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BECAUSE MY LOYALTY IS TO PEOPLE,
NOT CORPORATIONS OR PARTIES.

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WHY I'M RUNNING UNAFFILIATED

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WAIT,
I THOUGHT YOU WERE DONE?

A zine about a
congressional candidate
who refuses to disappear.

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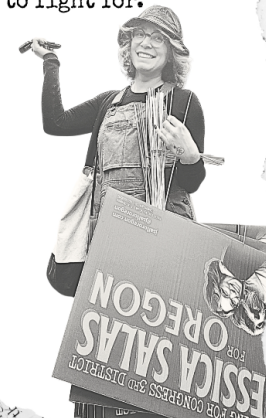


The primary ended.

The problems did not.

Some campaigns keep showing up
because there is still a seat to win.

I'm showing up because
there are still
people to fight for.



I want to show up for people
when there is no ballot to chase.

No seat to secure.

No donor class to impress.

No campaign calendar
telling me when to care.

Because if representation
only appears
when power is on the line,

it was never
really representation.

The primary was in May.
I lost.

Most candidates would
have disappeared by now.
So why am I still here?

I meant what I said.
I said I was doing this for
our communities and
for working people.

You're still here, aren't you?
It's not like our problems
disappeared after Election Day.
Politics isn't seasonal.
So neither am I.



I know where I stand.

I will not wait until people are upset
to question dark money.

I will not wait months
to say there is a genocide in Palestine.

I will not pretend I need permission
to believe what I believe.

If representation means anything,
it has to include moral clarity
before it is politically convenient.



Representation isn't just
someone who looks like you.

It's someone who understands
what happens when rent goes up.

Someone who knows what it's
like to work for a living.

Someone who can't
insulate themselves
from the consequences
of bad policy.

I heard over and over that
people didn't feel seen.

Not just by one politician.

Not just by one party.

By the whole thing.

People disagreed on plenty.

But they agreed on this:

they wanted representation.

Real representation.

Because representation isn't just identity.

It's proximity to consequence.

