

# PROPOSAL

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the law, which calls itself “Stop Illegal Drivers,” is led by Mark Callahan, a frequent candidate for political office in Oregon.

Callahan, reached for comment Tuesday, said the campaign was “definitely going to fight” the ruling, and pointed to several previous cases he believes support his interpretation that the petition passes muster.

The Secretary of State’s Office believes the constitution requires the petitioners to present the changes the petition would make to state statutes. Instead, the ballot title just says that a “Yes” vote on the petition “demands’ repeal” of the bill.

In a post on the “Stop Illegal Drivers” website, the campaign said the reason Elections Director Steve Trout gave — the constitutional requirement cited by Clarno — was “not valid.”

The campaign also posted on the website a message from Callahan addressed to Trout. Callahan called the reason for the rejection “flawed in logic and reasoning.” He maintained the petition was not trying to pass a new law.

“How can we submit the full text of a law that we are NOT ‘Proposing?’” Callahan wrote. “It doesn’t make any sense. If we are NOT ‘Proposing’ a law, there is no full text of a law to submit.”

Oregon’s constitution includes several ways that Oregonians can have a direct say on a policy at the ballot box.

Lawmakers can refer a

measure to the ballot; citizens can ask for a referendum on a particular law; or citizens can file an initiative petition to change state laws.

A referendum, which simply asks voters to reject or keep a law state legislators pass, differs from an initiative petition.

In the case of House Bill 2015, petitioners could not submit a referendum. That’s because of a few words in the bill that amount to an “emergency clause.”

That clause says the bill takes effect as soon as lawmakers pass it. The state constitution doesn’t allow bills that go into effect that soon to get referred.

But citizens can file an initiative petition in that case. That’s what the backers of Initiative Petition 43 did.

Since they filed an initiative petition, the Secretary of State’s Office says, petitioners were supposed to present an amended form of the law for voters’ consideration, showing exactly how the law would be changed if the provisions of House Bill 2015 were repealed.

But the petition they submitted just “demanded” repeal of the law.

“We feel like you need to put the sections that were originally affected by the legislation in to the petition and show what you would propose to take back out of the law or change it back to what it was before,” Deputy Secretary of State Rich Vial said. “The law, obviously, was complicated enough that there was a number of things in the statute that were added or changed.”



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Lauri Ferring, left, Gerald Hopkins, center, and Joe Garlitz, all of the Elgin Ministerial Association, examine a new structure which will provide emergency shelter.

# SHELTER

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The Elgin Ministerial Association is composed of four churches, the Elgin United Methodist Church, St. Mary’s Catholic Church, the Elgin Harvester’s Church of the Nazarene and the Christian Life Center. The association raised money for the shelter project via donations from members of their congregations.

Eli Smith, pastor of the Christian Life Center, said the shelter will be a tremendous asset for serving people. He also said it is a testament to how much the churches of Elgin are reaching out.

“It shows people that we care,” Smith said.

Smith said the shelter will address an important need. He said that his

church receives a request from people who need shelter about every two or three weeks.

The building, built by Countryside Sheds of Island City, has little extra space for storing items. This is by design, said Lauri Ferring, pastor of Elgin Harvester’s Church of the Nazarene. She explained that the shelter is not meant to be a place people will settle into.

“It is meant to be very, very temporary,” she said.

Ferring and Smith are among four church leaders within the Elgin Ministerial Association who played key roles in getting the shelter in place. The list also includes Gerald Hopkins, pastor of the United Methodist Church, and Joe Garlitz, a deacon with St. Mary’s Catholic Church. Hopkins said the Elgin Ministerial Association has been working on

the shelter project for 18 months.

Once furnishings are added and other minor modifications made, the shelter will be available, free of charge, to anyone in need of a place to stay for the night. Occupants will be able to use the bathroom and shower facilities at the Hu-Na-Ha RV Park, said Bryan Jungling, the city’s parks and recreation supervisor.

People in need of emergency housing will be able to sign up to use the shelter anytime before 7 p.m. If no requests for emergency use are received by 7 p.m., the city may rent the shelter to anyone after that time. Jungling said the rent charged may be between \$25 and \$30.

No timetable has been set for when the shelter will open. An announcement will be made once it is available.

# SETH

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Stephanie Kirkeby was born and raised in La Grande, graduating from La Grande High School in 2001. She attended Oregon State University, where she met Seth through a mutual friend in 2005.

“It was funny because even though we lived in the same dorm freshman year, we never met,” Stephanie said.

She said it was a fast kind of love. Within a month they knew they wanted to spend the rest of their lives together. They graduated from OSU and stayed in Corvallis but kept their ties to La Grande through Stephanie’s parents and friends who stayed in the area. The couple married in 2008.

“Things like this can, and often do, break up families, but we don’t want that to happen to ours, so we work through it,” Stephanie said.

As Seth was going through treatment, Stephanie said she felt a little lost and lacking in motivation to remain active. So she found Burn Boot Camp in Corvallis and dedicated 45 minutes a day to focusing on herself.



Audra Terry Photography

Seth and Stephanie Raleigh pose with their sons, Finn and Sawyer.

“I fell in love with the workouts and the people and have been a part of the gym for a year now,” Stephanie said.

When the gym learned about her story, the staff there took it upon themselves to organize a fundraiser to support the family, and Sweat for Seth was created.

The event will be hosted at OSU’s Reser Stadium Oct. 26 starting at 9:30 a.m.

community has rallied around my family, to see how loved we are, leaves me speechless,” Seth said in a press release announcing the event. “And really, that is all any father could want. For his family to be taken care of in the same way he would.”

Stephanie’s advice to those who are going through something similar is to lean into everything, say thank you to people who want to help and support you, talk, keep moving forward.

“Talk about how you are feeling with people and be open, because you never know who is listening,” Stephanie said. “And cancer sucks, don’t be afraid to say that.”

There will be a 45-minute workout for adults with child care and activities for children provided during the event. Tickets are \$15 per person and \$5 per child, with 100% of the proceeds going directly to the Raleigh family. “Seeing the way the com-

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# HEARING

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Dall requested to have the plea hearing postponed for 30 days to allow for additional time for investigation, and he told the court he is also looking into arranging an evaluation of Knight.

According to court records, a notice was filed by the defense indicating an intent to rely on mental disability.

Knight has been accused of setting four fires in the Imbler area, on Sept. 4, 21 and 24. According to Imbler Rural Fire Chief Mike Barry at Knight’s arraignment, Sept. 26, the fires seemed to be escalating toward a more public threat. The first three fires were set in abandoned buildings and destroyed the structures, and the last fire was next to a place of business.

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