

# Governor



## JOHN KITZHABER

**Democrat**

**OCCUPATION:** Emergency Physician; Lecturer.

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Physician, Roseburg, 1974–1988.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Graduate, South Eugene High School, 1965; BA, Dartmouth College, 1969; MD, University of Oregon

Medical School, 1973.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** State Representative, 1979; State Senator, 1981–93; Senate President, 1985–93.

**JOHN KITZHABER IS ONE OF US:** Raised in Oregon, he graduated from South Eugene High School and the University of Oregon Medical School. He practiced medicine as an **EMERGENCY ROOM DOCTOR** for 13 years in Roseburg.

“Charting a safe and successful course through the challenges ahead will require new ideas, clear thinking, and decisive leadership”.

John Kitzhaber

**JOHN KITZHABER: A LEADER WE CAN TRUST**

“Kitzhaber decided long ago that integrity and policies were more important than politics”.

*Oregonian*, Dec. 28, 1992

**CREATING A ROAD MAP FOR SUCCESS:** John Kitzhaber believes the state budget holds the key to making government perform as it should. John will set careful priorities and fund the most crucial programs first.

**EDUCATION IS KEY TO OREGON'S FUTURE:** Long term success, and preventing many chronic problems such as crime and poverty lie in an efficient and effective educational system. John believes that the most important investment we can make is in education.

**FIGHTING CRIME:** Under John's guidance Oregon added nearly 3,000 prison beds to keep violent offenders off of our streets. He supported “true life” sentences and budgets that fought gang violence.

**A NATIONAL LEADER IN HEALTH CARE REFORM:** John created the Oregon Health Plan—the first of its kind in the nation to set clear priorities for care and treatment.

**DEDICATED TO OREGON'S UNIQUE QUALITY OF LIFE:** An avid outdoorsman, John is credited with numerous legislative successes in balancing the protection of Oregon's natural beauty with its need for a vibrant economy.

**JOHN KITZHABER REPRESENTS OUR INTERESTS—NOT THE SPECIAL INTERESTS**

“Democrats and Republicans alike call him honest and fair minded, a leader who has cared more for policy than political games. ...”

*Oregonian*, Dec. 28, 1992

(This information furnished by Kitzhaber '94.)

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## PAUL DAMIAN WELLS

**Democrat**

**OCCUPATION:** Housewife.

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Electrical Engineer 1984–1989; US Marine Corps 1978–1979.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** BSEE Purdue University 1984.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** None.

**I am not a Democrat.**

I am an Independent. I would run as an Independent candidate, but state law heavily penalizes Independents. Did you know that an Independent candidate for governor must submit over 14,000 signatures to qualify for the ballot? At 50 cents a signature, that amounts to a poll tax of several thousand dollars. I paid \$100 to qualify for this election as a Democrat, and I did not collect a single signature.

It's called the Bipartisan System, and I belong to a large class of Independent voters who have been completely disenfranchised by it. I am too socially progressive to vote Republican and much too fiscally responsible to vote Democrat. By the time the general election rolls around, I am usually faced with a choice between the lesser of two evils.

The state finances primary elections with tax dollars, but Independents are not allowed to participate. I don't believe the state should be regulating the internal functions of political parties, and I am certain that tax dollars should not be used to subsidize political groups unless all groups are subsidized equally. It is time for an Open primary.

I know that many Democrats voting in this election are actually Independents who have registered as Democrats in order to vote in a primary. If you are part of this group, I am asking for your vote to prove that the number of Independent voters is considerably larger than voter registration records would indicate.

Finally, if there are any Independents considering running for office, **PLEASE WRITE ME.** Two years ago, I ran as an Independent candidate for the US Senate and filed suit in Federal Court to demand equal ballot access. You would definitely be interested in the court record. *Jenness Vs. Fortson* is distinguished.

(This information furnished by We Thought He Fell Off the Face of the Earth Committee.)