

Charles Maughan

Charles Maughan has a history of political organizing and activism in Corvallis for the past decade. A co-founder of Our Revolution – Corvallis Allies and a local leader in the Democratic Party, he has also served Corvallis through the nonpartisan positions of City Councilor and Mayor. As Mayor, he has focused on affordable housing and downtown revitalization. If re-elected, his top priorities would be the Corvallis budget, housing, supporting local business, and revitalizing downtown.

Biography

- Current Occupation: Compliance Analyst for Oregon Housing and Community Services, overseeing affordable housing projects throughout Oregon
- Previous Occupations: Community Manager for Cascade Management
- Family/other: Lives in South Corvallis with his wife and their youngest child

Governmental, Organizational, and Leadership Experience

- Corvallis Mayor 2023 – Current
 - Served on the board of Oregon Cascade West Council of Governments
 - Home, Opportunity, Planning and Equity (HOPE) advisory board, a joint City/County advisory board to address homelessness.
- Corvallis City Councilor 2019 – 2022
- Delegate for the Democratic Party of Oregon Central Committee 2017 - 2023
- Vice Chair for the Benton County Democrats 2018 – 2021
- Co-Founder of Our Revolution – Corvallis Allies (ORCA), a local chapter of the national organization founded by Bernie Sanders, 2016 – Current

Priority	Proposed Actions
Close the budget gap. Find a way to continue to pay for the services the City provides well into the future.	• Improve effectiveness and efficiency of delivering government services • Maintain, replace, and expand the city's revenue streams • Support a proposed ballot measure for a graduated city income or payroll tax to address the deficit • Work with legislators to secure federal funding (transportation infrastructure, backup 911 center)
Affordable housing	• Continue to streamline city-partnered housing initiatives to ensure diverse and affordable options for everyone • Work with affordable housing developers to set aside units with lower rents to help our most vulnerable population • Work with the County to provide services for supportive and transitional housing (e.g., the two buildings purchased by the City being renovated for transitional and supportive housing, which will be operated by Benton County)
Re-Vitalizing downtown	• Support local business and foster an environment where entrepreneurs can succeed • Implement the recommendations of the Downtown Vitality Strategy Task Force, which he launched as Mayor

Andrew Struthers

Andrew Struthers has been in Corvallis since 2006 and has ties to Oregon State University, both as an alumnus and as an employee since 2012. He regularly serves the community, evidenced by his roles as a City Councilor (even serving as vice-president), member of the Benton County Planning and the Corvallis Budget Commissions, and chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Charter Review and Advisory Board Restructuring. He has a history of union involvement, serving on the Board of Directors of his local union (SEIU). If elected, his top mayoral priorities would be affordability, housing, and economic development.

Biography

- Moved from Albany to Corvallis in 2006 to attend OSU
- Education: BS degrees in Finance and Business Information Systems
- Current Occupation: Information Technology (IT) consultant in the Student Affairs IT Department at OSU
- Family/other: Lives in Corvallis with his spouse and two children, coaches youth softball

Governmental, Organizational, and Leadership Experience

- Chair of Corvallis Ad-Hoc Committee on Charter Review and Advisory Board Restructuring
- Benton County Planning Commission (2023-Present)
- Corvallis City Councilor (2019-2022)
 - Vice-President (2021-2022)
- Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (2021-Present, Chair 2022)
- Corvallis Legislative Committee (2021-2022)
- League of Oregon Cities Policy Committees (2020-2022)
- Corvallis Budget Commission (2016-2018)
- Member of SEIU 503's Board of Directors, representing higher education workers at all seven public universities in Oregon (2024 - Present)
- Previously served as SEIU steward, sub-local president, and a delegate to SEIU 503's biennial general council.

Priority	Proposed Actions
Affordability	• Ensure City fees and taxes do not overburden workers and residents • Increase our economic growth, by supporting new and current businesses, to provide more opportunities for shopping for families and workers • Increase housing supply to help stabilize the increasing costs and rent
Housing	• Increase housing supply significantly, including projects on a larger scale than what we have seen recently • Review all development fees, system development charges, and policies • Remove barriers to expedite housing • Set clear and objective standards for housing projects
Economic development and business growth	• The City should annex its own airport industrial complex, allowing for new taxes and businesses to come into the City. • Take steps to have land that is "shovel-ready" for projects • With OSU being awarded \$160 million for semiconductor research and development, work to attract resulting new firms and business to Corvallis • Work with the League of Oregon Cities and the National League of Cities to ensure lobbying efforts are targeted and productive

Candidate Comparison: Corvallis Mayor

Note: Kimi Gatherum has qualified for the November ballot. However, as we were unable to contact her, she did not attend the forum or answer the candidate questionnaire. Furthermore, her web presence is limited. Therefore, she is not eligible for endorsement by Indivisible Benton County, and we are not including her in this summary.

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Budget	• " People rely on every service the city provides... I'd rather think of smart, detailed, data-driven solutions where we keep the services we have and preferably expand on those." • Improve effectiveness and efficiency of delivering government services • Maintain, replace, and expand the city's revenue streams • Support a proposed ballot measure for a graduated city income or payroll tax to address the deficit • Continue to work with our state and federal partners to help secure funding	• Consider eliminating positions in the budget that are known not to be filled or may not be filled within a particular budget year or budget cycle • Increase tax base through economic growth • A new employee and income tax could hamper growth and have the opposite effect on the budget than intended. • Look for cuts in services that will not harm the city and our residents • Review the current local option levy paid through property taxes and have conversations within the community about voting whether to raise it
Engagement	• "All City Council Business is done in public • All meetings are open to the public both in person and virtually • Community Comments are welcomed both in person and virtually • It is challenging to keep the community informed when people are not engaged with the city, but we continue to find new ways to inform and involve the community."	• Work to restore trust in our local government • Hold regular Ward meetings and informal meetings with the ayor. • Host a public, informal sit-down every other month at minimum, at a business, city building, school, or other public location • Use a tool called Calendly to allow anyone to schedule a meeting when he is free, based on some criteria • Get feedback from community organizations and advocacy groups on what they feel is important in appointing a new person to an advisory board or committee
Affordability	• Continue to streamline city-partnered housing initiatives to ensure diverse and affordable options for everyone • Work with affordable housing developers to set aside units with lower rents to help our most vulnerable population	• Implement fines to businesses downtown with vacant properties • Support new and current businesses to provide more opportunities for shopping for families and workers • Increase our housing supply to better meet demand, which will help stabilize the increasing costs and rent in Corvallis