

OREGON

Governor Tina Kotek is up for re-election this year. All 60 house seats and 15 of the 30 senate seats are also on the ballot. Democrats are expected to maintain control of the state executive offices and legislative chambers.

Governor

Republican Nominee

State Senator Christine Drazan

Oregon State Senator Christine Drazan (R) advanced from the Republican primary with 42% of the vote, setting up a rematch of the 2022 gubernatorial race against Governor Tina Kotek (D). Drazan was first elected to the state House in 2018, left office to run for governor in 2022, and returned to the legislature in 2024. Republicans elected her minority leader during her first term as a representative.

Her [campaign platform](#) centers on **lowering the cost of living and boosting the state's economy**, addressing homelessness and housing affordability, and improving the education system.

On **affordability**, she has pledged to issue a Day One affordability Executive Order directing every executive branch agency to identify rules, regulations, fees, and procedures that materially increase the cost of housing, energy, food, transportation, childcare, health care, or running a business.

She has also promised to invest in **local infrastructure** by establishing a dedicated and recurring site readiness and infrastructure fund of \$200 million to support economic growth, strengthen communities, and improve Oregon's long-term competitiveness.

On **housing**, she supports expanding first-time homebuyer programs, creating a Homes for Heroes program, and fast-tracking permitting.

Drazan and Governor Kotek have committed to three debates in Eugene/Springfield, Medford, and the Portland area, hosted by the Oregon Journalism Project, KOBI, and KOIN, respectively.

Following a crowded primary race, Drazan has just over \$2.7 million cash on hand, trailing Kotek, who has more than \$8.5 million.

The Cook Political Report rates this race as Leans Democratic while the Center for Politics Sabato's Crystal Ball rates it as Likely Democratic.

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