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Announcements

Branam Announces Candidacy for Portland City Council



John Branam

John Branam is currently the Director of Development for Portland Public Schools and a candidate for Portland's City Council.

John has assembled a strong base of support, with endorsements from the likes of JoAnn Bowman, Doug Morgan, Cyreena Boston and Tom Kelly. Former City of

Portland mayoral candidate and local business advisor Jake Oken-Berg and write-in candidate for Multnomah sheriff and City of Portland Noise Ordinance officer Paul van Orden serve on John's "brain trust," helping him assemble a wide-reaching platform.

Phil Busse, former managing editor for the Portland Mercury and 2004 City of Portland mayoral candidate, is John's campaign manager.

John grew up in a working class family in Corvallis. His father, a janitor, served two terms on Corvallis' City Council and inspired an early interest in politics and community involvement.

After graduating from Corvallis High and earning the Corvallis' highest award for community leadership, John went east and earned his BA in political science from Washington and Lee University. After college, John served more than two years for the Peace Corps in South Africa and then returned stateside, to Washington, DC, to serve as the Program Director for the Higher Achieve-

ment Program, an award-winning rigorous out-of-school academic enrichment program.

John returned to Oregon in 2001 to attend law school and both has served as chair of his neighborhood association and remains a member of numerous advisory boards here in Portland.

As a bi-racial black man, John is acutely aware of and thoughtful regarding the complexity of race and class issues both locally and nationally. In more than a century, Portland has only elected two black men to city council.

John has assembled his platform around the twin principles of "strong values" and "bold leadership."

He is excited to build on the successes of Portland's City Council in the areas of sustainability and transportation, and plans to bring his experiences with the private sector, innovative non-profits and our public schools to help ensure Portland becomes as well-regarded for our pre-k to post-grad educational system as we are for our parks, neighborhoods, restaurants, public transportation, and ten year plan to end homelessness.

Check out John's website at www.john4PDX.org or stop by his "Political Film Night" on Wednesday, January 9 when John hosts a free screening of Bill Maher's "The Decider," Mississippi Studios, 3939 N. Mississippi Ave, 7:00 pm.

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Editors Note: MCDCC Policy On Political Announcements

It is our policy to publish announcements of Multnomah Democrats who are running for city, county, state and national offices as they are sent to us.

Publishing these announcements does not imply, and should not be construed as endorsement or favoring one candidate over another.

Announcements for political office are treated and published as news of interest to our readers.

We will also publish news of national campaigns, especially regarding local events. These also should be seen as news of interest to Democrats, and not as implied endorsements.



Let's Toast to Ten Good Things About 2007



Medea Benjamin

As we close this year on the low of Congress giving Bush more billions for war, and the assassination of Benazir Bhutto in Pakistan, let's remember some of the year's gains that can revive our spirits for the New Year. Here are just ten.

1. With the exception of the White House, this has been a banner year for environmental consciousness and action. Al Gore and the scientists of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change won the Nobel Peace Prize. Green building and renewable energy have exploded. Congress passed the Green Jobs Act of 2007, authorizing \$125 million for green job training. Over 700 U.S. mayors, representing 25 percent of the U.S. population, have signed a pledge to reduce greenhouse gases by 2012. Illinois became the 26th state to require that some of the state's electricity come from renewable sources and Kansas became the first state to refuse a permit for a new coal-fired power plant for health and environmental reasons. That's progress!

2. On the global environmental scene, the Bush dinosaurs were tackled head on. When the US delegation at the UN climate change conference in Bali tried to sabotage the negotiations, the delegate from tiny Papua New Guinea threw diplomatic niceties to the wind and said that if the U.S. couldn't lead, it should get out of the way. Embarrassed by international and domestic outrage, the U.S. delegation buckled, and the way was cleared for adopting the "Bali road map." Although it is a weak mandate, it lays the groundwork for a stronger climate agreement post-2012 when the first phase of the Kyoto Protocols ends.

3. Imagine living in a waste-free urban society? Well, it's no longer a utopian dream but a well-thought-out plan for India's state of Kerala. The plan to be "waste-free" within five years includes waste prevention, intensive re-use and recycling, composting, replacing unsustainable materials with sustainable ones, training people to produce these materials, and providing funds for setting up sustainably run businesses. The groundbreaking plan, spearheaded by a local grassroots movement, demonstrates how citizen groups can advance pioneering policies to heal the planet.

4. While the war in Iraq rages on, a new war was stopped. The specter of war with Iran loomed large throughout the year, with Washington accusing Iran of killing U.S. soldiers in Iraq and being a nuclear threat. Then in December came the National Intelligence Estimate showing that the Bush administration knew all along that Iran had shelved its nuclear weapons program in 2003. It exposed the Administration claims of an Iranian threat as unjustifiably inflated, and the winds of war were suddenly subdued. Nothing is guaranteed, but a U.S. military attack on Iran is less likely now than it was earlier in the year.

5. This year also brought a decrease in tensions with North Korea. Hostilities flared after North Korea successfully conducted a nuclear test in 2006. But the Bush administration, bogged down in Iraq and pushed by international pressure, agreed to negotiate. Following a series of six-party talks involving North Korea, South Korea, China, Russia, Japan, and the U.S., on March 17, 2007, an historic agreement was reached. North Korea

agreed to shut down its main nuclear facility and submit a list of its nuclear programs in exchange for fuel and normalization talks with the U.S. and Japan. During this age of raw aggression, it is a welcome example of putting diplomacy first.

6. The Iraqi people have little to celebrate, but there was one important victory for the people this year. Remember how the Bush administration and Congress were insisting that the Iraqi Parliament pass a new oil law? Touted as a way to "share oil revenue among all Iraqis", the oil law was really designed to transform the country's currently nationalized oil system to one open to foreign corporate control. But opposition was fierce inside Iraq, especially from the nation's oil worker unions. In a rare sign of independence from Washington and concern for domestic opinion, the Iraqi Parliament withstood intense U.S. pressure and refused to pass the oil law.

7. In early 2007, few Americans had heard of the private security company Blackwater. By year's end, Blackwater had become infamous for the killing of civilians in Iraq. The radical privatization of our military to corporations like Blackwater that are accountable to no one was exposed for all to see. This frightening process is still well under way, with more private contractors in Iraq than soldiers, but at least the issue has now entered the public dialogue. And Blackwater has received such a black eye that it's unlikely to get a new Iraq contract when the present one expires in May.

8. One victory on both the war and environmental fronts came in Australia, where Labor Party's Kevin Rudd beat conservative John Howard to become Prime Minister. Howard was an enthusiastic backer of George Bush's disastrous war on terror, from defending the Guantánamo prison and extraordinary rendition to sending troops to Iraq and Afghanistan. Howard also joined Bush in refusing to ratify the Kyoto Agreement, arguing it would cost Australians jobs. After assuming office on December 3, Kevin Rudd immediately signed the Kyoto agreement and he has promised to remove Australia's combat troops from Iraq by mid-2008.

9. Sometimes a loss is a win. Hugo Chavez had initiated a constitutional referendum that would have, among other changes, scrapped term limits. His immediate acceptance of a razor-thin margin of defeat before all the votes were even counted showed his democratic colors and made it a lot harder for Bush and the corporate media to label him a dictator. Despite the loss, Chavez remains extremely popular, especially among the poor and working class in Venezuela. And throughout Latin America, the historic transformation led by progressive leaders like Chavez continues to blossom.

10. Last but not least, this year saw the resignation of some of Bush's closest allies in government - Donald Rumsfeld resigned as Secretary of Defense, Alberto Gonzalez as Attorney General, and Karl Rove as Deputy Chief of Staff. Best of all, we can give thanks that we only have ONE YEAR left of the criminal, war-mongering, constitution-shredding, rights-violating, torture-sanctioning Bush Administration! It's just GOT to get better than this!

So here's a toast to a green future, diplomacy, and surviving the last throes of the Bush regime. Que viva 2008!

Medea Benjamin (medea@globalexchange.org) is cofounder of Global Exchange (www.globalexchange.org) and CODEPINK: Women for Peace (www.codepinkalert.org).

Carla “KC” Hanson Announces Candidacy for MCDCC Chair

I'm Carla “KC” Hanson, and after a great deal of deliberation, I have decided to run for Chair of the Multnomah Co. Democratic Party.

Multnomah County is on the cusp of doing something great: forging a Democratic sweep in 2008. But in order to do that, those of us that are “on the ground” need to be informed, energized, and engaged.

I see the County Party as a team in which individuals from many backgrounds, from many areas, and of many talents work together to create a dynamic whole. I firmly believe that there is a wealth of untapped energy within our Party and within our County: folks that are willing and anxious to work for progressive change.

I want be part of developing a stronger party structure that will engage *all* these people. A vibrant Party structure will have a significant BLUE influence in the campaigns of 2008, and will maintain its energy *beyond* Nov. 2008.

After all, its not just about electing Democrats, it's also about maintaining democracy.

Susan Silodor To Run for MCDCC Vice Chair

I'm Susan Silodor and I'm running for Vice-Chair of the Multnomah County Democratic Party.

For those of you who don't already know me, I'd like to share some of my background as well as the reasons for my decision to run for this office.

I grew up with parents who were active in the peace movement of the 1950s and sixties, and today, I am so very grateful to my parents for showing me that personal convictions are what make a person whole.

I spent my entire career working with nonprofits. I did everything from program development to fundraising at all levels, management and volunteer management. From all of this, I learned that working with volunteers - bringing people together to build a vibrant entity - was, and is, one of the things I most love to do.

I was elected Chair of the Multnomah County Democrats Health Care Work Group and have since gone on, with the partnership of other members, to form the Health Care Caucus of the Democratic Party of

Oregon. We have followed legislation and worked on behalf of Measure 50 - Healthy Kids. And now, we're forming a steering committee to devise a plan for future health care reform action. I was also recently elected to be an alternate to the State Central Committee.

I'm running for Vice-Chair because I'd like to be part of the rebuilding effort that will occur with the reorganization. I have the skills to help with expanding and enlivening our volunteer base and program, and I'm anxious to reach out to all the constituencies within the county to create a more diverse party.

I'm also very much a believer in working as a team, especially in a grassroots organization where every voice is important. I look forward to working with you all.

Laura Calvo To Run For MCDCC Treasurer

Greetings Fellow Multnomah Democrats, My name is Laura Calvo and I am running for the position of Treasurer of the MCDCC.

As a deeply involved and committed Democrat, I found I needed to seriously consider the further personal commitment of time and work in being your MCDCC Treasurer. Having weighed those factors carefully and realistically, I can assure each and everyone one of you that I will do the best job possible in maintaining your trust and fulfilling the duties required of the Treasurer.

One of the important factors of fulfilling all the duties and responsibilities of Treasurer is the requirement of the Treasurer to be fully involved and engaged in all of the workings of the party from the planning stages, to the implementation, and to the analysis of all of our activities.

A successful Treasurer must be involved to guide, consult, and participate all along the way to insure the legal and timely reporting requirements are met with accuracy. I further believe that the finances of the MCDCC need to be as transparent as possible with full disclosure to any member of the MCDCC.

I am currently in my second term, having been recently re-elected, as Treasurer of the DPO GLBT Caucus. Over the years I have owned and operated several small successful business enterprises. I have experience in event planning for up to 300 people. I am a former paramedic and retired law enforcement officer.

Prospective PCP Bios

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Prospective PCPs are asked to provide a brief biographical description, describe any previous political work or experience with the Democratic Party, and to tell what they hope to accomplish as a PCP. Here are the responses from recent applicants.

John Adams

NW 29th, Portland

SD 17 HD 33 PCT 1013

BIO: I am an Oregon native having grown up in Central Oregon - Tumalo if you know the area. I am a college graduate and a carpenter by trade. I have lived in Portland 8 years.

PRIOR EXP: My previous experience in political work included campaigning to raise the minimum wage in Washington State and tabling for the Green Party.

I WANT TO BE A PCP because I believe in the political process. I see a disconnection between the needs of common everyday people and the priorities of elected representatives. I would like the Democratic Party get back to its progressive, populist roots.

Melissa Hays

SE Milwkie, Portland

SD 21 HD 42 PCT 4049

BIO: Founder and Executive Director, S.E.E.D. Africa (Society for Educational Exchange & Development). Clinic Manager - Brooklyn Community Acupuncture. Live-in Care specialist, Safe Journey.

PRIOR EXP: canvassing, O'bama phone bank

I WANT TO BE A PCP to utilize my energy and enthusiasm to better my community, facilitate others getting involved. Be part of the solution!

Mara Kieval

SW Nebraska St., Portland

SD 18 HD 36 PCT 1230

BIO: I am a 36 year old mother of twin 3 year old boys - also I am a registered nurse and a labor union supporter. I just moved here from Coos Bay.

PRIOR EXP: I was the Secretary of the Coos County Dems for the last year up to my move to Portland in October.

I WANT TO BE A PCP because I want to be a vital and active member of the Partu and help encourage others to do the same.

Brenda Ray Scott

NO. Hamlin Ave., Portland

SD 22 HD 44 PCT 2029

BIO: I am a lifelong Democrat! I live in the heart of North Portland - Kenton - with my husband and young daughter..

I work as a self-employed fundraiser & public relations consultant.

PRIOR EXP: I worked as a volunteer on the 1992 and 1996 Clinton/Gore campaigns.

I WANT TO BE A PCP to help increase participation in my neighborhood and get the best candidate elected to office.

Mult Dems Calendar - check the website, www.multdems.org, for updates

Town Hall with Kate Brown, Diane Rosenbaum & Carolyn Tomei

Jan 9 2008 - 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Diane, Carolyn, and Kate invite you to join them for a Town Hall discussion of State issues. Don't miss this chance to meet with your legislators!

SEIU Local 49 at 3536 SE 26th Ave, one block South of Powell in Portland. Questions? Contact Regan Gray at 503-231-9970

Mult Dems Reorganization Meeting

January 10, 2008 - 6:30pm - approx. 9:00pm

Credentialing starts at 6:30 (elected PCPs are qualified electors), meeting starts at 7:00. No dinner.

An organization meeting will be held during January of 2008 for the purpose of electing officers for an 11-12 month term. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 NE 40th, Portland, 97212

2008 Campaign Finance - ORESTAR Training

January 17, 2008 - 9:00am - 1 pm

This updated Treasurer's training requires/recommends pre-registration through the Secretary of State Elections Division, so they can reserve enough space and mail materials in advance. It is recommended for candidates and treasurers.

Hillsboro Civic Center Auditorium
150 E. Main St. C-117

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Democratic Party of Oregon Super Tuesday Party

February 5 2008 - 6:00pm - 10:00pm

Tiffany Center_1410 SW Morrison St. Portland

Join the DPO in Portland to watch Primary results come in from 23 other states around the country! Beer, wine, hors d.oevres, tickets \$50, RSVP & buy tickets here:

<https://secure.dpo.org/dposupert>

2008 DNC Delegate Selection Plan

The proposed 2008 delegate selection for Oregon Democrats was approved by the DPO's Executive Committee on April 28, 2007. It has been submitted to the Democratic National Committee's Rules and Bylaws Committee for approval.

If you want to be elected as a delegate to the national convention in Denver (Aug. 25-28, 2008), please check back for more information as we get closer to 2008. The filing form will be available March 1, 2008. If you have questions about the delegate selection process, please contact Wayne Kinney, DPO Rules Committee chair, at wayne@dpo.org

Peace March every Sunday meeting at SE Taylor and 35 Street

The weekly peace march, open to all, is led and organized by a 13 year old and has been going strong since January 2007. In Ethan's words:

I am a politically active 13 years old, turning 14 February. I began organizing weekly peace marches protesting the Iraq war and have continued to organize them since January 28th 2007.

We have marched in the sun, in the pouring rain, in the wind and in hail. Nothing will stop the us from telling every one we pass that there are people dying every day. We have had up to 23 people on one march, and at least 300 honks. Cars, fire trucks, buses and police cars have all honked in support.

I have been trying to reach kids, like me, specifically because we need to make our voices heard. We will inherit this country and the planet, along with its rich, and sometimes great, sometimes dreadful, history. We can't let our international credibility be tarnished, dragged in the mud and ripped to shreds.

We need to stand up for our credibility, for our brave men and women in uniform shipped off to a country on the other side of the planet and for the Iraqi people who have been slaughtered in the name of "Democracy" and "Freedom." If you would like to stand up and say "ENOUGH", if you would like to stand up for peace, then show up on Sundays.

We meet at 1:30 behind Sunnyside Environmental School, on 35th and Taylor. The march goes on for about 45 minutes to an hour.

POWER TO THE PEACEFUL!

-Ethan Adelman-Sil

MCDCC Reorganization Meeting Notice

**Thursday, January 10, 2007 -
Hollywood Senior Center**

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Bylaw amendments passed in November include the following:

Article IX, Section 1 B.

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