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Statewide Campaign Finance Reform Tour to Kick-off in September

CORVALLIS – The Oregon Legislature passed multiple landmark campaign finance reform bills during the 2019 Legislative Session to reduce the impact of big money in politics.

Representative Dan Rayfield (D – Corvallis), one of the key legislators leading the charge for campaign finance reform, will now travel the state in September to host a series of forums that will allow Oregonians to weigh in on the next steps for campaign finance reform in Oregon.

“We made real progress on campaign finance reform during the session, but it’s not enough,” said Rayfield. “We need to do more in 2020 and I want to hear directly from Oregonians on what they want their campaign finance system to look like.”

Oregon is one of five states without campaign contribution limits.

“We believe this statewide tour will help drive a local conversation about campaign finance reform and keep pressure on the legislature to pass a campaign contribution limits,” said Rebecca Gladstone, President of the League of Women Voters of Oregon.

Rayfield will be joined by election policy experts who will kick-off the forum with a 20-minute presentation on the history and political dynamics of campaign finance reform in Oregon.

The presentation will be followed by a 20-minute discussion of the recently passed campaign finance reform legislation. The forum will conclude with a 40-minute community discussion on the various campaign finance limit goals and proposals.

During the 2019 Legislative session, Rayfield brought together and led a 40-plus member group to develop a comprehensive campaign finance reform package to reduce the impact on money in Oregon politics. The Legislature passed three reform bills:

- House Bill 2716 will require political advertisements to disclose who has paid for the advertisement.
- House Bill 2983 will require more transparency in reporting from 501(c)(4) and 501(c)(6) nonprofit organizations that contribute to partisan political activity.
- Senate Joint Resolution 18 will allow voters to decide in November 2020 whether to amend the Oregon Constitution to allow for campaign contribution limits.

One of the four bills the group worked on was a campaign finance limits bill. The details of the bill were still being debated when the session ended. Rayfield and members of the workgroup hope to continue the momentum and discussion on campaign contribution limits during the 2020 Legislative Session.

“I got my start in politics as a 19-year-old volunteer gathering signatures outside of a grocery store to put campaign finance limits into law,” said Rayfield. “There is nothing I would like more than to complete this personal journey during the 2020 legislative session.”

The campaign finance forums will be held at the following locations and times:

- Medford
 - September 4th from 7:00-8:30pm
 - Medford Library – 205 S Central Ave, Medford, OR 97501
- Eugene
 - September 5th from 7:00-8:30pm
 - University of Oregon, Global Scholars Hall Room 123 – 1710 E 15th Ave, Eugene, OR 97403
- Hillsboro
 - September 9th from 7:00-8:30pm
 - Shute Park Library – 775 SE 10th Ave, Hillsboro, OR 97123
- Milwaukie
 - September 10th from 7:00-8:30pm
 - Clackamas Community College, Harmony Community Room – 7738 SE Harmony Rd, Milwaukie, OR 97222
- Portland
 - September 11th from 6:00-7:45pm
 - Midland Library – 805 SE 122nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97233
- Salem
 - September 17th from 6:30-8:00pm
 - Oregon State Capitol, Room 50 - 900 Court St NE, Salem, OR 97301
- Bend
 - September 23rd from 7:00-8:30pm
 - East Bend Library - 62080 Dean Swift Rd, Bend, OR 97701

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