



# Margaret Doherty

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## Statement of Candidacy

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My name is Margaret Doherty and I want to serve the people of House District 35.

I've been a resident of Tigard since 1989 and worked in every corner of Washington County for over 12 years. I've watched this area grow from a sleepy, semi-rural county to the center of the high tech economy in our state.

From taking the school bus to Forest Grove in 1962 to pick berries, to helping my father-in-law on his dairy farm in Hillsboro or later watching the opening of the WES, I've seen Washington County develop over four decades. Our county has grown with the times and, we all know, some of that growth has been painful.

I've served on the Tigard Planning Commission for the past two years. I sought the Commission post because I wanted to help impact land use and transportation decisions that are made in the City of Tigard. I've greatly enjoyed the experience to discover new and exciting ideas for our community and its future.

On the Planning Commission, I've gained a new understanding of how land use laws affect our area. I've sat in Metro and TriMet meetings and studied their plans for Washington County for transportation and urban versus rural growth. I've listened to citizens give their input and tell their stories about why a project has merit or why the Planning Commission should consider other alternatives.

When the opportunity came up to seek a replacement for Representative Galizio, I immediately felt I could use my background on the Planning Commission, knowledge of the community and longtime roots in the area to continue to improve the lives of the people in HD 35 and throughout Washington County.

My greatest concern is for the people of HD 35, but I recognize that what happens in Washington County affects all of us. It's essential that we work together across city and legislative boundaries, listen to each other, and find ways to bring our countywide concerns to Salem:

- Keep working for solutions to improve transportation and ease traffic congestion.
- Expand the creation of good jobs in our area and protect our status as Oregon's high tech corridor.
- Make sure our local schools keep getting their fair share of funding.
- Keep pushing for smart land use policies.

I would be honored to serve the people of House District 35 as their next State Representative. If you select me for this post, I make one simple promise: My door will always be open. I will listen, study and work together with you to make the Tigard area and all of Washington County a great place to live.



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## Education

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- > Lewis and Clark College-MAT (Masters of Arts in Teaching)—Political Science 1976
- > Portland State University-B.S.—Speech Communications and Theater 1973
- > Wilson High School—Portland 1968

## Work Experience

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- > Owner—Flowers By Arrangement 2007—present
- > Oregon Education Association—Labor Consultant 1984—2006  
Included 10 years in the Washington County UniServ: representing educators in Gaston, Banks, Forest Grove, Hillsboro, Tigard, Sherwood and Beaverton substitute teachers
- > Speech/English/History Teacher-Milwaukie High School 1974—1984
- > Permanent Substitute Teacher-Beaverton High School 1973—1974
- > Berry Picker, Secretary, Waitress, Camp Counselor, Grocery Checker 1963—1973

## Community Involvement

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- > Tigard Planning Commission
- > Kerr Center—Albertina's Steering Committee Member and volunteer cook
- > Tigard-Tualatin School District Advisory Committee on magnet school programs
- > Peer Court Coordinator at the Tigard Public Library—Supervising community service for Tigard youth
- > Volunteer Reader for SMART program at Beaver Acres Elementary School-Beaverton
- > Elected Precinct Committee Chair—Precinct 408—Washington County Democratic Party
- > Tigard Area Chamber of Commerce Member

## LARRY GALIZIO

Resigning my legislative seat after 5 years of service was not an easy decision. Nevertheless, once I learned that Margaret Doherty was willing to serve the people of House District 35, I knew that the citizens of our community would continue to have a champion for public education, governmental accountability, and pragmatic governance in Salem.

I have known Margaret as a friend, neighbor, and active member of our community and state for about 6 years. I trust that you will learn of her specific accomplishments, jobs, and background during this process. So rather than repeat her resume here, I will focus on the qualities that I believe make her the best choice to earn this appointment to represent the people of House District 35 and the citizens of Oregon.

Briefly, Margaret Doherty is pragmatic, honest, knowledgeable about the political process in Oregon, and shares the values and vision of the majority of the people of the district.

Having worked with Margaret on both political campaigns and community matters, I have observed someone who consistently approaches issues with a problem-solving focus. She has always demonstrated an ability not only to make quick assessments of what needs to be accomplished, but to focus on practical steps in achieving the desired outcome. Moreover, Margaret is able to work successfully with people with whom she may disagree. Rather than reacting as if disagreement constitutes a personal affront, she focuses on the goal(s) and searches for common ground and enlightened compromise. Such an approach and attitude will undoubtedly pay dividends in Salem.

While Margaret is able to find common ground with those whom she might disagree, she's refreshingly honest and upfront. Margaret's authenticity is evident to anyone who spends even a little bit of time with her. This is an important quality to have in a friend, and one that will earn her the respect of her colleagues and constituents.

In addition, as someone who has been concerned about the well-being of the state of Oregon, and especially the lives of young people in the state, her knowledge and experience as an active citizen will allow her to hit the ground running. Although Margaret has never held elected political office, her experience on the Tigard Planning Commission, volunteering on several political campaigns, and as an engaged member of the community places her in a strong position to accomplish a great deal as a state representative.

Finally, as someone who has lived in Washington County for over two decades, Margaret has a keen sense of the values and sensibilities of the people of our area. She knows the geography of the district, the diversity of its people and industry, and understands that it's the core quality of life issues that are foremost in people's concerns in this region.

In sum, I strongly encourage you to consider Margaret Doherty as your choice to represent the citizens of House District 35. I heartily endorse her candidacy, and am confident that she will be an effective legislator serving our area.

Sincerely,

Larry Galizio



To whom it may concern,

I am a small business owner who has been struggling with the economic stresses of our time. Fortunately, I have been blessed with such a wonderful customer and friend as Margaret Doherty. With the care and helpfulness of people like Ms. Doherty, in using the services I provide and sharing to others by word of mouth, my business has been steadily increasing.

As a strongly involved community figure, who is politically active, Ms. Doherty has my full support. She has shown me that she cares to revive and rebuild the community's economy by keeping business within.

Thank You,



Travis Bauer  
Owner of Postal Connection  
Tigard, Or

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September 15, 2009

Trish Stormont  
10685 SW 85<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to share my experience with Margaret Doherty. For more than a decade, I have had the pleasure of working with Margaret in varied civic endeavors. She is someone I can count on to chip in with a broad range of leadership skills, contribute to whatever endeavor she joins, and to enhance the results with grace and good humor.

In my capacity coordinating volunteers at the Tigard Public Library, I know I can count on Margaret in her position as a volunteer Peer Court Coordinator, supervising teens with mandated hours. I know she will communicate effectively, keep her eye on the goals, and support the teens in success. From 1998 to 2008, I frequently interacted with Margaret in my capacity as the manager of the Tigard Area Farmers' Market. Simply put, she supports community activism and can be counted on to lead when work needs to be done.

I would trust Margaret to represent me in Salem as a House Representative. I believe she is fair, smart, an excellent listener, and a measured decision-maker. Margaret would contribute these skills and more to the hard work of the legislature. If you want a solid public servant, you need look no further than Margaret Doherty.

Respectfully,



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September 9, 2009

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Re: **Support for Margaret Doherty**

Dear Commissioners:

JEREMY T. VERMILYEA

ADMITTED IN:  
OREGON  
WASHINGTON  
ALASKA  
CALIFORNIA

I am writing to express my support for Margaret Doherty's appointment to serve the remainder of Larry Galizio's term as the representative from Oregon House District 35.

I have known Margaret Doherty for the past several years as we have served together on the Tigard Planning Commission. I have enjoyed working with Margaret, despite our occasional differences of opinion, and I believe she will make an excellent representative.

There are two important qualities that any public servant must possess: the ability to ask intelligent questions and the ability to listen. Margaret has demonstrated in her service on the planning commission that she possesses both qualities in abundance. I am not the only person to notice it. Although planning commission work can be obscure, there are citizens who regularly participate, and those with whom I have spoken to about Margaret have also commented on her good work. The word most used to describe her was "dogged" in her determination to get answers to important questions. I think "dogged" is an apt descriptor of how she will be in representing the interests of Tigard and surrounding community.

I wholeheartedly endorse Margaret Doherty for appointment as House District 35 Representative.

Sincerely,

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Thanks to Larry Galizio for all your hard work and effort on behalf of the students and community of the Tigard - Tualatin School District. Larry Galizio has done an excellent job representing his constituents in his House district and I, for one, will surely miss his attention to educational issues and his concern for the funding dilemma at the state level. His ability to get to the basic issues involved was appreciated. He will be a hard act to follow and will be missed!

The bright spot in these changes appears to be that Margaret Doherty has expressed an interest in replacing Representative Galizio. Larry Galizio has endorsed Margaret and I agree with his opinion. I would whole heartedly endorse Margaret for the position. Margaret has extensive experience in education issues. Her commitment to education is evident considering her experience in representing teachers within the Tigard-Tualatin School District, her donation of items to Durham Elementary Schools auction, her volunteer work with the Tigard Library, and her attendance at school functions.

Margaret also has experience in knocking on doors for the various initiatives and candidates for local, state and national office. I know because we've walked and dropped literature together, stumped for candidates together, fought for and against a variety of initiatives together. Margaret isn't easy to keep up with but definitely considers issues dear to her heart worthwhile. The most important issue for her, I believe, is the educational and emotional well being of our children.

Margaret's experience, background, and inclusive attitude would be a great fit for this school district but more importantly for the state representative position. I can think of no one more prepared for the tough economic, social, or educational issues confronting us all.

Alan J. Spencer

President,

Tigard-Tualatin Education Association

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