



Joint County Voters' Pamphlet

Candidate Statement

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

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Candidate Information

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Occupation (Present Employment)

Lawyer

Occupational Background (Previous Employment)

Small Business and Non-Profit Attorney

Educational Background (Schools Attended)

Oregon State University, B.S., M.S.; University of Oregon School of Law, J.D.

Prior Governmental Experience (elected or appointed)

Policy Counsel (Portland City Council); State Counsel, Constituent Service Director (U.S. Senate)

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Policy Expert. Lawyer. Scientist. Nerd. Fixer.

Enough with performative politics and partisan posturing.

When City Council members spend their energy fighting rather than collaborating, public services suffer and community trust erodes. I'm running for City Council to engage constructively, make sound decisions, and deliver practical results.

I have spent my career inside complex institutions – public and private – fixing broken systems. People matter more than politics, and local government should be dependable, accountable, and focused on ordinary residents.

To demonstrate how a functional, collaborative City Council can improve daily life, I will champion three core governance priorities:

- **Fix Council Governance:** Establish clear Council meeting guidelines through a structured "Session Zero" work session, limit caucuses and organize them around policy expertise rather than ideology, and establish independent legal and budget offices to ensure balanced oversight.
- **Realign Budget Systems:** Modernize our convoluted budget process into a transparent, unified system with regular monthly review sessions, replacing unexpected fiscal adjustments with steady, predictable discipline.
- **Enforce Contract Accountability:** Audit city contracts to eliminate waste, establish clear guidelines for when to perform work in-house, and empower frontline service providers with the operational flexibility needed to tackle housing and public safety.

We can restore household affordability by expanding public utility options and revitalizing downtown through small business incentives.

Good government is not about speaking the loudest; it is about quiet competence, fiscal responsibility, and public service. I don't claim to have all the answers, but I have the knowledge and experience to make City Hall effective.

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Abolish ICE.

Defend BIPOC, queer, and trans folks.

Living wages over minimum wages.

Tax billionaires to hell and back.

Cultivate businesses that invest in Portland, not extract from us.

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Joel Corcoran

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