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FOR
OREGON'S ATTORNEY GENERAL

Attorney General



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Occupation: Executive Director

Occupational Background: Lawyer, Educator, Advocate

Educational Background: Juris Doctorate, Southern University Law Center; Masters of Science in Organizational Leadership, Mercy College; Bachelors of Science in Organizational Behavior, University of San Francisco

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries - Civil Rights Investigator; Oregon Legislature - Chief of Staff District 47; The City of Portland - Office of Equity and Human Rights Bureau Advisory Committee member; Citizen's Review Committee - Vice Chair; Police Bureau Equity Advisory Committee, Co-Chair; City Attorney's Office - Law Clerk



WHY I AM RUNNING:

My journey to this pivotal moment in our state's history is rooted in the rich tapestry of my family's story. As a third-generation Oregonian, I carry with me the legacy of resilience and determination instilled by my grandparents, who sought refuge from oppressive laws to build a better life in Oregon. Their unwavering commitment to education, community service, and inclusivity laid the foundation for my own passion for advocacy and bridge-building.

What I'm Fighting For:

- Ensuring equal access to justice for all Oregonians, regardless of background or circumstance.
- Strengthening civic engagement and fostering a sense of pride in our state among all citizens.
- Protecting our fundamental rights and liberties in the face of unprecedented threats.
- Promoting transparency, accountability, and integrity within our legal system.
- Advancing initiatives to address systemic inequalities and uplift marginalized communities.

What I Want to Improve:

- Enhancing support for victims of crime and survivors of injustice.
- Implementing comprehensive reforms to combat systemic inequality and discrimination.
- Collaborating with law enforcement to promote community-centered policing practices.
- Expanding access to affordable legal services and resources for underserved populations.
- Spearheading efforts to address environmental concerns and uphold Oregon's natural beauty for future generations.



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MY PRIORITIES:

As the prospective Oregon Attorney General, I am committed to pursuing several key objectives that will advance justice, equality, and community well-being across our state. My top priorities include:

EQUAL PROTECTION FOR ALL:

My vision for the Oregon Department of Justice involves significant changes to **enhance civil rights protections and combat systemic injustices affecting marginalized communities**. As Attorney General, one of my primary initiatives is the establishment of a dedicated Civil Rights Division within the DOJ. This division would expand the current Civil Rights Unit's mandate, providing crucial support to local counties in addressing civil rights violations and hate crimes promptly and effectively. By amplifying the resources and capacity of this division, we can ensure a more robust response to civil rights issues impacting communities of color and vulnerable populations across Oregon.

In addition to expanding the Civil Rights Unit, I believe that a **proactive problem-solving approach is essential to prevent costly litigation and settlements**. By **reshaping the AG's office to function as a better adviser to our state agencies**, we can address conflicts efficiently and effectively before they escalate. It is my vision to transform the state's law firm into a proactive entity that resolves disputes between state agencies and the individuals they serve, in an effort to promote harmony and understanding. Oregon has the potential to lead by example in embracing innovative and community-driven strategies within the justice system. I am confident that with collaboration, creativity, and a commitment to serving all Oregonians, we can reimagine the role of the Attorney General's office and the DOJ to better meet the needs of our communities and foster a more just and equitable society for all.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

While acknowledging the legislation's passage, my stance against HB 4002 stems from the understanding of the disproportionate impact of drug criminalization on marginalized communities. **I am dedicated to collaborating with local counties to ensure that recovery resources, including treatment, mental health support, housing assistance, and employment opportunities, are accessible not only to individuals grappling with addiction, but to their families who bear the brunt of its consequences**. Having witnessed the devastating impact of drug addiction on families, particularly children, during my time as an educator, I am resolute in advocating for comprehensive support services that address the multifaceted challenges brought by drug-related issues.

By advocating for accessible and inclusive recovery solutions, prioritizing the needs of underserved populations, and championing holistic approaches to address the repercussions of substance abuse, my goal is to foster a more just and equitable Oregon where all individuals are supported in their paths to recovery and healing.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

I aim to foster **collaboration between law enforcement agencies and community advocates to advance community-centered policing practices**. I had the honor of serving as the Vice Chair on both the Portland Police Bureau's Equity Advisory Council and the Citizen's Review Commission, where I actively worked to improve community relations and promote equity within law enforcement. These experiences have provided me with a deep understanding of the importance of community engagement and collaboration. By working hand in hand with stakeholders from law enforcement and local communities, we can cultivate policing strategies that prioritize mutual trust, transparency, and the well-being of all community members.

I aspire to serve as a proactive and responsive Attorney General who advocates for the rights of all Oregonians, champions social justice, and builds bridges between diverse groups to create a safer, fairer, and more equitable state for everyone.

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