



What sets you apart from the other candidates?

I am the only candidate who has all these qualities:

- Military Service: A proud former Marine. Fearless.
- Self-made: My Dad, a janitor, died when I was young. My first job was bagging groceries for tips. I've worked my whole life for what I have.
- Entrepreneur: Helped start and continue to grow a successful business. Government regulations have challenged me.
- Not a politician: I didn't gain my experience and supporters from being a politician. Politicians have not been able to solve Oregon's problems.
- Experience and maturity: I'm only 65 and work a 70-hour week seeing up to 50 cancer patients a day. I face life and death decisions. We can't afford to have a candidate who "experiments" with Oregon.
- Leadership: Actual, real-life leadership experience in business, charity organizations, and advocacy.
- Authentic and Driven: I'm not a loud, arm-waver, or "sky is falling" person. I'm not about being slick or avoiding media questions by "pivoting." My practical style and plans will give what Oregon needs now.

What are your top three priorities and plans to address them?

a. **Public Safety**- We need to be able to walk down our streets without fear.

Oregonians must be safe in public and private places, and property must be protected. We must increase law enforcement presence and provide proper resources and training. Criminals must be held accountable. As governor, I will work with the federal, state, county, and city governments to ensure that law enforcement efforts are coordinated so resources are used appropriately.

b. **Ending homeless**- People cannot live on the streets, parks, and forests. A caring society cannot allow this type of suffering. We must make resources and affordable shelter available to people living in public places or camping illegally on private property.

It is essential that those experiencing homelessness move into actual shelters and immediately begin to address their unique issues. This could be poor health, lack of job skills, alcoholism, drug addiction, or mental illness.

Living on the streets will not be an acceptable choice in Oregon. We must intervene in a caring but assertive way to help those who choose a path that is destructive to themselves or society.

Improve K-12 Public Education -

Oregon has one of the worst graduation rates in the nation. Instead of fixing this trend, **career politicians have *dropped curriculum requirements***.

As Governor, I will empower parents and students with a variety of education options such as subject-focused curriculums, pre-college, career technical, and **money that follows each student**. It's time we teach students **how to think, not what to think**.

- Principals must have leadership authority in their schools, and teachers must have safe classrooms where students are respectful of teacher authority.
- Teacher education and training must be strengthened, and high-quality curricula must allow for teacher innovation and leadership in the classroom.
- Teachers' bureaucratic red tape must be eliminated, and social service specialists will deal with social service issues. A strong parental council will have input into the quality of education.
- Public charter schools will be encouraged to drive innovation. Parents and students will decide on each student's "education track," and **funding should follow the student** into their chosen educational environment.

What one accomplishment are you most proud of and why?

A crisis in affordable medical care led me to lead the creation of the Project Access medical program. This nonprofit provided free medical care for uninsured people in desperate need with life-threatening diseases in Marion and Polk Counties. I developed and served as President of this **foundation that delivered more than \$50 million of charitable medical care for uninsured and seriously ill citizens**.

Why should Central Oregonians vote for you?

Central Oregon is one of our state's most beautiful natural areas. Your governor cannot be Portland-centric and must understand the balance between being a steward of natural resources and protecting the community from natural and manmade disasters.

Crime and homelessness are not unique to the metro area. We cannot allow unsheltered individuals who do not participate in society to live in our beautiful parks, forests, and cities. Law enforcement must be supported.

Central Oregon is one of our state's economic drivers bringing tourists to the state. We cannot allow government regulations to run out of control, making it hard for a local brewery or ski shop to stay in business. We always have to reward work more than nonwork. We need to watch the cost of living and gasoline for the people living and working in Central Oregon. By putting our people and our economy back to work, goods and services will flow, and costs will fall.

I have pledged to be a governor who will not be holed up in a Salem mansion or Portland condo but travel and live around the state, including Central Oregon, when the legislature is not in session. This will give me real insight into the challenges faced by Central Oregon's citizens, beyond reading and hearing about them second hand. I will be your governor.