

2018 Adopted LAIs (unprioritized)

As adopted by the WashCo Dems Platform Convention

Article I: Ensuring Our Human Rights

1. We demand the Oregon Legislature acknowledge and codify into law that food, water, housing, education, healthcare, freedom of movement, freedom from discrimination or prejudice, and treatment with dignity and respect are human rights.
2. We demand that the Oregon Legislature prohibit no-cause evictions.
3. We demand the Oregon Legislature prohibit tolled roads.
4. Abolish the death penalty.
5. We demand more investment and better incentives providing sustainable and affordable housing for all in need in Washington County.
6. We demand that Washington County, in order to provide more affordable housing, enact local inclusionary zoning laws, as authorized by SB1533.

Article II: Economic Justice and Stability

1. Raise the Oregon Minimum Wage to \$20 per hour plus cost of living adjustments by 2020.
2. Remove state preemption of higher local minimum wages.
3. Adopt and enforce equal pay for equal work.
4. Revise independent contractor and temporary employment rules to prevent abuse by reclassification of employees.
5. Prohibit right-to-work and continue fair share laws for union shops.
6. Eliminate the income cap on social security taxation.
7. Tax capital gains as ordinary income.
8. Repeal the Oregon Personal Income Kicker.
9. Establish a new top marginal personal state income tax of not less than 25% for incomes not less than 1 million dollars.
10. Increase Oregon taxes on wealthy corporations to provide adequate funds.

Article III: Health Care for All

1. Implement a single payer healthcare system for the state of Oregon.
2. Implement paid family and parental leave of not less than 40 weeks.
3. Increase funding subsidies, including childcare, for low-income families.
4. Legislatively expand the definition of healthcare to include alternative treatments and practices including medical marijuana.
5. Significantly increase the state budget for improved mental health assessment and care.
6. Fund inclusive mental health access programs in all school districts.
7. Establish a unified electronic medical record system in the state of Oregon.

8. Update and improve nutritional standards for food served in schools, including fresh and whole foods, locally sourced when possible.
9. Empower the state to regulate and negotiate for reasonable prices of medical devices and prescription drugs.

Article IV: Education for Democracy

1. We demand tuition-free higher education for all students at all public colleges and universities.
2. We expect that the Oregon Legislature reinvest in our public schools, colleges and universities as well as our teachers and students with an annual increase to the Education Budget of not less than 1 billion dollars above the current level.
3. We demand that the Oregon Legislature reinvest in our public schools, K-12, to meet the Quality Education Model (QEM) Standards and to support the reduction of student dropout rates.
4. We expect reduced class sizes K-12 to be made a mandatory bargaining item in contract negotiations.
5. We demand an end to public funds being used to support private charter schools.
6. Provide full funding for post-secondary vocational training classes.
7. Fund talented and gifted programs in all districts.
8. We expect new student loans to be capped at, and current loans to be refinanced at, a 3% rate.
9. Provide full funding for post-secondary vocational training classes.
10. Require civics and governance education as part of curricula beginning in primary school.

Article V: A Just System

1. We demand that Oregon prohibit the militarization of the State, County and Local law enforcement agencies through the use of equipment which was originally intended for military use.
2. Decriminalize the use and possession of all controlled substance, and reduce the level of all drug-related offenses - other than those involving minors - to misdemeanors or lesser infractions.
3. Allow second party evidence in all criminal cases to protect victims.
4. Make background checks mandatory for all gun sales.
5. Eliminate mandatory minimum sentences.
6. Restore judicial options for training and diversion treatment.
7. Create a statute to criminalize "Prosecutorial Misconduct."
8. Pass an assault weapons bans.
9. Remove the statute of limitations on rape and other sexualized violent crimes.
10. Establish Washington County Community Review Boards for county and municipal law enforcement agencies.
11. Vacate all convictions for marijuana-related crimes.

12. Abolish solitary confinement in all forms in all levels of incarceration.
13. Require comprehensive physical and mental health services for all incarcerated persons in all levels of detention.
14. Prohibit detention of material witnesses.
15. Provide funding for and require the implementation of de-escalation, mental health crisis, implicit bias, and multicultural training for all agents and employees of the criminal justice system.
16. Create a position on county circuit courts that must be filled by an attorney specializing in criminal defense.
17. Prohibit construction of new prisons and detention facilities in Oregon.
18. Prohibit racial profiling in the state of Oregon.

Article VI: Restoring Governmental Integrity

1. Recognize banking as a necessity of life.
2. Require the Oregon Legislature invest in public media coverage of state and local elections.
3. Institute Instant Runoff Voting for applicable elections.
4. Institute open primaries for all partisan elections.
5. Abolish student loans and forgive all student debt.
6. Amend the Constitution so that Corporations are no longer given the rights of natural persons.
7. Modernize and reinstate Glass-Steagall so there is a separation from commercial banks and security investment banks.
8. Repeal the PATRIOT Act.
9. Establish and enact diversity guidelines for state agencies.
10. Fully fund the maintenance and improvement of our infrastructure.
11. ORS regarding representation by Precinct Committee persons be broadened to include people of all gender identities, not limited to the two sexes of male and female.
12. Transition the Oregon Legislature from part-time to full-time with a corresponding rise in pay.

Article VII: Refuge and Sanctuary

1. Pass immigration reform with an expedient path to citizenship for all immigrants.
2. Support the proposed "Protecting Sensitive Locations Act" (Federal) for Oregon PSLA.¹
3. Affirm that Oregon IS a welcoming state for refugees.
4. Oregon drivers licenses must be made available to undocumented peoples.
5. Legal services must be made available for people going through immigration procedures.

¹ the proposed PSLA (Protecting Sensitive Locations Act) = prohibits immigration enforcement, including arrests, interviews, searches, and surveillance at "sensitive location," which includes medical or healthcare facilities, public and private schools at all levels, places of worship, courthouses, DMV offices, and locations that provide emergency services.

Article VIII: Building a Sustainable Future

1. Repeal HB 2700 (2011). Do not grant the use of “eminent domain” for LNG pipelines.
2. Enact environmentally preferable purchasing programs that incorporate methods like Alternative Assessments to avoid regrettable substitutions and burden shifting.
3. Enact policies for “right to repair” and “design for destruction.”
4. Enact policies for extended producer responsibility and product stewardship.
5. Increase the number of publicly available EV (Electric Vehicle) charging stations and create programs to encourage conversion to electric vehicles.
6. We demand a progressive tax on greenhouse gas emissions to fund public projects and programs that will bring Oregon to having negative greenhouse gas emissions within 15 years.
7. Prioritize mass transit in budgets for transportation.
8. Direct ODOT to make transit and pedestrian/bike access a priority for any proposed Columbia River Crossing.
9. Incentivize green and affordable housing.

Article IX: Science and Technology for Human Advancement

1. We demand a publicly owned and operated high-speed internet infrastructure and internet service provider
2. Phase out oil and coal trains and pipelines, and increase right-of-way fees to improve emergency preparedness and response.
3. Fully fund seismic upgrades for infrastructure statewide.
4. Create state rules for labeling of food to include all additives and pesticides used and labelling of genetically engineered foods.
5. Legislatively support renewable energy projects countywide.
6. Adopt Net Neutrality.
7. Require commercial composters to accept compostable food packaging.
8. Washington County, and its cities, should adopt a resiliency program to audit and implement programs to address acute and chronic stresses similar to the 100 Resilient Cities Program.

Article X: Global Commitment to Peace

1. We support the boycott, divestment and sanction of Israel because of their ongoing occupation and attacks on Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, and we demand our Congressional representative do the same.
2. Fund human trafficking intervention efforts worldwide.
3. Prohibit outsourcing of military combat operations to private contractors.
4. Actively oppose trade agreements negotiated in secret.
5. Unilateral nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons disarmament and a ban on their production.