

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

Platform Committee

7/19/2018

RESOLUTION 2018.9

A resolution of the Democratic Party of Lane County

Relating to POEM (Post Office to Eugene Museum)

WHEREAS, the Eugene community lacks a permanent collection of local artwork; and

WHEREAS, the Jordan Schnitzer museum on campus is a state museum and its mission is not focused on regional artwork; and

WHEREAS, the Jacobs Gallery recently closed; and

WHEREAS, the local artist community has been advocating for a downtown art museum/center for many years; and

WHEREAS, a local art museum/center would uplift our community members, and our community as a whole both culturally and financially; and

WHEREAS, Congressional leaders are waiting for a show of local support (particularly financial support); and

WHEREAS, the Coos Art Museum provides a working model of a community sponsored art facility at a repurposed post office; and

WHEREAS, the downtown Eugene post office is a historic preservation site, with a Memorandum of Agreement that effectively makes its sale to a commercial entity nonviable; and

WHEREAS, the post office has plans to move to a more modern facility;

THEREFORE, the Democratic Party of Lane County resolves:

SECTION 1: The DPLC empower a subcommittee of the community action committee to advance the transformation of the historic downtown Eugene post office into an art museum/center; and

SECTION 2: The DPLC will send a copy of this resolution to the Eugene City Council, the Springfield City Council, the Lane County Board of Commissioners, and to Rep. DeFazio and Sens. Merkley and Wyden.

**Resolved by the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Lane County,
Assembled in Eugene, Oregon, July 19, 2018**