

'Things will change. I know he's not going to be perfect. But he's got a heart. And he gives people hope.'

Doug Ratliff

a 67-year-old businessman from Richlands, Virginia

Outsider Trump wins stunning victory to become next president

Will govern with a GOP Congress

By **JULIE PACE**
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WASHINGTON — A day after Donald Trump, against all odds, won election as America's 45th president, Hillary Clinton today said the nation proved to be "more divided than we thought" but urged unity and told her supporters, "We owe him an open mind and a chance to lead."

Standing before a crowd of crestfallen but cheering supporters, she said, "This is painful and it will be for a long time."

Trump's triumph over Clinton, not declared until well after midnight, will end eight years of Democratic dominance of the White House. He'll govern with Congress fully under Republican control and lead a country deeply divided by his rancorous campaign against Clinton. He faces fractures within his own party, too, given the numerous Republicans who either tepidly supported his nomination or never backed him at all.

As he claimed victory early today, Trump urged Americans to "come together as one united people."

That sentiment was echoed by the GOP House Speaker Paul Ryan, who had been a reluctant Trump supporter. "This needs to be a time of redemption, not a time of recrimination," Ryan said in a news conference. He also said Trump had earned a "mandate" to enact his agenda.

"We have to do a great job, and I promise you that I will not let you down," he said this morning.

Clinton, who had hoped to become the first woman to be elected president, called her Republican rival to concede but did not plan to speak publicly until this morning. She was leading the nationwide popular vote. Though some states were still counting ballots.

Global stock markets and U.S. stock futures plunged early today, but later recovered, reflecting investor concern over what a Trump presidency might mean. The Dow Jones industrial average was flat after trading opened today.

President Barack Obama called Trump to congratulate him and invited the Republican to a meeting at the White House Thursday to discuss transition. Obama also called Clinton to convey his admiration for the "strong campaign she waged throughout the country," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said.

Obama planned a televised statement today on "what steps we can take as a country to come together after this hard-fought election season," the White House said.

Trump, who spent much of the campaign urging his supporters on as they chanted "lock her up," said the nation owed Clinton "a major debt of gratitude" for her years of public service. Trump campaign



Supporters of Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump cheer as they watch election returns during an election night rally Tuesday in New York.



Marci Morimoto of New York, center, embraces James Armstrong of New York outside the Jacob Javits Center during a rally for Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton in New York early this morning.

manager Kellyanne Conway said Obama and Trump had "a very nice talk" when the president called him.

The Republican blasted through Democratic strongholds of Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, states that hadn't voted for a GOP presidential candidate since the 1980s. He needed to win nearly all of the competitive battleground states, and he did just that, including Florida, Ohio, North Carolina and others.

A New York real estate developer who lives in a sparkling Manhattan high-rise, Trump forged a striking connection with white, working class Americans who feel left behind in a changing economy and diversifying country. He cast immigration, both from Latin America and the Middle East, as the root of problems plaguing many Americans and tapped into fears of terrorism emanating at home and abroad.

Senate control means Trump

will have great leeway in appointing Supreme Court justices, which could shift the bench to the right for decades.

Trump has pledged to usher in sweeping changes to U.S. foreign policy, including building a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border and suspending immigration from countries with terrorism ties. He has praised Russian President Vladimir Putin and spoken of building a better relationship with Moscow, worrying some in his own party who fear he'll go easy on Putin's provocations.

Putin sent him a telegram of congratulations.

Trump upended years of political convention on his way to the White House, leveling harshly personal insults against his rivals, deeming Mexican immigrants rapists and murderers, and vowing to temporarily suspend Muslim immigration to the U.S. He never released his tax returns, breaking with decades of campaign tradition, and eschewed the kind of robust data and field efforts that helped Obama win two terms in the White House, relying instead on his large, free-wheeling

to propose a more "reasonable" revenue package in 2017. Brown will have a Democratic majority in the House and Senate, which likely will make a potential revenue package easier to attain.

"I am so honored to be serving as your governor for the next two

years, Brown told a crowd at the Oregon Convention Center Tuesday. "Thank you so very much. I will fight to make sure that our schools open the doors of opportunity for all of our students, I will fight to make sure our economy grows in every single corner of the

state, and I will fight to preserve the bounty of Oregon for generations to come."

As former secretary of state, Brown was next in line to the Governor's Office when Gov. John Kitzhaber resigned in February 2015 over an influence-peddling scandal. She and Pierce, a Salem physician and political novice, sought to complete the last two years of Kitzhaber's four-year term. Brown will be eligible to run for another term in 2018.

Her first initiative as governor — to pass a \$343.5 million transportation package in 2015 — failed to gain momentum after the Department of Transportation provided faulty numbers on some of the projects. Brown pushed back the transportation package to 2017. A legislative group continues to look at potential packages for next session, which likely would involve an increase in the gas tax.

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Gov. Kate Brown addresses supporters after her win Tuesday.



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Rebecca Tweed, head of the anti-Measure 97 campaign, said a large coalition of consumers and businesses helped defeat the corporate tax proposal.

With 97's defeat, deficit looms

Legislature must address sizable revenue shortfall

By **PARIS ACHEN**
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PORTLAND — After voters defeated Measure 97 Tuesday, the battle over increasing taxes on corporations is likely to rage on in the Oregon Legislature in 2017.

Lawmakers plan to propose a more "reasonable" tax revenue proposal next session to offset a \$1.4 billion revenue shortfall in the 2017-18 budget, said Sen. Mark Hass, D-Beaverton.

"I think policy will be developed by lawmakers and interested parties at the next session," said Rebecca Tweed, Defeat the Tax on Oregon Sales campaign coordinator. "Our coalition came together for the purpose of defeating this \$6 billion tax on sales, and we're thankful we were able to do that."

Proponents of Measure 97 vowed to lobby lawmakers to make large corporations pay a larger share of Oregon's tax revenue and protect investments in education and health care, which the measure was intended to support.

"We are going to keep fighting," said Ben Unger, campaign manager for Yes on 97.

The campaign was scheduled to release details of its next steps at a news conference Wednesday, Nov. 9. Unger declined to comment Tuesday on whether the public employee union-backed Our Oregon would attempt another ballot measure in 2018.

Measure 97 failed Tuesday 58 percent to 41 percent. The measure would have levied a 2.5 percent tax on certain corporations' Oregon sales exceeding \$25 million per year.

A coalition of businesses raised a record-breaking \$26.5 million to thwart the measure. Proponents raised about \$17.7 million. The ballot measure was the most expensive in the state's history.

"Voters didn't buy claims that the \$6 billion tax, based on business sales instead of profits, would not increase consumer costs," Tweed said. "And they understood that the money raised could have been used any way legislators wanted to spend it."

The opposition's blast of advertising on television, radio and social media drove home projections by the nonpartisan Legislative Revenue Office that consumers ultimately would pay for much of the measure in the form of higher prices. The office estimated that the typical family would pay about \$600 more per year under Measure 97.

Unger said Tuesday his only regret during the campaign was that Yes on 97 failed to raise as much money as the opposition.

He said he believed his campaign's message resonated with voters.

"We didn't win this election this time, but we did win the debate," Unger said. "Because of the work we did, no one is going to accept a proposed school cut or more expensive health care before asking instead of cuts, why not make corporations pay their fair share?"

Brown faces \$1.4 billion deficit, other issues

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After winning her first elected term, Gov. Kate Brown faces a challenging two years in which she will have to address an estimated \$1.4 billion revenue shortfall and pressure to pass a transportation package.

While voters sent Brown back to the Governor's Office with 51 percent support as of late Tuesday night, they defeated a \$6 billion corporate sales tax measure that would have paid for both of those costs. Pierce received 43 percent of the vote.

Brown endorsed Measure 97, which would have levied a 2.5 percent tax on certain corporations' Oregon sales exceeding \$25 million.

In her speech Tuesday, she didn't address how she plans to address the revenue shortfall, and her spokesman did not respond to a message Tuesday seeking more details on her post-Measure 97 plan. Other lawmakers said Tuesday they plan

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