Oregon Primary Election
May 20, 2008

Bill Bradbury
Oregon Secretary of State

This Voters' Pamphlet is provided for assistance in casting your vote by mail ballot.
Dear Fellow Oregonian,

No matter what your political affiliation—or lack of affiliation—it’s impossible to deny that this has been one of the most exciting election cycles in decades. On both sides of the aisle, the presidential race has been open (without an incumbent president or vice president running in the primary) for the first time since 1928, and all of the candidates fought hard to make sure the races would be exciting.

Also for the first time in decades, Oregon’s presidential primary really matters this year. Because we wisely chose not to join dozens of states who all rushed to the front of the calendar, Oregon is receiving national attention that we normally could only dream of.

Of course, the excitement this year goes well beyond the presidential races. We have numerous, high profile campaigns happening at every level. It should come as a surprise to no one that Oregon’s voter registration numbers have broken our previous records; new voters—and people who haven’t voted in years—have become engaged in this exciting election. Most thrilling for me is the vast increase that we have seen in Oregon and elsewhere of young people registering to vote.

But registering is only the first step in becoming a politically active Oregonian. In order for your voice to count—in order to have any say in the future of your city, county, state, and country—you need to fill out and mail in your ballot. The ballot must arrive at your county elections office by 8pm on May 20.

If this is the first time you’ve registered to vote—or if you haven’t voted in a while—please take a few minutes to visit www.oregonvotes.org for helpful information on how to successfully submit your ballot. Or, if it’s more convenient, contact us at 1-800-ORE-VOTE.

Voting is simple, easy, and one of the most important things you can do as a citizen of this great country. Your willingness to be an active part of the process is what keeps America great. Thank you for helping build our future.

Best Wishes,

Bill Bradbury
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Candidates

In the primary election, candidates are divided into three sections: Democratic candidates, Republican candidates and nonpartisan candidates. Major political party candidates appear before nonpartisan candidates and every two years the order in which major political party candidates appear is rotated. For 2008, Democratic candidates appear first.

All space is purchased: statements and photographs are submitted by the candidates or their designated agents. The information required by law—pertaining to occupation, occupational background, educational background and prior governmental experience—has been certified as true by each candidate.
Oregon Voter Bill of Rights

You have the right to vote if you are a US citizen, live in Oregon, are 18 years old, and have registered.

You have the right to vote if you are homeless.

You have the right to vote if you have been convicted of a felony but have been released from custody, even if you are on probation or parole.

You have the right to vote even if you have a guardian and even if you need help reading or filling out your ballot.

You have the right to vote or cast your ballot if you are in line by 8 PM on Election Day.

You have the right to know if you are registered to vote.

You have the right to choose whether or not you want to register as a member of a political party.

You have the right to use a signature stamp or other mark but first you have to fill out a form. No one can sign for you.

You have the right to ask for help from elections staff or from a friend or family member. There are some people who cannot help you vote, for example, your boss or a union officer from your job.

You have the right to a secret vote. You do not have to tell anyone how you voted.

You have the right to get a “provisional ballot,” even if you are told you are not registered to vote.

You have the right to get a new ballot if you make a mistake.

You have the right to vote for the person you want. You can write in someone else’s name if you don’t like the choices on your ballot.

You have the right to vote “yes” or “no” on any issue on your ballot.

You have the right to leave some choices blank on your ballot. The choices you do mark will still count.

You have the right to use a voting system for all Federal Elections that makes it equally possible for people with disabilities to vote privately and independently.

You have the right to know if your ballot, including a “provisional ballot,” was accepted for counting.

You have the right to file a complaint if you think your voting rights have been denied.

Call toll free - 1-866-673-8683 to get more information about these and other voting rights.

(Oregon Constitution, Sections 2 and 3; ORS Chapters 137, 246, 247, and 254; Vote By Mail Manual; Help America Vote Act of 2002; OAR 165-001-0090 and 165-007-0030)
Registering to Vote

To vote in Oregon you need to be registered in the county where you reside.

You can register if you can answer yes to these three questions:

- Are you a resident of Oregon?
- Are you a US citizen?
- Are you at least 17 years of age?

  If you are 17 years of age, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.

What are the identification requirements?

1. If you have a current, valid Driver’s License or ID number issued by the State of Oregon Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), you must provide it in Section 4 of the card.

   A suspended Driver’s License is still valid; a revoked Driver’s License is NOT valid.

2. If you do not have a current, valid Driver’s License or ID number issued by the State of Oregon Division of Motor Vehicles, you must affirm this on the card by marking the circle in Section 4 and you must then provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number in Section 4a of the card.

3. If you do not have a Social Security number, you must affirm this on the card by marking the circle in Section 4a of the card.

4. If you do not have a Driver’s License or ID number, or a Social Security Number, and you are registering by mail, you must provide a copy of one of the following:

   - valid photo identification
   - a paycheck stub
   - a utility bill
   - a bank statement
   - a government document
   - proof of eligibility under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) or the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act (VAEH)

If you do not provide valid identification, you will not be eligible to vote for Federal races. You will, however, still be eligible to vote for state and local contests.

Selecting a political party

You may want to select a political party when you register but it is not required.

Major political parties require you to be registered as a member of their party in order to vote for their candidates in the Primary Election.

Updating your voter registration

Once you have registered, you are responsible for keeping your information up to date. You can do this by completing and returning a voter registration card with the new information.

You should update your registration if you do any of the following:

- change your home address
- change your mailing address
- change your name
- change your signature
- want to change or select a political party

You can change your political party or select a new one as long as it is more than 20 days before the Primary Election (by April 29, 2008). Postmarks do not count.

If you notify your county elections office of your change of residence address after April 29, 2008, you must request that a ballot be mailed to you or go to your county elections office to get your ballot.
1 qualifications  If you mark no in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form.

Are you a citizen of the United States of America?  ○yes  ○no
Are you at least 17 years of age?  ○yes  ○no

If you are 17 years of age, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.

2 personal information  *denotes optional information

name  last
first
middle

Oregon residence address (include apt. or space number)  city  zip code

date of birth (month/day/year)  county of residence*

phone number*  email address*

mailing address (required if different than residence address)  city  zip code

3 political party  choose one of the following:

○ Constitution Party  ○Democratic Party  ○Independent Party
○ Libertarian Party  ○Pacific Green Party  ○Republican Party
○ Working Families Party  ○Not a member of a party  ○Other

4 Oregon DMV Driver’s License/ID number  If you fill in this section, do not send a copy of ID.

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valid Oregon DMV Driver’s License/ID number

○ Mark here only if you do not have a valid Oregon DMV Driver’s License/ID and go to step 4a.

4a last four digits of Social Security number  If you fill in this section, do not send a copy of ID.

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last four digits of Social Security number

○ Mark here only if you do not have a valid Oregon DMV Driver’s License/ID or a Social Security number. If you are registering by mail, please include a copy of acceptable identification, listed to the left.

5 signature  I swear or affirm that I am qualified to be an elector and I have told the truth on this registration.

sign here ____________________________ date today ____________

If you sign this card and know it to be false, you can be fined up to $125,000 and/or jailed for up to 5 years.

6 registration updates  If you are previously registered and updating your information, fill out this section.

previous registration name

previous county and state

home address on previous registration  date of birth (month/day/year)

If you have any questions, or if you would like more information on voting in Oregon:

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tty  1 800 735 2900  for the hearing impaired
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Nonpartisan Candidates

Judge of the Supreme Court
  Position 1  Thomas A. Balmer

Judge of the Court of Appeals
  Position 1  David Schuman
  Position 2  Walt Edmonds

Judge of the Oregon Tax Court  Henry C. Breithaupt

Judge of the Circuit Court
  13th District, Position 1  Rodger J. Isaacson

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This is a complete listing of the state candidates for the Primary Election, May 20, 2008, as prepared by the Secretary of State, for the counties covered in this pamphlet. On election day, your ballot may also include measures and candidates from your county and local governments. Important: Each candidate listed does not necessarily have a statement in the voters’ pamphlet. Some candidates do not choose to purchase space.
Candidate statements are printed as submitted

The state does not correct punctuation, grammar, syntax errors or inaccurate information. The only changes made are attempts to correct spelling errors if the word as originally submitted is not in the dictionary.

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A message from Democratic Party of Oregon Chair Meredith Wood Smith:

It’s up to you!

You can make the difference and change the direction of our nation.

Democrats are fighting to end the war in Iraq, grow our economy and fix our health care mess.

In 2008, we must return the White House to the American people.

The Republicans want to continue the Bush Legacy with their nominee for the White House.

With your help we can defeat the Republicans and retain our majorities in Salem and Washington, D.C.

We need you to join our team by becoming a Neighborhood Leader. You can sign up at www.oregondemocrats.org/leaders. If you want to become a Precinct Committee Person or volunteer call us at 503-224-8200

Help us restore America and work with us on:

- **Health Care**: Create affordable, accessible health care that works for everyone.
- **Jobs**: Create family wage jobs and economic fairness.
- **National Security**: Secure our nation by telling the truth to rebuild our credibility at home and abroad, getting us out of debt, and protecting our civil liberties.
- **Education**: Guarantee a brighter future by investing in a highly skilled, educated and well-trained work force.
- **Protecting our Environment**: Invest in sustainable alternatives to oil, and protect our public lands and resources for generations to come.
- **Retirement Security**: Create a system that allows our citizens to retire with dignity and security.
- **Honest Leadership & Open Government**: Restore accountability, honesty and openness at all levels of government.

On behalf of the Democratic Party of Oregon, thank you for taking the time to read this and for voting. We look forward to your joining our Democratic team and begin rebuilding America.

Respectfully,
Meredith Wood Smith, Chair

**Precinct Committee Person Qualifications and Responsibilities:**

1. Be a registered Democrat
2. Represent the precinct you live in or the one adjacent to it
3. Serve a two year term
4. Receive at least three votes
5. Participate in and elect party leadership
6. Volunteer and recruit others

**To get involved, contact us at:**
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www.oregondemocrats.org

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(This information furnished by Democratic Party of Oregon.)
Hillary Clinton
Democrat

**Occupation:** United States Senator, New York (2001-present)


**Educational Background:** Wellesley College, B.A., 1969; Yale Law School, J.D., 1973

**Prior Governmental Experience:** United States Senator, New York (2001-present); First Lady of the United States (1993-2001); Legal Services Corporation (Chair, 1978-1986; Member Board of Directors, 1977-1984); Impeachment Inquiry Staff, Judiciary Committee, United States House of Representatives (Impeachment Inquiry Staff, 1974)

I have a set of plans to reclaim our future for our children; restore our standing in the world; and rebuild the middle class. One of my first official actions will be to draw up a clear, viable plan to bring our troops home starting with the first 60 days of my Administration. My top domestic priority will be to provide quality, affordable health care for every American. I will end discrimination against the sick and ensure that people can keep their health care if they change jobs. To fire up the engines of American innovation and transform our economy from carbon-based to clean and energy efficient, I will redirect billions of dollars of big oil tax subsidies into investments in clean, renewable energy alternatives – wind, solar, hydrogen, ethanol, and other bio-fuels – and create five million “green jobs” in the process. I also have a concrete plan to address the mortgage crisis that’s sweeping our communities: I will enact a moratorium on foreclosures and put into place a freeze on interest rates so that every family has the opportunity to work out a payment schedule that is affordable and allows them to keep their homes. And I’ll take immediate steps to get our economy back on track and prevent us from sliding into a recession. I’ve been a doer and a fighter my whole life, and that’s what I’ll be as president.

(This information furnished by Hillary Clinton for President.)

Barack Obama
Democrat

**Occupation:** My occupation is U.S. Senator.

**Occupational Background:** I’ve been a community organizer, civil rights lawyer, and constitutional law teacher.

**Educational Background:** My educational background is that I graduated from Columbia University and Harvard Law School.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** My prior governmental experience is 8 years as an Illinois state Senator.

I’m running for President because at this defining moment in our nation’s history, we have a chance to forge a new majority so we can solve the problems we’ve been talking about for decades. I’m running to turn the page on the failed politics of the past; a politics that says it’s ok to demonize your political opponents when we should be coming together to solve problems; a politics that accepts lobbyists as part of the system in Washington, instead of recognizing how much they’re part of the problem; and where politicians don’t mean what they say or say what they mean.

As President, I’ll bring Democrats and Republicans together to finally pass universal health care. I’ll stop giving tax breaks to companies that ship our jobs overseas, and put a middle-class tax cut into the pockets of working families, struggling homeowners, and seniors who deserve to retire with dignity and security. I’ll invest in clean energies so we can create the green jobs that are the jobs of the future, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and save this planet for our children. I will make college affordable for anyone who wants to go. And I’ll end this war in Iraq – a war I opposed from the start.

Ever since I walked away from a career on Wall Street to work as a community organizer more than two decades ago, I’ve fought to bring people together, and make a difference in the lives of ordinary Americans. I don’t want to pit Blue States against Red States – I want to lead the United States of America. Let’s reach for what we know is possible.

(This information furnished by Obama for America.)

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David Loera
Democrat

**Occupation:** Retired Mental Health Counselor

**Occupational Background:**
Teacher/Counselor, Woodburn School district, Woodburn Oregon, 1974-1976; Mental Health Counselor, Polk County Mental Health, Independence and Dallas, Oregon, 1976-1989

**Educational Background:**
Nyssa High School Graduated of 1962, Nyssa, Oregon; Associative of Arts Degree, Treasure Valley Community College 1965, Ontario, Oregon; Bachelor of Arts, Behavioral Sciences, Mount Angel, Oregon.

**Prior Governmental Experience:**

(Please provide this information by David Loera.)

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Pavel Goberman
Democrat

**Occupation:** Founder / Provider of physical/mental fitness program “Get Energized!” – book, video and exercise classes for governments, businesses and public: may prevent many illnesses, diseases (including cancers) and slow down the aging process. (503)6-GET-FIT www.getenergized.com/vote.html

**Occupational Background:** Author, Publisher, Producer, Speaker, Inventor, Consultant, Advisor, Trainer, Coach, Manager (had an Award), Supervisor, Social Worker, Counselor, Machinist, Mechanic, Welder, Truck Driver, Logger, Firefighter and Beekeeper. I’m a Problem Solver.

**Educational Background:** Have 27 years of education, BA + Degree (Moscow, Russia). Attended a few universities and colleges in the USA. Linguist.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** 2006 Candidate for US Representative, 2004 Candidate for US Senator. 2002 Candidate for Commissioner of BOLI. Tank Army. I’m honest, incorruptible, with faith and high moral principles. Do not accept any “contributions”.

Our political and judicial systems are rotten. Stop bribery, corruption and political prostitution. Smith has no faith/integrity, ignores, violates, doesn’t support and criminal contempts the Constitution and Code of Ethics for Government Employees.

Defend nation from a weapons of mass destruction. In two months win Iraq’s war, bring troops home.

**Employment:** I have a plan to create jobs and childcare on workplaces before/after work. No NAFTA.

**Control Health Care Costs:** make health insurance affordable for citizens. Cut cost of drugs.

**Cut Income and Property Taxes.**

**Promise to improve traffic, environment/pollution.**

**Crimes:** Harder punishment.

**Elect US Judges, not appoint.**

**Seniors and Veterans:** We owe them. Respect them! No privatization SocSec.

**Improve discipline and quality of education. Teach children to respect parents, teachers and elderly.**

**Balance Budget** in two years. Control spending. Ban on Lobbyists.

**Car Insurance** is a “Street Robbery”. Insure a person, not vehicles. No accidents- 50% money back.

**English** must be official language.

**OPB** must broadcast debates/forums of Candidates.

**Reduce postage rate.**

**Make peace** on the Middle East. Reduce dependency on foreign oil. “Lock-up” our borders.

I’m a member of AARP, WillWriters, Elks and support NRA.

**Voting for me is investing in our national security.**

(This information furnished by Pavel Goberman.)

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Jeff Merkley
Democrat

Occupation: Speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives

Occupational Background: Executive Director, Portland Habitat for Humanity; National President, Oregon World Affairs Council

Educational Background: David Douglas High School; Stanford (B.A., International Relations); Princeton, (M.A., Public Policy)


MAKING CHANGE IN OREGON:

- Led a band of progressive leaders to end 16 years of Republican control in Salem;
- Opposed the Iraq war from the start;
- Championed public education, expanded Head Start, and doubled college scholarships;
- Cracked down on predatory lenders, ending 500% interest Payday & Title loans;
- Made Oregon a national leader in fighting global warming and expanding renewable energy, conservation, and recycling;
- Reduced the cost of prescription drugs;
- Fought to protect homeowners from foreclosure and sub-prime scams;
- Championed domestic partnerships and basic rights for all Oregonians.

THE CHANGE WE NEED IN WASHINGTON D.C.:

As the son of a mill worker in rural Oregon, and first in my family to go to college, I will create opportunity for every American.

- Fighting to make healthcare affordable and accessible to all;
- Ending the Iraq war starting immediately and take care of our veterans;
- Building world-class schools from Head Start to higher education;
- Stopping Bush give-aways to special interests and the wealthiest Americans;
- Ending our dependence on foreign oil and tackling global warming;
- Scrapping unfair trade deals that send middle-class jobs overseas;
- Always protecting a woman’s right to choose.

The people of Oregon are ready to defeat Gordon Smith and I am ready to win.

That’s why I’m endorsed by Governor Kulongoski; Governor Barbara Roberts; Schools Superintendent Susan Castillo; 30 State Representatives; 12 State Senators; 15 mayors; American Federation of Teachers-Oregon; Oregon Nurses Association; Sierra Club; AFL-CIO; Service Employees International Union; AFSCME; UFCW; ILWU; and more than 100 community leaders across Oregon.

www.JeffMerkley.com

(This information furnished by Jeff Merkley for Oregon.)

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Steve Novick
Democrat

Occupation: Consultant

Occupational Background: Attorney

Educational Background: University of Oregon; Harvard Law School

Prior Governmental Experience: Environmental Attorney, U.S. Justice Department; Caucus Director, Oregon Senate Democrats

“Steve Novick has the courage to stand up for what is right, tell the truth, and has experience and ideas that can change the future.”

Congressman Les AuCoin

Steve Novick for U.S. Senate

The Change We Need
The Leadership We Want

Steve Novick is a principled progressive, with the right kind of experience. He defeated Bill Sizemore. He recovered $129 million from big polluters in the famous Love Canal case. And he has the courage to make the tough choices to protect what’s most important.

Quality, Affordable, Universal Healthcare

Only Steve’s plan includes coverage for all, and strong steps to controls costs.

“I am convinced that Steve Novick is the candidate Oregonians can count on to take bold action on health care.”

Governor John Kitzhaber

Standing Up for Middle Class Families

Steve’s plans will create jobs, help the middle class with the cost of everyday life, end tax breaks for the wealthy and stop trade policies that ship good jobs overseas.

Steve believes in fiscal fairness and responsibility, including saving Social Security by insisting the wealthy pay Social Security taxes on all their income, not just the first $100,000. He also believes that those who work for a living shouldn’t pay a higher tax rate than those whose income comes from speculation.

Endorsed By Educators of the Oregon Education Association

“Steve Novick stood up for Oregon’s children by stop-ping the outrageous giveaways of our schools’ lottery dollars to special interests.”

Jada Pearson, Beaverton Kindergarten Teacher

Against the Iraq War from the Beginning

Steve Novick opposed the Iraq War from the start, without falling for Republican tricks. He will fight to bring our troops home safely, honorably and soon.

Steve Novick for Senate

Find our why Oregon Democrats are so excited about Steve: www.NovickForSenate.org

(“This information furnished by Novick for Senate.)

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Roger S. Obrist
Democrat

Occupation: Retired
Occupational Background: Construction, Blueprint Machine Operator, Timechecker and Timekeeper; Elementary School Custodian.

Educational Background: The Dalles High School Graduate; Attended Clark College.

Prior Governmental Experience: Candidate for State Representative District 10 (May 1998); District 10 (May 2000); District 51 2002); District 51 2004).

“Working for the people”

Roger Obrist: Education.
I will work to secure adequate and stable funding for our schools.

Roger Obrist: Crime.
It is important that we get serious offenders off the street. However, we must seek out and attack the root causes of crime.

Roger Obrist: Environment:
I will work to protect and enhance our natural resources for future generations of Oregonians.

Roger Obrist: Global Warming.
I will work to pass legislation that will: cut Global warming pollution 20% by 2002 and 80% by 2050--with enforceable deadlines.

Roger Obrist: Taxation.
I will work always to cut down the tax load and will demand full value for the taxpayers dollar.

Roger Obrist: Homelessness.
Many families experiencing homelessness are living with friends or relatives in overcrowded conditions. I want to help families find the resources they need to become self-sufficient.

Roger Obrist: Labor.
Oregon’s labor force wants jobs, opportunity and equal treatment, with a fair share of the nation’s gross national product. I’ll fight for these, as well as insist on full protection for our working people. Against cheap foreign Labor.

Roger S. Obrist Democrat for United States Senator.

(This information furnished by Roger S. Obrist.)

Noah Lemas
Democrat

Occupation: Entrepreneur & Inventor
Occupational Background: Retail Business Owner

Educational Background: Bachelor of Arts, University of California, Santa Barbara; Master’s in Business Administration, Portland State University

Prior Governmental Experience: Business liaison to City of Bend

Mr. Lemas’ platform includes lessening dependence on foreign oil by developing practical and alternative energy sources, developing realistic state and nationwide healthcare programs, returning vital funds to Oregon’s public education system, and changing Washington, D.C.’s special interest orientation.

Noah and his wife of 15 years, Rachel, live in Bend, Oregon with their two children, ages six and two. Lemas and his family are outdoor enthusiasts, enjoying Central Oregon’s four-season beauty and activities. In addition, Mr. Lemas is active in Bend’s baseball and mountain-sport communities, serving as Little League coach and as Central Oregon’s informal snowboard ambassador on and off Mt. Bachelor.

Lemas is a graduate of the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts, and of the Graduate School of Business at Portland State University, where he was conferred an MBA. As part of his studies at Portland State University, Mr. Lemas also studied International Finance at Euromed Marseille Ecole de Management in Marseille, Provence, France.

Prior to running for United States Congress, Lemas enjoyed more than eleven years as a small-business owner and dedicated entrepreneur. In 1994 he founded Sunriver Snowboards in Sunriver, Oregon and developed the endeavor for more than six years before selling the business to a former competitor in late 2000. In 1999, he founded Side Effect Boardshop, one of the nation’s influential and recognizable independent board-sports retailers. After operating Side Effect for more than six years, Lemas sold the growing business to James and Anne Jackson, of Bend, and enrolled at the Portland State University Graduate School of Business.

If elected, Mr. Lemas offers a meaningful promise to true integrity and a dedication to the citizens of Oregon’s 2nd district.

Now you “Noah” who to vote for!

(This information furnished by Noah Lemas For Congress.)
Kate Brown
Democrat

Occupation: State Senator
Occupational Background: Family, Juvenile Law Attorney
Educational Background: University of Colorado, B.A.; Northwestern School of Law, Lewis and Clark College, J.D., Environmental Law Certificate; Senior Executive Program, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard


The Right Choice for Secretary of State

“...I know all the candidates in this race. I’ve been Oregon’s Secretary of State. Kate Brown is my strong choice. Her integrity, dedication and experience make her the outstanding leader to be Oregon’s next Secretary of State.”
Governor Barbara Roberts

Fair Elections, Every Vote Counted

I will continue shining a light on the influence of money in campaigns, as I did by creating campaign reporting to “follow the money,” so voters see where campaigns get their money and where they spend it. Having won my first race by only 7 votes, I know that every vote matters.

Every Tax Dollar Spent Efficiently and Effectively

“...Senator Brown is a champion for public education. As Secretary of State she will find creative ways to provide services while keeping an eye on the public’s bottom-line, so we can put more dollars into our priorities, like education and health care. That’s one reason educators across Oregon are supporting her.”
Rebecca Levison, Portland Association of Teachers

Progress for all of Oregon

When I was elected to the Senate, Republicans outnumbered Democrats two-to-one. To move Oregon forward, the voices of Democrats had to be heard. I got to work, rolled up my sleeves, and delivered. After years of dreaming, Oregonians’ priorities have become law – more funding for schools, civil rights, access to health care, and an expanded Bottle Bill. As the first woman Senate Majority Leader, I helped make the difference. That’s the kind of leader I will be as your Secretary of State.

Endorsed by:
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Oregon Education Association
NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon PAC
Basic Rights Oregon PAC
21st Century Democrats

www.KateBrownForOregon.com

(This information furnished by Kate Brown Committee.)

Rick Metsger
Democrat

Occupation: State Senator
Occupational Background: Journalist, KOIN-TV; Teacher; Public Relations
Educational Background: Lewis & Clark College, B.S., M.A.T.

Prior Governmental Experience: State Senator

Rick Metsger: The Change Oregon Democrats Have Been Waiting For

For years we have trusted Rick Metsger to give it to us straight as an award winning KOIN-TV journalist and now as State Senator.

“The common thread in all his legislative work is Metsger’s desire to protect the interests of ordinary people: consumers, ratepayers, low-income borrowers and injured workers.”

The Oregonian
October 18, 2006

Quality Schools
Rick’s leadership delivered $260 million additional dollars for K-12 class size reduction and vocational programs. As steward of the Common School Fund, Rick will fight to reverse the destructive Bush-Cheney policy that has drained hundreds of millions of dollars from our rural schools.

Protecting Every Voice
Oregonians want a real change in leadership. Rick’s the only candidate to vote against the bill (HB2614) that severely limits the ability of non-affiliated candidates to run for most major offices including Secretary of State. Rick has successfully brought urban and rural communities together and given Oregonians a refreshing, effective voice.

Creating a Sustainable Economy
Rick created thousands of new jobs by co-authoring the largest investment in our transportation infrastructure since the 1950’s. As SOS, Rick will use the audits division to hold state government accountable for meeting environmental benchmarks.

Fighting For Us
Rick co-authored and passed the bill that stopped utility companies from collecting taxes from ratepayers that they put into their pockets instead of public services.

While working families struggle with $4 gasoline and rising healthcare costs, many corporations pay only $10 a year in income tax. As head of the Secretary of State’s Corporation Division, Rick will champion relief for ordinary taxpayers and make large corporations pay their fair share.

Dear Fellow Oregonians,
I ask for your trust and support. Together we can help Oregon lead our nation in a bold new direction.

www.rickmetsger.com

(This information furnished by Friends of Rick Metsger.)
Secretary of State

Vicki L. Walker
Democrat

**Occupation:** State Senator; Court Reporter

**Occupational Background:** State Senator 2003-present; Self-employed Court Reporter

**Educational Background:** University of Oregon, BS; Lane Community College, Court Reporting Program

**Prior Governmental Experience:** State Representative 1999-2002; Secretary-Treasurer, Cal Young Neighborhood Association; Chair, Lane County Democrats

**Personal:** Vicki has lived in Oregon since 1960. She and her husband Steve raised their two children in Lane County.

**VICKI WALKER—COUNTING FOR OREGON**

“She has a knack for calling attention to issues that her colleagues have overlooked, and has built a reputation as a lawmaker who will fight for the powerless.”

--- The Register-Guard 9/5/05

As a State Senator, Vicki Walker has consistently stood up to powerful interests, shining a bright light on waste, fraud and abuse in state government.

Vicki is running for Secretary of State because Salem needs to bring the same accountability and transparency towards counting your votes and your tax dollars correctly.

Read Vicki’s plan [www.vickiwalker.com](http://www.vickiwalker.com) to make every Oregonian count:

- Supporting rotating regional primaries so Oregonians have a greater say in choosing their next President
- Publishing the largest contributors to ballot measure campaigns in the voters’ pamphlet
- Cracking down on ballot measure fraud
- Ensuring corporate subsidies bring in more revenue than they take
- Utilizing state trust lands to develop rural jobs with clean, renewable energy
- Maximizing revenues to the Common School Fund to reduce class sizes and lower the achievement gap

As Chair of the Senate Education Committee, Vicki led the legislature to adopt an 18% increase in public school funding, expanded the Oregon Opportunity Grant to make college affordable for more students, added 3,000 children to Head Start, and prohibited golden parachute contracts for school administrators.

“VICKI WALKER WAS NAMED A WORKING FAMILIES CHAMPION BY THE OREGON AFL-CIO”

Tom Chamberlain

**Endorsed:**

Senator Margaret Carter
Representative Terry Beyer
Portland City Commissioners Randy Leonard and Erik Sten
Former Democratic Party of Oregon Chair Jim Edmunson
Former Speaker of Oregon House of Representatives Phil Lang

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Secretary of State

Paul Damian Wells
Democrat

**Occupation:** Design Engineer

**Occupational Background:** Electrical Engineer

**Educational Background:** BSEE Purdue University

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Voter Advocate since 1992

“The Secretary of State, as Chief Elections Officer, must first and foremost, be a committed vocal advocate for voters when individuals or groups try to manipulate the election process for personal or political gain. The current officeholder has performed this task very poorly and I intend to do much better.

I support the proposal to make the office of Secretary of State nonpartisan. This is a small but very reasonable step toward long overdue election reform.”

**What is a nonpartisan office?**

- In a nonpartisan race, only the top two candidates for each office qualify for the General Election in November. Voters select these candidates in the May Nominating Election.
- “Nonpartisan” means that all voters, regardless of party affiliation, have the right to participate in both the nominating and general elections.
- “Nonpartisan” doesn’t mean that all candidates must be Independent. Political Parties should be allowed to endorse candidates for any non-judicial office and the party name can be printed after the candidate’s name on the ballot. Voters need and want this information.

**Aren’t partisan elections unconstitutional?**

- In 1988, the Oregon Supreme Court ruled that candidates for public office could be segregated by party affiliation. (Libertarian Party of Oregon v Roberts) This ruling validated the four separate standards used to qualify candidates for partisan office in Oregon. Even school children know - the “separate but equal doctrine” is a sham.
- Currently, if Oregon courts choose to interpret the constitution in some absurd way, or ignore it entirely, little can be done by the voters or legislature. (There are no “checks and balances” on the court.)
- Acts of the Legislature are subject to voter referendum. Rulings of the Court are just as important and should be subject to referendum as well - with no time limit.

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**www.thekeel.org**

(This information furnished by Paul Wells.)
Ben Westlund
Democrat

**Occupation:** Healthcare delivery specialist, Northwest Professional Management

**Occupational Background:** Agribusiness, small business owner

**Educational Background:** B.A., History, Whitman College

**Prior Governmental Experience:** State Representative 1997-2003, State Senator 2003-present

Married to Libby, two children, BJ (19), Taylor (15)

**BEN WESTLUND GETS THINGS DONE**

“Westlund won a House seat in 1996 and quickly showed he had a knack for understanding complex issues and for developing relations on both sides of the aisle.”

The Oregonian (6/3/2005)

“Ben Westlund is the right person to be our next State Treasurer and protect the hard-earned retirement dollars of working Oregon families. As a legislator and former budget chief during some of Oregon’s toughest economic times, Ben balanced fiscal accountability with social responsibility. As long as I have known him, I have been impressed with his ability to work across the aisle to get results for Oregon.”

Governor Ted Kulongoski

Endorsed by Oregon Education Association

**BEN WESTLUND UNDERSTANDS OUR ECONOMY**

“From small business issues to infrastructure needs and natural resources, I know Ben Westlund will bring a fresh perspective and sure-handed sensibility to the State Treasurer’s office. Ben has been one of the best and brightest members of the legislature, and his background as a successful business owner and his experience with complex funding issues and the state budget will serve Oregon extremely well.”

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

Endorsed by Oregon Small Business for Responsible Leadership

**BEN WESTLUND IS WORKING TO LOWER HEALTH CARE COSTS**

Ben Westlund co-authored the Healthy Oregon Act that created the blueprint for health care reform to lower costs, improve quality and provide access to every Oregonian.

Endorsed by SEIU Locals 49 & 503, Oregon Nurses Association, AFSCME Council 75

**BEN WESTLUND CHAMPIONS RENEWABLE ENERGY AND CLEAN TECHNOLOGIES**

Ben is an outspoken advocate for renewable energy and clean technology economic development. He helped pass bills to increase Oregon’s renewable energy use and to increase investments in emerging technologies.

Endorsed by Oregon League of Conservation Voters, Oregon AFL-CIO

WWW.BENWESTLUND.COM

(This information furnished by Ben Westlund.)

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John Kroger is a tough, award-winning prosecutor and legal scholar with a record of integrity. He has new energy, new ideas and vast experience in court:

- As a prosecutor, John convicted mafia killers, drug traffickers and corrupt government officials, winning every trial and appeal.
- John prosecuted Enron executives who defrauded millions of Americans.
- John teaches criminal law and legal philosophy at Lewis & Clark Law School.

"John is tenacious, fearless and brilliant. His ethics and moral compass are second to none."
- Andrew Weissmann
Former Director of Prosecution, Enron Task Force

JOHN KROGER’S PLAN TO MOVE OREGON FORWARD

- Fight meth aggressively, with more effective enforcement and drug treatment.
- Hold every polluter responsible for the damage they cause to our environment.
- Ensure every parent gets the child support payments to which they are entitled.
- Protect consumers and seniors from scam-artists, identity thieves and crooked companies.
- Defend civil rights, a woman’s right to choose and Oregon crime victims.

“John’s courtroom experience and his thoughtful ideas for protecting our children and the environment make him the right person for the job.”
- Gov. John Kitzhaber

ENDORSED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PEOPLE WE TRUST

Governor John Kitzhaber
22 Oregon District Attorneys and 7 Oregon Sheriffs
Oregon State Police Officers’ Association;
Portland Police Association
The Sierra Club, Oregon Chapter
Oregon Education Association
Portland City Commissioners Randy Leonard, Dan Saltzman and Erik Sten
Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy
Bend Mayor Bruce Abernethy
Pendleton Mayor Phillip Houk
SEIU Locals 503 and 49

Check www.johnkroger.com for the full list and to learn more

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Greg Macpherson
Democrat

Attorney General

Occupation: Oregon State Representative
Educational Background: Attorney

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon Law Commission; Chair, House Judiciary Committee; House Co-Chair, Measure 49 Committee; Chair, Multnomah County Planning Commission
Married to Victoria Macpherson; two children.

Protecting Oregon

Oregon’s Attorney General is the people’s chief advocate – the person most responsible for protecting Oregonians from crime, consumer fraud, threats to civil rights, and damage to our environment.

I’m the only candidate for Attorney General with a proven record of fighting to protect Oregon families:

Protecting Oregonians’ personal safety: I passed the country’s toughest restrictions on the raw material used to make meth, nearly eliminating home meth labs from Oregon. I passed legislation cracking down on internet sex predators and repeat offenders. As Attorney General, I’ll make sure these laws are enforced.

Protecting Oregon’s consumers: I passed bills cracking down on ID theft and predatory lenders. I’ll vigorously enforce Oregon’s laws protecting older citizens from scams, and make sure health insurers pay the benefits they owe consumers.

Protecting Oregonian’s civil rights: I’ve always fought for a woman’s right to choose, and stood up to extremists trying to chip away at our civil rights. As Attorney General, I’ll protect equal rights for all Oregonians and defend the freedom to make reproductive decisions without government interference. That’s why I’m endorsed by NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon PAC.

Protecting Oregon’s environment: I led the fight for Measure 49, protecting farmlands and open space from developers. As the state’s top environmental defender, I’ll enforce Oregon’s laws reducing greenhouse gases. That’s why I’m endorsed by the Oregon League of Conservation Voters.

I’m the only candidate who raised a family in Oregon, the only candidate who practiced law in Oregon, and the only candidate with a record of public service in Oregon. That’s why I’m endorsed by Governor Ted Kulongoski, former Governor Barbara Roberts, and Attorney General Hardy Myers.

I’ll be honored to have your vote.

(This information furnished by Friends of Greg Macpherson.)
Only One Nominating Process

The Oregon Legislative Assembly has adopted a new law that states an elector may participate in one and only one, nomination process for each partisan public office to be filled at the General Election. Partisan public offices to be filled at the 2008 General Election include:

- US President
- US Senator
- US Representative
- Secretary of State
- State Treasurer
- Attorney General
- State Senator
- State Representative
- any county or city offices designated as partisan

Participation in a nominating process includes any of the following:

- **returning a Democratic or Republican ballot** at the 2008 Primary Election, regardless of how the ballot is voted
- **participating in a minor political party’s candidate nominating process**, which is established in the minor political party’s by-laws and is usually by a nominating convention
- **signing the minutes of an assembly of electors** to nominate a nonaffiliated candidate (a candidate not affiliated with any political party) to the General Election
- **signing a certificate of nomination by individual electors** to nominate a nonaffiliated candidate (a candidate not affiliated with any political party) to the General Election

**example**

Elector A is registered to vote as a member of a major political party and is issued and returns a partisan ballot at the 2008 Primary Election. Elector A votes for most, but not all, of the partisan races listed.

In July 2008, Elector A signs a petition to nominate a nonaffiliated candidate for State Representative District 25 to the 2008 General Election. Elector A’s signature is not a valid signature and must be disqualified. Elector A is deemed to have already participated in a nominating process for all partisan offices for the 2008 General Election by returning a partisan ballot for the 2008 Primary Election.
Duties and Responsibilities of Republican Precinct Committeepersons

Precinct committeemen and committeewomen are the grassroots representatives of the Republican Party in Oregon. A Precinct Committee Person (PCP) is the “face” of the party and an advocate for Republican political principles in their neighborhoods and communities. They are asked to attend regular meetings of their county Republican Central Committee in order to help set the party agenda in the county and to strategize how to spread the Republican message at the local level.

As a PCP, you have a voice in selecting Republican Party leadership on the county, state, and national levels. You may even seek a leadership position yourself. County leaders, in turn, help select the state party leaders who participate on the Republican National Committee and elect the national party leaders. PCPs also select Oregon delegates and alternates to attend the Republican National Convention.

PCPs are often called on by Republican candidates to help with grassroots campaigning. You may be asked to “walk” your precinct with a candidate and introducing the candidate to friends and neighbors. You may also be asked to participate in making phone calls and distributing campaign materials in your precinct. You will become the Republican Party in your community!

PCPs should be able to convey these basic principles of the Republican philosophy:

- Republicans believe the strength of our nation lies with the individual and each person’s dignity, freedom, ability, and responsibility must be honored.
- Republicans believe in equal rights, equal justice, and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, sex, age, or disability.
- Republicans believe that free enterprise and encouraging individual initiative has brought this nation opportunity, economic growth, and prosperity.
- Republicans believe government must practice fiscal responsibility and allow individuals to keep more of what they earn.
- Republicans believe the proper role of government is to provide for the people only those critical functions that cannot be performed by individuals or private organizations, and that the best government is that which governs least.
- Republicans believe Americans must retain the principles that have made us strong while developing new ideas to meet the challenges of changing times.
- Republicans believe Americans value and should preserve our national strength and pride while working to extend peace, freedom, and human rights throughout the world.
- Republicans believe our party is the best vehicle for translating these ideals into positive and successful principles of government.

This fall, Oregon Republicans will work to elect Republicans in the Oregon House and Senate, United States Congress, and the White House. PCPs will play key roles in bringing about these victories. While Republican precinct committeepersons are encouraged to support the candidates of their choice in the primary election, it is expected PCPs, as representatives of the party during the general election, will support all Republican candidates receiving the Party’s nomination.

If you would like more information about the Oregon Republican Party, or would like to be more involved with the GOP in Oregon, please call our state party headquarters at (503) 587-9233. You may send e-mail to info@orgop.org or visit our website at www.orgop.org.

Vance D. Day
Chairman, Oregon Republican Party
P.O. Box 789 Salem, OR 97308

(This information furnished by the Oregon Republican Party.)
United States Senator

Gordon Leitch
Republican

**Occupation:** Retired Ophthalmologist

**Occupational Background:** Ophthalmology Practice

**Educational Background:** Portland Public Schools; Whitman College; Johns Hopkins Medical School

Prior Governmental Experience: Precinct Committeeman

UNDERSTANDING THE SHNOOKER CAUSING OUR ECONOMIC CHAOS:

1870; Knox v. Lee, 79 US 457; The Supreme Court held:

1) No one doubted a $1000 debt contracted before 1834, could be paid by 100 eagles coined after 1834, though they contained no more gold than 94 eagles coined when the contract was made.

FACT! A $1000 debt before 1834 couldn’t be paid by 100 eagles coined after 1834! The debt was revalued fairly, so it took 106 new eagles to pay it.

2) By the act of June 28, 1834, a new gold coin weight and value was adopted, and about 6% was taken from the weight of each dollar.

FACT! No gold dollar existed in 1834 to take any weight from!

3) The effect of this [weight taking] was that all creditors suffered a corresponding loss; debts became solvable with 6% less gold than before.

FACT! Because the 1834 act increased the value of the old eagle to $10.665, there was no corresponding loss. Debts didn’t become solvable with 6% less gold than before!

4) The creditor who had $1000 due him 31 July 1834, the day before the act took effect, was entitled to $1000 of coined gold of the weight and fineness of the existing coinage. The day after, he was entitled to a sum 6% less in weight and market value, or to a smaller number of silver dollars.

FACT! The creditor who had $1000 due him 31 July 1834, was entitled to 100 old eagles. The day after, due to Congress’s equitable revaluation, he was entitled to a sum greater in weight and market value, making it mathematically impossible he was entitled to a smaller number of silver dollars.

ELECT LEITCH TO U.S. SENATE!

THE HONEST MONEY CANDIDATE!

THE BORDER BACKBONE CANDIDATE!

Suggested Personal Action: Reading THE FEDERALIST

(This information furnished by Gordon Leitch.)

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United States Senator

Gordon H. Smith
Republican

**Occupation:** United States Senator

**Occupational Background:** Smith Frozen Foods

**Educational Background:** Southwestern University, JD; Brigham Young University, BA


SENATOR GORDON SMITH

COMMON GROUND. COMMON GOOD.

“There’s too much partisanship and not enough leadership in Washington, D.C. As your Senator, I’ve shown a better way. Republican-Democrat, rural-urban, left-right, …from taxes to health care, energy to the economy, security and safety, I have succeeded in finding common ground for the common good.”

Common Ground: Jobs & Economy
- Supported tax cuts for families, small businesses and home-buying
- Working to stop a job-killing $1.2 trillion tax increase and to ensure tax cuts for families and businesses are made permanent

Common Ground: Health Care
- Supported a prescription drug benefit for Oregon seniors and protected a half million Oregonians from unfair cuts to Medicaid
- Working to protect and expand health insurance for 48,000 Oregon children

Common Ground: Rural Oregon
- Fought for water for Klamath farmers and sustainable logging to create jobs and promote forest health; secured funding for a deeper Columbia River to expand state agriculture exports
- Working to protect funding for rural counties hurt by unfair reductions in timber harvests

Common Ground: Energy & Environment
- Supported first increase in car-mileage standard in 20 years and new incentives for green energy: wind, wave, solar and alternative-fuel cars
- Working to protect 128,000 acres of scenic Mt. Hood wilderness

Common Ground: Security & Safety
- Support continued American leadership and strong international participation in fighting aggressive war on terror
- Working to end the war in Iraq swiftly, safely and with honor

SENATOR GORDON SMITH

COMMON GROUND. COMMON GOOD.

“I am working to break Washington’s partisan paralysis and to find common ground and common good for all Oregonians – I ask for your vote.”

– Gordon H. Smith

www.gordonsmith.com

(This information furnished by Friends of Gordon Smith.)
Greg Walden  
Republican  

**Occupation:** U.S. Congressman  
**Occupational Background:** Small business owner  
**Educational Background:** Graduate: University of Oregon; Hood River Valley High School  

**Prior Governmental Experience:** State Senator; State Representative  

“The middle class is getting hit hard by rising fuel, food and health costs. It’s time for new policies. The old ways just don’t get it done.”

With 21 years of experience as a small business owner in rural Oregon, Greg Walden knows what it takes to create jobs.

“Better management of our forests would create more jobs, reduce wildfires and cut back on pollution. We should turn biomass into energy and take other major steps to make America more energy independent.”

And Walden’s working hard to make our communities safer from illegal drugs; he’s getting local law enforcement officials the tools they need to combat criminals.

“Like most parents, my wife and I are deeply concerned about illegal drugs and the damage they inflict on families. I’ve aggressively pursued changes in the law to shut down meth labs and drug cartels. But more work remains.”

Walden’s a leader in Congress advocating for changes in the health care system to improve quality, increase access and reduce costs and errors. And that includes expanding services for our veterans.

“We owe a great debt to those who have worn our nation’s uniform and safeguarded our freedom. It’s essential that Congress takes better care of veterans and those who are serving today.”

“The congressman has a huge challenge and responsibility. The vast district was built on a strong foundation of agriculture and natural resources. Today new opportunities abound in such areas as technology, energy and telecommunications. Walden has been up to the challenge to date, and probably keeps in better contact with his district than just about any congressman. He travels cross country most weekends, which helps him remember who butters his bread…” The La Grande Observer, February 26, 2008

Congressman Greg Walden: Making a real difference for us.

(Rick Dancer for Secretary of State.)

(Rick Dancer for Secretary of State.)

Rick Dancer  
Republican  

**Occupation:** TV Journalist  
**Occupational Background:** KEZI-TV, 1989 – 2008; KVAL-TV 1987-89; KCBY-TV 1985-87  
**Educational Background:** Hillsboro High School, 1977; Portland Community College, Pacific University (Forest Grove), B.A. Communications, 1983

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

**Community Service:** Special Olympics, Looking Glass Youth Programs, Directions Services, City Club of Eugene (President, 2006-07)

SECRETARY OF STATE – KEEPING GOVERNMENT HONEST

As a journalist for more than twenty years, my job was to investigate the facts and bring people the truth. As Secretary of State, I’ll be doing very much the same thing, primarily overseeing elections and auditing program to keep the government honest.

MAKE SECRETARY OF STATE NONPARTISAN

It is hard for the public to be confident that the Secretary of State’s office will fairly and impartially oversee elections, whether for candidates or ballot measures, when the Secretary of State is selected in a partisan election. There is no Democrat or Republican way to be fair. Fairness starts by leaving partisanship outside the door of the Secretary of State’s office.

KEEP ELECTIONS FAIR AND OPEN

Only people legally entitled to vote should vote, but everyone who has the right to vote should be encouraged to vote and every vote should count. That goes for signatures on initiatives and citizen referrals as well. No one should ever have to wonder whether their vote or their signature might be disallowed because of the personal or political views of the Secretary of State.

AUDIT GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS FOR EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS

The Secretary of State should be responsible not only for financial audits that make sure every dollar is accounted for but should also conduct performance audits to make sure government programs are accomplishing their objectives as efficiently and effectively as possible.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE WORKS FOR THE PEOPLE, NOT THE POLITICAL PARTIES

(This information furnished by Rick Dancer for Secretary of State.)
Allen Alley
Republican

Occupation: Corporate Board Member, Private Investor

Occupational Background: Over 30 years of experience creating, building and financing global companies. Company

Educational Background: BS in Mechanical Engineering, Minor emphasis in Business: Purdue University. Public schools K-12.

Prior Governmental Experience: Deputy Chief of Staff, Governor of Oregon. Appointed by President George W. Bush to the US Japan Private Sector Government Commission.

Family: Married for 25 years to Debbie, three children


Allen Alley - Performance and Trust

The Treasurer must be an experienced and trusted manager whose top priority is providing financial peace of mind for our retirees and schools. Oregonians need to know that the investments they rely on to support them are sound. Allen has 30 years of private sector experience in starting companies, managing investments, and creating jobs for Oregonians. The Business Journal named him 2002’s High Tech Executive of the Year and one of Oregon’s top CEOs in 2004. Forbes magazine recognized his company the “Fourth Fastest Growing Technology Company” in the US in 2005.

Allen Alley - Fiscal Strength in a Global Economy

While other career politicians have been running for office, Allen has been running businesses and gathering the experience Oregonians need in a trusted public servant. Oregon must have leadership who understands the global economy of the 21st century. Allen’s life experiences allow him to fully understand all of our investment options in an increasingly competitive, complex and fast paced world. He will provide steady, experienced investment leadership to continue earning the highest possible investment returns for Oregonians.

What has Doug offered in Salem?

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY when balancing the budget, opposing tax and fee increases on Oregon’s citizens and businesses, rooting out waste and assuring accountability in government spending.

EXPERIENCE with our district’s unique and diverse issues, understanding of commercial retailing, irrigated farming and ranching; a passion for preserving the lifestyle and culture that our district provides.

KNOWLEDGE concerning serious issues facing our state and local economy, rural health care needs, public safety, education, property rights, water rights, agriculture, and land use.

COMMON-SENSE approach to reaching solutions through bipartisan work with Oregon citizens and local and state political leaders to focus government on its core priorities.

COMMITMENT to creating smaller and more efficient government, reducing oppressive regulation, lowering taxes and fees on hard-working Oregonians and small businesses, and letting families keep more of their own hard earned money.

Doug is endorsed in the primary election by: United States Senator Gordon Smith United States Representative Greg Walden Former U.S. Congressman Bob Smith

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Bill Garrard
Republican
Occupation: State Representative District 56
Educational Background: Brookside High School, Carnegie School of Business, Southern Oregon Aviation.
Prior Governmental Experience: Klamath County Commissioner, Interim Director County Health Dept and County Mental Health Dept. Oregon Legislature: Chair House Land Use Committee, Assistant Majority Leader, Vice Chair Health and Human Services Committee, Member: Energy & Environment Committee, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, Judicial Committee, Labor and Consumer Affairs Committee, Joint Ways and Means Committee, Sub Ways and Means Natural Resources, Sub Ways and Means Dept of Human Services.
Bill Garrard is asking for your vote to return him to the House of Representatives for a fifth term. Bill Garrard has become an effective legislative leader. He not only authored HB2754 that created the Oregon Center for Health Professionals at Oregon Tech, he fought for and got nine million dollars in bond money to help construct it. He fought for our farmers and ranchers in getting the rate shock bill thru the House and it was his bill that created the Renewable Energy Center at OIT. He has received high praise and recognition from groups representing: Senior Citizens, Persons with Disabilities, Oregon Farm Bureau, Oregon Cattleman, Tax Watchdog Groups and Home Builders Association. He believes very strongly in fighting for personal property rights and adequate funding for education including Klamath Community College. He believes in smaller government and no new taxes. A grandfather of eight, he believes that family is the foundation of our society.
Bill Garrard asks for your vote and continued permission to represent you in the Oregon Legislature. He’s proven to be trustworthy, honest and reliable.

(The information furnished by Committee To Elect Bill Garrard.)

George Gilman
Republican
Occupation: Farmer/Legislator
Educational Background: Crater High School, Central Point; Oregon State (Dairy Husbandry); Southern Oregon University, BS General Studies (Science-Math)
Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon State Representative; Rogue Community College Board Chair; Republican Precinct Committeeeman; Rogue Valley Transportation District Board; OR Beef Council; OR Dairy Products Commission; OR Community Service Commission; Governor’s Commission on Senior Service.
Committees:
Gilman served as vice-chair of the Transportation Committee and was a member of a Ways & Means subcommittee in the 2007 session. During the interim he is vice chair of Transportation and was appointed vice chair of the Rural Policy Committee. He is a member of the Emergency Board and the State Lands Advisory Committee.
Priorities:
My top priority in 2009 will be a transportation funding package. Transportation is a major economic driver for District 55. The Rural Policy Committee, of which I am a member, will work to enhance the economic viability of small, rural communities. If Congress decides to not to fund Federal Forest receipts, the Rural Policy Committee will have to find ways to soften the blow. I have enjoyed serving as your state representative and would appreciate your vote in May, 2008.

(The information furnished by Gilman Campaign.)
County Commissioner
Klamath County, Position 1

Al Switzer
Republican

**Occupation:** Klamath Commissioner 1997 – present; Sheep producer 1978 – present

**Occupational Background:**

**Educational Background:** L. A. Valley College – 3 years


**Personal:** Wife Vicki 43 years. Resident of Klamath County 39 Years. Two children. Six grandchildren.


"LET'S MOVE Klamath COUNTY AHEAD"

More Industrial Development – More Retail Development – More Local Opportunities.


Oversaw creation of Community Development Dept., combining Building, Planning, Onsite septic, Parks and Solid Waste into one department. More efficient use of tax dollars and more user friendly operation.

Klamath County has been through times of prosperity and times of economic downturns. During my combined time of sixteen years on the Klamath County Budget Committee and as a County Commissioner I have used my banking and business backgrounds to deliver the maximum benefits to the citizens of Klamath County. My number one funding priority is Public Safety.

I have served on the Board of Directors of the Association of Oregon Counties for ten years and served as its president. I have also served on the Board of Directors of the O & C Timber Counties for nine years. The experience and contacts gained there has been beneficial to Klamath County. I want to keep that experience working for Klamath County.

I ask for your support on election day.

(This information furnished by Com. to Elect Al Switzer.)
Cheryl Lorraine Hukill

Republican

Occupation: Self Employed


Educational Background: Graduated from Coquille High School in 1965; Attended Cascade College 1965-1966; Attended Canadian Bible College 1966-1967

Prior Governmental Experience: Executive Board member Klamath County Republican Central Committee; Central Committee Chairperson for Precinct Committee People. (Our committee rewrote the handbook for PCP’s adopted by the State of Oregon.) President Klamath County Republican Women; Secretary Klamath County Republican Women; Ways and Means Chairman Klamath County Republican Central Committee; Appointed to Special Budget Task Force for Klamath County.

Personal

My name is Cheryl Hukill. I am 60 years old; married for 40 years. Ronald and I have lived in Klamath Falls for 39 years. We have 3 children and 6 grandchildren.

Committee Activities

Cheryl Hukill is very active in the Military Affairs Committee. They are “Honorary Commanders” for the Logistics Readiness Squadron. As the troops are deployed and then return home, she is there with the MAC group, greeting the men and women in uniform. She was active in helping to raise funds for Merle West Medical Center’s Cancer Center.

Cheryl believes that

Being Optimistic is looking on the favorable side of conditions and to expect a more favorable outcome.

Character in Government

Set aside personal agendas for the benefit of the county. Serving and listening to each resident and being interested in what is important to them.

When problems or situations arise, it gives us the opportunity to come up with solutions to make Klamath County a better place to live, work, and raise our families

(This information furnished by Com. to Elect Cheryl Hukill.)

Susan M. Walker

Republican

Occupation: Mathematics Instructor, Mazama High School (August 1978 to present)

Occupational Background: Klamath Community College, Wal-Mart, Substitute Instructor; Worked my way through college; have even labored in agriculture giving me a strong work ethic


Prior Governmental Experience: No prior government experience

Activities and Awards

Klamath Falls City School Union Representative, Secretary, and Vice-President
Supervisor Committee for Forest Products Credit Union
Volleyball-Swimming coach
Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges
Who’s Who Among American Teachers

Messages

As a commissioner for Klamath County, my most important job will be to listen to the residents of Klamath County and represent their views when making decisions. I will listen and work to improve life for the people of Klamath County. The goals that I see as important to work toward are as follows:

• Increase services for our seniors: Our County lacks care beyond the hospital for seniors.
• Health related specialists: We need to make Klamath County the place in which they want to live and work.
• Protect the farmland: We need to find a way to bring in industries, shopping, and recreation that attract professional people, but protect our farms.
• Career, family wage earning jobs: We need to keep our jobs here and productive while seeking new opportunities for our young people so they can stay in Klamath County.
• Education: We have the best schools; we need to make sure they will remain successful.

Let us work together to keep Klamath County GREAT.

(This information furnished by Susan M. Walker.)

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Judge of the Supreme Court
Position 1

Thomas A. Balmer
Nonpartisan

**Occupation:** Associate Justice, Oregon Supreme Court

**Occupational Background:** Attorney in private practice; managing partner of law firm; Oregon Deputy Attorney General

**Educational Background:** Portland, Oregon Public Schools; B.A. with High Honors in Government, Oberlin College (1974); J.D., University of Chicago Law School (1977)

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Deputy Attorney General, Oregon Department of Justice (1993-97); Trial Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice (1979-80)

**Community Service:** Volunteer for Legal Aid, the Classroom Law Project, local arts and parks organizations, and the Goose Hollow Family Shelter.

**Part of the Community**

Tom Balmer can represent our communities on the Supreme Court because he is part of the community. He has served as a volunteer for Legal Aid, the Classroom Law Project, local arts and parks organizations, and the Goose Hollow Family Shelter.

**Broad Support**

It is a mark of Tom Balmer’s fairness and integrity that he has won support from across the political spectrum and from all parts of the legal profession.

“Tom Balmer is fair, honest and hardworking. He does honor to the traditions of Oregon’s Supreme Court.”

Betty Roberts, Former Oregon Supreme Court Justice
Edwin J. Peterson, Former Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice

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Judge of the Court of Appeals
Position 1

David Schuman
Nonpartisan

**Occupation:** Judge, Oregon Court of Appeals

**Occupational Background:** Attorney General of Oregon, 1997-2001; Professor and Associate Dean, University of Oregon Law School, 1987-1996; English Professor, 1968-1981

**Educational Background:** J.D., University of Oregon Law School; Ph.D., University of Chicago; B.A., Stanford University; Public schools, K-12

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Deputy Attorney General; Assistant Attorney General; Member, Council on Court Procedures; Member, Judicial Conduct Committee of the Oregon Judicial Conference

**Community Service:** Youths sports coach; Board of Directors, FOOD for Lane County; Board of Directors, Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics; Former member and Chair, Executive Committee, Oregon State Bar Constitutional Law Section; Former member and Vice-President, Jewish Federation of Lane County; Board of Directors, University of Oregon Law School Alumni Association

**Personal:** Judge Schuman and his wife of 39 years have two grown children.

As an Assistant Attorney General, David Schuman successfully prosecuted scores of criminal and civil appeals for the people of Oregon.

As a UO Law School Professor, David Schuman earned a reputation as one of the country’s leading experts on state constitutional law.

Selected by Attorney General Hardy Myers to serve as his Deputy, David Schuman was second-in-command at the Oregon Department of Justice, where he supervised over 200 lawyers and successfully represented the people of Oregon in defending numerous laws.

As a Judge on the Court of Appeals, David Schuman has authored over 280 written opinions and participated in over 1000 decisions for the court.

“An impressive judge. . . . He brings to the court an extraordinary background, in breadth and depth, in both the practice and theory of law.” The Oregonian (Portland), April 12, 2002

“(Schuman’s) extraordinary background and experience could serve as a template for future judicial aspirants.” The Register-Guard (Eugene), May 3, 2002

(This information furnished by The Committee to Re-Elect Judge David Schuman.)

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### Sheriff Klamath County

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**Occupation:** Sheriff of Klamath County, Oregon.

**Educational Background:**
- Graduate, Oregon Marine Officer Course.
- DEA Basic Narcotics Course.
- Lab Site Safety Officers Course.
- Oregon Basic Police Course.
- OSP Firearms Instructor Course.
- U.S. Air Force Armorer Course.
- Non-Commissioned Officer Academy.
- Master Sergeant, Security Program Manager, Oregon Military Dept.; Officer Malin Police Department.

**Prior Governmental Experience:**
- Co-Chair, Oregon Amber Alert Review Committee.
- Meth Task Force.
- Oregon’s Missing Persons Clearing House Advisory Board.
- Co-Chair, Anti-Terrorism Task Force.
- Chairman, Oregon Search and Rescue Advisory Committee.

**Proven Performance:**
- Awarded Oregon’s 2003 Sheriff of the Year.
- Fighting the scourge of meth at every level.
- Tripled the number of School Resource Officers.
- Spearheaded the creation of the Safe Schools Interagency Team.
- Established the Sheriff’s K-9 program.
- Established the Mature Volunteer Program.
- Demonstrated leadership and mediation skills during the water crisis.
- Secured millions in grant funding for better training and equipment.
- Secured federal funding for the Search and Rescue Unit.
- Implemented new Oregon Jail Standards.
- Saved taxpayer thousands by using inmate labor and holding criminals accountable by charging inmates for non-nutritional items.

**Endorsed By:** Teamsters Local 223.

Klamath County is faced with difficult times and tough decisions. The issues are complex and need the attention of Evinger, a Sheriff who has already proven he understands these issues; who has the knowledge and experience to resolve them. Tim Evinger works tirelessly and leads from the front, consistently bringing people together to find practical solutions.

“We’ve accomplished many good things. Let’s keep the momentum. I hope I have earned your trust... and your vote.” - Sheriff Tim Evinger

*(This information furnished by Committee to Elect Tim Evinger Klamath County Sheriff.)*

**Occupational Background:**
- 18+ years of Military.
- Security Program Manager, Kingsley Field-2004 to Present.
- Oregon Air National Guard-1997 to Present.
- Malin Police Department 2007 to Present.
- Klamath County Sheriff’s Office 1990 to 2004.
- Campus Public Safety Officer Oregon Tech-1988 to 1993.

**Educational Background:**
- Oregon Marine Officers Course.
- Oregon Basic Police Course.
- Lab Site Safety Officers Course.
- Basic & Intermediate SWAT Course.
- Basic Sniper Course.
- DEA Basic Narcotics Course.
- Lab Site Safety Officers Course.

**Prior Governmental Experience:**
- See Occupational Background.

I will provide better coverage to the outlying areas by assigning another deputy to the North County area, the Chiloquin area, and the Eastside of Bly Mountain. This will ensure active patrol in each of these areas and reduce the need for high speed responses from the local area.

The Narcotics Task Force in Klamath County has dwindled from 8 officers to 3. I will actively pursue rebuilding the narcotics task force to a level that can once again have an effective impact on narcotics trafficking and usage in Klamath County. Re-instate Drug Education (D.A.R.E. Program)

The Klamath County Sheriff’s Office needs new experienced leadership. With my extensive military background I have been training and leading personnel for over 18 years. My training and leadership style will halt the mass exodus from the Klamath County Sheriff’s Office.

I have lived in the Klamath Basin my entire life and genuinely concerned for its citizens and the employees of the Sheriff’s Office.

I am committed to Klamath County and will be there, working for you,

“A Stay at Home Sheriff”

*(This information furnished by Peter Michael “Mike” Shepherd.)*

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Steve Stroot
Nonpartisan

Occupation: Retired Sheriff’s Sergeant

Occupational Background:
28 years in law enforcement; 14 years as Sheriff’s Sergeant (Supervisor); 24 years Hostage Negotiator and Unit Supervisor; 15 years Search and Rescue Coordinator and Unit Supervisor

Educational Background: Bachelor’s degree, California State University, Fullerton; Commission on Peace Officer Standards Basic, Intermediate Advanced and Supervisory Certificates

Prior Governmental Experience: Numerous community organizations

As a Sheriff’s Sergeant, I had the opportunity to empower my officers to devise innovative approaches to crime suppression and investigation. The success of this approach has affirmed my belief that every employee is a vital resource for ideas, suggestions and input. Utilizing each employee’s creative potential will transform our Sheriff’s Office into a dynamic, cohesive team that will result in continuous improvements in the operation of the agency. All that’s required is a leader who recognizes the potential that lies within our Sheriff’s Office employees. With your help, I will be that leader. My management plan will ensure the most efficient, cost effective law enforcement service possible for the citizens of Klamath County.

My goal is to utilize every resource to its maximum potential. I will expand the use of volunteer resources. I will implement an ongoing customer satisfaction survey to ensure we are meeting the needs of our citizens. I will expand the canine and reserve officer programs to enhance officer safety. I will eliminate the Traffic Enforcement Unit and re-assign those officers to crime suppression duties. I will establish a “Crimestoppers” program funded by private donations and a High School telephone hotline for students to report gangs, drugs, weapons, and other threats. These and other low-cost or no-cost ideas will assure the taxpayers that they are getting the very best law enforcement possible for their tax dollar. As Sheriff I will be accountable to our citizens and will provide them the best service and protection possible. Elect Steve Stroot Sheriff of Klamath County.

(This information furnished by Steve Stroot.)
House Joint Resolution 49—Referred to the Electorate of Oregon by the 2007 Legislative Assembly to be voted on at the Primary Election, May 20, 2008.

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**Ballot Title**

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AMENDS CONSTITUTION: ENABLES CRIME VICTIMS TO ENFORCE EXISTING CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS IN PROSECUTIONS, DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS; AUTHORIZES IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION.

**RESULT OF “YES” VOTE**

“Yes” vote provides crime victims effective court processes to enforce existing constitutional rights regarding participation, restitution in criminal prosecutions/juvenile delinquency proceedings; authorizes implementing legislation.

**RESULT OF “NO” VOTE**

“No” vote retains provisions giving crime victims specified constitutional rights in prosecutions/juvenile delinquency proceedings, but denying victims effective court processes to enforce these rights.

**SUMMARY**

Amends Oregon Constitution. Current constitution gives crime victims specified rights in criminal prosecutions/juvenile delinquency proceedings (including rights to: be present during specified proceedings, refuse defendants’ discovery requests, receive restitution, obtain transcripts, consult about specified plea negotiations), but constitution denies victims effective processes for enforcing these rights in court. Measure provides victims shall have remedy by due course of law for violations of these constitutional rights. Measure provides victims may assert claim based on these rights in pending cases or, absent pending case, by mandamus. Authorizes legislature to enact implementing legislation. Measure does not allow victims to obtain compensation, invalidate an accusatory instrument, conviction or adjudication, terminate a criminal or juvenile delinquency proceeding, or suspend such proceeding if suspension would violate defendant’s constitutional rights. Other provisions.

**ESTIMATE OF FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The direct financial impact to state and local governments is indeterminate because the impact depends on how often a victim would choose to bring an enforcement action to protect rights guaranteed under section 42, Article I of the Oregon Constitution, but denied by the court, district attorney or other public agency. These additional challenges could arise before a criminal case is filed, after a case is filed, and after the entry of a final judgment in a criminal case. Actions could be pursued in cases involving person and property crimes in violation, misdemeanor and felony cases, and the victim could file an enforcement action more than one time in a single case. Some cases involve multiple victims, each of whom could bring an individual enforcement action. The measure authorizes the legislature to enact laws providing detailed procedures for claims by victims, including the establishment of reasonable limitations on the time allowed victims to assert their rights and prescribing procedures for appeal. Legislation providing such procedures and limitations could change the direct costs of this measure. Direct costs may also be impacted by the degree of change in the current practice of restitution orders and payment, how many new victims are identified by the court, and the number of challenges that are appealed to a higher court.
Text of Measure

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

   PARAGRAPHS

Sec. 42. (1) To preserve and protect the right of crime victims to justice, to ensure crime victims a meaningful role in the criminal and juvenile justice systems, to accord crime victims due dignity and respect and to ensure that criminal and juvenile court delinquency proceedings are conducted to seek the truth as to the defendant's innocence or guilt, and also to ensure that a fair balance is struck between the rights of crime victims and the rights of criminal defendants in the course and conduct of criminal and juvenile court delinquency proceedings, the following rights are hereby granted to victims in all prosecutions for crimes and in juvenile court delinquency proceedings:

(a) The right to be present at and, upon specific request, to be informed in advance of any critical stage of the proceedings held in open court when the defendant will be present, and to be heard at the pretrial release hearing and the sentencing or juvenile court delinquency disposition;

(b) The right, upon request, to obtain information about the conviction, sentence, imprisonment, criminal history and future release from physical custody of the criminal defendant or convicted criminal and equivalent information regarding the alleged youth offender or youth offender;

(c) The right to refuse an interview, deposition or other discovery request by the criminal defendant or other person acting on behalf of the criminal defendant provided, however, that nothing in this paragraph shall restrict any other constitutional right of the defendant to discovery against the state;

(d) The right to receive prompt restitution from the convicted criminal who caused the victim's loss or injury;

(e) The right to have a copy of a transcript of any court proceeding in open court, if one is otherwise prepared;

(f) The right to be consulted, upon request, regarding plea negotiations involving any violent felony; and

(g) The right to be informed of these rights as soon as practicable.

(2) This section applies to all criminal and juvenile court delinquency proceedings pending or commenced on or after the effective date of this section. Nothing in this section reduces a criminal defendant's rights under the Constitution of the United States. Except as otherwise specifically provided, this section supersedes any conflicting section of this Constitution. Nothing in this section is intended to create any cause of action for compensation or damages nor may this section be used to invalidate an accusatory instrument, [ruling of a court] or to suspend any criminal or juvenile delinquency proceeding if such a suspension would violate a right of a criminal defendant guaranteed by this Constitution or the Constitution of the United States.

(3)(a) Every victim described in paragraph (c) of subsection (6) of this section shall have remedy by due course of law for violation of a right established in this section.

(b) A victim may assert a claim for a right established in this section in a pending case, by a mandamus proceeding if no case is pending or as otherwise provided by law.

(4) Upon the victim's request, the prosecuting attorney, in the attorney's discretion, may assert and enforce a right established in this section.

(5) Upon the filing by the prosecuting attorney of an affidavit setting forth cause, a court shall suspend the rights established in this section in any case involving organized crime or victims who are minors.

(6) As used in this section:

(a) “Convicted criminal” includes a youth offender in juvenile court delinquency proceedings.

(b) “Criminal defendant” includes an alleged youth offender in juvenile court delinquency proceedings.

(c) “Victim” means any person determined by the prosecuting attorney or the court to have suffered direct financial, psychological or physical harm as a result of a crime and, in the case of a victim who is a minor, the legal guardian of the minor. [In the event that no person has been determined to be a victim of the crime, the people of Oregon, represented by the prosecuting attorney, are considered to be the victims. In no event is it intended that the criminal defendant be considered the victim.]

(d) “Violent felony” means a felony in which there was actual or threatened serious physical injury to a victim or a felony sexual offense.

(7) In the event that no person has been determined to be a victim of the crime, the people of Oregon, represented by the prosecuting attorney, are considered to be the victims. In no event is it intended that the criminal defendant be considered the victim.

PARAGRAPHS

Sec. 42. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at a special election held throughout the state on the same date as the next primary election.

NOTE: Boldfaced type indicates new language; [brackets and italic] type indicates deletions or comments.
Explanatory Statement

Section 42 of Article I (the Bill of Rights) of the Oregon Constitution establishes rights of crime victims in adult criminal and juvenile delinquency cases. Those rights include, among others, the right to be present and to be heard at critical stages in the case, to obtain information about the defendant or alleged juvenile offender, to refuse to be interviewed by the defendant or alleged juvenile offender, to obtain a transcript of certain court cases and, upon request, to be consulted about plea negotiations in certain cases.

Currently, victims cannot enforce effectively any of the rights established in section 42 because section 42 provides that assertion of a victim’s rights cannot invalidate a court ruling or suspend a case. Thus, victims cannot appeal from or otherwise challenge a ruling of a court denying any of their section 42 rights, and the constitution prevents the legislature from providing victims effective procedural rights by statute.

HJR 49 amends section 42 of Oregon’s Bill of Rights. Under the measure, victims could individually seek remedies for violations of section 42 “by due course of law.” Victims of crime could challenge a ruling of a court denying the victim a right secured for the victim by section 42. To effectuate their rights under section 42, the measure allows victims to seek a delay in an adult criminal or juvenile delinquency case. Victims could pursue remedies in the criminal or juvenile delinquency case if one is pending or, if no such case is pending, could initiate a case of their own. If the victim and the district attorney agreed, the district attorney could enforce the victim’s section 42 rights. The measure authorizes the legislature to enact statutes providing the details of victims’ remedial processes, including reasonable limitations on the time allowed for filing claims and the circumstances in which appeals are allowed.

In prosecutions involving organized crime, some victims may also be coconspirators. In other cases, children who are victims of crime may be subject to manipulation by the accused. The measure provides that in either type of case prosecutors may seek a court order suspending the rights secured by section 42.

The measure continues the current provision of section 42 that prevents a recovery of money damages for violation of a victim’s rights, and the current provision that prevents an assertion of a victim’s rights from invalidating an accusatory instrument, conviction or adjudication, or from terminating any criminal or juvenile delinquency case at any point after the case begins. The measure also provides that no claim for a right established in section 42 shall suspend a criminal or juvenile delinquency case if suspension would violate a right of a defendant or alleged youth offender guaranteed by the Oregon Constitution or United States Constitution.

(This impartial statement explaining the measure was provided by the 2007 Legislature.)
Section 42 of Article I of the Oregon Constitution establishes rights of crime victims. Ballot Measure 51 relates to enforcement of Section 42 rights including the rights to be present at critical stages in the prosecution of an offender, to be heard at sentencing, to receive prompt restitution for loss or injury and to be consulted about plea negotiations. Currently, victims cannot individually enforce these rights.

Ballot Measure 51 would empower victims individually to seek remedies for violations of their Section 42 rights. Victims can assert and enforce their rights or ask prosecutors to assert and enforce their rights; prosecutors can decline, leaving victims free to do so. In cases involving organized crime or victims who are minors, Ballot Measure 51 allows prosecutors with cause to believe the victim’s rights would impair effective prosecution to have a court suspend the rights.

Ballot Measure 51 authorizes the legislature to enact detailed laws for enforcing Section 42 rights, including reasonable limitations on the time allowed for claims and the circumstances in which expedited appeals are allowed. Until the legislature exercises this authority, victims can assert their constitutional rights in a pending criminal case or, if no such case is pending, by initiating a lawsuit to compel public officials to respect their rights.

Ballot Measure 51 provides that a victim’s claim for a Section 42 right can invalidate a court’s ruling or suspend a criminal or juvenile delinquency proceeding if such suspension would not violate a right of a criminal defendant or alleged youth offender guaranteed by the Oregon or United States Constitutions.

Ballot Measure 51 continues current provisions of the Oregon Constitution preventing recovery of money damages for violation of a victim’s rights, and preventing victim’s claims from invalidating an indictment or other accusatory instrument, conviction or adjudication, or from terminating any criminal or juvenile delinquency proceeding at any point after the case is commenced or on appeal.

Committee Members: Appointed by:
Senator Floyd Prozanski President of the Senate
Representative Wayne Krieger Speaker of the House
Representative Greg Macpherson Speaker of the House

MEASURE 51 ESTABLISHES REAL RIGHTS FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME

Section 42 of the Oregon Constitution’s Bill of Rights establishes rights of crime victims. These rights include, among others, the right to be present at critical stages in the criminal case or juvenile proceeding, to consult with prosecutors about certain plea negotiations, and to be heard at the criminal sentencing or juvenile case disposition.

You might think victims denied these and other rights provided by the Oregon Constitution could go to court to enforce their rights—but you would be wrong. Currently victims cannot individually enforce any of their Section 42 rights.

A right without a remedy is an illusory right. A “yes” vote on Measure 51 will allow victims to seek remedies “by due course of law” for violations of their constitutional rights. A “yes” vote will make the constitutional rights of victims real.
MEASURE 51 STRIKES A FAIR BALANCE IN THE CRIMINAL/JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS

Measure 51 is carefully drawn to make victims’ rights enforcement consistent with an accused’s constitutional rights and with the orderly progress of a criminal or juvenile case. The measure

--permits victim rights enforcement to suspend temporarily a criminal or juvenile proceeding if consistent with an accused’s speedy trial or other constitutional rights;

--continues current constitutional provisions that prevent a victim’s rights violation from invalidating an accusatory instrument or a conviction, terminating a criminal or juvenile proceeding, or creating a right to recover money damages.

MEASURE 51 WILL PROVIDE REAL RIGHTS FOR GENERATIONS OF VICTIMS

Measure 51 authorizes the legislature to establish by law the details of implementing the measure but provides remedies for victims until the legislature acts. The measure will thus form an historic, enduring foundation for Oregonians today and in the years ahead to realize the rights the Oregon Constitution grants them if they are victims of crime.

I urge you to join me in supporting Measure 51.

Attorney General Hardy Myers

Argument in Favor

Crime Victims United, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Parents of Murdered Children urge you to VOTE YES on Ballot Measures 51 and 52.

We ask you to help us complete a 25-year quest for crime victims’ rights:

• The right to prompt restitution
• The right to refuse to be interviewed by the defendant’s investigator or lawyer
• The right to be informed of hearings
• The right to be consulted regarding plea negotiations
• The right to be present in court
• The right to be heard at sentencing
• The right to obtain information about the offender’s criminal history
• The right to prompt restitution

From the state’s establishment through the early 1980’s, crime victims in Oregon had no rights in statutory law or in the Oregon Constitution. In 1986 the voters of Oregon established crime victims’ rights in statutory law. In 1999 voters established crime victims’ rights in the Oregon Constitution.

But in 2008, crime victims in Oregon still do not have standing to appeal when their rights are violated.

Measures 51 and 52 will give crime victims enforceable rights.

Crime Victims United, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and Parents of Murdered Children have seen the difficulties crime victims face in the criminal justice system. We strongly support these measures.

Measures 51 and 52 received unanimous support from the Oregon House and Senate. They have the support of law enforcement.

Now we ask for your support, through your vote, to make crime victims’ rights enforceable.

Please join Crime Victims United, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Parents of Murdered Children, by voting:

YES on Measures 51 and 52

Argument in Favor

Compared to victims’ rights laws enacted across the US and the globe, Oregon’s current laws fall far short of excellent.

• True, our rights in the justice system are comprehensive. They meet the fundamental needs of victims to be informed, present, and heard at critical stages in the prosecution their accused offenders.
• True, too, they are enshrined in our constitution – just like rights long accorded the accused.
• And the existence of these rights has fostered better treatment of victims by justice officials statewide.

And it’s true that our rights are voluntarily honored most of the time. But not always. That is the grave injustice Measure 51 will put to an end.

Today, if a victim is denied the right to be consulted over a plea, or is barred from the courtroom, or is denied the right to speak at sentencing, there is no way to undo the wrong. Such people are now twice victimized – first by the offender, now by our own justice system. Sadly, this injustice was created on purpose– the very amendments laying out our rights forbid courts from undoing any violation of those rights.

Measure 51, if approved, will finally give victims the right to protest any violation of their rights and, when the courts agree with them, they can make the case step back and redo the proceeding where the violation occurred – with the victim’s rights fully protected.

True, victims must raise their objections in a timely way because in our constitutional system, there is no turning back once an offender is found guilty and sentenced. But until that point, victim justice is finally guaranteed.

To further insure our rights are honored, our Department of Justice has already put in place an educational and compliance system. Also, the justice system is contemplating user-friendly procedures for enforcing our rights if these measures are adopted.

Give us real rights. Support Measure 51.
**Argument in Favor**

I am a Law Professor in Oregon and Director of the National Crime Victim Law Institute. As one of the nation’s leading legal experts on crime victims law, I urge you to VOTE YES on Ballot Measures 51 and 52. These measures are designed to change what are now illusory crime victims’ rights into real and enforceable crime victims rights.

Right now the victim’s rights already in the Oregon Constitution cannot be enforced. In particular, provisions denying stays and the language preventing judicial review of any ruling involving victims’ rights make unavailable the traditional rights enforcement. Such traditional rights enforcement procedures accompany other constitutional rights, but not crime victims’ rights. What this means is that victims’ rights are rights without remedy. Rights without remedy goes against the American tradition of enforceable rights with remedy. What is needed now to achieve meaningful, enforceable rights is the passage of Measures 51 and 52. Both Houses of the Oregon Legislature have taken important steps to insure that the needs of crime victims are considered by our judicial system and that their voices are heard. As law enforcement leaders in the State of Oregon, we see the harm and pain that crime victims experience on a daily basis. We strongly believe that their stories and perspectives play a critical role in our criminal justice system. Above all, we believe that the rights of crime victims should be enforced. Such traditional rights enforcement processes accompany other constitutional rights, but not crime victims’ rights. What this means is that victims’ rights are rights without remedy. Rights without remedy goes against the American tradition of enforceable rights with remedy.

Throughout the years, Oregonians have been strong supporters of crime victims’ civil rights. What is needed now to achieve meaningful, enforceable rights is the passage of Measures 51 and 52. Both Houses of the Oregon Legislature voted unanimously to refer these two measures to the people and I urge you to join them in voting YES on Ballot Measures 51 and 52.

Douglas E. Beloof  
Professor of Law  
Director, National Crime Victim Law Institute

(This information furnished by Douglas E. Beloof, National Crime Victim Law Institute.)

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Must rely on prosecutors to enforce their constitutional rights – a design susceptible to conflicts of interest. Measure 51 gives victims legal standing to independently enforce their constitutional rights.

**Appellate review provides uniform application of the law.** Oregon’s Court of Appeals and Supreme Court provide clarity as to the meaning of the Constitution and the application of the law. Decisions by these appellate level courts must be followed by circuit courts throughout the state. Currently, circuit court decisions related to crime victims’ rights cannot be appealed by victims. As a result, constitutional provisions can be interpreted differently by different courts with no opportunity to seek review by higher courts. The result can be inequitable treatment from courtroom to courtroom with no opportunity for recourse. Ballot Measure 51 will ensure that the most complicated cases can be appealed to and decided by the appellate court system.

**Ballot Measure 51 ensures victims equitable treatment and a meaningful role in the criminal justice system.**

Join Oregon’s Law Enforcement Leaders  
VOTE YES on Ballot Measure 51

The members of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police urge you to vote YES on Ballot Measure 51.

Over the past decade, Oregonians and the legislative process have taken important steps to insure that the needs of crime victims are considered by our judicial system and that their voices are heard. As law enforcement leaders in the State of Oregon, we see the harm and pain that crime victims experience on a daily basis. We strongly believe that their stories and perspectives play a critical role in our criminal justice system. Above all, we believe that the rights of crime victims should be fully enforceable in the courts. It is not sufficient to provide victims with the appearance of rights without providing them a real remedy when their rights are violated.

As presently written, the Oregon Constitution provides rights for crime victims but doesn’t provide recourse when these important rights are violated. Ballot Measure 51 will ensure that the rights we offer to victims in Oregon are meaningful and real. Ballot Measure 51 will give judges the authority they need to enforce the rights of crime victims the way other constitutional rights are enforced. Just as the rights of defendants are honored by the criminal justice system, so too should the rights of victims.

The Oregon House of Representatives and Oregon State Senate voted unanimously to refer Ballot Measure 51 to you, the voters. Such bipartisan agreement testifies to the common sense nature of this important proposal. Please join Oregon’s police chiefs in supporting this vital measure to secure the enforcement of crime victim’s rights.

We urge you to vote YES on Ballot Measure 51!

(This information furnished by Kevin Campbell, Oregon Association Chiefs of Police.)

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State Legislators Support Ballot Measures 51 & 52

Crime victims deserve our respect and the best our state laws can provide. That’s why we urge you to join us in supporting Ballot Measures 51 and 52.

We have all served on the House Judiciary Committee and understand the importance of victims’ rights in the Oregon Constitution. Under the current language in the constitution, these rights are often empty promises because they are unenforceable.

The Oregon Legislature voted unanimously to refer Measures 51 and 52 to the ballot so those pre-existing rights could be enforced. We were proud to join our colleagues in approving these measures. “Yes” votes on Measure 51 and 52 will give victims in Oregon the same rights as those in other states and similar provisions as federal law.

We’re talking about a victim’s right to be protected from harm and be involved in the court process, to participate in plea bargains, and to get restitution. Perhaps the most important element of these measures honors victims by ensuring judges can enforce these rights when there are violations.

These measures not only allow courts to act immediately to help victims, but also give the legislature the ability to improve the process. Finally, and importantly, this law does not conflict with the constitutional rights of criminal defendants; all the defendants’ rights are preserved.

Oregon is one of handful of states with constitutional rights for crime victims that can’t be enforced. With your support for Ballot Measures 51 and 52, crime victims will be able to exercise and enforce their rights. With your “Yes” vote our victims’ rights laws will be among the most progressive and effective in the country.

We would appreciate your support!

State Representative Linda Flores- Beavercreek, Boring, Clackamas, Damascus, Estacada, Oregon City
State Representative Kim Thatcher- Keizer, Newberg, St. Paul
State Representative Gene Whisnant- LaPine, Redmond, Sisters, Sunriver, Tumalo.

(This information furnished by State Representatives Flores, Thatcher & Whisnant.)

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House Joint Resolution 50—Referred to the Electorate of Oregon by the 2007 Legislative Assembly to be voted on at the Primary Election, May 20, 2008.

RESULT OF “YES” VOTE
“Yes” vote provides crime victims court processes to enforce existing constitutional rights regarding protection from offenders throughout criminal prosecutions/juvenile delinquency proceedings; authorizes implementing legislation.

RESULT OF “NO” VOTE
“No” vote retains provisions giving crime victims specified constitutional rights in prosecutions/juvenile delinquency proceedings, but denying crime victims effective court processes to enforce these rights.

SUMMARY
Amends Oregon Constitution. Current constitution gives crime victims specified rights in criminal prosecutions/juvenile delinquency proceedings (including rights to: protection from offenders, have pre-trial release decisions based on principles of protection, have release prohibited under specified circumstances), but constitution denies crime victims processes for enforcing these rights in court. Measure provides victims shall have remedy by due course of law for violations of these constitutional rights. Measure provides victims may assert claim based on these rights in pending cases or, absent pending case, by mandamus. Authorizes legislature to enact implementing legislation. Measure does not allow victims to obtain compensation, invalidate an accusatory instrument, conviction or adjudication, terminate a criminal or juvenile delinquency proceeding, or suspend such proceeding if suspension would violate defendant’s constitutional rights. Other provisions.

ESTIMATE OF FINANCIAL IMPACT
The direct financial impact to state and local governments is indeterminate because of the uncertainty of how many victims choose to bring an enforcement action to protect rights guaranteed under section 43, Article I of the Oregon Constitution, but denied by the court, district attorney or other public agency. The cost of this measure could increase the number of pretrial release hearings and increase the number of criminal defendants held and the length of incarceration before, during or after trials. Current provisions of the constitution establish a victim’s right to be reasonably protected from the defendant during the criminal justice process, including pretrial detention of a criminal defendant. Current constitutional provisions require that there shall be no bail for a defendant accused of a violent felony where the defendant is a danger to the victim or others. Few of these criminal defendants awaiting trial are currently released, so the number of cases affected by this measure may be minimal. The measure authorizes the legislature to enact laws providing detailed procedures for claims by victims, including the establishment of reasonable limitations on the time allowed victims to assert their rights and prescribing procedures for appeal. Legislation providing such procedures and limitations could change the direct costs of this measure.
Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

**PARAGRAPH 1.** Section 43, Article I of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, is amended to read:

Sec. 43. (1) To ensure that a fair balance is struck between the rights of crime victims and the rights of criminal defendants in the course and conduct of criminal proceedings, the following rights are hereby granted to victims in all prosecutions for crimes:

(a) The right to be reasonably protected from the criminal defendant or the convicted criminal throughout the criminal justice process and from the alleged youth offender or youth offender throughout the juvenile delinquency proceedings.

(b) The right to have decisions by the court regarding the pretrial release of a criminal defendant based upon the principle of reasonable protection of the victim and the public, as well as the likelihood that the criminal defendant will appear for trial. Murder, aggravated murder and treason shall not be bailable when the proof is evident or the presumption strong that the person is guilty. Other violent felonies shall not be bailable when a court has determined there is probable cause to believe the criminal defendant committed the crime, and the court finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that there is danger of physical injury or sexual victimization to the victim or members of the public by the criminal defendant while on release.

(2) This section applies to proceedings pending or commenced on or after the effective date of this section. Nothing in this section abridges any right of the criminal defendant guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, including the rights to be represented by counsel, have counsel appointed if indigent, testify, present witnesses, cross-examine witnesses or present information at the release hearing.

Nothing in this section creates any cause of action for compensation or damages nor may this section be used to invalidate an accusatory instrument, ruling of a court, conviction or acquittal or damages nor may this section be used to invalidate a ruling of a court or to overturn a conviction or acquittal or to invalidate a conviction or acquittal or determine damages or to suspend any criminal or juvenile delinquency proceeding at any point after the case is commenced or on appeal. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of this section and in subsection (5) of this section, nothing in this section may be used to invalidate a ruling of a court or to suspend any criminal or juvenile delinquency proceedings at any point after the case is commenced. Except as otherwise specifically provided, this section supersedes any conflicting section of this Constitution.

(3) As used in this section:

(a) “Victim” means any person determined by the prosecuting attorney or the court to have suffered direct financial, psychological or physical harm as a result of a crime and, in the case of a victim who is a minor, the legal guardian of the minor. [In the event no person has been determined to be a victim of the crime, the people of Oregon, represented by the prosecuting attorney, are considered to be the victims. In no event is it intended that the criminal defendant be considered the victim.]

(b) “Violent felony” means a felony in which there was actual or threatened serious physical injury to a victim or a felony sexual offense.

(4)(a) The prosecuting attorney is the party authorized to assert the rights of the [victim and the] public established by this section.

(b) Upon the victim’s request, the prosecuting attorney, in the attorney’s discretion, may assert and enforce a right established in this section.

(5)(a) Every victim described in paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of this section shall have remedy by due course of law for violation of a right established in this section.

(b) A victim may assert a claim for a right established in this section in a pending case, by a mandamus proceeding if no case is pending or as otherwise provided by law.

(c) The Legislative Assembly may provide by law for further effectuation of the provisions of this subsection, including authorization for expedited and interlocutory consideration of claims for relief and the establishment of reasonable limitations on the time allowed for bringing such claims.

(d) No claim for a right established in this section shall suspend a criminal or juvenile delinquency proceeding if such a suspension would violate a right of a criminal defendant or alleged youth offender guaranteed by this Constitution or the Constitution of the United States.

(6) In the event that no person has been determined to be a victim of the crime, the people of Oregon, represented by the prosecuting attorney, are considered to be the victims. In no event is it intended that the criminal defendant be considered the victim.

**PARAGRAPH 2.** The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at a special election held throughout this state on the same date as the next primary election.

NOTE: **Boldfaced** type indicates new language; [**brackets and italic**] type indicates deletions or comments.
Explanatory Statement

Section 43 of Article I of the Oregon Constitution (the Bill of Rights) establishes rights of crime victims in adult criminal and juvenile delinquency cases. Section 43 establishes the right to be reasonably protected from the accused throughout the adult criminal and juvenile delinquency process and the right to have decisions by the court about the pretrial release of the accused based upon the principles of reasonable protection of the victim and the public, and the likelihood that the accused will appear for trial.

Currently, victims cannot enforce effectively any of the rights established in section 43 because section 43 provides that assertion of a victim’s rights cannot invalidate a court ruling or suspend a case and because district attorneys are the only parties to a case that have authority to assert the victim’s section 43 rights. Thus, victims cannot appear in court to assert their section 43 rights and cannot appeal from or otherwise challenge a ruling of a court denying any of their section 43 rights. The constitution prevents the legislature from providing victims such procedural rights by statute.

HJR 50 amends section 43 of Oregon’s Bill of Rights. Under the measure, victims could individually seek remedies for violations of section 43 “by due course of law.” Victims of crime could challenge a ruling of a court denying the victim a right secured for the victim by section 43. To effectuate their rights under section 43, the measure allows victims to seek a delay in an adult criminal or juvenile delinquency case. Victims could pursue remedies in the criminal or juvenile delinquency case if one is pending, or, if no such case is pending, could initiate a case of their own. If the victim and the district attorney agreed, the district attorney could enforce the victim’s section 43 rights. The measure authorizes the legislature to enact statutes providing the details of victims’ remedial processes, including reasonable limitations on the time allowed for filing claims and the circumstances in which appeals are allowed.

The measure continues the current provision of section 43 that prevents a recovery of money damages for violation of a victim’s rights, and the current provision that prevents an assertion of a victim’s rights from invalidating an accusatory instrument, conviction or adjudication, or from terminating any criminal or juvenile delinquency case at any point after the case begins. The measure also provides that no claim for a right established in section 43 shall suspend a criminal or juvenile delinquency case if suspension would violate a right of a defendant or alleged youth offender guaranteed by the Oregon Constitution or United States Constitution.

(This impartial statement explaining the measure was provided by the 2007 Legislature.)
Legislative Argument in Support

Section 43 of Article I of the Oregon Constitution establishes rights of crime victims. Ballot Measure 52 relates to enforcement of Section 43 rights including the rights to be reasonably protected from adult and juvenile offenders throughout the criminal justice process and to have court decisions about pretrial release of criminal defendants based, in part, on reasonable protection of the victim and the public. Currently, victims cannot individually enforce these rights.

Ballot Measure 52 would empower victims individually to seek remedies for violations of their Section 43 rights. Victims can assert and enforce their rights or ask prosecutors to assert and enforce their rights; prosecutors can decline, leaving victims free to do so.

Ballot Measure 52 authorizes the legislature to enact detailed laws for enforcing Section 43 rights, including reasonable limitations on the time allowed for claims and the circumstances in which expedited appeals are allowed. Until the legislature exercises this authority, victims can assert their constitutional rights in a pending criminal case or, if no such case is pending, by initiating a lawsuit to compel public officials to respect their rights.

Ballot Measure 52 provides that a victim’s claim for a Section 43 right can invalidate a court’s ruling or suspend a criminal or juvenile delinquency proceeding if such suspension would not violate a right of a criminal defendant or alleged youth offender guaranteed by the Oregon or United States Constitutions.

Ballot Measure 52 continues current provisions of the Oregon Constitution preventing recovery of money damages for violation of a victim’s rights, and preventing victim’s claims from invalidating an indictment or other accusatory instrument, conviction or adjudication, or from terminating any criminal or juvenile delinquency proceeding at any point after the case is commenced or on appeal.

Committee Members:  
Senator Floyd Prozanski  
Representative Wayne Krieger  
Representative Greg Macpherson

Appointed by:  
President of the Senate  
Speaker of the House  
Speaker of the House

This Joint Legislative Committee was appointed to provide the legislative argument in support of the ballot measure pursuant to ORS 251.245.

Argument in Favor

Fellow Oregonians:

I ask you to vote “yes” on Measure 52 in order to better protect crime victims from being further victimized during or after a criminal trial.

Measure 51, also on this ballot, protects crime victims in several ways. I have written a voters’ pamphlet argument in favor of Measure 51.

This Measure 52 also improves protections for crime victims. Because it affects a different Section of the Oregon Constitution, it requires a separate vote.

In 1999, I led the effort to put several victims’ rights measures on the ballot. One of those measures became Section 43 of Article I, of the Oregon Constitution, when voters approved it by a wide margin. This Section 43:

• gives crime victims the right to be reasonably protected from the criminal defendant, pending trial, and from the convicted criminal, after trial
• requires courts to consider the protection of the victim and the public when deciding whether to allow pretrial release of a criminal defendant
• restricts bail for aggravated murder, murder, treason, violent felony, and sexual assault cases.

These provisions have been a great help in protecting crime victims, and the public, from predatory criminals. These provisions have been carried out in the great majority of cases where they apply.

Unfortunately, these provisions have not been fully enforced in some cases, and crime victims and prosecutors need more procedural tools to enforce these provisions in all relevant cases.

Measure 52 helps prosecutors better enforce the protection of crime victims and the public. It also gives crime victims a clear right to go to court on their own and “have remedy by due course of law” for violations of Section 43.

This Measure is backed by a broad range of law enforcement authorities and has strong bipartisan support.

I ask you to vote “yes” on Measure 52.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mannix

(This information furnished by Kevin L. Mannix; Kevin L. Mannix, P.C.)

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Argument in Favor

MEASURE 52 ESTABLISHES REAL RIGHTS FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME

Section 43 of the Oregon Constitution’s Bill of Rights establishes rights of crime victims. These rights include, among others, the right to be reasonably protected from adult and juvenile offenders throughout the criminal justice process and to have court decisions about pretrial release of criminal defendants based, in part, on reasonable protection of the victim and the public.

You might think victims denied these and other rights provided by the Oregon Constitution could go to court to enforce their rights—but you would be wrong. Currently victims cannot individually enforce any of their Section 43 rights.
A right without a remedy is an illusory right. A “yes” vote on Measure 52 will allow victims to seek remedies “by due course of law” for violations of their constitutional rights. A “yes” vote will make the constitutional rights of victims real.

**MEASURE 52 STRIKES A FAIR BALANCE IN THE CRIMINAL/JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS**

Measure 52 is carefully drawn to make victims’ rights enforcement consistent with an accused’s constitutional rights and with the orderly progress of a criminal or juvenile case. The measure

--permits victim rights enforcement to suspend temporarily a criminal or juvenile proceeding if consistent with an accused’s speedy trial or other constitutional rights;

--continues current constitutional provisions that prevent a victim’s rights violation from invalidating an accusatory instrument or a conviction, terminating a criminal or juvenile proceeding, or creating a right to recover money damages.

**MEASURE 52 WILL PROVIDE REAL RIGHTS FOR GENERATIONS OF VICTIMS**

Measure 52 authorizes the legislature to establish by law the details of implementing the measure but provides remedies for victims until the legislature acts. The measure will thus form an historic, enduring foundation for Oregonians today and in the years ahead to realize the rights the Oregon Constitution grants them if they are victims of crime.

I urge you to join me in supporting Measure 52.

Attorney General Hardy Myers

(This information furnished by Hardy Myers.)

**Argument in Favor**

Crime Victims United, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Parents of Murdered Children urge you to VOTE YES on Ballot Measures 51 and 52.

We ask you to help us complete a 25-year quest for crime victims’ rights:

- The right to be reasonably protected from the defendant
- The right to refuse to be interviewed by the defendant’s investigator or lawyer
- The right to be informed of hearings
- The right to be consulted regarding plea negotiations
- The right to be present in court
- The right to be heard at sentencing
- The right to obtain information about the offender’s criminal history
- The right to prompt restitution

From the state’s establishment through the early 1980’s, crime victims in Oregon had no rights in statutory law or in the Oregon Constitution. In 1986 the voters of Oregon established crime victims’ rights in statutory law. In 1999 voters established crime victims’ rights in the Oregon Constitution.

But in 2008, crime victims in Oregon still do not have standing to appeal when their rights are violated.

Measures 51 and 52 will give crime victims enforceable rights.

Crime Victims United, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and Parents of Murdered Children have seen the difficulties crime victims face in the criminal justice system. We strongly support these measures.

Measures 51 and 52 received unanimous support from the Oregon House and Senate. They have the support of law enforcement.

Now we ask for your support, through your vote, to make crime victims’ rights enforceable.

Please join Crime Victims United, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and Parents of Murdered Children, by voting:

**YES on Measures 51 and 52**

(This information furnished by Steve Doell, Crime Victims United; Mothers Against Drunk Driving; Parents of Murdered Children.)

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**Argument in Favor**

Our arguments in support of Ballot Measure 52 are fundamentally the same as for Measure 51, and we encourage voters to review that statement. Here we respond to two questions:

- Why are there already two constitutional amendments laying out victims’ rights, which means both need the voters’ approval to be updated?
- And what particular rights are at stake here?

First, in Oregon, we are allowed to make only one change in how we govern ourselves in any single ballot measure. In 1996, a comprehensive crime victims’ bill of rights adopted by the voters was overturned by the Supreme Court for violating that “single subject” rule. Consequently, the legislature sent that proposal as component parts to the voters in 1999. The two “victims’ rights” proposals were adopted as Sections 42 and 43 of Oregon’s Bill of Rights.

In our argument for updating Section 42, we reviewed some of the rights it seeks to make enforceable, like the right to be allowed in the courtroom. Another critical right in that Measure, which bears on this Measure as well, is the right to speak at any pretrial release hearing.

The right which this Measure would make enforceable is to be “reasonably protected” from the accused or convicted offender, adult or juvenile. Reasonable protection can take many forms – from asking for a no-contact order at a release hearing, for example, or for one’s name, address, and contact information to be kept private, or otherwise telling the court about one’s safety concerns.

By passing Measure 52, the voters will tell the justice system that it can no longer ignore these personal safety considerations with impunity. A justice agency that ignores a court order to take certain reasonable protective measures may be brought back into court – and the same for accused or convicted offender who violates such orders.

Please vote for Measure 52.

(This information furnished by John H. Stein, International Organization for Victim Assistance.)

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Argument in Favor

I am a Law Professor in Oregon and Director of the National Crime Victim Law Institute. As one of the nation’s leading legal experts on crime victims law, I urge you to VOTE YES on Ballot Measures 51 and 52. These measures are designed to change what are now illusory crime victims’ rights into real and enforceable crime victims rights.

Right now the victim’s rights already in the Oregon Constitution cannot be enforced. In particular, provisions denying stays and the language preventing judicial review of any ruling involving victims’ rights make unavailable the traditional rights enforcement. Such traditional rights enforcement procedures accompany other constitutional rights, but not crime victims’ rights. What this means is that victims’ rights are rights without remedy. Rights without remedy goes against longstanding legal and constitutional tradition. In our American legal tradition, rights are accompanied by remedies. Ballot Measures 51 and 52 will place victims rights within the American tradition of enforceable rights with remedy.

In providing enforcement for violation of victims’ rights, Measures 51 and 52 also grant the legislature authority to provide procedures. Thus, the legislature may facilitate enforcement of the rights through procedures it establishes. Moreover, this legislative authority allows for flexibility, so that procedures can be modified when needed to ensure that victims’ rights are enforced. With the constitution already providing rights, with the passage of Measures 51 and 52 the legislature will be able to see to it that those constitutional rights can be efficiently enforced in the courts.

Throughout the years, Oregonians have been strong supporters of crime victims’ civil rights. What is needed now to achieve meaningful, enforceable rights is the passage of Measures 51 and 52. Both Houses of the Oregon Legislature voted unanimously to refer these two measures to the people and I urge you to join them in voting YES on Ballot Measures 51 and 52.

Douglas E. Beloof
Professor of Law
Director, National Crime Victim Law Institute

Argument in Favor

OREGON DISTRICT ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION
SUPPORTS MEASURE 52

Measure 52 is a companion to Measure 51. Oregon’s victims’ rights are codified in more than one section of the Constitution. As a result, giving victims the authority to independently enforce the Constitutional protections requires two amendments to the Constitution. Measure 52 continues the important changes made by Measure 51 by mirroring them in a separate section of Oregon’s Constitution.

Measure 52 protects victims’ rights and also ensures timely administration of criminal justice. 34 states provide crime victims with constitutional protections. Only Oregon and one other state fail to provide victims a process to enforce these rights. Measures 51 and 52 contain provisions that preserve the speedy administration of justice and offer victims a meaningful mechanism for protecting their rights.

Enforceability of crime victims’ rights has widespread support. The Oregon Legislature unanimously referred Measure 51 and Measure 52 to the ballot. The federal criminal justice system already offers victims tools to enforce their rights. Measures 51 and 52 will more closely align Oregon with federal law.

Measure 52 provides legislative flexibility in the future. Both Measure 51 and Measure 52 authorize the legislature to enact laws to facilitate and streamline the process by which crime victims obtain relief in the courtroom. These provisions ensure that the state legislature has the ability to shape the effective and efficient administration of justice without additional Constitutional amendments.

Ballot Measure 52 makes important and responsible improvements to Oregon’s Constitution.

(This information furnished by Kevin Neely, Oregon District Attorneys Association.)

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Argument in Favor

JOIN OREGON’S LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERS
Vote YES on Ballot Measure 52

The members of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police urge you to vote YES on Ballot Measure 52.

Over the past decade, Oregonians and the legislative process have taken important steps to insure that the needs of crime victims are considered by our judicial system and that their voices are heard. As law enforcement leaders in the State of Oregon, we see the harm and pain that crime victims experience on a daily basis. We strongly believe that their stories and perspectives play a critical role in our criminal justice system. Above all, we believe that the rights of crime victims should be fully enforceable in the courts. It is not sufficient to provide victims with the appearance of rights without providing them a real remedy when their rights are violated.

As presently written, the Oregon Constitution provides rights for crime victims but doesn’t provide recourse when these important rights are violated. Ballot Measure 52 will insure that the rights we offer to victims in Oregon are meaningful and real. Ballot Measure 52 will give judges the authority they need to enforce the rights of crime victims the way other constitutional rights are enforced. Just as the rights of defendants are honored by the criminal justice system, so too should the rights of victims.

The Oregon House of Representatives and Oregon State Senate voted unanimously to refer Ballot Measure 52 to you, the voters. Such bipartisan agreement testifies to the common sense nature of this important proposal. Please join Oregon’s police chiefs in supporting this vital measure to secure the enforcement of crime victim’s rights.

We urge you to vote YES on Ballot Measure 52!

(This information furnished by Kevin Campbell, Oregon Association Chiefs of Police.)

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Senate Joint Resolution 18—Referred to the Electorate of Oregon by the 2007 Legislative Assembly to be voted on at the Primary Election, May 20, 2008.

**Ballot Title**

53 AMENDS CONSTITUTION: MODIFIES PROVISIONS GOVERNING CIVIL FORFEITURES RELATED TO CRIMES; PERMITS USE OF PROCEEDS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT.

**RESULT OF “YES” VOTE**

“Yes” vote amends constitution to allow civil forfeitures for crimes similar to crime of conviction, permits proceeds to be used for law enforcement; other changes.

**RESULT OF “NO” VOTE**

“No” vote retains constitutional provisions prohibiting civil forfeitures unless property is directly related to crime of conviction and prohibiting use of proceeds by law enforcement.

**SUMMARY**

Oregon’s Constitution generally requires that property may be forfeited only if the owner is convicted of crime involving the property. Constitution currently prohibits use of proceeds for law enforcement purposes. Measure would allow civil forfeiture of property for crimes that are substantially similar to crime of conviction. Measure would permit forfeiture without conviction if the person took property with intent to defeat forfeiture, knew or should have known that the property constituted proceeds or instrumentality of criminal conduct, or acquiesced in criminal conduct. The measure requires proof by preponderance of evidence to forfeit personal property, and by clear and convincing evidence to forfeit real property. The measure provides an exemption for forfeiture of animals. The measure would allow using forfeiture proceeds for law enforcement purposes.

**ESTIMATE OF FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The direct financial impact of this measure to state and local governments is indeterminate due to the inability to accurately predict the number of civil forfeitures that may occur. If the frequency of civil forfeitures increases, then the amount of money going to the state and local jurisdictions will increase correspondingly. Any assets forfeited under this measure are distributed as follows: to the satisfaction of any foreclosed liens, security interests and contracts in the order of their priority; to the state or any of its political subdivisions for actual and reasonable expenses; and to the state or any of its political subdivisions for drug treatment programs. This measure will increase the revenue to the state and its political subdivisions, but the extent of the increase is unknown.
Text of Measure

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

PARAGRAPH 1. Section 10, Article XV of the Constitution of the State of Oregon, is amended to read:

Sec. 10. The Oregon Property Protection Act of 2000. (1) This section may be known and shall be cited as the “Oregon Property Protection Act of 2000.”

(2) Statement of principles. The People, in the exercise of the power reserved to them under the Constitution of the State of Oregon, declare that:

(a) A basic tenet of a democratic society is that a person is presumed innocent and should not be punished until proven guilty;

(b) The property of a person generally should not be forfeited in a forfeiture proceeding by government unless and until that person is convicted of a crime involving the property;

(c) The value of property forfeited should be proportional to the specific conduct for which the owner of the property has been convicted; and

(d) Proceeds from forfeited property should be used for treatment of drug abuse unless otherwise specified by law for another purpose.

(3) Forfeitures prohibited without conviction. [No] Except as provided in this section, a judgment of forfeiture of property in a civil forfeiture proceeding by the State or any of its political subdivisions [shall be allowed or] may not be entered until and unless the owner of person claiming the property is convicted of a crime in Oregon or another jurisdiction and the property is found by clear and convincing evidence to have been instrumental in committing or facilitating the crime or to be proceeds of that crime:

(a) Constitutes proceeds of the crime for which the claimant has been convicted;

(b) Was instrumental in committing or facilitating the crime for which the claimant has been convicted;

(c) Constitutes proceeds of one or more other crimes similar to the crime for which the claimant was convicted; or

(d) Was instrumental in committing or facilitating one or more other crimes similar to the crime for which the claimant was convicted.

(4) Forfeiture based on similar crimes. Property may be forfeited under paragraph (c) or (d) of subsection (3) of this section only if the claimant is notified in writing of the other crime or crimes claimed to be similar to the crime for which the claimant was convicted. The notice must be given at the time the claimant is given notice of the seizure of the property for forfeiture, and the claimant must have an opportunity to challenge the seizure and forfeiture of the property.

(5) Forfeiture without conviction of claimant. The property of a claimant who has not been convicted of a crime may be forfeited in a civil forfeiture proceeding only if the claimant consents to the forfeiture of the property or the forfeiting agency proves the property constitutes proceeds or an instrumentality of crime committed by another person as described in subsection (3) of this section and:

(a) The claimant took the property with the intent to defeat forfeiture of the property;

(b) The claimant knew or should have known that the property constituted proceeds or an instrumentality of criminal conduct; or

(c) The claimant acquiesced in the criminal conduct. A person shall be considered to have acquiesced in criminal conduct if the person knew of the criminal conduct and failed to take reasonable action under the circumstances to terminate the criminal conduct or prevent use of the property to commit or facilitate the criminal conduct.

(6) Standard of proof. (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, if the property to be forfeited in a civil forfeiture action is personal property, the forfeiting agency must prove the elements specified in subsection (3) or (5) of this section by a preponderance of the evidence. If the property to be forfeited in a civil forfeiture action is real property, the forfeiting agency must prove the elements specified in subsection (3) or (5) of this section by clear and convincing evidence.

(b) If a forfeiting agency establishes in a forfeiture proceeding that cash, weapons or negotiable instruments were found in close proximity to controlled substances or to instrumentalities of criminal conduct, the burden is on any person claiming the cash, weapons or negotiable instruments to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the cash, weapons or negotiable instruments are not proceeds of criminal conduct or an instrumentality of criminal conduct.

(7) Value of property forfeited. The value of the property forfeited under the provisions of this subsection shall not be excessive and shall be substantially proportional to the specific conduct for which the owner of the property has been convicted. For purposes of this section, “property” means any interest in anything of value, including the whole of any lot or tract of land and tangible and intangible personal property, including currency, instruments or securities or any other kind of privilege, interest, claim or right whether due or to become due. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a person from voluntarily giving a judgment of forfeiture.

(8) [Protection of innocent property owners. Financial institutions. In a civil forfeiture proceeding, if a financial institution claiming an interest in the property demonstrates that it holds an interest, [It] the financial institution’s interest [shall] is not [be] subject to forfeiture.

(9) In a civil forfeiture proceeding if a person claiming an interest in the property, other than a financial institution or a defendant who has been charged with or convicted of a crime involving that property, demonstrates that the person has an interest in the property, that person’s interest shall not be subject to forfeiture unless:

(a) The forfeiting agency proves by clear and convincing evidence that the person took the property or the interest with the intent to defeat the forfeiture; or

(b) A conviction under subsection (3) is later obtained against the person.

(10) Exception for unclaimed property and contraband. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (3) of this section, if, following notice to all persons known to have an interest or who may have an interest, no person claims an interest in the seized property or if the property is contraband, a judgment of forfeiture may be allowed and entered without a criminal conviction. For purposes of this subsection, “contraband” means personal property, articles or things, including but not limited to controlled substances or drug paraphernalia, that a person is prohibited by Oregon statute or local ordinance from producing, obtaining or possessing.

(11) Exception for forfeiture of animals. This section does not apply to the forfeiture of animals that have been abused, neglected or abandoned.
[(6)] (11) Law enforcement seizures unaffected. Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the temporary seizure of property for evidentiary, forfeiture, or protective purposes, or to alter the power of the Governor to remit fines or forfeitures under Article V, Section 14, of this Constitution.

[(7)] (12) Disposition of property [and proceeds] to drug treatment. Any sale of forfeited property shall be conducted in a commercially reasonable manner. Property [or proceeds] forfeited under subsections (3), (5), or (8) of this section shall not be used for law enforcement purposes but in a civil forfeiture proceeding shall be distributed or applied in the following order:

(a) To the satisfaction of any foreclosed liens, security interests and contracts in the order of their priority;

(b) To the State or any of its political subdivisions for actual and reasonable expenses related to the costs of the forfeiture proceeding, including attorney fees, storage, maintenance, management, and disposition of the property incurred in connection with the sale of any forfeited property [in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent of the total proceeds in any single forfeiture]; and

(c) To the State or any of its political subdivisions to be used exclusively for drug treatment, unless another disposition is specially provided by law.

[(8)] State and federal sharing. The State of Oregon or any of its political subdivisions shall take all necessary steps to obtain shared property or proceeds from the United States Department of Justice resulting from a forfeiture. Any property or proceeds received from the United States Department of Justice by the State of Oregon or any of its political subdivisions shall be applied as provided in subsection (7) of this section.

[(9)] (13) Restrictions on State transfers. Neither the State of Oregon, its political subdivisions, nor any forfeiting agency shall transfer forfeiture proceedings to the federal government unless a state court has affirmatively found that:

(a) The activity giving rise to the forfeiture is interstate in nature and sufficiently complex to justify the transfer;

(b) The seized property may only be forfeited under federal law; or

(c) Pursuing forfeiture under state law would unduly burden the state forfeiting agencies.

[(10)] (14) Penalty for violations. Any person acting under color of law, official title or position who takes any action intending to conceal, transfer, withhold, retain, divert or otherwise prevent any [proceeds] moneys, conveyances, real property, or any things of value forfeited under the law of this State or the United States from being applied, deposited or used in accordance with subsections (7), (8) or (9) the requirements of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty in an amount treble the value of the forfeited property concealed, transferred, withheld, retained or diverted. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to impair judicial immunity if otherwise applicable.

[(11)] (15) Reporting requirement. All forfeiting agencies shall report the nature and disposition of all property [and proceeds] seized for forfeiture or forfeited to a State asset forfeiture oversight committee that is independent of any forfeiting agency. The asset forfeiture oversight committee shall generate and make available to the public an annual report of the information collected. The asset forfeiture oversight committee shall also make recommendations to ensure that asset forfeiture proceedings are handled in a manner that is fair to innocent property owners and interest holders.

[(12)] (16) Severability. If any part of this section or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid for any reason, then the remaining parts or applications to any persons or circumstances shall not be affected but shall remain in full force and effect.

**PARAGRAPH 2.** The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at a special election held throughout this state on the same date as the next primary election.

**NOTE:** Boldfaced type indicates new language; [brackets and italic] type indicates deletions or comments.

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**Explanatory Statement**

In November 2000 voters amended the Oregon Constitution by approving the Oregon Property Protection Act of 2000. The amendment imposed several restrictions on the ability of state and local governments to civilly forfeit property. This measure would modify some of the restrictions on civil forfeiture of property.

The constitution currently requires that a person’s property may be forfeited only if the person is convicted of a crime. In addition, the forfeiting agency must show by clear and convincing evidence that the property was an instrumentality of the crime, or proceeds of that crime.

This measure would allow civil forfeiture of instrumentality of purpose proceeds of other crimes that are similar to the crime that a person is convicted of committing, even though the person is not convicted of committing those other crimes. The measure requires notice to the person and opportunity to challenge the seizure and forfeiture.

This measure would also specify circumstances in which property may be forfeited without a criminal conviction. The measure would authorize forfeiture if the person took the property with intent to defeat forfeiture, the person knew or should have known that the property constituted proceeds or instrumentality of criminal conduct, or the person acquiesced in the criminal conduct.

This measure also modifies the standard of proof in civil forfeiture proceedings, requiring proof by preponderance of evidence to forfeit personal property, and proof by clear and convincing evidence to forfeit real property. The measure requires notice to the person and opportunity to challenge the seizure and forfeiture.

This measure provides that forfeiture of animals is not subject to the Oregon Property Protection Act of 2000.

This measure removes the prohibition on using forfeited property for law enforcement purposes, and removes the cap on the amount of property that may be applied against the costs of the forfeiture proceeding.

This measure makes various other housekeeping amendments to the Oregon Property Protection Act of 2000.

(This impartial statement explaining the measure was provided by the 2007 Legislature.)
The State of Oregon cannot seize and forfeit a person’s property unless the person has been convicted of a crime, the crime is connected to the property and the value of the seized property is proportional to the crime committed.

This was not always true. Before Ballot Measure 3 in November, 2000, property could be forfeited even if the owner of the property had not been convicted of a crime. Measure 3 amended the Oregon Constitution to require a criminal conviction.

But Measure 3 left many things unclear. For example, can a large amount of cash found next to a large quantity of methamphetamine be forfeited? What can a county sheriff do to save neglected pets when it may take months to convict the pet’s owners of neglect? Can the pets be put up for adoption? Can local law enforcement share in the proceeds when it assists federal law enforcement in carrying out a forfeiture under federal law?

In response to these unanswered questions, the 2007 Legislature worked with the Oregon Department of Justice, the Oregon District Attorneys Association, the Oregon Chiefs of Police, the Oregon State Sheriffs Association, the ACLU of Oregon, and the Oregon Criminal Defense Lawyers Association to develop Ballot Measure 53. If Ballot Measure 53 is adopted, certain abandoned property and neglected or abused animals can be forfeited without a conviction. Under Ballot Measure 53, the cash next to the methamphetamines can be forfeited, the pets can be put up for adoption, and local governments can share in the proceeds for assisting the federal government.

Committee Members:

Representative Suzanne Bonamici
Representative Andy Olson
Senator Floyd Prozanski

Appointed by:

Speaker of the House
Speaker of the House
President of the Senate

(This Joint Legislative Committee was appointed to provide the legislative argument in support of the ballot measure pursuant to ORS 251.245.)

Ballot Measure 53 is a much needed correction

Eighth years ago, Oregonians passed the Property Protection Act (PPA), amending the Oregon Constitution to prohibit property forfeitures before a defendant’s conviction. The PPA was intended to apply in drug cases. However, due to its overly broad wording, the PPA adversely affected the safety and well-being of Oregon’s most vulnerable animals—those seized from an abuser. Under current law, just like a car or couch, animals are considered mere property and the PPA applies to all property (not just the drug houses or the cars used to transport the drugs), meaning that Oregon’s pre-conviction forfeiture statute applicable in animal cruelty cases was inadvertently compromised by the PPA.

Why is forfeiture so important in animal abuse cases?

Before the PPA, Oregon law allowed humane societies that cared for abused animals seized in criminal investigations to petition the court and transfer ownership of the animals—if the defendant didn’t post a cost-of-care bond, then the court could order the animals forfeited to the humane society. This pre-conviction forfeiture process meant that seized animals did not have to be held indeﬁnitely while the underlying criminal case moved through the system (a processes that takes close to a year to complete—longer if an appeal is taken). Rather, animals could be placed in loving homes to live out the balance of their natural lives within weeks after having been rescued.

The fix is Ballot Measure 53

Ballot Measure 53 ensures that Oregon’s animals will not languish in the “system” and that humane care providers do not have to hold the animals for months (if not years) while the criminal case drags on and on. Rather, the animals can be adopted into loving homes—a just result in light of what these animals had to endure before they were seized from the hands of their abusers.

Don’t leave the safety of Oregon’s animals up to chance. Vote Yes on Ballot Measure 53.

Argument in Favor

Vote Yes on Measure 53

Measure 53 is simple: It will fix unintended problems caused by Measure 3.

Measure 53 fixes problems with Measure 3

In November of 2000, Oregon voters passed Measure 3. The purpose was to increase protections for property owners, and make sure that government did not confiscate property for criminal activity without first getting a criminal conviction. Unfortunately, the way Measure 3 was written created some unintended problems.

Convicted drug dealers keeping ill-gotten gains

One problem is that Measure 3 allows drug dealers to keep much of their ill-gotten gains, even after being convicted! That is just plain wrong, and must be corrected.

Abused and neglected animals suffering in shelters

Another unintended consequence of Measure 3 relates to abused and neglected animals, leaving them to languish in shelters for long periods of time pending the outcome of criminal cases. This must also be corrected.
Measure 53 is the solution to these problems

Representatives from law enforcement sat down with representatives from civil liberties and criminal defense groups and worked out a solution. The result was approved by the Oregon Legislature and became Measure 53.

Measure 53 deserves your support

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 53

(This information furnished by Rob Bovett, Legal Counsel, Oregon Narcotics Enforcement Association.)

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It is Against the Law To

- sign another person’s ballot return envelope for them
- vote more than once in an election or cast a fraudulent ballot
- vote a ballot if you are not legally qualified
- coerce, pressure or otherwise unduly influence another voter
- sell, offer to sell, purchase or offer to purchase another voter’s ballot
- obstruct an entrance of a building in which a voting booth or official ballot dropsite is located
- deface, remove, alter or destroy another voter’s ballot, a posted election notice or election equipment or supplies
- attempt to collect voted ballots within 100 feet of an official ballot dropsite
- attempt to collect voted ballots without displaying a sign stating “Not An Official Ballot Dropsite”

Any violations of the identified election laws are subject to penalties ranging from Civil Penalties (Up to $250 per Violation), Class A Misdemeanors or Class C Felonies.

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What is Vote by Mail?
Vote by mail is a method of conducting elections. Instead of using traditional polling places where voters go to cast ballots on election day, a ballot is automatically mailed to each registered voter. The ballot is then voted and returned to the county elections office to be counted.

As a voter, what do I have to do?
Your ballot packet will automatically be mailed to you between May 2 and 6, 2008. Inside the packet you will find the ballot, a secrecy envelope and a return envelope. Once you vote the ballot, place it in the secrecy envelope and seal it in the pre-addressed return envelope. Be sure you sign the return envelope on the appropriate line. After that just return the ballot either by mail or at a designated dropsite.

What if I am uncomfortable voting my ballot at home?
Privacy booths are available for you to cast your ballot. There are privacy booths at your county elections office and there may be others at dropsite locations elsewhere in your county. For further information, call your county elections official.

What if my ballot doesn’t come?
If you are registered to vote and have not received your ballot within a week after they are mailed, call your county elections office. They will check that your voter registration is current. If it is, they will mail you a replacement ballot.

What if I have moved and have not updated my registration?
If you were registered to vote by April 29 but now have a different address, call your county elections office for instructions on how to update your registration and receive a ballot.

Do I have to return my ballot by mail?
You have the choice of mailing your ballot or returning it to any county elections office or any designated dropsite in the state. The times and locations of dropsites are available at your county elections office.

How much postage is required to mail the ballot back?
Your voted ballot can usually be returned using a single first-class stamp (41¢ prior to May 12 and 42¢ on or after May 12). In those instances where additional postage is necessary, it will be clearly indicated on the ballot materials.

When must the voted ballot be returned?
The voted ballot must be received in any county elections office or any designated dropsite by 8pm on election day. Ballot counting cannot begin until election day. Initial results are released at 8pm election night and will continue to be updated through election night until all ballots have been counted.

What if I forget to sign the return envelope?
Generally, your elections office will either return it to you for signing or they will contact you, if possible, to come to the elections office to sign it. If the return envelope does not get signed before 8pm on May 20, the ballot will not be counted.

Can the public watch the election process?
All steps of the process are open to observation by the public. Contact your county elections official to make arrangements.

When will election results be known?
Ballot counting cannot begin until election day. Initial results are released at 8pm election night and will continue to be updated through election night until all ballots have been counted.

Important!
If your ballot is lost, destroyed, damaged or you make a mistake in marking your ballot, you may call your county elections office and request a replacement ballot. One will be mailed to you as long as you request it by May 15. After that, you may pick it up at the elections office. If you have already mailed your original ballot before you realize you made a mistake, you have cast your vote and will not be eligible for a replacement ballot.

Your voted ballot must be returned to your county elections office by 8pm election day, Tuesday, May 20, 2008.

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Provisional Ballot Information
You will be issued a provisional ballot if:
→ there is a question about your eligibility as a voter (for example, there is no evidence on file that you are an active or inactive voter in Oregon)
→ you need to vote at a County Elections Office in a county other than the one you live in

In order to obtain a provisional ballot, you need to fill out a Provisional Ballot Request Form in person at the County Elections Office.

Your provisional ballot will not be counted until it is determined that you are eligible to vote.

After you have voted the ballot, you can call 1-866-ORE-VOTE (1-866-673-8683) or the County Elections Office in which you voted to find out if your ballot was counted. If your ballot was not counted, you can also find out the reason it was not counted.

If it is determined that you are ineligible to vote in this election, the completed Provisional Ballot Request Form will serve as your voter registration for future elections.

Voter Information
For questions about voter registration, ballot delivery and return, marking the ballot, requesting a replacement ballot, absentee ballots, signature requirements, the voters’ pamphlet, when and where to vote, and other questions about elections and voting, call the toll-free voter information line at 1-866-ORE-VOTE (1-866-673-8683).

Voter information line representatives can provide services in both English and Spanish. TTY services for the hearing impaired are also available at 1-800-735-2800.
Voters with Disabilities

The Oregon Secretary of State and the Elections Division are committed to making voting more accessible to people with disabilities.

Alternate Format Ballot

The Alternate Format Ballot (AFB) is a new voting tool that is available to voters with disabilities. The AFB allows voters with disabilities who are unable to mark a printed ballot to vote privately and independently at home if they have, or have access to, a computer with a web browser and a printer.

Call 1-866-ORE VOTE/ 673-8683 or your county elections official for more information.

Accessible Computer Stations

To accommodate voters with disabilities that do not have, or have access to, the required technology to vote the AFB from home, every county elections office will have at least two Accessible Computer Stations (ACS), one permanent and one portable. The permanent ACS is located at the county elections office and voters can go to the office and vote privately and independently using the AFB. The portable station allows county election officials to, upon request, take the ACS and AFB to remote locations or a location agreed upon by the voter and the county elections officials to accommodate participation in the voting process.

Voting Assistance Teams

Any voter with a disability that needs assistance can request assistance from the county elections office. A nonpartisan voting assistance team will be able to provide assistance marking a ballot, using the ACS and AFB or completing a voter registration card.

Call 1-866-ORE VOTE/ 673-8683 or your county elections official to request assistance.

Educational Videos

Go online at www.oregonvotes.org to view two educational videos about the Alternate Format Ballot/Accessible Voting Station and Assisting Voters with Disabilities. If you are an organization that provides services to people with disabilities you can request a copy of the videos on DVD by calling 1-866-ORE VOTE/ 673-8683.
Signature Stamp Attestation Card

If, because of a disability, a person is unable to sign a ballot or registration card, they may use a signature stamp or other indicator that represents their signature. A signature stamp attestation form must be completed along with an updated (or new) voter registration card.

Call 1-866-ORE VOTE/673-8683 or your county elections official for more information.

Large Print Voter Registration Card

Large print voter registration cards are available for voters with visual disabilities. Call 1-866-ORE VOTE/673-8683 or your county elections official for more information.

Statewide Voters’ Pamphlet

Digital audio and accessible text versions of the Statewide Voters' Pamphlet are available on the web at: www.oregonvotes.org. A CD version (MP3 audio files) of the Statewide Voters' Pamphlet is available by request.

Call 1-866-ORE VOTE/673-8683 or 503-986-2352 to request a copy.

Other Voter Guide Resources (for statewide elections)

The SOS, with the help of HAVA funds, partners with Talking Book and Braille Services, Oregon Literacy, Inc., Oregon Advocacy Center and the League of Women Voters of Oregon Educational Fund to produce, print and distribute alternate formats of the Easy To Read and Regular Nonpartisan Voting Guides.

Easy To Read Voting Guide:

Available in digital audio and accessible text versions on the web at www.lwvor.org/votersguide.htm. Printed versions in both English and Spanish are also available from the partner organizations listed above.

Nonpartisan Regular Voters Guide:

Available in digital audio and accessible text version on the web at www.lwvor.org/votersguide.htm. Large print, Braille, CD and NSL compatible 4-track cassette versions are also available.

Contact Talking book and Braille Services at 1-800-452-0292 to request this voting guide.
marking your ballot

1. Carefully read and follow all instructions printed on your ballot. The instructions will say whether you should use a pen or pencil to mark your ballot.
2. To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice.
3. To write-in a candidate:
   - Clearly print his or her name on the dotted line provided on the ballot
   - Fill in the oval next to the name you wrote-in

   **You must do both for your vote to be counted.**

check your ballot!

If you vote for more candidates than allowed, or if you vote both Yes and No on a measure, it is called an overvote.

Your vote **will not count** for that candidate or measure.

You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still count.

getting a replacement ballot

Contact your County Elections Office or call 1 866 ORE VOTE to request a replacement ballot if:

- you make a mistake
- your ballot is damaged or spoiled
- you lose your ballot

or for any other reason.

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Below is a listing of dropsite locations and the available days and hours the sites will be open to accept voted ballots. Ballots may be mailed to the county elections office or returned to any designated dropsite in the state. All ballots must be received by 8pm on Election Day, May 20, 2008. **Postmarks do not count!**

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<td>541-523-8207 TTY 541-523-9538 <a href="mailto:tgreen@bakercounty.org">tgreen@bakercounty.org</a></td>
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<td>James Morales</td>
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<td>120 NW 4th St., Room 13, Corvallis, OR 97330</td>
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<td>503-655-8510 TTY 503-655-1685 fax 503-655-8461</td>
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<td>Coos County Clerk</td>
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<td>541-396-3121 ext. 301 TTY 1-800-735-2900 fax 541-396-6551</td>
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<td>Renee Kolen</td>
<td>Curry County Clerk</td>
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<td>541-247-3297 or 1-877-739-4218 TTY 1-800-735-2900 fax 541-247-6440</td>
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<td>Nancy Blankenship</td>
<td>Deschutes County Clerk</td>
<td>1300 NW Wall St., Suite 200, Bend, OR 97701</td>
<td>541-388-6546 TTY 1-800-735-2900 fax 541-383-4424 e-mail: <a href="mailto:elections@deschutes.org">elections@deschutes.org</a> <a href="http://www.deschutes.org">http://www.deschutes.org</a></td>
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<td>Douglas County Clerk</td>
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<td>541-575-1675 TTY 541-575-1675 fax 541-575-2248 e-mail: <a href="mailto:mckinnonk@grantcounty-or.gov">mckinnonk@grantcounty-or.gov</a></td>
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<td>Sandra Berry</td>
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<td>Christine Walker</td>
<td>Jackson County Clerk</td>
<td>1101 W. Main St., Suite 201, Medford, OR 97501-2369</td>
<td>541-774-6148 TTY 541-774-6719 fax 541-774-6140 e-mail: <a href="mailto:walkerccd@jacksoncounty.org">walkerccd@jacksoncounty.org</a> <a href="http://www.co.jackson.or.us">http://www.co.jackson.or.us</a></td>
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