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Dr. Maxine Dexter Appointed to Oregon House District 33 Seat

PORTLAND, Ore. – Dr. Maxine Dexter was selected today by Multnomah and Washington County Commissioners to fill the unexpired Oregon House District 33 term of Rep. Mitch Greenlick (D-Portland), who passed away in May.

“I am honored and humbled to be appointed to serve the remainder of Rep. Greenlick's term,” Dexter said. “He was an icon, who served the people of House District 33 with fierce integrity and commitment for 17 years. In the midst of a pandemic, as a frontline physician deeply devoted to protecting the health of my community, I am especially aware of the importance of carrying on Rep. Greenlick's legacy. I will do all I can to serve the people of HD33, and Oregon, with unflinching compassion and courage.”

Dexter has been a pulmonologist and critical care physician at Kaiser Permanente for 12 years and will continue to practice with their Northwest Permanente physician group. She served for six years on the Northwest Permanente Board of Directors, more than two of those years as the first woman to be chair of the board. She is a trustee on the Tualatin Hills Park Foundation, and completed the Emerge Oregon training program in 2019. Her husband Robert is a primary care physician in the Gateway area of Portland, and they are the parents of two teenagers.

Oregon House Majority Leader Barbara Smith Warner (D-Portland) congratulated and welcomed Dexter to the Oregon House of Representatives and the House Democratic Caucus.

“We are excited to welcome Maxine,” Majority Leader Smith Warner said. “During this time especially, her professional experience as a physician on the frontlines of the COVID-19 crisis is a critical addition to the legislature. I know she will bring her passionate advocacy for health care, as well as the environment, working families and education to this new role. We all look forward to working with her in the coming months and years to build a better Oregon for all.”

In a historic first, Dexter's addition to the Oregon House of Representatives means that female legislators will now represent 50 percent of House districts throughout Oregon.

Due to COVID-19 safety precautions, a private swearing-in ceremony will be held on Sunday. Oregon Supreme Court Justice Adrienne Nelson will administer the oath of office. To download a headshot of Rep.-Designate Dexter, [click here](#).

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