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# Opinion

## Why We Must Vote On November 8

By *The Skanner News*

### XV Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

#### Section 1

*"The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous conditions of servitude."*

With less than a month to go until Nov. 8, early voting is opening in states across the country. Never mind the talking heads — it's finally time for we the voters to have our say.

Yet for many Americans it is hard to feel enthusiastic.

We want to elect leaders we can trust to deliver policies that benefit ordinary men and women. We want leaders we can believe in and who believe in us, the American people. We want inspirational leaders. We want trustworthy politicians.

That's what we want. Yet what we seem to be getting is an endless stream of insults, threats and accusations. The 2016 election seems uglier and dirtier than ever.

Here at *The Skanner News*, we understand the feeling.

But it's not an excuse to not vote. Your vote is important.

Politics is a long game — we must look at what our choices now mean for the future.

Our ancestors knew that life would be better for future generations if they voted. They endured denial of their right to vote by those who saw it as a threat to their power. We must honor their fight for equal rights under the law. And it should be with pride that we cast our votes in the November election.

You may expect the worst. But vote.

You may feel disappointed.

But vote.

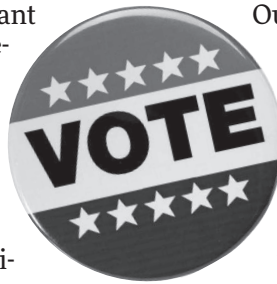
You may have to study the issues. But vote.

We have to vote to keep our leaders accountable because the more of us who vote, the better the results will be. There is power in numbers and there is power in our votes. African Americans and Latino voters will determine the results of this election.

This week *The Skanner* is republishing endorsements. We hope you will vote with us, but if you disagree we still want you to vote.

Vote your pocketbook. Vote your best interest. Vote for the common good. Just vote.

Our democracy is not perfect, but it is the best system we have.



## The Skanner Endorsements for Election 2016

### PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Hillary Clinton

### SENATE

Ron Wyden

### HOUSE

District 1 Suzanne Bonamici  
District 2 Jim Crary (D)  
District 3 Earl Blumenauer  
District 4 Peter DeFazio  
District 5 Kurt Schrader

### GOVERNOR

Kate Brown

### ATTORNEY GENERAL

Ellen Rosenblum  
(D/Ind/Working Families)

### SECRETARY OF STATE

Brad Avakian  
(D/Working Families/Prog.)

### TREASURER

Tobias Read (D)

### STATE SENATE

District 21 Kathleen Taylor  
District 22 Lew Frederick  
District 23 Michael Dembrow

### STATE HOUSE RACES

District 26 Ray Lister  
District 28 Jeff Barker  
District 32 Deborah Boone  
District 33 Mitch Greenlick  
District 37 Paul Southwick  
District 38 Ann Lininger  
District 39 Mark Meek  
District 41 Karin Power  
District 48 Jeff Reardon  
District 51 Janelle Bynum

### STATE BALLOT MEASURES

Measure 94 .....NO  
Measure 95.....NO  
Measure 96.....NO  
Measure 97..... YES  
Measure 98..... YES  
Measure 99..... YES  
Measure 100..... YES

### PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL

Position No. 4 Commissioner  
Chloe Eudaly

### MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

District 1 Sharon Meieran  
District 4 Lori Stegmann

### LOCAL MEASURES

#### METRO

Measure 26-178 - Renews local option levy; protects natural areas, water quality, fish ..... YES

#### CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-179 - Bonds to fund affordable housing (67.93 KB) ..... YES

Measure 26-180 - Establish tax on recreational marijuana sales; dedicate purposes for funds ..... YES

#### MULTNOMAH CO.

Measure 26-181 - Amends charter, extends term limits to three consecutive terms ..... NO

Measure 26-182 - Amends charter, commissioners may run for Chair midterm without resigning ..... NO

Measure 26-183 - Amends Charter, changes elected sheriff position to appointed department head ..... YES

Measure 26-184 - Limits contributions, expenditures, requires disclosure in Multnomah County candidate elections ..... YES

Measure 26-185 - Amends charter committee appointment process, sets appointment convening timelines . YES

## Donald Trump Is Straight Up Lying about Voter Fraud

I watched the Presidential debate on Oct. 19 in both awe and horror. Awe, because I truly do not understand Mr. Trump's temerity to lie, interrupt, sniff, sigh, and interject offensive comments ("such a nasty woman") in lieu of disagreement. The horror came when Mr. Trump asserted that he would not necessarily accept the result of an election he has described as "rigged" (actually, in Trump's world, anything that does not go his way is rigged — debates, primary elections, Emmy Awards). Trailing in the polls, Mr. Trump is playing the same racial games he has played throughout the elections, suggesting that there is massive voter fraud in cities like Philadelphia and



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Detroit, cities with large African American populations, that dead people are voting, and that millions of voter registration records are wrong.

There have been dozens of reports that refute the Trump claims. According to analysis by a professor at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, Calif., only 31 of more than 1 billion votes cast since 2000 have been fraudulent. The Brennan Center for Justice, housed at the New York Uni-

versity School of Law has studied voter fraud and found that allegations are most often unfounded. Trump also cited a Pew Center study that indicated that one in eight voter registrations might be inaccurate. But Pew says inaccurate registration may not be fraudulent ones. As an example, some people have not changed their addresses, and will do so before they attempt to vote again. These folks aren't committing fraud, they've simply moved. The Pew Center says that our nation's voter registration system needs an upgrade. They have not identified massive voter fraud as a problem. Donald Trump, though, is the master of manipulative repetition. Just like he hammered on "Lit-

tle Marco," "Low Energy Jeb" and "Crooked Hillary," now he is hammering on voter fraud, whether it is accurate or not. At least one fact-checker has detailed how wrong Trump is and has described his claims as "bogus."

Claims of voter fraud divert attention from a more significant issue: that voter suppression makes it more difficult for many to vote.

Too many states have instituted new voter ID laws, reduced the number of early voting days, consolidated precincts (forcing people to travel further to vote), and purged people from voting registration polls.

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