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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Registration required at <https://www.afscmelocal88.org/>

**Local 88 Executive Board Meeting**  
Wednesday, June 1, at 6:15p.m.

**Local 88 General Membership Meeting Webinar**  
Wednesday, May 18, at 6:15 p.m.

# ELECTIONS 2022 EDITION

*Introducing candidates endorsed by AFSCME Council 75*

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AFSCME Local 88 had an extensive endorsement process where we conducted questionnaires, PAC interviews, and hosted a virtual town hall for employees with candidates. We are proud to endorse the following candidates for our upcoming election. We welcome you to join us in solidarity for the following AFSCME Local 88 endorsed Multnomah County candidates.

## Jessica Vega Pederson for Multnomah County Chair

*"AFSCME Local 88 is proud to join more than 100 labor unions, activist organizations, elected officials and business and community leaders in endorsing Jessica Vega Pederson as our next Multnomah County Chair. We need a leader who can bring together stakeholders from all walks of life to craft meaningful policy that improves the lives of working families. Jessica did just that when she fought for paid sick leave and a higher minimum wage and in passing Preschool for All, insisting on labor neutrality requirements for behavioral health contractors. We believe in Jessica's ability to fight for a fairer economic playing field and build upon the strengths of one of the County's greatest assets: its employees."*



A mom, commissioner and former state representative, **Jessica Vega Pederson** has the experience and values we need to move Multnomah County forward and create a brighter future where we can all thrive.

Jessica was elected to the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners in 2016 where she put her progressive values into action. As commissioner for district 3 (East Portland), she led the effort to pass Pre-School for All, giving every child the opportunity to have access to high-quality early learning experiences. Jessica also helped to pass a 100% Clean Energy Resolution that protects our climate by getting coal out of our energy mix while creating jobs and providing cleaner air for families. And Jessica has overseen critical infrastructure projects in Multnomah County, including the \$324.5 million investment in the county's new courthouse.

Jessica first made history in 2012 as the first Latina elected to the Oregon State House, going on to serve as the Deputy Majority Whip. During her time in Salem, Jessica championed Paid Sick Time for All, increased critical investments to support Oregon public schools, and safeguarded women's reproductive healthcare, including a first in the country law that allowed pharmacists to prescribe birth control.

Jessica was raised in a Mexican American family who taught her the importance of standing

up for herself and those around her. That's why she's dedicated her life and career to improving her community. Prior to public service, Jessica graduated from Loyola University of Chicago and worked 14 years in the private sector where she helped startups, small businesses, and Fortune 500 companies grow their business using communication technologies. Married to a small business owner, Jessica understands the obstacles the COVID-19 pandemic created for small businesses, particularly those owned by people of color and she will fight to build a local economy that is stronger than ever.

As we continue to face unprecedented challenges, Jessica will fight for us as County chair and work to make sure all communities have clean air, stable housing, a good education and a chance to thrive.

*"This is not the time to shrink from a challenge. It's time to rise up and re-envision what our communities can and should be, working together to make change."*

Jessica Vega Pederson

## Susheela Jayapal for Multnomah County Commissioner District 2

**Susheela Jayapal** has proudly served as your District 2 Multnomah County Commissioner since January 2019. She was born in India and came to the United States when she was 16, to go to college. A resident of Northeast Portland since 1994, Susheela is a lawyer, whose last legal job was as General Counsel for Adidas America. She also spent two decades as a volunteer community leader/advocate for a number of different community-based organizations. The Commissioner's priorities include homelessness, economic justice, community safety, and climate change — all with a focus on equity and racial justice, and with a vision of a Multnomah County where all people can thrive. In her first term, Commissioner Jayapal has been a fierce advocate

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mental health crisis and the recruitment, training and retaining of the next generation of deputies.

## Jennifer McGuirk for Multnomah County Auditor



Jennifer McGuirk (she/her) is running for her second term as Multnomah County Auditor. She has a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Oregon and an advanced degree in public administration from Portland State University. As Auditor, Jennifer has directed audits of topics including primary care, homeless services, and multiple aspects of the county's COVID-19 response. Under her leadership, every project now incorporates an equity lens, prioritizing racial equity. The office strives to learn from the experiences and wisdom of people who receive services, and from the county's diverse employees. Jennifer is deeply honored to have earned AFSCME Local 88's endorsement.

## Nominations open for Trustee

Do you have financial background or an interest in the financial wellness of your union? **AFSCME Local 88 will be accepting nominations for an internal Trustee vacancy at the General Membership Meeting on May 18, 2022.** If you have questions, please reach out to Matt Davis at [treasurer@afscmelocal88.org](mailto:treasurer@afscmelocal88.org). Self nominations and nominations by members in good standing will be accepted at this meeting. If you plan to nominate someone, please ensure that you have confirmed with them that they will accept the nomination. If this is a contested race, an election will be sent out to all members to your personal email June 1st. **The voting period will take place Wednesday, June 1, through Wednesday, June 7.**

Collins Foundation. Derrick entered corrections because he felt deeply inspired by being able to help people in their worst moments. Derrick and his wife Leslie live in Portland and have one son Trey who recently graduated college.

With a thirty-five year career in corrections Captain Derrick Peterson is honored to be a candidate for Multnomah County Sheriff. His three decades of service to the community represent a blue collar path into leadership. Today, Peterson is regarded locally and nationally as a subject-matter expert and a premier diversity trainer. As the President of the local chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives he has held panels on police reform to help shape community involvement in policing. He also created a series called "Standing Together" focused on supporting BIPOC sworn and unsworn law enforcement personnel as they faced challenges from the murder of George Floyd.

Derrick is seeing hundreds of young people impacted by Portland's other pandemic, gun violence. As the first Black man running for Sheriff he feels an urgency to work with the community to find a path forward for criminal justice reform, gun violence and the multitude of crises impacting our community. He believes reform will only take place if we have a culture shift in leadership and better align the values of law enforcement with the people of Multnomah County. He knows we must restore public trust and a sense of safety for every person we are in service of from the neighborhoods to the schools to the courts.

As Multnomah County Sheriff, Peterson will focus on 21st century policing for community success this includes: increasing programs for female identified adults in custody, correctional reform in order to address our homelessness and



for equitable services for Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color, and immigrants and refugees; has secured funding for outreach, rent assistance, and other critical services for people experiencing houselessness; has advanced community-centered solutions to public safety; and has implemented measures to clean our air and develop climate resilience.

## Derrick Peterson for Multnomah County Sheriff

*"We believe in Derrick Peterson's leadership to be our next Multnomah County Sheriff that will reconcile, heal, and serve our community through working families of AFSCME Local 88 members. He will bring improvements in hiring, retention, and promotion of employees through workforce equity policies. Derrick understands the issues as a Portland native that will create pathways and common spaces toward criminal justice reform, reduce gun violence, to name a few."*

Derrick Peterson grew up in North Portland and is one of 5 children. He attended Central Catholic High School and Portland State University where he received a Bachelor of Science in Administration of Justice. In his free time Derrick serves on the Board of Directors for the Social Sciences Department at Portland Community College and the Board of the Grace