

~Paul J. Romero, Jr.'s candidacy is driven by a commitment to the core values and principles of Oregonians and the Oregon Republican Party as outlined in the Oregon Republican Party 2023 Platform (RESOURCES TAB)~

As a senatorial candidate I submit the following Contract with Oregonians. As an Oregonian or Elected Representative in any position, the following issues are goals I will work towards achieving while being very vocal in the process. Progress must be made on these issues by us all in whatever capacity we find ourselves. The commitments described in the Contract With Oregonians are what I will work towards and many will require a governor's inspiration under pressure from ALL Oregonians. Simply, this commitment of mine must also include the participation of all Oregonians. I would like to thank Speaker Newt Gingrich for his inspiration through his "Contract with America", published in 1994.

Together we have witnessed significant failures of both Democrats and Republicans in our state, all at the people's expense. This must stop immediately! Rights or freedoms taken from one class to please another is a direct violation of America's founding principles and our inalienable rights!

As your Statesman/Senator, I am committed to a reduction of our government in size, scope, and reach, and agency interference inserted into our lives and livelihood.

Here are my committed goals to achieve as your 1st District State Senator:

1. Mitigate the tax and spend mentality by killing/eliminating any proposed bills that impose undue/unconstitutional governmental or agency interference or influence, implement new taxes and/or excessive costs of permits, licenses, and fees.
2. Ensure that no foreign country or entity, nor the state of Oregon owns land, water, air, or mineral rights except what is constitutionally allowed.
3. Conduct a full independent audit of the entire state budget and every state agency over the last five years. A zero-baseline budgeting practice shall be implemented (e.g. building annual budgets from \$0 each year.)
4. Enforcement of ORS 254.485 whereby each County decides how ballots will be counted, either by tallying equipment or by hand with representatives from each party. They can be tallied at the precinct or county level. *This option has never been given to the voters, a failure of County Clerks and County Commissioners. Voters should decide.*
5. Overhaul our education system, including but not limited to; Return to the basics of reading, writing, math, and science (STEM), limited biology classes requiring parental permission for participation and full transparency, mandatory Civics and Government curriculum to include our state and federal Constitutions, Bill of Rights, and Declaration of Independence and vocational education curriculums. Restore Parental Rights in education while doing away with "teaching for testing" and returning to a responsible pass/fail grading system. ENFORCE STATE LAW FOR CIVICS and constitutional law for government (see Oregon's constitution).
6. Establish a comprehensive inventory of Oregon State real property currently owned by the State of Oregon to establish what is lawful versus what needs to be released back into the public domain.

7. Start an independent review of the Department of Human Services/Child Protective Services/state Mental Health Services regarding their effectiveness and possible involvement in child, sex and human trafficking. Pass a Bill that no child nor dependent shall be removed from a family without evidence of a crime and a lawfully signed warrant; *false accusations shall be harshly addressed and punishable to the fullest extent of the law.*
8. Review all BLM and USFS land contracts with the State of Oregon for compliance or contempt, and nullify those that are not congruent with the Oregon or U.S. constitutions.
9. Eliminate eminent domain to protect unalienable rights of private property owners.
10. Eliminate “sanctuary city” and “sanctuary state” status.
11. Revamp campaign finance, establish an equal and just platform; a specified free and equal coverage for all registered candidates and ad time on any radio or TV station that receives state, federal, or public-grant monies to operate.

This contract is meant to restore the lost bonds of trust between Oregonians and their elected representatives. I offer a pragmatic Statesman approach to repair, rebuild, and renew the faith of its Citizens in the government's proper and limited role.

There is much that needs to be done, these 11 points are what I feel will have the most overall positive impact across the board. Together we can create a new state that reinforces strong family values and morals, that builds on the best of traditions and principles while protecting individual rights and freedoms. I pledge to honor my Oath and Oregonians during my service as your Senator.

Make no mistake, I will need your help in accomplishing these things, and my hope is, with your help, to do much more! Thank you for taking the time to get to know me, my goal is to earn your support, your confidence and your VOTE, so please share this far and wide! Thank you Oregon!

I am Paul Joseph Romero, Jr., Oregonian, Father, Husband, & USN Veteran