

Secretary of State



**STAN
ASH**

Republican

OCCUPATION: Principal and vice president, The Ash Organization, Inc.; managing director, Thunderbird Mobile; commercial property manager.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Small business owner, broadcaster, oil rig maintenance worker.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Northern Arizona University, Pasadena City College.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Lake Oswego City Council, Republican candidate for Congress in Oregon's 5th district.

RELATED EXPERIENCE: Oregon Republican Party Finance Chairman, Wilsonville Cable Task Force, Mt. Hood Camp Fire Council, Wilsonville Chamber of Commerce Industrial Development Chairman.

FAMILY: Stan Ash has been married for 20 years to his wife Barbara, they have four children, Susan, Christopher, Jon and Andrew. Stan Ash is an active advocate for handicapped children and their treatment in local schools.

ISSUE POSITIONS:

Stan Ash supports strict term limits for elected officials.

"It's time to replace a Democrat career politician Secretary of State with a Republican who has real-world private sector business experience."

Stan Ash will strengthen the Secretary of State's audit function.

"Why didn't our Secretary of State blow the whistle on a multi-million dollar waste on the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles computer system?"

Stan Ash opposed the Secretary of State's spending of a million taxpayer dollars just to move Oregon's Presidential primary.

"It was just plain silly to spend tax dollars in a failed attempt to make national headlines."

Stan Ash will use his position on the State Land Board to push for a fair balance between the environment and people's lives.

"We have a responsibility to carefully balance the need for a healthy environment with Oregon jobs and the economy."

WHAT ARE OTHERS SAYING ABOUT STAN ASH:

"Ash has a strong business background"
Salem *Statesman Journal* Newspaper, April 28 1994.

(This information furnished by Friends of Stan Ash.)

Stan Ash has agreed to limit campaign expenditures for this Primary Election under ORS 260.180.

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**PAUL DAMIAN
WELLS**

Republican

OCCUPATION: Student.
OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Housewife 1990-1995; Electrical Engineer 1984-1989; US Marine Corps 1978-1979.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: BSEE Purdue University 1984; Graduate Studies Portland State University 1996.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None.

I am not a Republican either.

I am still an Independent. Between now and November, most candidates will be calling themselves an Independent or Moderate of some sort. Yet, there will be few if any moderates nominated through either the Republican or Democratic primary. As you vote, I would like you to consider that.

Most people recognize the two groups represented by the Republican and Democratic parties. There is also a third group of centrist Independent voters. Having three groups would not be a problem except that Oregon law requires a two-party closed primary. Independent voters are forced to register as either moderate Democrats or Republicans to participate in a primary. About half register Republican and half register Democrat. As a result, moderate voters are outnumbered in both primaries. The two-party primary artificially splits the centrist vote.

Independent voters have become increasingly frustrated with this situation and are dropping out of the primary elections. Unfortunately, with every Independent that drops out, the remaining moderates are outnumbered just that much more. Moderate candidates, lacking voter support, can no longer win a contested primary race.

As an Independent, I am asking for your vote in this election, but I am not asking you to vote against your party. I am asking you to take a good long look at the two-party primary and how it has affected your candidates. 20% of the voters in Oregon are Independents. You cannot disenfranchise that many centrist voters without completely undermining moderate Republicans and Democrats.

A single open primary is conducted for each nonpartisan office in Oregon. Expanding this open primary to cover all offices would give every voter an equal vote and we would have better candidates in the general election as a result.

(This information furnished by Will the last Moderate to leave, Please turn off the lights and lock the door committee.)

Paul Damian Wells has agreed to limit campaign expenditures for this Primary Election under ORS 260.180.