

October 29, 2024

Dear Fellow Oregonians,

As our nation prepares to vote on November 5, we — your neighbors, local business owners, elected officials and community advocates — call on all Oregonians living in Portland to uphold our tradition of respectful civic participation during this election season. Portland has made significant progress in its recovery over the past few years, and by engaging peacefully and constructively in the democratic process, we can showcase Portland's resilience and continue our positive momentum.

We have seen encouraging signs of progress as we address the city's challenges. Downtown Portland has experienced a strong resurgence, with summer foot traffic reaching the highest levels since before the pandemic. Its culinary, events, and sports scenes are thriving. And there have been significant strides in public safety. These achievements represent the hard work and perseverance of countless individuals who believe in the promise of the city.

As we navigate this election period, let us safeguard and advance our hard-won but still fragile progress, ensuring our actions strengthen rather than undermine our community's growth.

We unequivocally support the right to the peaceful expression of diverse viewpoints. And, we must recognize the line between constructive demonstration and actions that can undermine our community. To this end, we call upon everyone to:

- Exercise your right to free speech and assembly respectfully
- If you choose to demonstrate, do so peacefully and without causing damage to our community
- Support our local businesses, which are integral to our community's fabric
- Stay informed and resist the spread of misinformation
- Embody a strong sense of community by looking out for one another and fostering inclusivity, understanding, and respect. Actively support communities of color, LGBTQ+ individuals, immigrants, religious minorities, and other groups facing targeted violence and hate.

As the election results are tabulated, there may be moments of uncertainty or heightened emotions. It is in these moments that we must exemplify the very best of Oregon — our compassion, innovation, and commitment to progress and inclusivity. By choosing peaceful and constructive forms of civic participation, we protect our community's well being and continue to build a place that works for everyone.

Let us make this election season a powerful demonstration of our shared values, showing that it's possible to passionately engage in the democratic process while maintaining respect for one another and our community.

With hope and solidarity,

Elected Representatives

Oregon Governor Tina Kotek

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley

Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler

Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum

Oregon Treasurer Tobias Read

U.S. Representative Earl Blumenauer

U.S. Representative Suzanne Bonamici

U.S. Representative Andrea Salinas

U.S. Representative candidate Maxine Dexter

Oregon Senate President Rob Wagner

Oregon House of Representatives Majority Leader Ben Bowman

State Senator Winsvey Campos

State Senator Michael Dembrow

State Senator Kate Lieber

State Senator Mark Meek

State Representative Mark Gamba

State Representative Dacia Grayber

State Representative Daniel Nguyen

State Representative Rob Nosse

State Representative Hai Pham

State Representative Khanh Pham

State Representative Ricki Ruiz

State Representative Andrea Valderrama

State Representative Jules Walters

Portland City Commissioner Rene Gonzalez

Portland City Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Portland City Commissioner Dan Ryan

Metro Council President Lynn Peterson

Metro Councilor Duncan Hwang

Metro Councilor Christine Lewis

Metro Councilor Mary Nolan

Metro Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal

Metro Councilor Ashton Simpson

Clackamas County Chair Tootie Smith

Multnomah County Chair Jessica Vega Pederson

Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Schmidt

Multnomah County District Attorney-Elect Nathan Vasquez

Multnomah County Commissioner Julia Brim-Edwards

Multnomah County Commissioner-elect Vince Jones-Dixon

Multnomah County Commissioner Sharon Meieran

Multnomah County Commissioner Lori Stegmann

Washington County Chair Kathryn Harrington

Washington County Commissioner Nafisa Fai

Beaverton Mayor Lacey Beaty

Hillsboro Mayor Steve Callaway

Gresham Mayor Travis Stovall

Lake Oswego Mayor Joe Buck

Tigard Mayor Heidi Lueb

Beaverton City Council President Dr. Edward Kimmi

Gresham City Council President Sue Piazza

Lake Oswego City Councilor Massene Mboup

Lake Oswego City Councilor John Wendland

Lake Oswego City Councilor Ali Afghan

Tigard City Councilor Jeanette Shaw

Organizations

1803 Fund

APANO CUF

Children's Institute

Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce

Black Business Association of Oregon

Building Owners and Managers Association of Oregon

Central Eastside Industrial Council

Columbia Corridor Association

Greater Portland Inc

Home Building Association of Greater Portland

Lan Su Chinese Garden

National Association of Minority Contractors, Oregon Chapter

North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce

NAACP Portland Branch

Northwest Native Chamber

Northwest Oregon Labor Council

Northwest Pilot Project

Oregon Ballet

Oregon Business & Industry

Oregon Business Council

Oregon Museum of Science and Industry

Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association

Oregon Smart Growth

Oregon State University

Oregon Symphony

Oregon Trucking Association

Oregon Entrepreneurs Network

Partners in Diversity

Portland Art Museum

Portland Community College

Portland Metropolitan Association of REALTORS®

Portland Metro Chamber

Portland Opera / Broadway in Portland

Portland Thorns

Portland Timbers

Portland Trail Blazers

Portland Winter Lights Festival

SEIU Local 49

SEIU Local 503

Sport Oregon

Tigard Chamber of Commerce

Travel Oregon

Travel Portland

Washington County Chamber of Commerce

Western States Center

Westside Economic Alliance

Working Waterfront Coalition

Worksystems Inc.