

Candidate's Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet

Important! Please read all instructions before completing this form. This form is to be used when filing a 'Candidate's Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet' with your County Elections office. 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 'Candidate's Statement for Voters' Pamphlet' form must be filed and the fee paid to each county where the statement is to be printed.

FILING INFORMATION

Election: Primary 20____ General 20____ Special May 16, 2017
 Original Statement Amended Statement

Name of Candidate (as it will appear on ballot):

Matthew S. O'Connell

Filing for the Office of (what's applicable):

District: Gresham Barlow Position: 3 Zone #: 2

"This Information Furnished by" (required: name of Candidate or Committee as should appear in Voters' Pamphlet):

Matthew S. O'Connell

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Warning: Any person who supplies information in the 'Required' 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 (2); 161.605; 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 Statement is true to the best of my knowledge;
- I am the author of this Statement (ORS 251.415);
- I have read and understand the instructions for submitting this 'Candidate Statement'; and
- The portrait provided, if any, is less than four (4) years old.

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Signature of Candidate or Agent on behalf of Candidate

3/17, 2017
Date signed

N/A

(If applicable) Printed name of Agent

503-680-1314
Phone number

For Office Use only:

County: Multnomah

Cash receipt #: 23454

Check #: 2502 1320

Amount \$ _____

Required Info? Yes No

Signed? Yes No

Optional info? Yes No

Endorsements? Yes # _____ No

Portrait?

Print? # _____

Email?

Copy? Yes No

None

Intake Staff Initials:

Word Count (325 max): 1

Digital copy? Yes No

Review Staff Initials:

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'Required Information'

(Candidate name Matthew S. O'Connell)

TOTAL maximum of 325 hand-counted typewritten words/numbers for 'Required' and 'Optional Information', excluding bolded 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. If attaching a typewritten document with either the 'Required' and/or 'Optional Information' write "See Attached" in the appropriate section of this form.

Occupation (Present paid or unpaid employment):

Portland General Electric, Analyst
Local business owner

Occupational Background (Any previous paid or unpaid employment):

Educator
Finance

Educational Background: (relevant schools attended)

Name of School	Educational study - Major/minor	Diploma/Degree/Certificate
University of Portland	Business	Master of Business Administration ;
American Public University	Accounting	MS Accounting ;
Montana State Northern	Business	Bachelors of Technology Business ;

Prior Governmental Experience (Elected or appointed):

Chair, Gresham Barlow School District Board
Gresham Barlow Web Academy Board Member
Gresham Barlow Budget Committee
Gresham Barlow District Advisory Committee

'Optional Information'

Please attached a separate sheet for your optional information – remember, both your required and optional information count toward the 325 word limit.

Candidate (Matthew S. O'Connell) checklist for 'Candidate's Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet (VP)' information:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Typewritten & signed 'Candidate's Statement' for County VP | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Optional) 'Optional Information' |
| 'Required Information': | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Optional) Portrait |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupation; | <input type="checkbox"/> (If applicable) Endorsement Statement #: _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupational Background; | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee provided |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational Background; | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Word Count (325 words/numbers MAX) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prior Governmental Experience. | |

Four years ago, voters of the Gresham Barlow School District elected me to the Gresham Barlow School Board. Thank you! When I ran I made a pledge to focus on improving education for ALL students entering our schools. During the past four years I have supported many initiatives centered toward this pledge. These initiatives include:

- Implementation of successful behavioral and learning programs
- Increasing high school educational hours
- Working toward enhanced career and technical education (CET)
- Evaluating and extending contracts for Gresham Barlow charter schools
- Passing a bond to create a safe and healthy environment to educate our children

During this period, even with a growing economy, there has been substantial difficulty obtaining necessary funding from the state to fund our schools. Even with the funding challenges, I am excited to report that there have been many great successes. A sample of these successes includes:

- Increased high school graduation rates in all three of our high schools
- Fewer student discipline referrals in our grade schools
- Reading score improvements
- Math score improvements

We have an incredible amount of success to be proud of and yet, so much more to accomplish. During the next four years I will continue to focus on improving education by concentrating on three important areas:

- Creating educational opportunities that support ALL our kids.
- Supporting efforts to properly fund education at mandated levels
- Improving the district's facilities to enhance the educational environment for our kids

I look forward to working toward the goal of making sure EVERY student is prepared for success.

Please vote Matthew O'Connell for school board.