

Report of the Endorsements and Contribution Recommendation Committee August 2020

Endorsements

This is the final list of candidates the Endorsement Committee proposes that the Central Committee endorse in the November 2020 local nonpartisan elections:

Previously Endorsed (no additional vote required):

- Lacey Beaty, Mayor of Beaverton
- Nafisa Fai, Washington County Commission
- Gerritt Rosenthal, Metro Council District 3

New Endorsement Recommendations (only one applicant):

- Elena Uhing (i), Forest Grove City Council
- Donna Gustafson, Forest Grove City Council
- Anthony Martin (i), Hillsboro City Council
- Shawna Thompson (i), King City City Council
- Kate Mohr, King City City Council
- Sean Garland, Sherwood City Council
- Heidi Lueb (i), Tigard City Council
- Jeanette Shaw, Tigard City Council
- Valarie Pratt (i), Tualatin City Council
- Alex Thurber, Tualatin City Council
- Dean Moberg, Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District Board

New Endorsement Recommendations (multiple applicants):

- Gina Roletto, Hillsboro City Council
- Mary Nolan, Metro Council District 5

Each of the above recommended candidates meets the Washington County Democrats requirements for endorsement. They all completed a questionnaire and were questioned during their individual interviews about their priorities and goals when compared to the state and county party platforms.

Contributions

The following list of endorsed and soon-to-be endorsed candidates are strong races against well funded Republicans and in some cases are targeted races against opponents with unlimited spending. We have talked to each person and each has requested more than we are

proposing. Each will be using any funds we donate to cover costs for mailers, videos, TV spots, and other voter outreach

Nonpartisan Elections:

- Metro Council District 3 candidate Gerritt Rosenthal is running against a well funded realtor/land developer. **Recommended Contribution: \$1000**
- Washington County Commission candidate Nafisa Fai is running against a well-funded Republican, who could tip the Commission to the right. **Recommended Contribution: \$1000**
- Beaverton Mayoral candidate Lacey Beaty is a more progressive Democrat than her developer-funded opponent. **Recommended Contribution: \$1000**
- Every other nonpartisan race (city council and special district) - Donations recommended to help cover certain basic expenses. **Recommended Contribution: \$100 each**

Partisan Elections:

- HD 24 candidate Lynette Shaw is a targeted "recovery" race with full Republican funding against her. **Recommended Contribution: \$1000**
- HD 26 incumbent Courtney Neron is one of the top-priority targeted recovery races in the state by the Republicans. **Recommended Contribution: \$1000**
- HD 32 candidate Debbie Boothe-Schmidt is in an underfunded race to retain this volatile seat against the timber-funded Republicans. **Recommended Contribution: \$1000**
- HD 37 incumbent Rachel Prusak is, like Neron, in a targeted race where money is no object by the Republicans to recover this seat. **Recommended Contribution: \$1000**

The other SD and HD seats in Washington County appear to be currently meeting financial targets for reelecting our Democratic candidates, so are not recommended for contribution at this time.