

November 2014 General Election Voter's Guide

After meeting with local REALTORS® and conducting in-depth interviews, the RPAC Trustees have elected to support the following candidates:

Oregon Governor



John Kitzhaber

In his third term, the Governor showed a remarkable ability to lead comprehensive proposals through the legislative process and when those proposals were not successful, he took initiative via executive action. A prime example was the Executive Order to implement a pilot project in Douglas, Jackson and Josephine Counties create more accurate regional definitions for what constitutes farm and forest lands. In addition, the Governor played a lead role in shepherding the so-called "land use grand bargain" through the process in order to avoid years of further delay in the UGB expansion for the Portland Metro area.

Governor Kitzhaber lead efforts to reform Oregon's public employee retirement system, saving school districts across the state millions of dollars in costs that can now go directly to the classroom. In addition, he signed the largest tax cut in Oregon's history for small businesses. The Governor will be at the forefront of the conversations around comprehensive tax reform, and has assured REALTORS® a seat at the table .

Oregon State Senate



Senate District 6 – Lee Beyer (*Springfield*)

Senator Beyer has shown a strong, moderate voice in his return to the legislature and serves as the Chair of the Business & Transportation Committee. A tireless advocate for infrastructure development, Senator Beyer is dedicated to restoring Oregon's rural economy and increasing available employment land throughout the state.



Senate District 7 – Chris Edwards (*North Eugene*)

Senator Edwards has been a strong advocate for private property rights throughout his tenure in the Oregon House of Representatives and State Senate and brings a critical natural resource background to the legislature.



Senate District 8 – Betsy Close (*Albany*)

Senator Close has been a champion for the real estate industry and the protection of private property rights during her previous tenure in the Oregon House of Representatives and in her current service in the State Senate.

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Senate District 10 – Jackie Winters (*Salem*)

A past American Dream Award recipient, Senator Winters continues to be a leading moderate voice in Salem, and has sought consensus on key contentious issues affecting the real estate industry throughout her tenure in the State Senate.



Senate District 13 – Kim Thatcher (*Keizer*)

A current American Dream Award recipient, Representative Thatcher will make an excellent addition to the State Senate. During her tenure in the House of Representatives, she has shown remarkable leadership on land use and economic development issues facing the real estate industry.



Senate District 15 – Bruce Starr (*Hillsboro*)

Senator Starr has been a consistent recipient of the American Dream Award, and is a leading voice on infrastructure and transportation issues affecting our communities. Senator Starr is consistently a champion of private property rights and increasing economic development opportunities throughout the state.



Senate District 16 – Betsy Johnson (*Scappoose*)

A current American Dream Award recipient, Senator Johnson is a strong voice on behalf of rural Oregonians and is a key advocate for the real estate industry in the Ways & Means budget process.



Senate District 19 – Richard Devlin (*Tualatin*)

As Co-Chair of the powerful Ways & Means Committee, Senator Devlin has been a critical voice in funding issues of priority to the real estate industry, including adequate funding for the land use pilot project in Douglas, Jackson and Josephine Counties.



Senate District 20 – Alan Olsen (*Canby*)

A current American Dream Award recipient, Senator Olsen has been a leading voice for increased economic development throughout Oregon and a champion of private property rights as Vice Chair of the Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee during his first term.



Senate District 26 – Chuck Thomsen (*Hood River*)

A current American Dream Award recipient, Senator Thomsen has been a leading voice for rural Oregon and private property rights and has sought consensus on key issues affecting the real estate industry.

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Oregon House of Representatives



House District 1 - Wayne Krieger (*Gold Beach*)

Wayne Krieger, an American Dream Award recipient and Vice Chair of the House Judiciary Committee, brings a strong rural perspective from the coast and is committed to protecting the private property rights of Oregonians.



House District 2 – Dallas Heard (*Roseburg*)

As a small business owner, Dallas Heard brings a critical perspective of the effect that government actions have on the economic growth of our state and the corresponding impacts the real estate industry.



House District 3 – Carl Wilson (*Grants Pass*)

During his previous tenure in the Oregon House, Carl Wilson demonstrated his commitment to rural economic development and increased flexibility in Oregon's land use system through his sponsorship of several key pieces of legislation for the real estate industry.



House District 4 - Duane Stark (*Central Point*)

Duane Stark has a long history of community involvement and showed a demonstrated interest in issues affecting the real estate industry and the economic wellbeing of rural Oregon.



House District 6 - Sal Esquivel (*Medford*)

Sal Esquivel, a continual recipient of the American Dream Award, and longtime REALTOR® has a strong understanding of the real estate industry and is committed to protecting real estate interests in Salem.



House District 7 – Cedric Hayden (*Creswell*)

Cedric Hayden demonstrated a strong understanding of the issues critical to the real estate industry in the RPAC interview process and will be a strong voice in the legislature.

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House District 9 – Caddy McKeown (Coos Bay)

Caddy McKeown emerged as a strong, moderate voice for rural Oregon in her first term in the Oregon House of Representatives. A tireless champion for enhanced economic development opportunities, Representative McKeown demonstrated an open-door policy for all issues affecting the real estate industry.



House District 14 – Val Hoyle (North Eugene)

Val Hoyle, a current American Dream Award recipient, has demonstrated a commitment to bringing a balanced approach to the House of Representatives as the Majority Leader and Chair of the powerful Rules Committee.



House District 15 - Andy Olson (Albany)

Andy Olson, a continual American Dream Award recipient, has emerged as a promising leader within the House of Representatives and is a strong proponent of private property rights and promoting new economic development opportunities in Oregon.



House District 17 - Sherrie Sprenger (Lebanon)

Sherrie Sprenger, a past American Dream Award recipient is extremely supportive of efforts to protect the private property rights of Oregonians, and continually seeks input from Oregon REALTORS® on all issues that could impact the real estate industry.



House District 18 - Vic Gilliam (Silverton)

Vic Gilliam, a past American Dream Award recipient and keynote speaker for the Oregon REALTORS®, has established an excellent reputation with the business community as Co Chair of the House Energy, Environment and Water Committee and is dedicated to preserving an environment that will allow Oregon businesses to flourish.



House District 19 – Jodi Hack (Salem)

Jodi Hack has a strong understanding of issues critical to Oregon's businesses and is committed to strengthening economic opportunities.



House District 20 – Kathy Goss (Salem)

Kathy Goss, a real estate appraiser, has a strong understanding of the issues affecting the real estate industry and is a steadfast proponent of private property rights.

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House District 21 - Brian Clem (*Salem*)

Brian Clem, Chair of the House Rural Communities Committee and current American Dream Award recipient, has been a strong moderate voice in Salem, and demonstrates a willingness to work to find consensus on difficult issues threatening private property rights, in addition to enhancing economic development in Oregon.



House District 22 – Betty Komp (*Woodburn*)

Betty Komp remains supportive of efforts to protect the private property rights of Oregonians, and continually sought input from Oregon REALTORS® on all issues that could impact the real estate industry.



House District 24 - Jim Weidner (*McMinnville*)

Jim Weidner, a past American Dream Award recipient, has demonstrated a clear understanding of real estate issues, a strong commitment to protecting private property rights in Oregon and increasing flexibility in Oregon's land use system.



House District 26 – John Davis (*Wilsonville*)

John Davis, the Deputy Republican Leader and a practicing real estate and land use attorney has demonstrated a strong commitment to protecting private property rights and is committed to bringing much needed flexibility to Oregon's land use system.



House District 27 - Tobias Read (*Beaverton*)

Tobias Read, Chair of the House Transportation and Economic Development Committee, has been a moderate voice in Salem, and demonstrates a willingness to work to find consensus to enhance and strengthen economic development in Oregon.



House District 28 - Jeff Barker (*Aloha*)

Jeff Barker, a current American Dream Award recipient and Chair of the House Judiciary Committee has been a strong moderate voice and has consistently shown a willingness to build consensus to find solutions to create new economic development opportunities and maintain housing affordability for all Oregonians.



House District 29 – Mark Richman (*Hillsboro*)

Mark Richman has demonstrated a strong commitment to private property rights and to maintaining critical economic development incentives in key areas of the state. In addition, Mark is committed to ensuring that a balanced approach is prevalent in the process for expanding urban growth boundaries.

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House District 30 – Dan Mason (*Hillsboro*)

As a community property manager, Dan Mason has a strong understanding of issues critical to the real estate industry and demonstrated a strong commitment to rational land use policies and the protection of private property rights.



House District 31 - Brad Witt (*Clatskanie*)

Brad Witt, a past American Dream Award recipient and strong voice for rural Oregon, has been instrumental in protecting economic development in Oregon by preserving the limited degree of local control in Oregon's land use process.



House District 32 – Deborah Boone (*Cannon Beach*)

Debbie Boone, a past American Dream Award recipient, has played a key role in protecting rural property owners from unnecessary regulations that would cause further harm to the real estate market, and is a strong moderate voice in Salem.



House District 36 - Jennifer Williamson (*Portland*)

Jennifer Williamson hit the ground running in her first term, and has worked closely on issues key to the real estate industry in the Oregon House.



House District 37 - Julie Parrish (*West Linn*)

As a small business owner and past American Dream Award recipient, Julie Parrish fully understands the challenges facing businesses in Oregon, and is committed to protecting private property rights, in addition to opposing any additional fees or taxes on Oregon homebuyers.



House District 38 – Ann Lininger (*Lake Oswego*)

Ann Lininger has demonstrated an ability to reach consensus during her short tenure in Salem, and is often viewed as a rising moderate voice within her caucus.



House District 39 - Bill Kennemer (*Oregon City*)

Bill Kennemer has established a longstanding record of supporting the real estate industry from his position as Vice Chair of the House Business and Labor Committee and has routinely been a recipient of the American Dream Award.

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House District 42 – Rob Nosse *(Portland)*

Recently appointed to the Oregon House of Representatives, Rob Nosse has quickly taken on issues critical to the real estate industry in order to make housing more attainable to Oregonians.



House District 45 – Barbara Smith Warner *(Portland)*

Barbara Smith Warner has routinely demonstrated a willingness to work with the business community and has an open-door policy on all issues affecting the real estate industry.



House District 47 – Jessica Vega Pedersen *(Portland)*

Often viewed as a rising star within her caucus, Jessica Vega Pedersen demonstrated a clear understanding of the issues facing the real estate industry, and is fully committed to working with Oregon REALTORS®.



House District 52 - Mark Johnson *(Hood River)*

As a homebuilder and American Dream Award recipient, Mark Johnson has a clear understanding of the importance of the real estate industry and the challenges facing the housing market, and clearly demonstrated his ability to achieve consensus during his freshman session.



House District 53 - Gene Whisnant *(Sunriver)*

Gene Whisnant, a consistent recipient of the American Dream Award and Vice Chair of the House Consumer Protection and General Government Committee, has been a champion of private property rights and worked diligently to promote economic development in rural Oregon.



House District 54 – Knute Buehler *(Bend)*

Knute Buehler demonstrated a clear understanding of real estate issues, an ability to unify support in his local community and a strong commitment to protecting private property rights in Oregon.



House District 55 - Mike McLane *(Prineville)*

As an attorney and American Dream Award recipient, Mike McLane exhibited a strong understanding of real estate issues and demonstrated a strong commitment to rational land use policies and the protection of private property rights.

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House District 56 – Gail Whitsett (*Klamath Falls*)

Gail Whitsett has seen firsthand how Oregon's land use system does not reflect the diversity of our state and is fully committed to restoring the economies of rural Oregon.



House District 57 – Greg Smith (*Heppner*)

Greg Smith has been a key figure on the important Joint Ways and Means Committee, and has routinely championed proposals to enhance economic development in rural Oregon.



House District 58 – Greg Barreto (*La Grande*)

As a small business owner, Greg Barreto is committed to streamlining regulations and to ensuring that a balanced approach is taken in utilizing Oregon's vast natural resources for economic development in Eastern Oregon.



House District 59 - John Huffman (*The Dalles*)

John Huffman, a past recipient of the American Dream Award, is a strong voice on behalf of the real estate industry and is committed to working to improve Oregon's economic climate.



House District 60 - Cliff Bentz (*Ontario*)

As a past member of the Oregon Water Resources Commission, current Vice Chair of the House Transportation and Economic Development Committee and current American Dream Award recipient, Cliff Bentz brings a strong understanding of the critical link between natural resources and a healthy real estate industry.