

## Elections

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overwhelmingly victorious, with 63.92 percent of the vote versus 36.08 percent against.

Five races at least were decided outright on Tuesday night: Steve Novick took Portland City Council Position #4 with almost 75 percent of the vote; Sam Chase pulled down almost 60 percent to take Metro

tion with almost 13 percent of the vote, or 34,227 votes cast, pulling ahead of Rick Santorum, who drew 9.39 percent, or more than 25,000 votes statewide.

In the U.S. Congress 1st District, Democrat Suzanne Bonamici squares off against Republican challenger Delinda Morgan; in the 2nd District – the largest in the state and



Ellen Rosenblum and staff



Charlie Hales at his campaign party

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Councilor 5th District; Bob Stacey won nearly 85 percent for Metro Councilor Sixth District; Ellen Rosenblum defeated Dwight Holton in the Oregon Attorney General's race by more than 2 to 1; and Secretary of State Kate Brown won more than 90 percent of the vote against Republican challenger Knute Beuhler.

### More Statewide Results

As of noon Wednesday, the Oregon Secretary of State reported that Barack Obama won the Democratic nomination for president, while Republican Mitt Romney won the nod to challenge him in November; Ron Paul ran second for the Republican nomina-

one of the largest Congressional District in the country — Democrat Joyce Segers now faces Republican incumbent Rep. Greg Walden; in the 3rd District, incumbent Rep. Earl Blumenauer is in the runoff against Republican Ronald Green; for the 4th District, incumbent Rep. Peter DeFazio is up against Republican Art Robinson.

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In Multnomah County, which has the highest overall population in the state, there



Joe Smith and Teresa Raiford



Eileen Brady at the PPS protest

are just 69,368, compared to 115,516 "non-affiliated" voters and 222,427 registered Democrats.

Statewide, there are 671,328 registered Republicans; 551,732 "nonpartisan" voters (which the Secretary of State defines as "nonaffiliated, minor parties and others"); and 830,510 registered Democrats.

"Republican vote totals for SoS (Secretary of State), AG (Attorney General) and Treasurer include nonaffiliated voters who chose to vote these republican contests at the invitation of the Republican Party," according to the Secretary of State's elections web page.

## Justice

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people – including crime victims groups – and come up with policy solutions for 2013.

The poll shows that Oregonians now support reforms that cut corrections costs, and potentially, prison time, if they can also be shown to improve outcomes.

Close to 90 percent of voters polled agreed with the statement:

"Prisons are a government spending program, and just like any other government spending program they need to be put to the cost-benefit test to make sure taxpayers are getting the best bang for the buck."

And 87 percent agreed that:

"It does not matter whether an offender is in prison for 10 or 15 or 21 months. What really matters is that the system does a better job of making sure that when an offender does get out, he is less likely to commit another crime."

The poll lists differences in responses from voters by political affiliation and by whether their households are affiliated with

law enforcement or with victims of violent or nonviolent crimes. Across all groups, there was widespread support for increasing community supervision of offenders when they are released even if that means shorter sentences.

For example, 82 percent of all voters and 83 percent of victims of violent crime

supervision and more substance abuse and mental health treatment."

The poll also looked at whether judges should have more discretion in sentencing and whether the parole board should be able to keep high risk offenders longer, while releasing low-risk offenders earlier.

'The state is on an unsustainable path of corrections growth that will limit funding available for proven crime-prevention, reformation and re-entry strategies

agreed with the statement:

"I would support shorter prison sentences for offenders if that permitted the state to pay for a stronger

probation and parole system, including swifter penalties for breaking the rules of

Legislators on both sides of the aisle say reform is needed to cut costs. Last February, Senate President Peter Courtney (D-Salem), Co-Speaker Bruce Hanna (R-Roseburg) and Co-Speaker Arnie Roblan (D-Coos Bay) wrote a letter to Governor Kitzhaber

expressing support for continuing work begun by the Commission on Public Safety.

"Relying on incarceration alone is unsustainable. Oregon needs to make the most of all the tools available to us," said Senator Jackie Winters (R-Salem).

"Keeping the public safe will always remain our number 1 priority, but we must create a more efficient system — one that keeps our communities safe, saves taxpayers' money and provides better outcomes." "Oregon has been in the forefront of criminal justice policy matters for many years and done a lot of things right that other states are only now discovering," said Oregon Supreme Court Justice Paul J. De Muniz. "This does not permit us to be complacent, or reluctant to pursue better results from our public safety investment utilizing proven cost effective methods to hold offenders accountable, reduce victimization, and control crime."

## Memorial

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Ten teams competed in the Walter Dines Memorial League this year, bringing together athletes from De La Salle North Catholic High School, Roosevelt High School, Reynolds Learning Academy and club teams in fierce competition. The playoffs and finals will be held 6:30 p.m. May 10 and May 17 at University Park Community Center.

"The second year has been a great experience," Kelly says. "I think we've honored Walter in a way that would make him proud. The level of competition and the participation of the players and the parents has made for exciting games."

The league's success is just one reason why Kelly feels on top of the world. After more than 15 years of coaching, he has finally landed his dream job –head basket-

ball coach at his alma mater Grant High School.

"This is something I've dreamed about for the last 10 years, coming back to Grant as head coach," he says. "It was really difficult to leave De La Salle. I told my players there, 'When you find what you love you've got to give it everything you've got to accomplish what's in your heart. I hope they find that.'"

Kelly says his experience up to now has prepared him for this new challenge. He spent eight years coaching at Jeff before finally getting his own program at De La Salle. There, he took his freshman team to the playoffs in its first year.

Now Kelly will be on the opposing bench from many of the young players he has

coached at Jefferson.

Kelly also started a nonprofit athletic mentoring program, 'Tha Family Inc.'

"We mentor young athletes in terms of

have now graduated from college.

"Six are now playing professional basketball overseas," he says. "The rest are giving back to the community: some are in the private sector and others are working with at-risk youth. Now they are the mentors."

Kelly also credits some of the standout players he's worked and played with over the years.

"I've learned from the best basketball minds in Portland," he says. "Vedi Simington, Marshall Haskins, Bobby Harris, Troy Berry, Robert key, Howard Avery and Canaan Chapman: I've learned a lot from all of those young men and I hope to make them proud."

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training them and guiding them for careers," he said, "The mission of Tha Family is to help young men use athletics as a tool to gain a college education."

The original 15 athletes mentored in the program all earned athletic scholarships and