



Joint County Voters' Pamphlet

Candidate Statement

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Candidate Information

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Occupation (Present Employment)

TriMet Hydro Technician

Occupational Background (Previous Employment)

Journalist

Educational Background (Schools Attended)

Troy University, B.S. Political Science

Prior Governmental Experience (elected or appointed)

Bay County (Fla.) Community Health Task Force, Broward County (Fla.) Democratic Party Precinct Committeeman, PBOT Transportation Ambassador

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Portland Is Ready for a Comeback

My ask is simple: **your vote**.

Your **vote** if you believe Portland can once again be a city that works — a city with clean, safe streets, thriving neighborhoods, reliable transportation, affordable housing and an economy that creates opportunity.

Your **vote** if you believe we should recruit companies that will bring good jobs to Portland, expand our workforce and invest in the people who already call this city home.

Your **vote** if you believe affordable housing requires more than promises and homelessness demands both compassion and accountability.

I believe Portland is poised for a renaissance. But a renaissance doesn't happen by itself. It takes leadership willing to bring government, labor, business and the community to the same table — and then insist on results.

A vote for John McDonald is a vote to get Portland moving again.

John's Commitments to Portland:

Keep the Trail Blazers in Portland — and modernize the Moda Center.

Ensure the Interstate Bridge Replacement Project stays on track.

Repair our streets and clean up our transit system.

Examine department budgets, inspect facilities and root out waste, fraud and abuse.

Change how Portland confronts homelessness. Limit new contracts and demand accountability from current providers.

Why John?

John McDonald knows Portland from the street level up.

He is an award-winning journalist and published author. He has operated light-rail vehicles, managed national park bus fleets and is a proud member of ATU Local 757.

He understands the people who keep a city running because he is one of them.

Portland can come back. Portland can work again. And District 4 can help lead the way.

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