



## Oregon's Right To Local, Community Self-Government Constitutional Amendment

### Power to the People – Our Right to Local, Community Self-Government

#### **Corporations are Deciding Our Fate. Let's Change That.**

Today corporations have more power to decide the future of our communities than we, the people, do. Corporations are legally protected and have tremendous greater “rights” over you, your community, and the environment that permits them to:

- o Grow GMOs
- o Build LNG pipelines
- o Spray toxic pesticides
- o Operate factory farm pigs, chickens, and cows
- o Ship unwanted coal and oil
- o Avoid paying taxes
- o Take private property for corporate use
- o Silence workers
- o Maintain poverty wages
- o Gentrify neighborhoods
- o And the list goes on.

Corporations not only use their power and privileges to dictate nearly every aspect of our lives on a daily basis, but they also use our own state government against us to deny fundamental rights to people, communities, and the environment.

#### **It's time to reclaim the rightful power of the people – People decide, not corporations or the state.**

Oregon's Right to Local, Community Self-Government constitutional amendment would empower communities to pass local laws that:

- o Recognize rights-based protections for people, communities, and nature
- o Hold corporations responsible if they violate those rights
- o Stop harmful corporate activities in our communities
- o Reject corporate power and privileges that allow corporations to override the people's decisions
- o Hold the state and federal government in check if they violate the rights of people, communities, and nature

This change in our constitution would put the power back in the hands of the people, where it belongs, through our local governments.

It allows us to advance laws to increase rights protections along with protecting those that already exist at higher levels of government along with limiting corporate “rights” and privileges when they conflict with community rights.

#### **Our Rights. Our Government. Our Say. – Our Right to Local, Community Self-Government**