

# Secretary of State



**PAUL DAMIAN WELLS**

**Republican**

**OCCUPATION:** Computer Architect

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Electrical Engineer

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** BSEE Purdue University; Portland State University

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** None

**I'm not a Republican.** I'm an Independent voter from Newberg.

The election system in Oregon and across the nation is failing. Increasingly, the two-party primary system doesn't guarantee victory for the best candidates. The Republican primary in particular, is a killing field for electable Republicans. Others have suggested that we force major parties to open their primaries to Independents. I would like to propose true election reform that will insure fair elections without butchering the constitution any further.

**A Nominating Election**

Instead of conducting two primaries, we should select the top two candidates for each office in a single open Nominating Election. If all voters and candidates are allowed to participate, we can guarantee everyone an equal opportunity to vote and limit the number of candidates on the general election ballot. In most cases, major party nominees will win and advance, but this isn't guaranteed. Each candidate must earn his/her spot on the general election ballot in a fair fight.

**Multiple Endorsements**

In an open election, two candidates with similar views can lose the election by splitting a single block of votes. Allowing multiple endorsements per office will solve this problem. If there are several candidates for one office, each voter may choose to endorse just one candidate, two or more, or none. The results are tallied as a percentage of the total ballots cast, so it is possible for several candidates to garner more than 50% of the vote. It is also possible for no candidate to garner 50% of the vote. Nonetheless, the top two candidates advance to the general election.

**Presidential Elections**

Eventually, we need to abandon the major party primary/caucus system and establish a series of nominating elections nationwide to determine the top two presidential candidates. Rather than accumulating convention delegates, candidates accumulate the endorsements from individual voters.

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# State Treasurer



**JON KVISTAD**

**Republican**

**OCCUPATION:** President, AKA Political Services; Partner, Village Coffee Company; Metro Councilor

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Partner, JAK Designs; Owner,

Kvistad & Associates

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Aloha High School; Oregon State University Graduate

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Metro Councilor 1992 - present; Presiding Officer 1996-1998; Chairman, Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation; Metro Finance & Budget Committee; Liaison, Friends of the Washington Park Zoo; Elected, Tigard Water District; Staff Assistant, Senator Mark O. Hatfield; Washington County Legislative Caucus; Republican Precinct Committeeman.

**Community Involvement:**

Board, Tigard Chamber of Commerce, Board, Tualatin Valley Mental Health Centers; *Business Journal* "40 Oregon Future Leaders under 40"; Republican Party Executive & Central Committee.

**Jon Kvistad: A record of honesty and integrity**

- 15 years of growing and managing several small businesses
- 12 years of local government budget and finance experience

**Jon Kvistad: Oregon values, Oregon experience**

- Oregon's future can be found in our commitment of education. Kvistad will work to expand the Oregon Baccalaureate Bond program.
- Jon will provide the leadership to invest the states assets to help provide and create jobs.
- The proven ability to work effectively with the Governor, Legislature, cities, counties and our ports.
- The experience to maximize returns on public infrastructure investments.

**Jon Kvistad: A vision for our future**

- Help to create family wage jobs by investing in Oregon.
- Assure eligible veterans an opportunity to own a home.
- Work to invest in the future of Oregon family farms.
- Strive to make education affordable to every Oregon family
- Work to eliminate the hidden tax of high interest rates by improving Oregon's credit rating.

Our next state treasurer must be a leader with vision. Jon Kvistad has the proven record of accomplishment and experience to be that leader.

**Jon Kvistad for State Treasurer: A record of Honesty and Integrity.**

*(This information furnished by The Friends of Jon Kvistad.)*