

## Fighting Big Money, Empowering People: An Oregon Agenda

*As Oregonians, we share a strong tradition of independent government run of, by and for the people. We expect our government to serve us based on the consent of the governed, with voters, not money, driving decisions. We will not stand by and allow the corrosive influence of big money in politics and the corrupting force of partisan politics to go unchecked, drowning out the voice of the people and undermining confidence in government. We expect leadership that puts voters back at the center of our democracy.*

Oregon lawmakers should commit to these five principles of democracy:

1. Everyone participates;
2. Everyone’s voice is heard;
3. Everyone knows who is trying to influence our views and our representatives;
4. Everyone plays by fair, common-sense rules;
5. Everyone is held accountable, with enforceable penalties to deter bad behavior.

***If elected, will you endorse, prioritize and work aggressively to:*** **YES NO**

<p><b>LIMIT THE INFLUENCE OF BIG MONEY</b> in Oregon politics, first by supporting a state constitutional amendment to authorize limits, then by setting an upper ceiling on how much a candidate can receive from a single contributor.</p> <p><b>Yes, I think we need to limit the influence of big money so everyone’s voice is heard. I am open to supporting limits in addition to the transparency we require now via ORESTAR.</b></p>	<b>X</b>	
<p><b>MAKE EVERYONE’S CONTRIBUTION MATTER</b> by establishing a public financing system in Oregon that amplifies small campaign contributions while reducing the reliance on large contributions.</p> <p><b>I am open to considering this important idea. At the same time, Oregon school kids get close to three weeks less instructional time than the national average, and we have a big homeless problem. We need to consider the viability of public financing in the context of resource scarcity. While this is important, until our school kids receive adequate instructional time and our higher education system is adequately funded, I will prioritize those issues.</b></p>		<b>X</b>
<p><b>ENSURE FULL TRANSPARENCY</b>, supporting removal of state constitutional barriers to transparency, then strengthening laws that shine a light on secretive political giving, by requiring “paid for by” statements on campaign ads and full disclosure of pass-through donations so that voters can “follow the money.”</p> <p><b>Yes, I support transparency of contributions and campaign spending. I would like to learn more about the current constitutional barriers and what we can do to increase transparency. I support the idea of constitutional steps to improve transparency.</b></p>	<b>X</b>	

<p><b>PROTECT EVERYONE’S RIGHT TO VOTE</b>, in a modern, efficient, accurate and convenient state voting system that encourages participation, and discourages voting disparities based on race, age, geography or other demographics. Specifically, this includes expanding on New Motor Voter and opposing policies that make voting or voter registration more difficult.</p> <p><b>Yes, I support taking steps to ensure that people who are eligible to vote have access to the ballot. I supported steps we have taken in the last two sessions, and will look for additional ways to protect and support voting rights.</b></p>	<p><b>X</b></p>	
<p><b>PREVENT GERRYMANDERING</b>, that skews the relative voting strength of whole communities for partisan or incumbency advantage by putting Oregon’s redistricting process in the hands of a nonpartisan citizen’s commission and making the process fully transparent.</p> <p><b>I support a fair elections system. I oppose gerrymandering intended to silence communities. It’s unclear to me whether a nonpartisan commission would be better positioned to undertake redistricting fairly than would representatives elected by the people of Oregon. I want to learn more about the proposal described in this question.</b></p>		<p><b>X</b></p>
<p><b>FIX THE FEDERAL LEVEL</b>, calling for a federal constitutional amendment to restore the ability of Congress and the states to set reasonable limits on the raising and spending of money to influence elections, including distinguishing between corporations and real persons.</p> <p><b>Yes, I support the idea of reasonable spending limits on elections.</b></p>	<p><b>X</b></p>	

**COMMENT: Thanks, Common Cause, for your work. I agree with the principles underpinning your questionnaire. My support for any legislative proposal will depend on the specific features of that proposal.**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ann Lininger** \_\_\_\_\_

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