

Voters' Pamphlet

Oregon Special Primary Election November 8, 2011

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

This November you have an important opportunity to select your party's nominee to fill a vacant Congressional seat created by the resignation of former Congressman David Wu. The state is conducting this special primary election for the two major parties to nominate their candidates to be voted on in the special election on January 31, 2012.

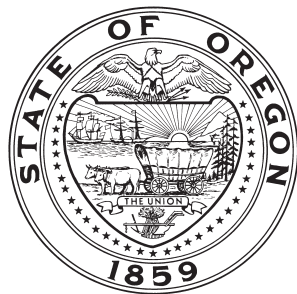
Voters are used to receiving a voters' pamphlet separate from their ballots. Because of the limited scope of this special primary election, I have enclosed your party's candidate statements as an insert with your ballot. Doing so saved significant tax-dollars in postage during a time when Oregon continues to suffer a period of very slow economic activity.

Please take time to read each statement carefully as you consider which candidate to support, and make sure you get your ballot to your county elections office by 8:00 pm on November 8th. Voting is the foundation of our democracy; please make sure your voice is heard.

Sincerely,



Kate Brown
Oregon Secretary of State



This voters' pamphlet is provided for assistance in casting your vote-by-mail ballot.



My Vote!

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

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Your ballot must be received by 8 pm on November 8.

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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

**Did not submit a voters' pamphlet statement.*

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oregonvotes.org

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Representative in Congress, 1st District**Dominic Hammon**

Democrat

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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.)

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

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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.

(This information furnished by Todd Lee Ritter.)