

1. If you had the power of the Governor and Legislature and could take action that would help Oregon's construction industry and workers, what would you do?

- I would put more money in the hands of private business. So they can invest into there companies . creating jobs.
- Extend unemployment benefits until Oregon's UE rate is 6%. Eliminate ALL income tax on UE benefits. Be more diligent in pursuing federal stimulus money for government projects. Stop the roadblocks for building casinos and other projects. Start taxing sham nonprofits like churches, hospitals, Goodwill, etc. to provide funds for infrastructure. Legalize all drugs and tax the hell out of them for more revenue.
- Make it more friendly for the businesses that we rely on for work
- all state projects should have local contractor incentives(example: contractors from bend should have advantage for projects in their area) this is done by weight bidding.
- We need more industry related jobs and construction. We need more interests to bring in big business. There needs to be electricity to fuel these facilities. Nuclear power plants can accommodate these needs. We need to look into new energy possibilities in which all other types of construction will follow. The Department of Building should be stricter concerning licensing of the trades. The jobs need to be saved for American Citizens!
- Help make Oregon a more business friendly State by trying to attract businesses, either small or large. Incentives seem to have dwindled and businesses are relocating to the Vancouver, Washington
- Make hiring individuals without verifiable social security #'s not an allowable tax deduction for business owners, Wages paid to undocumented worker would be shown as profit and taxed accordingly.
- I would disallow fraudulent low bids in the market place. There are so many builders that know the low bid cant be done, which means we, the subs have to take lesser money and work hours. I dont know how you can control this, but if something doesnt happen soon the quality of workmanship will lead to bare bones saftey in construction and redos will end up costing the customer more in the long run.
- Provide tax exemption for individual workers with a gross income less than \$40,000. I would not qualify for this program. It has been a long time since any of you have had to live at our level, fact! For ALL employers, give a tax break (or exemption) on any insurances (including unemployment) and benefits provided to individual employees or their dependents to cap at \$10,000. This should be a three year program. Remove the all kicker rebates while this program is effect.
- lower business taxes to stimulate growth
- I would work towards co-operation between Oregon and neighboring States as far as trade licensing goes. The apparent "feuding" between the various agencies stifles those workers who would travel across state lines in pursuit of higher paying large construction projects.
- I would limit how much money any single individual is able to hoard! Too many single

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individuals have to big of the piece of pie, which leaves too little for the rest of us and gives too few people the potential to spend money or build construction sites. I would make a law that it would be against the law for individuals to have more than \$10 million dollars. They would have to figure ways for their friends or families to have some of the money and that would make every one richer and make less greedy hoards in the U.S.

- I would eliminate any and all regulations requiring wages to be paid at prevailing wage or Davis Bacon, and would stop the ridiculous spending of the Oregon government in the creation of taxpayer funded jobs.
- Start by getting rid of the new taxes that were just put in place.
- Create statewide solar power projects.
- Cut state spending by 50 percent
- Use State funds for short term (maintenance/repairs) and long term (bridges, road widening, traffic signal timing, crosswalks; things useful for many years) projects.
- Make it easier to become licensed to get work when my usual employer doesn't have work for me.
- Keep out of state contractors from taking jobs and employing workers from out state. Make sure that all state and county jobs go to companies based in Oregon.
- Lower taxes
- Impose a large tax on companies out of state doing work here with out of state workers.
- I'd remodel our inefficient buildings to bring them up to Leed standards and build High Speed Rail and not the clunky Amtrak wheel type. If China can build maglev, why can't we?
- First and most important thing I would do is remove all the ILLEGAL ALIENS from our industry. This can be accomplished by fining the contractors that hire them. Not just by talking tough but actually sending officials out to monitor jobs. This would also weed out many of the contractors that are not obtaining permits, not meeting OSHA standards, etc.
- Someone or group needs to think through what we need when we come out of this recession.

Oregon needs manufacturing jobs that sustain workers. Oregon could be made a hub for essential made in USA products. We need shirts, pants, shoes, re-bar, conduit, wire, electrical fittings, plumbing fittings, that are made in USA. Why not start in Oregon? This would trickle down. Construction, retailers, workers, etc. I think the American people have gotten the wake up call that to keep America strong we have to have a manufacturing base for our populous to support all that we consider American and they will consume home grown goods. It's like the village concept. Go to your neighbor to get something you need. We have to remember that all of us are not designed for college. Each of us takes out place in the wheel. The hub isn't much good if there are no workers in the rim, or no strength in the spokes.

- priorities and incentive structure are all wrong, if a person goes into business, over 40% goes to taxes to pay for things like government employees to have 13 paid holidays a year, 3 to 4 weeks of paid vacation and every benefit known to human kind

when you cant even afford health insurance or for yourself, if you hire someone, whatever you pay them you have to pay that much for taxes and misc. your chance of failure is 80 % because of all the expenses you have to incur and maintain just to stay in business. DO THIS, instead of making the public pay for more government funding, just cut taxes down to 10 % for start up companies and new technologies for the first 3 years that most of them don't make it. Make it so anyone in this country can walk into any hospital and get treated no matter where they got hurt, whether on the job at home or at play so that employers dont have to suck up those costs. Limit the amount of benefits that government employees get to what the general population gets. Put a cap on what people make to play with a "BALL" at one million a year and take the rest of that money to fund finding ways to eliminate child abuse and provide safe places for children to live and go to school so they have more options than to join a gang to survive or play ball all their waking hours because its their best opportunity to make a living. Put a cap on lawyers and sales occupations to one million a year so there is not so much incentive to rape people financially. Make it more profitable for people to solve our social ills and our pollution problems and needs for better products. People aslo dont need to have a PHD or a masters degree or some other 4 year degree to do most of the work that we need done. Almost every job can have an OJT component or associated night school with that work as long as the person has an interest and believe they can make a contribution. This all boils down to proposing an idea to the general public and teaching it in schools that says " What kind of work would you be happy doing that would have a component of benefitting others as well as yourself if you did not have to worry about massive amounts of education or you werent so burdened with taxes, fees and an endless regulations that altogether made it just overwhelming to even attempt doing that work", If you cant do what gives you satisfaction in this life then you will seek it in entertainment of some kind which only makes it more profitable to get into the entertainment industry or engage in crime or other highly lucrative occupations that you would rather not do but you cant make a living otherwise

- Remove the prevailing wage! The small business owner is eliminated when the job requires prevailing wage. It is also ridiculous to pay the prevailing wage rate. It is absolutely blown out of proportion. In a perfect world, for us, the unions would be eliminated.
- I Would reduce the tax and fees as much as possible, which would allow the regular people to have income to spend and create more jobs. This would evenulay create more work in the construction fields
- I have found that in residential area of the HVAC market that business license are too easy to get allowing everyone with very limited experience to open up their own business thus taking work away from the qualified companys by doing it cheaper, then when the problems start they can't fix them. I personally have followed behind other companys as a second opinion and fixed stupid mistakes and wonder why it ever worked in the first place. This adds a lot of expense to the customer and brings their final price back up to where the higher price companys were in the first place. Due to their cheap wages I, when applying for jobs , was basicly told I was to old and also

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overqualified for their positions. There needs to be minimum standards that must be proved before granting any license. In new construction many of the companys have moved our trade toward minimum wage workers which leads to no experience

and a poor installation in todays high efficiency market. A manditory five year apprenticeship

should be required for any installer directly under the supervision of a journeyman on the job

and not under the supervision of a person in the office as it usually is. HVAC as advanced as it

is getting, needs to start following the rules to the extent that the plumbers and electricians

have to go through. This loophole has cost many unsuspecting home owners a lot of money

figuring that because the person in the business he or she is as qualified as any other so they

buy by price.

- Crack down on illegal aliens working in this state. They are unsafe, unskilled and they don't pay taxes.

- Go after Industry that would benifit the populace in the areas that need good jobs.

- For starters find a way to reduce tax on all business, including the smallest ones cause thats

the foundation for the bigger ones. Also reduce tax on, vehicles, roads, gas to get to sites, and

back to the businesses that sell us matterial. Reduce all forms of insurance, including silly laws

that force the insurance and keep us from working effectively. (cell phone, and seatbelt laws?)

Reduce government spending by Firing most administrators, bring in new leaders, willing to

work for less than half the pay!

- Lower taxes and fees on businesses. Remove excess fees on new construction.

- i havent thought about it.

- put state and federal funds into infrastructure jobs.

- Get going on infrastructure projects.

- When going out for bid on jobs, make it a requirement to have a local contractor awared the

job. I work in the Astoria area, and the last 3 "stimulis money" jobs have gone to the out of

town contractors, this does really stimulate Clatsop County.

- repeal measures 66 and 67

- Put more money into school and universty up grades

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- Public projects: Infrastructure, let's upkeep and upgrade our roads, power grid, and other key infrastructures. How about our parks and other recreational facilities, Oregon is a beautiful state, let's put people to work keeping it that way. State funded projects cost money, no doubt, but if that money goes to Oregon businesses and workers, then it will also be spent in the Oregon economy. I'd rather our tax money be spent putting people to work, then simply cover unemployment.
- Promote business and industry, take advantage of timber resources.
- I am not a big advocate for government intervention, but with the government growing and the private sector shrinking, I need to think about how to better things in a way that's not necessarily my selfish ways. With all the years I've been alive it's always been if you want something to get done give incentive. Bringing business to Oregon, increasing the size of business we have currently and offering cash incentives to those with ideas to make Oregon bustle. It's always been the little guy with big dreams.
- I would re-instate shop classes in high school, teach children how to work with tools, and give them options other than sitting in front of a computer.
- build new schools, offices and public buildings.
- It seems to me that the unions have a strangle hold on progress. I'm under the belief that if employers were forced to pay a living wage/benefits packages employment will seek an equilibrium. This balance would be a fair wage paid for any job. Opening up government contract bidding to employers that are not part of a union would hurt the unions yet at the same time it would probably help more people than it hurt. It will need to be monitored of course.
- make health care affordable, cut government waste so my taxes might go down, make city, county, and state workers work to retirement age like the rest of us. I'm getting tired of paying the bill for Cadillac healthcare programs and what I call early retirements.
- Recent tax on people with 250,000 a year income or more was a hit on construction industry, not a stimulus. Because they are the ones who lease office/commercial space for their business. We are building new buildings right now in downtown Portland, but we are surrounded by vacant offices and apartment buildings. So we need to concentrate on

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attracting small business owners not driving them away with unreasonable taxes and regulations. So my advice would be to stimulate small businesses just like port of Kalama is

doing in Washington, and increase the demand on living space in Portland.

- Number one is to make it economically undesirable for an employer to hire an illegal alien in

the construction trade. Many of our jobs have gone to them. I'd institute a regulation that

would state that if an employee's SSN and name don't match the federal database, the employee's wages cannot be claimed as a business expense for tax purposes. Many other

similar laws could be enacted. What construction jobs there are out there should go to Americans!

- Welcome new businesses to Oregon! have incentives for new companies to start here. Oregon

has so much to offer to regarding quality of living. I think the measure #66 and #67 will have

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- First thing I would do is regulate the banking industry. I thinks its its an injustice what we have

to pay for homes and the interest we pay on them. You want to spark construction, give

people fair and balanced market place. Protect the workers that are going to buy and contribute to the market. They make up the majority of consumers not the bankers or for that

mater the business owners.

- Reduce taxes to free up more income for construction and expansion of business. Offer

incentives for renewable energy systems.

- Begin spending on repairing infrastructure. Expedite and funds avaailable to get people back

on the job and off unemployment, if they haven't exhausted it already.

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- Eliminate or minimize the influence that the Union has on regulatory agencies. Mitigate the requirements for capable people to work as a resource for homeowners for repair and replacement. Right now you have an old boys club that controls and limits the coming and goings of people into certain trades. There is a need for consumer protection, but that should not be the main reason to prevent qualified people from plying their trade. Less government. More individual responsibility.
- Quit Implementing Taxes on small businesses. Get control of unemployment tax our rates are making it tougher to re hire. And Licencing for our tradesmen. Our Licences hardly recipitate with any states any more not even with our neighboring ones. Ive worked in most of those states in my lifetime and guess what Oregon is Not in a league of their own. Quit acting Like It!!!!!! make it eisier for our tradesmen to seek work elsewhere when needed and for out of state to come here.
- I understand that measure 67 was passed by the voters, however I believe this will have a lasting negative impact on the state's economy. Our business plans on tacking on the corporate tax extra burden to every bill we send out to our customers (including state agencies we work for). I don't doubt that we are in the majority and Oregon's tax payers will be seeing an increase in every single service rendered by private corporations. Those companies that find better situations out of state will be moving due to this oppresive situation. We have no plans on relocating, but will be seeking licensing in other states to diversify our project workload and offset the burden placed on us by measure 67.
- Construction is based for the most part on companies wanting to grow and expand the type of buisness they bring to the community. if the companies come under the assumption they are at a financial threat by either slow market or high taxes, then they will begin to tighten the capital expense projects, improvement projects, and even to the point of relocating out of the area or even state. This also brings the fear of job loss to the employees who will not spend to

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remodel or have new homes built. This trickle down affect causes lack of financial growth in every corner of the economy in Oregon. So the construction worker has three options; move on to another location to work so he can pay his or her bills and raise a family, wait for things to turn around while watching his or her family suffer and lose everything they have worked for, or try to find a new line of work in this current economy. So my answer would be assist the industries and companies to stay in buisness in Oregon and open the borders to other industries that is looking to relocate else were, and hopefully not over seas. It is the companies that make this nation strive, construction people want to do what they know how to do, and that is work and work hard. they want to build America not watch jobs go over seas to build other contries.

- ONE STEP, ONE ACT, WOULD DRAMATICALLY IMPROVE MORTGAGE DEFAULTS, HOMELESS FAMILY HOUSING NEEDS, UNEMPLOYMENT AND TAX REVENUE SHORTFALLS: Simply relax the extremely restrictive state and local regulations against modifying, remodeling or restructuring ample existing homes in order to accommodate two cooperating families, who together can keep up a mortgage, create construction employment, and weather the recession.

- tStart rebuilding infrastructure

- Make sure that the BETC stays in Oregon's future. Without this assistance right now and in the near future, the movement towards a more sustainable future for Oregon is in jeopardy.

- My neighbor is general contractor. A few years ago his insurance went from ~\$1000 to \$20k in one year. He had no issues because I looked up his license online. Whenever a change in procedure or law happens with you guys, it puts someone out of business. Please leave the laws alone. I would'nt mind your crowd to just stay home and get paid than look busy making laws to kill jobs.

- I would do what I could to help keep hi tech and manufacturing jobs at home, not abroad. I

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would somehow penalize companies that take these jobs to other countries and off shore.

- Stop increasing business fees. We are in a recession. How does increasing the fees of doing

business in Oregon benefit anyone but the government?

- Lower taxes

- ease up on rules and regulations

- I would make it harder for out of state and out of area employers to get jobs where their is an

ample local supply of workers available.

- Remove the credit score method of determining a contractors bond and insurance rates and

substitute past performance as the guideline. Lower the minimum bond requirement.

Allow a

contractor to post his own cash bond in a state bond account. I pay \$1950.00 for \$15,000.00

bond each year. This is Loan sharking. I recently inquired if I could draw 15K out of my savings

and post the bond with the state and was informed that it was no longer possible. My Bond

should be no more than \$300, per year. I started contracting in 1972 and have had one dispute which I settled with the customer.

- I would get the Democrats and Republicans out of office. I would replace them with people

from the work force who know what it is to be out of work. Ones that would not take or politic

over items that were necessary to make strong schools and places to work.

- Find a way to bring more companies to Oregon.

- disband the legislature

- Revoke Measures 66 & 67. Better yet, how about authorizing every contractor who has done

business with the state of Oregon in the last year to go ahead and increase their invoices by

10% and make it retroactive back to Jan 1, 2009. That is what the Governor has done to

businesses in Oregon.

- Take a close hard look at the reasons for existing regulations and expenses stoppering work

across Oregon. I would bet there are more than a few "too special" interests propping some of

them up. See below

- I would increase inforcement of building codes and permitting. This would help level the field

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with companies and workers that skirt the rules to undercut competition. I would implement

a system to promote Oregon contractors over out of state contractors on all state funded

projects. These contractors and workers pay the taxes to support the state they should get the work.

- help small contractors be able to fairly bid against large contractors who can carry a certain

loss in bidding do to their enormous size. And the fact they use a lot of unlicensed employees

to save money and apprentice ratios out of wack.

- Enforce the immigration laws so that US citizens can have jobs.

- I would cut taxes and focus incentives on both new and existing small business. I would try to

rebuild a business friendly environment that has been compromised by the current and previous administrations.

- Get the government out of our pockets. Tax incentives would be nice. Drop the prices on land

so people could afford to build.

- Renovation dollars for upgrades to existing buildings to enhance liveability and efficiency. The

future is not in volume construction but in supporting a sustainable and attractive lifestyle

opportunity that doesn't expand the city boundaries but adds value within.

- make sure the business environment is conducive to new businesses.

- Open up the forest to logging ease the regulations to building of new power plants get Alcoa to

fire up their plant in the Dalles.

- Create legislation that would encourage growth and promote Oregon as being "Open for

Business". Government projects, i.e. Schools, should have a bid list and an interview process

for contractors as well as subcontractors. project specifications should be enforced. Is the

cheapest bid always the best bid? Why are out of state or country contractors selected to build

Oregon's infrastructure.... Redmond High??? Honestly I am very displeased with our governor and the policies of our state Legislature. (I am pleased with Chris Telfer) I believe

that if Oregon continues to spend unwisely, raise taxes, and throw regulation in front of business we will continue to be in the same category as Michigan and California. I think we are

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better than that and with our abundance of renewable resources and very bright people,

Oregon should be the envy of the nation. We need industry and jobs not windmills and tourism. If the people are prosperous so then will be the construction industry. Oh and enforce

our existing laws and stop allowing illegal aliens to do the work of legal citizens.

Granted this

may add 10-15% to the cost of a project but I believe it is a small price to pay.

- Upgrade all government facilities to keep up with the modern era creating jobs for all trade and

open fair bidding for all contractors not just the normal few. Also I see so many immigrants

and many illegals that are infecting the construction industry working cheaper under the table

and not contributing tax money like the rest of us not to mention their quality of work is horrible. Some sort of audit or quality control needs to be enforced in that aspect.

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- lower taxes on bussines so maybe they would stay in OR

- Not allow out of state contractors to come into Orgeon and take our work !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- I would make the state more friendly to small business, not tax them so heavy that they can't

afford to build or expand.

- It may seem like a personal quest, however, us the regular people of the world need to be able

to afford a reasonable living. There seems to be an alarming trend in this country where greed

consumes our lives and where CEO's and corporate America can afford to give themselves

unreasonable bonuses and not even flinch at the thought of whether they earned it or not.

This may not answer the above question adequately but unless we the little people can afford

a reasonable living, has everything to do with economical health.

- While the Economy is slow, I would put workers on Infrastructure projects. With the new

environmental standards we have today, we could be upgrading our public schools, community

colleges and Government buildings. We could be building and remodeling more energy efficient structures, which would pay for itself. We could make our power grid more efficient.

We could also regulate the foreign made products that we consume and use. 'Made in the

USA' means that we are manufacturing our own wealth and riches. If we increased tariffs on

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imported items, our local manufacturer's could compete with foreign corporations, that pay slave wages and have no labor laws. We would be building new plants to suit these new businesses. We could also regulate the speculative investing going on in the oil markets, which are driving up the price of gas. The extra \$50 to \$100 bucks a week that goes into our gas tanks is the money we used to take our families out to dinner. Now that Chase bank has that money too, our local restaurants are going belly up. We could be building new restaurants. Our work force would be taken off of unemployment and paying taxes. Your coffers would be full.

- !!!!!!!LOWER TAXES!!!!!! Let the people take home what they worked hard for. SMALLER

GOVERNMENT, Stay out of our business, Remember you work for the people, The people DO NOT work for you. WELFARE, where do i start. That whole system needs to be "REMODELED".

People need to be held accountable for their actions, Including the Governor and the Legislature. It used to be a privilege, an honor to hold an office. Where has the honor gone?

Security and education, they are always the first things targeted to get a bill passed. They

should never become a target. PERIOD. I could go on, I hope you get the point, Americans are getting tick off at both State and Federal Governments.

- quit raising taxes on the businesses that drive our economy. cut some of the programs that provide for the non-productive sectors.

- Lower taxes in income, find a way to cut some of the permits, permits, permits from counties.

Change the law on subdivision of small parcels of land. Taxes on business must be cut. If

Owners can't make money, how can they employ the rest of us? Offer a one time \$20,000 tax

write-off that could be used for a downpayment on a new home. The lumber prices from

Canadian markets are unfair because of their subsidies that our loggers and lumber mills cannot compete on an even field.

- Work to create an attractive and healthy business environment to entice new employers to

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Oregon and to foster expansion of existing business, thus expanding both commercial and residential construction opportunities.

- CUT THE TAXES!!

- Health care... other states have made it a priority. Education-support it from preschool on through college. Job creation...work on infrastructure, roads bridges, schools, Public Buildings, State Parks

- Forget about all of the road construction and go after the banks not lending to the potential home buyers to get the housing market jump started. Once banks begin lending again, we can

all go back to work. Also, start penalizing businesses that use illegal immigration for workers (ie. \$25,000 for each illegal alien caught on the job site). Hit up banks and harsh penalties for illegals.

- IF I HAD THE POWER TO HELP THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY I WOULD RELEASE MORE MONEY TO HELP BUILD BUILDINGS THAT WOULD BRING IN MORE JOBS FOR THE TRADES AS WELL AS OTHERS AND WITH THAT MORE PEOPLE COULD FEEL BETTER ABOUT THEMSELVES AND THAT WOULD GET THEM TO BUY HOUSES WHICH IN TURN WOULD SPUR ON MORE WORK FOR THE TRADES WHICH WOULD CREATE MORE MONEY FOR GOVERNMENT WHICH COULD SPUR ON MORE WORK AND SO THE CIRCLE KEEPS GOING.

- The most obvious is to recognize that we want to work but the opportunity isn't there. Extended unemployment benefits are a must. Many of us have payed in for 10 years without drawing only to have an outdated system deny the need for long term benefits in todays

economic downturn. To get more bang for the buck fix our infrastructure. Roads, school buildings and public buildings need to be fixed. Don't pay us unemployment benefits.

Fix the stuff. We do it for a living. Don't count on doing it in house with maintenance staff with little or

no construction experience, use trained workers who will bid the work and complete the task

on time and on budget. I especially encourage the use of union workers as they are the most trained and get it right the first time.

- Cut taxes and stream-line or reduce regulation.

- try to bring new business into the state by tax releifs

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- take some lottery money and fix the roads and bridges.
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- I would channel funding towards government and public building improvements, along with new development. I would also consider offering a state tax deduction for any home improvements performed by a licensed contractor.
- Lower taxes or provide incentives as happened during the Pres. bush years which encouraged companies to re-invest in their own companies which I experienced in the early 00's. this provided Overtime work for small business employees and work for small subcontractors as I experienced.
- Eliminate state mandated licensing. Allow groups to "certify", and provide stiff penalties (felony type) for advertising as certified if not. The state should not be in the business of price supports, which our current scheme of licensing is. IBEW/NECA should be certifying in my area, not the state.
- Reduce the size of Government, reduce taxes for small business, incent businesses to be here. Eliminate unemployment tax on business owners who can't collect it even if they need it.
- the private sector housing market with its overcapacity and upside down value problems will continue to be a drag for some time yet. Business growth seems to be our best immediate bet. tax incentives for hiring and expansion (especially through building) should be considered.
- Lower the taxes you just increased so maybe a business would even consider moving here or expanding here.
- Revamp the Prevailing wage system. Bring wages in line with the current economy. Stop giving special contract considerations to minority and women owned businesses. Bring the playing field back to level ground and start allowing more contracts to be geared towards non union labor.
- I would make sure that taxes on small businesses & BUSINESS in short was conducive to survive-bring in more!

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- Eliminate the "market recovery" kickbacks for the Union member companies to create a fair playing field.
- Cut Taxes. Raising taxes does not entice companies to stay on Oregon.
- Reverse measure 66&67 and help the small businesses who make up a large portion of Oregon.
- Stop prevailing wage would save on taxes
- I don't believe I qualify to make a statement. Not enough working knowledge of what could be done without having possible negative results.
- The root of the problem lies at the national level. Until we repeal the trade policies of the 1990's (NAFTA and the MFN china deal) that sent our manufacturing first across the Rio Grande, and then across the Pacific, there will be no "economic recovery". Like a dysfunctional alcoholic family, the politicians and economic "experts" keep ignoring the Elephant in the middle of the living room.
- Eliminate the Oregon prevailing wage and project labor agreements. Open all new projects to non-union as well as union only projects. Allow for a competitive prevailing wage rather than an inflated rate set by Oregon BOLI. BOLI is much better than it was with Dan Gradner but an open line of reasoning would go a long way in making it fair to all licensed contractors.
- Demand a complete review and lowering of all prevailing wage rates and worker benefit amounts. Lower prevailing wages by at least 30%. Start spending stimulus and other state budget moneys on buildings instead of roads. Road and bridge work does not employ even a fraction of workers that building employ. Look at all the trickle down Money spent on a buildings vs roads. Steel workers, glass workers, carpet and floor layers painters, drywall, electricians, plumbers, roofers, architects, engineers, use your imagination, they all buy hundreds of supplies from local suppliers. Look now at a road. Concrete, asphalt and gravel. plus most of the work is done with heavy equipment. thus much fewer jobs created. this is so rudimentary I am disappointed that the legislature can deal with this. An example of the projects that could be funded immediately is the new Science building at SO College. It has

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been on the table for years. I am sure there are many other building projects and remodel projects at schools and colleges throughout our state. Primarily the Legislature needs to look how to cut spending on state employees. This is a huge expense and burden on small business. Business overhead and taxes crush all but the most profitable businesses. Look around there is 25% unemployment in the Construction industry. We all have to cut to the bone while government hires more people to do less work.

- First: I wouldn't raise taxes, whatever form they might take. It is amazing once you are a building contractor how many agencies have their hand in your pocket and most of them aren't considered taxes but fees. How many people use TriMet to get to my shop? Zero...How many times did I use TriMet to haul tools and material to a jobsite? Zero....Who paid TriMet taxes every year? We do.

- number one I wouldn't have brought up the 66 and 67 initiatives...it hurts Oregon business

- Add more inspectors create low interest remodel loans create trust in consumer to invest in home,

- It seems to me that the principal impediment to returning the Oregon construction industry to robust activity is the lack of consumer demand for goods and services throughout the economy generally. Without that, I can't imagine where the customers for new construction or remodel

are going to come from. Consumers for new homes or remodeling of existing homes will

hold off doing anything as long as they perceive a risk of job loss, and business customers

won't consider new construction as long as their current facilities are under-utilized, nor will

they consider remodeling their existing facilities if they can make do with what they've got.

Except to the extent that the State itself is the ultimate consumer of construction services -

building/remodeling its own buildings, overhauling infrastructure like roads and bridges and the

like - I doubt that the State can materially improve the business climate for the construction

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industry. I've never heard anyone complain that regulatory requirements were so onerous - and senseless - that they cried out for reform or change; they're generally viewed as necessary, or at the very least, reasonable. So if I were "King of Oregon" I don't know if I'd be able to do much for the construction industry other than to accelerate a general overhaul of the State's infrastructure as funding permitted.

- Bring back all of the manufacturing jobs NAFTA got rid of.
- Require all contractors to use e-verify. I have been in the construction industry since 1962 in Oregon and too many illegals are taking our jobs. With the exception of plumbers and electricians which have to be State licensed all other jobs are done by non-english speaking foreigners from south of our borders
- Lower taxes and fees required to build projects. Govmnt funded projects requiring "prevailing wages" that are so far above the normal working wage with no added value.
- refurbish state structures / roads / etc. that NEED UPGRADING FOR OR. STATE. use and request stimulus monies for real needs
- We need to get the ball rolling on some of the Clean Energy projects that are in a holding pattern due to environmental issues and funding. This would get the excavation, iron workers, concrete flat work, and electricians back to work. Funding should be released for federal state and local government buildings, both new and remodel (all trades would be involved in these projects). If the government releases more of the tax payers money to the banks they need to have someone in place to make sure that the money is being loaned to small businesses, the last TARP was used to fund the banks and no one was overseeing the use of the money. As a result small businesses did not see much of that if any and work in the construction industries came to a near stand still, however the banks seemed to recover nicely.
- Award Oregon contracts to Oregon State Contractors.
- Fund school construction and renovation. Ensure the facilities were of the highest quality to educate the workforce of tomorrow. Renovate every public building with new energy efficient

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LED lighting, heating and cooling, insulation, and renewable energy (solar photovoltaics and solar thermal). This will reduce energy costs of those buildings over the long run and reduce our dependence on foreign oil. I would remove the bureaucracy of the community colleges from construction trade apprenticeship programs, the tax dollars that flow towards apprenticeship training programs in the form of FTE's are often diverted by community colleges to other funding. The construction trades apprenticeship programs are far better at training tradespeople than the community colleges, who may be educators that can teach academics but they have no clue as to what is needed to training construction workers. I would ensure that all the tax dollars for apprenticeship programs went directly to the JATC's.

- Construction can only happen if there are jobs and people qualified to work. Bringing industry into Oregon helps, but only if we have a ready workforce. If I were governor, creating trade schools would be at the top of my list. Notice that I said trade schools and not community colleges. Although community colleges are our best resource at this time, schools created to train specific trades would help to offset the academic approach to trades taken at many community colleges. I would also provide funding to middle and high schools for fully equipped shops with modern equipment and well trained vocational instructors. Not all students are on the "college track" and we must do better to provide opportunities for students that want to enter the trades or lack the resources to go to college. Trade schools would allow students to work toward trade licenses while in school. This would allow them to get into the labor force at a living wage very quickly. Because employers have to compete for workers with the "benefit" of health care, many small businesses can't compete in today's markets. Universal health care would go a long way to allowing small business employers to have health care and healthy workers at lower costs.
- Ensure that any money coming into the state go to the union building trades who are educated and prepared to handle any job.

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- We are helpless on a state level, the fed blew it when they spent our money on bailing out the big guys which left the people uncertain about the financial future and unwilling to invest or spend. If the same amount of money had been allocated to drastically reducing taxes we would be out of this mess by now. There are many of us that are filing independent for the future.
- Repair and upgrade Oregon's public buildings, through energy conservation technologies.
Encourage industrial development for family wage jobs.
- I'm not sure what the Governor or the Legislature can do about a nationally depressed construction market spurred on by the current economy.....
- push infrastructure remediation or mass transit projects . They provide family living wages, are supported by ARRA and the state of our infrastructure is shameful
- low interest loans to schools, universities, colleges, hospitals, and other infrastructure industries
to use union contractors for new construction or retrofit existing outdated facilities.
especially
the electrical!
- Permit the BANKS to free up loans so Businesses can expand.
- Cut the upper wages and benefits of State Employees, requesting utilities and encouraging
the private sectors to follow suit. The top half of living has become unbearable, causing inflationable cost to operate beyond our ability to support.
- Simplify the electrical, and other licensing requirements in Oregon. I know for a fact that there
are many employers that overlook Oregon due to the ridiculous red tape in Salem. I do understand the need for verification of one's skills, but it is so convoluted here in Oregon that
many industries and contract employers simply don't want to participate here.
- Create a task force with contracting industry members to create solutions to the issues.
- I think that the best action would be to try to prevent the banking industry from becoming so
powerful that they can destroy so many people's lives.
- I would revise the PERS agreements. The public should not be required to support the public
employees after they retire. This alone would allow for substantial tax reductions and
allow for
a surplus in the budget. I would like to limit government involvement and regulations in
all

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areas.

- 1. Cut back on the size of Government. We can see everyday how badly our tax dollars are wasted on frivolous crap. 2. STOP Taxing us to death. Measure 67 may close our business; that will add 25 more people to the jobless ranks. 3. Salem is running businesses out of this state and replacing the jobs with more bureaucracy. 4. Stop giving money away to illegal immigrants and freeloaders.
- Hire more recruiters, to attract business to Oregon. Start recruiting like a college coach, your life depends on it.
- Stop ejecting workers from the apprenticeship system. If you lose your job and don't get a "approved" job within the next 3...5 months you are OUT of the apprenticeship program (no matter what year you are in). How is that stable?
- Use all stimulus money for actual work projects, not for politically connected, engineering, and consulting firms, use the money to build things not pay people to think up ideas of ways to spend the money. Look at a plan to provide affordable housing also.
- Lower taxes. Promote the harvest of our vast renewable resource of timber.
- Perhaps direct towards small businesses ?? Perhaps less money going to road crews that have proliferated everywhere and already work long hours ?? fund production rather than services ??
- The electrical trade in Oregon has artificial licensing requirements which are designed to limit access to certain types of work to those who have been involved in a formal (union) apprenticeship. There are no good available alternate paths for those with skills and experience in related fields to enter or advance in this trade. In many cases the rules have more to do with how and by whom an individual is employed rather than with their skills and experience. Open up the field.
- I would set up a program that allows all employers to bid on state economic development dollars that are typically used to attract new business to Oregon. Employers would provide how many new employee hours would be provided vs. how many state job creation dollars per new

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employee hour created. This would allow the state to quickly determine "bang for the buck"

on new jobs created.

- Stop using the permit system as a CASH COW, and use it as it was intended to standardize safety, quality and legitimate contractors. All the little Hitlers running around with their \$5000

industrial laptops, wifi and thermal printers \$\$. I was at a site this past year where a customer

was doing a remodel in King City where the mechanical, electrical and plumbing inspectors all

showed up (same day) and picked this poor home owner to death (openly admitted they had

no other sites to go to) . Even had the home owner pull another electrical permit because he

ran a stereo speaker wire...

- Fastracking projects to get them to the bid process results in unnecessary cost overruns due to poor engineering and attention to detail. Our Stimulus projects are a prime example, all the

designers are complaining they did not have enough time to put the project together. Suddenly

we contractors are paying testing fees on State projects that were always covered in State

projects, adding costs plus markup to projects.

- Not burden business with any new taxes. Eliminate the red tape as much as possible. Encourage do not discourage business.

- Work needs to be generated through the improvment and building of infastructure projects.

Projects that included power generation, power consumption upgrades in existing buildings and

institutions, updating general public facilities. Projects that use all of the construction trades

and have a life cycle of more than one year in duration. Funding for these improvements can

originate from federal funding to state spending that can be obtained from taxes that are

levied more evenly across the population and the corperate tax structures ie. do away with

property tax and install a flat sales tax that is paided by all of the population and install a

corperate tax that is more subtantional than the last measures (66, and 67) that were passed.

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Additional funds can be generated by the correction of the current health care system. If the Federal government cannot get it right let Oregon not wait any longer make the corrections as is currently being done and the savings in this state alone can be put towards new infrastructure projects. Take this thing by the horns and act. Currently I have seen nothing more than inaction. Not sweeping plans, no action for employment, no plans or even solutions put up for discussion. If these kinds of inactions were taken during the great depression we would still be there. One last thing party bickering it just has to go. In the end it does not serve anyone of the general population. You all were put there to serve us not collect from us.

- Reduce the permit fees by local jurisdictions. they are raising fees to cover there cost which is stifling the economy. impose tax relief for small buisnesses so they can build capitol to expand there buisnesses and increase jobs. Provide incentives for buisnesses who are willing to expand or do imporvements to there office buildings or teneant spaces. the State of Oregon is increasing costs for buisnesses which is causing them te shrink back even furthure. we need to help them to grow, this will allow them to spend more wich will trickle through the masses allowing our economy to grow which will in turnn give more money to the government. this circle needs to be reestablished not crushed by the needs of the government.

- I would stop taxing out of state workers.
- throw out measure 66 & 67. If you take more of my money I have less to spend. I have never had a poor man give me a job. get rid of it. LOWER TAXES and you guys take a cut.

- Improvements to our infrastructure. especially in rural areas of our state. Make changes to allow financing for qualified homebuyers. I've heard that financial institutions are requiring a 60% equity for home loans.

- I would first repeal measure 66 & 67 you want business in Oregon or you don't. Apparently All of Oregon except 5 counties, that hold the liberal give me something for nothing attitude.will be driving business out of Oregon to include physicians and many professionals.

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- I have been watching the direction of the governor's office and applaud every move. I cannot say the same for others in the construction trade or IBEW 48. I bought a Prius in 2000 (one of the 1st ones), have promoted it and the 2 others I subsequently acquired for the entire last decade. Even among engineers and fellow electrical workers, my role-modeling has had dismal traction, at least for my expectations. This is OUR TIME for union trades with labor-friendly state, and now federal people in power, but the opposition never seems to waver in their acts of sabotage, (as I see them). I am now 55 and have a vision of the future, but to many of mine and later generations, I see far too much cynicism, forgetfulness of where we came from, and lack of enthusiasm for improving the future. Some kind of inspirational leadership is what is needed, but I have to say, when I took leadership of electrical marine operations in 2007, I was unable to infect my team with my enthusiasm, and had my hands full avoiding getting thrown under the bus in our own bureaucracy here at the port, with those above, or under me.
- I would like to see everything I purchase made in the USA
- Politicians, bankers, corporations—go to hell
- Stop spending federal dollars on only road projects that DO not involve the construction industry as a whole and focus on projects that do involve a broader spectrum of the industry. Many of us have sat at home needing work watching stimulus money spent on only a few trades mainly road crews who have stayed busy even without stimulus projects.
- One illegal means illegal, enforce present immigration laws. This will raise wages, two stabilize the housing market by fixing residential loans at five percent renewable every three years. The tax laws need to be fixed so there, equal the constitution allows all men (preamble) are created equal, this is life long. So a 10 % tax across the board period, no non profits, first thirty five thousand tax exempt. (reduces administration cost of welfare) will seriously energize economy with influx of cash. All medical is 100% tax deductible this (also reduces

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administration cost.) reduce IRS by 75% (11.5 billion budget). These people can retrain as financial advisers.

- Chase all the illegals out of the State. Don't increase the Corporate tax, wait, it's too late we

did that to ourselves. Look for ways to reduce the cost of the dozens of fees we pay.

- Limit the amount of product that can be imported and tax the co. that move to Mexico or other

country's for cheap labor but still charge the same as when it was made in the US

- I would absolutely seek to introduce legislation that would lower taxes across the board, but

particularly for business small and large.

- I would abolish the LCDC and all of its legislative laws and administrative rules and give land

use planning back to the county, where it never should have been removed. It would seem this

should have been learned from USSR's failure and downfall.

- Reduce taxes all around.

- don't know

- Pass tax incentives to help homeowners to remodel their homes. Such as new windows,

doors, insulation, sheetrock, electrical, and hvac enabling older homes to be updated or made

more green

- Speed up the permitting process, offer tax benefits to new and remodeling projects

- Quit making it more difficult on the people trying to do work legitimately. When times are

tough and the economy is down the rules seem to get worse and I have to spend more money

just to stay in business. Continuing education credits and lead paint certification, just to

name a few do not help contractors that run a legitimate business it only hinders us. It seems

like there are more and more guys entering the construction industry without being licensed or

insured just to put food on the table for the families. These un-licensed workers don't have

near the overhead and are doing jobs at prices a licensed contractor can't compete with and

now we have to spend more money just to keep our license. This whole lead base certification

is a joke. If you were really concerned about people's welfare the course would cost much less

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and the certification be free. All the new law is going to do is make more illegal workers and home owners will have to do more of their own work, since there are no rules about a home owner working with lead base paint. I Don't see how either of those situations will help the construction industry. I do agree that it is important to be informed but it is going to cost me almost \$600.00 initially to get certified and then re-new my certification every two years. We have known lead base paint is dangers for years, what is the point of recertifying, is the lead going to become more dangerous or are we contractors so dumb that we might forget in two years. It is nothing more than a money making oppurtunity for the government and a pitfall for the cconstruction workers. The Governor needs to give credit to those that have been able to survive the down turn in the economy and find ways to give us tax breaks so we can either hire more employees or give the ones we raises.

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- I don't know if you could do anything. In my opinion it's not a matter of construction incentive, it's a matter of greed. The government and lobbyists care nothing for the working class. That's why you're about to ignore these comments. Oregon has horrible fees, fines and expensive regulations that make working nearly impossible. As long as rich people have power, the working class will NEVER be able to live free and hope to hold down a job and support a family, let alone have any insurance.

- I would provide a tax credit for businesses that build new offices or remodeled their existing offices within the next 1-2 years

- Kick the enviromentalists out of the state and use common sense to run our state and constuction industry

- I would develop a pro-business attitude and aggressively solicit business to expand or locate operations in Oregon. I would promote a "we need business" campaign to change Oregonians' outlook toward business. Your general population takes a very socialist anti-business position.

- I would look to cut expenses for the small businesses in the state. Be that employment taxes

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or business license fees, or permit fees, or whatever else I could find that would get more businesses going. And make the state more friendly to business so that they can again start hiring people. These could be short term solutions (a year or two) to get the economy moving again. Then continue to work on getting more business to come to Oregon as their home base. High taxes cause business to leave and there also go the jobs and the tax revenue.

- Cut Taxes, Cut State Spending
- invest in infrastructure, bridges, mass transit, public works..
- lower taxes, immediately repeal 66 & 67, & make workers comp more affordable. Saif is one of the most ridiculous entities I have ever seen, requiring employees to work , even if on limited duty, protecting the employer, while the injured employee eventually gets fired by their employer. Makes rehab & finding a new occupation pretty tuff after all is said & done Reign in the pay scale , fringe benefits, Pers for all public employees, making them more in line with the private sector, saving millions. Sick time, berevement time, ect., should not be accrued to compile wage retirement amounts. Every time the "budget deficiet is proclaime it means cutting essential services" according to those whom are presentiuing the issue. Farse!!, How about cutting salaries & benefits? This current system projects Gov. employees deserve better than the general public, & is shown in the manner it takes for plan checks, permits, inspections, ect... w/o any liability, for their errors. Fact is these public employees & their unions have exerated their influence far too long. I remember a time when most of the general population did not want a gov. Job because the wages were much lower than the private sector, but the benefits were marginally better.... now the wages ae far exceeding the private sector & the benefits are off the charts.....mmost of the private sector can not afford to even come close to these benefits. Reality is with 30%+ of the population on some form of social welfare, & another 30%+ working for ssome type of Gov. entity, that leaves a

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HUGE financial burden for the private sector to haul around every day on their backs.

- Lower taxes on businesses, give incentives to come to Oregon, and for Or. companies to

expand and grow instead of incentives to leave the state.

- Make all government projects work under a PLA. Make sure to enforce all the labor laws on all

projects. Ex; all workers are being paid accordingly to the Davis Bacon laws. The contractor is

using the appropriate number of apprentices to journeyman. All skilled crafts are licensed. We

need to make sure the government is getting a quality job done for them. We (tax payers)

should not be paying to have jobs performed at a substandard level. Can you imagine if a

school burned down due to an electrical fire from un-licensed electricians! If a contractor does

a poor job on a project, eliminate them from EVER bidding another government project. The

low bid is not always the best bid.

- Mandate the reconstruction of the infrastructure on the roads and bridges, water and sewage

treatment plants, streets and street/highway lighting, and basic communication facilities, and

green, renewable, energy production, and the education of our children. This would have to

be done with some tax increases, closing loopholes.

- Get control of Oregon's Public Employees Retirement System with REALISTIC current investment returns instead of the guaranteed rates. This is a huge tax burden that will drive

buisness out of Oregon or prevent them from building here.

- Put the Brakes on L&I , stop demanding such high rates and let the employees earn what the

deserve. L&I rates for Framing Contractors are out of control, especially when so many are

loosing work to the fly by night contractors that don't pay L&I

- Require project labor agreements on all state jobs. From what I have seen they really level the

playing field, save the state money and get done on time.

- Lower all tax rates, capitol gains taxes, and give incentives for businesses to invest in their

business to create real lasting wage earning jobs. I would also reduce government burden on

the taxpayers by reducing human resources which is not what government is supposed to

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provide which would shore up the necessary resources government is there for like police, fire, & rescue.

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- cut the fees, surcharges, and taxes that have been tacked onto building permits, I recently did a small (200 sq ft) addition the building permit was \$750.00, \$250.00 of which was a school surcharge.

- Remove the red tap and the time it takes for large companies to get permits to build projects.

Increase the wages within the government to hire competent people.

- One would be to not allow any illegal aliens on the jobs—especially in a time like this.

- Right now most construction companies are hanging by a thread, as you are aware of.

With all

the people you have to use as a think tank, I would be looking for ways to give construction

companies a way to use their money on trying to salvage their companies. Measure 66 & 67,

didn't help at all for the construction trade. In fact more businesses, are even more strapped

and talking of closing, as well as moving out of state. We all need to tighten our belts.

If

businesses are too tight and do not have the money to put back in their businesses, then you

are going to see, companies close and all their employees standing in food lines. You now this

and how it will create a domino effect. Not just in construction, we are all rely on each other

doing well, so we all have money to spend. You have the personnel and resources, PLEASE use

them and if your employees are not doing their jobs to help you, fire them and get someone

that will help you. It is all of use pulling together, that will make the difference, not just one of

use.

- I would take some of the power out of the hands of the unions. It seems like they are the ones

really running the show in construction industry. Our legislature just does what the unions

want them to, and it complicates things that shouldn't be complicated.

- Stay out of the way. The economy, and construction, will rebound without government

intervention. I see new policies and regulation as a strain on the industry.

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- Limit the powers of the state boards with regard to punishing minor licensing violations.
Contractors and licensed trades workers have lost state certifications for minor infractions with disregard for their past good performance.
- Lower Taxes
- Streamline the processes, lessen regulation, make regulation more efficient. Allow less influence by special interest groups, NGO's, etc.
- I would enact a two-year property tax exemption to all homebuyers for owner-occupied purchases. This savings could be give the homebuyer a break for two years, allowing them to become comfortable in their new situation.
- The Construction Industry and the workers within do not need to change as a whole.
Money spent on construction by individuals and businesses is a capitol expenditure. Capitol expense dollars are the first to get shut-off when recessionary times dictate belt-tightening.
What is causing recessionary times? The bottom-line answer is greed, ignorance, and lost or forgotten American History Books. We are no longer an industrialized nation, which means that money is leaving faster than it is coming in. There is no short term fix for Oregon or the rest of America.
- Hire and mobilize multiple construction trades to build homeless/unemployed camps for the less fortunate in this time of recession, and place these camps across the state. Use the occupants to do cleanup of the state roadways and waterways much in the same way of the "CCC"s of the depression.
- Many of the newer homes are now jammed together so that you (the government) can collect more taxes per square foot of property, this is a very UN-appealing method to bring in new home buyers. I would rethink the way property is planned so people are not looking for older homes but newer ones to buy.
- Lower taxes, add tax incentives to attract new business and promote Oregon
- Strictly licence and enforce all construction trades. increasing fines for unlicensed workers and companies 500 percent...Min fine \$10,000.00
- Deport the illegal aliens!

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- Eliminate Illegal Workers. If you aren't a legal resident you are stealing work and services from someone who is. Promote and support Buy Oregon First. Make sure the earnings generated stay here. An example is that many of our local wineries use cardboard made in china. Eliminate special interest. For Example: I was at a PCC program rollout for training people to fill ODOT and related positions. The Event was witnessed by approx. 40 people, most of whom been laid off from union wage scale positions. None of them qualified for this training, because they were the wrong sex.
- I would repeal measure 66 & 67, remove at least half of all state workers, cut all property taxes by 66%, and remove almost every tax on the people.
- Make Oregon a resource based economy. No raw logs shipped to foreign companies. Any coal, natural gas in Oregon belongs to the people of Oregon and is mined for their profit. Create financing for people who need houses such as HUD. When Reagan stimulated the economy with 710 billion like Obama he used it to be used in hospitals, schools, military bases. You can use it like the UK in their "Council Housing." I could go on but. Max administrations pay as a percentage of their employees pay(Not to exceed in any way) That will promote the businessmen actions to gain greater income while stimulate the lower and middle classes income creating spending.
- Streamline the permitting process
- Try to help small contractors with regulating bond and insurance rates; they are a large cost of doing business. Are there compliance officers to make sure contractors are licensed and are staying within their scope of work? It's hard to compete when unlicensed people are underbidding because they don't have the costs I do as a licensed plumber/contractor. Since there's no money to throw at the industry (it all went to the banks), can't think of anything else.
- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Georgism>
- CUT GOVERNMENT SPENDING!! CUT GOVERNMENT SPENDING!! CUT GOVERNMENT SPENDING!! CUT GOVERNMENT SPENDING!! Government can not spend a single dime without first taking it away from someone who had to earn it. Oregon is on the fast track to

having the highest per capita government spending in the US. That alone will kill this states economy.

- For starters, crack down on illegal aliens who are taking construction jobs. (they ARE everywhere throughout the trades.) Then you could give construction companies some tax breaks or incentive programs (i.e. waive fees on permits and licenses, etc.) to get things kickstarted.

DO NOT SPEND A GOVERNMENT DIME "redistributing" money, just suspend collecting taxes/fees.

- do exactly as he is doing right now

- I would decrease taxes on businesses therefore providing the business with more capitol to

expand their business. As part of that tax break I would also provide incentives for business to

locate in Oregon. One incentive would be a moratorium on property taxes.

- Provide low interest loans for citizens to have homes built or remodeled. Stop giving money to

the banks who are in it for their own financial gain. Give the citizens tax breaks around housing.

- Support the extension of our public rail system (commuter trains). This would result in an

increased number of jobs for a longer period of time. The end result would be less cars on the road. Win-Win.

- the thing that hurts my business most is the high cost of healthcare coverage. at \$1,000 a month, it is my largest expense.

- Instead of making the Betc less important we should use it for match money to attract the

new federal grant program, montize it imediatly but still sell the credit I know this one is tuff

but for every dollar of betc there is 60 cents federal money brought in to the state We should

be proactive and attract this federal money

- Open up more areas for logging operations. Open up the coastlines for oil exploration and

drilling. Ease up on taxing corporations that hire construction workers. Stop the practice of

converting State and Federal land to senic only areas.

- lower taxes, lower taxes, lower taxes. measure 67 is going to have a major affect on small

business, you at the goverment level do not seem to understand that paying tax on our gross

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receipts is ridiculous, you my friend, have managed to piggy back this whole state ie@ we have

to pay more taxes, so we can not hire more people, we can not raise our rates to pay the taxes

because this will raise our gross therefor we pay more taxes, and can not hire more people, I

hope that this new tax allows you to retire with full pers. I have spent my retirement putting 3

girls through college, The new idea on the table, to have a new gas tax and or a milage tax will

be the straw that will break all but the unions, we are in rural oregon and probubly put on 3

times more miles to scrape out a living than those in more populated areas of the state, as in

{the west side}

- All government work would be done by Oregon companies and Oregon workers
- Fix our infastructure, quit sending jobs to China, encourage investment in the future, less red tape.

- Cut taxes, cut state of Oregon public workers roles. Do something about the inefficient state

dept of roads. Oregon is one of worst states to work for on public road projects. Plans are

poor, state supervision is poor, cost overruns due to state employees' attitudes and poor

directions is exhorbant and results in many needless claims and cost overruns.

Something

needs to be done about OWIN. Poor management, mis-step after mis-step, blown schedules,

blind leading the deaf followed by the dumb.

- Step back and let small businesses work to restart themselves and get out of there pockets as

much as possible. for real

- There are many publicly owned buidings which are not energy efficient. I would install high

efficiency boilers, solar panels, and new control systems.

- change complete tax structure to simple flat tax for both, business & individual. NO sales tax

ever! NO write-offs, Everyone pays the same percentage

- I would make it a priority to start more green energy jobs. Also I would give temporary tax

breaks and/or loans to buisnesses to improve machinery and buildings so that they are more

efficent when the economic times are better.

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- Re- evaluate the compensation of all government employees . top to bottom, pers too . All of the wages were based on "private sector" equivelants , That no longer exist. I would bet that most departments could be cut by seven percent without too much disruption, any body who whines could be replaced by someone who was cut. sounds cruel but the transition to a lean efficient running government will not change on its current path. The people will see the change and may actually learn to respect our govenor, and work to turn this state around. The other issue is land use... need I say more.
- I would use state contracts to help keep construction on an even keel. Limiting gov. projects during boom times and facilitating gov. projects when private construction is on a down turn.
ie : during a recession, housing for the homeless and school projects should would help in stimulating the economy in general. Other projects could include : food storage, government structures, parks, recreation, visitor facilities, power projects, fishery projects, wild life projects, conservation projects etc....
- Push for large infrastructure projects like the interstate bridge, new dams, state owned windfarms and wave generation power which the state could profit from for years to come (green too). Things like we built in the 30's which made Oregon prosperious not just paving a
- lower TAXES
- First off , stop stupid taxes on business , i realize there the only one's who can afford to pay, but your pricing them out of existence, and then they dont employ anyone!!! Between taxes and Salem watchdogs we cant survive , let alone make the profit we need to grow and continue to employ. Seems to me that Salem needs to pull its fangs in a lot , the body its bleeding is nearly dead and when it is we will have a huge body of civil servants , no money & no jobs So in short lay the axe around Salem , get rid of anyone whos job is not critical , it all very fine to have continuing education for example but when nobody's got a job what's the

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point.

- The one thing I can think of that would put more construction worker and tradesman to work

would be to build a nuclear power plant.

- Eliminate the CCB.

- make sure only licensed workers perform work too many people "moonlighting". try to

simplify permitting processes not only for work but establishing business as well. most important make sure a license means something more than just a piece of paper so that

qualified people that take necessary steps do the work. so the law abiding stay employed aka

illegals or any layed off individual that thinks they can swing a hammer.

- Reverse the recently passed measure regarding taxes of business and people who make more

over \$120,000.00

- Start using Oregon's Natural resources...logging was a very important industry which created job

and revenue at all levels. It pains me to see all the lumber that is wasted after a forest fire. We

should salvage those trees and replant the area. Look at areas such as North Umpqua the cost

to control and put out a fire could be recovered if those trees were salvaged. Stop cutting small

healthy trees...remove older trees that are diseased and give those younger trees time to

mature. Oregon construction would benefit if lumber from Oregon was used here instead of

shipping it to other countries. The cost of construction is beyond reason.

- Cut taxes to the business sector and cut the social programs to illegal aliens. What doesn't the

government get about illegal, they have not right to suck off the American tax payers.

- State (Electrical) licensing requirements are designed to restrict the number of licensed

practitioners rather than assess their skills and knowledge. This is accomplished by only allowing

licensing after working for an approved contractor for a period of time, not performing practical

skills or knowledge testing beyond the NEC. Restricting the number of license holders within an

industry drives up labor costs, which drives up construction costs. While the majority of licensed electricians in the state of Oregon are very competent, I have found many that don't

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have a clue about how or why electrical equipment works. They only do what they are told to

do when they are told to do it. I often wonder how this minority can work safely but they hold

a license and install electrical systems every day they work.

- MAKE SURE THAT ALL PROJECTS THAT ARE FUNDED BY PUBLIC MONEY GO TO OREGON

COMPANYS THAT EMPLOYE OREGON WORKER. GIVE OTHER PROJECTS TAX INSENTIVES TO

ONLY USE OREGON WORKERS. ALSO MAKE SURE TO ENFORCE THE LICENSES THAT ARE

NEEDED TO WORK IN OREGON.

- more major road work and more upgrading of scools

- Give tax breaks to the people that arfe willing to build factorys and large commersal building to

get the consruction folks back to work.

- Allow a helper category for the trades people. You have a licensed journeyman and a licensed

apprentice only. This leaves other qualified people out of work in the trades. Most states allow

the helper category including Washington, albeit some require them to register, but they are

allowed to work per the prescribed journeyman ratio.

- Start shovel ready projects around the state; schools, clinics, power plants etc. I know every

county in the state has projects that are shovel ready but lack funding.

- Regulate the industry ,licensing and get ride of cheap and unlicensed workers.

- increase the ability for renewable energy projects

- Enact energy efficiency and alternative energy requirements and incentives. A huge amount of

employment and skill developement would be produced by a workforce driven to build the

NEW energy economy. Wind, Hydro, Solar, Wave, and the remnants of petroleum energy

should be zeroed into. The USA is going to fall very far behind economically if we keep spending our GOLD on a massive military that is used to protect foreign OIL supplies.

- In the field of Green power/energy, we need to push for manufacturing of the components

(wind turbine tower sections and solar panels) in our State and/or Washington State.

Maybe

for a time period allow only in State contractors to bid and accept work within the State and

Federal structure.

- Not sure

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- Try to promote more geothermo & wind powered projects in & for Oregon
- stop spending money, cut gov involvement and let us live with less taxes and stop thinking you can fix everything by passing more laws.
- Lower taxes and increase tax incentives. Get government out of the way.
- Get The I-5 bridge started, Put up Toll boothes on I-5 bridge and 205- bridge and ALL remaining crossings between Oregon & Washington at \$5.00 a trip. YOU PEOPLE IN SALEM, DO NOT REALIZE HOW MANY PEOPLE IN VANCOUVER AND OTHER WASHINGTON CITIES, GO OUT OF THEIR WAY TO SAVE \$\$\$\$ ON SALES TAX. CHECK THE LICENSE PLATES AT THE MALLS IN OREGON. You might NOT need a "NEW BRIDGE" if Toll booths were in place BOTH DIRECTIONS. PUT UP TOLL BOOTHS NOW, People in Washington state, NO INCOME Tax and NO sales tax, I'm moving to Vancouver and so should you.
- Cut taxes and stay within your budget, We've had to cut back and you should also and I don't mean cutting from the necessary projects. We just signed a 3 year contract and a wage freeze for 3 years!
- Quit tazing the Hell out of folks. When is enough. I think in light of the previous measures that you are going to see more business fail and/or leave Oregon.
- Relax the land use laws. Let the loggers get back to work to revive the timber industry and Oregons economy. Reduce Government spending so you don't have to tax us so heavy.
- I would make sure that Oregon Oregon contractors went to work on government building projects before hiring out of state contractors. That would put our tax money back in our pockets.
- Inforce the laws we have on licensing and put unlicensed poelpe out work. Help the build code div.to inforcen the laws . exp. boiler code div. give them more money to inspect all of the work out there
- The only way to stimulate growth is for businesses to afford to move to Oregon and or expand. Because of our tax rate the opposite is going to happen. Taxes need to be cut in order to create jobs and a result more tax revenue.

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- Start a sales tax and lower property taxes. Let's make owning property attractive again. Not just a way to have property owners pay for the services we get from the State.
- Buy american only and hire union workers, it will get the money in the hands of our buying public and produce the taxes that we need for government. Big government [Bush style] in recent years punishing our union workers who can afford our american products is what has started the slide, think about it. Prevailing wage laws were started by republicans in New York originally for this very same reason.
- Tell them to stop kissing Phil Knight's ass and allowing him to use out of state contractors on UO projects that don't pay prevailing wages.
- Get rid of minimum square footage requirements for a tax lot, I mean lets be real none of us really need these big monstrositys were building.
- Open up the credit lines so the projects on hold can start. There are several projects ready to go but the banks are holding on to the monies and not lending. Although a Fed problem, that should have been the first requirement in the bailout to help stimulate the economy. Although State projects could help such as the State Mental Hospital. More projects in the southern Oregon area would be beneficial.
- Look at jobs that actually put manpower to work. Roads are nice but they dont put hardly anyone to work. Make sure the work only goes to instate contractors. Some of these solar energy jobs are nice but they are being awarded to out of state workers and also being awarded without a bidding process, for example the I-205/I-5 interchange solar project that got awarded to a friend of the ODOT engineer and never out for competitive bid.
- currently insurance, bonds, etc are way over the top - in seven years i have never used any of my insurances for any reason and they seem to double every year it legalized stealing
- We need jobs. These can be generated through the private sector in the energy field. Gas fired and Nuclear power plants could be built along many points of the Oregon north/south transmission line corridor that interconnects the massive western power grid. All the talk about

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"smart grid" is hokey. We already have a smart grid. Most transmission systems built in the last 25 years have utilized the latest available technology for switching control and monitoring and are constantly being upgraded. Also, Oregon is not what I would call resource rich but we do have timber which should be harvested responsibly and marketed as some highly creative or innovative manufactured specialty product like furniture. Another thing we have is coast line.

Development of a deepwater port in Coos Bay should be revisited.

- End the kicker, make the income tax more progressive. In economic downturns the state can

do little to stimulate the economy or even fund its own projects. Unlike the national government that can borrow to put money into the economy, the state ability to pump dollars

into job creating projects vanishes in recessions making the problem worse. We need a rainyday fund.

- Eliminate measure 66 and 67 that was just voted on as well as the health care care tax. The

company I'm working for is thinking about closing the doors after July! The more people out of

work the less revenue the state will acquire.

- Incentives and tax breaks for business's who expand or build new facilities. We don't need

longer unemployment benefits, we need work!

- pressure lending institutes to loan money to businesses and individuals so home ownership is

possible. this is the only way employment will turn around.

- Stop all the green global warming carbon footprint buisness suppressing BS. Lets do what

makes economic sense. Cut taxes,cut taxes,cut taxes..... Weed out all the pork laden waste

of time non-effective social programs to stream line the budget. Lets focus on the economy

and jobs, not plastic bags, suppresing growth with green initiatives, and finding new ways ro

reach deeper into our pockets to fund all of the above!

- Cut taxes on job permits. Stop the environmental lobbies for shutting down jobs, this also

includes the woods as well. Kick out the illegal workers, who will work for less then a liveable

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wages. These people also do not pay taxes, but draw for taxes base. We can not afford this anymore.

- Repeal measures 66 & 67.

- Stop adding and increasing taxes on the business that make jobs possible. Eliminated the

Prevailing wage law and make the state jobs competitive in the market place. The Savings will

more then off set the short comings as to losses in Taxes.

- I would stop all law breaking. Contractors are continuing to bid lower than the actual cost of a

job, so they can keep cash flow. After they do that they are not paying their workers proper

wages, breaking journeyman to apprentice ratios and not building to code. More enforcement

is needed. I live in Roseburg and it is like the wild, wild west. Anything goes as long as a

contractor can get away with it. If contractors knew they would get caught for breaking the

law then a more even playing field would be established and customers might get better

workmanship.

- We lost a job several years ago to an out-of-state contractor that failed to include permit fees

in his bid. And, that was the difference in our bids. When the Oregon State electrical inspector

tried to shut the job down for the lack of proper permits, the governor intervened and allowed

the project to continue without permits. Inspections were still required, they just didn't have

to pay for them. So, I would do away with permit fees!

- Encourage, expand and support the RENEWABLE ENERGY industry as it will be a major force in

the future and will allow Oregon to keep its very large energy budget and all the dollars associated with it circulating within the state of Oregon.

- Reduce taxes on employers, the idea of increasing taxes on incomes over 200,000 dollars/year

is bad business for contractors and employers. Connect with banking industry to allow for 0-

down payment loans on new homes, with low interest rates. Contracting with the federal

government to produce lower cost, effecient homes. Create a tax-incentive for new homes

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that are purchased, like a \$5,000 tax credit, eligible for any buyer. Create a tax-incentive for contractors who build new homes. State of Oregon financing construction of new houses, making them available with reduced interest rates.

- Fire all the thieving bankers.
- repeal 66 & 67 - stop wasting money
- Lower fees. Lift restrictions, Do away with prevailing wage.
- Initially, I would repeal the most recent measures 66 and 67. The state has pandered to public employees who receive an average 30% more than private sector employees. The government has burdened the very incentive to produce building in the state by hindering growth to pay for a government that has spending out of control. Please consider the state of Washington model, a state that is not headed for bankruptcy like Oregon and California. Winston Churchill wisely said, "There is no such thing as a good tax."

- I would stop increasing taxes for business and encourage more business to come to Oregon.

Looking at the way we "bundle" items that are being voted on and making it hard for the voter to see the truth has really masked the issues and allowed some bad legislature to be passed in my opinion.

- Put the new licensing requirements on hold! To have to double license and bond to do the

same work I have done for the past 13 years in these economic times is tough!

- LOWER TAXES, CUT ANY PROGRAM THAT DOES NOT PROVIDE INCENTIVES TO WORK,

- Lower business taxes, reduce permitting costs. Reduce/ eliminate infrastructure needed to

support non effective administrative costs created by state of Oregon. Stop all waste and abuse

of welfare system by illegal immigrants. Reduce cost of public education, Oregon spends too

much per child in comparison to other states.

- First I would talk to other successful economical areas leaders, see what they did and are

doing. I would use this information make a long term plan (50-100 years). We can not sustain

a service only economy, we must produce wanted products. the taxes on those products and

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wages would provide the base to give governmental services. Provide for schools (remember long term), limit welfare to what is needed help not providing a way of life for lazy people, give career criminals harsher sentences. Enforce road repair and etc. warranties, you would not spend you personal money on trash or fall a apart products.

- I believe clean energy is the future of Oregon. The Governor and Legislature should take actions that will encourage and facilitate these industries and their (re)location to our state. Tax incentives, fast-tracking applications and permitting and even recruiting these industries and supporting technologies could be some things we could do.
- Implement E-verify as a statewide mandate; ** there are a great number of missives regarding the potential impact on legal immigrants and citizens alike, but ALL arguments to this end involve an assumption that the system is will fail due to inaccuracy -- Require a system of regulation and a 'grievance' process that will guarantee transparent fulfillment both for the (potential) worker and the consistency of the system
- As a journeyman plumber, I feel that all tradesmen other than general laborers, painters, sheetrockers, and floorlayers should be licensed by the State Building Codes Division. I understand that the union organizations of sheetmetal workers and carpenters have an apprenticeship program that when complete defines its workers as 'journeyman' status, however there is no control over the non-union side. Do not get me wrong, I am not a union plumber nor have I ever been. It is my license and experience that I rely on for my family's living. There are those that are willing to work for less than a living wage and others who are willing to exploit them. These business practices hurt all of the legitimate contractors and to some extent the clients who hire them. By not requiring a license issued by the State BCD, trades are effectively devalued. More and more lobbying goes on to promote a 'right to work' environment that exsacerbates the situation. Example: it does not require a plumbing license to install piping outside of 5 feet from a house or building. What this means is unlicensed workers

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are installing the water, sewer and storm mains in streets, easements and properties up to 5' from the building line. There is no license requirement for the installation of natural gas piping within a structure. The purveyors of the product do a great job of policing themselves and their work up to the meter, but the only quality control for natural gas piping inside of a building is the local mechanical inspector on a permitted installation. Do you feel comfortable knowing that the natural gas piping in your home was not installed by a licensed professional tradesman? The plumbing code requires water services downstream from the meter to be installed by a licensed individual, but the line serving and the meter itself can be installed by anyone. There are limited licenses which allow landscapers to connect irrigation lines to water services and install backflow preventers. The reason: "well, they were doing it anyway, we might as well make it legit". I consider this a hazard to the public. Just because someone is capable of performing the work does not mean that they have been trained properly or can recognize potentially hazardous situations. And, how far are they willing to go? Heck, if I can install this connection to the water line, I can go under your home and fix that leak as well. It promotes unscrupulous behavior by individuals. All in all, I feel our BCD has done a good job of maintaining the integrity of its codes, regulations and inspections of work, I just do not like seeing work performed by those that do not possess the proper skills. So, to answer your question, the first action I would take is a long hard look at what work is allowed to be performed by unlicensed or limited licensed individuals and think to myself is this right? Do I feel safe knowing that the gas line in my home was installed by worker with no state license or mandated training? Do I feel safe knowing the water my children are drinking is from piping installed by someone other than a journeyman plumber? Not to mention that the irrigation contractor has cut into the line and installed a sprinkler system off of it. Do I feel safe knowing

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- Remove ALL illegal aliens immediately! They have broken the law! Become a model state and ENFORCE THE LAW! They have taken our jobs at minimum wage or less. How can middle-class compete?
- Cut taxes, full Oregon tax exemption on federal taxes paid. you are taxes money that goes to Washington that's nuts. make permanent tax decreases to businesses, amend constitution to prevent Obamas health care reform for from taking place in Oregon.

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- Just plain get government out of the way, reduce bureaucracy. I've been there I've seen it and I know government is overloaded and believes it is necessary for society to exist... BUNK.
Reduce Taxes on the Businesses that hire workers, oh isn't that about all the small businesses.
If each small business in Oregon hired just one new employee the unemployment rate would go to zero. I think it is governments responsibility to get the illegal workers out of the workforce and quit with the diplomatic approach of "don't ask -don't tell". Ask and deport!
- I would immediately enforce E-verify to eliminate illegals from replacing American citizens as construction workers. The fines for employers need to be stiff. These illegals pay no taxes, the employers who hire them have no concern for law abiding citizens who are out of work. They are here illegally to take all they can get at the expense of the law abiding taxpayers.
- Reduce taxes, regulations and permit fees. Investigate insurance fraud on both workers comp. and auto insurance for all claims. This would save millions of claims every year. Work on probability not the one in a million cases that makes so many settle out of court and drive the cost of insurance up.
- Extend unemployment benefits where possible. Eliminate unnecessary expenditures and avoid cutting essential services, such as law enforcement, fire and education.
- Make public works project funding a priority
- Do more road construction. Get government to give money to each state for more remodels of the old buildings that house employment, schools, hospitals,, and other needed offices. Give more money for home refits that are GREEN. Check all schools for safety in fire, burg. and electrical. Make banks responsible for the money they have and that the money the government gave them really goes to loans for homes remodels and buying homes.
- Use Federal Recovery dollars to repair and update the physical plants of all the Universities and School Districts in the State.
- Create demand for construction by creating jobs through tax incentives, stimulus monies, encouraging outside investment, and perhaps shrinking the size of government which has

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grown tremendously in recent years. Rainy Day Fund Is A Must. Stability in government is a

critical foundation for economic stability

- stop letting out of state nonunion contractors come in to Oregon and doing what little work

there is. put more money into new schools and public works projects. get the banks to LEND

MONEY for projects that need funding

- Lower our taxes. I can not believe that 66 and 67 passed increasing taxes on small businesses

already struggling. I have been in construction for 14 years and own my own business now. I

am bidding jobs at my cost and still lose them to people trying to stay afloat and bidding

unsustainable rates. This cannot be allowed to continue or we will lose more businesses that

pay taxes. It seems that having small businesses is not important to our state. Taxing us on

gross sales when 50% of my invoices goes directly to material costs. Then I have to pay all

my other liabilities and this leaves nothing for me. These taxes are going to hurt Oregon for

the long term as we will lose small and big businesses going elsewhere. I am so tired of our

taxes that I have considered moving to another state.

- Rid the state of all contractors that were working illegally. You can do this by merely setting

up appointments on Craigslist, standing out front of Home Depot, etc... There needs to be a

major crackdown on this. Those of us that are doing business right are paying taxes. Those

that aren't doing legitimate business are stealing opportunities from us that pay taxes and are

not giving the government their fair share. This happens a lot in the HVAC industry which I am

affiliated with.

- Get rid of the Unions, Hire a few more Site Inspectors to verify All employees were LEGAL

Citizens working on Site.

- Cut or eliminate taxes on the people and corporations that are in our state. This will encourage

business to move to our state. More business brings more people which will need more buildings. With more people and more commerce a small tax will produce more revenue for

for

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the state.

- take some tax dollars back from the state employees that all got raises and bonus's and put people to work building things we need.
- Freeze cost of living raises for Public employees for the next budget cycle. Believe me, they won't quit their jobs. Cap Prevailing Wage Fringe Benefits requirements to 25% of the hourly wage paid to workers. Currently, Fringe Benefits are almost as much as the hourly wage for some classifications of workers. This would not only appease some employers, but would also create more job positions available on Public Works Projects and would not lower wages paid to employees. i.e. Limited Energy Electricians current Prevailing Wage Rates are \$26.95 hourly wage plus \$12.66 hourly fringe benefit. That is equal to 47%. First term apprentices in the same field earn \$13.48 hourly wage plus \$8.81. That is equal to 65.4%.
- You have dual agencies; Oregon Osha and Federal Osha--why do we need both? You have dual agencies; DEQ and the EPA why do we need both The people at Oregon Osha do a great job-- Have small business operations, comply with the same Osha Regulations;if you truly honor safety in the work place; again I say, "Ore Osha doea a great job--"
- Increase inforcement of the current contracting licensing laws to keep fly by night contractors from preying on unsuspecting customers. This should not be a race to see who should get paid the least. In the long run a well paid construction industry will generate more tax revenue than poorly paid one. It is a win-win for the state to have highly skilled well paid employees. Henry Ford knew this when he paid his employees well above the average daily wage back in the 1920's. With the extra income they were able to buy his products. This is still true today, if the majority of the people are living at a subsistance level the retail market will suffer. Trickle down economics is dead, all that is created by amassing wealth with the wealthy is richer rich people.
- GIVE THE KICKER BACK, ADDITIONAL MONEY ALLOWS FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE NOT BE DONE

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- Cut taxes to small business so they can start to thrive again, and start building.
- I would only allow Contractors from my neighboring states to come into my state for work !
- Invest General Fund and Stimulus funds in low interest or no interest loans to business for expansion rather than using this money to support government programs. If business expands and private sector jobs are created, tax revenue will also increase and solve some of the government funding problem. We also need to find a way to keep the size of government in check.
- Stop listening to special interests groups and do what is best for the state and its citizens. Alter the PERS program to get it more in line with private business. All decisions should take into account what is best for the State overall. I know this is a broad statement but it is a simple gut check before legislation is approved.
- I would first stop taking so much taxes from business's, Companies could use the money to hire new employees, or expand their business. I would offer tax breaks, land breaks, zoning breaks ANY attempt to bring business to Oregon. Let's not forget our natural resource that the US government said go ahead and resume logging (biscuit fire). Common sense goes a long way I wish the government would use it.
- Have more enforcement for unlicensed contractors. And more enforcement for checking on permits.
- Currently the UNIONS run the regulatory side of the construction business and are not held to the same standards. Non-Union contractors have to pay a higher rates to their employees than Union contractors on prevailing wage rate contracts. The Unions can use their "hall" workers and not pay them the benefits if they work less than a certain time, they lay them off right before they have to pay!
- Repeal the Davis Bacon Act!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Keep Oregon a "right to work" State. Resist union empowerment by Obama & company.
- Pass legislation mandating the use of "E-Verify" for ALL companies employing 5 or more

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people. This would include all existing as well as all new hires. This is a very effective tool to eliminate those people who are here illegally from stealing jobs from Oregon citizens or legal residents.

- Lower taxes!
- there are too many taxes for the small business, the paperwork is endless that our government demands of us. If you don't do your paperwork, dot all of your T's and dot the i's, chances are the consumer can wiggle his way out of paying his bill. It only takes a few of those and you are out of business. People don't want to pay their bills anymore, they are not held accountable for anything, and contractors are tired of dealing with all the shit. Plus if you make more than 850,000 now, apparently you are making too much and have to pay more fricking taxes. Time to leave Oregon unless they change their program soon.

- Work with DCBS and FDIC to get the banks to loosen up their underwriting requirements enough to start lending on commercial real estate projects again.
- deregulate and lower fees
- I would lend money to companies/people that would like to build/renovate but can't get funding because the banks are so afraid to lend money...even if the company/person has great credit and a good idea of a plan to make money with the new/renovated building...the banks are making it impossible to get a loan. If no one is building/renovating, it trickles down to the general contractors, down to the sub-contractors...that then hits the individual tradesmen.

- I would get tougher on out of state contractors. It doesn't matter how many inspection occur during a project, these contractors are cutting corners without owners or inspectors noticing. Licensing is also another concern. I am an electrician with a license. I have been on jobs with non licensed workers. When the inspector shows up they just flee and hide until he leaves. I know we are doing better. Always room for more or better policing actions. I also would look into small contractors doing work without a permit. This happens all the time.

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- Stop allowing fly by night out-of-state contractors from coming in and taking good work, only

to turn around and hit the road with our dollars to be spent somewhere out of state.

- This one is a no brainer..... Stop with the taxes... stop stupid spending..... lower taxes... make

Oregon a business freindly enviroment. Higher taxes does not mean more money for the government; it means less. When you give the government one dollar its worth one dollar.

When a business has one dollar it gets taxed several times and is woth much more then one

dollar to the government.... This seems so simple to understand..... Simple economics are so

amazing to understand..... Please tell me what is wrong with the Oregon Government....Did

they not learn Economics.

- Remove most of the power from DEQ. DEQ listens to no-one. Even with proof from their own

office, you have to prove over again you are following all rules.

- First I would remove some of the "Red Tape" that is required just to get projects through the

permit process. Every where we go, we run into plans examiners that require there vision of

what needs to be done, not the code. The second issue is with the taxes. It is getting harder

and harder to make ends meet when there is more money required for the construction permits and taxes. This money needs to be freed up for investors, contractors, property owners

and goverment entities to share in the profits, not the costs.

- I would combine the Electrical licence for the Journeyman Manufacturing Electrician's Licence

and the Journeyman Residential Electrician's license. This would allow the freedom of movement to the location that requires more electricians when the economy does pick up.

- Lower taxes, free up more money for standard construction jobs and stop wasting money on

renewables that will never pay for themselves without government aid. Any projects that have

Oregon taxpayer dollars associated with them should only go to Oregon based contractors/business and not out of state contractors/business.

- enact a cram down provision in all existing mortgage contracts so first you get to keep your

house then enable or force banks to lend thats what is wrong now no money for projects or

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requiring 40% up front from contractors its all bullshit im wasting my time nobody is going to do shit for the middle class you bastards gave the banks a trillion dollars in two days on notebook paper but they stuff millions in your pockets america has become ungovernable

- You ask a hard question that if answered would or could help the construction worker , And im talking American born workers not , workers born in other countrys AKA south of the borders ,

Then theres the taxes you charge contractors to have a business in oregon , Times are very hard and i dont see them getting any better anytime soon, reduce taxes , get stronger laws

about hiring people from out of the country who will work for less then the going wage AKA

non license workers , put more inspectors out in the field to check licenses and if they dont

have a license put some teeth in the laws to stop the person from working , i personal have

watched non license people walk out one door and come right back after the inspectors have

gone , im sorry but thats bull shits to watch.....

- produce projects that increase the wealth of Oregon such as power generation through wind

turbines, and instead of giving away money to those who are out of work in the form of compensation, prepare active role community service requirements for those who

continue to receive benefits. Give companies incentive to use the services of employees who are receiving

benefits. This also will increase the wealth of the local community. Sitting around collecting

does not stimulate economic growth. It causes depression as people lose perspective of themselves as productive individuals. Spend time talking to people who earn less than

50000

per year. But Listen more closely to small business owners. Many of them make less than their

employees.

- Free up financing and loan money for projects. Money is tight.

- Get rid of SAFE, Oregon's "worker compensation insurance" administration. SAFE sees itself

as the industrie's loss mitigation / elimination arm, denying claims, playing hard ball in any

appeal process, etc. Their "hard ball" actions extend to the medical community by way of

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regulations, paperwork, second opinions and (apparently) threats of restrictions.

- I would commit matching funds and investment start up capital for new alternative energy

companies, especially small LLC's that have difficulty receiving funding.

- Go after the contractor who has no license rather than going after the one who has license and

insurance but you get on a technicality!!

- Create a new division of construction workers and experts on energy conservation.

Offer the

public "reduced cost" housing upgrades that relate to increased efficiency by increasing R

factors for insulation or power consumption for HVAC (two "low hanging fruit" type examples).

The lower the income bracket, the larger the incentive.

- Relax building permit restrictions causing more people to be willing to invest their money in

construction projects.

- I would build parking garages in all the cities to have electrical charging for small electric

vehicles. The motorist could pay the meter with a swipe card and charge their batteries while

shopping in the downtown areas. This would promote the use of small urban vehicles for a

cleaner city as well as promote downtown revitalization in cities such as Eugene and Astoria

and fight urban sprawl. It would also give a boost to small businesses in the state that are

making small electric urban vehicles. Wouldn't it be nice if the manufacturers of the largest

selling vehicles in Oregon were from Roseburg and Coquille rather than Japan, Korea, China

Braunschweig and Detroit? The Willamette valley is a perfect place to build light rail from

Eugene to Portland and Portland to Astoria. With double tracks and elevated it could be an

incredible money saver. With strict police enforcement of public safety and spurs going into

down towns like Albany, Salem Keiser and all the other small towns along the 1-5 corridor. I

would build it on the existing I-5 corridor in order to save costs of acquiring land and problems

of immanent domain that are always such a pain to everyone. Obama would help this one.

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I'm sure federal monies could be made available. Set it up like Vancouver BC did. 9 bucks to ride all day...set up zone charges. Keep the trains unmanned but hire security to protect the passengers from rogues. Run trains every ten minutes and Promote rentals of interurban vehicles at low cost in the urban areas at the rail stations for the commuter to get around cheaply once he hits his city of destination, This can be done by obtaining a lot at each station and using small business set aside type contracts and invitations to bid issued only to manufacturers of electric utility vehicles built in the state of Oregon. This gives the builders a showcase for their vehicles and winning bids given out to the firms willing to provide the cheapest rates to the consumer it would even be worth considering subsidizing these ventures.... then give these urban vehicles preferred parking spaces around town(along with bicycles and motorcycles). The end of traffic jams here potentially. If you can move people quickly and more cheaply than they are moving now and still give them the freedom of movement they desire and the safety they need, they will get out of their cars and start supporting mass transit. If you start building in Portland and go south you can get revenues while the project is still in construction and leave subsequent towns anticipating the arrival of the rail to their town. I would also study setting up light rail from Brookings to Astoria and promote it as a tourist getaway in addition to local transportation. I would be stupid if I failed to build tidal generating stations that were fully submersed and generated electricity by using tidal currents. I would be careful to work with the fishing and boating industries and would build in such a way as to set aside these electrical plants as nurseries to help rebuild sea food stocks such as crab etc. When the public sees that they are out of the line of sight and not a visual blight and that they are not a threat, but rather a boon to sea life, they should support this. I would build wind farms dedicated to powering Oregon cities while building high voltage distribution lines within the state to handle the excess capacity. You can always get

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public support for roads..so I would put roads projects on the back burner and allow local pressure to be the impetus for new roads projects. Make them push you for it rather than the other way around. Reducing the need for roads is smarter than building new ones

- Find a way to get investors and companies to move or start in Oregon. This way we create construction jobs and permanent jobs.
- REPEAL MEASURE 66 AND 67
- yes !!!labor unions have long been the backbone of our economy.I feel we should live ,eat and breath american. that means bring back american jobs: equal inport to export trades.stronger licensing requirments to implement.a fair and livebly wage.
- Increasing taxes' in any state will not entice industry to move in. During these LEAN economic times most construction is Government. While this IS an important part of the economy the wage, regulations, and requirement reduce the "bang for the buck" for how far those funds will go. This also brings with it unscheduled dept that tax payers carry the burden of. Tax incentives to rural counties could help entice industry, creating jobs, for those areas. However, until the tax structure of the state change, tax incentives will only take you so far.
- Remove all developement charges and most permit fees, etc. from new projects. Take some of the "save the environment" funds and invest in developements (land costs, improvements,etc.) and make lots available to builders large and small. No discounts to the big boys, one price for everyone and carry the "contract" at little or NO interest expense due at time of sale by the builder. Take a bundle of cash out of PERS to fund this rebuilding of our state. They get an 8% guarantee so we should get some of their investment dollars. Why finance wall street, they have too much wealth without risk now!! Our government needs to invest locally or we lose the vitality of our economy. Crack down on illegals who are exporting our dollars south of tjhe border where they disappear, most likely never to be seen again!!! Time to get tough if we want to save America from becoming a third world country. Everything has been let go and

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couldn't anyone else see this coming and it won't get any better following the same old policies.

- First off, I would cut corporate taxes for corporations that produce products in Oregon. Second, I would downsize government workers to ease the financial strain on the budget and outsource any REQUIRED work.

- Lower Taxes and cut government waste. Stop hiring more public employees and start spurring small business to do the same jobs.

- Cut taxes and spending. The economy will never grow because you are over taxing the people who create the jobs.

- offer government backed loans to small and mid sized businesses, right now it is near impossible to get bank loans. Apply Davis-Bacon act to all jobs in Oregon, not just gov't ones.

This would solve the problem of cut throat pay cuts, and loss of medical and dental, as Davis-Bacon can require the benefits package be mandatory.

- I would look for Industries to locate in our country. Our country was founded and became a power because of industry.

- I would find some funding to increase the monies available for construction projects. This might include freezing all government pay raises for the next five years. Try living at OUR standard for a while.

- I would aggressively work to end the constant barrage of tax bills, such as 66 and 67. These measures are dis incentives to enterprise. There is no trust of the state in the business world and hence no stability to the economy. Real revenue enhancement comes from a thriving economy.

- Cut Taxes and Fees that would make Oregon friendly to business.

- Immediately stop the anti-business and anti-development attitudes held by the far left

politicians that control Salem. The private sector is key in providing a healthy economy...government controls and taxes only destroy the economy. It's time for government

to get out of the way and allow the private sector to do what it does best...get to work and provide jobs for Oregon workers.

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- I would spend more money, putting more inspectors into the field. The inspectors SHOULD be looking for, NOT just code violations, but rather checking the licenses of the workers. They should also be "Snooping" for jobs that have NOT pulled the proper permits. In my field, L.E.A. my company has had to scale down employees AT LEAST 75% because we can't compete with the "Guy working out of the back of his van", who doesn't pull permits, and never has inspections!
- Our business depends on financing. Without that, there is no construction. To that end, anything that will loosen up the commercial credit market will help. For example, the Park Avenue West tower my company was working on was halted last spring because TMT Development, one of the wealthiest and most successful developers in the state, could not get adequate financing.
- make it illegal for contractors and all businesses to hire illegal aliens. a valid social security number should be required to work, and to get a drivers license in this state. not all jobs need to be paid enough to support a family. every time you raise the minimum wage i essentially take a pay cut because the cost of goods and services go up. lower taxes so people have more of there own money to spend. reduce the size of government. just a few ideas
- Lower taxes across the board and get government out of the way of private investors. The only reason I stay in Oregon with the high taxes is I own my building. If I could sell it I would move to Washington!
- Right now is the time for repairs to schools and other goverment buildings, the competative pricing will keep cost down, even new construction of goverment projects should find low cost in todays market, and will help keep people employed to then assist in turning the economy around.
- Remove tax Credits from Companies that Hire out of state Contractors to do work in Oregon (fred Meyers for one) Put controls on Stimulus Monies to mandate that Oregon contractors must be used

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- kick out illegal immigrants
- remove all illegal workers from the state and require anyone doing construction or day labor to be a legal citizen and be required to speak english as in any job. Giving priority to minorities is wrong and the people qualified should be given the jobs. untrained people allowed to do jobs under supervision of a general contractor usually caused many mistakes because they are not supervised, the general contractor is never on site to catch the mistakes, they are always away giving quotes.
- I would send all illegal aliens back to thier own country
- Find incentives for big business to consider moving their facilities into this state.
- I think that the focus should be on reducing taxes and fees so that more construction can take place. The atmosphere should be encouraging companies to see Oregon as a cost effective place to build and grow.
- Temporary repeal of system development chargees.
- Do away with some of the licensing that Oregon has. One example is the Oregon LEA & LEB low voltage license. I understand only one other state in the USA has these. We can't get qualified Instrument Technicians at our pulp mill, because they can go to other states that don't require the license.
- eliminate the Davis Bacon act. Repeal Measures 66 and 67. Foster a more business friendly environment that encourages long term growth. Have Oregon be known a place with low taxes and overhead rather than dangle short term breaks an perks in front of prospective newcomers.
- Give tax breaks to companies that do business in Oregon for hiring only Oregon Companies and workers. A big example of a slap in the face to the Oregon Workers, The Basketball Arena in Eugene is being built by NON UNION contractors, especially the Electrical contractor, using out of state people to do the work.
- Develop Government Island into a Jantzen Beach style resort with Marinas, waterpark, casino,

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theme park, and such. It would give many people jobs, be seen from the airport with everyone

landing and stimulate both states, as well as clean up and do a lot for a piece of land that's

collecting garbage and not much use for a site that could be an asset.

- I would check into the banking end of it. We have had a good work history and are still able to

keep the guys busy but our problem now is cash flow. We are having to wait longer to get paid

for the jobs we are doing. We have been trying to borrow from the banks and even with good

credit it is next to impossible to get them to loan us the funds to keep us in good graces with

our suppliers.

- The beurocrasy to acquire permits is absolutely absurd, and the fees associated with it is

unfair, this is driving people out and putting a very sour taste in future potential businesses

looking at Oregon. While I have found almost all of the people involved in the OCID pleasant

to work with they also are very frustrated with the system. If I had the power of the Governer

I would first gather all the data I could such as this format. I would then start with Senior

management, and all the building officials (BO's) Cheif inspectors and gather more data, I

would look at the "good ol boy" system real close. I would evaluate what makes sense Example: Why does an undeveloped rural property need an engineered road on it to

allow fire

truck access when it has already been deemed that a fire truck cannot get in? And why does

the homeowner have to pay for development of a road at an intersection that is not even on

the property that no other homowners in the area have contributed to for maintenance? I

would seriously ask some hard questions and hold people accountable. I would listen and act

on what the public is saying. From a businessmen's perspective to run a small shop the rules,

workmans comp, Insurance, hoops to go through to obtain licenses are extremely excessive, I

am just talking about the small mom and pop shop here with no employees. If I wanted to

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apprentice one of my sons into the trade in my small shop I would have to have them enrolled and my self be approved in a certified apprenticeship. I am all for an apprenticeship but what about the parent who wants to pass on his trade to his son that should be my right but I cannot do it. I understand safety etc, qualified help etc. but there has to be some give, I dont have to do that in a lot of other states. And taxes to do business that is another issue that could use some serious re-work which I know big business have a real issue with.

- No out of state contractors, uphold and enforce licensing laws.
- crack down on unlicensed contractors and workers. we pay an enormous amount of money on bonds and licensing for our employees and our company and one person companies, many not licensed are out there under bidding us.
- Give preference to companies that are domiciled in Oregon. So many large construction jobs have been awarded to out of state contractors that don't pay area wages and take the profits to other states. They are also not using local labor and not buying local materials. Matt Court at the U of O is a perfect example of this. They then take the profits out of state. It doesn't help our local construction workers or the local economy.
- Continue to support BETC Conservation and ETO projects, and look for additional ways and other incentives to encourage manufacturing in our state. This would help provide more capital improvements and provide more work for the construction industry.
- Why do they not give the bailout monies to the little people? If I personally had the money given directly to me I would pay off my home (goes to the bank), pay off my credit cards (goes to the bank), Pay off my car loan (goes to the bank), I would make improvements to my home which would mean hiring companies in the construction fields, if I had the money. It is a win, win situation. The economy would have been stimulated overnight in all areas.
- I think the only thing to do now is to provide assistance and monies to re-train construction workers. I don't think the trades will rebound to a healthy enough level to sustain the current

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licensed workers. I do think action needs to be taken towards the banks and mortgage holders to make it easier and more affordable to own or build a home. I am currently getting the run around with a loan modification myself. By the time it is done, I will be paying the same as I was before I started the program 15 months ago. That is a JOKE!! I believe it should be easier for a person to get started as a small business, or become a contractor. I also think there needs to be more, and swifter, help for employees that are taken advantage of by employers. Currently I am waiting for a hearing date against a previous employer for failure to pay wages and benefits, which is going on two years. He is still in business and working everyday, while I have done nothing wrong and am unemployed and waiting to collect the money he owes me.

- I would not spend one nickle if I had to borrow it. I would cut all Government travel fact finding (vacation) trips. I would make State/County/City the same, That way we could only pay for one manager,one dump truck, I see the county equipment sitting while the city can't afford any, You know how many trucks, Backhoes and employees that would save the tax payer?

- I would make sure that all of the jobs go to in state contractors. Also i would free up money oregon has recieved from the stimulous package.

- 1. Delete prevailing wage laws 2. Change the journeyman to apprentice ratio for the electrical industry. Oregon has a 3 to 2 ratio of journeymen to apprintices. Colorado has a 1 to 3 and Colorado is not burning down and is not any less safe. This ratio artificially pushes prices up. 3. Create a business friendly enviornment.

- I recently spoke with a residential general contractor. They had been approved for part of a

expansion of residential acreage in Happy Valley. The process had taen 9 years

- Cut taxes, cut government spending, cut government oversight, losen up land-use regs, build

nuclear plants, build the LNG terminal, realize the private sector knows more about business

than you and most of all get out of the way of Oregon, you are the problem not the solution.

- There are several areas this could be accomplished and am not sure where to go with this .

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1- Redefine the distribution of Lottery funds to help stimulate construction growth 2- Produce an tax incentive State Wide to entice businesses to locate to the state 3- Oregon's licences were one of the most sought after licences in the nation but because of the failure of the state to police and protect that licence it has declined in forth worth. (I have not had my licence check by an inspector on 15-20 years)

- Help small business by reducing taxation, regulations, and government red tape
- Require local contractors and local labor to perform local work. Require family wage jobs with benefits.
- cut taxes
- all the jobs need to be in construction at the same time in order to put more people to work. if not the same workers just go from one job to another so the rest just stay unemployed
- A Tax credit for hiring is a good idea but why should I hire somebody for a 2000.00 tax credit when I spend 850.00 p/m on their health insurance? It makes more sense to hire apprentices and not give them full time benefits or even work. Not fair to them but we're all just trying to make money. Also the State would have lots more money if they didn't waste it. I see it everyday where the local government believes the sales guys meanwhile they are getting lied to and they don't even know about their own codes or even the product they are buying.
- Less government intrusion is better.
- limit the power the unons have on the legislature.
- I would limit the out of area contractors to come into the state. You may get a lower bid, but they are not helping the local economy and the quality of work may not be as good. I would also have mandatory drug tests on a weekly basis. If you fail the drug test, you lose your liscense, no chance for unemployment, heavy fine and imprisonment. I would take the contractors liscense of any contractor hiring an illegal immigrant, first offense, plus a huge fine.
- quit declaring war against capitalism. who would want to risk going out on a limb with a small business. democrats are for taxing folks who work and standing behind those that don't (entitlement mentality)this should be reversed. how simple would it be to implement a flat tax.

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or a fair tax. government will never do this why?

- Keep local money local. If a project is funded by local taxes and fees, the contracts for the work should be kept local too.

- I would assemble a focus group to determine the main causes for the steady decline of manufacturing in this state. As an electrician and maintenance supervisors in Oregon since

1987 I have seen a steady decline of manufacturing facilities in the state. Considering the State

of Oregon is the 2nd largest employer in the state at this point (as pointed out to me by a state

employee) and OHSU the next largest, how can the state maintain any reasonable amount of

construction activities other than those created by expanding government and medical services. With our timber industry decimated, HP and Intel a fraction of what they once were,

etc., the track the state is on is not sustainable.

- decrease taxes for small businesses. and remove some of the hoops that we have to jump thru. like multiple licences.

- Large based, across the board tax cuts; repeal 66 & 67; Provide economic incentives and

institute construction projects for medium to low income housing with fair, open bid process.

Open up the forests for managed timber harvesting; Temporarily lower the cost of construction permits.

- 1) Give homeowners and small business a substantial tax credit for construction and remodel projects

2) Press the Obama administration to allow withdrawals from pension funds (401's)

with no penalty as promised. 3) Allow workers to earn additional income and draw unemployment up to their average wage, this would allow people who want to work to take

minimum wage jobs without being penalized. This would increase consumer spending and tax revenues.

- Highway and bridge repairs.

- Further more initiatives that train and employ to facilitate a clean energy production economy.

- STOP SPENDING LIKE THE MONEY WAS YOURS. IT'S MINE AND I AM FED UP WITH YOU

PEOPLE SPENDING MORE THAN YOU HAVE AND THEN DEMANDING MORE FROM ME AND

MINE. Live within your means and stop with the protected "PET PROJECTS". The taxes in this

state are driving companies both big and small away or out of business. NO EXCUSES

- Repeal the newly past tax on the people who have the ability to create jobs, that tax will surely

trickle down to the less affluent.

- Get the government out of our way.

- improved crackdowns on unlicensed contractors doing work. This problem increases exponentially in recessionary times and I understand that people need to pay their bills but it is

hurting the licensed contractors and their employees. Also, often times these people aren't

paying taxes on their income, ultimately hurting everybody... Also, maybe a "phased" tax

approach could be implemented for small, startup businesses. A minimal tax for the first year,

with gradual increases over 5 years until they are established. New contractors often have a

difficult time getting insurance or a bond to start their business. Maybe we could create a

contractor assistance program to loan money for these people needing this startup assistance.

Secure the loans with property liens to minimize the risk to taxpayers?? Tax incentives for

business expansion, technology upgrades, renovation, remodels???? Ultimately, business

prosperity provides the catalyst for jobs growth. I don't think increased taxes on businesses

and the top wage earners was the answer for funding shortfalls (66 & 67). People are naive to

think there will be no effect on the average worker.

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- Get rid of the state motor pool. The only state vehicles that should be available should be

specialized vehicles. I am tired of seeing stat vehicles being used to haul families around for

day to day errands. Make them drive their own vehicles and turn in mileage records for reimbursement.

- Reduce taxes,

- Copy Washington and create a 2 year experience - residential plumbers license.

- lower taxes. bring new corp to oregon. bring nuclear to this country and put all the union trades

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back to work. we need progress forward not back to stoneage.

- Encourage competition. Get away from the "Union" mentality. "Unions" have there place but

so does a competitive market. Roll back the recent steep increases in license fees.

Enact new

and more reasonable requirements for continuing education requirements--it seems the legislature and special interests have created another industry to siphon off earnings of the

people actually doing the work. The cost of continuing education requirements have skyrocketed and really serve no purpose and amounts to legalized theft--no CEUs no license.

Anything else about CEUs is just a justification to siphon off company profits.

- make it easier for businesses to get the loans they need to expand. I find it very troubling that

after we the people bailed out the banks they returned the favor by making loans to good

businesses and individuals near impossible to obtain. I know of several people who pre qualified and were later turned down at time of loans. Expanding business loans creates both

short term (construction and supplier) and long term added employment. Both benefical to all.

- I would lower the minimum wage , reduce payroll taxes and deregulate or at a minimum take

a more common sense approach to enforcement of the building codes(that pass on their

exces to consumers who can't afford the current costs of labor & materials.

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- Tax deduction for homeowners that upgrade their electical service.

- I think I would really look at the issue of the real resons that companies are leaving and going

over seas. We need to also hold them to there agreements about providing jobs from our tax

dollars to buy our jobs like aka fujitsu, lsi , and all the other companies that basicly used us.

- Somehow get more people hired for long projects, involving small business and big business, get

these projectd rolling now not later to get people involved again in something constructive and

taking care of their families and getting some needed self esteem, iF YOU HAVE TOO;;be tough

on unions and big business ! Do what you have to do to get a lot of people involved and

working again, think about pay cuts , whatever can work ;...Its bad out there, Do Something

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Now ...PLEASE?Americas dream is in the balance !!

- It seems that there was once a coalition of big money and it has broken down. A blatant

symbol of the problem is the huge crane that stands unused right in the middle of downtown

Portland. I think it was a Hoffman project. Who had that money and where did they go? Is it

now going to China and India? Frankly, I don't have the answer.

- the cost of workman's comp prevents most businesses from hiring.

- Give a tax credit to companies that build projects in Oregon. Create building projects in area's

like southern Oregon, central and eastern Oregon. A lot of money is used in Portland area when

the other area's are starving for projects. Commercial work and industry will create jobs if

projects are built. Housing is important but commercial and industrial are places of employment.

- Pass an Oregon Employee Free Choice Act.

- Standardize the Electricians General Supervisors Exam with the rest of the USA.

- 1) Stop inventing new taxes!! 2) Re-work land use laws. 3) Rejuvenate logging industry (

remove special interest from the process) 4) Stream line Licensing rules and regulations 5)

Propose new workable sales tax and get rid of outdated Oregon tax system it hasn't worked

well nor has it served the state well. 6) Stop running industry out of state.....instead try

inviting it to Oregon

- Try to get large corporations and companies to locate in Oregon, such that people out of work

could become employed, consequently, the building of homes would follow, hopefully. Tax

incentives for companies may help.

- I would not do anything. Until the world economy turns around we should let the economy run

its course. Even a full scale depression would be better than going deeper in debt.

- To be pro business, give extreme tax cuts and or rebates to businesses that actually produce

"something". Grow business

- Reduce taxes, which you guys still don't get, or maybe you do,,,,, Corps don't pay taxes, taxes

are ALWAYS passed down the chain as the cost of doing business. So when those prices/taxes

go up the cost of doing business goes up and the consumer pays for it.

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- Repeal measure 66 and 67 you fools . You are killing all our jobs.
- Streamline projects, I have noticed lately that even the smallest road improvement takes years to complete. If we don't get more efficient we will fall farther behind and never catch up. Too many people standing around, I know they're jobs but come on. I see surveyors re-measuring the same grade over and over, don't they share info? There should be a common resource for that info. shared so as not to be redundant. We are pricing ourselves out of existence.
- Rescind 66 and 67. Do whatever is necessary to make Oregon a destination location for industry, energy and high tech companies.
- Get the banks to start lending money to comapnys
- 1- If by "construction industry" you mean housing, I say leave it alone. It does not make good long term economic sense. I do believe that there are areas of technology and energy that would add good long term benefit such as transportation (electric cars etc), upgrades to infrastructure (roads, bridges) upgrades to housing efficiency (insulation, energy efficiency/conservation measures) and electric power industry elements (power transmission, alternative energy plants/fuels).
- Get the Government OUT of the WAY> They create more problems then they solve. Get advice from people that have to contend with the policies that are put in place. Reduce the Taxes so we can Hire more people who in turn will pay taxes.
- I would try to repeal the vote to raise taxes on the higher income earners in the state. These are the people who generate business and jobs in the state. If you are going to use Stimulus money to create jobs, it should be for something other than highway construction. Highway construction targets very few general contractors and laborers.
- make funding easier for the small businesses that want to expand and maybe make it easier for those of us out of work to go back to school to get those skills for the jobs that are out there in the green industries
- I wish I had an easy answer for this but I really don't. One thing at the top of my mind is to have a greater focus on usability and less on artistic appeal for projects completed at taxpayer

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expense for the good of the people. This would allow us as a state to have more projects completed and more jobs for more people with the same dollars invested. I will say that as both an electrician and a taxpayer I was often very frustrated by the Cresswell Middle School project that I worked on in 2008-2009. I tell people that if there were less spent on architectural details and "energy efficient" components we could probably have given the children of Oregon three schools for the price of two like that one. It is a beautiful school, however, I could point out many things on a tour of that school that appear wasteful to me but that is just my opinion. Are all of the sophisticated lighting and HVAC controls really cost efficient when the replacement components are so extremely expensive? What about the costs, after the warranty period, when the school district personnel and local contractors are unable to troubleshoot these "efficient" systems and specialists from out of town or out of state must be brought in to maintain or repair them, where are the savings then? I am not privy to all of the information relating to all of the systems but am certain that not all of them will be as good, or as dependable as they are represented to be. Our tax dollars at work.

- There are a lot of companies that are just getting by..... The State of Oregon is trying to collect more money just because they have a shortfall in the budget.... Do what we didby cutting overhead in areas that will not affect the good of the people.
- Keep Oregon jobs for Oregon workers. Stop the traveling contractors from coming in working much cheaper and moving on to the next job. With high unemployment in Oregon, Should have to be an Oregon resident.
- make sure all state funded jobs are prevailing wage projects. give preference to in-state contractors. out of state contractors have a habit of swooping in, bringing their own people, doing a sub-standard job, then leaving, relying on local contractors to fix problems caused by people that don't care. just because a company is large, and from another state, doesn't mean

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they will do a good job for the people of Oregon.

- THE FIRST THING IS THE INDUSTRY HAS TO BE REGULATED. 5 YEARS AGO PEOPLE WE

BUYING WHATEVER WAS BUILT BECAUSE THEY COULD. NOW, NO ONE REALLY WANTS TO

LIVE IN A CRACKER BOX WITH NO YARD SO THERE IS A GLUT ON THE MARKET. LET THEM

BUILD ONLY ENOUGH OF THOSE CONDOS OR TOWNHOUSES TO WHERE; a) THE OCCUPANCY RATE IS HIGHER; b) THEY ARE STILL AFFORDABLE; AND c) REQUIRE THAT AT

LEAST 30% OF THE DWELLINGS TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE BE OUTSIDE YARD.

EXAMPLE;

1000 SQUARE FOOT DWELLING = 300 SQUARE FOOT YARD. ALSO, AND THIS IS IMPORTANT, STOP LETTING UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS TAKE THE CONSTRUCTION JOBS! I

AM ALL FOR IMMIGRATION. I HAVE MEXICAN NATIONALS THAT WORK FOR ME.

HOWEVER, WE

BOTH KNOW THAT THERE ARE UNSCUPULOUS PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT ARE NOT PAYING

INDUSTRY STANDARD WAGES TO UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS AND JUST PROFITTING OFF

THE BACKS OF WHAT EQUATED TO SWEAT-SHOP LABOR. THE BUILDER MAKES MONEY; THE

UNDOCUMENTED WORKER MAKES MONEY, THE SKILLED LABORER THAT SPEND 4 YEARS IN

APPRENTICESHIP GETS SCREWED! CURRENTLY THEY HAVE INSPECTORS THAT DO JOB-SITE

VISITS AND LOOK AT EVERYONES LICENSE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ALL HAVE THEM. WHY

CANT INS DO THAT ON AN UNANNOUNCED BASIS WHEN THE GENERAL CONTRACTOR ISN'T

HIDING THE ILLEGALS. IT WOULD HELP THE HONEST WORKERS AND THE ECONOMY.

- Greatly expand green energy incentives for homeowners. Make it more affordable for them to

make the initial investment to go solar, and upgrade their electrical systems to become more

energy efficient.

- Promote any near term large scale manufacturing project tax relief or government assistance

and exempt those projects for 20 years. Take your stimulus money and build a nuclear power

plant which will provide construction jobs, management jobs and support jobs for 3 years and

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then leave maintenance and operational jobs for the future. There is an old story give a man a fish and he eats for one day but show him how to fish and he eats for a life time. But the present saying is pave a road on the weekend and he cashes his check for the week then he lays down and gets run over for there is not more work or jobs.

- Replace the state income tax with a sales tax.
- I would recognise that contractors survive by sheer will to do so. Tax and regulation road blocks make it very difficult to stay optimistic about the future. People in the construction industry work very hard to make a living and without a reward incentive the escalating risk is not worth it.

- instead of bailing out big corp. give stimulus money to tax paying people that would pay there mortgages buy new cars ect.

- Adopt license reciprocity with Washington State for all licensed craft workers. This would enable Oregon licensed craftsman (i.e. electricians, plumbers, etc.) the opportunity to work in Washington as well as bid jobs there.

- Enforce Occupation and Safety laws currently on the books. Require contractors, and the businesses they work for, to abide by all safety standards. When the owners of the project being constructed are made aware of safety violations on their project, they need to take immediate steps to create a safer work environment. The new UPS distribution facility in

Portland is a prime example of the owner, UPS, not reacting strongly enough to workplace safety violations. Their in-house hired steel fabricator contractor was a danger to all who worked there. Just because they did a good job in another state does not mean they did it safely.

- One of the things that I would look at is creating Jobs. Unfortunately most of the money used to stimulate jobs is going to road improvements. This does not really "Create jobs", all it does is employ out of state workers and unskilled labor positions. The remainder of the positions are

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just keeping these lower level employees that already have work, working. What does create an impact on the job market is buildings. Projects like upgrading schools, and renovation of business sectors and so on and so forth. This has a larger impact on the job market as a whole. Not only are you creating work for Skilled labor, but also all of the support and supply industries in the area. Unfortunately, once again most of this work is going to out of state General contractors and sub contractors. This needs to stop. We need to support our local community first, and after that has been exhausted we can reach out to out neighboring states. After we are the tax base, and the money stays in our economy instead of leaving it.

- Make it easier to do work, the layers of regulation in the CCB and BCD are so complex. We have a lighting maintenance company and we considered not doing business in Oregon because of the problems with licensing. We ended going forward, but the government is in my back pocket all the time. Its very discouraging.
- I would make business licensing a State wide License as opposed to having each town require a seperate license. I would provide tax relief for small contractors for each employee hired.
- I would use TARP money to install renewable energy devices in peoples house's. this will create construction jobs alleviate our taxed energy grid and free up moneys that usually would go to the power companies to be spent in our down economy. this would also create permanent jobs by developing maintenance/service programs for said renewable energy devices. The TARP money should not finance the whole project but it should make the install affordable for "EVERYBODY". I would not use annual income to decide what affordable is. I would just say if you install this size system we will give you ? % to cover install and equipment. I would then require them to have a maintenance program for said system for 5-10 years that they have to pay for. Any excess energy that is produced to the grid would be sold at wholesale energy

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prices and would go back to the state for more green projects. Don't just use the money renew

the money! That's what i call a renewable energy system! My name is Kris Leonard and if you

use this Idea I want To Know About It! call me! Phone 360-608-2570

- Help small business. They seem to be the companies that are suffering. Now all the independant people are starting up there little one man businesses, and are working for basic

wages and under bidding the companies that have overhead. These small one man operations

have nothing to loose, and are not afraid of doing below standard work to complete a project.

There needs to be control of these operations to be sure the public is getting treated fair when

they have work done. Most are no more than handy man businesses.

- Immediately waive all fees for Building permits and other fees charged for new construction.

- lower taxes on small business & give tax breaks repeal 66 67

- Infrastructure, transportation and education projects. If we have an educated workforce and

an efficient transportation system, we can attract more businesses to Oregon. This includes

roads, rail, ports and commuter transportation. Cuts in education, beginning with the famous

Measure 5, have hurt our ability to attract businesses and workers to Oregon. Liveability and

sustainability also are HUGE in attracting companies here.

- i am an electrical contractor, it seems absurd to me, that i need to carry two bonds this year,

one for residential, and one for commercial. in the past, the commercial bond covered both.

you have incresed my operating costs, again, i dont appreciate it. my advice, quit screwing the

small business owners. low voltage(data/telecom, IT) needs to carry the same liability as a

large construction corp. my business makes less than \$250,000. i work it myself, because i

have additional costs every year, making it almost impossible for me to add employees, and

increase your tax base.

- Drive out all the unlicensed workers but making the laws have some teeth...IE jail time Fine

businesses and or homeowners who willfully hire unlicensed workers Drive out all the unlicensed businesses and instead of fines it's jail time.

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- reduce the salary and benefits of all state workers and the lower taxes across the board
- I would make eligibility into licensed trades easier. I have a 15 year old company in which none of my highly trained & experienced limited energy electrical engineers can license for work in the State of Oregon.
- Allow reasonable growth, lower permit fees, end bureaucratic red tape. Give state citizens a leg up, and allow, and encourage them to polish what we already have. End unfair bidding practices.
- Construction doesn't exist without building. Incentives for new business. Reward employers for hiring. Possibly look at zoning issues and other costs involved with business start up.
- Help with national legislation to force mortgage lenders to reevaluate property values and create new loans to reduce those mortgages underwater. After all, present home mortgage values are no longer real, which in my opinion, mortgagors knowingly holding underwater valued mortgages, they are essentially loosely testing the illegality of usury laws. By issuing new loans at logical values, the mortgagors would earn fees from new loans and take ownership of less defaulted loans. Mortgagees would be less likely to walk away from hopeless mortgages. Current foreclosures are further hurting logical home values. Hence, the housing bubble has broken, when existing loans have been adjusted to new logical values, new construction will naturally begin.
- Lower taxes, the new taxes on business is going to cost jobs and run costs up for every one. It's a little odd that now the governor is worried about the construction industry. He just helped raise taxes on them. It is long over due that government learns to function on less \$.
- Develop bonus opportunities for investment in our future. Tax credits and reduction of fees to encourage building. Construction using wood products from the Oregon Forest should be given larger bonuses than construction using steel or concrete as trees are a renewable resource.
- fix the infrastructure.
- Remove illegal aliens from taking U.S. citizens jobs. Many contractors use laborers or unqualified workers to perform journeyman level work. Police building and electrical code

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violations better.

- Make it more cost effective to be in the construction industry..ie, permits, licenses, insurance, taxes..... There are several gov agencies that protect the consumer/homeowner from contractors/businesses but not one that has the small business owner in mind...he/she is on his/her own!!! The CCB & others ALWAYS take the side of the consumer/homeowner!!!
- Enact an E-Verify Law. Collect all fees (sdc's, permits, etc.) after a project is turned over to the property owner rather than at the beginning of a project. Tax holiday for up to 18 months for (unemployment taxes, payroll, income (?)) only E-Verified workers hired by a construction firm that is contracted for a private or public project.
- De regulate. This continuing Ed requirement is ridiculous. No one knows what qualifies or where to go to get it
- The State needs to lower taxes on business and get rid of nonsense legislation which detours business from coming to Oregon.
- THE GOVERNMENT HAS CREATED A VERY UNFRIENDLY BUSINESS TAX SYSTEM. I used to live in Harney county (hint eastern Oregon) what business would locate a plant their with the new taxes??
- Reduce local/state/federal regulation and taxation.
- Provide bigger tax incentives to wind energy developers, and dont support the unions so heavily. The union's are bankrupting your state.
- 1. Get rid of Prevailing Wages on State Projects. It costs the customer (state, county and city agencies) far beyond market wages. Money that could be better served elsewhere 2. Remove union style regulated wages (e.g. Electrical workers receive state wages based on state issued assessment levels). Bad for paying merit based wages. 3. Licensing of workers is over-done in Oregon, as compared with other states. Licensing for the purposes of safety is one thing. Licensing for the purposes of helping unions is wrong.
- Lower taxes for businesses allowing them the ability to thrive. The state needs to do a better job of making this a friendly place to do business. Stop trying to go after the "rich". Everybody will thrive if the businesses are allowed to thrive.

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- I lessen the requirement on permits they are so convoluted now it makes it very difficult to obtain a building permit. Land owners should have the right to do what is necessary on their own property with safety in mind.
- Stop blocking many construction projects with environmental issues that are actually small enough to be negotiated at preconstruction permitting process time.
- Lower taxes, not raise them, give tax breaks to state contractors.
- The state needs to make it easy for building to be done. I think people need to prove they are legal citizens of this country before they are hired for jobs in Oregon. To many people are unemployed not even working in Oregon that are have been citizens of the country and state.
We can't even take care of our own!
- State wide income tax reduction and repeal 66 & 67.
- An easy way to give people more jobs and help people live healthier lives would be; go back to real farming. No more mass production of beef, chicken, etc. Knock down the massive green house emitting plants where we feed cows corn. Let's let them roam in Oregon on our land and eat grass. This will be better for the environment, our bodies, the animals and give more people jobs.
- Evaluate infrastructure needs and implement repair, construction and maintenance projects on a priority basis. Use all local contractors and be sure to diversify the workforce and award contracts fairly and equitably.
- State wide income tax reduction and repeal 66 & 67.
- AS ALWAYS, LOWER TAXES, INCREASED TAXES KILL ECONOMIES IN ALL CASES. STOP FUNDING ITEMS SUCH AS LIGHT RAIL AND OTHER PET PROJECTS, FUNNEL ANY EXTRA MONIES TO INDIVIDUALS NOT MUNICIPALITIES, INDIVIDUALS WILL SPEND THIS MONEY AND IMMEDIATELY PUT IT BACK INTO THE ECONOMY.
- I would replace the maintenance jobs that have been cut from the municipalities, school districts, and state agencies. These were living wage jobs, that enabled workers to provide for

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their families, and pay their fair share of taxes. Removing these jobs was short-sighted. You

can't even get a light bulb changed in Portland public Schools. Deferred maintenance is causing the slow destruction of our infrastructure. Any work that IS performed is on an emergency basis, by contractors, and at considerably higher expense.

- I would stop the non licensed workers from taking our work. I know of some unlicensed electricians who obtain work by having a contractors licence and then a person licensed in 2 states (OR,WA) signs for them electrically then the people obtain the work and do it unlicensed. Big companys are having people do work not licensed properly too. There is no inspectors and most illegal work is done at night and or indoors. This is making our trades value decrease and undermining 4 years of hard work.

- More funding for licensing enforcement that would insure out of state contractors play by our rules

- Limit the number of out of state/area workers allowed for hire until the job cannot be manned locally

- Give as much tax break to the Wealthy and businesses to revive the economy, Figure out how

to get the banks to start lending money for the private industry. the biggest holdup is there is

no private work and the govenment cannot support us all. The private industry can create way more jobs than the government

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- I think that a public health option would lower the overhead of company owners as well as make it possible for employees to take care of their families at wages that don't jack up building prices.

- Revamp the licenses laws. As an exampe, My license allows me to replace flourscent lamps

and ballast in signs but not inside of a building. the strange part is that a person is not required

to have a license to replace these items, only that this person works or a licensed contracor. A

sign contractors license does not cover this type of work.

- use only american made building materials for use in construction...not to include finished

products such as wind turbines, etc All construction contractors to provide health insurance

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for workers and their families

- Start with residential. There are incentives to update homes with heating and plumbing, but no electrical. In Oregon there are many homes with Zinsco and Federal Pacific electrical panels. These panels are proven to not be safe and cause fires. How about an incentive to replace these with newer, safer electrical panels. Many homeowners put off this work and wait until it is too late.

- Suspend the pre-vailing wage. It makes no sense that public entities that are budget challenged are paying higher costs than private companies.

- Repeal 66 and 67. Cut taxes on corporations. Let them feel like spending money again. Cut income and property taxes. Initiate a sales tax that makes sense. Let everyone share the tax burden. But taxes must be lowered first...

- Lower business taxes to encourage growth and repeal the back door sales/gross receipts punitive tax just passed

- All that officials have done is push us farther into a recession. If they would have stayed out of the way the economy would already be back on it's way. If you read the latest research on the great depression, you will see that some estimate the depression was extened by almost 10 years because of adding all of the government programs and spending in general.

- Provide more support for companies wishing to build or expand in Oregon.

- Stop awarding public funded work to any contractor that is not a local Oregon contractor. Stop letting our public money go to out of state companies. Require local manufacture of material and supplies, whenever reasonably feassable, on public projects.

- At one time I held a CCB license trying to establish my own business in the Limited Energy industry. My experience is largely in computer/telephone networks, commerical security cameras and some home electronics (security and home theater). I found it very expensive to start and sustain a business in Oregon. While I recently voted in favor of measures 66 & 67 for the sake of schools, I certainly understand the position of those opposed. It is simply very expensive to do business in Oregon and since small businesses represent the bulk of Oregon's

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employment, this issue is critical to our revival and continued growth. I would not mind at all

becoming involved in some of these issues. My formal background is in Public Administration

and, in principle, would like to become involved once again.

- Bring the Prevailing Wage Law under control. It does not represent Oregon workers fairly.

Only the unions benefit by this law. Since when did it become proper for our government to taylor or

laws for unions?

- Contractor's bonds would be sufficient to pay any outstanding bills they have acquired, including wages and materials purchased on credit or account. Too many contractors are

making are incurring debts and skipping town, leaving workers unpaid and property owners

liable for their expenses.

- Lower taxes on businesses

- Do something to help get credit to for small and large business that need the money for

construction and not bonuses.

- Repeal gross receipts tax.

- I WOULD QUIT DUMPING MONEY INTO THE SCHOOLS. THE MONEY THAT IS WASTED COULD

BE USED FOR PROJECTS THAT BENEFIT ALL THE PEOPLE IN OREGON.

- Build new railroad projects to take us into the 21st century