



MEASURES



APANO BALLOT MEASURE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA

- Is it consistent with APANO mission and values?
- Will the measure recognize and support families of all kinds to have the same health, education and other important life outcomes regardless of who they are?
- Will the measure protect individuals and families from discrimination, racial profiling, or harassment?

#86 OREGON OPPORTUNITY INITIATIVE



APANO recommends Yes

“Amends the Oregon Constitution to create a fund for Oregonians pursuing post-secondary education.”

In the past decade, tuition and fees in the Oregon University system rose 50%, while state assistance to students has fallen 35%. Current financial aid packages aren't nearly enough to cover the increased cost of tuition. Increasing student aid gives all Oregonians a fair chance at a college education.

#88 DRIVER'S CARD



APANO recommends Yes

“Authorizes the DMV to issue driver cards to Oregon residents who pass the State's written and driver knowledge test, provide proof of residence in Oregon for more than one year, and provide proof of identity and date of birth.”

Driver's cards help Oregon residents follow the law and improve safety for drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians by reducing the number of uninsured and unlicensed drivers on the road.

Thousands of Oregonians, including 1 in 8 Asian and Pacific Islander immigrants, are affected by current government barriers that hinder their ability to have proper I.D. These include military veterans, adoptees, foster children, and the elderly.

Many Asian and Pacific Islanders need to drive, especially in rural areas, to take care of basic needs, and provide transportation to elders and extended family. Measure 88 ensures that drivers are properly insured and have the knowledge and skills to drive.

#90 OREGON OPEN PRIMARY INITIATIVE



APANO Recommends NO

“Replaces our current election system with a system where all candidates, regardless of party affiliation, would appear on the primary ballot, but voters would only get to choose between the top two candidates in the General Election.”

APANO recommends a NO on Measure 90 because it limits the number of candidates we can vote for. While many voters feel unhappy with our current election system, this poorly-written measure fixes none of our current problems, and actually makes some problems worse. It gives more power to primary voters that are typically older, wealthier, and less diverse than November election voters. It also eliminates minor party candidates from the November election, removing important voices from our political debate.

#87 STATE JUDGES



APANO recommends Yes

“Amends the Oregon Constitution to allow state judges to be employed by the National Guard and state public universities as teachers. Allows school employees to serve in the state legislature.”

This corrects an old rule that allows judges to serve in the National Guard or state colleges. It will also permit school employees to also serve as legislators. Our communities benefit when those who want to serve can do so.

#89 EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT



APANO Recommends Yes

“Amends the Oregon Constitution to prohibit state and local government from discriminating on the basis of gender.”

This is a public step to challenge gender discrimination such as wage gaps, hiring practices and admissions policies for women.

Ensures that women's rights are protected under the Oregon Constitution, where it currently isn't.

#91 LEGALIZED MARIJUANA



APANO Recommends Yes

“Regulates the personal possession, commercial cultivation, and sale of marijuana to adults over 21 years of age.”

Treating marijuana use as a crime has failed because it unfairly targets people of color and the low-income. Immigrants already face higher risks of deportation and family separation, and we can remove one more risk by removing criminal penalties associated with marijuana. If legal and regulated, marijuana sales will be taxed and money will go to support schools, drug treatment, and more.

#92 OREGON MANDATORY LABELING OF GMOS INITIATIVE



APANO Recommends Yes

“Requires stores that sell and companies that make food using genetically modified ingredients to label packages, displays, or shelves as is required in many countries outside the United States.”

Consumers should have the right to know what ingredients are in their food. They can make better decisions on the products they buy for their families.

This could increase more education around nutrition and organic food, a benefit to our communities.

APANO MISSION AND VISION

MISSION

The Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon is a statewide, grassroots organization, uniting Asians and Pacific Islanders to achieve social justice. We use our collective strengths to advance equity through empowering, organizing, and advocating with our communities.

VISION

We envision a just and equitable world where Asian and Pacific Islanders are fully engaged in the social, economic, and political issues that affect us.

STRONG FAMILIES is a project of Forward Together. Western States Center and APANO are members of Strong Families, joining more than 125 groups working in Oregon and nationally, to change how we think, feel, act, and make policy about families.