

# Oregon's Alternate Format Ballot

From XP to Surface – and Beyond


# Significance of Vote by Mail

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*“Most places require the voter to go to the ballot. But in Oregon, the ballot comes to the voter.”*

-- Secretary of State Bill Bradbury, 2007.

# Vote-by-Mail – What Voters Get


 Elections Division  
 3700 SW Murray  
 Beaverton, OR 97005  
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Washington

Official Ballot - Washington County, OR - May 19, 2009

**Instructions to voter**  
**You May Use Pen or Pencil**  
 To ensure your vote counts, completely fill in the oval  to the left of the response of your choice.  
 To write in a name, write the name on the solid line and fill in the oval  to the left of the write-in line.  
**Attention!**  
 Remember to inspect your ballot for mistakes! If you make a mistake or damage your ballot, call the Washington County Elections Office to ask for a replacement ballot.

Ballot Item	Candidate	Write-In	Ballot Item	Candidate	Write-In
Beaverton School Dist #4&JT	Diana Callaway	<input type="radio"/>	Beaverton School Dist #4&JT	No Candidate Filed	<input type="radio"/>
LSC Arts & Communications Magnet Academy - Pos 1		<input type="radio"/>	LSC International School of Beaverton - Pos 3		<input type="radio"/>
LSC Arts & Communications Magnet Academy - Pos 2		<input type="radio"/>	LSC Merlo Station High School - Pos 1		<input type="radio"/>
Portland Community College		<input type="radio"/>	LSC Merlo Station High School - Pos 2		<input type="radio"/>
PCC Director, Zone 6	Gene Pitts	<input type="radio"/>	LSC Arts & Communications Magnet Academy - Pos 3		<input type="radio"/>
	Jaime J Lim	<input type="radio"/>	LSC Merlo Station High School - Pos 3		<input type="radio"/>
Beaverton School Dist #4&JT	Cary Pollack	<input type="radio"/>	LSC Merlo Station High School - Pos 4		<input type="radio"/>
Beaverton School Director - Zone 1	Audrey H Schiefelbein	<input type="radio"/>	LSC Merlo Station High School - Pos 5		<input type="radio"/>
	John Metcalf	<input type="radio"/>	LSC Merlo Station High School - Pos 6		<input type="radio"/>
	Kris Alman	<input type="radio"/>	LSC Health & Science School - Pos 1		<input type="radio"/>
	Karen Cunningham	<input type="radio"/>	LSC Health & Science School - Pos 2		<input type="radio"/>
Beaverton School Director - Zone 2	Susan L Scott	<input type="radio"/>	LSC Southridge High - Pos 1		<input type="radio"/>
	Tom Quillin	<input type="radio"/>	LSC Southridge High - Pos 2		<input type="radio"/>
	Doak Schulte	<input type="radio"/>	LSC Southridge High - Pos 3		<input type="radio"/>
Beaverton School Director - Zone 4	Tammy Jo Jones	<input type="radio"/>	LSC Southridge High - Pos 4		<input type="radio"/>
	Sarah Smith	<input type="radio"/>	LSC Southridge High - Pos 5		<input type="radio"/>
Beaverton School Director - Zone 5	Eric Keim	<input type="radio"/>	LSC Southridge High - Pos 6		<input type="radio"/>
	LeeAnn Larsen	<input type="radio"/>	LSC International School of Beaverton - Pos 1		<input type="radio"/>
	J Russell Rain	<input type="radio"/>	LSC International School of Beaverton - Pos 2		<input type="radio"/>
	Kim Overhage	<input type="radio"/>	LSC International School of Beaverton - Pos 3		<input type="radio"/>
	Bill Hall	<input type="radio"/>	LSC Highland Park Middle - Pos 1		<input type="radio"/>
	Julie A Koch	<input type="radio"/>			<input type="radio"/>

**BALLOT ENCLOSED**

**PLEASE RETURN IF VOTER IS NO LONGER AT THIS ADDRESS**

**SECRECY**

**ENVELOPE**

**IMPORTANT: YOUR VOTED BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED BY 8:00 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY OR IT WILL NOT BE COUNTED.**

Please call Washington County Elections at 503-846-5800 if you have questions or need further assistance.  
 Web site: [www.co.wash.or.us/elections](http://www.co.wash.or.us/elections)

**IMPORTANT! FAILURE TO SIGN BELOW WILL INVALIDATE YOUR BALLOT. YOUR BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED BY 8 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY TO BE COUNTED.**

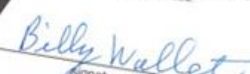
**POSTAL CLERK: Deliver to address on other side.**

**SIGN HERE**

**WARNING:** Signing another person's name to this envelope is a class C felony.

Voter's Statement  
 By signing, I certify that:
 

- I am the person to whom this ballot was issued.
- I am legally qualified to vote in the county that issued this ballot.
- This is the only ballot I have voted this election, and I will live at the address printed below.

  
 Signature of voter

## Official Ballot Washington County, Oregon November 6, 2012 : 34-30

### Instructions to Voter

To vote, select the box next to your choice. For write-in candidates, select the box next to write-in and then type the person's first and last name in the text box.

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### Warning:

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View one race at a time

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- or write-in: If selected, enter the write-in candidate's name:

[Check this race for voting mistakes](#)

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View Full Ballot

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Message from webpage

 You over voted  
Your vote will not count for this race

OK

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The measure creates the Oregon Cannabis Commission, appointed by the Governor, to carry out the provisions of the measure. The state's Chief Financial Office believes the appointment of the commission will not add noteworthy cost to state expenditures.

The cost of operating the Commission may be similar to the cost of operating the existing Oregon Liquor Control Commission, which is about \$22 million per year, excluding the variable expenses related to compensating liquor store owners and paying bank card fees. Total additional revenues to state government are indeterminate, but revenues are likely to be sufficient to offset the expenditures of the Commission.

The measure requires the Oregon Cannabis Commission to consult with the Board of Pharmacy on various issues and, if practicable, to establish certain rules. As the Commission is not granted rule-making authority, the Board of Pharmacy may be called upon to establish those rules. The Board of Pharmacy estimates the need for one half-time pharmacist, at a cost of approximately \$75,000 per year, to carry out these additional duties.

State expenditures would be reduced by the amount that the state pays for felony offenders with related convictions in prison and on probation. The savings to the state as a result of the passage of this measure is estimated to be between \$1.4 million and \$2.4 million a year.

The measure prohibits the disclosure of names and addresses of applicants, licensees, and purchasers of cannabis except upon the person's request. The Oregon Judicial Department estimates additional expenditures of between \$1.6 million and \$3.3 million per year to ensure court case files do not contain such names or addresses prior to allowing them to be viewed by parties to a case, the public, or the media.

The amount of the impact for local law enforcement, district attorneys, and the courts is indeterminate.

	<b>Impact on Expenditures</b>	<b>Impact on Revenue</b>
Operation of the Commission	May increase \$22 million per year	Indeterminate, but likely sufficient to cover expenditures
Board of Pharmacy	Increase \$75,000 per year	None
Felony Convictions	Decrease of \$1.4 - \$2.4 million per year	None
State Courts	Increase of \$1.6 - \$3.3 million per year	None
<b>Total Impact to the State:</b>	<b>May increase \$22.3 - \$23 million per year</b>	<b>Indeterminate, but likely sufficient to cover expenditures</b>
<b>Impact to Local Government:</b>	<b>Indeterminate</b>	<b>Indeterminate</b>

Yes



**Official Ballot Washington County, Oregon  
November 6, 2012 : 34-30  
Summary of Votes**

**Federal: United States President and Vice President**  
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You voted for: Mitt Romney / Paul Ryan (Republican)

**US Congressional District 1: Representative in Congress, 1st District 2 Year Term (Vote for 1)**

You voted for: Bob Ekstrom (Constitution)

**Statewide Partisan: Secretary of State 4 Year Term (Vote for 1)**

You voted for: Robert Wolfe (Progressive)

**Statewide Partisan: State Treasurer 4 Year Term (Vote for 1)**

You voted for: John F Mahler (Libertarian)

**Statewide Partisan: Attorney General 4 Year Term (Vote for 1)**

You voted for: Ellen Rosenblum (Democrat)

**Senate District 17: State Senator, 17th District 2 Year Term (Vote for 1)**

You voted for: John Verbeek (Republican)

**House District 33: State Representative, 33rd District 2 Year Term (Vote for 1)**

You voted for: Stevan Kirkpatrick (Republican)

You voted for: Mitch Greenlick (Democrat)

You voted for more than 1 Your vote will not count for this race

**Statewide Nonpartisan: Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries 2 Year Term (Vote for 1)**

You voted for: Brad Avakian

**Statewide Nonpartisan: Judge of the Supreme Court, Position 3 6 Year Term (Vote for 1)**

You voted for: Nena Cook

# ACCESSABLE COMPUTER SYSTEMS – 2008-11



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# Problems with ACS's

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- Purchased in 2007
- Ran Home Version of XP
- Specially configured ZoomText Reader
- Peripheral drivers often not compatible
- Election staff not IT skilled
- Only way to update OS or drivers was to have IT tech physically visit each office
- But ... they worked!

# Large Print AFB

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- Added a Large Print Ballot in 2009
- 11 x 17 and 8.5 x 14
- 18 point Aphont font
- Voters request LPB as their ballot of choice
- Need for LPB printed ballot growing

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US Congressional District 2

Representative in Congress, 2nd District, 2 Year Term (Vote for 1)

- Joyce B Segers Democrat, Working Families
- Greg Walden Republican
- Joe Tabor Libertarian
- or write-in: \_\_\_\_\_

Statewide Partisan

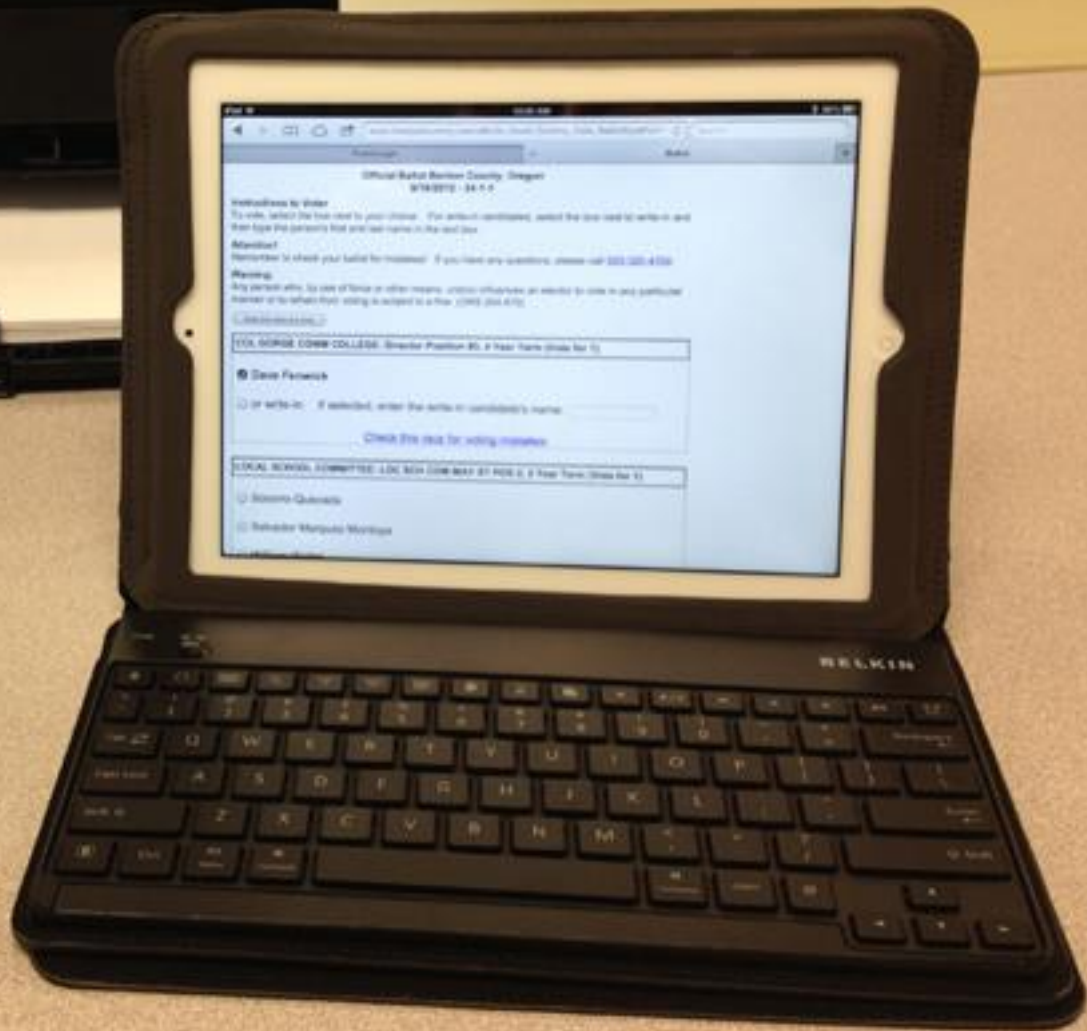
Secretary of State, 4 Year Term  
(Vote for 1)

- Seth Woolley Pacific Green
- Robert Wolfe Progressive
- Bruce Alexander Knight Libertarian
- Kate Brown Democrat, Working Families
- Knute Buehler Republican, Independent
- or write-in: \_\_\_\_\_

State Treasurer, 4 Year Term  
(Vote for 1)

- Ted Wheeler Democrat, Working Families
- Cameron Whitten Progressive
- John F Mahler Libertarian
- Michael Paul Marsh Constitution
- Tom Cox Republican
- or write-in: \_\_\_\_\_

Continue voting on other side ➡



Official Ballot Benton County Oregon  
11/02/10 - 11:11

Instructions to Voter  
To vote, select the race that is your choice. For each race, select the one race to write in and then type the person's first and last name in the race box.

Marking  
Remember to check your ballot for mistakes. If you have any questions, please call 503.325.4700.

Warning  
Any person who, by use of force or other means, unlawfully induces or entices to vote in any particular manner or to refrain from voting is subject to a fine of \$500 (ORS 26A.010).

Write in name

Dave Farnick

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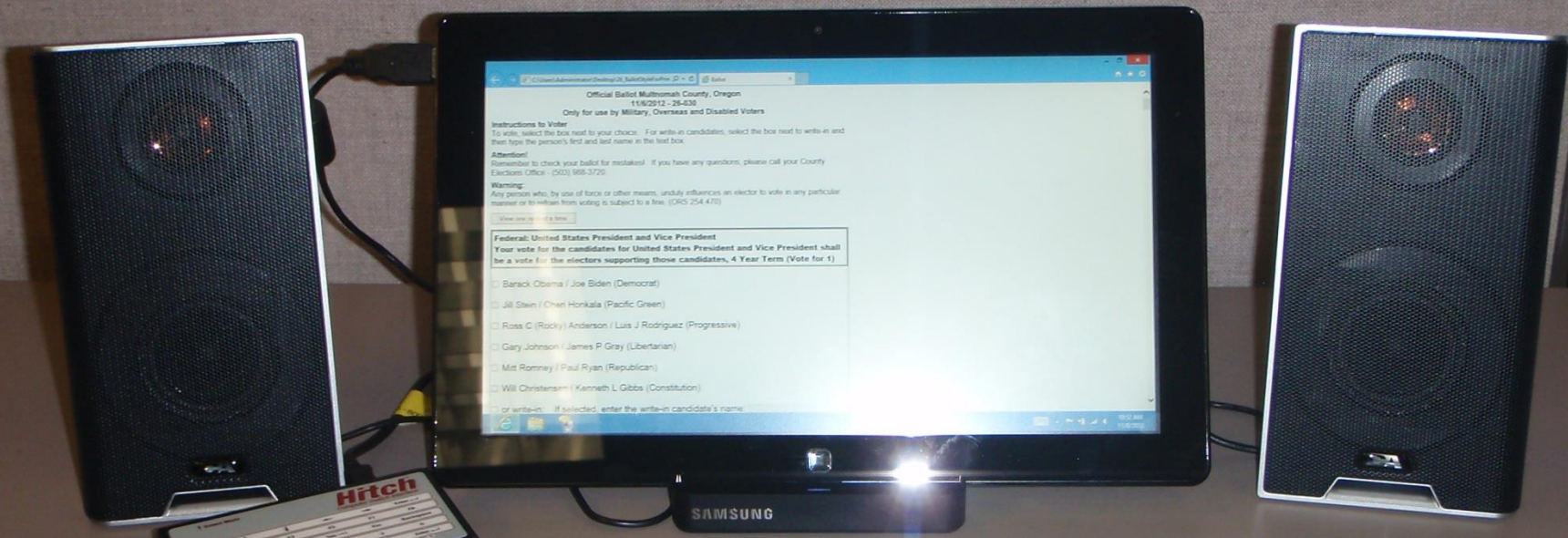
[Check For race for voting mistakes](#)

Sperry Quarterly

Barbara Margolis Morrison







Official Ballot Multnomah County, Oregon  
 11/02/08 - 25-030  
 Only for use by Military, Overseas and Disabled Voters

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# Five Criteria for AFB Platforms

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- ◉ Device has to have a Browser
- ◉ Screen Reader (native or ISV software)
- ◉ JavaScript capable and turned on
- ◉ Wi-Fi, internet and/or USB connection
- ◉ Printer connectivity (USB cable or Wi-Fi)

# Summary

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- HTML Ballots now being used by UVOCAVA and sighted voters
- Blind and disabled requesting HTML and voting at home on their own devices
- Large Format Ballots fit the older voter's need for traditional paper ballot
- AFB in VBM allows voters to take their time
- Tablet devices are being evaluated

AFB = Voting in Your Bath Robe!





Does this look familiar?

# Thoughts Toward the Future

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- ◉ Flexibility in voting process is essential
- ◉ Evolving platforms must enhance process
- ◉ Voters prefer voting the way they live their lives – mobile/connected or not.
- ◉ Unique people = unique needs
- ◉ USPS needs to stay in business!
- ◉ Voter privacy vs “right to be counted”

# Thank You!

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