

OREGON

Voters in Oregon will elect a Governor this cycle. All 60 House seats will be on the ballot as well as all half (15) of the Senate. The gubernatorial race is expected to be competitive. Republicans have a chance to make gains in the legislature as well.

Governor

Republican Nominee

[Christine Drazan](#)

Christine Drazan previously served in the Oregon state house representing portions of Clackamas County from 2019 to 2022. Republicans elected her as minority leader in her first term as a legislator. She is running for governor with a core message: Democrats can no longer be trusted to be in charge.

Drazan is [critical](#) of her two general election rivals Kotek and Johnson, stating that they have held power for years and could have already solved the state's homelessness crisis but have failed. She [pledges](#) to declare a state of emergency on homelessness on day one to allow the Governor's office to marshal resources and to facilitate and require collaboration from all levels of government to solve the crisis. Drazan has issued a [Roadmap](#) for Oregon to address the issue. In it, she promises to maintain and expand investments in addiction and mental health supports and services, including providing reimbursement rates that protect and expand access and to expand housing provider incentives and pause regulations that drive costs.

She wants to [repeal](#) the state's current cap-and-trade executive order signed by current Governor Kate Brown (D) in 2020. Drazan has committed to placing a moratorium on new regulations and repealing or rolling back existing regulations that she deems unnecessary.

Drazan is also [campaigning](#) on "re-funding" the police and partnering with local governments to ensure that they have the resources they need to hire more police officers and sheriffs deputies. She supports a repeal of Measure 110, a ballot measure approved by voters in November 2020 that reclassified personal/non-commercial drug possession offenses and established a Drug Treatment and Recovery Services Fund.

Pundits and political experts believe Republicans have an opportunity to pull off a heist in Salem: An unpopular Democratic governor, an expected Red Wave, and the potential for a strong independent candidate to split votes all combine to give Republicans a realistic chance to flip Mahonia Hall. The Republican Governors Association (RGA) alone has already [donated](#) over \$1 million to Drazan in hopes of flipping the governorship.

All three major gubernatorial candidates are scheduled to debate October 6.

Trivia: Prior to running for office herself, Drazan served as Chief of Staff to the Republican Speaker of the House.