

**City of Oregon City
Mayor**



Rachel Lyles Smith

Occupation: Chief Information Officer, Oregon Dept. of Land Conservation and Development

Occupational Background: Information Technology, Program and Project Management

Educational Background: Portland State University, Public Administration, Master; Florida State University, Geography/ Urban and Regional Planning, Bachelor of Science

Prior Governmental Experience: Current Oregon City Commissioner; Clackamas Coordinating Committee, Metro Policy Advisory Committee, Budget Committee, Urban Renewal Commission

Oregon City needs a mayor who will **provide the respectful representation it deserves**. I have proven myself as a City Commissioner; that I am professional, ethical, consistent, transparent, and balanced in the way I treat people and make decisions. I bring leadership stability and a spirit of collaboration to the City Commission.

I demonstrate a desire to **listen to ALL opinions of the residents and businesses** in Oregon City. I hear multiple perspectives and then find balance in the decisions made. I have 20 years of experience from both the public and private sectors as a project manager who can bring groups together to achieve successful outcomes. Problem-solving is best when we listen to others and work together!

Oregon City is a growing community. It is important that we **make smart decisions** that enable us to **maintain our sense of community and identity** within the Metro region. Our neighborhoods should provide a place for families and friends to safely gather. Our city should provide the recreation, retail, commercial services, and jobs that residents need. I will make decisions in the best interest of Oregon City residents, while upholding relevant laws and policies.

Oregon City needs a mayor who is well informed of current city operations, city challenges and community concerns. I believe we need to tackle our biggest challenges with comprehensive strategies.

Rachel's Priorities:

- Holistic and proactive approach to homelessness and affordable housing
- Improve pedestrian safety and multimodal transportation options
- Support the health of our community via parks, recreation opportunities, and neighborhood connectivity
- Preserve Oregon City's identity via smart growth decision-making
- Encourage economic growth and job creation
- Welcome **all** voices and opinions

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(This information furnished by Rachel Lyles Smith)

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Alex Josephy

Occupation: Not Employed

Occupational Background: Chinese Translator, Server, Cook, Warehouse Worker, Factory Worker

Educational Background: Oregon City High School, Honors Diploma; Linfield College, International Relations/Chinese, B.A.; Peking University (北京大学), Chinese, Postgraduate

Prior Governmental

Experience: National Delegate to the 2016 DNC; Elected Secretary of the Democratic Party of Oregon 2016-2018; Rural Counties Liaison; Rural Caucus, Gun Owners Caucus, & AAPI caucus; Worked on Bernie Sanders' (2016) and Andrew Yang's (2020) presidential campaigns

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No politician will ever tell you that they don't care about issues such as homelessness, job losses, and affordable housing. And yet, all of these issues take ages to solve. Yes, politics is slow. But the real reason is a lack of urgency from our elected officials. No politician is going to dedicate themselves to solve these issues if they aren't living through them.

I'm passionate about solving homelessness because I was homeless before, and I understand firsthand how debilitating it is. I will strongly advocate for small businesses' ability to stay partially open because I experienced the shock of having to leave my job immediately because of COVID-19. And I will push to fix the affordable housing crisis because I have lived with the stress of nearly losing my living situation.

It's absolutely ridiculous that our government has allowed multiple local businesses to fail while major companies are thriving. There are safe ways to partially open up Oregon City such as seating at every other table, vaccinating our teachers and staff before opening schools, and opening up minimal/ noncontact sports for our younger generations.

Our previous mayor took advantage of his power by disregarding the opinions of the City Commission, downplaying the meaning behind the BLM protests, and going against statewide COVID restrictions. But if there is anything to be gained from our previous leadership, it's that he has helped Oregon City become united in our decision that we can do better.

For a United Oregon City, vote Alex Josephy.

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Damon Mabee

Occupation: Substitute Teacher (OCSD); Unarmed Security Professional (Allied Universal)

Occupational Background: Labor Union Field Representative (LIUNA 483); Naval Officer

Educational Background: Portland State University, M.Ed; Oregon State University, B.S.

Prior Governmental Experience: OC City

Commissioner; OC Planning Commissioner; OC Urban Renewal Commissioner and Budget Committee; South Fork Water Board Member and Budget Committee; Tri-City Sewer Budget Committee member, OC Citizen Involvement Committee Chair; SFWB Citizen's Advisory Board member.

About Me:

I have been a lifelong resident of OC and I clearly remember the city of my youth. I loved that city. I love the city we have now, and I want to keep Oregon City as a city we can all love. Over the past decade we have made great strides in ensuring our basic needs are met (water, sewer, roads, Police), but we have not paid proper attention to our quality of living needs. Our parks in particular are in real need of significant maintenance at a time when our neighborhoods are becoming increasingly crowded. One of our standards for annexation is "Livability". But what is Livability? Is it trees and parks, streets kids can play on or around, affordable housing, non-car friendly commuting? We need to define this term if we are to be able to evaluate it. Oregon City is a city of Firsts. I want to help make it a city of BESTS!

My Top 3 Priorities:

Revitalize Citizen Involvement – The recalled Mayor stifled citizen input through intimidation and rule mongering. I will listen and my decisions will be transparent.

Protect and Preserve Parks - Our Parks are in dire need of deferred maintenance, and not all are protected by our charter.

Define Livability – We use it in our rules and goals but what does it mean? It is one of our annexation criteria, but not "objective" enough to be a reason for denial.

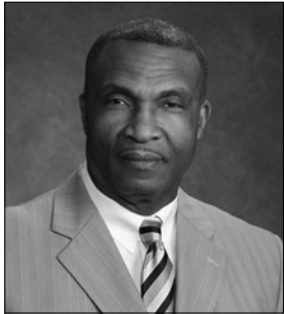
ENDORSED BY:

Doug Neeley, Former Mayor

(This information furnished by Damon Mabee)

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Leslie Wright Jr

Occupation: Retired WA State Guard Sergeant Major, Small Business Owner and Motivational Speaker

Occupational Background: 27 years military service; 6 years US Marine Corps, 6 years US Marine Corps League Commandant, 15 years WA State Guard

Educational Background: Ouachita Parish High School, General, High School Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Bring Common Sense Leadership to Oregon City

- Common Sense Covid-19 Mitigation & Recovery
I will listen to small business owners and all residents of our city. We must act to protect not just our communities physical health, but also mental and financial well-being.

- Common Sense Support of Racial/Economic Equality Movements
I grew up in the "Jim Crow" era South. I understand and have witnessed real racism and oppression. Our country still has a ways to go, but violent protests have no place in America.

- Common Sense Homeless Population Solutions
I will work to bring together all city, county, state and federal resources available to take the homeless off the streets of our city and empower them to improve their living situation.

- Common Sense Law Enforcement
I do not support any calls to defund our police department. They put their lives on the line every day to protect us. When there's trouble, who else are you gonna' call? Ghostbusters?

I bring to the table people and business skills and understanding for all hard-working people at all levels of society. I have helped start over 2,000 small businesses across the country. As a motivational speaker, I communicate the value of discipline, focus, and having the right mindset to help people get what they want out of life, get a good job, and start their own business. I understand the need to have a robust law enforcement department to help maintain public safety. I have more skills ready and well-honed in managing a city's economy.

As your Mayor, I give you my word, I will lead Oregon City to our best days yet.

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(This information furnished by Leslie Wright, Jr.)

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Phil Heppner

Occupation: Sr. Project Manager for Hazardous waste and highly explosive chemicals.

Occupational Background: Little league coach, High School coach, Medical sales Rep.

Educational Background: Portland State University, Sociality, Psychology, B.S. Natural Science

Prior Governmental Experience: None

My Vision for our Oregon City

- Small businesses are key to driving our local economy:
 1. Supporting and Working with the owners of small businesses to assure that our driving force of our local economy is not left behind.
 2. Supporting our small businesses by Marketing and Spotighting different small businesses on the 1st Friday & 3rd Saturday of each month.
- Homeless crisis:
 1. Work with the city council and local outreach programs to develop a direct approach in identifying the people that want help and then find the homeless the correct outreach programs.
 2. Work with the business / community members to develop a strategy to improve the lives of the homeless.
- Bringing our Youth back to the forefront:
 1. I want to work with the school board and our schools to create more ways to increase the graduation rates.
 2. Youth sports / activities. We need to come up with a direct approach to getting our children back to their sports and activities within the COVID-19 guidelines.
- Community Unity:
 1. Oregon City is a small town without the small town feel. I will work to bring back the small town feel.
 2. I will add additional community events. Art walks, 4th of July parade, community biking events & cleanup projects.
- I will not accept any campaign donations. I would rather have any campaign donations go to spending and buying items at our local businesses.

(This information furnished by Phillip J Heppner)

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**SPECIAL ELECTION
March 9, 2021
City of Oregon City**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Mailing your ballot - No More Stamps!!!

It is recommended that you do not mail your ballot after March 2nd. **Postmarks do not count!**

Dropping off your ballot - 24 hour access

You may cast your ballot in a drop box until **8:00 pm on Election Day, March 9, 2021.**

Clackamas County Elections Drive-up Drop Box

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**Sherry Hall
County Clerk**

