

**NORTH CLACKAMAS COUNTY CHAMBER
QUESTIONNAIRE – STATE SENATE**

The North Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce is made up of more than 600 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 may be the basis of the topics at the Candidates' Issues Events at which you may be 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.

Please return this by email to ceo@yourchamber.com by Wednesday, June 30, 2010.

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

Name Rod Monroe

Office Sought (and District) State Senate 24 Party Affiliation(if applicable) Democrat

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1.) What are the major issues facing the office you are seeking and how will you respond to those issues if elected?

1. Stabilize Oregon's financial picture by creating a substantial Rainy Day Fund (\$2 Billion).

2. Improve law enforcement by restoring Oregon State Police Positions.

3. Improve our education, Head Start through University.

4. Continue to upgrade and improve our transportation system, including building the Sunrise Highway.

2.) What should the legislature do in response to the economic downturn to support job development and the greater demands placed on social services?

Community Colleges are the primary agents of workforce development. Providing child care for workers and students is often an essential ingredient.

3.) What do you view as the long-term solution to the broken, unbalanced funding system of the state?

We need to reform the "kicker" law so as to direct more dollars into a reserve fund during good times.

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

I helped develop the \$300 million transportation package that passed in 2009. I have also worked hard to protect funding for our schools and community colleges.

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

- 1. I have served the people of Oregon for nearly 35 years in elected office.**
- 2. I have proven skills in finance and budgeting, education at all levels, and development of multi-modal transportation projects.**
- 3. I work well with other legislators of both parties and I listen to constituents and help them through the maze of government.**

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

Age: 67

Elected Positions: State Senator 2007 to present; Mt. Hood Community College Board of Directors elected 2005 and 2009; First elected to Metro 1992; Metro Presiding Officer 1999; State Senator elected in 1980 and 1984; State Representative elected in 1976 and 1978; David Douglas Board 1991-2000; David Douglas School Board Chair 1996-1997

Years in State/region/County/district:

I have lived in Southeast Portland since I was one year old.

Community Involvement:

**FISH Emergency Services Board of Directors
Vice-Chair of Warner Pacific College Investment Committee
Mt. Hood Community College Board
Member of Board of Deacons Lynchwood Church (Chair for nine years).
Assist in planning trips, activities and drive church bus for 24 senior citizens**