

# 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: 5/19/26  Amended Statement

Name of Candidate (As it should appear on the ballot):  
Ken Ross

Filing for the Office of: Metro Council President

District/Position: Metropolitan Service District – Council President

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

## 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; 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 '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.

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Signature of Candidate or Agent on behalf of Candidate

Date Signed

(If applicable) Printed name of Agent

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County: _____	_____	Optional Info?	Yes	No				Providing digital copy?	Yes	No
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## 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 Forms #: \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) Optional Information

(Optional) Portrait Photo

### 4. Required Information

**Candidate Name:** Ken Ross

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):

**Include in Attached Statement**

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

**Include in Attached Statement**

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

Name of School	Educational Study – Major/Minor	Diploma/Degree/Certificate
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**Prior Governmental Experience** (elected or appointed):

**Include in Attached Statement**

### 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).**

**Occupation:** Code Compliance Officer; Public Safety Agent; Juvenile Counselor

**Occupational Background:** Public safety; municipal government; juvenile justice; labor representation; community advocacy

**Educational Background:** Paralegal coursework; DPSST Certified Instructor; Oregon Inspector Certification (OIC)

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Union officer; public employee; community advisory work

I oppose gas tax increases that punish working families while political insiders protect the status quo. I am running for Metro Council President as an independent candidate because leadership should answer first to the voters, not political succession, special interests, or institutional endorsements.

For more than 35 years, I have served on the front lines of public service, working directly with communities, workers, and youth affected by government decisions. Throughout my career, I have not hesitated to challenge institutional corruption, demand accountability, and stand up for those whose voices are too often ignored.

Our region must also bring economic growth back in ways that protect working families and strengthen local communities. That means encouraging responsible development, supporting good-paying jobs, and pursuing innovative solutions that make our region affordable and livable again.

Metro must pursue creative housing strategies. If Portland Public Schools closes schools, Metro should partner with local governments to repurpose surplus school sites into mixed-income housing for working families, seniors, teachers, and first-time homebuyers while preserving valuable community assets.

This election presents a clear choice: continue along the current path supported by institutional insiders, or choose independent leadership grounded in frontline experience and accountability to the public.

Across our region, residents see promises made but trust strained and workers too often unheard. Restoring confidence in public institutions requires transparency, independent oversight, and leaders willing to challenge the status quo.

My priorities are simple:

- Independent oversight and transparent governance
- Protection for whistleblowers and frontline workers
- Strong public services and institutional stability
- Innovative housing solutions that strengthen working families

Metro's future should be shaped by the people of our region—not by special interests or political insiders. I respectfully ask for your support on May 19, 2026.