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**Democrat For
State Representative
District 43, N/NE Portland,
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Chip Shields Announces For District 43 State Representative Seat

- *Shields Endorsed By Cruz, Burkholder, Sten, Bowman, Gardner, Roberts*
- *Focus Is On Economic Recovery And Strong Schools*
- *Campaign Seeks Active Volunteers to Help*

PORTLAND: Chip Shields, executive director and founder of Better People, announced today he is running for the Democratic nomination for State Representative of District 43, the North/Northeast Portland seat being vacated by State Rep. Deborah Kafoury.

Shields, 36, founded Better People five years ago. Better People is a living-wage employment and counseling organization for people who have been in trouble with the law. Because of its job placement successes, Better People was just awarded the The Skanner newspaper's prestigious Drum Major for Justice award at the paper's Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast on January 19.

Shields was also a major backer in the successful effort in 2002 to raise Oregon's minimum wage.

Shields holds a masters degree in social work from Portland State University.

"For seven years I have been working on-the-ground in Northeast Portland on critical issues like living-wage jobs, public safety, affordable housing, access to health care, and ensuring that our schools have the revenue needed to keep class sizes small. I want to take that experience to Salem to fight for fairness and to improve the lives of every resident of District 43," said Shields.

Shields has already been endorsed by an impressive list of community leaders including former Governor Barbara Roberts, County Commissioners Maria Rojo de Steffey and Serena Cruz, Metro Councilor Rex Burkholder, Portland City Commissioner Erik Sten, former State Rep. Jo Ann Bowman, Multnomah ESD member Geri Washington and Oregon Labor Commissioner Dan Gardner.

"Chip's experience in helping 325 people find living-wage jobs through Better People is exactly the kind of hands-on experience needed in Salem to deliver job growth results for the district," said endorser Carl Talton, a Northeast Portland activist, retired businessman and former Portland Development Commission member.

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