

Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Candidate Statement

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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 20, 2025

Amended Statement

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

Virginia La Forte

Filing for the Office of: Portland Public Schools Board of Directors

District/Position: Zone 5

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

Virginia La Forte for School Board

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2. Contact Information:

Phone: 503-206-9580

Email: virginia@virginiaforpps.com

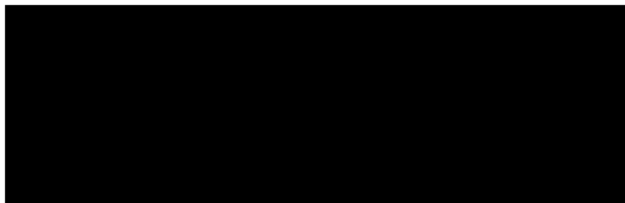
Warning: Any person who supplies information in the Required Information portion of a Voters' Pamphlet statement, knowing it to be false, is subject upon conviction of a Class C felony; to imprisonment for up to five years or to a fine of \$125,000; or both.

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



3/25/25

Date Signed

503-206-9580

Phone number

(If applicable) Printed name of Agent

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: Virginia La Forte

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
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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).**

Occupation: Communications/Marketing Strategist
Occupational Background: Marketing Director
Educational Background: BA, University of Montana
Prior Government Experience: Oregon Department of Education complaint process work group
Community: PPS Environmental Technical Advisory Committee; PPS Bond Stakeholder Advisory Group (2017); Grant Site Council; PIL Foundation Board; PPS Childhood Lead Safety Advocate; Classroom Volunteer

FIGHTING FOR STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS

Dear Voter,

I'm a fighter, builder, and hard worker. Since age 16—starting at McDonald's—I've paid my own way: food, rent, college. My parents struggled financially; thus I bring hustle and perseverance to everything I do.

I'll bring urgency and action to **address chronic absenteeism, improve student achievement, secure better funding, and ensure safe, supportive schools.**

I'll insist on greater financial accountability and rigorous oversight of district spending.

I ask for your support, Virginia

"Virginia shares our mission to ensure all students—especially those whose potential is often overlooked—receive a high-quality, relevant education."

– **Stand for Children**

Virginia's work helped deliver:

- **Health and safety improvements, repairs** in all schools, including removal of lead in paint and water; seismic upgrades, asbestos removal.
- **Bond funding for modernizations:** McDaniel, Lincoln, Benson, Kellogg.
- **More playing fields and improvements at PPS high schools,** including, securing long-term Grant Bowl upgrades.
- **A policy banning school-day cell phone use.**
- **Air quality testing** resulting in \$10M in air quality improvements at Tubman School.
- **Improved state complaint process** for school families.

"I've stood with Virginia fighting for our students. When Virginia's in the room, things get done."

–**Julia Brim-Edwards, County Commissioner, PPS Board**

Empowering Students, Teachers

"Virginia shows up in tangible ways for our students,

always following through!"
-John Eisemann, Jaina Kapranos, PPS Teachers

"Virginia knows us and advocates for us."
-Ella Addy, Maya Lacy, PPS Students

WE SUPPORT VIRGINIA

Stand for Children

For our Children's Future

Willamette Women Democrats

Lisa Reynolds, State Senator

Sharon Meieran, former County Commissioner

Dan Ryan, City Councilor

Current/Former PPS Board Members: Eddie Wang, Patte Sullivan,
Julia Brim-Edwards, Gary Hollands, Amy Kohnstamm, ~~Ram~~ Knowles,
Carol Turner, David Wynde, Bill Scott *Pamela*
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