

## Oregon Progressive Party

### 2019 Candidate questionnaire for state offices

**Date:**

**Your name:**

**Office for which you are running:**

Here is our platform of issues from our website; please comment on any issues where you disagree with our position and explain why.

1. Real campaign finance reform, particularly in Oregon
2. "Medicare for All" comprehensive health care
3. Oppose cuts in Social Security & Medicare benefits; support expansion of Social Security and Medicare
4. Increase minimum wage to at least \$15 or more NOW in all of Oregon
5. Employment for All (public works projects, WPA style)
6. Increase income taxes on big corporations and the wealthy
7. Oppose Wall Street bailouts
8. Repair, improve infrastructure (transportation, water systems, etc.)
9. Oppose NAFTA, WTO, Trans-Pacific Partnership "free trade" deals; support local products & services Oppose NAFTA 2.0 unless strong enforcement standards for labor and environmental laws are including in the text; remove big pharma protection clauses
10. Oppose war in Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan; bring troops home now and stop sending in more. Oppose war in Iran and Venezuela
11. Slash military spending and foreign bases
12. End occupation of Palestine
13. Oppose spying on Americans, including drones
14. Equal rights for all including transgender people; same-sex marriage
15. Clean energy; stop nuclear subsidies.
16. Oppose shipping fossil fuels for export from Pacific Northwest ports
17. Oppose offshore oil & gas drilling, including the Arctic
18. Legalize marijuana possession and use
19. End "corporate personhood" and constitutional rights for corporations
20. Require labeling of genetically engineered food (GMO)
21. End the U.S. Senate filibuster; restore majority rule

### Questions specific for OR state legislative candidates

1. Last year, voters in Multnomah County enacted a change to their county charter placing limits on campaign contributions/expenditures and requiring disclosure of true major funders of candidate campaigns. Would you introduce such a measure in the state legislature?
2. Beyond such a measure, what should be done statewide to address the problem of big special interest money in our political system?
3. Describe how the legislature should address the issue of homelessness and affordability of housing?
4. Many states are looking at creation of public banks. Do you support the creation of an Oregon State Bank? Do you support legislation which would allow creation of municipal public banks?
5. A Green New Deal has been proposed for Oregon. Would you support implementation of its seven policy proposals? Why or why not? What policies do you support for addressing the climate crisis by the state of Oregon?
6. Healthcare is a major issue and in the Trump era, likely to get much worse. What measures should the state legislature take to address the issue? Beyond what the State might do, what is your position on addressing the healthcare crisis?
7. Infrastructure is in need to modernizing. What should the priority types of projects regarding infrastructure be? How should those projects be paid for?
8. Oregon has dispatched its National Guard to assist military operations in foreign countries. Is this an appropriate use of National Guard and Oregon resources?
9. In order to increase the revenue for the state of Oregon, how should the Oregon tax structure be changed in order to support the activities of the state?
10. Should the state charge a business license (revenue) tax to apply only to the largest corporations with sales in the state?
11. In spite of the clear cutting rules put in place during the 1990s, clear cutting continues in our forests. What laws/policies would you support in this regard?
12. Would you support a state legislative resolution calling on our US Senators to support amending the US Constitution to say that money is not speech and corporations are not people?