

Democratic Candidates**Secretary of State****Vicki L. Walker**

Democrat

Occupation: State Senator;
Court Reporter**Occupational Background:**
State Senator 2003-present;
Self-employed Court Reporter**Educational Background:**

University of Oregon, BS; Lane Community College, Court Reporting Program

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative 1999-2002; Secretary-Treasurer, Cal Young Neighborhood Association; Chair, Lane County Democrats**Personal:** Vicki has lived in Oregon since 1960. She and her husband Steve raised their two children in Lane County.**VICKI WALKER—COUNTING FOR OREGON**

"She has a knack for calling attention to issues that her colleagues have overlooked, and has built a reputation as a law-maker who will fight for the powerless."

—*The Register-Guard* 9/5/05

As a State Senator, Vicki Walker has consistently stood up to powerful interests, shining a bright light on waste, fraud and abuse in state government.

Vicki is running for Secretary of State because Salem needs to bring the same accountability and transparency towards counting your votes and your tax dollars correctly.

Read Vicki's plan www.vickiwalker.com to make every Oregonian count:

- Supporting rotating regional primaries so Oregonians have a greater say in choosing their next President
- Publishing the largest contributors to ballot measure campaigns in the voters' pamphlet
- Cracking down on ballot measure fraud
- Ensuring corporate subsidies bring in more revenue than they take
- Utilizing state trust lands to develop rural jobs with clean, renewable energy
- Maximizing revenues to the Common School Fund to reduce class sizes and lower the achievement gap

As Chair of the Senate Education Committee, Vicki led the legislature to adopt an 18% increase in public school funding, expanded the Oregon Opportunity Grant to make college affordable for more students, added 3,000 children to Head Start, and prohibited golden parachute contracts for school administrators.

"VICKI WALKER WAS NAMED A WORKING FAMILIES CHAMPION BY THE OREGON AFL-CIO"
Tom Chamberlain

Endorsed:

Senator Margaret Carter
Representative Terry Beyer
Portland City Commissioners Randy Leonard and Erik Sten
Former Democratic Party of Oregon Chair Jim Edmunson
Former Speaker of Oregon House of Representatives Phil Lang

(This information furnished by Committee to Elect Vicki Walker.)

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Secretary of State**Paul Damian Wells**

Democrat

Occupation: Design Engineer**Occupational Background:**
Electrical Engineer**Educational Background:**
BSEE Purdue University**Prior Governmental Experience:** Voter Advocate since 1992

"The Secretary of State, as Chief Elections Officer, must first and foremost, be a committed vocal advocate for voters when individuals or groups try to manipulate the election process for personal or political gain. The current officeholder has performed this task very poorly and I intend to do much better.

I support the proposal to make the office of Secretary of State nonpartisan. This is a small but very reasonable step toward long overdue election reform."

Paul Wells

What is a nonpartisan office?

- In a nonpartisan race, only the top two candidates for each office qualify for the General Election in November. Voters select these candidates in the May Nominating Election.
- "Nonpartisan" means that all voters, regardless of party affiliation, have the right to participate in both the nominating and general elections.
- "Nonpartisan" doesn't mean that all candidates must be Independent. Political Parties should be allowed to endorse candidates for any non-judicial office and the party name can be printed after the candidate's name on the ballot. Voters need and want this information.

Aren't partisan elections unconstitutional?

- In 1988, the Oregon Supreme Court ruled that candidates for public office could be segregated by party affiliation. (Libertarian Party of Oregon v. Roberts) This ruling validated the four separate standards used to qualify candidates for partisan office in Oregon. Even school children know - the "separate but equal doctrine" is a sham.
- Currently, if Oregon courts choose to interpret the constitution in some absurd way, or ignore it entirely, little can be done by the voters or legislature. (There are no "checks and balances" on the court.)
- Acts of the Legislature are subject to voter referendum. Rulings of the Court are just as important and should be subject to referendum as well - with no time limit.

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