

ELECTION 2010: Shaping our future

Oregon's next Governor and Legislature will have the daunting task of getting Oregonians back to work, while preserving the quality of education, health care and other public services in the shadow of a \$1.2-billion state deficit. That's why it's important for members to participate in Election 2010 and choose wisely when casting votes.

"Oregon faces a turning point this election. AFT members provide the education necessary to drive a strong economy," said AFT-Oregon President David Rives. "Our choices in the November election are crucial to rebuilding a strong middle class in our country."

Going into the 2009 legislative session, Oregon

faced a \$4-billion shortfall. Oregon's elected officials and voters helped to lower the budget shortfall in several ways by making some hard cuts to programs; working with our members of Congress to pass a federal stimulus bill; and passing two bills that raised taxes on the wealthy and on corporations to protect education and health care programs.

"The effects of the 'Great Recession' have remained – jobs aren't returning to

the private sector and the legislature has been faced with an additional \$1.2-billion shortfall," said AFT-Oregon

Political and Legislative Affairs Director Robert Wagner. "Congress again came to our aid with the Educator Jobs bill, and state legislative leadership has worked to close the budget gap, but the 2011 session will be one of addressing fundamental revenue reform, restructuring higher education in Oregon, and working to protect benefits of public sector employees."

AFT-Oregon members carefully examined the

credentials and experience of this year's candidates. Working alongside AFT Local 6732 (OSEA), as part of the Political and Legislative Action Network (PLAN), members traveled around the state interviewing those seeking an elected position. They also reviewed candidate questionnaires, voting records for incumbents and other background information or voting records.

Only those candidates who stand by issues important to AFT members, their families and communities received recommendations for the November ballot. Party affiliation is never a consideration.

October 7
Voter Pamphlet mailed

October 12
Voter Registration Deadline

October 15-19
Ballots mailed

November 2
General Election: Ballots due in election offices by 8 p.m.

Volunteer for one of these upcoming election events

Ballots for the general election will be mailed beginning October 15, and through October 19. Members can help make Election 2010 a success for AFT-Oregon colleagues by volunteering for one of the upcoming events below. Visit www.aft-oregon.org to sign up online. For more information contact Marcus Swift at: marcuss@aft-oregon.org, or (503) 595-3880.

October 2

AFT Walk for Senate Majority Leader Richard Devlin and House Candidate Will Rasmussen in West Linn

October 9

AFT Walk for Senate Candidate, Representative Chuck Riley and House Candidates Doug Ainge and Katie Riley, Hillsboro

October 16

AFT Walk for Senator Martha Schrader and House Candidate, Mayor Alice Norris, Oregon City

October 23

AFT Walk for Senator Chris Edwards and Representative Val Hoyle in Eugene

October 30

AFT Walk for Senate Candidate, Representative Brent Barton and House Candidates, Representative Suzanne Van Orman and Cheryl Myers

November 2

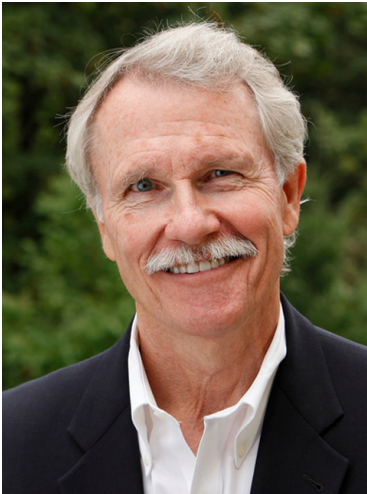
Election Day: Ballots due at county elections by 8 p.m.



Trina Hing, Local 2277 (PCCFFAP) member is among those members who volunteer their time to make a difference during each election cycle.

Governor

Kitzhaber still best choice to lead Oregon's future



John Kitzhaber

Visit www.johnkitzhaber.com to view his past accomplishments, and his "Jobs for today, jobs for tomorrow" vision for Oregon. (Photos courtesy campaign)

As a state legislator and later governor, John Kitzhaber stood by the issues important to AFT members in Oregon, including a strong commitment to education, and creating the Oregon Health Plan. He now has a longterm vision to find a cure, not apply a quick fix "band-aid," to help restore Oregon's economy, stabilize funding for quality education and health care, and get people back to work. **For these reasons and more, AFT-Oregon recommends John Kitzhaber for Governor.**

"John Kitzhaber is a known and accomplished state leader with the skills and knowledge to lead Oregonians through and beyond hard times to a vision for the state's future our members embrace," said AFT-Oregon President David Rives.

Oregon's economy flourished under Kitzhaber's leadership. Despite his opponent's claim to the contrary, some 125,000 jobs were created, compensation increased by 49 percent, economic productivity rose by 48 percent, and the unemployment rate was among the lowest in the country. He also brought together business and community leaders and elected officials to frame the Oregon Business Plan, a first of its kind effort to create jobs and grow the economy.

"I come from a family of educators and know that public education is at the heart of everything we hope to achieve as a state," said Kitzhaber. I am so proud to have the support of Oregon's education community and look forward to working together to create a system that honors teachers and invests in student success - beginning with early childhood care and education through college."

Kitzhaber has always been an avid supporter of education and health care issues. He has been a longtime advocate for health care reform and access, and saved Oregon \$2.5-million in taxpayer dollars by taking on pharmaceutical companies to win lower prescription drug costs. He also helped to create the Education Stability Fund, which has shielded schools during these dark economic times.

Since leaving office, he has worked tirelessly on health care reform. His efforts through the Archimedes Project garnered him an AFT-Oregon Award in Outstanding Contribution to Public Awareness in 2007.



Chris Dudley

Visit www.chrisdudley.com for more information about his plans for Oregon.

Chris Dudley, a Connecticut native, has a "26 Point Plan" for Oregon, including corporatizing our public universities; forcing employees to pay more for PERS; and using vouchers as a way to assist our public schools. Dudley declined to fill out a candidate questionnaire, or to meet with AFT-Oregon members. The information we gathered came from his website, www.chrisdudley.com.

Under his plan, Dudley says one of his top priorities is to use his former "union negotiation experience" to end the six percent employer pick-up for PERS, and raise out-of-pocket health insurance contributions for public employees. He calls health and retirement benefits (PERS) for public employees a "liability," and "not sustainable."

He said he would establish an "Inspector General" within DHS to investigate waste, fraud and abuse, but fails to mention that this would duplicate services already provided by Attorney General Kroger's office, and a variety of studies that DHS has commissioned an acted on in the past 10 years.

Dudley said he would ask the Legislature to give him the authority to make specific, targeted cuts, rather than across-the-board reductions when the Legislature is not in session and revenues are lower than expected. All public programs would be subject to review and possible elimination by the Governor every six years. He said he would "establish a position in the governor's office to lead a government-wide drive to privatize state services where possible."

Dudley opposed Measures 66 and 67, and said he would stop automatically funding education at an essential budget level. He wants to lower taxes for corporations, capital gains and for wealthy Oregonians. He also opposes kicker reform to set up as a rainy day fund for education.

Dudley is best known for his 16-year career in the NBA, and moved to the Northwest when he was traded to the Portland Trailblazers, where he played for six years. He recently, admitted that he moved to a home in Camas, Washington, for a time to avoid paying Oregon property taxes. After retiring from the NBA, Dudley settled with his family in Lake Oswego, and built a career in Wealth Management.

ON the ISSUES that MATTER

The Issues	John Kitzhaber	Chris Dudley
Funding for vital public services and kicker reform	Supported Measures 66 and 67, which protected nearly-\$1 billion in state funding for vital services like higher education, K-12, and healthcare. Believes in addressing our structural tax problems, including the dependence on the income tax. Supports corporate kicker reform and creating rainy day fund.	Opposed Measures 66 and 67. Would stop automatically funding vital state services at an essential budget level. Wants to lower taxes on corporations, capital gains and the wealthiest Oregonians. Does not believe we should reform the individual or corporate tax kicker.
Healthcare and retirement security (PERS)	Recognizes that our benefits have been earned and taken in lieu of wage increases. Believes in fair wages and benefits for everyone.	Believes health and retirement benefits for public employees are not financially sustainable. Believes PERS is a "liability" for the state.
Turning universities into corporations	Believes in some structural changes, but wants all stakeholders to have a seat at the table, including faculty and government employees. Believes additional financial resources that will be required to support any plan.	Wants to turn Oregon's colleges and universities into "factories." Will champion the push to "reform the way colleges and universities are governed, regulated and funded."
Healthcare experience	Graduate of Oregon Health and Sciences University (OSHU); Emergency room doctor; Created Oregon Health Plan; Started a healthcare reform organization; Serves as the Director of Center for Evidence Based Policy at OHSU.	Started the Chris Dudley Foundation for diabetic children.
Turning the economy around	As Governor of Oregon from 1994-2002, Kitzhaber created 125,000 new jobs and grew Oregon's GDP by 48 percent.	No previous job creation experience. Wants to lower taxes on corporations, capital gains and the wealthiest Oregonians.



Ted Wheeler

State Treasurer

Ted Wheeler for State Treasurer

As Multnomah County Chair, Ted Wheeler led the charge to close a \$45-million budget gap and balance the budget three years in a row, during the tough economic crisis. He said he used his "experience as a former director and manager of a firm that oversaw \$6-billion in assets, to find cost savings and efficiencies that helped the county deliver vital services like public safety, health care to the poor, libraries and senior citizen assistance."

Armed with his vast experience and expertise, Wheeler hit the ground running last March after being appointed State Treasurer in the wake of the untimely death of Ben Westlund. He is already working to make a difference in his role as Treasurer, including:

- Working to help reduce the state's budget deficit by maintaining the state's bond rating so that every possible dollar can go into services that Oregonians need.
- Helping make college accessible and affordable for Oregon's families by re-launching the Oregon College Savings Plan to make it even safer and more productive than ever.
- Overseeing the Oregon Growth Account which is responsible for investing \$100 million in state funds to start-up businesses and projects that provide economic stimulus and create jobs in our state.
- Directing the effort to find more cost-savings in state government including compliance oversight in the treasurer's office, and independent review of internal practices.
- Overseeing the continued, careful investment of state pension and school funds to earn the highest possible return while also protecting these funds from risk and Wall-Street-type speculation.
- Pushing to get more funds invested in Oregon for efforts that create jobs, put Oregonians back to work and lead us out of the recession.

For all of these reasons, AFT-Oregon recommends Ted Wheeler for State Treasurer.

Visit www.tedwheeler.com to learn more about how Wheeler is already making a difference.

5th Congressional District



Congressman Kurt Schrader

Visit www.kurtschrader.com to learn more about his accomplishments in Congress.

Congressman Kurt Schrader worked hard to accomplish the goals from his 2008 campaign, including health care reform and rebuilding America's crumbling infrastructure. He was part of the majority who approved the historic health care reform bill, signed in March by President Obama. Schrader also voted against the bank bailout, and in favor of the economic stimulus package which helped prevent the next Great Depression.

These are the reasons AFT-Oregon recommends re-election of Congressman Kurt Schrader in the 5th Congressional District.

AFT-Oregon members met with Schrader to thank him for his support of the recently passed education jobs package. The bill will save some 140,000 positions in schools, and provides \$5-billion for the Pell Grant program.

"Education is an important part of any economic recovery," said Schrader. "The stimulus package provided a unique opportunity to improve our public education system by providing schools with the resources to hire quality educators. We need to position our youth and our displaced workers for the new post recovery economy."

Some of his recent accomplishments in Congress include:

- Securing resources for job-creating projects like a new employment center in Salem, more manufacturing jobs in Clackamas County, a new Oregon National Guard facility in Polk County, and bringing the NOAA Pacific Fleet and its hundreds of jobs to our Oregon coast.
- Correcting historic disparity in Medicare funding that hurt Oregon patients and their doctors.
- Helping Oregon families win back more than \$1.5-million in stalled Social Security payments, denied veterans benefits and delayed IRS refunds.
- Ensuring that veterans and their families get medical care and assistance as they transition into civilian life.



State Representative Scott Bruun

Visit www.joinscott.com to learn more about his stand on the issues

State Representative Scott Bruun averaged a failing grade when voting on issues important to AFT-Oregon members. As an investment banker, Bruun's voting record has sided with the wealthy and corporations over the needs of middle class Oregon families like high quality education and affordable healthcare.

In 2009, Bruun voted against the bi-partisan K-12 budget – allocating \$5.8-billion over two years to fund Oregon schools. And, he stood with big business seeking to continue to pay a \$10 corporate minimum tax. Bruun vocally opposed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act which saved the jobs of thousands of Oregon teachers and education professionals.

While AFT-Oregon members thanked Kurt Schrader for his support of the education jobs package, Bruun has continually attacked the legislation as a "permanent tax increase" on multi-national corporations that ship American jobs overseas.

Bruun has a spotty record on supporting affordable health care for Oregon families. He opposed federal healthcare reform legislation that lowers the cost, increases quality of care for millions of Americans, and ends the historic geographic disparity in Medicare payments.

Bruun also opposed the 2009 "Healthy Kids" bill which requires Oregon health insurance companies to pay a little extra to expand state health care coverage to 80,000 uninsured children.

Recently, Bruun has spoke out strongly against the financial reform legislation passed earlier this year and voted against legislation that would have provided greater oversight on banks taking bailout money as a member of the Oregon Legislature (H.R. 2784, 2009 Legislature).

AFT-Oregon recommends these candidates in national races who also took a stand on tough issues during the economic crisis



U.S. Senate

Ron Wyden
U.S. Senator

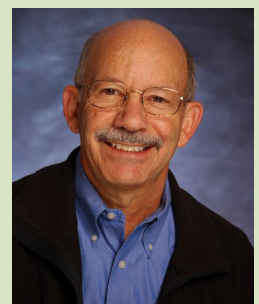
View Wyden's accomplishments at:
www.standtallforamerica.com



David Wu
U.S. Representative
District 1
wuforcongress.com



Earl Blumenauer
U.S. Representative
District 3
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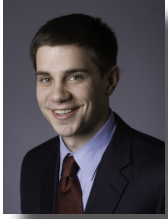


Peter Defazio
U.S. Representative
District 4
defazio.house.gov

Hot Senate Races

AFT-Oregon recommends returning these four to the legislature, for their 100 percent voting records on issues important to members.

Brent Barton for SD 26
www.votebrentbarton.com



Brent Barton accomplished that score as a state representative and is now running for the Senate. Barton prides himself on the fact that he was educated in Oregon's public schools before attending Stanford and later Harvard Law School. As such, he is a strong supporter of education, and has been a supporter of education funding and other related issues.

Chris Edwards for SD 7
www.chrisedwardsforegon.com



Senator Edwards' work in the legislature has helped to expand prescription drug purchasing and health insurance purchasing pool. He also supported Measures 66 and 67 to assist with funding education and other public services. Edwards has also worked for more transparency and cost savings in government.

Richard Devlin for SD 15
www.devlinforegon.com



Richard Devlin has a lifetime 100 percent record, having stood by the issues during three terms as a state representative, and since first being elected as Oregon senator in 2002.

Devlin has fought hard to protect schools and other public services during the economic crisis, and supported investments to promote creation of private sector jobs. Devlin said Oregon "must make a sustained investment in our community colleges and universities" and believes the tide is turning to make that happen. Devlin was also a supporter of the Healthy Kids Act, and is committed to increasing access to affordable health care.

Chuck Riley for SD 15
www.chuckriley2010.org



Riley's 100 voting record was set during two consecutive sessions as State Representative. His support helped to pass the historic AFT Faculty and College Excellence Act (FACE) first steps legislation, the Healthy Kids Act and the Worker Freedom Act. He also supported the Rainy Day Fund, and the Education Purchasing Pool and majority sign-up for union organizing legislation.

Hot State Representative Races

AFT-Oregon recommends these five candidates for their life experience and commitment to the issues that matter to AFT-Oregon members.

Doug Ainge for HD 30
www.dougainge.com



With 30 years as a high school government and economics teacher, Doug Ainge has been in the trenches and knows first-hand the issues facing public education, including the need for stable funding, decreasing class-size, strengthening early childhood programs like headstart and making higher education more affordable. He said if elected, he would also make jobs and the economy his top priority by ending tax breaks for companies that failed to create or maintain jobs in Oregon, and instead giving incentives to companies that hire recently unemployed Oregonians.

Val Hoyle for HD 14
www.valhoyle.com



Val Hoyle says restoring the economy is her main focus and if elected would to use her experience as a small business owner to help achieve this goal. She would "fight for the essential funding our schools – and our kids – need to be successful." In health care, Hoyle is the Director of United Way of Lane County's 100 Percent Access Coalition, a group of private business, non-profits, government agencies and community leaders working to expand affordable access to quality health care. She wants to "establish a health insurance exchange where small businesses and individuals can purchase affordable health care at lower group rates."

Cheryl Myers for HD 51
www.cherylmyers.org



Cheryl Myers main priority would be to strengthen schools, revive the economy and expand access to affordable health care. Myers has owned a small business for nearly two decades, and has been active in her kids' schools, including her service on the North Clackamas School Board for five years. She supports early education programs, smaller class sizes, and expanded vocational and technical training, mentors and apprenticeships for students.

Katie Riley for HD 29
www.katieriley.org



Riley will help to protect full-year funding for Oregon schools and increase access to college grants and loans. She is also a strong supporter of early childhood education. She will also fight for access to affordable health care. "We can no longer afford to give breaks to companies that send jobs overseas," Katie Riley says on her website. She plans to work to attract new business to the state and help existing ones keep their employees.

Suzanne Van Orman for HD 52
www.votevanorman.com



Suzanne Van Orman brought a wealth of experience to the legislature as a single mom and Head Start Administrator. She supported the Faculty and College Excellence Act (FACE), the Healthy Kids Act, and Measures 66 and 67. A lifelong educator, she has stood by education issues, and says the legislature must "ensure our tax dollars get where they belong—into the classroom to help teach our kids. Oregon can only succeed with world-class schools from pre-K through graduate school."

AFT-Oregon recommendations 2010 Oregon General Election

AFT-Oregon recommends YES on Measure 71

Measure 71 would establish annual legislative sessions in Oregon. The economic crisis highlighted the need for these sessions to better govern our state in an efficient manner, and take care of any emergency and ongoing budgetary needs. In odd years the session would last up to 160 days, and 35 days in even numbered years. If passed, Oregon would join 45 other states that currently have annual sessions.

U.S. Senator

Ron Wyden

U.S. Representative

HD 1:

David Wu

HD 3:

Earl Blumenauer

HD 4:

Peter Defazio

HD 5:

Kurt Schrader

Governor

John Kitzhaber

State Treasurer

Ted Wheeler

Ballot Measures

YES on Measure 71

State Senator

SD 3: Alan Bates+

SD 4: Floyd Prozanski+

SD 6: Lee Beyer

SD 7: Chris Edwards+

SD 8: Dan Rayfield

SD 11: Peter Courtney+

SD 13: Timi Parker

SD 15: Chuck Riley+

SD 17: Suzanne Bonamici+

SD 19: Richard Devlin+

SD 20: Martha Schrader

SD 22: Chip Shields*+

SD 24: Rod Monroe+

SD 26: Brent Barton+

State Representative

HD 5: Peter Buckley+

HD 6: Lynn Howe

HD 7: Sara Byers

HD 8: Paul Holvey+

HD 9: Arnie Roblan+

HD 10: Jean Cowan

HD 11: Phil Barnhart+

HD 12: Terry Beyer

HD 13: Nancy Nathanson+

HD 14: Val Hoyle

HD 15: Andy Olson

HD 16: Sarah Gelsert+

HD 19: Claudia Kyle

HD 21: Brian Clem+

HD 22: Betty Komp

HD 24: Susan Sokol Blosser

HD 26: Sandy Webb

HD 27: Tobias Read+

HD 28: Jeff Barker+

HD 29: Katie Riley

HD 30: Doug Ainge

HD 31: Brad Witt+

HD 32: Deborah Boone

HD 33: Mitch Greenlick*+

HD 34: Chris Harker+

HD 35: Margaret Doherty

HD 36: Mary Nolan+

HD 37: Will Rasmussen

HD 38: Chris Garrett+

HD 39: Alice Norris

HD 40: Dave Hunt+

HD 41: Carolyn Tomei+

HD 42: Jules Kopel Bailey+

HD 43: Lew Frederick

HD 44: Tina Kotek+

HD 45: Michael Dembrow*+

HD: 46: Ben Cannon+

HD 47: Jefferson Smith+

HD 48: Mike Schaufler

HD 49: Nick Kahl+

HD 50: Greg Matthews

HD 51: Cheryl Myers

HD 52: Suzanne Van Orman

HD 54: Judy Stiegler+

HD 57: Greg Smith

HD 58: Bob Jenson

HD 59: John Huffman

*Past or present member

+100 percent voting record on issues important to AFT-Oregon members