



State Legislative Races Candidate Questionnaire

Deadline for submission: 5:00PM PDT, October 4, 2024

The City of Bend has a vibrant business community, comprised of small, medium and large businesses. As a state legislator, you will play a crucial role in supporting and fostering its growth through the policies you adopt in Salem.

To help Chamber members understand your stance on business-related issues and Chamber priorities, we kindly request your responses to the following questions. **Please limit your answers to 250 words per question.**

Completed questionnaires will be posted on the Bend Chamber website in PDF format for both Chamber members and the general public to view.

Bend Chamber Priorities and Policy Principles

Whether reviewing local city and county ordinances or weighing in on legislative proposals in Salem, the Chamber has an active and effective advocacy program.

We are a 501(c6) organization and engage in direct advocacy at all levels of government. Our guiding policy principles, set by the Chamber Board of Directors, include:

- Re-build a state where businesses thrive in our community and ensure sustainable funding sources absent additional impacts on businesses
- Increase the supply of attainable housing, prioritizing workforce housing at 80-120 percent AMI
- Promote economic vitality, workforce development and innovation for a vibrant business community
- Support for transportation and infrastructure projects to alleviate traffic congestion and plan for future growth
- Increase access to affordable, high-quality childcare; and ensure adequate funding for K-12 public education
- Advocate for a thoughtful balance between environmental sustainability and economic health

Please provide your name and answer the questions under each of the categories.

First / Last name*

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Regulatory & Tax Environment

1. How would you streamline bureaucracy and reduce regulatory burdens to make it easier for businesses to operate in Oregon?*

We need to make it easier to start and grow businesses of all sizes here in Oregon because that's how we increase competition, which in-turn creates good-paying jobs, keeps prices affordable, and expands the tax base that allows us to fund critical services like child care and behavioral health treatment. As an attorney for federally recognized Indian Tribes and businesses, my clients frequently encounter unnecessary federal and state regulatory burdens. Eliminating onerous barriers to economic development is possible when we strike a balance between ensuring good corporate behavior, lifting up our small business owners, and protecting working families. The balance is key.

2. What are your thoughts on the state's tax system, is it efficient or does it need to be revisited and modernized?*

First and foremost, Oregonians need to get what they pay for from our government, that means great schools, safe neighborhoods, and affordable, accessible services, like childcare, that make life easier. I'm going to fight to make sure every precious tax dollar is used wisely in Salem. That could include taking a look to make sure our tax system needs to be fair, predictable, and efficient. And we need to ensure that families and businesses can plan ahead, and we are sustainably funding core local and state government services they depend on.

Workforce Housing & Growth

1. What specific policies do you propose to accelerate housing development for growing communities in Central Oregon?*

(1) Increased focus on building the infrastructure we need to support the construction of new homes, like water and sewer lines; (2) streamlining middle housing development and regulation; (3) innovative, sustainable housing development like HB 3318 (Stevens Road), a bipartisan bill that I helped craft and pass; (4) rapid implementation of the most important of the HPAC Policy Recommendations; (5) attracting economic development for good paying jobs to ensure Central Oregonians can afford to live here.

2. What are your transportation and infrastructure funding priorities for the 2025 session?*

It is clear to me that our transportation system is being stretched thin resulting in local communities struggling to keep up with basic maintenance and operations. We have experienced this right here in Central Oregon when ODOT was unable to plow our roads in the winter. Transportation is an issue that is integral to our families and to our local economy. My priority for the 2025 Transportation Package is to ensure that our local jurisdictions have the tools they need to maintain and improve upon our transportation systems, invest in safety and predictability, and ensure geographic equity in how we pay for our system.

Climate Protection Program and Environmental Stewardship

What is your position on the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Climate Protection Program? How would you work with DEQ in your role as a legislator to draft a program that has business input?*

I believe that the government works best when all voices are at the table. As we face new realities as a result of climate change, everyone in our communities must work together to adjust and prepare for the future. I also believe that the all hands on deck response to climate change offers our incredible innovators here in Oregon an opportunity to launch and grow new businesses, and I want to empower them to make our state a global clean energy leader. As State Senator, I will always work with businesses, workers, and stakeholders to ensure that my constituents' input is acted upon in any legislation, including programs aimed at ensuring Oregon is a sustainable, climate-resilient state for generations to come.



