

# Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Candidate Statement

**Important!** Read all instructions before completing this form.

Please note that each county produces a separate County Voters' Pamphlet. If the jurisdiction or district is located in more than one county, a separate JCVP-01 form must be filed and the filing fee paid to each county where the Candidate Statement is to be printed.

## 1. Filing Information

Election Date: May 2025  Amended Statement

Name of Candidate (as it should appear on the ballot):  
Blake Petersen

Filing for the Office of: Gresham-Barlow School Board  
District/Position: Position 5, Zone 4

"This information furnished by" (Required: Name of Candidate or Committee as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):  
Blake Petersen

## 2. Contact Information:

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**Warning:** Any person who supplies information in the Required Information portion of a Voters' Pamphlet statement, knowing it to be false, is subject upon conviction of a Class C felony; to imprisonment for up to five years or to a fine of \$125,000; or both. ORS 260.715 (1); 260.993; 181.605; and 161.625.

*Note: Language which violates any provision of ORS 251.415 will be excluded from the Voters' Pamphlet.*

By signing this document, I hereby state:

- That all information provided by me on this form and in this 'Candidate Statement' is true to the best of my knowledge;
- That I am the author of this 'Candidate Statement' (ORS 251.415);
- That I have read and understand the instructions for submitting this 'Candidate Statement'; and
- That the portrait, if provided, is less than four (4) years old.



\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Candidate

3/24/25

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Date Signed

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(If applicable) Printed name of Agent

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Phone number

### For Office Use Only:

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method: \_\_\_\_\_

Ref. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$: \_\_\_\_\_

Intake Staff Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Required Info?  Yes  No

Optional Info?  Yes  No

Signed?  Yes  No

Endorsements?  Yes # \_\_\_\_\_  No

Portrait?  Print? # \_\_\_\_\_

Providing digital copy?  Yes  No

Received digital copy?  Yes  No

None

Word Count (325 max): \_\_\_\_\_

Providing digital copy? Yes No

Received digital copy? Yes No

Review Staff Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

## Candidate Statement for Voters' Pamphlet

### 3. Candidate Checklist

Typewritten & Signed JCVP-01

Required Information:

Occupation

Occupational Background

Educational Background

Prior Governmental Experience

Word Count (325 words/numbers MAX)

Fee Provided

(If applicable) JCVP-02 Endorsement Statement #: \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) Optional Information

(Optional) Portrait Photo

### 4. Required Information

Candidate Name: Blake Petersen

Maximum of 325 hand counted typewritten words/numbers for the combined Required and Optional Information sections, excluding the bold headings already printed on this form. All sections of the Required Information must be completed. If there is not relevant information for a required section, the word "None" should be inserted.

**Occupation** (present paid or unpaid employment):

See Attached

**Occupational Background** (any previous paid or unpaid employment):

See Attached

**Educational Background** (relevant school(s) attended):

Name of School	Educational Study - Major/Minor	Diploma/Degree/Certificate
See Attached	See Attached	See Attached

**Prior Governmental Experience** (elected or appointed):

See Attached

### 5. Optional Information

Attach a separate sheet with your Optional Information. **Remember: both your Required and Optional Information count toward the 325 word limit (excluding required information headings).**

Director, Position 5, Zone 4

Blake Petersen

Occupation: Financial Analyst, City of Gresham

Occupational Background: Executive Director, Good News Community Health Center;  
Captain, US Army

Educational Background: Sam Barlow High School; United States Military Academy – West Point

Prior Governmental Experience: Gresham-Barlow School Board, 2017-Present

I am a dad to four students, a proud Gresham-Barlow alumni, a West Point graduate, and experienced non-profit and public servant. It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve the community I love over the past eight years. We have been through a lot together in that time. We built new schools, opportunities, and futures for our kids through the bond. We navigated the trials of the pandemic and forged a more flexible and responsive educational future for our community. More recently, we expanded college and career readiness programs, grew our dual-language immersion programs, and expanded our co- and extra-curricular opportunities including middle school sports programs and our music programs at the elementary level.

As a result of our investment, our kids experienced incredible successes: in classrooms, on fields and courts, and on stages that we built together.

Nevertheless, the road ahead is challenging. We face a difficult budgetary forecast, an increasingly complicated teaching and learning environment, and a stubborn achievement gap that keeps too many of our kids away from their potential. It will take discipline, vision, and leadership to focus on the things that connect our kids to their schools and launch them toward their future. My promise to this community is to maintain the focus, urgency, and integrity that these challenges demand.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you and our kids.

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