

Candidate Statement - Miles Eshaia

Miles Eshaia for HD 38, We're in it together for Oregon

I am honored to have the opportunity to place my interest in serving my community before you. I have always believed that the best form of government is a diverse one. We have people from many different walks of life representing Oregonians. One thing that I find lacking however is younger representation. For the first time in US history since the Great Depression, the next generation is less prosperous than the last. That older generation makes up most of the legislature and while they claim to understand this new economy, they do so from a distance. As a 27 year old recent Oregon State Graduate, I live with very real student debt and an economy that has made entrance to the work force historically difficult. I understand it well because I live it, my friends live it, and my classmates live it. With respect for the knowledge and wisdom of those who have come before me, someone from a different generation than what makes up the bulk of the legislature may be able to offer a new perspective to what many view as an unapproachable and unresponsive government. We need representation that is truly representative of all of Oregon. We need to send someone to Salem who can view Oregon legislation from the outside in, and not from the inside out.



Additionally, if appointed to the House, I will make it my goal to be the most transparent and responsive member of the legislature. No phone call will go unreturned, no email will go unanswered. I am here to represent you, not myself. While I do have a stance on many issues, some of which are below, my opinions change with new information. I also will commit to having at least two in district coffee-shop talks a month. Twice a month, I will choose a location, one in the Multnomah village and one in Lake Oswego, where I will be available to discuss the issues in Oregon that are most important to you. Maybe you have an idea for a piece of legislation, or you would like to discuss an existing bill. Either way, I will be here to listen to you, the citizen.

I currently work for United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555, in the communication department, where I do everything from IT to graphic design, as well as internal political outreach to our members. I graduated from Oregon State with a double major in Political Science and Psychology. I also attended Uplands Elementary School, Lake Oswego Jr. High School, and graduated from Lake Oswego High School.

I hope I can gather your support at the convention on the 15th, thank you for your consideration for the appointment of HD 38.

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