

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.

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Democratic Nominee

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Governor Tina Kotek is running for re-election against her 2022 opponent, Christine Drazan (R). She previously served in the Oregon State House of Representatives from 2007 to 2022, occupying leadership positions as Co-Speaker Pro Tempore in 2011, House Democratic Leader in 2012, and House Speaker from 2013 to 2022.

Among the accomplishments of her first term, Kotek lists addressing rising cost of living, reducing homelessness, improving the state's education system, and protecting Oregon's environment.

On the campaign trail, Kotek has been a vocal opponent of federal policy changes to the **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program** (SNAP). In August, her campaign released its second television ad of her reelection bid, in which she pledged to continue pushing back against the administration on access to programs like SNAP. The ad also spotlighted her background as a public policy advocate for the Oregon Food Bank.

She has also announced her support for **local moratoriums on new data center development** across the state, framing the move as part of her broader push for climate action a clean energy future.

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

Kotek holds a substantial financial advantage, with over \$8.5 million cash on hand, more than three times Drazan's total, after Drazan spent heavily during a crowded Republican primary. Of Kotek's total, \$1.5 million came from the Democratic Governors Association.

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: Kotek's grandparents came from Eastern Europe in the early part of the last century and parents were first-generation Americans.