

# Voters' Pamphlet

**Oregon Special Election**  
*January 31, 2012*

To the voters of Oregon's 1st Congressional District:

Right now, you have the opportunity to choose who will represent you and your interest in the U.S. Congress. The state is conducting a special election to fill a vacant Congressional seat created by the resignation of former Congressman David Wu.

Your vote is your voice. I encourage you to take the time to carefully read each statement as you consider which candidate to support, and make sure you get your ballot to your county elections office by 8:00 pm on January 31st.

Similar to the special primary in November, I have enclosed candidate's statements as an insert with your ballot. Doing this saved significant tax-dollars in postage during a time when Oregon continues to suffer a period of slow economic growth.

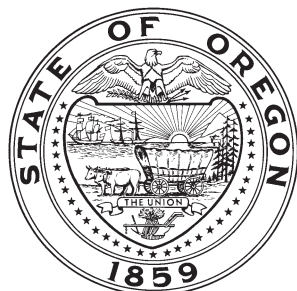
Oregon is one of only a handful of states that offer voters a variety of online services including the ability to update your registration, track your ballot and find the nearest ballot drop sites. Just go to [www.oregonvotes.org](http://www.oregonvotes.org) and click on My Vote.

Thank you for taking your civic responsibility seriously and making your voice heard.

Sincerely,



Kate Brown  
Oregon Secretary of State



## **My Vote!**

Register to vote, check or update your registration and track your ballot online.

## **Find a dropsite**

Your ballot must be received by 8 pm on January 31.

**[oregonvotes.org](http://oregonvotes.org)**

## **Representative in Congress, 1st District Candidates**

James Foster  
*Libertarian Party*

Rob Cornilles  
*Republican Party*

Suzanne Bonamici  
*Democratic Party*  
*Independent Party*

Steven Reynolds  
*Progressive Party*

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**Representative in Congress, 1st District**

## James Foster

Libertarian Party

**Occupation:** Software Engineer

**Occupational Background:** Programming Manager; Systems Architect; Attorney; Commercial Pilot

**Educational Background:** BA, Walla Walla; MS, North Dakota State; JD, UCLA

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Staff Attorney, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC

For decades Republicans and Democrats have showered our money on corporations and interest groups. These bailouts and subsidies have run up a huge debt to be paid by our children and grandchildren. This must stop.

Last year the federal government had \$2.25 trillion in revenue and borrowed \$1.35 trillion to spend \$3.6 trillion. Per household, this is equivalent to spending \$31,300 on an income of \$19,600 and putting the difference of \$11,700 on a credit card. This must stop.

US troops are deployed in over 150 countries. Hand-outs to rich countries like Germany and Japan undermine our own economy and security. Putting our brave soldiers in harm's way to prop up corrupt third-world regimes does not make us safer. This must stop.

Laws like "No Child Left Behind" meddle in local affairs and imposing counter-productive mandates. Real per-student federal spending on K-12 education has increased 375% since 1970, but achievement of high school graduates has stayed flat or declined. This must stop.

By forcing all Americans to buy products from private insurance companies (ObamaCare), the federal government far exceeded its authority to regulate commerce. By creating uncertainty and the threat of further regulation, Congress has discouraged businesses from hiring. This must stop.

Don't waste your vote on the status quo. Your vote for James Foster will send a clear message: the bailouts and reckless spending must stop.

As your Representative to Congress, I will honor my oath to uphold the Constitution.

For more information visit <http://www.VoteJamesFoster.com/>.

*(This information furnished by James Foster.)*

**Representative in Congress, 1st District**

## Rob Cornilles

Republican Party

**Occupation:** President/Founder, Game Face Inc.

**Occupational Background:** Small business owner

**Educational Background:** Newberg High School; BYU, BA

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

**Community Involvement:** Board Member: Oregon League of Minority Voters; Special Olympics Oregon; Virginia Garcia Memorial Foundation; Oregon International Air Show; former president of Southside Soccer. Volunteer: Good Neighbor Center; Tigard-Tualatin schools; coached 16 youth teams.

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

### Oregon Jobs: Our #1 Priority

Our next representative should have experience...

**Creating jobs and launching careers.** Rob has helped 500 job seekers secure employment.

**Building consensus.** Rob has worked with 400 diverse and nationally known organizations to identify problems and implement solutions.

**Meeting a payroll.** Rob's done just that for 195 straight months while, over time, employing 60 people.

**Showing fiscal responsibility.** Running a successful company for 16 years, Rob knows how to stick to a budget.

The problem in Congress today isn't a shortage of lawyers. It's that there aren't enough consensus-builders who will shun partisan games and focus on creating sustainable jobs.

### Simpler and Fairer Taxes

Mega-corporations and the super wealthy use loopholes to avoid taxes. The rest of us get stuck with the bill. Rob's developed a plan to eliminate corporate loopholes and lower tax rates for everyone, creating more jobs and revenues.

### An Independent Voice for Oregon

Rob is running to benefit people, not a party. His widely recognized skills are just what our district needs to grow the economy and promote our strengths. The choice is clear: Elect a conventional political insider and get more of the same, or put Oregon first by choosing a new kind of leader who will champion northwest Oregon in Congress.

### Bipartisan Endorsements

District-wide, 20 mayors and hundreds of community and business leaders are voting for Rob Cornilles because they are convinced he is the most qualified and capable to grow our economy and create jobs – for today and tomorrow. Learn more at:

[www.CornillesForCongress.com](http://www.CornillesForCongress.com)

*(This information furnished by Cornilles for Congress.)*

**Representative in Congress, 1st District**



**Suzanne Bonamici**  
Democratic Party  
Independent Party

**Occupation:** State Senator  
(May 2008 – November 2011)

**Occupational Background:**  
Consumer Protection Attorney

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

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

**Family:** Married 26 years, two adult children

**Suzanne Bonamici  
Integrity. Trust.  
The Right Priorities.**

Congress has forgotten who it is supposed to serve. We need a leader who will fight for our priorities. You know where Suzanne stands and she has a record to prove it.

**A Lifetime Standing Up for Middle Class Families, Seniors and Consumers**

Suzanne worked her way through community college, college and law school. Now she works for us.

- Protecting consumers at the Federal Trade Commission, Suzanne held mortgage companies accountable when dishonest practices cost people their homes.
- As a legislator, she stopped predatory payday lenders and life insurance scams targeting seniors.
- As a volunteer and legislator, Suzanne fought to improve our public schools.

**A Champion for Small Business and Jobs**

Suzanne's first job was in her mom's small business – learning the challenges and rewards firsthand.

- Suzanne passed legislation to help Oregonians start small businesses and to help Oregon businesses access resources to keep and create jobs.
- In the private sector, Suzanne fought for small-businesspeople when unprincipled corporations tried to cheat them out of their life savings.

**The Right Priorities for Congress**

Suzanne will attack the debt the right way.

- End the Bush tax cuts for millionaires instead of making seniors, veterans and middle class families pay for a financial crisis they didn't cause.
- End tax giveaways for big oil companies making record profits instead of threatening education and job training.
- Protect, don't privatize Social Security and Medicare.

**Some endorsements:**

- Oregon State Council for Retired Citizens
- National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare
- Oregon State Fire Fighters Council
- Northwest Credit Union Association
- Planned Parenthood Action Fund
- Beaverton Education Association
- Oregon Nurses Association

[www.BonamiciForCongress.com](http://www.BonamiciForCongress.com)

*(This information furnished by Bonamici for Congress.)*

**Representative in Congress, 1st District**



**Steven Reynolds**  
Progressive Party

**Occupation:** "Unemployed, Disabled Veteran"

**Occupational Background:** "US Army \ Teaching \ Entrepreneur"

**Educational Background:** "West Point Graduate"

**Prior Governmental Experience:** "Lieutenant US Army"

I have never been afraid to do what others will not. I found great satisfaction in serving the nation honorably as a soldier, my community as a Big Brother, and the world as an ambassador of goodwill. My commitment to serve the nation did not end with my injury. I am standing up now as a citizen that cannot bear the embarrassment that our Congress has become. I ask that the people of Oregon stand with me.

Our Congress is a dysfunctional organization that does not respect the people it serves. They trade favors for campaign contributions. They pad their wealth with privileged information. Further, they bicker while Oregon and the nation suffers.

Send the message that **we need jobs**. Our nations infrastructure is crumbling and we can put people to work today, fixing it. I intend to introduce legislation that will put people to work **immediately** through a program similar to that used during the great depression. We need jobs that can support a family and afford them the dignity that they deserve.

Now is not the time to send another multi-millionaire lawyer/businessman type to Congress. The wealthy are disconnected from the reality that most of Oregon lives. They do not fear getting enough hours to pay their bills. Reject the Democratic and Republican candidates and send the message that Oregon is not OK with wealth being price to serve in Congress.

I am not going to Washington, DC to make friends. I have no interest in gaining wealth and power through the privilege that the position provides. The only special interests that I will serve are those of the people in my District. Duty, Honor, Country: are values that I hold close and I will take them with me to Congress and bring them back to government.

[www.truth2012.org](http://www.truth2012.org)

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