

WHY RUN FOR GOVERNOR OF OREGON?

Have you ever looked at the ballot and wished for something different than the same “promoted by the party”, beholden to special interest, uninteresting candidates? What real life experiences have these people gone through that would help them make the hard decisions?

It's time for Oregon to have a Governor that is willing to exercise serious fiscal restraint, truly create an environment that is conducive for businesses large and small, and allows citizens to exercise individual freedom in the decisions that matter to them like health care and education.

Born, raised, and educated in Oregon, I have a stake in this state. I am third-generation native Oregonian. Born in Corvallis, raised in Philomath, and educated by the Philomath school system and the University of Oregon I've seen the wide range of thought that leads Oregonians through their daily lives.

Growing up working on my grandpa's farm, watching the long hours of my father driving log truck, running my own business, and talking to many other Oregonians, I have come to the conclusion that many of us who DO are tired of the taxation to pay for those that DON'T.

We need to address our bloated budget, and make hard decisions about how to bring it under control. Continued growth in the states' budget will continue to hamper the long-term stable employment of Oregonians in private sector jobs. We cannot continue to depend on government “stimulus” or “job creation” to spend our way out of economic hardship. We must exercise restraint at the government level and do only the jobs and projects necessary to create an environment where businesses and individuals can thrive.

We must accept that the liberal idea of taking from those that earned it to give it to those that don't is an idea that helps no one. Compulsory giving is not compassionate, nor does it solve any long term problems. We must create an environment where all are encouraged to care for themselves and their families. Typically families who earn more have shown they give more in time and resources when they are given charge of those decisions.

If you want the same song that has been coming from Salem for the last thirty years, from disciples of “progressive” reformers like Herbert Croly, Richard Ely, and John Dewey, hire one of those experienced politicians that will be able to back slap with all their good buddies and offer paybacks to those special interest groups that helped them get elected. They can continue to run our state with little care of the impact they have on the pocket book of people other than their government class. OR, you can hire someone like me, beholden to no special group, interested in what is good for all the people, including the working class, in the State of Oregon, for another three generations or more.

My name is Rex Watkins, and I want to be your next Governor.

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