

The *NVRA* Connection

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2006 ELECTION DATES

<u>Registration Cutoff Date</u>	<u>Election Date</u>
April 25	May 16, 2006
August 29	September 19, 2006
October 17	November 7, 2006

SECRETARY OF STATE WEBSITE

The Secretary of State's website is a great resource for NVRA agencies. Posted on our website are many publications which can help you best assist your clients with voter registration process. These resources can be found at:

<http://www.sos.state.or.us/elections>

In this edition of *The NVRA Connection* we will talk about three valuable resources available on our website.

2006 RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING BY PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

We thought we would specifically mention this document as it provides valuable guidance on how the provisions of ORS 260.432 (1) and (2) apply to public employees, public employers and elected officials. The information should be viewed as a reference or starting point rather than a comprehensive list of all activities that could fall under these statutes.

ORS 260.432(1) states that a person - including public employers and elected officials - may not require a public employee to promote or oppose any political committee or any initiative, referendum or recall petition, ballot measure or candidate.

ORS 260.432(2) states that public employees (including school administrators, city managers, police chiefs, etc.) may not be involved in promoting or opposing any political committee or any initiative, referendum or recall petition, measure or candidate "while on the job during working hours."

ORS 260.432(3) states that each public employer must have posted - in all appropriate places where public employees work - a notice about the prohibitions of ORS 260.432.

The overriding principle is that public employees may not use their work time to support or oppose measures, candidates, political committees or petitions.

STATE VOTERS' PAMPHLET

You are most likely aware of the state Voters' Pamphlets that are sent out before each statewide Primary and General Election. These pamphlets (usually split into a two book set) contain state candidate photos and statements and state ballot measure ballot titles, summaries and explanatory statements, as well as arguments for and against measures filed by the public.

The Voters' Pamphlets also contain a wealth of additional information about the election - including maps, disabled voter information and drop site information. These pamphlets are published in different county versions - so each household in Oregon receives the pamphlet tailored to their county of residence.

The Voters' Pamphlets are posted on our website as soon as possible before the election. The Voters' Pamphlet will be mailed no later than April 26th for the May 16th Primary election and October 18th for the November 7th General election.

VOTING IN OREGON PAMPHLET

A great handout! The *VOTING IN OREGON* pamphlet is a folded page, also available in Spanish, which provides a summary of Oregon's voting process. It contains information on registering to vote (who can, when, how, etc.) vote-by-mail elections and a listing of county election offices contact information. Currently this pamphlet is under revision to incorporate the new registration requirements, but should be available shortly.

ANY CHANGES? PLEASE LET US KNOW

On the reverse side of this newsletter is a **NVRA Site Coordinator Change Form**. If any information regarding your site or site coordinator has changed, complete this form and mail us a copy or fax it to our office.

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping us updated! Thank you again.

NVRA SITE COORDINATOR CHANGE FORM

(Complete this form only if there has been any change in your site coordinator name, agency name, address, e-mail address, or telephone number.)

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(If you do not know your Agency number, please call the Secretary of State, Elections Division at 503-986-1518)

Site Coordinator Name:

Agency Name:

Address: _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip Code** _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

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