

Resolution of the Oregon Republican Party
regarding
**Gov. Kate Brown's Vacancy Appointment to
Replace Secretary of State Dennis Richardson**

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Whereas the Oregon Republican Party deeply mourns the passing of Secretary of State Dennis Richardson; and

Whereas Dennis Richardson has demonstrated a vigorous defense of election integrity and expanded voting rights, as well as effective impartial oversight of the executive and legislative branches; and

Whereas Dennis Richardson has delivered effective audits of government agencies such as foster care and Portland Public Schools; and

Whereas there is profound concern Governor Kate Brown may select someone who either recently changed their registration to Republican to secure this appointment, or someone with no connection to Republican Party leadership, or someone without elected experience or whose major qualification is loyalty to the Governor; and

Whereas according to the Oregon Constitution, the circumstances of Dennis Richardson's passing call for Governor Kate Brown to appoint a Republican replacement to serve out the remainder of his term.

Therefore, be it resolved that

The Oregon Republican Party strongly urges Governor Kate Brown to work with Republican Party and Caucus leaders in a transparent process, allowing them to select three to five individuals, who commit to continuing Dennis Richardson's vision, from among whom she would then choose the appointment; and

The Oregon Republican Party believes anything less than allowing Party and Caucus leaders to select the nominating pool would violate the spirit in which he was elected, thwart the intent of Oregon voters, and ignore the established process we routinely use for replacing lawmakers.