

# DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

6/21/2012 – Harris Hall, Eugene

The regular monthly meeting of the Democratic Party of Lane County Central Committee, held in Harris Hall on Thursday evening, June 21, 2012, was called to order at thirty-three minutes past six P.M., Ms. Fahey being in the Chair & noting a quorum, & Mr. Present Becker as Secretary.

The Committee heard a special presentation from Obama For America State Field Director Diane Goodwin.

The agenda was adopted as distributed.

The minutes were approved as distributed.

The Treasurer's Report was received.

The Budget Committee reported that the Dedicated Fund for semi-annual large fundraising events has been replenished, and submitted a written report.

The Platform Committee submitted two resolutions which had been considered and recommended for passage, which the Secretary enumerated and are attached below.

Mr. Swenson moved that the Committee pass Resolution 2012.2, concerning advocating for an advisory opinion on corporate constitutional rights and money as speech, which Mr. Barnhart seconded. After discussion, Mr. Barnhart moved to close discussion, which passed in the opinion of the Chair. The Chair then put the motion to approve Resolution

2012.2, which passed in the opinion of the Chair.

Mr. Swenson asked for unanimous consent that his submission of Resolution 2012.3, "Resolution on Health Care," serve as notice to members of its consideration at the next meeting of the Central Committee, which was granted.

The Publicity Committee reported that they will be updating all of the information on the website, and that their internship program is making great strides towards revamping DPLC communications.

The Membership Subcommittee reported that the office sponsors board is now full. They are continuing their project to identify and recruit left-leaning authors of Register Guard LTEs.

The Volunteers Subcommittee reported on their work to welcome new PCPs. Ms. Heermance reported the names of persons requesting to be nominated to become PCPs:

- Joanne Hurst; nom. by Mr. Coatsworth, 2<sup>nded</sup>
- Domini Stecker; nom. by Ms. McKinney, 2<sup>nded</sup>
- Tony McCown; nom. by Mr. Coatsworth, 2<sup>nded</sup>
- Mark Shapiro; nom. by Mr. Coatsworth, 2<sup>nded</sup>

The Community Action Committee reported that the Chile Cook-Off will start at noon on Sunday, July 15. Pie-makers are needed, as well as any other volunteers. The DPLC entry in

the Creswell 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade welcomes any volunteers to come march in the parade or staff our booth. The DPLC will be present at Bohemia Mining Days (Cottage Grove, July 22), the Friendly Neighborhood Picnic (July 22), Pride Day, and the Lane County Fair. People interested in volunteering should contact the Community Action Committee Chair, Ms. Swenson-Harris.

The Chair reported that she has chosen a new Fundraising Committee Chair, Ms. Laura Illig, who introduced herself and shared her hopes for the Committee.

The Campaign Services Committee reported that there will be a canvass for Arnie Roblan and Caddy McKeown in Florence on June 30. The LCYDs will be in attendance, as they are having a leadership retreat at Comm. Jerry Rust's house the evening prior.

The CD4 and SCC Delegations reported that 5 DNC Delegates were elected from Lane County at the D4CDC Convention, and 3 at the State Convention.

The Chair reported as New Business the need to elect two At-Large members to the Executive Committee, as per recent changes to the Bylaws. Ms. McKinney nominated Ms. Heermance, which was seconded. Seeing no discussion, the Chair put the question, which passed unanimously. Mr. Wig nominated Mr. Kinkler, which was seconded and passed with one Nay.

Upon unanimous consent, the Chair adjourned the meeting at twenty-two minutes past eight o'clock.

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Signed:

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Andrew S. Becker  
Secretary

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## CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION 2012.2

*AS APPROVED BY THE PLATFORM COMMITTEE, &*

*AMENDED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE*

# A RESOLUTION ON CORPORATE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

*SUBMITTED JUNE 4, 2012*

### **Whereas**

1. The U.S. Constitution does not mention corporations and is intended to guarantee rights for human being only;
2. Corporations are legal entities granted privileges by local, state, and federal government and can and do make important contributions to our society, but should not be equated with human beings and granted constitutional rights;
3. Allowing the voices of all citizens to be heard is a valid rationale for regulation of political campaign financing;
4. Influencing electoral and governmental decisions by a particular incorporated group based on that group's economic interest may lead to policies that do not promote the general welfare, can lead to corruption, and should be disallowed;
5. Disallowing campaign financing by groups incorporated to further economic purposes will still allow every individual director, employee, member, and shareholder to finance campaigns;

### **And whereas**

6. One of the legislative action items in the DPLC's adopted 2012 platform reads "Encourage our Congressional representatives to introduce & support a Constitutional amendment which makes it clear that corporations do not have the Constitutional rights of people, & that any involvement of corporations in politics must be transparent & subject to limitations;"
7. The highest priority legislative action item from the Democratic Party of Oregon 2012 platform convention is "Amend the U.S. Constitution to state that corporations are not people and money is not speech:"
8. A useful way to make it more likely that we will elect people to Congress who will pass a constitutional amendment is to have discussion of a constitutional amendment as part of the electoral discussion; and
9. A useful way to make it more likely that we will elect state legislators who will ratify a constitutional amendment is to have discussion of a constitutional amendment as part of the electoral discussion;

**Therefore Be It Resolved by the Democratic Party of Lane County:**

1. That each DPLC PCP from the city of Eugene be urged to request of their city councilor, by phone, email, and/or letter sent before July 15:

That the Eugene City Council refer to the voters for the November, 2012 election, the following:

*CAPTION: Advisory question on corporate constitutional rights and money as speech.*

*ADVISORY QUESTION: Shall Eugene voters instruct Congress to amend the Constitution to limit political campaign spending and provide constitutional rights only to people?*

2. That each DPLC PCP be urged to:
  - a. Bring up a discussion of this issue at public forums or in private conversations with those running for Congress or the Oregon legislature; and
  - b. Lobby their State Senator and Representative to pass a resolution in 2013 that urges the Oregon Congressional Delegation to use every possible means within its legislative authority to advocate within the Congress of the United States to pass and send to the states for ratification a constitutional amendment consistent with 1-6 outlined above.
3. That urging voters to contact their Eugene City Councilor related to the above advisory question and lobbying their legislators to pass a related resolution be put into the Outspoken.

