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James Ball Announces Run for Metro Council, District 4

HILLSBORO, Ore. — Today, Veteran and small-business owner James Ball announced that he will run for Metro Council, District 4. District 4 encompasses portions of Northern and Western Washington County, and the communities of: Aloha, Beaverton, Bethany, Cedar Hills, Cedar Mill, Cornelius, Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Raleigh Hills, and West Slope.

"I am running for Metro Council because we need our local elected officials to work for all Oregonians, regardless of their political affiliation. Between the on-going pandemic, homeless crisis, and our aging transportation infrastructure—now, more than ever, we need leaders who can effectively leverage existing taxpayer dollars to build more affordable housing, invest in our local infrastructure, and support small businesses."

Metro is unique, as it governs portions of Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties and deals with a regional housing plan, environmental initiatives, transportation planning and manages the Oregon Zoo and other amenities like Portland'5 Centers for the Arts. As a result, Metro Councils must work constructively with City, County and State Government to make effective policy .

"Unfortunately, little has changed for the West side of the Metro Region in recent years. While the 2018 Affordable Housing Bond is finally getting units built, the vast majority are being built across the river. Washington County cannot afford to subsidize Multnomah County forever. It's time to take a more balanced approach to Metro's governance and invest in all the communities Metro governs."

James is a life-long Oregonian who was born in Portland and grew up in Bend. After graduating from Corban University, he joined the U.S. Army. He was deployed to Afghanistan three times and achieved the rank of Captain before returning to Oregon in 2012. Currently, James is the owner of ProLift Garage Doors of Portland.

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