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An Oregon native, Nick most recently served as District Director for Congressman Peter DeFazio. He managed the congressman’s three district offices, served as a senior advisor to the congressman, and was Mr. DeFazio’s liaison for public and private stakeholders throughout the 4th Congressional District. Prior positions included senior legislative aide to then-Representative Arnie Roblan during the 2005 and 2007 legislative sessions, campaign manager for Representative Roblan, and deputy finance director for Senator Jeff Merkley’s first United States Senate campaign.

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