

## News from the Oregon League of Conservation Voters

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### **Voters Elect First Pro-Environment Oregon House Since 1991** *Conservationists Claim Victory in 11 out of 14 Targeted Races Across Oregon*

**Salem** The Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV) heralded yesterday's election outcomes as a big victory for Oregon's environment. OLCV-backed environmental leaders won 11 of the 14 races it targeted with significant volunteer and financial resources. Renewable energy and the role of polluter money were hot topics in several campaigns.

"For 15 years, Oregon's House has been controlled by legislators more interested in weakening environmental safeguards than enacting them," said Jonathan Poisner, Executive Director of OLCV. "With the new leadership swept in today, the Oregon House can make a fresh start in addressing our environmental challenges, working to promote renewable energy and clean up the Willamette River," said Poisner.

Oregon's Senate and Governor's office will also continue to be led by pro-environment leaders, with the re-election of Ted Kulongoski and Senators Vicki Walker and Rick Metsger.

OLCV's 2006 campaign included an unprecedented level of contact with voters using a combination of volunteer and paid phone calls, door knocks, mailers, and emails. This work was focused upon six State House seats, two State Senate seats, the Governor's race, and a half-dozen city, county and Metro races. More than 900 OLCV volunteers were involved in talking to more than 80,000 voters at the door and on the phone.

Through the November 6<sup>th</sup> reporting, pro-environment voters targeted for turnout by OLCV had turned out at 68.05%, compared to 46.57% of other voters in those targeted districts.

Copies of some of OLCV's election mailers can be found at:

<http://www.olcv.org/elections/2006fallmailpieces/>

In several races, including the Governor's race, OLCV aggressively exposed the role of money from polluters – particularly those who've violated Oregon's pollution laws – in funding the campaigns of incumbents with poor environmental records. The website: [www.candidatesforsale.com](http://www.candidatesforsale.com) was promoted through online ads in the Register-Guard and in suburban weeklies such as the one found at:

<http://www.candidatesforsale.com/cgi-bin/ad.cgi?img=saxtontorrey>

Combined with the May primary, OLCV played a major role in defeating an incumbent city council President (Salem), two county Commissioners (Clackamas and Lane), and three Representatives (Dalto, Farr, and Brown).

**The 14 Races Significantly Targeted by OLCV and Their Apparent Results:**

District/Race	OLCV-Backed Candidate	Outcome
House District 10	Jean Cowan	Won
House District 14	Chris Edwards	Won
House District 21	Brian Clem	Won
House District 30	David Edwards	Won
House District 35	Larry Galizio	Won
House District 49	Rob Brading	Trailing
Senate District 7	Vicki Walker	Won
Senate District 10	Paul Evans	Lost
Clackamas County Commission	Lynn Peterson	Won
Jackson County Commission	Dave Gilmour	Won
Metro Council	Kathryn Harrington	Won
Newport City Council	Wendy Engler* *write in candidate	Lost
Newport City Council	Terry Obteshka	Won
Lincoln City Mayor	Lori Hollingsworth	Won

**Facts about OLCV PAC's voter contact program in the 2006 General Election**

County	Candidates	Volunteers	Calls & Knocks	Mailers	Appx. \$\$ Spent
Clackamas	Peterson	85	14,000	9,600	\$21,000
Jackson	Gilmour	50	2,500	N/A	\$4,000
Lane	Walker C. Edwards	175	15,000	21,000	\$32,000
Lincoln	Cowan Hollingsworth Engler Obteshka	200	10,500	13,000	\$17,500
Marion	Evans Clem	50	7,000	13,000	\$25,000
Multnomah	Brading	150	11,500	28,000	\$29,500
Washington	D. Edwards Galizio Harrington	200	25,700	14,000	\$42,000
<b>Total:</b>		910	86,200	98,600	\$171,000*

\* Note, this does not account for all OLCV's election spending, some of which was outside of these targets.

*The Oregon League of Conservation Voters is the political voice of Oregon's environmental movement. OLCV is a non-partisan non-profit organization that educates Oregonians on how their elected officials and candidates stand on environmental issues, endorses and helps elect pro-environment candidates*