

## NORTH CLACKAMAS COUNTY CHAMBER QUESTIONNAIRE – STATE REPRESENTATIVE

The North Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce is made up of more than 700 businesses, representing more than 26,500 employees, located in the Clackamas County and Metro area. We may be considering endorsing in your current race, and need to know more about your beliefs to assist us in making our recommendations. Please complete the following questionnaire and return promptly.

Responses to these questions will be the basis of the topics at the Candidates' Issues Events at which you have been invited to speak. Questions at the issues event may include any of the following.

Responses to this questionnaire will also be posted on the Chamber's website, [www.yourchamber.com](http://www.yourchamber.com).

Please return this by email to [ceo@yourchamber.com](mailto:ceo@yourchamber.com) before Monday, Friday, August 8, 2008.

**Please limit your response to each question to no more than 100 words.**

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(if appropriate)

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- 1.) Tell us briefly about yourself, who are you and what are the major issues facing the office you are seeking and how will you respond to those issues if elected?

After living around this area for 40 years, raising a family, working in the legal profession, and getting involved with a variety of community activities, I was encouraged to run for State Representative. Working with local residents on their concerns has been a very rewarding experience.

Major issues focus on helping families make ends meet with skyrocketing fuel, food and health care costs. The response to these issues requires someone with experience in the legislature and experience in life. Someone who understands how to watch out for the bottom line, limit tax increases and prioritize spending. I have that experience.

- 2.) What are the major transportation issues facing Clackamas County and what will you do to respond to them?

The Sunrise Corridor has been, and will continue to be, a top priority for me over the past several legislative sessions. I've drafted legislation to earmark millions of dollars at the state level for this and other projects of statewide significance. It's critical to the economic viability of Clackamas County and my legislative district. The loss of Federal Timber Payments has also left a \$12 million hole in the county budget. We've already seen the county cut back routine road maintenance and more reductions are coming. I will look for ways the state can help counties facing these shortfalls.

- 3.) What do you view as the major weaknesses of the involvement of business in legislative action? In essence, what suggestions would you have to increase the impact of business on the legislative process?

One suggestion would be some type of regular roundtable sessions with legislators to exchange concerns and ideas. The groups who represent businesses in the community sometimes take positions on policy issues without really checking with their members who might be directly impacted to obtain their feedback. Enhanced communication might help avoid unintended consequences which sometimes occur in the process of changing state law and lead to a more positive outcome for all concerned.

- 4.) Can you give an example of a way in which you have supported a business/community position in the past?

I've worked hard to improve child care in Oregon. Employers understand worker frustration locating quality, affordable day care. Research shows employees with good child care programs are more productive. In my work on the Oregon Commission for Child Care I pushed for expansion of the Child Care Tax Credit which encourages business contributions to a special fund helping low income families pay for child care. I also spearheaded a new law to reduce child abuse in day cares. Another new law I wrote for constituents in my district allows development of do-it-yourself wine making businesses.

- 5.) List briefly the three top reasons voters should elect you to this position.

1--Experience in the Legislature. Coming out of the last recession in Oregon, I was there to prioritize state spending and have a strong track record of helping small businesses.

2—Experience in crafting common sense solutions. These include working with opposing groups to reach compromises on mental health insurance coverage, alternative education programs and combating methamphetamine crimes.

3—Experience in life and connecting with neighbors. Growing up in this community, having kids (and now ten adorable grandkids), holding down a job for 30 years, paying taxes, going to church, getting involved with community activities and much more.

- 6.) List briefly your biographical information limited to age, former/current elected positions, years in State/region/County/district, community involvement.

**Age: 60**

**Elected Positions: State Representative, House District 51 – 2002-present. Precinct Committee person 1985-present.**

**Years in State/region/County/district: 60 years in State, 40 years in Region/County/District.**

**Community Involvement:**

North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce (2002-present)  
North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce – Young Leaders' Project (2003-present)  
Clackamas County Business Alliance (2005-present)  
Estacada Chamber of Commerce (2002-present)  
Start Making a Reader Today [SMART] (2007-present)  
North Clackamas School District Parent Institute sponsor  
Oregon Education Tax Credit Coalition (2007-present)  
Chalkboard Project Citizens' Corp (2008-present)  
Oregon Commission for Women (2002-2004)  
Classroom Law Project (2004-present)  
Clackamas County Committee for Citizen Involvement (2002-present)  
National Alliance on Mental Illness Clackamas County (2003-present)  
East Clackamas County Republican Women (1986-present)  
Oregon Federation of Republican Women (1986-present)  
Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board (2003-present)  
Oregon Child Care Commission (2005-present)