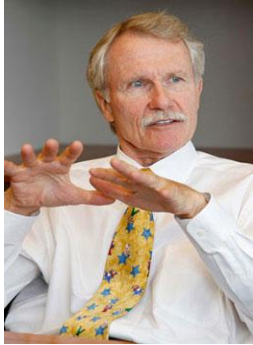


Oregon Social Worker Political Action Committee 2010 Candidate Endorsements

Statewide Offices

John Kitzhaber, Gubernatorial Candidate



John Kitzhaber is running for the open gubernatorial seat against Chris Dudley. Kitzhaber has served Oregon as a Legislator; two term Governor and an Emergency Room Doctor. He has a long history of being a leader when it comes to creating access to quality Health Care, Education and Social Programs. Kitzhaber has a deep understanding of the health and human services delivery system in Oregon and the experience to lead us through these tough times. There is NO comparison between the two; Kitzhaber is the best candidate to lead Oregon into the future.

www.johnkitzhaber.com

Oregon State Treasurer Ted Wheeler, Candidate for Treasurer



State Treasurer Ted Wheeler is running for the Treasurer's seat which he was appointed to following tragic death of Ben Westlund. Ted Wheeler served as Multnomah County Chair for the past three years and prior to his serving in public office he worked as an Executive in the Financial Services sector. Wheeler's solid financial credentials make him the stronger candidate for this post. In addition, his experience at Multnomah County provided him with a good grasp of mental health service and delivery issues.

www.tedwheeler.com

Greater Portland Metropolitan Area

North/Northeast Portland

Tina Kotek, House District 44 (Northeast Portland)



A former policy director at Children First for Oregon, Rep. Kotek is a long-time advocate for fairness, equality, and opportunity for all children and families in Oregon. Rep. Kotek is an incumbent who was elected in 2006. In her freshman term, Kotek advocated strongly for increased funding for mental health services and health care reform. Today she chairs a key committee for issues of interest to social workers, the Human Services Sub-Committee of Ways and Means. Her deep understanding of human services issues and budgets makes her an incredible asset in Salem.

www.votetina.com

Chip Shields, Senate District 22 (North/Northeast Portland)



Senator Shields is an incumbent who was elected to the House in 2004, and in 2009 he served as Co-Chair of the Public Safety Subcommittee of Ways & Means. Now a senator, Shields was appointed to fill Senator Carter's vacated seat. Shields has maintained his strong focus on criminal justice reform and ensuring Oregon's voter-approved minimum wage remains intact. As a social worker he founded the successful Better People program, where he has helped thousands of people caught up in the criminal justice system stay off the streets through transition and jobs programs. Shields has demonstrated throughout his career a strong commitment to making Oregon a fair and just place for all families.

www.chipshields.com

Southeast Portland

Carolyn Tomei, House District 41 (Milwaukie)



Representative Tomei, is an incumbent who was elected in 2000, she chairs the House Human Services Committee focusing her attention on women, children, low-income, and vulnerable populations. She was a leader in addressing the issue of widespread prescription of psychotropic drugs to foster children. In 2010 she joined the House Judiciary Committee which will help her further connect policy development on human services and criminal justice. She was a social worker (and actress) before being elected to the Oregon House and she has been endorsed by NASW every cycle since 2001.

South/Southwestern Metro Area

Richard Devlin, Senate District 19 (West Linn, Tualatin)



Senator Richard Devlin, elected in 1996 is currently serving as the Senate Majority Leader. He also chairs the Senate Rules and Executive Appointments Committee and a member of the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education. Senator Devlin's occupational background is in adult and juvenile corrections and civil and criminal investigations, and he served in the United States Marine Corps. Senator Devlin is a true leader and has a very thoughtful approach to policy and budget issues.

www.devlinfororegon.com

Will Rasmussen, House District 37 (West Linn)



Will Rasmussen is running for the open House of Representatives seat serving District 37 the community of West Linn. Will Rasmussen is an attorney with Miller Nash LLP. He's also a volunteer with the Democratic Party of Oregon, the Oregon Business Association, and the University of Washington. Rasmussen comes to this challenge motivated with the spirit of Oregon's long history of innovation and the commitment to restore our state to a place of leadership. He is one of the hardest working candidates this cycle which bodes well for the kind of legislator he will be. He cares about the very issues social workers are most concerned about.

www.votewillrasmussen.com

Washington County

Chuck Riley, Senate District 15 (Hillsboro)



Currently serving in the House, Chuck Riley is challenging incumbent Senator, Bruce Starr, for the Senate seat which serves District 15 of Hillsboro. Riley was initially elected in 2004 where he worked to fund Oregon's schools, reduce healthcare costs, combat the methamphetamine epidemic and reform the payday loan process. He has what it takes to help tackle the tough issues that Oregon faces and ensure that Oregon's critical health and human services programs are adequately supported to help children and families.

www.chuckriley.org

Tobias Read, House District 27 (Portions Multnomah/Washington Co.)



Tobias Read is an incumbent who was elected in 2006. Currently Read serves as Chair of the House Sustainability and Economic Development Committee, and is a member of both the House Revenue and Rules Committees. Read is also a Product Developer for Nike. Read maintains his focus on a long-term vision for Oregon through his support for education funding, access to affordable health care and strongly advocating for environmental sustainability.

www.tobiasread.com

Katie Riley, House District 29 (Hillsboro)



Katie Riley is running in an open seat for the Oregon House of Representatives serving District 29, Hillsboro. Before running for public office, Katie Riley, served as the Chair of the Washington County Commission on Children and Families and she recently retired as a faculty member and Director of Education for the Public Health and Preventive Medicine department at OHSU. Her knowledge of health, children and human services issues will allow her to hit the ground running in Salem. She would be a great asset!

www.katieriley.org

Clackamas

Brent Barton, Senate District 26 (Clackamas, Hood River)



Brent Barton was elected in 2008 to the House. Barton is now running for the open Senate seat for District 26, which serves Sandy, Corbett, Hood River, and communities on the slopes of Mt. Hood. In the House Barton served as vice-chair of the Business & Labor Committee and on the Judiciary Committee. Barton is also a member of the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission and the Willamette River Cleanup Authority. Barton is a lawyer specializing in complex business problems and dispute resolution and he regularly provides free legal services to low-income clients and non-profit organizations.

www.votebrentbarton.com

Cheryl Myers, House District 51 (portions of Clackamas and Multnomah)



Cheryl Meyers is running for the open house seat in District 51 mostly in Clackamas County. As a local small business owner for over two decades, Myers has kept hundreds of local people working, helping them to support their families and strengthen our community. Leading her local School Board, Myers makes sure our children get a great education while she keeps her eye on the bottom line, making sure taxpayer dollars are spent wisely. Myers “loves” social workers and is very enthusiastic about working together to address critical safety net services in Oregon.

www.cherylmyers.org

Sandy Webb, House District 26 (Portions of Clackamas/Washington Co.)



Sandy Webb is challenging incumbent Matt Wingard for the seat in House District 26. Webb is a teacher, attorney, small business owner, and community volunteer. Webb has been counsel to state agencies working in the areas of senior services and child welfare. Her knowledge of issues (many that are important to social workers) would allow her to hit the ground running as a leader in Salem.

www.electsandywebb.com

Hood River

Suzanne VanOrman, House District 52 (Hood River)



Representative Suzanne VanOrman is an incumbent who was elected in 2008. Suzanne was the former Executive Director of the Mid-Columbia Children’s Council. Under her leadership, the Agency grew to offer pre-K, Head Start comprehensive services to 482 families in the greater Columbia Gorge area.

www.votevanorman.com

The Valley, Salem & Eugene

Newberg

Timi Parker, Senate District 13 (Clackamas, Marion, Washington & Yamhill)



Timi Parker is challenging incumbent Larry George for the District 13 Senate seat. Parker is a retired Oregon public school teacher and teacher-librarian, having taught for 25 years in St. Paul, Newberg and West Linn. Parker knows kids and the critical programs we need to ensure they are safe, healthy and getting the great education they deserve. She would be an excellent addition to the Oregon Senate.

www.timiparker.com

Marion County/Salem

Peter Courtney, Senate District 11 (Marion County/Monmouth)



Senate President Peter Courtney is running as the incumbent for the District 11 Senate seat. President Courtney is the most veteran member of the Oregon Legislature having served since 1988. Courtney was a key leader on the landmark legislation to reform mental health coverage known as Mental Health Parity. He is a seasoned lawmaker's whose leadership will be critical through these tough economic times.

www.petercourtney.net

Salem

Claudia Kyle, House District 19 (Salem)



Claudia Kyle is challenging incumbent Kevin Cameron for House District 19 serving Salem. Claudia Kyle has wide-ranging experience as a skilled tradesperson, field supervisor, construction estimator, and project engineer. Kyle would work hard for all of Oregon's families and bring a breath of fresh air to Salem. Her opponent has spent much of his career attacking minimum wage and hour laws that would make it harder for working Oregonians to make ends meet. If elected, Kyle would be only the second openly gay member currently serving in the Oregon legislature, helping to bring greater diversity and leadership for under

represented populations. www.claudiakyle.com

Woodburn

Betty Komp, House District 22 (North Salem, Gervais, Brooks and Woodburn)



Representative Betty Komp was initially elected 2004. She currently serves on the House Education Policy Committee, the Full Ways and Means Committee, and Veterans and Emergency Services Committee. Komp is an educator with a long history of getting results. As the Principle of a struggling middle school, where only 1 in 5 children were reading at grade level, Komp delivered results within her first four years. She improved the school's rating from "low" to "strong" by building a strong coalition of teachers and administrators. Komp knows what it is to work with a very diverse community of students and parents and

bring them together to assure kids get the education they need.

Corvallis/Albany

Dan Rayfield, Senate District 8 (Corvallis and Albany)



Dan Rayfield is running as a challenger in the District 8 senate seat serving Albany and Corvallis. Rayfield is an attorney in Albany and the president of the Linn-Benton Bar Association. Dan is also a member of the Greater Corvallis Rotary and vice president of Majestic Theatre Board. He supports issues of importance to social workers and is committed to ensuring critical safety net services are available for working families and children. And, he is one of the hardest working candidates this cycle and if it's any indication of how he would perform as a legislator he will be a rising star in no time.

www.danrayfield.com

Sara Gelser, House District 16 (Corvallis)



Sara Gelser is an incumbent who was elected in 2006, to the Oregon House of Representatives. As a parent, educator, minister and community organizer, Gelser is very much aware of the challenges vulnerable Oregonians face each day. Fighting for the disadvantaged is one of her top priorities. A long-time ally of NASW and advocate for women, children and families, Gelser has proven her support for the issues of concern to social workers.

www.saragelser.com

Southern Oregon

Senator Alan Bates, Senate District 3 (Ashland and Medford)



Senator Alan Bates is an incumbent who was elected in 2004 to the Senate. Previously he served in the House starting in 2000, where he was a leader in continuing to develop policy for the Oregon Health Plan. He has chaired the Senate Commission on Health Care Access and Affordability as well as serving as a member of the Committee on Natural Resources and Alternative Energy. Dr. Bates currently serves as Co-chair of the Ways & Means Subcommittee on Human Services, and as a member of the Joint Ways & Means Committee and the Senate Health Care & Veterans' Affairs. Bates continues to support and lead on the core issues that affect Social Workers and our community.

www.alanbates.net

Peter Buckley, House District 5 (Southern Oregon, Ashland)



Representative Peter Buckley is an incumbent who was elected in 2004. As a committed advocate for children and the community, Buckley has spent more than 20 years managing and fundraising for non-profit organizations such as Head Start, Boys and Girls Club, and the Pacific Art Center. Buckley currently holds one of the most powerful posts in Salem where he Co-Chairs the Full Ways and Means Committee, the State's top budget committee. Passionate about education, Buckley plans to stabilize Oregon's economy in order to better fund Oregon schools. His experience with non-profit service providers helps him lend a voice to

issues of concern to social workers. www.peterbuckley.org

Coast

Jean Cowan, House District 10 (Lincoln City, Central Coast)



Representative Jean Cowan is an incumbent who was elected in 2006. Cowan believes that public service begins with community service, as she has demonstrated through years of actively working to better her community. A former Lincoln County Commissioner and two-term mayor of Elgin, OR, as well as an Emergency Medical Technician, even a school bus driver, Cowan knows what it means to work for change. She is dedicated to continue work towards positive change for her district.

www.jeancowan.com

Arnie Roblan, District 9 (Coos Bay and portions of Douglas and Lane County)



Representative Arnie Roblan is an incumbent who was elected in 2004. Roblan was Speaker Pro Tempore for the 2009 legislative session as well as chairing the Rules Committee and serving on the Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Communities Committee and the House Education Committee. Prior to his public service Roblan, began a life of helping others through education in 1971—when he moved to Coos Bay and began teaching math at Marshfield High School. In 1989 he was selected to his final post at Marshfield, serving as Principal for fifteen years. His experience with youth, including kids at risk, makes him a valuable, experienced and empathetic member of the legislature.

www.arniefororegon.com