

Marion County Republican Executive Committee

Recommendations on November Ballot Measures

Measure 54 Recommendation: **Yes** vote.

Elections: Standardizes voting eligibility for school board elections with other state and local elections.

Why? Some of Oregon's election laws are outdated and no longer comply with the requirements and prohibitions imposed by U.S. Supreme Court cases and changes based on the voting rights act. Even if you disagree with the substance of the changes, they are fairly clearly required to meet federal law.

Measure 55 Recommendation: **Yes** vote.

Legislatures: Change operative date of redistricting plans to allow affected legislators to finish term in original district.

Why? This measure prevents the possibility of having a legislator have a split district after the census and any associated redistricting.

Measure 56 Recommendation: **No** vote.

May and November property tax elections are to be decided by majority of voters voting in the relevant election.

Why? This deceptive ballot title is actually the measure that eliminates the "double majority" turnout requirement which would make it much easier to pass tax increases.

Measure 57 Recommendation: **No** vote.

Increases sentences for drug trafficking, theft against elderly, and specific repeat property and identity theft crimes, more.

Why? Measure 57 must lose because measure 61 is better and only one of these two can become law. Measure 57 allows multiple offenses before getting tough. The measure is soft on crime when compared to 61, and spends much of the money on drug treatment for criminals rather than punishment. See chart below.

Measure 58 Recommendation: **Yes** vote.

Education Requires English immersion for non-English speaking students.

Why? All of our students deserve the chance to master English and have the skills to succeed. The ESL programs have proven to be wasteful and hurtful to the non-English speakers.

Measure 59 Recommendation: **Yes** vote.

Tax reform makes federal income taxes fully deductible on state return.

Why? Income taxes you pay to the federal government should not be considered net income and taxed by the state.

Measure 60 Recommendation: **Yes** vote.

Education "Teacher compensation must be based on classroom performance" .

Why? Education reform may be the "civil rights issue of our time" and Republicans lead the charge. Attracting and retaining the best teachers possible is critical for our schools to excel. Unions have cemented contracts into our school districts that create teacher tenure and pay based on nothing more than seniority and education regardless of how well a teacher can actually teach. The most brilliant piece of this ballot measure is the flexibility it leaves for school districts to decide the best way to measure a teacher's classroom performance.

Measure 61 Recommendation: **Yes** vote.

Mandatory sentences for drug dealers, identity thieves, burglars and car thieves.

Why? See chart below. Measure 61 is tough on crime, particularly the 'new crimes'. Puts 3000 convicted criminals behind bars rather than parole.

Measure 62 Recommendation: **Yes** vote.

State budget: "15% of lottery profits for crime prevention, investigation and prosecution" .

Why? Measure 62 constitutionally dedicates money from lottery profits to crime prevention and law enforcement. Previously this money simply went into general fund.

Measure 63 Recommendation: **Yes** vote.

Property Rights: Allows minor improvements to property without building permit.

Why? We need to reduce the costs and burden on businesses and residential development created by our state central land use planning system. Minor improvements can be done without state oversight.

Measure 64 Recommendation: **Yes** vote.

Campaign Finance Reform: Prohibits using taxpayer-funded resources to collect political funds.

Why? Unions should not be able to use tax money you give to pay public employees and government services to collect campaign money.

Measure 65 Recommendation: **No** vote.

Conduct of elections: The "top-two" open primary measure; creates open primaries.

Why? A top two primary system would create two major campaign seasons and greatly increase the cost of campaigning. An open primary system would drastically reduce the impact and influence of the current political parties to identify and select their candidate early in the campaign season. Some even predict open primaries could ruin the major and minor parties.

There are two Crime Sentence Measures on the November ballot. One is Citizen Measure 61. The other is Legislature's referral Measure 57.

	Citizen Measure 61	Legislative Measure 57
Type of Sentence	Mandatory Minimum Prison Time	"Guideline" sentence
Number of convicted drug dealers, identity thieves, auto thieves and burglars who get prison sentences (next 6 years)	4,900	1,900
Number of above convicted criminals who are left free	Zero	3,000
What are the minimum sentences for these crimes?	14 Months to 36 months in prison or work camps	Probation
Can the prison sentence be reduced, with early release?	No	Yes, up to 40% sentence reduction
Is the state required to reimburse counties for the cost of pre-trial jail time?	Yes	No
What about drug and alcohol treatment for offenders?	Authorized under current law	Allows judge to require it
Where will convicted meth dealers, identity thieves, auto thieves and burglars serve their time?	4,900 go to State prisons or state-run work camps (reforestation, etc)	1,900 go to county jails or state prisons (3000 get probation and remain free)

On the November 4 ballot, Voters get to decide; Citizen Measure 61 or Legislature Measure 57 – but not both