

Christine
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FOR OREGON

CANDIDATE PROSPECTUS



MEET CHRISTINE DRAZAN

Christine Drazan is running for Governor because she wants Oregon to be a place where families and working people can afford to put down roots, find a good-paying job, get a high-quality education, and know they are safe in their neighborhood.

Growing up in Southern Oregon, Christine learned the value of a hard day's work and of family and community.

When the government and extremists crippled the timber industry, her family moved often in search of work and stability. Before graduating from high school and heading off to college, Christine had lived in 15 different homes.

Those experiences taught her how decisions made in Salem can hurt people who just want to build a better life. Christine believes government should focus on clearing the path to opportunity and bettering people's lives – not making things harder.

After graduating from college, Christine began her career in the Oregon Legislature, working on policies to lift up everyday Oregonians. She quickly rose to Chief of Staff to the Speaker of the House. She later worked alongside Oregon's small businesses, advocating for the local employers who support families and communities across the state.

As a mom of three, wife, and active community volunteer, Christine has always believed public service extends beyond elected office. Christine volunteered in her local schools, served on the PTA and participated on the local planning commission and budget committee because she believes strong communities are built by neighbors who step forward when they're needed.

She has spent years supporting parents, advocating for students, and investing in opportunities that help young people succeed.

When Christine was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives, she fought to cut red tape, lower taxes, bring more accountability to state government, strengthen classrooms, and improve public safety. As House Republican Leader, Christine earned a reputation for focusing on commonsense solutions rather than partisan politics. As State Senator, Christine has worked with Republicans, Democrats, and Independents to get results for the people of Oregon.

Today, Christine is running for Governor because she sees too many Oregonians facing the challenges her family faced growing up: Rising costs, economic uncertainty, and a sense that our leaders have lost sight of the people they were elected to serve. Christine will never forget that she is here to improve the lives of Oregonians and be accountable to you.

Christine and her husband Dan live in rural Clackamas County with their sheep, chickens, rescue dog, and ancient cat. Their three children are now young adults chasing their own dreams in Oregon, which drives Christine's relentless commitment to a future where every individual and family has the opportunity to succeed.

ON THE ISSUES

AFFORDABILITY	
DRAZAN	KOTEK
Stopped Tina Kotek's \$15 billion gas tax hike as House Republican Leader and joined volunteers in gathering over 250,000 signatures to get Kotek's \$4.3 billion gas tax hike on the ballot. (HB 2025, HB 3991, BM 120) Led the walkout to successfully stop Kotek's costly cap-and-trade scheme which would raise the price of energy, gas, groceries, and everyday essentials. (SB 1530) Voted against Kotek's \$2 billion Corporate Activity Tax and led the fight to repeal it. (HB 3427, HB 2033) Voted against Kotek's food packaging and paper products bill which created first-in-the-nation regulations that drive up the cost of groceries. (SB 582) Sponsored legislation to ban tolling and require voter approval of new tolling. (HB 3466, HB 3579)	<i>Pushed to raise gas and transportation taxes by over \$15 billion and later forced a \$4.3 billion gas tax voters later rejected. (HB 2025, HB 3991, BM 120)</i> <i>Led the effort to force Kate Brown's costly cap-and-trade scheme. (SB 1530)</i> <i>Raised a \$2 billion Corporate Activity Tax on Oregon businesses and consumers as House Speaker. (HB 3427)</i> <i>Passed a food packaging and paper products bill which created first-in-the-nation regulations that drive up the cost of groceries. (SB 582)</i> <i>Passed and expanded Oregon's Clean Fuels Program, adding \$0.22 per gallon at the pump. (HB 2186, SB 324)</i> <i>Passed legislation establishing greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals, driving up energy and utility costs for consumers and across industries. (HB 3543)</i> <i>Signed an executive order that will drive up utility costs, raise gas prices by \$0.20/gallon, and increase the cost of building homes by adding layers of red tape Oregonians cannot afford. (EO 25-29)</i>

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TAXES & REGULATIONS	
DRAZAN	KOTEK
Sponsored legislation to cut taxes for working families by tripling the standard deduction. (HB 3753) Fought against farm overtime mandates that raised labor costs on agricultural products and resulted in farmers having to cut farm workers' hours. (HB 4002) Sponsored legislation to raise the estate tax threshold from \$1 million to \$7 million and to raise the tax brackets with a 7% flat tax above the new exempt amount. (HB 2301) Sponsored and supported legislation providing relief and lowering property taxes for veterans, veterans with disabilities, and seniors over the age of 65. (HB 3392, HJR 201, SB 500, SB 1541, HB 3712, HB 3755)	<i>Oregon's CNBC business friendliness ranking went from 18th in 2022 to 42nd in 2026.</i> <i>Signed legislation disconnecting Oregon from key federal tax breaks, denying businesses over \$311 million in annual tax relief. (SB 1507)</i> <i>Supported costly and harmful agricultural overtime mandates and opposed subsequent efforts to make the law more workable for family farms. (HB 4002, SB 488, HB 3811)</i> <i>Issued an unconstitutional executive order mandating project labor agreements for state-funded construction projects that would have raised costs on affordable housing projects by 37% and road projects by 10-20%. (EO 24-31)</i> <i>Imposed a new paddle board kayak tax by expanding waterways permit fees. (HB 2982)</i> <i>Under her leadership as Governor and Speaker of the House, business taxes have increased by 77% since 2019, and Oregon now ranks as the fifth worst state for jobs. (OBI, KOIN)</i>

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HOMELESSNESS & PUBLIC SAFETY	
DRAZAN	KOTEK
Opposed Kotek's tent city law barring local communities from addressing public camping and homelessness on their streets and proposed legislation to repeal it so communities could address public camping. (HB 3115, HB 3774) Opposed Oregon's disastrous Measure 110 legislation that legalized dangerous drugs and supported repeal efforts. (SB 755) Worked across the aisle to write and pass legislation to enhance unaccompanied homeless youth services and a host-home grant program. (HB 2544) Sponsored legislation to prohibit government-funded needles and crack pipes within 2,000 feet of a school or childcare center. (SB 1574, HB 3956) Fought to repeal Tina Kotek's catch and release law that has created a revolving door of dangerous criminals in our communities. (HB 2293) Sponsored legislation to make Oregon safer by allowing local law enforcement to work with federal law enforcement to target violent criminals and drug traffickers. (HB 3551)	<i>Sponsored legislation to legalize tent cities and tied the hands of local communities from cleaning up homeless encampments. (HB 3115)</i> <i>Homelessness has increased 35% statewide since Kotek took office, with over 27,000 people experiencing homelessness. In Multnomah County alone, homelessness has increased by 67%. (PSU, KPTV)</i> <i>Supported and passed Measure 110 legislation that legalized dangerous drugs. (SB 755)</i> <i>As Governor and Speaker of the House, Kotek has spent billions in taxpayer dollars on failed "housing first" programs and non-profits that enable addiction.</i> <i>Oregon has become one of the most dangerous states in America with the highest number of sex offenders per capita and lowest number of cops per capita. Kotek unsuccessfully pushed legislation to clear the records of sex offenders. (SB 821, SB 820)</i> <i>Promised to eliminate unsheltered homelessness for veterans, households with children, independent young adults, and seniors aged 65-plus by 2025 and failed on every single category. (KATU)</i>

ON THE ISSUES

EDUCATION	
DRAZAN	KOTEK
Opposed eliminating Oregon's Essential Learning Skills graduation requirements and sponsored legislation to restore them. (SB 744, SB 1572) Proposed legislation to ensure students can read by the third grade, restore safe classrooms for teachers and students, address absenteeism, and restore graduation requirements so students leave K-12 prepared for their futures. (SB 1572) Fought for legislation to get kids back in the classroom during Kate Brown's COVID lockdowns. (HB 3399) Sponsored and passed legislation increasing funding for and improving summer learning programs focused on bettering reading proficiency. (HB 2007) Introduced legislation expanding public school choice and access to high-quality charter schools. (HB 3444) Wrote and passed legislation to notify parents when their child is being bullied in school. (HB 2631) Fought for legislation to defend and protect women's sports, locker rooms, and private spaces. (HB 3740, HB 2037)	<i>Supported legislation to eliminate Oregon's Essential Learning Skills graduation requirements in reading, writing, and math. (SB 744)</i> <i>Blocked legislation to reopen schools and get kids back in the classroom during Kate Brown's COVID lockdowns. (HB 3399)</i> <i>Student achievement has declined under Kotek's leadership with Oregon ranking 50th in fourth-grade reading, 49th in eighth-grade math, and 47th in overall education systems.</i> <i>Oregon has the shortest school year with students receiving one full-year less classroom instruction time than Washington students over the course of their K-12 education.</i> <i>Opted Oregon out of a privately-funded federal education tax credit program for K-12 tuition, tutoring, and other educational expenses. (OPB)</i>

PATHWAY TO VICTORY

1. Benchmark Poll and Focus Groups

Benchmark polling in late June had the race 48% Drazan, 44% Kotek, and 8% undecided/other. Focus groups held in mid-July supplemented and confirmed benchmark polling showing massive independent erosion from the previous Kotek coalition.

2. Portland Metro-Centered Race

Factors outside of our control in 2022 forced the campaign to spend excess time outside of the metro and Willamette Valley area. Between now and Election Day, the campaign will be diligent in focusing Christine's time, staff resources, and paid resources into the metro area to move swing voters 3- 4% to create a winning coalition.

3. Consolidate Gas Tax, Betsy Johnson, and Swing Coalitions

The most important universe in this race for Christine to win is the combination of 2022 Betsy Johnson voters and non-Republican, Gas Tax petition signers who creates the most accurate swing universe we have ever had. We must win this coalition.

4. Head-to-Head Race with Unpopular Incumbent Governor

The biggest difference from four years ago and one of the most important data points in this race is Christine running against an unpopular incumbent Governor instead of an open seat. Tina cannot run away from her failed record on affordability, homelessness, the economy, and education.

5. Targeted and Prolonged Persuasion Campaign

We will execute a comprehensive persuasion campaign through traditional media, digital media, mail, and texts to persuade our swing universe and meet our vote goal.

6. Sophisticated Turnout Operation

Building on lessons learned in 2024, we have brought in the foremost experts responsible for swing-state turnout to maximize the opportunity from the Gas Tax referendum and general Oregon Republican momentum to increase voter turnout from four years ago.

7. Predictable Resources and Funding

In 2022, we raised over 50% of our \$22 million budget in the last 30 days. To succeed in 2026, we will continue to push for earlier resources. To date, we have hit every fundraising goal but must keep pushing aggressively forward to best utilize available resources.



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