



# OREGON REPUBLICAN PARTY

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ELECTING REPUBLICANS TO BUILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR ALL OREGONIANS



## Meet Dennis Linthicum!

Candidate for Oregon Secretary of State



As an Oregon State Senator since 2017, I have fought relentlessly to expose the pitfalls of big government. A consistent voice against encroachment of bureaucratic overreach, I have spent years advocating for policies that restore power to the people of Oregon. During this timeframe I've seen how government "solutions" often create more problems than they solve, and I've made it my mission to hold those in power accountable.

My Secretary of State campaign isn't about me—it's about all of us who believe in the principles that made this country great. We are not mere spectators in our government; we are its foundation. Together, we can turn the tide, reclaim our freedoms, and restore accountability in Oregon.

The office of Secretary of State must be a watchdog for the public interests, not a lapdog for political elites. Today, we face a critical moment where transparency, integrity, and truth are under siege.

I am running for the office of Oregon Secretary of State because our state is at a crossroads. My wife, Diane, and I have had the privilege of living in Klamath County for over 3 decades. As we celebrate 44 years of marriage, our roots in Oregon run deep, with our children building their lives and families here in the Pacific Northwest, as well.

I earned my BA in Economics from UCLA followed by a Master's degree from Biola University. My career has been a journey through the cutting edge of technology—software development, database management, and beyond. I've been at the forefront of sectors as diverse as defense, semiconductor manufacturing, and private sector portfolio management services. I've spent my life engineering solutions in a world where truth, precision, and accountability matter.

My entry into politics wasn't planned—it was driven by a sense of duty. In 2009, I was encouraged to run for Klamath County Commissioner. I stepped up, challenged the status quo, and won.

That was when I saw firsthand the government overreach, wasteful spending, erosion of freedoms, and the silliness of rules and regulations enforced with bureaucratic moral tenacity. I knew I couldn't stand by and watch our rights be trampled underfoot by this bloated behemoth.

That was then... Now, millions of good-paying jobs have been destroyed by lockdowns and unwarranted fear-mongering. Censorship has become part of big business pushed by big money, bigger threats, and endless demands coming from an even bigger government. We banned plastic straws unless you appropriately beg for one from the counter-guard. We allowed government schools to torture history and innocence from children, who have lost math, reading, and writing skills, while being muddled, groomed, emergency-use-jabbed, exposed to drugs, thuggery, lawlessness and agenda-driven activism.

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My commitment is to audit every part of our government, ensuring that every dollar is spent responsibly and on what truly matters. Every Oregonian has the right to know their constitutional and civil liberties are safeguarded, providing stability for their families, lives, and livelihoods.

Stand with me as we fight to preserve the values we hold dear. Together, we can set Oregon back on the path of truth, integrity, transparency, accountability and prosperity!

Respectfully,  
-Dennis

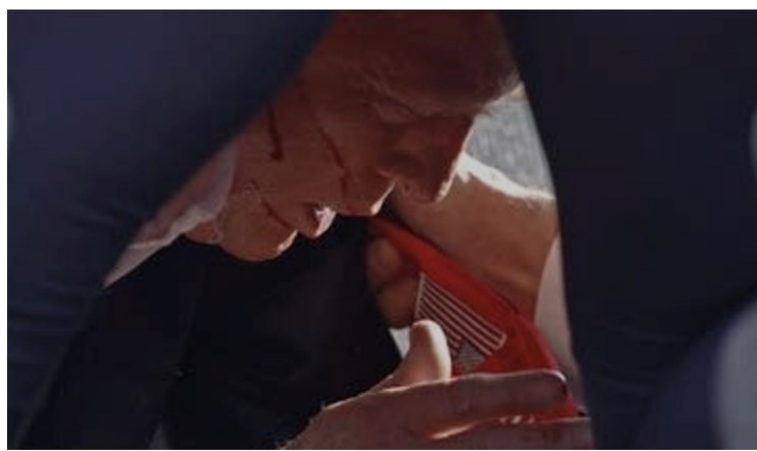


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[See specifics about Dennis's policy positions on pg.6.](#)



# WE STAND



Melania's subsequent letter to America, also calling for national unity, further highlights that political warmongering during urgent times like these is truly petty and amounts to a seizure of self-sabotage. More than an embarrassing spectacle, it represents a critical loss of focus and a squandering of Heaven's second chance.

As Melania put it, **this is all "inferior" to love.** The party in every state of this union must stand up with the maturity of humility, forgiveness, grace, and cohesion—qualities that are not just nice ideas but are now mission-critical.

Within three hours of the attempt on his life, the President, with his new lease on life, reached out to Robert F. Kennedy Jr., culminating in their clasping hands before the world in common resolve. From there, each retaining their own souls, they have galvanized the pieces they each bring into a Unity Team of great Titans of our time. Elon Musk, Tulsi Gabbard, Nicole Shanahan, and Vivek Ramaswamy were quick to join the team. **The lesson of their unity in real-time demonstrates not merely power of addition, but also the opportunity to compound power with unbreakable solidarity and momentum for this cause.**

A secret wisdom for new insights and solutions can only be accessed through fresh attitudes of cooperative love and kindness. This propagates a cascade of energetic enthusiasm, as we are now witnessing in the Trump Unity Team. The rewards of peacemaking also result in the crushing of chaos and sidelining of its traffickers. The objective of peacemaking is simple and blessed, but it usually requires leaders to take hard steps of both humility and courage, while imparting to others the same spirit they hope to encounter.

The times before us are as perilous for our way of life as this generation has ever seen. Yet we witnessed, with our own eyes, a miracle of great grace. Therefore, I sound again President Trump's clarion call to the Oregon Republican Party, urging each ONE of us to demonstrate to history that we've recognized this moment, and are shunning the lesser things of irrelevance to take our stand. Oregon Republicans, what say we?

## A Guest Editorial by Troy Smith Deschutes County Precinct Committeeperson

I was blessed to attend the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, WI, as one of the delegates whom President Trump thanked and addressed. There, he spoke a phrase that penetrated me like a mortar shell. The power of the phrase was prefaced by his description of the life-altering moment when the nation watched him driven to his knees, as depicted in the now-iconic photo from behind the podium. . It captured him for all time with blood running down his face, pondering the whisper of providence defeating the would-be assassin's bullet with a serenity from God.

From that moment, he arose, declaring that he was more determined than ever, with a resolve unbroken and a purpose unchanged that "nothing can stop."

The President, a deeply moved man, admitted, "I stand before you only by the Grace of Almighty God." He went on to ask us, as delegates and as a nation, to embody the message ringing out from his core: We must set aside those things that divide us and unify, because we must save our country. We have to do this!

The phrase entrusted to us as delegates still rings in my spirit for Oregon to this day: **"We must heal division quickly; we rise together, or we fall apart."**

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## Oregon Ballot Measure Recommendations

### Oregon Measure 115—Impeachment of Elected State Executives Amendment

**NO RECOMMENDATION**

Requires a 2/3 vote in the House to impeach an elected state executive, and a 2/3 vote in the Senate to convict and remove the official from office.

- Con: This power could be weaponized against an elected official of an opposing minority party. Currently Oregon voters can recall elected officials without leaving that power in the hands of other elected officials who may have a politicized motive for removing an opponent.
- Pro: Recently two statewide executives resigned over serious ethics concerns. Under current law, legislators could not have removed them if they had not voluntarily stepped down. Without a voluntary resignation, removal of an executive over ethics violations would require the recall process, which can be difficult.

### Oregon Measure 116—Independent Public Service Compensation Commission Amendment

**VOTE NO**

Amends the Oregon Constitution to establish a task force to set salaries for state officials (Governor, Sec of State, Treasurer, Atty General, Labor and Industry Commissioner, Supreme Court Justices, legislators, District Attys.)

- It is the responsibility of elected members of the Oregon legislature to set salaries in light of current budgets and priorities. They should not be able to escape public scrutiny when making those decisions.
- An appointed commission would add a layer of unelected bureaucrats between Oregon voters and the legislators they elect to responsibly manage expenditures of taxpayers' money.
- Establishing a commission will cost Oregon taxpayers more money.
- Oregon previously did this, but it was allowed to become inactive and was no longer funded after 2007.

### Oregon Measure 118—Corporate Tax Revenue Rebate for Residents

**VOTE NO**

This measure would increase the corporate minimum tax on sales exceeding \$25 million by 3% and pay Oregon residents \$1600 annually. This \$6.8 billion tax targets sales, not profits, meaning businesses would face higher costs, whether they profit or not. This tax would apply to all industries, including non-profit organizations, hospitals, pharmacies, grocery stores, power companies, and all other Oregon businesses.

This tax will apply multiple times across the supply chain, raising prices for essential goods and services like food, medicine, and electricity at every step along the chain, and the cumulative tax will end up being paid by every Oregonian who purchases goods in the state. It would be the largest tax increase in Oregon's history, and it would come at a time when Oregonians are struggling under punishingly high grocery bills, electricity bills, medication and health care bills, and other basic costs of living. It would further strain Oregon small businesses, which already are struggling to survive increasing costs of materials and transportation of goods. Measure 118 would drive larger businesses to flee Oregon for lower tax states, reducing Oregon tax revenue and burdening Oregonians far beyond the annual "rebate" it promises.

### Oregon Measure 119—Unionization of Cannabis Workers Initiative

**VOTE NO**

Requires cannabis businesses to submit to the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission a signed labor peace agreement requiring the business to remain neutral when labor organizations communicate with employees about collective bargaining rights with its licensure or renewal application.

- Legal experts warn this will lead to legal challenges costing the state millions of dollars.
- Infringes upon First Amendment rights.
- Benefits the United Food and Commercial Workers who have the agreement with the OLCC.





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## Oregon Ballot Measure Recommendations, cont.



WATCH THE DEBATE:  
[https://youtu.be/\\_a6bAPpoEbY](https://youtu.be/_a6bAPpoEbY)

### Oregon Measure 117—Ranked-Choice Voting for Federal and State Elections

#### VOTE NO

Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV) would require voters to list their first choice candidate for an elected position on a ballot, followed by other candidates ranked in order of preference. A candidate would win if they received more than half of the first-choice votes. If no candidate achieves more than half the first-choice votes, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated, and the ballots cast for that candidate go to voters' second choice. The process would continue until a candidate earned more than 50% of the votes that have not been discarded in the final round.

- RCV requires extremely complex methods of tabulating the results—in the county first, and then at the state level. The method of tabulation makes recounts or audits very difficult.
- Sixteen of Oregon's 36 County Clerks who are charged with overseeing elections in the counties have formed a coalition against this ballot measure, saying their offices are not equipped to implement the system.
- The candidate who receives the majority of the votes may not win the seat unless they receive more than 50% of the vote in the first round.
- Ballots are eliminated if not completed correctly. RCV results in confusion, errors in filling out ballots, and sometimes failure to vote at all when voters give up trying to figure it out.

- Not all races are conducted in the same way on the ballot. For example, the Oregon State Senate and House excluded their own races from this measure. Local races also may not be included, so different methods of voting would be required for different races on the same ballot. This would create more confusion that could lead to lower voter turnout and eliminated ballots.
- RCV disenfranchises voters whose ballots are eliminated. A ballot is eliminated if the number of candidates the voter ranks is fewer than the number of rounds of counting required before a candidate receives a majority of the vote from the ballots that were not eliminated before the final round. Some races have had up to 15% of all votes eliminated. The 50%+1 rule would only apply to the ballots that remain in the final count. The winning candidate might not receive a majority of all the votes cast in that election.
- RCV would further delay final election results by days or even weeks.
- Many ballots now contain undervotes: It is difficult to get voters to make even one selection for each position. With multiple candidates for each position that must be evaluated and ranked, undervotes and discarded ballots would increase. Voter turnout is often as low as 19% in some counties in non-presidential election cycles. Use of this complex system could lead to even more undervotes and to even lower voter turnout.
- RCV has been around for >100 years and has frequently been repealed after it has been tried.

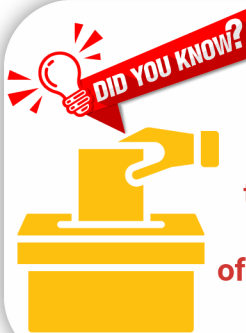
**DON'T FORGET!**



**October 15 at 11:59 pm is the final deadline to register to vote!**

Double check to be sure your current address is correct, too.

<https://sos.oregon.gov/voting/Pages/myvote.aspx>



One of the most effective things you can do to ensure that Republicans turn out the maximum number of voters in this election is to **VOTE EARLY!**

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## NEWS FROM THE CAPITOL

### News from Oregon House Republicans

The election season is rapidly coming to an end. It's no longer enough to guarantee that you will return your ballot; talk to your friends and neighbors as well. Reach out to your local party and get involved. Together we can move the needle and bring some much needed common-sense back to Oregon.



**New ORP Office Hours**  
**10 am - 2 pm**  
**Monday through Friday**  
**187 High St NE in Salem**

Stop by for good conversation, and take home signs, hats, and other ways to show your GOP colors.



**The Trump campaign decided not to put a candidate statement in Oregon Voters' Guide this year. This was not ORP's decision to make. Rest assured: The Trump/Vance team **WILL** be on your ballot, and we hope you will join us in voting for them and our entire slate of great Republican candidates!**



### We have a Winner!

Congratulations!  
**Darlene Karner**  
is the Winner of the  
Republican National Convention  
**GOLDEN HAT!**



10th Annual

## REAGAN DINNER 2024

### OH WHAT A NIGHT!

The 10th Annual Reagan Dinner was a night to remember! Early in the evening, a crowd of 33 Republican elected officials and candidates took the stage to be introduced one-by-one by House Republican Leader Jeff Helfrich. In addition to guest speakers Congresswoman Lori Chavez-DeRemer and Montana Congressman Ryan Zinke, the night included video messages from Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, Texas Rep. Morgan Luttrell, Wisconsin Rep. Derrick Van Orden, and Mark Joseph, Producer of the fabulous Reagan film. Bringing the keynote address to an audience that included tables of young female athletes from all over Oregon was 12-time All American female athlete and passionate advocate for women's sports and Republican ideals, Riley Gaines.

While 400 people were lucky enough to join the event in person, the extravaganza was broadcast live to over 1,000 people joining us via livestream from all corners of Oregon. If you missed the event, the recording is still available to watch from our website. Look for the link at the bottom of the ORP home page - <https://oregon.gop/>.

Special thanks to National Committeeman Dan Mason for his tireless work on this 10th Annual Reagan Dinner!



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**Dennis Linthicum!**  
 Candidate for Oregon Secretary of State  
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## Republican Events Calendar

**■ RIGOROUS & ACCURATE AUDITS**  
*\$2.9 Billion in Accounting Errors*

A recent audit of Oregon's agencies unveiled a discrepancy of \$2.9 billion in errors or unaccounted spending. We can do better! As Secretary of State I will ensure we balance our books precisely, and prevent unaccounted or mis-allocated spendings.

**■ FREE SPEECH & DUE PROCESS**  
*No Need for Information Babysitters*

Our current Secretary of State has implemented a "misinformation, disinformation, and malinformation (MDM)" Software System designed to monitor and manipulate the constitutional right of Oregonians to speak freely. As a former software engineer I understand the complexities of systems like this and the margin of error for mistakes, which in this case may mean preventing truths as well.

**■ ELECTION INTEGRITY**  
*Oregon Ranked #47 (out of 50)*

Oregon's elections have not proven trustworthy according to this recent ranking. As a State Senator, I know firsthand which election laws in Oregon need to be fortified to ensure safe, secure, and inclusive elections for all.


Coos County Republican Party in North Bend, OR  
October 19, 2024  
<https://placefull.com/coos-county-republican-party-fundraiser>



**Keynote:**  
 Monique DeSpain

Dancing with  
 DJ Dallas Peterbrink  
 7 - 8 pm

Saturday, October 19th 2024  
 5:00-8:00PM  
 North Bend Lanes/Back Alley Pub and Grill  
 Dress Patriotic Casual \$50.00  
 \$70.00  
 after Oct. 12



Oregon Republicans are out in our neighborhoods, knocking on doors, answering questions, and encouraging people to vote early. If you can help make phone calls or visit neighbors, please contact your county party and be a part of the groundswell of support for Republicans across Oregon.

Special thanks to Young Republicans of Oregon for their work for Republican candidates! Join them to make a difference in your future and the future of Oregon and our nation! <https://www.yro.gop/>



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