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Candidate Information

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Occupational Background (Previous Employment)

Founder, Lower Boom; Founder, Clarosophy; Adjunct professor WSU and PNCA

Educational Background (Schools Attended)

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Prior Governmental Experience (elected or appointed)

None

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Portland has long been all process and no vision, all consensus and no conviction, and our downtown has paid the price for that. Downtown Portland is not just a problem to be solved. It is, in fact, a resource we should develop. Our solutions should reconnect Portland's stranded physical, electrical and human capacity. I don't think another checklist of priorities will do that. So I instead created two actionable initiatives.

Starting in 2028, downtown Portland buildings must begin complying with Oregon's new Building Performance Standard. And the Northwest needs far more electrical capacity than it currently has. My first initiative, The Grid-Connected Core, solves for both.

Behind the locked doors of downtown Portland are empty buildings with already built grid connections and idle electrical capacity. New high-capacity connections can take years to build. Downtown's are already there. The Grid-Connected Core partners with building owners to put those buildings back to work as regional energy infrastructure. Done one building at a time, it's a compliance cost. Done together, it's energy infrastructure, years of work for Portland's trades, and a transformation that brings new employers and activity downtown.

Portland also has enormous human capacity that we can use to augment, not replace, our existing social programs. My second initiative, ReBoot, connects volunteers and professionals to help people navigate existing services, and makes sure referrals actually lead to the help they need.

These initiatives begin downtown, but what they share is a rejection of binary thinking, and a willingness to examine and discard inherited frameworks. I live downtown now. I see the buildings, the people, every day. We need to look at our city differently, so that we can see it differently. District 4 needs to have a vision that it pursues with conviction. These initiatives are where we start.

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