

2022 Primary Election Endorsements: Voters' Guide

The DPLC will endorse candidates in the May 2022 primary election at its Central Committee meeting on February 17. The following Democrats have asked for our endorsement.

This guide will be updated as candidates request our endorsement.

JENNIFER YEH EUGENE CITY COUNCIL, WARD 4



Not everyone is fortunate to live in the town they chose so I'm thankful I am able to raise my family here. I moved to Eugene to attend the University of Oregon and quickly fell in love with the tree-lined streets, fun local shops, and numerous cultural activities. When people ask me why I love Eugene I tell them it's because this is where the people I care about are, and because I meet so many people willing to put the effort into making it a better place.

My highest priorities going into the next term center around three issues; housing, our climate recovery efforts and DEI.

Housing. As with the changes made to allow ADUs, our process to implement HB2001 is giving us the opportunity to use our land use code to make space for more people rather than to keep them out as it has been used in the past. By creating opportunities and incentivizing denser and smaller housing types we can create more housing that is lower in costs and fits different needs. I am committed to pushing to go beyond the minimum required by HB2001 as has been shown to be supported by our community, and just makes sense as our population grows. Additionally I will continue to support funding for subsidized affordable housing projects in our community and using our Housing Implementation Pipeline target the funds we do have to these goals that stretch from emergency temporary shelters to market rate homes.

Climate Recovery. Perhaps the biggest issue we are currently facing is how our local community can make meaningful efforts toward climate recovery. As we've seen in our CAP 2.0, this work is connected to many other efforts in our community including, housing, transportation, parks, urban forest, parking and more. I will focus on transportation spending that centers on the importance of climate recovery by prioritizing active transportation, public transit and electric vehicle adoption. I will continue to support the Moving Ahead project and the expansion of infrastructure improvements that include the needs for biking, walking, driving and transit on our major corridors. These improvements can support not only our transportation goals, reduce single-driver trips and support the needs of affordable housing communities on these key corridors.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Through all of this work I'm committed to continue to make sure diversity, equity and inclusion is integrated into our processes. I am especially interested in finding ways to make our community engagement and board and commissions more diverse and inclusive. This is not a box we can check, but work that needs to be done with intention ongoing. Some engagement has been happening for some time and continues toward true inclusion, while other efforts to reach communities we serve are just beginning. I will support staff in this effort and ensure we are adequately funding these efforts. If we aren't meeting the needs of all the communities we serve and if we aren't truly inclusive we're failing our entire community.

GREG EVANS
EUGENE CITY COUNCIL, WARD 6



Please accept my request for the endorsement of the Democratic Party of Lane County for the office of Eugene City Council for Ward 6 (Bethel/Northwest Eugene). This statement is created to address the critical issues facing the Bethel area and the City of Eugene. In my view and experience there are three chronic issues challenging the health and welfare of the citizens of my ward and the city as a whole. These issues include: poverty and homelessness, climate recovery and environmental stewardship; and racial, gender and cultural equity and inclusion. I have been and continue to be an activist for the underrepresented and underserved communities in Eugene since moving here in 1986.

For the past 22 years my family have been homeowners in the Bethel area. I have lived in South Eugene, West Eugene, River Road, Whiteaker and Bethel neighborhoods during the more than 36 years I have resided in Eugene. I have five children, four of my children have been raised in Eugene and have attended Eugene 4j and Bethel Schools. I have been a volunteer and office holder in the NAACP Eugene/Springfield Branch and past president of the Washington/Oregon Conference of NAACP Branches. I served on the Lane County Fair Board of Directors; the Eugene Planning Commission; the National Council on Black American Affairs for the American Association of Community Colleges; Lane Transit District Board of Directors; the National League of Cities Board of Directors and Chair of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, 2017; League of Oregon Cities, President 2019.

I have been actively involved in youth activities including coaching for Kidsports, the Eugene YMCA, and founding member of Emerald Valley Little League. I am the founder and former director of the Rites of Passage programs for underrepresented and underserved youth focusing on African American, Asian Pacific Islander, Latino/Latina, and Native American protected class communities at Lane Community College. In my private consulting practice, my client list includes: the Springfield School District; the Lane County Sheriff's Reserve Academy; the Bethel School District; Northwest Christian University; Lane County Department of Youth Services; and the Education Superhighway.

In 2013, I was appointed to the vacant Eugene City Council Ward 6 position. I was subsequently elected to complete the unexpired term in May, 2013, elected to a full four-year term in 2014 and re-elected to another four-year term in 2018. My accomplishments during my time on city council include: passage of the parks bond to finance the development of Golden Gardens Sports Park; 2017 Road Improvement Bond repairing Bethel streets; advocacy for civil and human rights; West Eugene EmX; and support for the revitalization of the Active Bethel Citizens neighborhood association.

If I am re-elected for a third term, I will continue to pursue viable and impactful solutions for poverty, affordable housing and homelessness, moving our community from fossil fuel dependency to environmentally responsible and sustainable energy sources; meaningful investment in the development and growth of the Bethel area; and making Eugene the most accessible, equitable, and inclusive city in Oregon and America.

I humbly request the DPLC endorsement for my candidacy for re-election to the Eugene City Council Ward 6 seat.

STEVE MOE
SPRINGFIELD CITY COUNCIL, WARD 2

I was born in Springfield and grew up in West Springfield also called Glenwood. While in college I formed Intercity Engineering to develop a portable radio controlled traffic control system. I received a patent for that invention in the United States, Germany and Japan. Then went on to complete 30 years in the heavy construction industry. I then changed the company to electronic research development and that company exists to this day.

Springfield has been my first love since I was in grade school. I have served on economic development, Springfield Budget Committee, Finance and Judiciary Committee, Legislative Committee, the new Development Code Update Project and Lane County and Springfield Planning Commission, Metropolitan Planning and Oregon MPC.

Worked on the Public Safety Levy, bond measure for the Springfield Justice Center, Springfield Schools Capital Improvement Election. Filbert Festival, Springfield's Street improvement election. When asked about my priorities I say - encourage local business, jobs (which most come from local businesses), affordable housing and education. And most of all - equitable living wages, housing and respect for every person.

I've been on Springfield City Council for three years and ask for your endorsement and support for re-election for the next four year term. I'm ready to move Springfield into the future.

I'm always available and you can call me at 541/954-0175 anytime.

MARK A. MOLINA
SPRINGFIELD CITY COUNCIL, WARD 5

Our elected body should reflect the culture, demographics, life histories and life stories of the constituents they say they want to represent. I have seen repeatedly, that in this City, that has not been the case. The time and the hour has come for the voters, those seeking, wanting, hoping, for a dynamic paradigm shift, to vote those shifts into the local elected body. The entire population needs a voice as well as listening ear. The total constituency needs to have someone who genuinely cares and desires to represent them in the seats of this elected body called the Springfield City Council. There has been some progress the last several years. There is much more that needs to be done. In the midst of the cultural war our communities are facing there must be diverse voices to speak up and to speak out for the sake of those who have been silenced, marginalized and shut out for decades and generations. Even now we have a growing LatinX culture growing in all areas of service, education, business, community participation, desiring representation, and an opportunity for justice and consideration in decisions around policy making in this City. There has been progress in some of these areas. There has been advancement in recognition and receptiveness by some of the leaders and organizations in City Government. There are also many other organizations who only see the LatinX community and other marginalized communities as resources to build their wealth. There is no true or sincere desire to offer marginalized communities a seat at the table where real and true change can take place. No more token representation should be tolerated or accepted as sufficient.

I believe we need Union representation to guarantee and overwatch worker rights. It is the labor force that built this nation. It is the labor that has enriched this nation. It is the labor force that has enriched the wealthiest in every area of life and living in this nation. The labor should also be recipients of this developed wealth from the strength of their back and the sweat off their brow. The labor force deserves to have access to real, beneficial, crucial healthcare options, retirement opportunities and educational benefits. Equally, we need a strong economic work environment. Without entrepreneurship endeavors we will lost employment and wealth building opportunities for the entirety of our community. There is a balance that must be addressed. It can be a difficult balance. They are most assuredly difficult conversations. Organizations of commerce can treat their workers fairly, if they choose to, and have benefit packages that are substantive with merit and value. This pandemic has reversed the previous reality that employers have all of the power. The fallout has proven that workers also have power in the process of exchange in the production and provision, delivery and profitable practices in the commerce of exchange in goods and services. This is an area I would like to see us make progress together with the entirety of the community. We need to be able to sit down together and find a common place to build, post pandemic, to ensure that this new reality of paying real wages, bonuses and increasing benefits to the labor force are not forgotten or discarded. I believe that economic development is a real need that should a priority for every publicly elected body to ensure the survivability of our community and its residents for generations to come. It would be great to locally grown, developed, educated talent here at home to create and form the future generational leadership that will be required to carry to torch into the tomorrows to come.

We have serious housing crises. There is a lack of affordable housing that has to become a serious priority for this City. In my opinion, there is a lack of creative conversations with those that have the skill, resources and capacity to help ease some of the burdens. I would like to see the churches, entrepreneurs, leaders in this community approached, along with all elements of Team Springfield, County leadership and those at State leadership that it would apply to, bring in the Home Builders Association and ask them all the create a funding pool to help build some housing, different models, that would be a blessing to everyone. Churches are far to guilty of taking every tax free benefit available to them, enriching themselves, while our communities struggle to survive. Giving away recycled clothes, near expired food, and second hand furniture can be a band aid or stop gap, it is not providing a lasting solution. I am not bashing the local faith community. I am a man of faith

and former Pastor. I have two degrees from Christian Universities and currently engaged in completing a third. I just recognize the manner in which faith leaders take, ask for more, keep taking, they give very little back in real service and true giving to those outside of the front doors of their churches. Collectively, they help bring real provision and resources to help address some of the greatest areas of need in Springfield. Are they being approached? Who is willing to spearhead this type of project? I am. If elected, I will undertake this great task for the good of the community as a whole.

LGBTQ rights and protections are a big, big concern to me. We find it far too easy to have a scapegoat here in America. We find it far too easy to label "the enemy" and then deny them of any consideration or protections as human beings. These individuals are part of our community. They are homeowners, renters, employees, entrepreneurs, nurses, doctors, police officers, teachers, moms, dads, family members, friends, tax payers, and the list goes on. We need to recognize their humanity and ensure their voices are heard as well.

I support our local police department. I do not support bad police, corrupt police practices or lack of accountability of the police, but I honor anyone who is willing to give their life for a cause greater than themselves. I have had multiple family members who served in multiple levels of law enforcement, some still are, and I saw their devotion and commitment to the cause of keeping communities safe. This is a worthy endeavor and a much needed for any community in this nation.

I am a US Army Veteran. The needs of veterans are of importance to me as well. Peacetime or Wartime veterans, those who served in the military, served this nation and all those represented by it. This is a generational value in my family that has been lived and practiced for 3 generations. This is part of my American story and my American heritage.

It is important for me to communicate that I am also a moderate. I believe we must listen to both sides of every issue, openly, honestly, sincerely, before rushing into any type of decision or position. Local elected government is supposed to represent the entire community. We must find the middle ground, consensus, that will allow us to have and hold conversations that can produce productive policies that can truly benefit and serve our constituents. We will only be able to build from a starting point of agreement.

The city budgetary process must be transparent. The decisions that affect the budget must also be open to the public and for the record. Every local elected leader should be willing to be held accountable for their decision on any issue. Not every outcome will be popular, well liked or agreed with by everyone. Nonetheless, elected officials must be prepared to give a coherent, rational and logical explanation as to their decision making on any issue.

I remember when the Council had members calling for landlords to be fined a \$1000 a day for renting to undocumented individuals, have those undocumented individuals arrested and deported. This perspective had significant support on the council and in the community at that time. I thought we had matured from that perspective. I see that issue has resurfaced especially post the previous administration. Our local elected body has the power to resolve and put an end to these attempts. At one point, during that season, I stood before the city council at the time, with several other Latino leaders to defend ourselves. I actually wept before them trying to encapsulate the pain we were all feeling. Most made a conciliatory statement to us in support. As an elected official in this City, when these attempts are pursued, I will visible and vocally oppose them.

I am sure there will be questions on my candidacy and other positions. I look forward to responding to any and all questions at the scheduled meeting.

MINDY SCHLOSSBERG
EWEB COMMISSIONER, AT-LARGE



It's hard to believe that I am starting my 4th year on the EWEB Board. I am proud of the work I've done and am especially grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside the other Board members. We have a really well-functioning Board, treat each other respectfully, and offer a good example of how to work together for the greater good.

Some of my accomplishments of note include establishing regular meetings between the EWEB Board and City of Eugene leadership. This relationship did not exist when I started 3 years ago. I initiated this permanent EWEB Board liaison and these quarterly meetings are now ongoing. We are working together on ways to further our climate goals, as well as figuring out how to align other shared interests. I have also helped approve our McKenzie Watershed Recovery and Restoration plan, which invests in ensuring that our water supply and the ecosystems that support it remain healthy. This plan grew out of the tragedy of the Holiday Farm fire and EWEB is committed to help restore the watershed and enhance resiliency. I am proud of the strategic direction I've given in committing to at least 95% carbon free energy by 2030. The EWEB Board has repeatedly affirmed its commitment to decarbonization and environmentally friendly practices.

There is still a lot more work to be done and, if reelected, I look forward to helping create an integrated resource plan that identifies our energy sources for the upcoming years, establishing a second source for our water supply, developing a meaningful policy to institutionalize equity, diversity, and inclusion, and looking at how to enhance opportunities to collaborate with the City of Eugene to further our shared goals.