

We need to have much more balance in the criminal justice system. By that I mean flexible sentencing by judges. We need to have prevention programs to keep children from getting involved in criminal conduct early in life. We need to have rehabilitation so that people that have gotten involved in the criminal justice system that have gotten involved in drug and alcohol abuse can in fact get rehabilitation. Simply putting people into expensive facilities for a longer period of time and not dealing with their underlying addictions isn't working.

A governor could slow the rate of construction of high-cost prisons and put that money into rehabilitation. Consistent with Measure 11, we could have much more extended programs for work release, such as the forest work camp in Lane County, and such as the electronic bracelet program. All of that would comply with Measure 11 that people would be "in custody," but it would be significantly less expensive. It would free up money that could be used for rehabilitation, especially drug and alcohol rehabilitation. Over 90 percent of the inmates in the Oregon penal system have drug and alcohol problems.

The governor has proposed a 30 percent increase in the Department of Corrections budget. I don't think that's necessary. Certainly I don't think it should be done at the expense of the public education budget.

Kulongoski came to Eugene recently and lauded Wayne Morse's focus on education and called for a Marshall Plan of sorts to make Americans the best educated, best trained people in

the world. But should we wait for Bush and Congress?

Gov. Kulongoski has proposed cuts in Oregon's education budget. Cuts to pre-kindergarten, public schools, community colleges, state universities and the Oregon Health and Sciences University are intolerable.

And no, we should not wait for the federal government on education. Under the Bush administration, the states have received unfunded mandates for testing and less money for instruction, buildings, research and scholarship assistance.

What is Kulongoski doing or not doing that's within his capacity regarding the environment in Oregon and the Northwest?

I think he is missing the boat on the tremendous work that could be done on the environment and economic development. We should be investing in solar energy and wind energy. We should be investing in micro and small businesses. We should not be subsidizing multinational corporations.

What would you do regarding forest practices, air quality, Willamette River, Measure 37, etc.

On forest practices, we should invest in planting trees, cutting the brush and thinning the trees. This creates jobs for rural communities and helps the forests and all that depend upon them. The state could lead in this effort. We should be doing this on both private and public lands.

On air toxics, the Kulongoski administration has blocked efforts in Turner, Coburg and Klamath Falls to involve local governments

in decision-making on facilities that will pollute the air. I would reverse that.

Finally, Kulongoski said a year ago that cleanup of the Willamette river is his number one priority. He didn't even mention this in his State of the State message. He has not supported legislative efforts to phase out polluting zones in the Willamette River. He hasn't done anything but had a press conference a year ago to show his concern. I would work for the bill to phase out the polluting zones. I would make polluters pay to clean up the river.

How would you raise the \$3 million or so it would take to run a gubernatorial campaign?

I don't know where you got the \$3 million dollar amount. Under current circumstances, it does not take \$3 million to win the Democratic nomination for governor of Oregon. It takes leadership and vision, and it takes more votes than your opponent. I don't think our elections should go to those who raise the most money. If that were the case, the Republicans would win all of the elections.

After the primary, I would get the same level of support any Democratic nominee would get.

Are you known in Portland?

No, but I would like to be better known. I will be in the near future. I have supporters and good friends in Portland and the neighboring communities. They have been helpful getting out the word about my work, my ideas and our campaign. I've been to Portland a number of times already and have been on more than 20 media interviews there. I'll be taking this campaign all over the state.

Why would Kulongoski's big donors back you instead of him, assuming he chooses to run again?

I think the big money will back Gov. Kulongoski and Kevin Mannix. After all, they both back the big guys. I will have substantial support from small donors. This is how Democrats normally win primary elections. If you check the secretary of state website, you will see that I have more individual donors than either Gov. Kulongoski or Kevin Mannix.

Progressives are always on the defensive when it comes to ballot measures and the Legislature. What can a governor do to put conservatives on the defensive?

The governor of Oregon should be active, always proposing good ideas, always promoting good ideas. The governor should be working for sustainability, fairness, good jobs, and be willing to veto bad bills. The governor's job is to include diverse people in making good decisions for the state, not to put anyone on the defensive.

Do you think other candidates will enter the race for the Democratic nomination?

I had asked around prior to making this decision to see if someone else had the courage to do what I felt needed to be done, namely to have a progressive, strong Democrat run against this governor all out, not in some effort to push him a nanometer to the left, but rather to have a wholesale house cleaning and take back the governorship for the people of Oregon. That's what this is about. **EW**

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