

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



Justin Hwang  
*ORP Chairman*

Welcome to the Oregon Republican Party 2023 Convention!

Every two years the delegates to the Platform Convention evaluate our party's guiding principles and work together to prepare a consolidated set of statements proclaiming the values and positions we share. This amended platform forms the basis for our political advocacy in Oregon.

As a delegate, your task is to represent the views of Republicans in your county and across the state. As you consider refinements to the language of our platform please consider how those words relate to our current political environment, and how we can best articulate our principles in a way that appeals to the largest number of Oregon voters as possible.

Thank you for your participation and your dedication to making a political difference! We are upon what could be the most important election of our lifetime. Our opportunity to prepare for 2024 is now. Your work, not only the work you did this weekend, but the work you will do throughout this political season will help us reach our goal of electing Republicans and turning Oregon Republican Red.

Thank you to all of the dedicated volunteers, generous donors, elected officials, and vendors, as well as the staff at the Pendleton Convention Center for making this convention a success!

Winning Oregon Together,

Justin Hwang Chairman  
Oregon Republican Party

## SPECIAL THANKS...

In 2019, as ORP Vice Chair, I had the honor of putting together that year's Platform Convention. We chose The Pendleton Convention Center as our venue and were immediately overwhelmed with the support and welcome we received. It was a wonderful event that I still hear such good feedback about. I always hoped to come back to Pendleton to do it again.

When I was elected National Committeewoman, it was one of my goals to bring the Platform Convention back to Pendleton...and this year we did it. Thank you Chairman Hwang, for your trust in allowing me to lead this year's convention and put together the best team anyone could ask for.

*Tracy Honl, NCW*

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The very first person I want to thank is the Pendleton Convention Center Manager **Pat Beard**. This event would not be what it is without Pat, who went over and above to make this a special event for you all. Huge thanks to **Sherri Round** as well for all her help setting up meetings, putting together information, and helping to keep me on track. And a special thank you to **Missy Fairbanks** from Pendleton Catering Company LLC for her flexibility, suggestions, and what I know will be an incredible array of delicious food!

Thank you to **The Leadership Institute** out Arlington, VA who came all this way to help prepare candidates and campaigns for next year's big elections! The Leadership Institute provides some of the best and most well known training for all things politics in the country.

Thank you to RNC Staff, our Regional Political Director **Swati Singh**, State Strategies Director **Mike Ambrosini**, and Finance Director **Kim Jorns**. These three are some of the best, most helpful people you'll meet and we're grateful for them sharing their time and talent with us.

### The Team:

<b>Margie Hughes</b>	Margie helps with EVERYTHING!
<b>Jessica Davidson</b>	Platform Organization
<b>Klaus Hoehna</b>	Planning, vendors, sponsors, auction, and more!
<b>Brian Bishop</b>	Budget Oversight
<b>Angela Plowhead</b>	Candidate Training
<b>Jo Rae Perkins</b>	Notifications, registration
<b>LaJuana Decker</b>	Website/Social Media
<b>Nicole Kalk</b>	Candidate Training
<b>Linda Neace</b>	Auctions
<b>Lisa Lamping</b>	Photographer
<b>Kevin Moss</b>	Credentials
<b>Joanna Harbour</b>	Rules, Bylaws
<b>Christian Honl</b>	AV Tech, PowerPoint, sounding board

Thank you to **the Umatilla County GOP** and the **Round-Up Republican Women** for the great decorations on the tables!

Huge thanks to Wasco County GOP's **Donna Anderson**, **Robin McLean**, **John Grant**, and **Nicole Chaisson** for both sharing and facilitating having special guest and Saturday night Keynote Speaker, former **Governor Sarah Palin** join us.

Thank you to **The Hankers** for the great music for us to dance to and to our Saturday night auctioneer **Tim Sweek**.

And a very special thank you to the **Hermiston American Legion** for Posting the Colors and to the local **Pendleton Future Farmers of America** (FFA) chapter and all of the high school pages who are assisting us this weekend.

## NOTEWORTHY IN PENDLETON

Pendleton Mayor—**John Turner**  
Umatilla County Commissioner—**Cindy Timmons**  
Umatilla County Commissioner—**John Shafer**  
Umatilla County Commissioner—**Dan Dorrان**

Umatilla County GOP—**Suni Danforth, Chair**  
Umatilla County Republican Women  
Round-Up Republican Women

CD2—**Congressman Cliff Bentz**  
SD 29—**Senator Bill Hansell**  
HD 57—**Representative Greg Smith**  
HD 58—**Representative Bobby Levy**

### **PENDLETON UAS RANGE** — [pendletonuasrange.com](http://pendletonuasrange.com)

Pendleton UAS Range is one of the nation's leading UAS testing and development centers—supporting over 40,000 UAS ops since its inception. With the fasted fiber and internet access in Oregon and a UAS friendly air traffic control tower, it's a popular place for companies to test their drones. "A drone isn't proven until it's Proven in Pendleton."

In 2019, The Pendleton UAS Range invited the Oregon Republican Party for a tour of its facility. It was such a hit that many of our Delegates asked to go back this year for an update and Pendleton UAS welcomed us back.

### **PENDLETON UNDERGROUND TOURS** — [pendletonundergroundtours.org](http://pendletonundergroundtours.org)

Pendleton Underground Tours gives guests a lively look into Pendleton's infamous and entertaining past. No town has a more colorful history! When you take this tour, you'll find out why Pendleton was known as the entertainment capital of Eastern Oregon. This is where the past becomes real.

### **PENDLETON WOOLEN MILLS** — [pendleton-usa.com](http://pendleton-usa.com)

Pendleton's Pacific Northwest woolen mills are a testament to the quest for quality established by our founder six generations ago in 1863. The intricate jacquard blankets and array of wool fabrics we produce have earned a reputation on par with the greatest mills around the world. For more than 150 years, we've invested in the people and the technology needed to achieve the beautiful color and original patterns that are the hallmarks of our family enterprise.

## **SPONSORS**

We are so grateful for our sponsors whose generous contributions all us to better support our county parties, build our leadership teams, prove support and training to our candidates, and ultimately to help elect Republicans in Oregon.

**Congresswoman Lori Chavez-DeRemer**  
**Umatilla/Morrow County Farm Bureau**  
**Iron Workers**  
**Pendleton Sanitary Services**  
**Dorchester Conference**

## **VENDORS**

Thank you to our vendors, your support not only helps the ORP, it helps get information and services to our PCP and volunteers that they can use!

**Will Lathrop—Candidate for Oregon Attorney General**  
*willlathrop.com*

### **Candidates for SD 29**

**Dave Drotzmann—*drotzmannfororegon.com***

**Todd Nash—*votetoddnash.com***

**Jim Doherty**

**Oregon4Trump2024—*oregon4trump2024.com***

**Ryvall Website Builder Made for Campaigns—*ryvall.com***

**Umatilla County Republican Party—*facebook.com/groups85685613647***

**Young Republicans of Oregon—*youngrepublicansoforegon.org***

**Virginia Hall—Election Integrity**

## **AUCTION DONORS**

Thank you to all of the businesses, organizations, counties, and individuals who donated all of the neat items for our auction to help us raise funds for the ORP

**Pendleton Hat Company**

*pendletonhatco.com*

**Umatilla/Morrow County Farm Bureau**

*oregonfb.org/county-farm-bureaus/umatilla-morrow-county-farm-bureau/*

**Netarts Bay Garden RV Resort**

*netartsbay.com/wilson-house.html*

**Barhyte Specialty Foods, Inc**

*suziesorganics.com*

**Hines Meat Co**

*hinesmeatco.com*

**Premium Tire & Lube**

*facebook.com/premiumlube*

**Oregon Wheat Growers**

*owgl.org*

**Roundup Republican Women**

**Lisa Lamping, Photography**

# HISTORY

The Oregon Republican Party is headquartered in Salem, Oregon and is a state affiliate of the national Republican Party. The very first convention of Oregon was held in May 1856 at the Lindley schoolhouse in Jackson County. The purpose of the gathering was to nominate candidates who would appear on the June 1856 territorial ballot. The convention also adopted a resolution declaring that, while Congress and no authority over the existence of slavery in states where it was already established, all other US States and territories should follow the federal mandate and prevent its introduction within their own jurisdictions.

During the following February, another convention was held. The first Oregon Republican Party (ORP) "Platform Convention" was held on February 11, 1857 and was attended by 24 delegates from 8 counties. The purpose of the convention was to analyze, discuss, and come to a consensus on the overarching positions of the ORP. The final positional document was called "the platform." Every two years thereafter Oregon counties have been sending their ORP leaders to the Platform Convention.

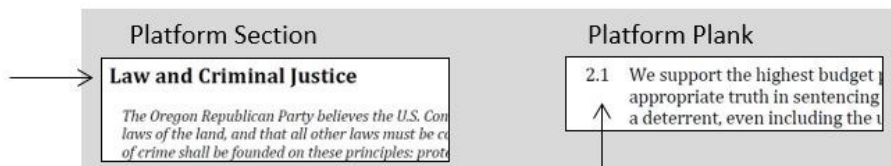
**At the 2023 Platform Convention, you are representing over 700,000 Oregon Republicans** and taking part in the same traditions of our Oregon forefathers and mothers discussing, clarifying, and refining important issues of the day.

The resulting platform, as it was to our forebears, is a general representation of the views of the members of the Oregon Republican Party. Our members and elected officials are tasked with using these values to represent their constituents and to support or fight public policy and laws.

# PLATFORM DEFINITIONS

The term "Section" refers to the preamble and the major sections of the Platform (i.e. Economy, Education, etc.) "Plank" refers to the single lines of each section. (1.1, 1.2, etc.)

Example:



All of the Sections and Planks combine to become the "Platform."

## Law and Criminal Justice

*The Oregon Republican Party believes the U.S. Constitution and Oregon Constitution are the highest laws of the land, and that all other laws must be consistent with them; that laws for the punishment of crime shall be founded on these principles: protection of society, personal responsibility, accountability for one's actions and reformation; to preserve and protect the rights of crime victims.*

- 2.1 We support the highest budget prioritization for the funding of public safety with appropriate truth in sentencing and mandatory minimum sentences; using enforcement as a deterrent, even including the use of the death penalty.

# PLATFORM CONVENTION

Every two years, each county's Republican leadership in the Oregon Republican Party (ORP) gathers at a convention in odd numbered years. The purpose of this convention is to re-analyze, discuss and update the overarching positions of the organization to be called "the platform."

You are at this convention to represent the over 700,000 Oregon Republicans to provide tangible changes to the party's platform for 2023-2024. Key areas of political and social interest like the economy, education, family values are called "sections." The Oregon Republican Party's Platform has 17 sections to it. The specific positions within the section is called "a plank." This collective document will be used to describe what generally represents the views of Oregon's Republican members. You represent the registered Republican voters in your precinct. You are their representative just as your elected officials serving on many boards; city, state, and national, are for you. Do your best to not only consider your view, but the many you represent.

**When done with others in mind, this "platform" enables our elected officials to better represent their constituents, creating public policy and laws using these values**

## PLATFORM SECTIONS

- **Preamble**  
Jon Wright  
NW Balcony
- **Law & Criminal Justice/Self Protection**  
Ken Matlack  
Happy Canyon 2
- **Economy**  
David Hill  
Happy Canyon 1
- **Education**  
Jessica Snook  
Room 1
- **Natural Resources & Environmental Stewardship**  
Rick Larson  
Room 2
- **Family**  
Joanna Harbour  
Room 4
- **Foreign Policy**  
Kevin Hoar  
EH 3
- **Gov't Integrity**  
Kevin Moss  
EH 2
- **Rules and Regulations**  
Ben West  
SE Balcony
- **Health Care**  
Sandi Kellogg  
EH 1
- **Veterans & Military Personnel**  
Laurie Kimmell  
Room 5
- **Immigration**  
Dmitriy Sashchenko  
Room 6
- **Individual Liberty & Limited Gov't**  
Gabriel Buehler  
NE Balcony
- **Religious Liberty**  
Angelita Sanchez  
EH 5
- **Disaster Preparedness**  
Lisa Lamping  
SW Balcony
- **Election Integrity**  
Gregg Henton  
Room 3

The Oregon Republican Platform helps guide our appointed and elected representatives when making decisions on our behalf.

The Oregon Republican Platform 250+ Delegates help guide the direction and priorities of the organization that represents over 700,000 members.

The Oregon Republican Party Leadership thanks you for being a part of this historical document.

## **OUR REPRESENTATIVES**

### **Members of Congress**

The Oregon Republican Party holds two of the state's six US House seats but neither of the two U.S. Senate seats.

#### **US House of Representatives**

- Cliff Bentz, 2nd District
- Lori Chavez-DeRemer, 5th District

#### **Statewide offices:**

The Oregon Republican Party holds no statewide offices.

#### **State Legislators**

The Oregon Republican Party holds 26 of 60 seats in the Oregon House of Representatives and 11 of the 30 Oregon Senate seats.

**Chairman:** Justin Hwang

**Vice Chairman:** Angela Plowhead

**Secretary:** Jo Rae Perkins

**Treasurer:** Brian Bishop

**National Committeeman:** Solomon Yue

**National Committeewoman:** Tracy Honl

### **State Senate**

#### *Senate Republican Leader:*

Tim Knopp, 27th District  
David Brock Smith, 1st District  
Art Robinson, 2nd District  
Cedric Hayden, 6th District  
Fred Girod, 9th District  
Kim Thatcher, 11th District  
Suzanne Weber, 16th District  
Daniel Bonham, 26th District  
Dennis Linthicum, 28th District  
Bill Hansell, 29th District  
Lynn Finley, 30th District

### **State House**

#### *House Republican Leader:*

Jeff Helfrich, 3rd District  
Court Boyce, 1st District  
Virgle Osborne, 2nd District  
Duane Stark, 4th District  
Lily Morgan, 3rd District  
Christine Goodwin, 4th District  
Kim Wallan, 6th District  
Boomer Wright, 8th District  
Jami Cate, 11th District  
Charlie Conrad, 12th District  
Shelly Boshart Davis, 15th District  
Ed Diehl, 17th District  
Rick Lewis, 18th District  
Kevin Mannix, 21st District  
Tracy Cramer, 22nd District  
Anna Scharf, 23rd District  
Lucetta Elmer, 24th District  
Brian Stout, 31st District  
Cyrus Javadi, 32nd District  
James Hieb, 51st District  
E. Werner Reschke, 55th District  
Emily McIntire, 56th District  
Greg Smith, 57th District  
Bobby Levy, 58th District  
Vikki Breese-Iverson, 59th District  
Mark Owens, 60th District