

Oregon Democracy Coalition (ODC) Bylaws

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Article 1. Purpose

Section 1. Purpose/Mission

In order to address the corrupting influence of money in politics and inordinate power over our democratic process gained by corporations due to Supreme Court decisions, our mission is to enact an amendment to the U.S. Constitution establishing that:

- A) money is not speech, to insure that no person should gain, as a result of his or her money, political advantage or influence, and
- B) only human beings, and not corporations and other artificial legal entities, shall be considered persons entitled to constitutional rights.

ODC is a coalition of organizations involved in working towards such an amendment at a level of their choosing. ODC does not endorse any specific strategy but encourages various non-violent efforts to achieve our mutual goals.

Article 2. ODC Membership

Section 1. ODC Member Organization/Endorsement Organization Requirements

ODC Member Organizations and Endorsing Organizations shall be organizations that:

- A) Agree to endorse the Purpose/Mission of ODC.
- B) Sign the membership agreement and fulfill commitments made on that agreement.

Section 2. ODC Member and Endorsing Organization Rights and Responsibilities

- A) Each ODC Member Organization shall have the authority to appoint or remove its delegate or alternate to ODC meetings or conference calls.
- B) An Endorsing Organization is one which has endorsed the mission of ODC, but has elected not to send delegates to meetings or participate in coalition decision making.
- C) Each Member Organization shall have one vote in ODC decisions.
- D) It is understood and agreed that Member and Endorsing Organizations of the coalition are united in support of the purpose/mission of ODC as defined in Article 1, Section 1 above, but are not assumed or required to support or participate in any particular campaigns, strategies or tactics.
- E) It is further understood and agreed that Member and Endorsing Organizations of ODC may stand aside from participation in or endorsement of particular campaigns, strategies or tactics and remain members in good standing.

F) However, no Member or Endorsing Organization may *publicly* oppose any nonviolent campaigns, strategies, or tactics that have been approved by ODC.

Section 3. Removal of ODC Members and Endorsing Organizations

- A) Member and Endorsing Organizations may be removed during an ODC conference call or meeting by at least a two-thirds vote of Member Organizations on the call or at the meeting (assuming a simple majority quorum is present), not including the Member or Endorsing Organizations subject to removal, for one of the following reasons:
 - a. Failure to fulfill the terms of membership;
 - b. Conduct which adversely affects ODC's best interests or conflicts with ODC's mission.
- B) A Member or Endorsing Organization removed from the coalition will no longer be listed by the coalition and that Member or Endorsing Organization's name and logo will be removed from the website and any other publications as soon as feasible.

Section 4. Resignation of ODC Member or Endorsing Organizations

- A) Any Member or Endorsing Organization may resign at any time by sending or delivering a written resignation to ODC signed by their approved delegate.
- B) A Member or Endorsing Organization resigning from ODC will no longer be listed by the coalition and that Member or Endorsing Organization's name and logo will be removed from the website and any other publications as soon as feasible.

Article 3. Meeting Structure

Section 1. Quorum for ODC Meetings

- A) Minutes will be taken during all ODC conference calls or meetings. If there is no volunteer to take the minutes, the meeting must be recorded if decisions are to be made.
- B) A quorum shall consist of the participation of a simple majority of voting Member Organizations. No coalition-wide decisions may be made in the absence of a quorum.

Section 2. Decision Making and Voting

- A) All ODC decisions shall be made at ODC meetings or conference calls, and noted in the meeting minutes or voice record.
- B) The prospective agenda of meetings or conference calls at which major coalition decisions (such as changes of course on policy or campaign strategy) are proposed, must be announced via e-mail to all voting representatives at least 14 days ahead of time.

- C) Insofar as possible ODC shall use a modified consensus decision-making process. The meeting facilitator shall clearly state an ODC decision prior to its recording in the meeting's minutes or voice record.
- D) The meeting facilitator may call for a vote in consultation with Member Organizations' representatives when a decision is necessary and consensus is unreachable. A consensus decision shall have the same force as any majority vote.
- E) Proxy voting is prohibited.

Article 4. Internal Coalition Structure

Section 1. Executive Team

ODC may elect an executive team.

Section 2. Officers

ODC may elect officers.

Section 3. Committee Structure

ODC may formalize committee structure defining committees such as current ad hoc teams for policy drafting, outreach/organizational growth, Congressional advocacy committee, etc.

Article 5. Amending the Bylaws

Section 1. Procedure to Amend Bylaws

The bylaws of ODC may be amended by consensus or a 2/3 vote of Member Organizations participating in a conference call or at an in-person meeting (assuming a simple majority quorum is present). Changes to the bylaws shall be a major decision, subject to 14 day advance notification.