

# DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

## 2024 PARTY PLATFORM

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We Democrats believe that American governments should uphold and further the ideals laid down by the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

We support what government does well. When there are shortcomings, we advocate solutions after gathering facts, employing reason, and considering probable consequences.

In particular, the Democratic Party of Lane County is committed to building a Healthy, Free, Just, Prosperous, Responsible, Secure, & Enduring society:

### **I. Healthy –**

*Where we advocate for aggressive actions to proactively address and expeditiously solve the climate crisis and protect our environment and our health.*

### **II. Free –**

*Where our democracy is predicated upon one person, one vote, and equitable and widespread access to voting from rural to urban communities alike, because a government of and by the people protects our Freedom;*

### **III. Just –**

*Where laws and public institutions are fair to all, and show respect for each person's worth, dignity, opinions, and rights, and ensure that no one is above the law;*

### **IV. Prosperous –**

*Where we facilitate success, diminish economic inequality, and utilize commerce to lift the well-being of all;*

### **V. Responsible –**

*Where individuals, businesses, organizations, and the state are accountable for their actions, and they abide by a social contract for our mutual benefit;*

### **VI. Secure –**

*Where our Power is sufficient to protect people and property, yet appropriately restrained in its use, and our policies promote peace and prosperity at home and abroad*

**VII. Enduring –**

*Where our Legacy is lasting and our policies benefit our posterity and our planet.*

# I. Healthy

## A. A Healthy World

1. Support a Green New Deal to quickly reduce GHG emissions and increase natural carbon sequestration, while ensuring a just transition that alleviates potential economic hardships caused by climate solutions.
2. Support rapid, bold legislation to confront climate crisis impacts on health, emergency response, finance, economic stability, migration and displacement, property, wilderness, and quality of life.
3. Support the Declaration on Human Rights and Climate Change, and U.S. involvement in the Paris Climate Accord, including Oregon's efforts to meet its goals.
4. Encourage education of the public regarding the costs and hazards of climate change, its externalities, and the need to shift from carbon-based to renewable energy.
5. Support natural carbon sequestration, reduction in ocean acidification and heat island effects. Encourage reforestation/afforestation of natural systems of flora and fauna throughout Oregon's land and marine environments.
6. Support increasingly synthesized stakeholder conservation and environmental stewardship by individuals, businesses, and organizations working towards the national goal of 30% conservation of lands and waters by 2030.
7. Expand reduce/reuse/recycle programs, aiming for local or regional self-sufficiency. Legislate requirements for biodegradable, minimized commercial packaging, encouraging local sourcing of this packaging.
8. Support healthy, congenial communities by advocating for retention of — and equitable access to — green-space, solar access, and trees, in urban codes.
9. Promote Oregon's expertise as a source of information/education on how the ecology of temperate rain forests operate, and how best to implement conservation/improve health of forests around the world.

## B. Public Health & Social Safety Net

1. Establish a universal, equitable, affordable, and accessible single-payer health insurance system in Oregon and the U.S., including vision, dental, hearing, mental, and reproductive healthcare.
2. Expand mental health, addiction, and rehabilitation support and services. Explore and implement ways to offer care under circumstances where anonymity/confidentiality concerns currently are causing care to be refused or not provided.
3. Ensure public funding and access to family planning and reproductive health services, including contraceptives, and abortion — protecting an individual's right to choose.

4. Support programs that increase the health and safety of Oregonians (e.g. Medicaid, SNAP), during times of reduced or insufficient federal funding.
5. Support access to all reproductive services. Repeal the Hyde Amendment. Support the right to be free from sexual assault, and bolster education on contraception and healthy relationships.
6. Support employers in providing health care benefits to temporary and permanent part-time workers. Explore part-time/gig-workers' Bill of Rights.

### **C. Energy & Transportation**

1. Promote the rapid transition to 100% renewable energy. Oppose construction of new fossil fuel infrastructure. Require 100% of fossil fuel tax benefits and subsidies be dedicated to renewable energy R&D/projects.
2. Support "Clean Energy Jobs" legislation; promote energy- and resource-efficient design for residential and commercial buildings, mechanisms, processes, and energy-gleaner technologies. Continue tax incentives and rebates for energy efficiency and conservation.
3. Invest in development and use of clean, efficient transportation & freight systems; including public transit, bicycle & pedestrian commuting, and sufficient electric charging & alternative fuel stations throughout Oregon, with viable links between these.
4. Support efforts to limit and phase out fossil fuel exports through the West Coast. Support projects which provide sustainable green jobs.
5. Educate the public about the hazards of various methods of resource exploration, development, extraction, transport, use, and waste management. Protect wetlands, and all water sources, by permanently banning fracking in Oregon.
6. Promote the facilitation of collaborative programs with all interested Native American Tribes to build Native- owned and -operated solar and wind farms in Tribally-designated areas.

### **D. Pollution**

1. Support air-monitoring, efforts to reduce allowable discharges of pollution, and efforts to investigate and prosecute environmental crime, including strict penalties for facilities that turn off or circumvent pollution-monitoring systems.
2. Support robust measures to reduce and phase out use of toxic substances on public property. Support bans on aerial spray methods of applying herbicides.
3. Promote legislation that protects historically marginalized communities from corporate pollution, exploitation, and the worst impacts of the climate crisis. Require adequate corporate compensation to these communities for the resultant damages.
4. Support the protection and preservation of bees and other pollinators as a key to Oregon's economic and food security, and for a healthy world.

5. Recognize light and noise pollution as environmental hazards – disrupting photosynthesis, animal migrations, echolocation, & feeding; human sleep and health; and night sky observations – and work for environmentally-positive mitigation and ordinances.
6. Insist that local, regional, State and Federal pollution control agencies promptly and thoroughly investigate polluters. Repeat offenders must be stopped, agencies must be accountable.

## II. FREE

### A. Elections

1. Provide all citizens with easy access to voter registration & to voting, and encourage our elected officials to work against attacks on voting rights.
2. Protect and expand automatic voter registration, implement same day voter registration, and implement same day party switching until then. Lobby for Voting Day Holiday at all political levels.
3. Ensure fully funded county election offices and standardized reporting, protect election observations, and utilize all accessible outreach tools to help alert and assist all voters with questioned ballots.
4. Ensure citizen-generated ballot measures are treated fairly to prevent minor technical issues from inhibiting participation and to create simple process instructions.
5. Support redistricting methods that ensure fair representation and oppose gerrymandering.
6. Support voting rights for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated persons, including registration and basic civics education.
7. Ensure ballot boxes are easily accessible in all areas.
8. Ensure county clerks and clerks' offices uphold their constitutional duties of office and conduct free and fair elections.
9. Support high school voter registration and basic civics education.
10. Encourage enactment of National Popular Vote Initiative into law by enough States to activate NPV Compact -- while working for a Constitutional Amendment abolishing the Electoral College, replaced by national direct popular vote.
11. Support the replacement of First-Past-the-Post voting design with an alternative voting design such as Ranked Choice or Star.

### B. Campaigns

1. Support campaign finance limits and overturn the Citizens United Supreme Court decision.
2. Protect shareholder rights through SEC regulations or law, by requiring per-share refunds of corporate political spending made without explicit shareholder permission.
3. Support and increase the Oregon Political Contribution Tax Credit to encourage broad public

participation in the political process, including those with low incomes.

4. Support and encourage the public financing of elections.
5. Require people and entities that contribute substantial amounts in an election cycle to publicly disclose all contributions to political funds.
6. Expand outreach to non-Democrats and encourage participation in Democratic causes, and primary participation.

### **C. Governing and Lobbying**

1. Ensure black-out periods for elected officials or high level appointees becoming paid lobbyists after leaving office.
2. Change Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) to allow college students to levy student fees to be used for lobbying.
3. Ensure the rights of assembly & free speech for all, without unreasonable restrictions to our First Amendment rights.
4. Continue to make government more transparent in Oregon and to increase access to all public data for free or for reasonable cost.
5. Improve the opportunities for residents of Lane County to contribute to public hearings by removing barriers such as mobility or scheduling issues.
6. Require all public agencies and government bodies to use standardized video conferencing; agendas to be available a week in advance; and meetings to be recorded for access.
7. Protect whistleblowers from retaliation and unjust criminal prosecution by strengthening and supporting the Whistleblower Protection Act.
8. Call for Washington, D.C. statehood.
9. Further strengthen voter rights and representation by expanding the five US Territories' non-voting members to full status.

## **III. JUST**

### **A. Civil Rights**

1. Work to eliminate discrimination in employment, housing, and public services because of race, ethnicity, color, national origin, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, disability status, gender identity, marital status, criminal history, or source of income.
2. Make our immigration system more humane by keeping families together and creating a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers, those with temporary status, refugees, farmworkers, and essential workers.

3. Uphold the right of all persons to live free from the threat of sexual harassment, abuse, and assault; protect marriage equality and oppose anti-LGBTQIA2S+ initiatives at all levels of government.
4. Amend the Oregon Constitution to create a woman's right to make personal reproductive decisions.
5. Respect the sovereignty of Tribal governments, prioritize special protections for sites claimed by indigenous groups, and protect tribal gaming rights.
6. Confront systemic racism and support efforts to remove bigotry from public life by renaming problematic names, or discontinuing symbols, including renaming Lane County "Kalapuya County" due to Joseph Lane's racist legacy.
7. Amend the state constitution to "As used herein, person means human being." it does not mean fictitious entities.

## **B. Workers' Rights**

1. Oppose all "right-to-work" legislation and anti-worker ballot measures, improve enforcement against worker misclassification as independent contractors, support fair scheduling laws, and protect workers from abuse regardless of immigration status.
2. Increase state and local government support for affordable, quality child care for working families and pass and extend the federal and state Child Tax Credits.

## **C. Housing Justice**

1. Advocate for an evidence-based, housing-first approach using bonds, system development charge waivers, accessory dwelling units, rezoning processes, permanent supportive housing, and public-private partnerships to increase no-, low-, and moderate-income housing inventories.
2. Strengthen protections for renters through inclusionary zoning, just-cause evictions, banning no-cause evictions, rent stabilization, relocation assistance, tenant opportunity to purchase laws, and deposit recovery protections. Support and fund affordable housing preservation.
3. Respect sleep as a fundamental human right, increase and preserve and protect funding for alternative shelter solutions (e.g. sanctioned camps, safe spots, Conestoga huts, pallet shelters), and decriminalize homelessness.
4. Increase temporary shelter and rapid re-housing that's inclusive and culturally responsive; Create a day labor program, and reform Oregon's "Bottle Bill" to expand Bottle Return locations.
5. Promote more effective housing policy by creating a statewide registry of landlords, including a database of rents charged and evictions carried out per year.

## **D. Police Reform**

1. Create an interjurisdictional civilian review board for all of Lane County.
2. Monitor how police use force and proactively hold officers accountable for excessive force; unfounded fear cannot be an acceptable justification for deadly force, and abuses of qualified immunity must be addressed.
3. Require periodic DEI, trauma informed, and sensitivity training for all sworn officers and support staff.
4. Require police departments to collect and report demographic data on individuals contacted by officers to ascertain the prevalence of bias-based policing.
5. Restructure police recruitment processes to facilitate increased diversity and professionalism of new or lateral officers; police should reflect the communities they serve. Change the Lane County charter to appoint the sheriff, rather than elect them.
6. Membership in an insurrectionist, racist, anti LGBTQIA2S+, misogynistic or hate group should disqualify police from service and result in termination of employment. Close examination of new or current police participation in such groups should be a priority.
7. For Police, mandate that all adjudicated department disciplinary actions be made public in a statewide database and any out-of-state police applicants waive confidentiality of any disciplinary actions in their departmental personnel file.

#### **E. Criminal Justice Reform**

1. Support, expand and increase funding for, mobile crisis response programs like CAHOOTS to respond to individuals experiencing crisis when the safety of the public is not threatened.
2. Support and expand evidence-based alternatives to mass incarceration, such as treatment courts, community courts, and intensive community supervision.
3. Require all defendants who cannot afford an attorney to be provided with defense counsel when facing criminal prosecution, or an eviction, by fully funding the public defender's office and legal aide.
4. Increase funding for Sponsors and other transitional housing programs and supportive services, including continuity of health care, for individuals re-entering the community after incarceration.
5. Support a state constitutional amendment to permanently abolish the death penalty.
6. Improve fairness and professionalism of the U.S. Supreme Court by applying a binding judicial code of ethics to all justices, at minimum requiring recusal for conflicts of interest.
7. Prohibit privatization of prisons, and contracting out of medical services, or correction officers within prisons or jails. Reform mandatory overtime for frontline prison workers.

## **IV. PROSPEROUS**



## **A. Revenue**

1. Insist on tax equity: (e.g. a progressive tax structure, taxing all property on actual value, windfall taxes, taxing capital gains at least as much as earned income).
2. Eliminate tax loopholes: especially executive, corporate, and estate tax evasion (e.g. executive deductibility as in section 162(m)).
3. Ensure taxation flexibility. Restore the simple majority requirement to increase revenue and divert individual kicker rebate funds to establish a rainy day fund (use of which is determined through public participation).
4. Create sufficient revenue to meet our needs (e.g. education, healthcare, & housing) and reduce economic inequity through fair taxation.
5. Explore additional taxation mechanisms (value added tax, gross receipts, construction excise tax, and others).

## **B. Labor**

1. Protect workers' right to organize and collectively bargain. Encourage union job creation. Advocate for passage of the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act.
2. Increase the minimum wage and index to inflation to protect purchasing power for working families.
3. Encourage and support the development of a highly skilled & competitive workforce in Oregon through apprenticeship programs and continuing education, particularly for veterans.
4. Support efforts to address inequality of pay, wage theft, and misuse of temp & contractor positions, especially for marginalized communities.
5. Require community benefit agreements for all local government projects.
6. Strengthen the community through local ownership, worker owned businesses, and cooperatives and incentivize such businesses' innovation, development, and sustainability.
7. Incentivize businesses and institutions to purchase local, sustainable products and hire locally; particularly anchor institutions (e.g. government, hospitals, and timber).
8. Enact policies that create local jobs, foster entrepreneurship, and ensure access to capital especially for folks from historically marginalized communities.
9. Protect private and public sector pension plans. Protect the Social Security System. Remove the cap on Social Security taxation and ensure all income is counted as Social Security taxable.

## **C. Standard of Living**

1. Work to create affordable and accessible housing, expand tenant protections and rental affordability,

and find programs to encourage new home ownership (e.g. public housing trusts).

2. Incentivize development that provides necessary food, shelter and green space, particularly in underserved urban neighborhoods. Actively discourage gentrification.
3. Explore creation of a revolving no-interest loan program to help low-income community members afford security deposits and/or down payments. Protect tenants from excess fees.
4. Ensure quality of life through living wages, employee benefits, consistent scheduling, and standards for earned, medical, and family leave.
5. Eliminate student loan and medical debt.
6. Explore pilot programs to test the effectiveness of universal basic income.
7. Incentivize mixed use and affordable housing. Remove zoning barriers to support sustainability and community building. Protect existing neighborhoods. Use infill and brownfield development before increasing Urban Growth Boundaries.
8. Provide free public transit to all to improve access to schools, goods, & services, to improve community, and to meet our climate goals.
9. Promote access to nutrition and medical care in urban “deserts” and isolated rural communities (e.g. “grocery-mobiles” and “clinic-mobiles”) similar to public library bookmobiles.
10. Create a tax break for medium and large companies who pay at least 75% of their employees a living wage, increase taxes on medium and large companies that do not.

#### **D. Infrastructure**

1. Encourage investment in safe, reliable transportation infrastructure that prioritizes environmental sustainability (e.g. pedestrians, bicyclists), and minimizes traffic through public transit and funneling automobiles onto higher-speed arterials.
2. Support city planning that improves disaster preparedness, transportation infrastructure, provides sufficient affordable housing, ensures reasonable urban growth, facilitates economic development and provides adequate green spaces.
3. Support access to quality, publicly owned internet. Expand affordable broadband, quality public WiFi, public fiber optic trunk and service lines, with priority to underserved areas.

## **V. RESPONSIBLE**

#### **A. Finance and Business**

1. Reverse unrealistic pension funding demands on the post office. Restore postal banking.
2. Revise pension programs to increase pensions for lower paid workers, eliminate the cap on PERS CPI

increases, and lower the Oregon limit on salary considered for public employee pensions.

3. Restore the Glass-Steagall Act, institute a Wall St. speculators tax, and regulate derivatives.
4. Establish regulations that ensure transparency and prevent predatory behavior in cryptocurrency purchasing and investment.
5. Enforce our anti-trust laws so that mergers do not make a corporation “too big to fail” or too dominant in their market.
6. Establish public bank(s) similar to the Bank of North Dakota so that our public funds can be used to help Oregon rather than enriching multi-national financial institutions.
7. Reconsider taxation for nonprofits and religious organizations with excessive administrative costs. Enforce the IRS 501(c)3 rules on political activity and lobbying on churches.

## **B. Safety Net**

1. Preserve, safeguard, strengthen, and expand Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, the Veterans Administration, and SNAP.
2. Oppose the privatization of Social Security, protect Social Security from being raided, and remove the cap on income subject to Social Security contributions. Ensure all income is subject to taxation for Social Security.
3. Redefine unemployment accurately to reflect the number of individuals who are out of work involuntarily.
4. Decrease the reliance on private middle-men between public health insurance programs and providers, and improve benefits in public health insurance to decrease the pressure to privatize.
5. Advocate against the privatization of Medicare. Until Medicare for All can be established, level the playing field between Medicare and Medicare Advantage, including covering vision, dental, hearing, and mental health.
6. Increase the support of care coordination activities by practitioners by direct payments and with community/public entities financed with global budgets, and not with risk-bearing middlemen.
7. Limit vertical and horizontal integration (acquisitions and mergers) in healthcare businesses and push for publicly owned or controlled pharmacy benefit managers, in order to decrease [rent-seeking](#) in such businesses.

## **C. Information and Behavior**

1. Enact policies to decrease reliance on corporate crop seeds that limit the saving of seeds for future planting, and hold corporations liable for contaminating non-genetically modified plantings internationally as well as domestically.
2. Enforce and expand current Oregon Statutes & OARs that prohibit sexual harassment.

3. Treat reporters of sexual assault seriously and with dignity. Process rape kits within 90 days. Educate society as to definitions of sexual harassment and prevention of sexual harassment.

#### **D. Public Institutions and Oversight**

1. Support citizen oversight of police through independent police auditors & civilian review boards.
2. To promote good government and the public trust, all jurisdictions should have access to independent audit functions to objectively verify public expenditures and government performance.
3. Support clear and enforceable ethical standards in government and other public institutions in the conduct of public business.
4. Require teams of public workers to determine the need of removing children from the home. Improve the foster care system. Require public, or non-profit, behaviorally appropriate temporary shelter sites.
5. Because society needs well-functioning judicial systems and because justice delayed is justice denied, judicial confirmation processes should be thorough yet expeditious.
6. Any form of incarceration, excluding house arrest, should be in government-run institutions. Prison labor should provide benefits to the prisoner and protect labor rights. End the death penalty.
7. Promote a fair and appropriate wage for legislators and municipal elected officials at all levels.
8. Support efforts to reduce excessive salary and perquisites for public employees.
9. Strictly maintain Oregon's credit rating and ensure there is adequate borrowing capacity for economic downturns.

## **VI. SECURE**

#### **A. International Relations**

1. The United States of America must support a robust State Department to promote peace, democracy, and human rights abroad, prioritizing diplomacy and cooperation over military action.
2. Promote human rights, economic opportunity, education, labor fairness, healthy environment, reproductive health and cultural & service exchanges around the globe.
3. The U.S. must protect civilian populations in all operations on all lands. Anyone not protecting civilians requires investigation, sanctions, and cessation of all military aid to the offender, including Israel.
4. Condition aid from the U.S. on allies and countries recognizing civil and human rights, protecting the environment, condemning genocide, including Palestine, and following international laws, norms.
5. Work with other countries to prevent white supremacists or other hate groups from securely and anonymously financing their operations.

6. The United States should condemn all genocides including in Palestine, and call for an end to illegal settlements, settler violence, and systems of apartheid, everywhere.
7. Call on all elected officials to support an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Israel/Palestine. We condemn islamophobia, antisemitism, and dehumanizing language towards Palestinians and all people.
8. Call on all elected officials to vote against any US military aid to Israel. And reject conflating anti-Zionism or criticism of the State of Israel with anti-Semitism.
9. Oppose totalitarianism, authoritarianism, and anti-democratic backsliding by governments – particularly any efforts to seize land from neighbors in wars of aggression against democracies such as Ukraine and Taiwan by Russia and China.

## **B. Defense**

1. We support legislation requiring Congressional approval for a new war powers act for any military action and a policy of no-first-use for Weapons of Mass Destruction.
2. Uphold Geneva Convention rights for both traditional and non-state actor detainees.
3. Prioritize involvement of civil service and military personnel in national security operations over private military contractors, and require that military contractors be held accountable for misconduct to at least military standards and US Law.
4. Tie increases in military spending to audit and procurement performances. Unless an audit is completed, no additional funding should be approved. Support passage of the Stop Price Gouging the Military Act.
5. Change military mission to emphasize disaster relief, infrastructure, and housing rehabilitation in the U.S. and abroad. And to recognize Climate Change as a top security concern.
6. Recognize the electrical grid, secure internet, surface water resources and infrastructure, forests, farmland, and aquifers as national security assets, and protect and promote those resources aligned with indigenous peoples.

## **C. Active Duty Military and Veterans**

1. Recognize the sacrifices our veterans have made, ensure their access to expert medical and mental healthcare at all levels, including support for PTSD trauma treatment and suicide prevention.
2. Ensure that we have policies aimed at preventing and punishing unwanted sexual contact, harassment, and violence by or against members of our Armed Forces, including access to public law enforcement.
3. Require the military investigate all reports of intimate partner and family violence, and hate crimes, report findings to the proper databases, and recognize these crimes as threats to morale, cohesion,

and readiness.

4. Support access to full abortion and reproductive care on military installations. Enshrine access in law so that future administrations cannot deprive service members and their families of the right to choose.
5. Enshrine the ability of service members to serve in their self-identified gender identity and promote and ensure access to gender affirming treatment in military healthcare systems.

#### **D. Domestic Tranquility**

1. Establish dedicated funding sources for Public Safety including, EMTs, mental healthcare and healthcare providers, firefighters, police, sheriffs and corrections officers.
2. Fund evidence-based intervention, prevention programs, and alternative courts to reduce recidivism, intimate partner violence, addiction, and abuse of children, the elderly, and disabled to reduce demand on public safety.
3. Support research on gun violence; promote legislation requiring registration of firearms, licensing and insurance, education on safe storage; and fund public gun safety by increased taxes on ammunition.
4. Ban "ghost guns," high capacity magazines and assault rifles.
5. Create a scholarship that would pay for education costs for anyone willing to graduate in a mental health field and work in Oregon for 10 years.
6. Support protocols requiring a mental health professional accompany law enforcement on all calls involving a person in a mental health crisis, and prevent militarization or privatization of police.
7. Recognize that white supremacy, unaccountable militias, and far-right nationalists threaten our national security, and hold January 6 insurrectionists accountable to the full extent of the law.
8. Pass statewide legislation to mirror The End Hedge Fund Control of American Homes Act of 2023, to ensure Oregonians do not have to compete with billionaires to own a home.

## **VII. ENDURING**

### **A. Education**

1. Fully fund Oregon's K-12 public schools at the Quality Education Model level, support efforts toward tuition-free public colleges and universities and support continuing education for teachers at all levels.
2. Reduce public school class sizes and use of standardized tests, strengthen core State curriculum standards to better enable post-secondary success, and expand "Gateway to College", and intervention programs for at-risk youth.

3. Work to reverse Measure 5, to remove property tax limitation and create additional revenue for public services.
4. Fund civics, humanities, and critical thinking classes and career and technical education programs, including training in Green Technology, computer science, and STEAM. (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics)
5. Strengthen public education by protecting public funding from use for private school vouchers and establish developmentally and culturally appropriate educational standards at all grade levels; prevent corporatization of education.
6. Promote civics and personal finance education.
7. Support the right of women – and all people across the world – to education.
8. Prevent assaults on public education by stopping book bans in schools and libraries and requiring schools to teach real history.
9. Promote climate education in K-12 and integrate into all core elements with appropriate resources.

## **B. Land & Resource Use**

1. Work to protect and restore our water resources, including strict buffer zone standards for toxic chemical use, fertilizers, logging, feedlots, fracking fields, mine tailings and development.
2. Preserve the health of our forests and wildlife habitat, protect the remaining old-growth forests for future generations, increase riparian protections, and strive for zero clearcutting.
3. Support addressing climate-induced wildfire damages to private property, health and safety through science-based actions to reduced fire load, and use of low density plantations. Work to eliminate clearcutting, and support climate resilient forestry.
4. Increase the timber harvest tax to levels similar to those in Washington and California and encourage, or require, sustainable yield of diverse forest products and domestic processing of raw logs.
5. Strengthen Oregon Forest Practices Act by increasing riparian buffers and banning aerial spraying.
6. Encourage a robust, nation-wide program of reforestation/afforestation, from rural woodlots to public lands, planting a diverse mix of trees and flora to maximize biome health and resilience.
7. Encourage mixed species replanting.
8. Protect and increase affordable housing. Restrict tax incentives to so-called market rate housing. Insist on brownfield and infill development before increasing Urban Growth Boundaries.
9. Promote & prioritize responsible recreation, tourism, and quality of life provided by our environment, over resource extraction.
10. Promote Oregon's efforts to develop a science-based marine spatial planning process for managing our oceans and coastal resources and protecting them from all forms of pollution.

11. Reduce Oregon Fish and Wildlife nuisance killing. Work to eliminate the use of cyanide and drowning traps.

### **C. Enduring Infrastructure**

1. Increase funding for earthquake, and emergency preparedness. Prioritize incentives and grants for lower income households for fire hardening and other emergency preparedness.
2. Work to enact net neutrality and promote internet access, including rural broadband, as a public utility.
3. Reverse the privatization of functions that are appropriately public, such as military, schools, prisons, water, utilities, and public spaces.
4. Make international trade agreements contingent upon potential partners' efforts towards good practice in energy sourcing, agriculture, and protections for forests, wild lands, and oceans. Meet the same standards ourselves.
5. Invest in preventive maintenance of public infrastructure to keep roads and bridges in good condition and avoid more costly interventions resulting from deferred maintenance.

### **D. Protecting the Planet**

1. Support more stringent penalties for polluters, with the aim of making pollution unacceptably expensive for industries, and not just a cost of doing business.
2. Support waste reduction and the expansion of recycling and reuse programs, including food waste, E-waste, and plastics.
3. Allow congressionally authorized agencies the ability to address climate change by enacting policies and regulations reducing carbon dioxide and other climate changing emissions.