



The Bi-Annual Newsletter of the  
Clackamas County Chapter of the Oregon League of Conservation Voters

# The Conservation Voter

## Electing Pro-Environment Candidates Up and Down the Ballot

Barack Obama is indeed changing the shape of Oregon's electorate, providing unique challenges and opportunities for OLCV in our work to elect pro-environment candidates.

In Clackamas County, as with the nation, we have seen a huge increase in voter registration this year, with the biggest increases among younger voters, people of color, non-college voters and unmarried women. These voters tend to be pro-environment, but they are also much harder to reach: they are less likely to watch network television, they tend not to read their mail, and many don't read local newspapers.

The challenge we face is how to take the energy around this historic Presidential election and transfer it to environmental leaders running for state and local offices. Many new voters are unfamiliar with down-ballot races and they resist casting an uninformed vote, so it is critically important that we make direct connections with these voters to inform them about our endorsed state and local pro-environment candidates.

This is why it's essential that every one of us works to spread the word to voters about the importance of voting for candidates at every level of government. We need to let them know which candidates will take responsible action to curb global warming and who has a vision for bringing good paying green jobs to Clackamas County. In short, we need to let them know who has received OLCV's Seal of Approval.

We can't do it without your help. We're asking you to spend one afternoon or evening between now and November to educate voters about the candidates and inform them about what's at stake for these local, down ballot races. Here is a snapshot of five exciting pro-environment candidates OLCV is working hard to elect in Clackamas County:

### **Brent Barton**

Brent is running for House District 51 which stretches from Estacada to Oregon City, Milwaukie and Happy Valley. Brent is running an energized race against Linda Flores, who throughout

her tenure in the legislature voted against the environment an incredible 83% of the time.

### **Toby Forsberg**

Toby is running for House District 39 to replace the retiring Wayne Scott. OLCV is excited about Toby because he is committed to making Oregon a leader in renewable energy and green technologies to bring clean energy and good jobs to Oregon. Toby's opponent, Bill Kennemer, has a lifetime average of 33% on OLCV's environmental scorecard.

### **Suzanne VanOrman**

Suzanne is running for House District 52 which stretches from Hood River to Corbett, Sandy and up to Government Camp. Suzanne is committed to working to encourage sustainable, green building standards in state buildings to cut the cost of energy from the Oregon state budget, invest in green jobs, and show that Oregon is leading the way in cutting global warming pollution.

### **Charlotte Lehan and Ron Adams**

Charlotte and Ron are both running for Clackamas County Commission. Charlotte is the Mayor of Wilsonville and has been a great advocate in the fight to protect Oregon's farm and forest land from threats of sprawling development. Ron is a former State Representative whose diverse background and experience will help create balanced policy for Clackamas County.

#### Phone Bank for OLCV Endorsed Candidates

With your help, we can elect these great pro-environment candidates! Wednesday night phone banks for Brent Barton (Oct 15, 22, 29) 6pm at the SEIU Building (65th and Foster)

Sunday night phone banks for Charlotte Lehan and Brent Barton (Oct 12, 19, 26) 5pm at the Clackamas County Democrats Office (609 Main St., Oregon City)

Sign up online: [www.olcv.org/events](http://www.olcv.org/events)

*Please consider making a donation to support our work in Clackamas County. Remember through the Oregon Political Tax credit the first \$50 for an individual (\$100 for a couple) will come back to you on your state tax return.*



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 US House of Representatives – Kurt Schrader  
**Statewide**  
 Attorney General – John Kroger  
 Secretary of State – Kate Brown  
 Treasurer – Ben Westlund

**Oregon House**  
 House District 18 – Jim Gilbert  
 House District 26 – Jessica Adamson  
 House District 37 – Scott Bruun  
 House District 38 – Chris Garrett  
 House District 39 – Toby Forsberg  
 House District 41 – Carolyn Tomei  
 House District 51 – Brent Barton  
 House District 52 – Suzanne VanOrman

**Clackamas County**  
 Clackamas County Commission Position 4 – Charlotte Lehan  
 Clackamas County Commission Position 5 – Ron Adams  
 City of Damascus Mayor – David Jochen  
 City of Damascus Council – Barb Ledbury  
 Mayor of Lake Oswego – Jack Hoffman  
 Lake Oswego City Council – Sally Moncreff  
 Lake Oswego City Council – Bill Tierney  
 Oregon City Commission Position 3 – James Nicita

Forward OLCV's endorsements to your friends, neighbors, and colleagues!  
 Visit [www.olcv.org/votersguide](http://www.olcv.org/votersguide) to find out how.

YES on Measure 56  
 NO on Measures 59, 61, 62, 63 & 64

# November 2008 OLCV Clackamas County Endorsements

Protect Oregon's Environment and get involved with  
 OLCV Today!

- I am interested in volunteering to elect pro-environment candidates
- I am sending a check to OLCV PAC to help elect pro environment candidates in Clackamas County.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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