November 2022

Voting Guide

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Vote: November 8, 2022
ballots postmarked by 8 P.M. PT

APANO
Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon

This programming message brought to you by APANO, a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization.
Who is APANO?

APANO is a statewide grassroots organization, uniting Asians and Pacific Islanders to achieve social justice.

We use our collective strengths to advance equity through empowering, organizing, and advocating with our communities. No matter our race or where we are from, we call Oregon home. Our home is stronger, safer, and healthier when we come together in times of crisis and in health.

**IMPACT ON ELECTIONS POLITICAL TEAM HIGHLIGHTS**

In the May 2022 primary election, 22 of the 35 candidates endorsed by APANO won. Our field team made over 32,000 dials and 20,000 texts to Oregon voters.

In the November 2020 general election, we made nearly 400,000 dials and 217,000 texts by hosting 106 phone banking shifts.

**What is our endorsement process?**

1. Candidates complete our endorsement application online.
2. Political Team creates endorsement committee’s to interview candidates.
3. Endorsement committee members are comprised of APANO Staff, Board, and Members.
4. Endorsement interviews are conducted and committee members vote and choose who earns an endorsement from APANO.
5. Endorsed candidates are supported by APANO during the election through direct financial campaign contributions and field and communications support.

What if I can't vote?

**SHARE INFORMATION** with voters in your community and ENCOURAGE them to vote.

**CONNECT** with us throughout the year to work, organize, and build community power.

**SHARE** this guide with your classmates, faith community, neighbors, and friends.

**FOLLOW** our social media @APANONEWS on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to stay up to date.

And join us this election to call and text at least 10 family members and friends to get out the vote!
What are 3-5 most important values to you? Empathy, spirituality, perseverance.

What communities are you part of? Queer folks, 1st/2nd generation, organizers.

What are 3-5 issues you are prioritizing? Housing, mental health care, climate justice, food security.

What are 3-5 barriers in this work? Privilege, fear of conflict, scarcity mindset.

What does liberation look like to you? Liberation looks like equity and opportunity for everyone. Access to quality and affordable health care, education, housing, child care and other support services realized by every member of our community so that all Oregonians can thrive.
Daniel Nguyen
Oregon House District 38
He/Him | Asian American, Vietnamese

What are 3-5 most important values to you?
Integrity, stewardship, and community.

What communities are you part of?
Immigrant, refugee, parent, person of color

What are 3-5 issues you are prioritizing?
Community prosperity, justice-social, environmental, economic, education, housing

What are 3-5 barriers in this work?
Bias, income, language, age, gender.

What does liberation look like to you?
When everyone can thrive collectively and be celebrated for who they are.

Thuy Tran
Oregon House District 45
She/Her | Vietnamese-American

What are 3-5 most important values to you?
I am driven by the values of social justice and equity, fair and inclusive democracy, and shared opportunity. In my life I’ve faced real challenges as an immigrant and achieved major successes with the benefit of a great education. I am running to make sure opportunities to succeed are available for all.

What communities are you part of?
I am part of the immigrant and refugee community, the Asian and Pacific Islander community - specifically the Vietnamese-American community, the healthcare provider community, the parent/guardian community, and the communities of the Hollywood and Parkrose neighborhoods.

What are 3-5 issues you are prioritizing?
Helping people experiencing homelessness. Affordable access to healthcare for all Oregonians. Housing and childcare affordability for families. Confronting the climate crisis.

What are 3-5 barriers in this work?
Inclusive policy making that reflects the lived experience of historically underserved communities. Working together to find shared solutions that work for all. Equitable representation in our Legislature.

What does liberation look like to you?
To me, liberation is when we have laws and government reflective of our communities with intentional attention to equity. That begins with empowering historically marginalized communities to take a lead role in this work.

Hoa Nguyen
Oregon House District 48
She/Her | Vietnamese-American

What are 3-5 most important values to you?
Empathy, communication, life experience, healing, and perseverance.

What communities are you part of?
1st and 2nd generation, youth, organizers, and caretakers.

What are 3-5 issues you are prioritizing?
Education, mental healthcare, housing, access, and climate justice.

What are 3-5 barriers in this work?
Colonization, time and obligation, money, individualism, -isms.

What does liberation look like to you?
I believe that liberation is two-fold. One form comes when a historically marginalized person/group chooses to overcome the barriers set upon them by individuals or society as a whole, and therefore finds liberation within themselves. The second, I believe, comes when an individual/society that places barriers on others takes the time to understand and learn about historically marginalized people/groups; and thus, become liberated in knowledge.
**Jo Ann Hardesty**  
Portland City Commissioner Position 3  
She/Her | Black or African American

What are 3-5 most important values to you?  
Compassion, transformative, innovative, accountable

What communities are you part of?  
Black, indigenous, and people of color, renters, workers, transit dependent, East Portland

What are 3-5 issues you are prioritizing?  
Expanding compassionate public safety, housing for all, transit and climate justice, access and equity

What are 3-5 barriers in this work?  
Wealthy special interests, white nationalism, income inequality.

What does liberation look like to you?  
Liberation is rooted in self-determination, mutuality, and an experience of joy.

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**Libra Forde**  
Clackamas County Commission  
She/Her/Hers | Black

What are 3-5 most important values to you?  
Empathy, transparency, spirituality, honesty.

What communities are you part of?  
Black/BIPOC, mothers, educators, survivors, healers.

What are 3-5 issues you are prioritizing?  
Looking out for the next generation, an inclusive county that works for everyone, taking care of those who have taken care of us, effectiveness and accountability in government.

What are 3-5 barriers in this work?  
Racism, resistance to change, privilege, status quo.

What does liberation look like to you?  
Liberation looks like a just society that cares for all people, it is a world free from oppression and hatred. Liberation is a world in which all people have equal rights, full autonomy and are able to thrive.

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**Jessica Vega Pederson**  
Multnomah County Chair  
She/Her | Latina

What are 3-5 most important values to you?  
Equity, family, self-determination, perseverance, joy.

What communities are you part of?  
Proud East Portlander, parent, public servant. Member of a large, loving Mexican-American family. Former Midwesterner from a union family. Sci-Fi & fantasy geek.

What are 3-5 issues you are prioritizing?  
Addressing our housing and homelessness crisis. Responding to the surge in gun violence. Fighting for economic and racial justice. Tackling the climate crisis. Improving our behavioral health system.

What are 3-5 barriers in this work?  
Discrimination, lack of trust in government, difficulty ensuring access to decision-making spaces, silos in and among governmental bodies.

What does liberation look like to you?  
Liberation is every single person on this planet able to choose their life path through a foundation of a loving family, quality education, safe and stable housing, access to healthcare, clean air and water and ability to live free from prejudice and discrimination. Liberation happens when true social, economic and political power is the propulsion for self-determination.

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**Hai Pham**  
Oregon House District 36  
He/Him | Vietnamese

What are 3-5 most important values to you?  
Honesty, being respectful of everyone’s values and ideas, being inclusive, increasing diversity.

What communities are you part of?  
Healthcare, education, business, APANO.

What are 3-5 issues you are prioritizing?  
Education, jobs, healthcare, diversity.

What are 3-5 barriers in this work?  
Lack of access to healthcare and dental care, there needs to be more diversity, there needs to be better understanding of how small businesses operate.

What does liberation look like to you?  
I would like to see better communication and more diversity, equity, and inclusion.
Aaron Woods | Oregon Senate District 13
He/Him/His | African American

What are 3-5 most important values to you?
Honesty, truth telling, strong intuitions.

What communities are you part of?
Black man, veteran, father.

What are 3-5 issues you are prioritizing?
Homelessness, labor exploitation, environmental awareness, healthcare

What are 3-5 barriers in this work?
Anti-ableism, white privilege, access to education.

What does liberation look like to you?
As an African American, I see liberation through the lens of a Black man. Anti-Black racism isn’t merely ideology or overt prejudice and discrimination but consists of mechanisms and practices that reproduce white advantage and Black disadvantages. Anti-Black racist patterns push Black people to the bottom and attempt to keep them there. The removal of Anti-Black racism in all forms is liberation for me.

Catherine McMullen | Clackamas County Clerk
She/Her | White

What are 3-5 most important values to you?
Voting rights, local decision-making, equity, voice, community focus.

What communities are you part of?
Woman, parent of a child with a disability, mother, public servant, advocate.

What are 3-5 issues you are prioritizing?
Voting rights, transparent and accessible government, secure and accurate elections, government services for all communities, equity in local government

What are 3-5 barriers in this work?
Lack of communication, systemic and institutionalized racism and inequity, incompetence

What does liberation look like to you?
Every resident in Clackamas County has a deciding voice in local decision-making. All eligible voters feel they can participate in each and every election. All citizens can see themselves in leadership roles with our community.

Andrea Valderrama | Oregon House District 47
She/Her/Hers | Latinx—Peruvian American

What are 3-5 most important values to you?
Racial gender economic justice.

What communities are you part of?
Latinx, mothers, Peruvian American, outer east Portland Oregon

What are 3-5 issues you are prioritizing?
Access to reproductive healthcare, housing and homelessness, accessible democracy

What are 3-5 barriers in this work?
White supremacy, settler colonialism, capitalism, racism, homophobia, sexism.

What does liberation look like to you?
Liberation looks like reparations, healing, and equity for black and brown mothers and communities.

Ricki Ruiz | Oregon House District 50
He/Him | Hispanic

What are 3-5 most important values to you?
Family, culture, community, dedication, and togetherness.

What communities are you part of?
Hispanic & Latino Community

What are 3-5 issues you are prioritizing?
K12 education, housing affordability, higher education accessibility, climate justice, and public safety.

What are 3-5 barriers in this work?
Not enough time, not a priority for others, lack of urgency.

What does liberation look like to you?
Being able to feel safe among others and trusting that we have the best intentions to work in community and problem solve issues that affect us the most.

Maxine Dexter | Oregon House District 33
She/Her | White

What are 3-5 most important values to you?
Compassion, courage, inclusion, integrity, resilience.

What communities are you part of?
Parent, healthcare clinician, advocate, Oregonian, Portlander, woman forest lover, mountain lover, ocean lover, human, conservationist

What are 3-5 issues you are prioritizing?
Healthcare, justice, education, climate action, reproductive rights

What are 3-5 barriers in this work?
Money, special interests, racism, lack of political will, structural barriers.

What does liberation look like to you?
A society where every person has an equitable base of safety and economic security to start from the authentic opportunity to reach from toward their self-determined goals.

Kayse Jama | Oregon House District 24
He/Him/His | Black / Somali African American

What are 3-5 most important values to you?
Inclusivity, racial justice, horizontal leadership.

What communities are you part of?
Black, African, immigrant, refugee, Somali, Muslim, fatherhood, manhood

What are 3-5 issues you are prioritizing?
Housing, economic justice, representation.

What are 3-5 barriers in this work?
Access to power, lack of resources, lack of shared vision.

What does liberation look like to you?
Freedom from all forms of oppression; every person has the opportunity and support to achieve their full potential.
Washington County

Nathan Sosa | Oregon House District 30
He/Him/His | Bi-racial
What are 3-5 most important values to you? Community, equality, opportunity.
What communities are you part of? Family, Hillsboro, democratic party, justice advocates, and education/small business champ
What are 3-5 issues you are prioritizing? Economic empowerment of working people, education resources, justice reform, climate change.
What are 3-5 barriers in this work? Lack of sufficient public resources, economic inequality, and short-sightedness.
What does liberation look like to you? Liberation is when we all have an equal opportunity to thrive

Lisa Reynolds | Oregon House District 34
She/Her | White
What are 3-5 most important values to you? Family, perseverance, communication.
What communities are you part of? Organizers, healers, caretakers
What are 3-5 issues you are prioritizing? Basic needs, democracy, education, mental healthcare, trauma
What are 3-5 barriers in this work? Fear, privilege, -isms.
What does liberation look like to you? Liberation is everyone being who they truly are and living in an accepting society that allow all to reach their full potential.

Farrah Chaichi
Oregon House District 35
She/Her | Iranian-American, Middle Eastern, White
What are 3-5 most important values to you? Some of the principles that I value the most are equality, dignity, empathy, justice and solidarity. I care deeply about human rights and their protection. Many of our political leaders have valued corporate greed above human need, and I'm running for this office to help change that.
What communities are you part of? I am lucky to be a member of so many welcoming communities. I was fortunate to grow up in a diverse community with great schools here in Beaverton. My mother was raised on an orchard in The Dalles and my father was an unintentional immigrant from Iran, so I have family ties both to rural Oregon and Iran. We celebrated Thanksgiving with family in The Dalles, and we celebrated Nowruz with our Persian family and friends in Beaverton. I'm a feminist, anti-racist, but woman of color, daughter of an immigrant and I am Middle Eastern. All of those identities have impacted my experiences and shaped who I am today. I also belong to communities based on my political activism. I've made so many friends and connections in my years working with the Washington County and Oregon State Democratic Parties, as well as with the Beaverton Human Rights Advisory Commission. I helped found a Progressive Caucus, a local DSA branch, and a ballot initiative campaign for ranked choice voting. All of these affiliations have brought me into new communities of activists over the last 8 years.

Washington County

Farrah Chaichi Continued -
What are 3-5 issues you are prioritizing? This work is all about breaking down barriers but that also means that we're constantly running up against them. Some of the largest barries I see are: the vastly outsized influence corporate interests have in Oregon politics, a lack of unity in the progressive movement, about five decades of rampant growth in economicic inequality and cuts to government programs in the US, and the continued prevalence and power of reactionary, far-right, white supremacist and neo-fascist tendencies.
What are 3-5 barriers in this work? Some of the largest barriers I see are: the vastly outsized influence corporate interests have in Oregon politics, a lack of unity in the progressive movement, about five decades of rampant growth in economicic inequality and cuts to government programs in the US, and the continued prevalence and power of reactionary, far-right, white supremacist and neo-fascist tendencies.
What does liberation look like to you? For me, liberation looks like a world where the inherent worth and dignity of every human being regardless of their race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, level of ability, or any other social status is respected and protected. This means that everyone would be housed, fed, cared for, educated, and free to unionize, associate, practice their religion, express themselves, and simply exist free from the fear of poverty, coercion, surveillance and oppression.

Ashley Hartmeier-Prigg | Beaverton City Council
She/Her/Hers | White
What are 3-5 most important values to you? Kindness, empathy, transparency, respect.
What communities are you part of? Beaverton, women in technology, dog mom, race walker
What are 3-5 issues you are prioritizing? Affordable housing, climate change, COVID-19 recovery
What are 3-5 barriers in this work? Funding, changing hearts and minds to act swiftly, time
What does liberation look like to you? Liberation looks like everyone having food and shelter, and feeling secure. Liberation is people being treated as humans and knowing that lives will not cut short due to systems of oppression and hatred.

Yi-Kang Hu | Tigard City Council
He/Him/His | Chinese/Taiwanese American
What are 3-5 most important values to you? Compassion, selflessness, determination, trustworthiness, self-reliance.
What communities are you part of? Professional, immigrant, Asian, LGBTQ+
What are 3-5 issues you are prioritizing? Transportation, housing, parks and recreation, environment.
What are 3-5 barriers in this work? Partisanship, lies, prejudice.
What does liberation look like to you? Freedom to be yourself and to pursue your dreams.
Washington County

Jai Raj Singh | Tigard City Council
He/They | South Asian American Punjabi-Sikh

What are 3-5 most important values to you?
Compassion, courage, gratitude

What communities are you part of?
Community organizers, 1st/2nd generation South Asian American Punjabi-Sikh community.

What are 3-5 issues you are prioritizing?
Healthier communities, climate resiliency, and community engagement for all.

What are 3-5 barriers in this work?
Colonization, white supremacy, bigotry and hate

What does liberation look like to you?
Redistributing resources and power to local frontline communities. Deep democracy in which communities have control over the decisions that affect their daily lives.

Marion County

Deb Patterson | Oregon Senate District 10
She/Her/Hers | White

What are 3-5 most important values to you?
Inclusion, kindness, holistic health, community

What communities are you part of?
Faith community, legislative community, family community, and the wider community which I work.

What are 3-5 issues you are prioritizing?
Healthcare, housing, food insecurity, education, local economic development

What are 3-5 barriers in this work?
Funding, coordination and lack of community participation

What does liberation look like to you?
Freedom to be fully oneself in community.

Jamie McLeod Skinner | Congressional District 5
She/Her/Hers | White, Scottish, and Polish

What are 3-5 most important values to you?
Integrity, commitment to community, listening to understand, courage.

What communities are you part of?
Central Oregon, LGBTQ, rural, Oregon Women Lawyers

What are 3-5 issues you are prioritizing?
1 - Address the unsustainable rise in the cost of living that is crushing our families and invest in rebounding from the COVID economy – affordable housing, healthcare, prescription drugs, and childcare. 2 - Turn back attacks on our fundamental personal freedoms by codifying the right to choose reproductive healthcare and other hard-won freedoms. 3 - Tackle climate-driven disasters threatening our homes and livelihoods by making important infrastructure investments in the short term and shifting our energy economy to renewables over the long term. 4 - Strengthen our democracy by making the right to vote accessible for eligible Americans, secure our elections and the right to organize to build confidence in our democracy.

Jamie McLeod Skinner Continued -

What are 3-5 barriers in this work?
1 - A political system that favors an entrenched establishment over new and critical voices missing from our democracy. 2 - A campaign finance system based on money that corrupts politics by emphasizing corporate interests over the people’s interests. 3 - Polarized political discourse that exacerbates hate and discrimination, making it difficult to find common ground to work toward a just future.

What does liberation look like to you?
Liberation means working to end systems of oppression and hate that target and harm people based on race, class, and gender. It means lifting others up and doing the work to both change policy and create policy to ensure we remove barriers to build a resilient, just, and equitable society.

Melissa Busch | Oregon Senate District 16
She/Her | White

What are 3-5 most important values to you?
Integrity, compassion, care, patience, honesty.

What communities are you part of?
Nursing, mothers/parents, open adoption (birthparents), reproductive health and justice, rural.

What are 3-5 issues you are prioritizing?
Comprehensive healthcare, childcare/eldercare, housing and education.

What are 3-5 barriers in this work?
Inequitable systems, inadequate funding and resources, prioritization of profits over people.

What does liberation look like to you?
Liberation looks like equitable access to all of the essential needs that make healthy, thriving communities.

Christina Stephenson | Oregon Labor Commissioner
She/Her/Hers | White

What are 3-5 most important values to you?
Community, respect, compassion.

What communities are you part of?
Emerg Oregon, Trial Attorneys, William Walker PTA, and Washington Country PCPs

What are 3-5 issues you are prioritizing?
Civil rights, enforcement, discrimination, and good jobs

What are 3-5 barriers in this work?
Cheating employers, government red tape, and the economic crisis.

What does liberation look like to you?
Until all of us can live and work in Oregon without oppression, none of us will be liberated. I believe that in order for a community to be free from oppression, we must work towards collective liberation. For me, that means fighting every single day to balance the scale between workers and employers, fighting against discrimination and oppression in the workplace, advancing and enforcing the policies and programs that protect the civil rights of working families.
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<td>111 Right to Healthcare</td>
<td>Creates an amendment to the Oregon Constitution that requires our state to provide affordable, necessary healthcare to all Oregon residents.</td>
<td>Reduces financial barriers to health care for BIPOC and low-income communities.</td>
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<td>112 Oregonians United to End Slavery</td>
<td>Removes language from the Oregon Constitution that allows slavery or involuntary servitude as a punishment for crime. Allows courts, probation, or parole agencies to order adults in custody to engage in alternatives to incarceration that provide accountability, reformation, protection of society, or rehabilitation. Maintains current laws requiring adults in custody to engage in productive work, training, or skill development.</td>
<td>Addresses systemic racism in Oregon, and dismantles the legacy of White supremacy in both historic and current times.</td>
<td>YES</td>
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<td>113 Hold Politicians Accountable</td>
<td>Ensures that any politician in Oregon who has ten unexcused absences from the job they were elected to do will not be able to run for re-election.</td>
<td>Prevents legislators from avoiding their congressional duties and pushes them to address issues that affect marginalized communities the most: education, public safety, housing and homelessness, hazard pay and compensation for frontline workers, and more.</td>
<td>YES</td>
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<td>Multnomah County Portland United For Change</td>
<td>Amends city charter to: 1. Establish a mayor-council government structure and create a city that works for everyone, 2. Create district representation with an expanded City Council and lead to more accountable representation, and 3. Allow voters to rank candidates in order of preference in one election and give all voters more choice.</td>
<td>Increases capacity with Portland City Commission by expanding geographical districts and staffing. Allows elected officials to do their jobs and work with communities, focusing on policy and resolving city issues.</td>
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<td>Metro Parks Levy</td>
<td>Provides Metro Council with funds to restore natural areas, operate parks, and support nature education and stewardship across greater Portland. Maintain existing parks and nature operating levy (last renewed in 2016). If passed it would maintain the current property tax rate of $0.096 per $1,000 of assessed value – $24 annually for the owner of a home with an assessed value of $250,000 – for an additional five years, beginning in 2023. If the proposed measure passes, the levy would raise approximately $19.5 million annually.</td>
<td>Provides Metro Council with funding to address water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitats, and connect people with nature across more than 18,000 acres of parks, trails, and natural areas.</td>
<td>YES</td>
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<td>Multnomah County Non-citizens Voters</td>
<td>In Oregon, over $100 million dollars in taxes come from undocumented people. This measure would reduce taxation without representation, increasing political power for those who have been disenfranchised.</td>
<td>Encourages civic engagement and increases sense of belonging.</td>
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<td>Multnomah County David Douglas Teachers Levy</td>
<td>Voters in the David Douglas School District have an opportunity this November to approve a $140 million bond measure that would make improvements at every school building across the District, expand space for preschool, as well as build a new Future Careers Center at David Douglas High School. If the bond passes, a grant from the State of Oregon will provide an additional $8 million in funding for the bond projects.</td>
<td>Investment in urgent safety and security upgrades, large-scale repairs, our students' futures, and more.</td>
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<td>Washington County Beaverton Teachers Levy</td>
<td>Ensures the Beaverton School District can maintain more than 280 teaching positions currently funded without raising the tax rate.</td>
<td>Funding teachers ensures that our students' needs are being met. Students deserve access to effective teachers to thrive both in school and after graduation.</td>
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