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Oregon Farm Bureau announces endorsements for November election

The Oregon Farm Bureau Board of Directors and OFB Political Action Committee make voting recommendations after significant research, careful consideration, and input from agriculture producers from around the state. The following endorsements reflect OFB's non-partisan judgment about which candidates and ballot measure outcomes will best represent family farmers and ranchers, the natural resource community, and all Oregonians.

"We select candidates who we feel will do the most to support Oregon agriculture and family farmers and ranchers," said OFB President Barry Bushue.

BALLOT MEASURES

No on Measure 56: Would remove the "double majority" requirement for property tax increases voted on in the May and November elections.

Yes on Measure 61: Would create mandatory minimum prison sentences for drug dealers, identity thieves, burglars, and car thieves.

No on Measure 63: Would cap the farm building permit exemption at \$35,000 of building/improvement value.

Yes on Measure 64: Would ban the use of public funds, resources, and facilities for political purposes.

No on Measure 65: Would replace Oregon's primary system with a modified "open primary."

Oregon Legislative Endorsements:

House

HD 1, Rep. Wayne Krieger	HD 2, Tim Freeman	HD 3, Rep. Ron Maurer
HD 4, Rep. Dennis Richardson	HD 6, Rep. Sal Esquivel	HD 7, Rep. Bruce Hanna
HD 9, Rep. Arnie Roblan	D 14, Rep. Chris Edwards	HD 15, Rep. Andy Olson
HD 17 <u>DUAL</u> Rep. Sherrie Sprenger <u>and</u> Dan Thackaberry		HD 18, Rep. Vic Gilliam
HD 19, Rep. Kevin Cameron	HD 20, Rep. Vicki Berger	HD 21, Rep. Brian Clem
HD 25, Rep. Kim Thatcher	HD 26, Matt Wingard	HD 27, Tobias Read
HD 30 Andy Duyck	HD 32, Rep. Debbie Boone	HD 37, Scott Bruun
HD 39, Bill Kennemer	HD 40, Rep. Dave Hunt	HD 48, Rep. Mike Schaufler
HD 49, John Nelsen	HD 50, John Lim	HD 51, Rep. Linda Flores
HD 53 Gene Whisnant	HD 54, Rep. Chuck Burley	HD 55, Rep. George Gilman
HD 56, Rep. Bill Garrard	HD 57, Rep. Greg Smith	HD 58, Rep. Bob Jenson
HD 59, Rep. John Huffman	HD 60, Cliff Bentz	

Senate

SD1, Sen. Jeff Kruse

SD 2, Sen. Jason Atkinson

SD 5, Sen. Joanne Verger

SD 9, Sen. Fred Girod

SD 12, Rep. Brian Boquist

SD 27, Christine Telfer

SD 28, Sen. Doug Whitsett

SD 29, Sen. Dave Nelson

SD 30, Sen. Ted Ferrioli

National, Statewide and Congressional Candidate Endorsements:

U.S. Sen. John McCain (President)

U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith

U.S. Rep. Greg Walden

Ore. Sen. Kurt Schrader, Congressional District 5

Brad Avakian, Oregon Commissioner of Labor and Industries

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