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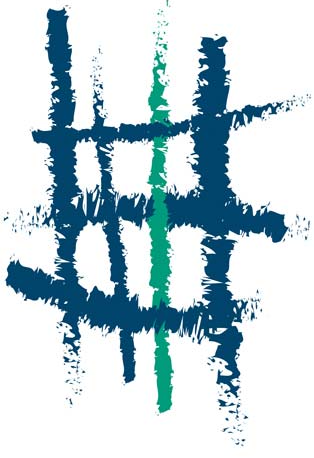
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VOTING ACCESS PROJECT

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ABOUT US

DISABILITY RIGHTS OREGON (DRO)

promotes OPPORTUNITY, ACCESS & CHOICE for individuals with disabilities.

We assist people with legal representation, advice and information designed to help solve problems directly related to their disabilities. All of our services are confidential and free of charge.

VOTING ACCESS PROJECT

The Voting Access Project at Disability Rights Oregon secures the voting rights of Oregonians with disabilities.

Our Voting Access Project:

- **Informs** voters about available voting assistance
- **Investigates** complaints of voting rights violations
- **Works** with other advocates and with elections officials to improve voting accessibility



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GRIEVANCE PROCESS

Disability Rights Oregon has a formal client grievance (appeal) process. Details and forms are available upon request.

We hold regular trainings on voter rights, available assistance and other election information.

**BE
INFORMED
ABOUT
AVAILABLE
VOTER
ASSISTANCE.**

Our trainings are available upon request.

Please contact us to request a training in your community.

**IN A DEMOCRACY, YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO
MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD, SIMPLY BY VOTING.**

**YOUR
VOTE
COUNTS.**

You can help elect people that have the same ideas and values as you do.

You can help decide important issues for your community.

OREGON VOTER BILL OF RIGHTS

AS A
VOTER
IN OREGON,
YOU HAVE
MANY
RIGHTS.

We have listed a few of your rights here.

For a complete list of your rights, go to our website.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

Vote, even if you have a guardian and even if you need help reading or filling out your ballot.

Choose whether or not you want to register as a member of a political party.

Vote for the person you want — you can write in someone else's name if you don't like the choices on your ballot.

Vote “yes” or “no” on any issue on your ballot.

REGISTER AND VOTE

Contact the Oregon Secretary of State Elections Division to learn how to register to vote or to update your current voter registration:

Website: www.oregonvotes.org

Voice: 503-986-1518

Toll-free: 1-866-673-8683 (ORE-VOTE)

TTY: 1-866-350-0596

YOU CAN
CALL
1-866-673-8683
FOR
ANSWERS
TO **ALL OF**
YOUR
VOTING
QUESTIONS.

For example, you can ask questions like:

How do I order an alternate format ballot?

How do I get a replacement ballot?

Where are drop boxes?

EASY VOTERS' GUIDE

DRO works closely with partner agencies to produce an Easy Voters' Guide.

**MANY VOTERS
HAVE A
DIFFICULT
TIME
UNDERSTANDING
THE ISSUES
IN ELECTIONS.**

The Guide explains the ballot measures in non-partisan, easier-to-read language.

There is also information from candidates in the Guide.

It is available online, in print or on audio.

Contact us for your free copy.

COMPLAINT PROCEDURES

If you think your voting rights have been violated, you can file a complaint.

Contact us for a complaint form and for assistance filling it out.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

Leave some choices blank on your ballot — the choices you do mark will still count.

Ask for help from elections staff or from a friend or family member.

There are some people who cannot help you vote, like your boss or a union officer from your job.

Get a new ballot if you make a mistake.

Use a signature stamp or other signature mark, but first you have to fill out a form.

No one can sign for you.

Use a computer with accessibility features (like a screen reader) to fill out and print an alternate format ballot (AFB).

File a complaint if you think your voting rights have been denied.

ALTERNATE FORMAT BALLOT (AFB)

If you cannot use a standard printed ballot, you now have options that allow you to vote privately and independently.

**YOU CAN
ASK FOR
AN AFB
FROM
YOUR
COUNTY
ELECTIONS
OFFICE OR
BY CALLING
1-866-673-8683.**

The AFB can be filled out using a computer, printed, and then returned the same way as a standard ballot.

The AFB works with accessibility features such as screen readers and scanners.

If you do not have access to a computer, then you can go to your county elections office and use one of their accessible computers.

Each election computer has accessibility features, including:

- Screen readers
- Text enlargers
- Switches
- Joysticks
- Custom keyboards

Election computers also have scanners so you can check to make sure your ballot is filled out correctly before returning it.

IN 2010, A LARGE PRINT PAPER BALLOT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO YOU UPON REQUEST FROM YOUR COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE.