

PORTLAND CITY COMMISSIONER, SEAT 1

Amanda Fritz

Deep roots in community activism, fresh perspective and good humor are some of the qualities we believe Amanda Fritz can bring to the Portland City Council. "Equity and justice" may be two of her signature campaign buzz words, but some of her more singular qualities may have been earned in her unique 20-year career as a psychiatric nurse and as a mother of three. Fritz is a plainspoken, hard-working woman who cares deeply about this city and has often been a supportive "member of the crowd" in equal rights endeavors. Now, as a Portland city commissioner, Fritz is ready to lead.



PORTLAND CITY COMMISSIONER, SEAT 4:

Randy Leonard

Randy Leonard is the type of in-the-trenches commissioner who may not always be the most visible sexual minorities supporter, but he's been there for the queer community when needed. A from-the-hip fighter for housing equality, neighborhood crime reduction and creative economic development programs, Leonard has earned another term on the council.



MULTNOMAH COUNTY TENT

MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONER, SEAT 1:

Deborah Kafoury

You just can't keep a Kafoury down. Deborah Kafoury brings five years of state legislative experience to her candidacy and believes she can bring creative funding to the county because of her Salem roots. A supporter of same-sex marriage, she says domestic partnerships have opened a can of worms for county residents, and she would like to help educate and shepherd the process as legal kinks are revealed. Kafoury also has plans for a sexual minorities health task force to address health disparities within the queer community.



MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSION, SEAT 3:

Judy Shiprack

A three-term state representative for Southeast Portland, Judy Shiprack, formerly Judy Bauman, directed Link Community Development Corp., an affordable housing nonprofit organization, for a decade and is a former Multnomah County deputy district attorney. Shiprack vows to staunchly defend community and school-based health clinics, which she says are often the pri-



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vate and neutral places where queer and questioning kids can speak with trusted adults. Shiprack's seasoned skills should earn her respect and foster a collaborative atmosphere among the commission.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONER, SEAT 4

Just Out chose not to endorse any candidate in this race.

OREGON STATE TENT

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Greg Macpherson



When House Bill 2007 made its way to the Oregon House floor, it was Rep. Greg Macpherson, D-Lake Oswego, who carried the bill to victory, battling back almost two hours of brutal debate from equal rights opponents. Macpherson's

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TOSSING PEANUTS

A NOD TO NOTABLE ENDORSE-NOTS

BY STEPHEN MARC BEAUDOIN AND JAYMEE R. CUTI

Narrowing down the playing field from a vibrant cast of political performers has been no day at the circus for the *Just Out* editorial board.

While we enthusiastically support our endorsees, there were a few candidates worthy of an honorable mention.

We're tossing a hearty sack of peanuts to **Steve Novick**, candidate for U.S. Senate. He has been a fighter for the environment and public services. As an attorney with the environmental division of the U.S. Justice Department, he served as lead counsel on the notorious Love Canal pollution case of 1995. He opposed Bill Sizemore's Measure 91, which proposed a 20 percent state budget cut to schools, health care and public safety.

Just Out wants to see that same dogged spirit toward issues important to gays and lesbians. While we appreciate Novick's "Two Men, Two Women, What's the Problem?" bumper sticker, we look forward to a fiercer commitment to equal rights.

Oregon attorney general candidate **John Kroger** was one of then-presidential candidate Bill Clinton's first liaisons to the gay community and has, of late, been an outspoken supporter of marriage equality. During his 20-plus-year career as a federal prosecutor, Kroger has stopped kingpin criminals in their tracks and curbed drug trafficking. His commitments to ending Oregon's meth crisis and combating signature fraud are laudable; Kroger is a candidate to watch.

Sho Dozono may have entered late to the Portland mayoral race, but he's long been a friend to the sexual minorities community. From his post as a Portland business leader, Dozono has stepped up several times to lend his financial and organizing sup-

port to quash anti-equality initiatives. Although lacking the passion or political seasonings of his prime opponent, Dozono is a valued member of the Portland community.

Gay community activist and psychotherapist **Ed Garren** deserves some peanuts for his persistent and energetic race to fill seat two on the Portland City Council. He gained popularity when he proposed a Hayden Island development moratorium, which halted the construction of Wal-Mart in 2006. When the moratorium was threatened the next year, he was the principal negotiator in the conflict resolution between the neighborhood association and the Jantzen Beach Super Center.

Garren, who serves on the Environmental Justice Group of the Columbia River Crossing Project, has concerns about diesel emissions and other environmental causes, affordable housing, living wage jobs and the city's disaster preparedness plan.

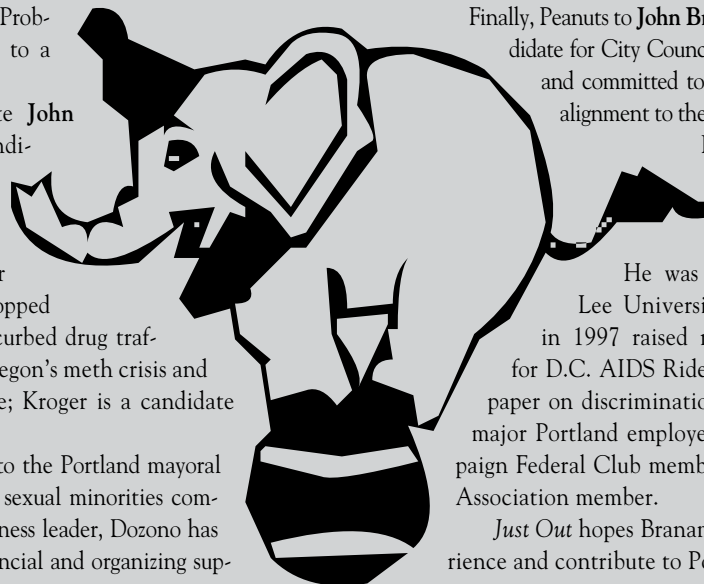
Just Out trusts Garren will continue supporting causes of value to him—clean air and water, social justice and equality.

Finally, Peanuts to **John Branam**, whose day will come. A candidate for City Council seat one, he is campaigning hard and committed to Portland's values—including close alignment to the gay rights movement.

His commitment began in high school, when he phone-banked against the first statewide anti-gay measure.

He was a member of Washington and Lee University's Gay Straight Alliance and in 1997 raised nearly \$2,000 in the Tri-Cities for D.C. AIDS Ride. In law school, Branam wrote a paper on discrimination against transgender people by major Portland employers. He is a Human Rights Campaign Federal Club member and a Portland Area Business Association member.

Just Out hopes Branam will stay the course, gain experience and contribute to Portland in a powerful way.



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