

2021: What's next for Oregon?

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climate solutions
accelerating the transition to our clean energy future

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Election results

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Oregon Political Landscape, Post-2020 Election



2020 Electoral Priorities:

1. Hold Republicans Accountable for Walkouts
2. Protect Incumbents Who Voted for Climate
3. Elect New Climate Champions














2020 Really Mattered, So How'd We Do?

★ **WANTED** ★

FUGITIVES FROM JUSTICE (AND THEIR JOBS!)

HAVE YOU SEEN THESE PEOPLE?

					
Herman Worknehager Jr.	Cliff Beata	Brian Bequin	Paul Gird	Bill Russell	Dallas Beard

				
Tim Knapp	Dennis Littlejohn	Alan Glass	Kim Thacher	Chuck Timmons

Instead of doing their jobs, Oregon Senate Republicans are

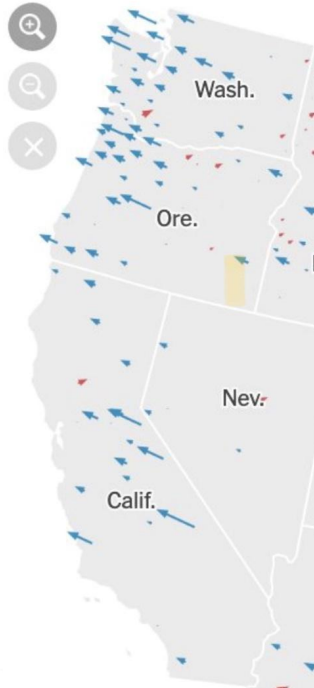
ON THE RUN.

Rumor has it they may have fled to Montana.

IF YOU FIND THEM, DO NOT HARM THEM!

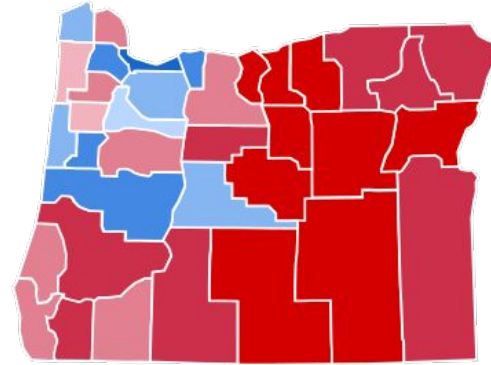
**OREGON NEEDS THEM
BACK AT WORK**

Contextualizing Oregon's 2020 Election Results



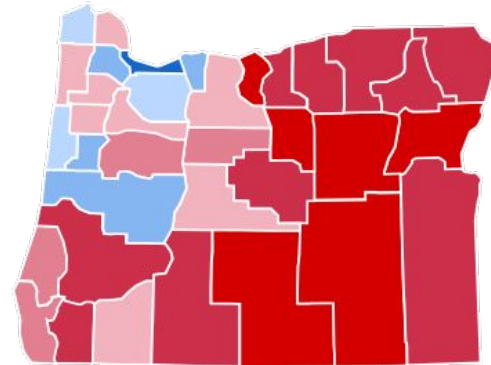
2020 Oregon Results

Biden – 56.5%
Trump – 40.3%
Other – 3.2%



2016 Oregon Results

Clinton – 50.07%
Trump – 39.09%
Other – 10.84%



Shemia Fagan Won Big for Secretary of State

Sen. Shemia Fagan (D) vs. Sen. Kim Thatcher (R)

- Fagan defeated Thatcher, 50.35% to 43.19% (6.35% to 3rd Party Candidates)
- SoS has a seat on the Land Board, has the authority to audit state agencies, manages Oregon elections, may manage Oregon's redistricting process, and succeeds the Governor in case of a vacancy.
- A key reason Fagan won this race? Thatcher's walkouts in 2019 and 2020.
- OLCV contributed \$125,000 and raised more than \$60,000 for Fagan.



VS.



We Won 6 of 8 Key Targeted Districts

OLCV Candidates

Opposition Candidates

- SD 10 – Deb Patterson (W) vs. Denyc Boles
 - SD 27 – Eileen Kiely (L) vs. Tim Knopp
 - HD 20 Paul Evans (W) vs. Selma Pierce
- HD 26 – Courtney Neron (W) vs. Peggy Stevens
- HD 32 – Debbie Boothe-Schmidt (L) vs. Suzanne Weber
 - HD 37 – Rachel Prusak (W) vs. Kelly Sloop
 - HD 52 – Anna Williams (W)* vs. Jeff Helfrich
 - HD 54 – Jason Kropf (W) vs. Cheri Helt

Exciting New Champions to Watch in 2021

New Representatives

- Wlinsvey Campos
- Maxine Dexter
- Dacia Grayber
- Zach Hudson
- Jason Kropf
- Khanh Pham
- Lisa Reynolds
- Ricki Ruiz

New Senators

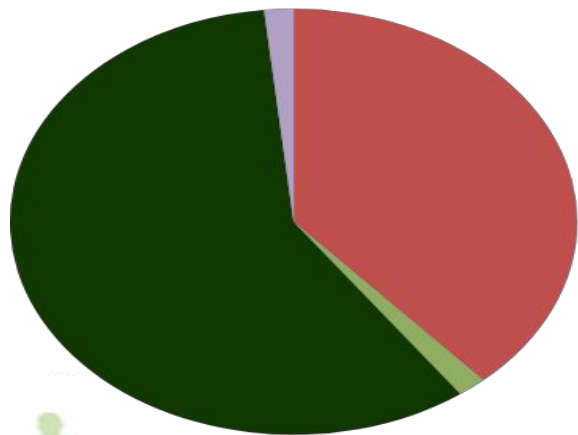
- Chris Gorsek (92% Lifetime)
- Kate Lieber
- Deb Patterson
- Appointment for Fagan?



Lay of the Land: Expected Pro-Climate Votes for the 2021-2022 Oregon Legislature

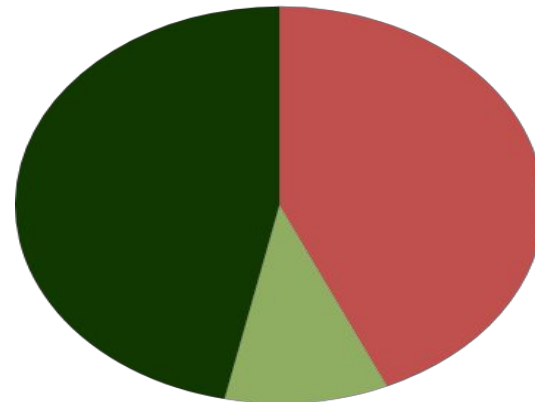
Climate Votes for the 2021-2022 Oregon House

- 23 Opposition
- 1 Solid
- 35 Strong
- 1 Unreliable D



Climate Votes in the 2021-2022 Oregon Senate

- 13 Opposition
- 3 Solid
- 14 Strong



Key Results and Conclusions for the 2020 Election in Oregon:

Oregon's Elections Are Nationalized

**Republicans Paid a Price for Walkouts and
Anti-Climate Votes**

**Protected Pro-Climate Majorities/Democratic
Super-Majorities**

Energy democracy

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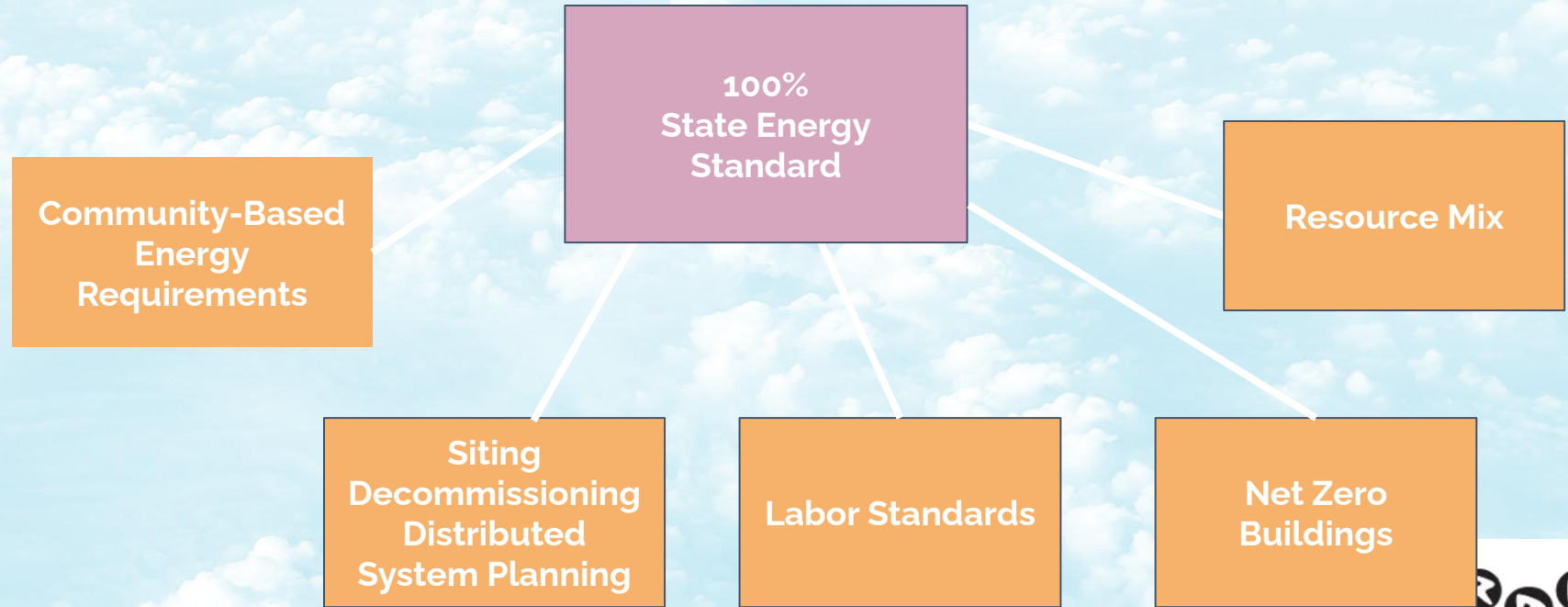


Goals of Energy Democracy campaign

- **Decrease utility costs for families already struggling in a recession by establishing a Low Income Rate Class**
- **Create good, local jobs in the renewable energy sector with strong labor standards that incentivize local energy projects**
- **Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by achieving 100% just and clean energy from utilities**
- **Develop leadership for frontline communities**



1. 100% Just Energy Standard



2. PUC Equity Bill + 3. Healthy Homes

Discount Rates for
low-income households

Healthy Homes weatherization
program



Theory of Change

Then we will build the people power and the political will to move our local and state decision-makers to achieve energy democracy and a just transition; a government that is accountable to frontline base-building organizations; healthy communities; and the resilience in frontline communities to weather the climate crisis and other shocks.



Theory of Change

1. **Strong, frontline led coalition, with capacity from ally groups**
2. **Putting forward, advocating for & winning solid Energy Democracy policy**
3. **A strong focus on base building and leadership development to advocate for energy democracy**
4. **Strategic communications & narrative strategy**



Energy Justice Leadership Institute

Energy Justice Leadership Institute Learning Series, phase 1

- 5 learning sessions with key special guests who work in energy and energy policy and are representative of EJ communities or are key decision makers
- Stipends

Grassroots Action Teams, phase 2

- January 19 through July 30
- Stipends
- Lead teams that will be assigned to legislators



2021 climate priorities

Presented by Climate Solutions



Our 2021 Oregon climate priorities



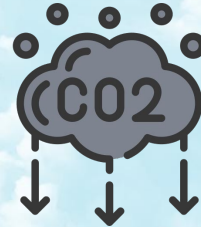
100% clean electricity



Clean & efficient buildings



Clean transportation



Super pollutants
and other priorities





100% clean electricity



Oregon's last coal-fired power plant closed in October, but fossil gas is still a major source of electricity for Oregonians.

100% clean electricity



2021 Legislative session priority

- Zero-emission electric sector will be the backbone to power our transportation, buildings, and industry
- Addresses new and existing gas power plants, ensures carbon-free and clean energy replaces retiring coal power
- Creates resilient communities and cleaner air across Oregon
- Generates economic development opportunities & family-wage jobs in clean energy, storage projects and transmission





Clean, healthy, all-electric buildings



Fossil gas furnaces and kitchen appliances release dangerous pollutants inside our homes, in addition to being harmful to our climate.

Why we need fossil-free buildings



- Combining fossil gas emissions from direct use and electricity sector, fossil gas is the 2nd largest source of GHG (22%) after transportation fuels (40%)
- Combusting gas releases dangerous pollutants inside our buildings and homes
- After cooking for just an hour with a gas stove and oven, levels of NO₂ exceed state and federal outdoor air-quality standards in more than 90% of the home
- A study found that children living in homes with indoor gas stoves have a 42% increased risk of experiencing asthma symptoms



Clean, healthy, all-electric buildings



Update statewide building code to maximize energy efficiency
(BCD process, OCAP)

2021 legislative session bills:

- Update appliance standards to maximize energy efficiency *(ODOE process, OCAP)*
- Authorize local cities to go above statewide building code energy efficiency requirements
- Enable Energy Trust of Oregon to provide utility customers with incentives for electric appliances regardless of underlying fuel



Clean transportation



Transportation contributes more than any other sector to Oregon's total climate pollution.

Clean transportation

Transportation Electrification Legislation

2021 session

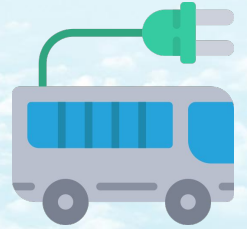
Extend EV incentive program, including low income incentives for new and used EVs

Increase utilities' investments in EV charging infrastructure

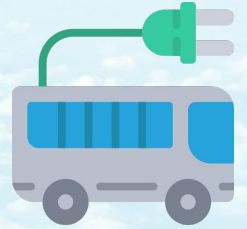
PUC process (OCAP)

Secure ambitious and equitable EV programs at scale

- Incentives for EV charging for residential & businesses
- EV charging corridors for cars & freight
- Private/public partnerships
- Electrify school bus and public transit fleets



Clean transportation, cont.



Implement Clean Fuels Program increase to 25% by 2035

DEQ regulation (OCAP)

Decreases the amount of pollution allowed from transportation fuels, while providing incentives for cleaner fuels in the marketplace

Pass statewide clean truck rule

DEQ regulation (OCAP)

Require truck manufacturers to increase their zero-emission truck sales statewide

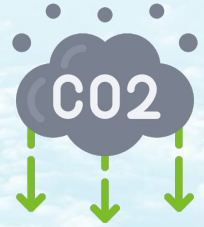


Super pollutants and other priorities



Certain industrial pollutants worsen global warming exponentially more than carbon dioxide.

Super pollutants and other priorities



Pass HFC phase-out legislation

2021 session

Implement cap-and-reduce regulation

2021 DEQ rulemaking (OCAP)

Large GHG sources required to lower climate pollution:

- At least 45% below 1990 levels by 2035
- At least 80% below 1990 levels by 2050

Regulated sources include manufacturers, power plants, transportation fuels and fossil gas utilities

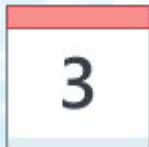


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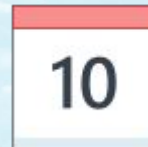
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Don't miss these upcoming events



Climate Leaders Live: Featuring Dr. Ayana Elizabeth Johnson and Majora Carter

Thursday, December 3rd
4:00pm



Solutions from the States: Featuring Oregon Gov. Kate Brown

Thursday, December 10th
9:00am

Learn more at climatesolutions.org/events

