

Oregon Progressive Party:

Fighting for Honest Elections, Economic Justice, Human Rights, Environmental Protection, and Grassroots Democracy.

WE SUPPORT: real campaign finance reform, Medicare for All, equal rights (including same-sex marriage), and \$15 minimum wage for all, now.

WE OPPOSE: the corruption of elections by big money, Wall Street bailouts, bloated military spending, "corporate personhood," and NAFTA, WTO, and other "free trade" deals that let corporations override labor, consumer protection, and environmental policies.

ENDORSEMENTS

Candidate	Non-Partisan Office	Candidate	Office Sought in Primary
Chris Henry	OR Labor Commissioner	Patrick Starnes	Governor
Brian Setzler	Portland City Auditor	Doyle Canning	U.S. Congress #4
Jo Ann Hardesty	Portland City Council	Jackie Leung	Oregon House #19
		Eric Delehoy	Oregon House #44

Real Campaign Finance Reform

Oregon Democrats and Republicans have never enacted limits on political campaign contributions. **Campaign spending for Oregon state and local offices has skyrocketed from \$4 million in 1996 to \$83 million in 2018.** Winning a contested race for the Legislature (about 15,000 votes needed for a House seat) now typically costs over \$750,000 and often over \$1 million per candidate.

The State Integrity Investigation of the Center for Public Integrity (2015) ranked Oregon 2nd worst of 50 states in controlling political financing to avoid corruption, beating only Mississippi.

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Invest in Oregon

Oregon's \$139 billion of state investment funds should be invested in public works and jobs for Oregonians, instead of in businesses almost entirely outside of Oregon. The State pays over \$1 billion in fees every year (mostly undisclosed) to vulture capitalists, corporate raiders and leveraged buyout artists who use Oregon funds to invest in any sort of corporation (including fossil fuels) and even makers of spyware used to oppress activists worldwide.

Oregon local governments borrow about \$4 billion per year, mostly for infrastructure improvements, and pay huge fees (around \$200 million per year) to Wall Street firms to issue the bonds, along with high bond interest.

Let's cut out the Wall Street middle men. Local governments should borrow the needed funds from the State. The Bank of North Dakota funds local infrastructure improvements at interest of 2%. If a State Bank of Oregon were to charge local governments an interest rate of 3%, local governments would save an additional \$40 million per year in interest on every year's issuance of bonds. After 10 years, they would be saving \$400 million per year in interest, plus avoiding the \$200 million per year in fees to Wall Street.

Grassroots Democracy

Oregonians need to be able to effectively use the initiative process, including electronic signatures to avoid spread of disease and allow wider participation. We support the use of STAR Voting or Ranked Choice Voting to break 2-party domination.

Human Rights

We believe that all human beings are fundamentally worthy of respect and dignity. We support equal rights for all, including same-sex marriage. We support the rights of trans kids and adults to participate without discrimination in all aspects of life. We support Medicare for All comprehensive health care. We oppose cuts in Social Security & Medicare benefits.

Environmental Justice

We support policies that will protect Oregonians' air, water, land, and forests and the world's climate. We support an Oregon Green New Deal and would tax harmful emissions that cause climate change and the diesel emissions that cause cancer. We oppose offshore oil & gas drilling and shipping fossil fuels for export from Pacific Northwest ports. We would require labeling of genetically engineered food. We oppose aerial spraying of pesticides/insecticides in the management of forests and the foreign export of logs from all forests in Oregon.

Fair Taxation

Oregon has the 4th highest income tax of any state on lower-income working families. We oppose government promotion of gambling, including video poker, which is a hidden, regressive tax.

Other Issues: See our testimony on hundreds of bills at the Oregon Legislature:
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