



Joint County Voters' Pamphlet

Candidate Statement

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Candidate Information

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Occupation (Present Employment)

Chef

Occupational Background (Previous Employment)

Restaurant Industry (20 years)

Educational Background (Schools Attended)

B.S. Biochemistry (Western Washington University)

Prior Governmental Experience (elected or appointed)

None

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I'm a chef by trade and a biochemist by education. One taught me to ask better questions, analyze data, and avoid jumping to conclusions, while the other taught me how to work with others to solve problems. It takes communication, cooperation, and collaboration. I look forward to bringing those skills together in City Hall, making evidence-based decisions, measuring results, and being transparent with the community.

My wife and I chose Portland nearly two years ago in search of new opportunities but found something more, a community we love and a city we are proud to call home. It is a place that welcomes all where anyone can safely live their truth. That is what makes this city so special and I will work to protect that freedom.

People who work in Portland should be able to afford to live in Portland. We need to continue expanding housing options, eliminate unnecessary barriers, and support affordable housing so our neighborhoods remain places where people can build a future.

We must confront homelessness with compassion and dignity while being honest about what is and isn't working. We must recognize that people experiencing homelessness are a part of our community and are worthy of respect and kindness. Portland needs to expand its mental health and addiction services, support the street response team, and search for avenues towards permanent housing.

I know first hand how much hard work it takes to make a small business break even, let alone flourish. From restaurants and bars to boutiques, artists and makers; these businesses define our city. Local government should be a partner, not an obstacle.

Look, when the dishwasher breaks, the order is late, and your best server is out with the flu, you still need to serve the people. I'm Larry Kelly and I will serve the people of District 3. Let Larry Cook!

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