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The chair of the **Multnomah Neighborhood Association** (<http://swni.org/multnomah>) in Southwest Portland is seeking nomination to represent House District 38, which will be left vacant at the end of this month.

Moses Ross, a self employed political communications consultant, said he has been involved with the Democratic party on

state and county levels
for about 10 years. A
member of the party's

State Central
Committee, Ross also
serves as the president
of the **PTA at**
Maplewood

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Moses Ross, the chair of the Multnomah neighborhood, is seeking nomination to Oregon House District 38.

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Moses Ross*

(<http://www.maplewoodpta.com/>), where his daughter attends fourth grade. He has been chair of the neighborhood association for three years.

Gov. John Kitzhaber on Tuesday named **Rep. Chris Garrett**

(<http://gov.oregonlive.com/legislators/Chris-Garrett/>), D-Lake Oswego, to a seat on the **Oregon Court of Appeals**

(http://www.oregonlive.com/politics/index.ssf/2013/12/oregon_rep_chris_garr

Officials from the Democratic party in Multnomah and Clackamas counties -- the two counties with territory in District 38 -- will select three to five candidates from which commissioners in those counties will choose a new representative. The county commissioners **must choose a replacement for Garrett within 30 days**

(http://www.oregonlive.com/politics/index.ssf/2013/12/replacing_chris_garrett) of his resignation.

"I've been thinking about it for a while, but this situation sort of presented a neat opportunity," he said, referring Garrett's resignation.

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Ross has lived in Southwest Portland for seven years, he said, and in the early 90s lived in Lake Oswego -- two of the major areas included in the district. **Two Lake Oswego attorneys have already put their names in the hat**

(http://www.oregonlive.com/politics/index.ssf/2013/12/two_lake_oswego_lawy for nomination to Garrett's seat.

Ross said he is familiar with the needs of residents in his neighborhood and Lake Oswego but will spend the next couple of weeks formalizing goals.

"The priority I have right now is to become more cognizant of the issues in 38 on the neighborhood level," he said. "There is some homework to do."

-- Melissa Binder



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Good God, this guy is the biggest loser in the Village. I guess that makes him the perfect Democrat candidate. He's been president of the Neighborhood Association (because no one else will take the job due to several tiresome nutcases than haunt every meeting) for two or three years, and he's not "cognizant of the issues in 38 on the neighborhood level?"



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Also. Not sure why the Don Mason filing (see link below, for some reason the link picked up the incorrect photo) didn't ever get mentioned in the "O".

Mason seems like a potentially solid candidate and a potential pick up for the

Republicans. He raised about \$75,000 in his 2012 in his losing race against Chris Harker, but he's since moved to more moderate HD 30 in Washington Co. and will run against Freshman Dem Joe Gallegos



Dan Mason files in House District 30

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In 2012 Republican Dan Mason lost to Democrat Chris Harker in House District 34 (Beaverton) by a 64-36% margin. Harker, was the incumbant in the District that held a 17% Democratic voter registration edge. This week Mason filed a candidate statement ...

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"The priority I have right now is to become more cognizant of the issues in 38 on the neighborhood level," he said. "There is some homework to do."

Shouldn't he have done that *before* announcing he's running for office?

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Sure would be nice to elect a representative who hasn't just lived in the district for seven years but who has decades of experience. I don't know him but his profession speaks volumes - he's a part of the political machine and not "one of us." Sure wish we could get regular folk to step up to the plate.

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Good luck on that "regular folk" idea. "Regular folk" have a better chance with grassroots campaigns in a real elections than in trying to get entrenched elected

officials from two counties to appoint them. Jeff Reardon was a great example of a "regular folk" campaign that managed to push out an entrenched Rep. from the same party and get to the legislature. That's the kind of success we need all over the state - and we need people who aren't tied to living on political lobby donations or other "obligations" when it comes to voting on bills. Follow the money and follow the influence peddling - and then vote AGAINST IT!

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As a neighborhood leader, I appreciate Moses throwing his hat into the ring, but I would rather see a woman jump into the fray than just one more white male...ladies!!!!

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For this position, race and gender are irrelevant. (I'm a light beige female if that matters.)

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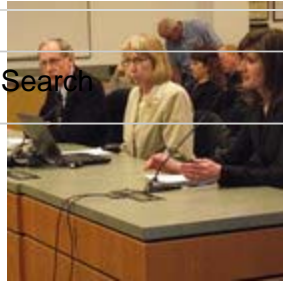
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You all missed it that two women have already expressed interest in getting appointed to the seat: <http://www.oregonlive.com/politics/index.ssf/2013/...>
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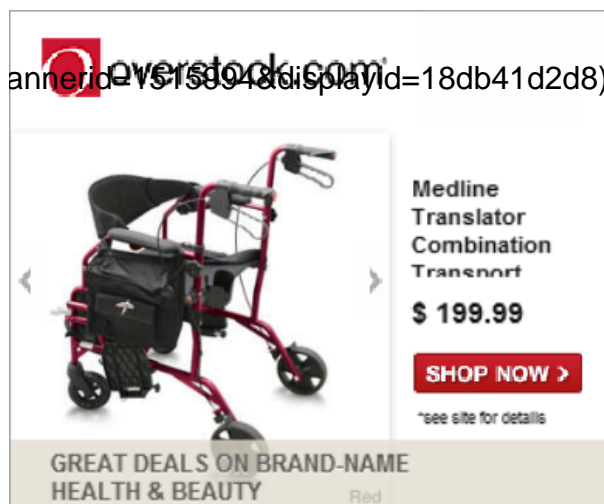
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