

Voters' Pamphlet

Oregon Special Primary Election
November 8, 2011

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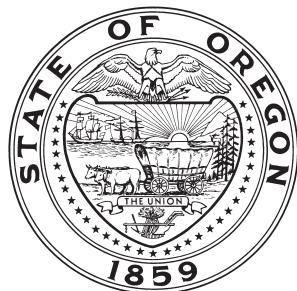
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Representative in Congress, 1st District *Democratic Candidates*

Dominic Hammon
Suzanne Bonamici
Brad Witt
Saba Ahmed*
Brad Avakian
Dan Strite
Robert E Lettin*
Todd Lee Ritter

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Representative in Congress, 1st District

Dominic Hammon

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Democrat

Occupation: Small Business Owner/Construction/Maintenance

Occupational Background: Small Business Owner/Construction/Maintenance

Educational Background: AA Degree, General Contractors License

Prior Governmental Experience: None

As an average Oregonian I know it is time for the 1st Congressional District of Oregon be represented by an average Oregonian who is experiencing the same hard economic times. Our current congress isn't doing anything to help small, rural or start up businesses as I found out recently. Small, rural and start up businesses are responsible for most of the new work created in America, not the top 1%.

These new businesses are started by average Americans who know how an education helps them run their business. When I returned to school to get an AA Degree I realized how an education plays a key role in developing and understanding how a business functions. Education is what drives our economy, a high school education can get you in the door for a job, then a higher education moves you up the economic scale. This is how we should be expanding our economy. When a person has an education and work experience they are in the position to start their own business and help in expanding our economy.

As a person who enjoys the outdoors mainly through fishing, I was surprised to see the health advisory page in the state's fishing regulations. A health advisory page made me realize how we need to protect our rivers, lakes and oceans. When pregnant women can't eat fish out of local bodies of water it is time to make a change and keep our state's water pristine.

I have never held a political office so I don't owe any political favors. My only concern as your representative is what will improve your life. I know my hard work for you will restore your confidence in congress is again working for you, not themselves.

Vote Dominic Hammon a Rural Democrat who will work for you.

(This information furnished by Dominic Hammon.)

Representative in Congress, 1st District



Suzanne Bonamici

Democrat

Occupation: State Senator

Occupational Background: Consumer Protection Attorney

Educational Background: JD, BA, University of Oregon; AS Lane Community College

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative; Attorney, Federal Trade Commission

Family: Married 26 years, two adult children

"Suzanne Bonamici is hardworking, ethical, and has a record of standing up for families, small businesses, and consumers. She will bring strong new leadership to Congress, and she has my enthusiastic support."

Governor Barbara Roberts

Suzanne Bonamici has worked for consumers, small businesses, and Oregon families her entire career.

- At the Federal Trade Commission Suzanne held the financial industry accountable for predatory lending practices.
- As an attorney, she fought for small businesspeople whose life savings were endangered by dishonest practices.
- As a volunteer, she worked with the Beaverton Education Foundation to improve local schools.

"As a legislator, Suzanne is a champion for consumers, stands up for Oregon's middle class families, and has a remarkable record of getting things done. She is exactly who we need in Congress."

Oregon Attorney General John Kroger

Suzanne's effective, principled leadership in Salem shows what she can and will do in Congress.

- Suzanne fought to protect homeowners from mortgage and foreclosure abuse and **she'll stand up to those who use the system to gain unfair advantage.**
- Suzanne helped provide health coverage for 80,000 Oregon children and **she'll protect Medicare and Social Security.**
- Suzanne increased access to capital for small businesses; **she'll invest in infrastructure and clean energy jobs, not tax breaks for big oil companies.**
- Suzanne strengthened public schools, community colleges, and universities; **she'll continue to promote education that emphasizes problem solving, not more standardized tests.**

"Suzanne has been a real partner in building a foundation to create good jobs for our community's future. Her intelligent, effective, and inclusive leadership is exactly what our economy needs."

David Vernier, CEO, Vernier Software & Technology

Community, business, and elected leaders across Northwest Oregon support Suzanne
See BonamiciForCongress.com

(This information furnished by Bonamici for Congress.)

Representative in Congress, 1st District



Brad Witt

Democrat

Occupation: State Representative; UFCW Local 555, Union Representative

Occupational Background: Sawmill Worker; Labor Economist; Oregon AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer

Educational Background: University of Oregon, M.A., Labor Relations; University of Massachusetts, B.A., History

Prior Governmental Experience: State Board of Forestry; Oregon Workforce Investment Board; Workers' Compensation Management/Labor Advisory Committee; Oregon Forest Resources Institute; OSHA Safe Employment, Education and Training Committee; Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

"Brad Witt will make an excellent United States Congressman. Every working person in Oregon and the United States will have a friend and strong advocate." – Clif Davis, Business Manager, IBEW Local 48

A Proven, Effective Leader

Growing our Economy through Job Creation: Quality of life begins with a good job. The path to true economic prosperity can only be achieved through the creation of good paying jobs. We can neither tax nor cut our way to economic health.

The Deficit: I will get our nation's budget back on track by bringing home our troops and reinvesting those dollars back into our communities.

Protecting our Seniors: Working families have paid into Social Security and Medicare in good faith and as your Congressman, my top priority is to protect these benefits.

Education: A first class education system is the gateway to rewarding careers for our children, global competitiveness for our employers and economic prosperity for our nation.

Safe Neighborhoods: I passed legislation that makes it possible to prosecute sex offenders who fail to re-register when they move, ensuring better protection for our children and neighborhoods.

Support of our Veterans: I passed legislation to provide college credit for military experience and expanded education and housing benefits to veterans' families.

I put myself through college by working in a sawmill. I've focused my career on fairness for all Oregonians. That's why I've worked to support neighborhood business, local food banks and affordable housing. This is who I am. This is the agenda I'll take to Congress.

For more information and a list of Brad's endorsers: www.WittForCongress.com

(This information furnished by Brad Witt for Congress.)

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Representative in Congress, 1st District



Brad Avakian

Democrat

Occupation: As Oregon's Commissioner of Labor and Industries, cracked down on corporations that denied workers fair wages and safe working conditions

Occupational Background:

Washington County civil rights attorney

Educational Background: OSU, B.S.; Lewis and Clark Law School, J.D.

Prior Governmental Experience: As State Senator and Representative, helped ban predatory payday lenders from charging 500% interest and made Oregon a leader in green jobs

Community: Founding board member of Emerge Oregon, which helps women run for office; Founding co-chair, Washington County Oregon League of Conservation Voters; President, Southwest Music School

Bringing change to Washington

"While Washington politicians answer to Wall Street and Tea Party extremists, Oregonians are struggling. I'll **end billions in giveaways to bankers to create jobs** for middle class families by **investing in infrastructure** and making **college more affordable.**"

Brad Avakian

Putting Oregon to work

"Brad Avakian **restored career education to Oregon's public schools** and oversaw the training of thousands of apprentices." Dick O'Connor, Oregon Building Congress

Ensuring women's right to healthcare

"Brad Avakian **required insurers to cover birth control and breast cancer screenings, protected domestic violence victims** and defends every woman's right to choose." Elizabeth Newhall, M.D., Founder, EveryWoman's Health Clinic

Protecting Medicare and Social Security

"Seniors support Brad Avakian. **He'll fight Republican plans to end Medicare and make harmful cuts to Social Security and Medicaid.**"

Labor Commissioner Mary Wendy Roberts

Educating our children

"Brad Avakian **has always fought to protect school funding** and restore music, art and P.E."

Jada Pearson, Beaverton Kindergarten Teacher

Closing unfair tax loopholes

"Brad Avakian will **eliminate tax breaks for corporations that send jobs overseas**, making him labor's best choice."

Jeff Smith, International Longshore and Warehouse Union

Avakian's supporters include:

- Metro President Tom Hughes
- Secretary of State Bill Bradbury
- Washington County Commissioner Greg Malinowski
- Multnomah County Chair Beverly Stein
- Clatsop County Commissioner Peter Huhtala
- Astoria Council President Arline LaMear
- Washington County Police Officer's Association
- Laborers' International Union

Hundreds more at www.bradavakian.com

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Representative in Congress, 1st District



Dan Strite

Democrat

Occupation: Retired
Occupational Background: Golf Professional 1950-1990; Golf Course Owner Golf Professional 1990-2008

Educational Background:
 Eugene, Oregon Public Schools K-12; Graduated From High School in 1949

Prior Governmental Experience: United States Marine Corp 1952-1954

Dan Strite, a true American patriot as a candidate for the house of representatives, United States Congress.

My platform is:
 1/ Get out of the war business.
 2/ Govern through consensus.

Most Americans want the wars to end now. To make this happen Dan needs your help and support.

I have been blessed with many opportunities to serve my community as a volunteer:
 Clatsop County Circuit Court mediation, Seaside Public School District Budget Committee, C.A.D.Y. Mentoring, (Caring Adults Developing Youth) Astoria rescue mission board, Seaside High school golf coach, Astoria Alternative High school mentor, Smart Readers program, Master Gardener.

Our Country is crying out for direction. People want to be heard. I need your help to make positive change.

Contact: Dan Strite
 Phone: 503-738-7528
 Email: dan.strite@gmail.com

Committee: Matt Brown, Kevin Irish, David Hatch
 Dan is happily married and resides in Clatsop County Oregon.

(This information furnished by Dan Strite.)

Representative in Congress, 1st District



Todd Lee Ritter

Democrat

Occupation: Independent Internet Textbook Dealer.
Occupational Background: business, managerial.

Educational Background:
 Andrew Jackson High School, Portland, OR Diploma, 1976. Portland Community College, Portland, OR 1974-1976. Portland State University, Portland, OR BA 1984 General Studies.

Prior Governmental Experience: Andrew Jackson High School, 1972-1976, Freshman Class Vice President, Sophomore Class Treasurer, Junior Class President.

Lifetime Oregon, second generation. Born in Tigard, Oregon, May, 1958. The first District is literally my home town. I lived in the mid-west briefly in the 1960s. I recognize the unique qualities of Oregon. I understand the need to create livable wage jobs while striking a balance between business development and sustaining our high environmental standards. A new compact is needed between the people and their government. Now, more than ever, we need mature adults managing the nation's pocketbook in Washington, DC.

My legislative initiatives: Mandate E-Verify nationwide for all U.S. workers. Rename Homeland Security with new title encouraging more local community based citizen involvement. Establish a national standard for parking permits for disabled people. Require 50 state reciprocity for disabled driving placards. Authorize Medicare to allow physicians to conduct billable appointments via e-mail, text message and telephone, instead of requiring office visits (conserves Medicare resources). Increase investment in national volunteer programs like AmeriCorps to encourage most Americans between ages 18-22 years old to participate in national service by 2016. Partisan issues need to be put away. Statesmen-like votes need to be made for the common good, not partisan political gain. Thank you. Todd Ritter.

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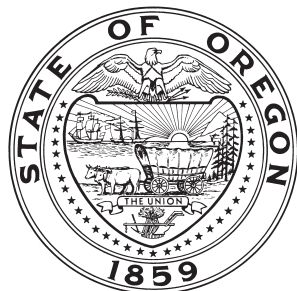
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Lisa Michaels

Republican

Occupation: Independent Media Consultant, TV/TV producer; host of "Live with Lisa Michaels"

Occupational Background: Local TV/radio advertising sales representative

Educational Background: Bachelor of Science, Kansas University

Prior Governmental Experience: Republican nominee for Oregon House (2000) and Oregon Senate (2008); alternate delegate to the Republican Convention (2004)

Our district's seat in Congress became vacant on August 3, but it's been empty for years. Oregon's First has been last. Here's how I'll put Oregon First as your representative:

Defense: I lost a relative on 9/11. I supported our government's efforts to find and punish the 9/11 masterminds. This year we succeeded. Our mission is complete. As your voice to put Oregon First, I'll vote to bring home your sons and daughters, and our other brave troops, as soon as our ground commanders agree it is safe.

The Deficit: We can't keep borrowing \$1 trillion a year from our grandchildren. Congress needs a balanced budget amendment, and the place to start is with a balanced budget. We won World War II in less than five years; we can balance the budget in five years.

As your voice to put Oregon First, I'll vote for budgets only if the deficit is less than \$1 trillion in 2013, then decreasing on a sliding scale to zero by 2017.

Income Taxes: Congress must rein in high spending before talking about increasing taxes on hard-working Americans.

As your voice to put Oregon First, I'll vote against raising your taxes to fund bloated budgets.

Taxes: The First District has a competitive advantage because Oregon has no sales tax. We need to promote this to attract businesses to consider Oregon First when relocating.

As your voice to put Oregon First, I'll vote against raising your taxes. I will work with our state leaders to protect our no-sales-tax advantage from federal interference.

Cable-TV: "Live with Lisa Michaels" 2nd Wed 7:30p ch11/22

Blog: www.ConservativeLisa.blogspot.com

Hire **Lisa Michaels** to put Oregon First for you and your family.

(This information furnished by Lisa Michaels.)

Representative in Congress, 1st District

D R Delgado-Morgan

Republican

Occupation: IUOE Local 701, since June 1, 1994.

Occupational Background: IUOE Local 12, since November

6, 1982, I became a Construction Corporation Vice President. 1977-1982; I had 2 jobs: So. Cal. Edison Co. and Bookkeeper for a Construction Corp. 1974-1977: Security Pacific National Bank. My favorite job was helping people balance their checkbooks, by hand. 1972-1974: TG&Y New Department Store, I became Dept. Head of Shoes and Children's Wear. Before 1972-1973: I helped the elderly clean their homes.

Educational Background: Yucaipa High School, 1974. 40 hrs Hazardous Material Course

Prior Governmental Experience: None. However, I've dealt with government agencies over construction contracts as a Project Engineer, Safety Officer, Superintendent, Project Manager and Vice President for a Construction Corporation.

Honor Family: My parents will be married 60 years in April, 2012. I have been married for 25 years and will have lived in my home for 19 years as of Nov. 2011. I honor my family through my work, words, but mostly my deeds. As a working wife and mother I take pride in every job I do as it reflects me and represents my family.

My husband was a USMC Captain/Marine Aviator and ODO when I was involved in repairing MCASTustin Heliport. For outstanding workmanship, our company received a gracious letter from the Station Commander. My husband and I began our relationship 2 years later, long after the job was complete.

I have 3 sons. They love their family and are very good at friendship. It takes hard work to make a good family life, but well worth it.

I believe our Government should protect our liberties and freedoms. Truly a government OF the people. Our Federal Government is accountable to we the people, "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by law; and a regular statement and account of receipts and Expenditures of all public money shall be published from time to time." Article 1, Sec.9

(This information furnished by D R Delgado-Morgan.)

Representative in Congress, 1st District



**Pavel
Goberman**

Republican

Occupation: Founder/Provider of physical/mental fitness program "Get Energized!" – book, video and exercise classes for governments, businesses and public; may prevent many illnesses, diseases (including

cancers) and slow down the aging process. I'm in excellent health. (503)6-GET-FIT www.getenergized.com/vote.html

Occupational Background: Author, Publisher, Producer, Speaker, Inventor, Consultant, Advisor, Trainer, Coach, Manager (had an Award), Supervisor, Social Worker, Counselor, Machinist, Mechanic, Welder, Truck Driver, Logger, Firefighter and Beekeeper. I'm a Problem Solver.

Educational Background: Have 27 years of education, BA + Degree (Moscow, Russia). Attended a few universities and colleges in the USA. Linguist/Russian.

Prior Governmental Experience: 2010, Candidate for US Senator; 2008, Candidate for Commissioner of BOLI; Tank Army.

I'm honest, incorruptible, with faith, integrity and high moral principles. Do not accept any "contributions"

Stop bribery, corruption and political/media prostitutions.

Stop selling this country by the media junta/mafia. Stop buying elections by politicians. "The receiver is bad as the thief", "Do not put robber to work in a bank", proverbs.

No one better than me could help/rescue this state and nation.

I promise:

To defend this country from weapons of mass destruction,

Economy: I have a plan to create a few thousands jobs in Oregon and a few millions jobs in the USA.

Budget: balance it in a few months.

Health Care: to all, cut cost of drugs.

Reduce Taxes: Income and Property.

Car Insurance is a Street Robbery. If no accident – 50% money back.

Improve traffic on all US HWYs and cities.

Crimes: harder punishment.

Elect US Judges/Attorneys.

Seniors and Veterans: We owe them. Respect them! No privatization of SocSec.

Education: Improve discipline and quality.

Teach children to respect parents, teachers and elderly.

Ban on Lobbyists.

Lock up borders to terrorists and criminals.

English must be official language.

OPB must broadcast debates of Candidates.

Help to make peace on the MiddleEast.

Was member AARP, WillamWriters, Elks and NRA.

Vote For Honesty In Government

(This information furnished by Pavel Goberman.)

Representative in Congress, 1st District



**Jim
Greenfield**

Republican

Occupation: Real Estate

Occupational Background: Attorney; Talk Radio Host, Small Business Owner

Educational Background: B.A. Cornell government major;

Penn Law School

Prior Governmental Experience: 2002 Republican Nominee Oregon's First Congressional District

VOTE JIM GREENFIELD

www.jimgreenfieldforcongress.com

America's financial crisis was caused by irresponsible Washington politicians recklessly spending taxpayer money. Our problems won't be solved by those who created them. We need new leadership in Congress committed to limited government and individual freedom.

Balance the Budget

We must stop out of control spending now - not in ten years. With a balanced budget, more money remains in the private sector where free enterprise can flourish, jobs can be created, and prosperity restored.

Cut Taxes

When big government spends, borrows, and taxes too much it produces bureaucracy, not wealth. Raising taxes won't stop out of control spending. Lower taxes leave money in the private sector for consumers to spend and for businesses to create jobs.

Winning the War on Terrorism

We can defeat terrorism without going bankrupt. Instead of occupying foreign countries with huge armies, we should target and destroy terrorist networks directly. This will save trillions of dollars, thousands of young American lives, and win the war more quickly to secure peace and stability in the world.

No Bailouts for Failed Banks and Corporations

Government bailouts for companies politicians claim are "too big to fail" have cost taxpayers trillions of dollars. We need people in Congress who will stop this corrupt practice and end business as usual in Washington.

Get the Government Off Our Backs

Excessive government regulation is killing jobs and deflating home values. We must reduce regulation, get the government out of the housing market, and let small businesses hire again so our economy can grow.

I've been an advocate for limited government and individual liberty for over 20 years. If I win this election I'll fight to restore the principles which made America the wealthiest and greatest nation in the world.

(This information furnished by Jim Greenfield.)

Representative in Congress, 1st District



**Rob
Cornilles**

Republican

Occupation: President, Game Face Inc. (www.gamefaceinc.com)

Occupational Background: Business owner

Educational Background:

Newberg High School; BYU, BA

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Community Involvement: Board Member: Oregon League of Minority Voters; Virginia Garcia Memorial Foundation; Special Olympics of Oregon; Japan-America Society of Oregon, Business Committee; Umpqua Bank Regional Division; National Advisory Board, Positive Coaching Alliance; former president of Southside Soccer. Volunteer: Good Neighbor Center; Boy Scouts of America; coached 16 youth teams.

Family: Married to Allison Au (25 years), father of three sons, ages 21, 18, 15.

Oregon Jobs: Our #1 Priority

Oregonians need jobs and opportunities, so let's raise expectations of what a U.S. Representative should BE and DO and elect leaders who can deliver results.

Electing another lawyer to Congress won't solve the problems we face. We need people who have been driving innovative small businesses, which I've been doing for 16 years.

I founded and kept Game Face in Oregon because my family loves it here. Over the years, we have employed 60 people, built a united team, and succeeded together. We have also helped launch more than 500 careers nationwide.

Unlike comfortable politicians, I have had to make personal sacrifices while sticking to a budget. While privileged politicians continue to play partisan games, we Oregonians struggle to find work, make ends meet, educate our kids, and prepare for retirement.

Simpler and Fairer Taxes

This economy confirms our need for a simpler and fairer tax code. I will work to eliminate corporate loopholes and lower the tax rates for everyone, creating more taxpayers and revenues.

Stop Mounting Debt

We can't afford Washington, D.C. taking on more debt in wasteful attempts to stimulate the economy. By eliminating unreasonable regulations and government waste, Oregonians can and will create jobs and grow prosperity here at home.

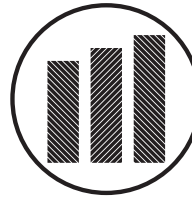
Endorsements

A former Oregon governor and Oregon U.S. Senator, current legislators, mayors, county commissioners, and community and business leaders all want to work with Rob. For details, see:

www.CornillesForCongress.com

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