

# WashCoDems 2020-2021 LAIs

## **ARTICLE I: CIVIL RIGHTS/SANCTUARY**

*"Create, strengthen or enforce legislation or rules to"*

1. Adopt reparations to the descendants of African slavery.
2. Provide enforcement of and legal recompense for all Native American treaties in Oregon.

## **ARTICLE II: ECONOMIC JUSTICE/THE ECONOMY**

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1. Repeal the Oregon Personal Income Kicker.
2. Prohibit right-to-work and continue fair share laws for union shops.
3. Fully enforce equal pay for equal work.
4. Modernize and reinstate Glass-Steagall to ensure separation of commercial banks from security investment banks.
5. Eliminate the income cap on social security taxation.
6. Support a minimum wage of at least \$15 per hour.
7. Enforce the Sherman Antitrust Act of 1890 that outlawed monopolistic business practices.
8. Ban predatory loans, exorbitant interest rates, and unjustified and excessive banking fees.
9. Create a progressive state tax structure for corporations that more closely matches the state tax structure for individuals.
10. Repeal or reform pass-through tax breaks.
11. Assure financial supplements for senior citizens and those on social security disability whose income falls below 200% of the poverty level.
12. Adopt a supplemental basic monthly income of roughly \$1000 for all persons.
13. Adopt protections to ensure that end of life services cannot bankrupt survivors.

## **ARTICLE III: HEALTH CARE**

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1. Implement a single payer healthcare system for the state of Oregon.

2. Increase regulation and continue to negotiate for reasonable prices of medical devices and prescription drugs.
3. Significantly increase the state budget for improved mental health assessment and care.
4. Provide public funding for clinical trials of psychotropic drugs and their potential to combat mental health issues.
5. Prevent insurance companies from discriminating against patient choice of licensed healthcare practitioners.
6. Adequately fund all community healthcare centers in Oregon to provide basic care in a timely manner, including baseline diagnostic, medical, and prescription services.
7. Test all public school infrastructure for clean, drinkable water and provide remediation for the schools that need it.
8. Allow health supplements to be covered by health insurance companies when they support identified medical needs.
9. Eliminate the ability of parents to decline vaccinations for their children for any reason other than medical necessity.
10. Require all public, private, and charter schools to provide healthy foods that promote physical and mental well being and development.
11. Alleviate the negative impacts of "food deserts".

#### **ARTICLE IV: EDUCATION**

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1. Prevent public funds from being used to support private charter schools.
2. Require civics and governance education, in addition to the arts, music, and fitness, as part of curricula beginning in primary school.
3. Adequately fund school lunch and breakfast programs.
4. Require charter and virtual schools that receive public funding to follow the same standards as public schools.
5. Fund public higher education and regulate tuition and fees to ensure affordable access for all.
6. Provide further class size reduction that correlates to best practices research for grades K-12.
7. Develop a system of rigorous alignment of course descriptions between high school and college level courses, community college, and university courses that facilitates seamless credit transfer among these systems.

#### **ARTICLE V: A JUST LEGAL SYSTEM**

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1. Ban assault weapons and large capacity magazines.
2. Make background checks mandatory for all gun sales.

3. Increase Oregon taxes on wealthy corporations to provide adequate funds.
4. Eliminate mandatory minimum sentences.
5. Abolish the death penalty.
6. Vacate all convictions for marijuana-related crimes related to possession and consumption.
7. Provide funding for and require the implementation of de-escalation, mental health crisis, implicit bias, and multicultural training for all agents and employees of the criminal justice system.
8. Remove the statute of limitations on rape and other sexualized violent crimes.
9. Protect DREAMERS by extending DACA.
10. Prioritize public safety and family integrity in legal matters involving undocumented persons.
11. Fund quality healthcare, including mental health and addiction services, to all incarcerated people.
12. Eliminate statutory limitations for lawsuits for wrongful employment termination.
13. Create an "Innocence Commission", a volunteer oversight body providing pro-bono case review, allowing all exculpatory evidence proving actual innocence and recommending compensation for wrongful convictions.

## **ARTICLE VI: GOVERNMENTAL INTEGRITY/GOVERNANCE**

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1. Support and refine the administrative protections for urban and rural preserves in Washington County.
2. Prioritize investment in diverse and efficient public transportation networks as opposed to motor vehicle capacities.
3. Restore the voting rights of incarcerated citizens and those convicted of criminal offenses.
4. Adequately pay the legislature to allow citizens with limited resources to serve in the legislature.
5. Ban confidentiality agreements or protective orders for concealing information about public health, labor conditions, or environmental safety.
6. Ensure that election tabulation and verification software be free and open source.
7. Require all Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates release their most recent 10 years of tax returns to the public to qualify for the ballot.
8. Implement preferential voting systems, as possible, for single seat state, municipal, and federal elections.

9. Require the legislatures to state with specificity the reason for declaring an emergency in a bill.
10. Abolish the Electoral College.

## **ARTICLE VII: SUSTAINABILITY/CLIMATE CHANGE**

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1. Create a progressive tax on greenhouse gas emissions to fund public projects and programs that will result in negative greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon within 15 years.
2. Increase safe bicycle routes and increase electric vehicle charging stations.
3. Support a large-scale public works program to develop “green” infrastructure.
4. Ban state, county, city, regional, and local governments from purchasing gas vehicles, and purchase electric vehicles as possible.
5. Increase support for compost farming and community based agriculture.
6. Require all new buildings, including single family homes, condos, schools, and offices to include solar, wind, and renewable energy and be sustainable, where appropriate and feasible.

## **ARTICLE VIII: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

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1. Ensure net neutrality.
2. Implement the full complement of scientifically recommended marine reserves in Oregon.
3. Adopt European-style data protections.
4. Evaluate and publicize the potential benefits and implications of genetic engineering.
5. Regulate law enforcement and government use of facial recognition and surveillance software to protect public health and personal privacy.
6. Require ingredient listings and FDA approval for recreational inhalants.
7. Require addition of herbicides, pesticides and non-natural GMO manipulation information to food labels.
8. Create programs to facilitate the adaptation of Oregon’s economy to potential job losses due to AI, robotics, and automation.
9. Require the use of the least consumptive water technology in all commercial irrigation applications.

## **ARTICLE IX: GLOBAL COMMITMENTS**

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1. Ensure that Puerto Rico is allowed to choose its own future.
2. Revise NAFTA to enhance environmental, labor, and social protections and to remove the special pricing benefits granted to drug manufacturers.
3. Honor our carbon reduction commitments as defined under the Paris Climate Accord.
4. Increase financial support for global efforts to end human and sex trafficking.
5. Keep families together while awaiting immigration or asylum decisions.
6. Honor the Geneva convention regarding the bans on rendition, indefinite detention, detention without charges, extra judicial executions, and torture, including a ban on solitary confinement.
7. Join international efforts to clean the oceans of wastes, poisons, plastic trash, and all other dangerous substances with the goal of restoring waters of the world.
8. Increase foreign aid for countries that engage in good forest management practices.