

2021 State Election Results

Measure 107

Amends Constitution: Expressly allows laws limiting political campaign contributions and expenditures. Requires disclosure of contributions and expenditures. Requires political campaign advertisements to identify who pays for them.

PASSED 78% - 1,763,276 for, 488,413 against

Measure 108

Increases cigarette and cigar taxes. Establishes tax on e-cigarettes and vaping devices. Uses money for health programs.

PASSED 66% - 1,535,866 for, 779,311 against

Measure 109

Allows manufacture, delivery, and administration of psilocybin at licensed medical facilities.

PASSED 56%- 1,270,057 FOR. 1,008,199 against

Measure 110

Provides state wide addiction/recovery services, reclassifies possession and penalties for specified drugs.

PASSED 58% - 1,333,268 for, 947,313 against

The regular legislative session coming up in January. Leading issues:

1. Climate change and control thereof
2. Covid 19 pandemic control and relief measures
3. 2020 Wildfire relief vis a vis land use regulations
4. Police powers and supervision

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Have an issue? Don't Forget Traditional Media

Social media and digital methods of lobbying have become much more important in the last few years. That trend has gone into overdrive with the coming of the pandemic. However, among elected and government officials, traditional media sources – print and television news stories, editorials and opinion editorials – still matter. Proactively educating journalists and editors about the pros and cons of your issue can pay dividends but only if and when it reaches

the public eye. Sharing op-eds and favorable news coverage via your own social and digital channels can help that process and leverage your traditional media work.

And since this doesn't have to get printed, here is a longer piece that is worth reading:

While having an equal voice carries the responsibility of becoming equally well informed with actual facts, otherwise the following editorial from the Oregonian by Rep. Ron Noble makes a lot of sense. In the end Rep. Noble call us all to get involved and moderate the conversation about government. Sounds like a Grange meeting and looks like a recruiting tool!

Dan Keeley

Noble, R-McMinnville, represents House District 24 in the Oregon Legislature.

Oregonians embrace the idea that differing opinions and ideals should have equal voice. Although we've still a long way to go to ensure all voices are equal, that remains the goal. That includes different views on why and how the government – any government – should be involved in our lives.

How much individual autonomy and freedom do we sacrifice in the interest of the collective good? How much should we restrict the good actors in order to restrain the bad actors?

To guide those decisions, we look to embrace different values, opinions and solutions. It's the thought that no one person or group has all the answers, and that by engaging and sharing our differences through debate, persuasion, peaceful protest and compromise, we can be creative, innovative and collaborative in seeking that "sweet spot" of what, how and why the government should be involved.

This process of working through differences is not division; it's the definition of our union. Working through differences determines the cohesiveness of our families, the success of our communities and our businesses, and the effectiveness of our governments, including our state Legislature.

But today, as recent events in Washington D.C. and similar incidents in Portland and Salem reveal, we are divided. Our families and friends, our communities and yes, our governments are unable or unwilling to work through differences. We have our heels dug in, we vilify those who think differently, and we are divided. We no longer trust the systems that safeguard the continuity of our country and our great state. But we forget that the Constitution and Bill of Rights, the balance between federalism and states' rights, the Electoral College, our courts and the legislative process are parts of a greater system that are designed to ensure all voices are heard, not just the loudest, and ensure all states have a vote, not just the most populous.

The irony is that today, this distrust is shared by both extremes. Today, we are seeing an assault from both sides, each side engaging in the same violent and criminal activity they accuse of the other side."

But there is an option. Instead of picking sides, we could work together.

I believe there is a majority out there – a sensible majority of people with differing opinions who can engage and listen to each other without vilifying each other. A group of people who may have different ideals, ideas and opinions and may come from different corners of our state, but who are willing to work together toward shared goals. A group that strives to ensure every voice is heard; to strike a balance in how large a role government should play; and to restrain bad actors without over-burdening the good actors.

I'm calling on that majority, the sensible majority. Don't give up. Don't give in. Get involved. Listen and learn, let your voice be heard, and help us find solutions in the midst of our differences.

Because if we don't, our differences will continue to divide our state and our country – and could prove to be our demise.

Supplement to Dan's excellent report;

The governor in her budget request asked for funds to support broadband in rural schools. I suggest that our members contact their state representative and/or state senator to lobby for broadband to be made available to rural citizens in Oregon. Making broadband available to rural citizens is the policy of the National Grange and of the Oregon State Grange.

Don Kingsborough, OSG legislative committee, dist. 4