

**Candidate Filing**  
Major Political Party or Nonpartisan

**SEL 101**  
rev 09/25  
ORS 249.031



Filing Dates		Candidate Filing	Candidate Withdrawal
<b>Primary Election</b> May 19, 2026	First Day to File Last Day to File	By <i>Ariel Mendez</i> September 11, 2025 March 10, 2026*	March 13, 2026
<b>General Election</b> November 3, 2026	First Day to File Last Day to File	June 3, 2026 August 25, 2026*	August 28, 2026

\*An incumbent seeking re-election to the same office must file their declaration of candidacy or nominating petition at least seven days before applicable filing deadline for non-incumbent candidates. Incumbent candidates that were appointed to the position they are seeking election to are subject to the same filing deadline as non-incumbent candidates.

**Filing Information**

This filing is an  Original  Amendment

**Office Information**

Filing for Office of: **Position #5**

District, Position or County: **City of Bend**

Party Affiliation:  Democratic Party  Republican Party  Nonpartisan

Incumbent:  No  Yes      If Incumbent:  Elected\*\*  Appointed

**\*\*If you are an Elected Incumbent, you are subject to an earlier filing deadline!**

**Filing Method**

Fee

Office	Filing Fee	Office	Filing Fee
United States Senator	\$150	Justice of the Peace	n/a
United States Representative	\$100	County Office	\$50
Statewide Offices	\$100	City Office	Set by charter or ordinance
State Senator or Representative	\$25	MSD Executive Officer, MAD Director	\$100
Circuit Court, District Attorney	\$50	MSD Councilor	\$25

Prospective Petition, in lieu of filing fee      Some circulators may be paid  Yes  No

**Candidate Information**

**Name of Candidate**

First	MI	Last
Ariel	T	Méndez

**How you would like your name to appear on the ballot**

Ariel Mendez

**Candidate Residence / Route Address**

Street Address	City	State	Zip	County
[REDACTED]	Bend	OR	[REDACTED]	Deschutes

**Candidate Mailing Address and Contact Information** Only one phone number and an email is required.

Street Address or PO Box	City	State	Zip
PO Box 42307	Portland	OR	97242
Work Phone	Home Phone	Cell Phone	
		(458) 836-5307	

Email Address	Web Site, if applicable
arielforbend@gmail.com	www.arielforbend.com

**Race and Ethnicity** Optional

White Hispanic

**Occupation (present employment)** If not employed, enter "Not Employed".

Instructor, OSU-Cascades

**Occupational Background (previous employment)** If no relevant experience, None or NA must be entered.

Event Planner, Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership, San Rafael, CA  
Program Assistant, Environmental Change and Security Program, Washington, DC

**Educational Background (schools attended)**

Complete name of School	Last Grade completed	Diploma/Degree/Certificate	Course of Study
Stanford University		PhD	Political Science
Johns Hopkins University SAIS		MA	International Relations and International Economics
UC Santa Cruz		BA	Politics

**Educational Background (other)** Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

None

**Prior Governmental Experience (elected or appointed)** If no relevant experience, None or NA must be entered.

City Councilor, City of Bend, 2023 - 2026  
Director, Bend Parks and Recreation District, 2019 - 2023

**Campaign Finance Information** Not applicable to candidates for federal office.

A candidate must file a Statement of Organization not later than three business days of first receiving a contribution or making an expenditure and no later than the deadline for filing a nominating petition, declaration of candidacy, or certificate of nomination, whichever occurs first, unless they meet the criteria for an exemption. To meet the criteria, the candidate must serve as their own treasurer, not have an existing candidate committee, and not expect to spend or receive more than \$1,500 during the entire calendar year (including in-kind contributions and personal funds).

If you have an existing candidate committee you must amend the statement of organization not later than 10 days after a change in information. This includes changes to the election you are active in and the office you are running for.

See the [Campaign Finance Manual](#) for the procedural and legal requirements of establishing and maintaining a candidate committee.

**Residence Address Exemption**

To exempt your residence address from public disclosure, complete form [SEL 180 – Residence Address Exemption Request](#). The request for a Residence Address Exemption MUST include a publicly disclosable mailing address. See the Candidates Manual for further information.

I don't want my residence address to be disclosed. I will be filing a separate [SEL 180 – Residence Address Exemption Request](#).

**Candidate Attestation**

*By signing this document, I hereby state that:*

- I will accept the nomination for the office indicated above;
- I will qualify for said office if elected;
- All information provided by me on this form is true to the best of my knowledge; **and**
- No circulators will be compensated based on the number of signatures obtained by the circulator on a prospective petition

**For Major Political Party Candidates**

- if not nominated, I will not accept the nomination or endorsement of any political party other than the one named
- I have been a member of said political party, subject to the exceptions stated in ORS 249.046, for at least 180 days before the deadline for filing a nominating petition or declaration of candidacy (ORS 249.031). Does not apply to candidates filing for the office of US President.



**Warning**

Supplying false information on this form may result in conviction of a felony with a fine of up to \$125,000 and/or prison for up to 5 years. (ORS 260.715). A person may only file for one lucrative office or not more than one precinct committee person at the same election. Unless the person has withdrawn from the first filing, all filings are invalid. (ORS 249.013 and ORS 249.170)

06/05/2026

Candidate Signature

Date