

OREGON REPUBLICAN PARTY

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ELECTING REPUBLICANS TO BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR ALL OREGONIANS

TRUMP-VANCE 2024









MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!



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NEWS FROM THE CAPITOL

House Republican candidates are ramping up our doorto-door field operations, talking to voters and listening to their concerns. After Biden's disastrous debate performance and the increasingly painful failure of Democrat policies, it is more clear than ever that we have an opportunity to change minds and present a vision of competent, conservative leadership. If you'd like to help us take back Oregon, please reach out to our candidates on their social media pages.





Never worked on a campaign before? Wouldn't know where to begin? Feeling a little intimidated? Keep reading!

Canvassing is not only fun, it's also effective. Working on a campaign, or canvassing with a team from your county is about meeting and listening to voters, hearing how government policies affect them, and introducing them to Republican principles and candidates. It's sharing information voters need to make an informed choice.

This is the season to sign up to get involved. No one will expect you to venture out on your own. You'll work in teams, and you'll be given all the tools, training, and information you need to succeed.



ORP recognizes our hardest working volunteers. Congratulations to our First Quarter PCP Initiative contest winners!

*1st Place: Shawn Garrett (Douglas County with 418 hours) - Flight with ORP Treasurer Brian Bishop *2nd Place: Nancy Pittman (Douglas County with 77 approved hrs.)- Free Admission to State Central Committee Meeting

*Winner of random drawing of all entries: Sheila Hannen (Yamhill County) - \$25 gift card

Second Quarter winners will be announced in August.

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Oregon Republican Party





Last week, Oregon Delegates, Alternates, and guests spent a spectacular week in Milwaukee, WI attending the Republican National Convention. Enthusiastic Republicans from all over our nation gathered to celebrate our common values, to hear not only from our party's greatest leaders but also from inspiringly diverse speakers from teens to WWII veterans, from pundits to preachers, from bereaved mothers to social media influencers.

First matter of business included ratifying all RNC members elected in each state and US Territory this year, including Oregon's National Committeeman Dan Mason and National Committeewoman Tracy Honl. Chairs of each of the 4 Committees—Platform, Rules, Credentials, and Permanent Organization presented reports, and Delegates overwhelmingly voted to approve our new Republican Party Platform, as well as the rules and the reports from the Credentials and Permanent Organization committees.

Next the roll call to nominate President Trump took place. I was incredibly proud to represent Oregon, surrounded by our Oregon Delegates cheering like crazy, and to cast all of Oregon's 31 votes for President Donald J. Trump.

Next order of business was a vote by acclimation to select Senator J. D. Vance as our Republican nominee for Vice President of the United States.

Each day we heard from everyday Americans who shared moving, heartfelt, and impactful stories of their suffering under the policies of the Biden-Harris administration, and who know we need President Trump to lead us into a better future.

Our Oregon Delegation enjoyed several activities with Delegates from other states including a Western States BBQ, a boat ride, and an estate tour along the Lake Geneva shore. Each morning, we started the day with our friends from New Hampshire, Arkansas, and Hawaii where we heard from inspiring speakers like Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders and former presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy.





Last week's convention put forward President Trump's vision to make America wealthy, strong, safe, and great again.

· Monday: Make America Wealthy Once Again -

President Trump's vision for America's economic revival is lower taxes, bigger paychecks, and more jobs for American workers. During President Trump's term, America experienced an unprecedented economic boom. President Trump's America First economic policies slashed cumbersome regulations, cut tax rates, and reworked trade deals to create a fairer playing field for American industry and workers.

Tuesday: Make America Safe Once Again

Just like he did in his first term, President Donald J. Trump will stand up for our law enforcement and put an end to the senseless crime spree and drug flow that plague America.

· Wednesday: Make America Strong Once Again

With President Trump's vision, America will once again be strong and secure and we will put an end to the Biden-Harris administration's weakness. President Donald J. Trump will secure our borders, curb Chinese and Iranian threats, and restore America's rightful standing on the world stage.

· Thursday: Make America Great Once Again

President Trump has never stopped fighting for the American People. America has continued to suffer under four years of the Biden-Harris administration, but that will all change in November.

If you missed watching the Republican National Convention last week, I encourage you to go find it online and listen to all of the great speakers! Our Oregon Delegation came back excited, hopeful, and ready to elect Republicans down the ballot. I hope that watching it for yourself will give you that same energy as well!





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Guest Editorial: Satya Chandragiri, M.D. Salem Keizer School Board Director Zone 4



As we dig ourselves out of the perfect storm of the pandemic, social and political unrest, school closures and extreme ideological narratives and appeasement policies, it's clear we have moved further away from what taxpayer-funded public schools should be doing within a financially responsible school budget. Unlike Portland Public schools, Salem Keizer Schools barely avoided a teachers' strike, and after a tough, prolonged, contentious bargaining process, managed to pass the Salem Keizer school budget with significant layoffs and a decrease in our workforce.

It's time for honest reflection as we start to put the pieces back together.

- 1. Our children can't wait. We must be laser-focused on ensuring our children can read by 3rd grade, are on track for graduation by 9th grade, and graduate from high school with high proficiency courses that will truly prepare them to become responsible citizens, ready for the real world. It's no secret we have gotten off course! In my first term as the school board director, I witnessed divisive narratives and intentional stoking of the racial animus and primal fears of others that had nothing to do with learning or schools. It appeared the 'left and others with an agenda' hijacked the grievances (and the funds), and resources were spent on appeasement of the loudest!
- 2. While facing a decline in student enrollment, Salem Keizer schools saw a widening of the gap between revenue and expenses, using its 'end fund balance' to balance the budget. This led to a decline in our end fund balance and risked financial insolvency. Even though Salem Keizer school district received nearly \$151 million COVID ESSER grant (highest among Oregon school districts), using this one-time grant (which ends in 2024) to add regular employees put us on the brink of a financial cliff without any plan for sustainability. Not the way to go.
- 3. Sustainable school funding. Almost all salary and wages of teachers and staff comes from the Oregon state general fund with a small contribution from the local property taxes. It turns out no one knows how much it costs to educate a child so that they can learn to read by third grade or graduate in four years of high school! Our state has essentially been rubber stamping the current service level and not listening to its own Quality Education Model committee, created 25 years ago in 1999.

Yet, we keep adding unfunded expectations based on pure political ideologies that have nothing to do with reading or graduating. Our state even passes laws decreasing or removing rigorous academic standards in the name of 'equity'! All the talk of equity ends with calculating the revenue. No school budget allows tracking how the money follows the child in the expense section of the budget. It would require a 'student-based budget'. This makes oversight of financial accountability difficult.

Moving forward:

- 1. Our state needs a new school funding model at the legislative level that takes into consideration a new costing out study to reflect current reality. This model should factor in salaries for faculty (including inflationary pressures and the reality of funding PERS), access to opportunities, and high proficiency outcomes in academic standards and in safety. Oregon should start by modeling after Massachusetts' school funding model rather than attempting to resuscitate our failed model!
- 2. Consider class size ratio: The future funding model must consider evidence-based class size ratio to produce high academic and safety outcomes. Additionally, high poverty-dense schools should receive at least 21% more funding than non-poverty-dense schools to ensure good opportunities and the highest possible outcomes.
- 3. Reflection on budgetary crisis and bargaining challenges should became a learning opportunity. We need forward-looking accountability, informed oversight, and improved capacity of the board, district leaders, staff, union, and communities to understand how budget and school funding works. The goal is to create a learning organization that holds each other accountable and operates transparently. We do this by open and transparent communication among the district, the board, and all our community members, as this will benefit all our children.

We cannot put our district in such financial risk ever again. It would end up hurting our teachers and staff, our children and would ultimately lead to the destruction of our nation.

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Wasco County Republican Party
Forges a Strong Community Presence
for Success

John Grant, Chair

Wasco County Republicans have been focused on getting out the vote, using any and all tools to reach our conservative base. We start by showing a strong presence in the community, participating in all parades and community events within the county. At most community celebrations, you'll see our floats covered with signs and filled with smiling faces of teens through retirees. We sponsor a fair booth every year and a free fair picnic where candidates and elected officials come to interact town-hall style with county voters.

Instead of opening a Republican headquarters just before the election in November, we open our headquarters during the primary and operate it through November to provide a place where the public can congregate and candidates can host meet-and-greets.

Wasco County Republicans prioritize fundraising. Our Beef and Burgundy dinner event has been going on for over 50 years! Last year, with former Alaska governor Sarah Palin as our keynote speaker, the event raised over 50k in one evening to help us elect Republicans. We are also beginning to encourage support from households who can contribute recurring low dollar donations.

One example of the impact of all this work can be seen in our county commissioner race. With 2 Republicans, 2 Democrats, and 1 unaffiliated candidate, our two Republican candidates won the top spots and will move on to a run off in November. We had a much higher Republican voter turnout than our Democrat counterparts had during the primary election.

Our ideology is to structure our county party in a way that encourages more participation from as many PCPs as we possibly can. We are proud of our success and will continue to build to help turn our state red.



Precinct Organization Committee

Jessica Davidson, Chair



County Parties: Watch your email for your county's opportunity to sign up for a shift at the State Fair in Salem.

Get Out The Vote Committee
Connie Whelchel, Chair

GOTV Season has begun! Here's a brief update:

Ballot Chasing during the Primary

During the Primary Election, we provided the county parties with a phone survey to use for ballot chasing, and ORP Data Director Mark Knowles was instrumental in ensuring the county parties had access to updated Voted/Not Voted Lists, with refreshed data daily starting two weeks before Election Day.

Canvassing & Phone Banking

We have provided the county parties with a canvassing (i.e., door knocking) and phone banking application and we've been training counties on it since February. (Thank you, Mark Knowles & Lisa Quattlebaum!) We also created a phone survey (AKA script) - directed to Low Propensity Republican Voters and conservative-leaning Non-Affiliated Voters (NAVs) - that counties can use to reach out to voters to connect with them and educate them about why their votes matter.

New Movers

We've provided the county parties with a strategy, letter template, and the data they need to reach out to Republicans and conservative-leaning NAVs who have recently moved into their counties. This is a great opportunity to welcome them into the community, introduce ourselves, and encourage their engagement.

If you're not involved with your county party, and you'd like to help get your Republican candidates elected, please plug in! You can find the contact info for your county party here: <u>ORP County Parties</u>





YRO COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR CHRIS GRAY, AT THE CONVENTION WITH YRO NATIONAL CHAIR HAYDEN PADGETT

The YRO is proud to have been a part of the Oregon delegation to the RNC last week. Delegate Chris Gray and Alt Delegates Kevin Moss and Tanner Elliot were glad to have the privilege of representing young Republicans in Milwaukee.

Our next YRO weekend starts July 26, as we walk the neighborhoods of Oregon House District 26 with YRO-endorsed candidate Jason Fields.









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Republican **Events Calendar**

Trump Train is Coming! Linn County https://oregon4trump2024.com/2024-events



Summer Festival Washington County Republican Party August 3, 2024 Scotch Church Road Winery 30125 NW Scotch Church Rd, Hillsboro

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Come see Oregon Republican Party at our booth in the **Jackman Long Building** at the Oregon State Fair August 23- September 2

Red Wave Revival Summer Concert **Clackamas County Republican Party** Sept 7, 2024 Clackamas County Fairgrounds

Made in Oregon Dinner & Auction **Marion County**



Jackie Winters 2nd Annual Golf Classic **Deschutes County Republicans** Friday, August 23, 2024 Aspen Lakes Golf Course 16900 Aspen Lakes Rd, Sisters



Linn Laughs With Adam Carolla Linn County Republican Party September 7, 2024 Albany, OR



