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## **Tootie Smith takes Clackamas County Chair**

MOLLALA, Ore. – Tootie Smith, former Clackamas County Commissioner, state legislator, and government accountability advocate, won Tuesday night's Clackamas County Chair race against Jim Bernard.

She released the following statement:

"Thank you to the people of Clackamas County for their support and placing their trust in me. They sent a strong message tonight that they want a county government that is accountable to them.

We knew from the outset that this campaign would be an uphill battle. But we put in the work we needed to. We educated voters about the need for new leadership at the county level, and they listened.

But, this election was about the people of Clackamas County. In the coming months and years, we will be confronted with very difficult challenges on the public health and economic front from COVID-19, and I am glad I passed the voters test to tackle those with them. Homelessness, transportation, and affordability are all things we must also come together to solve.

I am looking forward to getting to work for the people of Clackamas County and standing up for our communities."