

**2014 CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE
of the Oregon Progressive Party**

Candidates seeking the nomination or endorsement of the Oregon Progressive Party (OPP) should fill out this questionnaire, including candidates for U.S. Congress.

Name:

Address:

City, State, ZIP:

Email:

Existing Candidacy Website:

Phone:

Your political party membership, if any:

Office Sought:

Please include the district number, if the office is elected by district (for example, the Oregon Legislature).

What other Oregon political parties have already nominated you for the office you seek?

From which other Oregon political parties are seeking nomination for that office?

Please briefly describe the three main reasons you are running for public office.

Please visit the Oregon Progressive Party home page and view the list of issue positions under the heading "Progressive Party Positions." Please briefly state your disagreement, if any, with each listed position of the Progressive Party.

If you are an officeholder, please describe whether you believe that your office has been responsive to the issues and concerns raised by the OPP during the past 3 legislative sessions. Please include any specific OPP bills you have worked on or positions you have taken upon request of OPP.

What is the #1 priority on your legislative or administrative agenda? Please attach or provide links or references to bill drafts or legislative concepts (can be from previous session).

If your legislative votes have been rated by one or more groups, please provide links to those ratings or fax them to 866-926-9646 or scan and email them to info@proparty.org.

If you are a candidate for U.S. Congress, download our Federal Candidate Questionnaire and return it to us by fax (866-926-9646 toll-free) or by scanning and emailing the completed form to info@proparty.org.

ELECTIONS AND VOTING

Do you favor amending the Oregon Constitution to allow reasonable limits on campaign contributions in state and local candidate races?

If you have served in the Oregon Legislature, what action did you take to either enact or defend limits on political campaign contributions?

What should Oregon do to incentivize more small donors to engage in the political process?

Should races for statewide and legislative offices have public funding systems similar to the one formerly in place in Portland?

Oregon law does not currently require political ads to carry any information about who is paying for the ads. Would you support or oppose legislation to require candidates and political committees to include in all political ads information identifying the major funders of the ad, the businesses they are engaged in, and how much they are spending on the campaign?

Should the Voters' Pamphlet identify each candidate's major sources of campaign funding?

Should Oregon adopt a nonpartisan commission of retired judges to reapportion its congressional and legislative districts, based on the 2020 Census?

Do you support the current system of allowing a candidate who is nominated for the same office by more than one political party to choose up to 3 party labels to appear next to her name on the general election ballot?

Do you support the rights of Oregonians to make laws via the initiative process and/or to nullify laws enacted by the Legislature and local governments via the referendum process? Please explain.

OREGON BALLOT MEASURES

What is your position on:

Measure 86 (referral): Amends Constitution: Requires creation of fund for Oregonians pursuing post-secondary education, authorizes state indebtedness to finance fund.

Measure 87 (referral): Amends Constitution: Permits employment of state judges by National Guard (military service) and state public universities (teaching).

Measure 88 (referendum): Provides Oregon resident "driver card" without requiring proof of legal presence in the United States.

Measure 89 (initiative): Amends Constitution: State/political subdivision shall not deny or abridge equality of rights on account of sex.

Measure 90 (initiative): Changes general election nomination processes: provides for single primary ballot listing candidates; top two advance.

Measure 91 (initiative): Allows possession, manufacture, sale of marijuana by/to adults, subject to state licensing, regulation, taxation.

Measure 92 (initiative): Requires food manufacturers, retailers to label "genetically engineered" foods as such; state, citizens may enforce.

GOVERNMENT PROCESSES

Do you support increased transparency in government, including providing more information to taxpayers about the cost and benefit of incentives described in the previous question.

Should law require that the final version of every bill in the Legislature be available on the internet for 48 hours prior to votes on the floor of each house?

Should Oregon law bar legislators from going to work as a lobbyist for 2 years after leaving public office?

Would you support limiting the "revolving door" for state workers and appointed officials so that employees and officials of the Office of the Treasurer, Public Utility Commission, and Insurance Division must wait 4 years to accept employment or a contract with any entity regulated by the agency?

Should Oregon adopt a unicameral legislature?

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Please list any consumer protection initiatives that you support.

Do you support regulation to control health care costs and give the Oregon Insurance Division greater power to limit unreasonable rate increases and allow citizen participation in cases involving insurance company rate hikes?

Should hospitals and other medical providers be required to make prices transparent?

Should Oregon remove the exemption for insurance providers from its Unlawful Trade Practices Act?

Should awards of damages in class action suits to persons who cannot be located revert back to the defendant?

Should all authority to regulate seeds and plants be removed from local governments in Oregon?

Should Oregon require that food with genetically-modified ingredients be labeled as such? Would you support banning advertising by the State Lottery to reduce the harmful effects of gambling n Oregon families?

Currently, the Governor appoints the commissioners of the Oregon Public Utility Commission, who decide on the rates charged by electric and gas utilities and telephone companies. Should these commissioners be elected by voters, as they are in 9 other states (Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota)?

GOVERNMENT PROJECTS

Do you support construction of a new I-5 bridge over the Columbia River?

Do you support state bank that can provide services such as low cost student loans, agricultural and small business loans, or mortgages?

STATE BUDGET

Oregon is expected to face ongoing shortfalls with respect to maintaining the current level of state government services in the next biennium. To balance that budget what areas of spending would you cut, and what revenue increases would you support?

Would you support reducing video poker and video slot commissions paid to the parlors that have the poker and slot terminals?