

Jerry Samaniego



I was born and raised in Tucson AZ earning a BA from the University of Arizona in 1997. I first moved to Oregon a few months after graduation, landing on the coast for a short time before finding my way to the Eugene/Springfield area. I returned to Arizona after about a year, but have maintained ties to the community ever since, finally returning to stay in 2013 when we settled in the McKenzie River valley near Vida.

I practically grew up outdoors. Much of my childhood was spent hunting, fishing, and camping. My father taught me how important it is to protect our vulnerable ecosystems and preserve our planet for future generations. I took those lessons to heart and have built my life around those principles.

But Dad didn't just teach me to love nature, he also taught me a trade. I'm a second-generation 'solar guy': I've been climbing around on roofs installing solar panels since I was 15 years old. I know what it's like to work hard for a living. I've spent my career in the solar industry and held just about every role from unskilled laborer to skilled technician, to sales and even small business owner. Over the years I have also done advocacy explaining the benefits of solar energy to the general public and policy makers as well.

Coming from a rural community, I will be uniquely positioned to champion legislation on issues like sustainable housing, rural broadband, and of course, addressing climate change in ways that will bring good-paying, 21st century green jobs in fields such as regenerative forestry, sustainable agriculture and renewable energy. This is critical because rural Oregonians live on the front lines of the climate crisis.

I believe that healthcare is a human right. That honest work deserves a living wage. I believe that everyone deserves a place to call home. I believe that women's rights are human rights. And as a hunter and a gun owner, I support the Second Amendment and also believe in *responsible* gun ownership.

When I represent the people of House District 7, you can count on me to show up to work everyday, ready to fight for you with the work ethic of all the folks out there who work hard to make ends meet.

Cedric Hayden



Occupation: Dentist; Surgical hospital staff; wildland firefighter and heavy-equipment construction operator; State Representative

Occupational Background: Dentist; small business owner; rancher

Educational Background: Doctor of Dental Surgery, University of Missouri - Kansas City

Prior Governmental Experience: Medical/Dental contractor - Oregon Department of Human Services

Legislative Committees: Vice-Chair - House Healthcare Committee; Vice-Chair – House Committee on Behavioral Health; Ways & Means Subcommittee on Human Services; Joint Task Force on Access to Quality Affordable Healthcare.

Family: Married to wife Julie, dad of five great kids

As a business owner, Cedric knows keeping Oregon's economy thriving relies on people working in family-wage jobs. As our State Representative, Cedric focused on legislation to help companies grow and hire Oregonians, while standing up against new tax increases and Cap & Trade schemes that will devastate Oregon businesses and drive up the costs of living on everyday expenses like food, home heating, and gas.

Now more than ever during this Covid-19 crisis, ensuring access to affordable healthcare is critical. As a dentist, Cedric will work to make sure rural communities have the same access to providers as those in big cities. Cedric supports safely expanding the types of care providers can offer, and incentives for doctors and nurses to practice in rural communities.

Rapidly increasing costs are driving seniors out of their homes and forcing older residents to make tough choices. Cedric supports a constitutional property tax freeze for seniors and is working to bring down the price of prescription drugs.