2021: What’s next for Oregon?

Thursday, November 17th, 2020

Presented in partnership with Verde and the Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV)
Election results

Presented by the Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV)
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?

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%
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<th>Sen. Shemia Fagan (D)</th>
<th>vs. Sen. Kim Thatcher (R)</th>
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<td>Fagan defeated Thatcher, 50.35% to 43.19% (6.35% to 3rd Party Candidates)</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>A key reason Fagan won this race? Thatcher’s walkouts in 2019 and 2020.</td>
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<td>OLCV contributed $125,000 and raised more than $60,000 for Fagan.</td>
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<td>OLCV Candidates</td>
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<td>• SD 10 – Deb Patterson (W) vs. Denyc Boles</td>
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<td>• SD 27 – Eileen Kiely (L) vs. Tim Knopp</td>
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<td>• HD 20 Paul Evans (W) vs. Selma Pierce</td>
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<td>• HD 26 – Courtney Neron (W) vs. Peggy Stevens</td>
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<td>• HD 32 – Debbie Boothe-Schmidt (L) vs. Suzanne Weber</td>
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<td>• HD 37 – Rachel Prusak (W) vs. Kelly Sloop</td>
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<td>• HD 52 – Anna Williams (W)* vs. Jeff Helfrich</td>
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<td>• HD 54 – Jason Kropf (W) vs. Cheri Helt</td>
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We Won 6 of 8 Key Targeted Districts
# Exciting New Champions to Watch in 2021

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<td>Wlnsvey Campos</td>
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<td>Khanh Pham</td>
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<td>Lisa Reynolds</td>
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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

Presented by Verde
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
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

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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
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
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
Questions?
Thanks for joining us!

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