

# ELECTION INTEGRITY CAUCUS

## 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

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### CAUCUS MEMBERSHIP

Members: ~60  
Subscribers to e-mail list: ~104

### MEETINGS

December 8, Portland – General Membership and Reorganization  
Attendance: 13 sign-ins

### ACTIVITIES

#### **Encouraged Caucus Involvement in 2012 State Platform Convention**

#1 in Top Twelve Legislative Action Items came out of Election Reform Plank  
*“Amend the U.S. Constitution to state that corporations are not people and money is not speech.”*

These were the top Legislative Action Items chosen for this plank during discussion at the Platform Convention. Starred items are the items that are in the official Platform of the DPO.

1. Establish a publicly funded campaign finance program designed to encourage voter participation and limit campaign spending. (*#17 ranked LAI for DPO in 2012-2013*)
2. Increase the transparency and accountability of all political contributions by requiring full and timely disclosure. Amend the U.S. Constitution to ensure Congressional and State authority over corporate political speech, and to prohibit all corporate financial contributions to political campaigns. (*#13 ranked LAI for DPO in 2012-2013*)
3. Amend the Oregon Constitution to abolish the 20-day voter registration deadline and to enable same-day voter registration.
4. Require voter-verified paper ballots and audits for all federal and state elections. (*#33 ranked LAI for DPO in 2012-2013*)
5. Oppose laws that restrict the right of all lawful citizens to vote, including, but not limited to, seniors, low-income individuals, students 18 and over, people of color and those convicted of crimes who have served their sentences.
6. Amend the U.S. Constitution to state that corporations are not people and money is not speech. \* (**#1 LAI in 2012-2013 official Platform of the DPO**)
7. Develop, use, and maintain public ownership of software with publicly inspectable source code in all aspects of elections, including election management, creation of ballot definition files and vote tallying.

**Action Alerts** sent to e-mail list:

- January – nationwide “Occupy the Courts” campaign – to support the reversal of *Citizens United v Federal Elections Commission* and the outlawing of Corporate Personhood.
- March – forwarded the Democratic Governors Association’s petition campaign to fight Voter Suppression
- July – “Join Senator Merkley - DISCLOSE vote on Monday”
- November - forwarded DPO’s Get-Out-The-Vote request for phone bankers, canvassers, and donations.

**Election Reform NEWS**

Seventeen separate items sent to e-mail list throughout year, including:

- Has America’s Stolen Election Process Finally Hit Prime Time?
- Rep. Blumenauer on fighting "Citizens United"
- numerous articles on Voter ID laws
- Post-election audit shows that the wrong candidates were declared winners, overturns election
- How U.S. Voter Suppression Laws are Infringing on Your Right to Vote
- Supreme Court Says No To Reconsideration Of Citizens United
- U.S. Chamber, GOP block election ad transparency bill
- Voter Empowerment Act In Senate
- Election Fraud Scandal In Clackamas County