campaigns both locally and nationally. I will connect with the DPO as well as local Dems to share ideas and organize. My top priority is voter registration, then voter education. In 2018, I organized a “whistle stop” tour for Caddy Mckeown to visit small rural communities. I would do the same for our new candidate Mukumoto. If that kind of gathering is not allowed ,I will organize virtual parties for local candidates . I will get the word out with social media, letters to the editor, and signs. I will reach out to affiliated voters and engage neighbors to volunteer for phone banking to make this the highest voter turnout yet!

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

[https://youtu.be/y6Wz3i\\_BYUc](https://youtu.be/y6Wz3i_BYUc)

# Charles Maughan

CD 4 – Male – Corvallis, OR

Candidate: Bernie Sanders

PLEO: City Councilor, Corvallis / Secretary,  
Gun Owners Caucus



## Statement of Candidacy:

When I heard Bernie speak, it was not only the first time that I heard a politician speaking about the real issues affecting my family and community, it was also the first time I felt empowered to do something about it. I got involved. I volunteered for Corvallis for Bernie and worked hard to educate people about the issues. Thanks to our hard work, Benton County saw one of the largest percentage of votes for Bernie in Oregon in 2016. I then co-founded Our Revolution – Corvallis Allies, an official chapter of the national organization Our Revolution. Since then, I have been elected as a Precinct Committee person for the Benton County Democrats, and served as 2nd Vice Chair. I have been a Democratic Party of Oregon Caucus Chair, Caucus Treasurer, and Caucus Secretary. I am also currently a State Central Committee Delegate for Benton County, and serve as their Delegation Chair. In 2018 I ran a successful election for the Corvallis City Council which I now serve. I now ask for your vote to represent Bernie Sanders as a Party Leader / Elected Official to the Democratic National 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 am part of the Benton County Democrats Neighborhood Leader program and through that program will be contacting voters to assist them by providing information on the Democrats on their ballot and reminding them of how important voting is to our democracy.

## For additional information about the candidate, visit:

<https://orca-us.org/candidates>

# Lurelle Robbins

CD 1 – Male – Portland, OR  
Candidate: Bernie Sanders  
Communities: LGBTQ+ American  
PLEO: Chair, Multnomah County  
Democrats



## Statement of Candidacy:

“It always seems impossible until it is done” Nelson Mandella. Bernie used this quote in his announcement to suspend his candidacy. This is my philosophy along with adding that it is always possible we just have to keep finding ways to make it possible. Bernie spoke in that statement of the issues that will be more difficult and will take longer but are still issues that we must work for and push for. You can find my statement and the video on the website blog or the Democratic Party of Multnomah County. I am the chair of the party and invite you to learn my thoughts there. I am also working with a group and we will be pushing out a campaign called \$2000 NOW in support of HR 6496. Please check it out and encourage your friends across the country to get their legislators to sign on and speak loudly until it is passed. I would appreciate your support and 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 continue to lead the local party to gotv and engage and empower the voters of our county. Last election cycle we engaged with 270,000 Democrats via slate cards, phone, text and post care messages. I envision that we will be doing that again with some new ideas. I will also be encouraging and finding ways for our members and others to participate in flipping the Senate. We must Ditch Mitch and Dump Trump if we are to regain a semblance of decency and respect. Please vote for Lurelle, Bernie Delegate.

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

[www.multdems.org](http://www.multdems.org)

# Omar Sandoval

CD 1 – Male – Dayton, OR

Candidate: Bernie Sanders

Communities: Hispanic/Latinx American,  
Young Democrat

PLEO: Chair, Yamhill County Democrats



## Statement of Candidacy:

I am running to be a delegate at the 2020 Democratic National Convention as a young person and a person of color. As the Chair of the Yamhill County Democrats, I value and prioritize diversity and youth involvement in all levels of government. Before returning to Oregon and working as a Chief of Staff in the Oregon Legislature, I worked as a national immigrant rights organizer who among my rallies and protests, walked from NYC to DC to raise awareness of DACA being rescinded by Donald Trump. I have a long history of taking action and fighting injustice, and it would be an honor to represent you in the DNC national 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?

My goal in Milwaukie will be to represent Oregon and form connections with other Democrats across the state and nation to help bring winning strategies in Oregon democratic campaigns. I have experience as a campaigner and have helped flip districts from red to blue. I look forward to continuing to get Democrats elected up and down the ticket and expanding the party's reach in areas that have historically been underrepresented.

# Lisa Stiller

**CD 1 – Female – Beaverton, OR**

**Candidate: Bernie Sanders**

**Communities: People with Disabilities**

**PLEO: Chair, Healthcare Caucus**



## Statement of Candidacy:

I am excited to be running as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention representing Senator Bernie Sanders. Since the last convention I have worked diligently for the things Bernie stands up for: Medicare for All, free public higher education funding, ending income inequality, immigration reform that welcomes refugees, expanding Social Security, building affordable housing, among many others. I cochair Washington County for Bernie, worked hard to spread his message and get the vote out for him everywhere and here in Oregon. I work in education, chair the DPO Health Care Caucus, am on the executive committee for the DPO Education Caucus. I am on the DPO Platform and Resolutions Committee, am an alternate to the SCC, a delegate to the CD1, am cofounder of the Washington County Education Caucus, and serve on the Washington County Platform and Resolutions Committee. I volunteer for the City of Beaverton, Health Care for All Oregon, Moms Demand Action, Washington County Ultra Violet, and our neighborhood gift economy group. I will stand firm in promoting Bernie's agenda for a country that works for every single person to thrive. He has been a shining light in calling for economic relief for those who need it during this crisis!

## 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 to Oregon my intent is to make sure our state (and country) go blue. This means electing Democrats up and down the November ballot. We absolutely can not have another four years of the present administration. We need a Democratic president, Democratic Senate, we need more Democratic representatives, and we must keep our state blue and elect Democrats as local leaders. I will canvass, phone, volunteer to take on additional neighborhoods as a neighborhood leader. I will call into swing states. For the good of this country and every person in it, we have to vote a blue change. Lives depend on it, our democracy depends on it, and people's ability to live dignified lives depend on it.

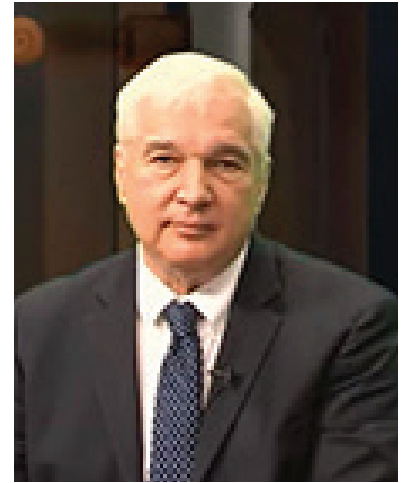
# Larry Taylor

CD 1 – Male – Astoria, OR

Candidate: Bernie Sanders

Communities: LGBTQ+ American, Rural  
Democrat

PLEO: Chair, 1st Congressional District  
Committee



## Statement of Candidacy:

Please vote for Larry Taylor Democratic National Convention Delegate Democratic National Convention Rules Committee State Convention Delegate Larry Taylor helped found OregonForBernie, which worked across Oregon in promoting the candidacy of Senator Sanders. OregonforBernie printed bumper stickers, organized events, collected funds for DNC delegates, helped sponsor BernieStock, and most significantly, created numerous 4'x8' custom campaign signs placed across rural Oregon. Larry Taylor was one of only 3 Oregon Superdelegates who pledged for Bernie Sanders in 2016 (along with Lupita Mauer and Senator Merkley). He is a former DNC member from Oregon who attended both the 2012 and 2016 conventions. Taylor is a solid supporter of Universal healthcare and the progressive agenda of Bernie Sanders. Taylor was a member of the 2016 DNC Convention Rules Committee which passed the resolution supporting the creation of the Unity Commission. If elected to the 2020 Convention Rules Committee, he will work to make the Unity Commission changes permanent, as well as support further improvements to make the Democratic Party more democratic. Taylor is the only Professional Registered Parliamentarian (PRP) in the DPO State Central Committee If elected, he will be the only Professional Registered Parliamentarian in the Oregon convention delegation.

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

Larry will continue, as he has for the past 20 years. in working to elect progressive Democrats to office, focusing on his home district in northwestern Oregon. He actively worked on local campaigns for three great female candidates in the 2020 primary. He will focus the rest of 2020 in keeping HD32 and Clatsop County blue – the only rural blue county outside the I-5 corridor.

## For additional information about the candidate, visit:

<http://electlarrytaylor.com/index.html>

# **Ronald Thompson II**

**CD 4 – Male – Springfield, OR**

**Candidate: Bernie Sanders**

**PLEO: Vice Chair, 4th Congressional District  
Committee**

## **Statement of Candidacy:**

The need for progressive changes to the party and the country have been shown in unfortunate stark reality during the past few months. Technology, adaptation of social values and mores to be more aware of disparities and to remove previous barriers to access have become the American norm. Unfortunately the underlying structures of ignorance, fear of the other and stochastic terrorism have also become even more prevalent from the top down. This needs to change, and so I am representing Bernie Sanders' platform to push these ideas into our next President's agenda for social and political reform.

## **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 directly involve myself in campaigns, serving in them, contributing to conversations about them, helping to organize drives to get people informed and active, as well as getting them to return their ballots early so more resources can be mobilized to get those more recalcitrant voters to find their voice this election cycle and make sure that Democratic values prevail and the country can once again regain it's economic footing, and regain leadership status amongst the world community.