

To: Candidates and County Officers

Subject: Election Laws

Many candidates running for office for the first time may not be fully aware of current and recently revised election laws. A Manual for Candidates & Political Parties is available to County Central Committees from the County Clerk's office and it is suggested that candidates familiarize themselves with these laws. Two excerpts and portions of laws are reproduced in part below:

260.390 Acts constituting corrupt practices; prevalence of corruption.

"(1) Any person is guilty of a corrupt practice if he expends any money for election purposes contrary to the provisions of any statute of this state, or if he is guilty of undue influence, impersonation, the giving or promising to give, or offer/<sup>of</sup>any money or valuable thing to any elector with intent to induce such elector to vote for or to refrain from voting for any candidate for public office, the ticket of any political party or organization or any measure submitted to the people at any election, or to register or refrain from registering as a voter at any state, district, county, city or school district election for public offices or on public measures.

260.360 Anonymous publications; penalty

"(1) No person shall write, print, publish, post or circulate or cause to be written, printed, published, posted or circulated through the mails or otherwise any letter, circular, bill, placard, poster or other publication relating to any election or to any candidate at any election unless it bears on its face the name and address of the author and publisher thereof.

(2) Violation of this section is an illegal practice and is punishable, upon conviction, by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months, or both."

Numerous other provisions regarding finances and other matters are of equal importance, and a familiarity with the do's and dont's will avoid embarrassment.

## STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

### THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF OREGON

1. BELIEVES that the foundation of good government is the participation therein by each individual citizen as well as the honesty, integrity and assumption of political responsibility by governmental leaders, public servants and political parties under our two party system.
2. BELIEVES that the rights, value, importance and political beliefs of an individual citizen are not determined by race, color, creed, religion, position in life, age, wealth or the lack of it, and further that the welfare of the individual is dependent on the welfare of all, and the welfare of all is dependent on the welfare of the individual.
3. BELIEVES that local government - municipal, county and state - should be strengthened and that the government should not do for the people what the people can better do for themselves.
4. BELIEVES that responsible labor unions are a permanent, valued and desirable part of our society.
5. BELIEVES that electric power must be developed to the fullest practical extent to meet the expanding needs of Oregon, and further believes that such development should be carried out by those best qualified, having constant and due regard to the fullest beneficial utilization of other natural resources.
6. BELIEVES that the citizens and government of Oregon should do all things necessary to provide wider educational opportunities to our citizens and to maintain consistently high academic standards in our educational facilities.
7. BELIEVES that job opportunities and progress in Oregon will best be achieved by a political and economic climate which encourages expansion of payrolls, agriculture, business and industry.

8. BELIEVES that the function of a political party is to seek the election of qualified persons to public office and to support policies which will serve the welfare of all citizens of Oregon.
9. BELIEVES in and will support the free enterprise system and further believes that government expenditures should be maintained at a level consistent with security, necessary services and efficient government.
10. BELIEVES that the fullest beneficial use should be made of our natural resources consistent with good conservation practices.
11. BELIEVES that attempts to classify Oregonians as "little people", "little business", "big business", "labor", "management", "private power", "public power", "conservationists", "haves", "have nots", etc., and attempts to create conflicts between groups of citizens, are contrary to traditional American principles.

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REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
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To: All Republican Candidates  
From: GOP State Central Committee  
Subject: Campaign Material

In order that we will be able to honor requests for campaign cards and other material produced on behalf of individual candidates, may we ask you to supply this office with a limited sample of your campaign material.

It is our policy to refer any individual to the Campaign Headquarters of the particular candidate in which he or she has shown an interest. However, we would also like to supply a piece of campaign literature if we are asked.

- We would like to have:
- (1) A sample of your card, major folder, or mailing piece.
  - (2) A sample of your envelope and letterhead.
  - (3) The names of those on your campaign committee if they are not listed on the letterhead.
  - (4) The address of your campaign headquarters, the telephone number and name of the person in charge.
  - (5) Samples of additional material such as bumper stickers, window cards, etc.

If you have not already supplied us with a biographical sketch, we would also appreciate that information.