

Editorial

Noah Robinson for Senate

The Beacon is now in our seventeenth year of publication. Since our inception, it has been our policy not to endorse ballot measures or candidates for office. Our rationale initially was that after more than four decades of experience supporting and representing candidates, good ones, principled ones, we always seemed to end up on the wrong side of the endorsement game. The legacy media just wasn't having any part of someone who was not from the status quo. Which in Oregon meant endorsements went to the 'progressive' liberal, mostly from the democrat side of the aisle. But not always, plenty of liberal republicans, got the endorsement of the establishment press, well at least during the primary election.

I also used to think it pretty arrogant of the publishers/editors' belief that they were smarter, and knew far better than we, the ordinary common folk, when it came to choosing the best candidates, or position on a ballot measure.

Well, that was then ...

After these past seventeen years' experience on this side of the keyboard, and remembering how each and every year I'd get dozens if not hundreds of calls asking who I am voting for and why. I've decided it is time to revisit our candidate endorsement policy. And I still consider myself just like you, ordinary common folk. I've just spent a lot of time pouring over this stuff.

Now I will explain why The Roseburg Beacon has chosen to endorse Noah Robinson for Oregon Senate District 2.

First and foremost is Noah's character and dedication. I have known Noah and the Robinson family for many years. I have found them all, Art Robinson, and all six of his grown children to be extremely talented and dedicated individuals. Five of the six home-schooled Robinson kids went on to

achieve PhD's, and one her Masters, in their respective fields, and all six are very committed Christians, dedicated to their God, their families, and their country.

Noah and his father Art, came to the decision after looking at the political landscape, and the horrible state that our country has deteriorated into, that they would change their life's emphasis, which until then had been strictly scientific endeavors, to doing their part in helping restore our republic.

Many of you already know of Art Robinson's many achievements in science, and the work he and his family have done at the Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine, in their state-of-the-art research facility in Cave Junction, Oregon. You also know of the Robinson family's efforts to send Art back to the United States Congress. And team Robinson never gave up, but ultimately it would come to pass that Art would be elected in 2020 to the Oregon Senate, where he has served proudly as the Senator for Oregon's 2nd Senate District since January 2021. His term ends this January 13, 2025.

But due to his principled stance in representing the voters of his district, Art was one of the 10 Senators who walked out, denying the democrats a quorum to pass their dangerous legislation. This position was supported by the vast majority of the voters in his district, and most of rural Oregon.

But thanks to the voters support of the democrat legislature's referral of a ballot measure prohibiting an elected official who had more than ten days "unexcused" absence, Art Robinson and the other nine principled Senators were denied ballot access to seek re-election after the Democrat Senate President designated their walk-out as "unexcused" absences.

So, unlike the

Democrats unsuccessful attempt to exclude Donald Trump from the ballot, they did succeed in keeping Dr. Art Robinson from seeking re-election, even though it is clear he'd have won overwhelmingly.

So, after the Oregon Court upheld the ballot exclusion rule (now under a separate Federal lawsuit), Noah Robinson confirmed he would run for the vacated seat his father had held. During the period that the Oregon court was ruling on the matter, another Republican, Christine Goodwin, filed for the seat Robinson was forced out of.

Goodwin was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Douglas County Board of Commissioners, and then appointed again to fill a vacancy in the Oregon Legislature. She now seeks promotion to the Oregon Senate if she were to win the upcoming May primary.

Goodwin has accused Noah Robinson of trying to secure what she labeled as the "Robinson Dynasty" in the Oregon legislature. Dr. Art Robinson served one term, and after being denied his right to seek reelection, his son Noah seeks election (not appointment) to represent the district his dad had represented. Hardly a dynasty. But if you knew the Robinsons as I do, their legacy (not dynasty) was always going to be their advancements in science, not politics.

But Robinson's opponent has run a very slick, aggressive attack campaign (while accusing her opponent of negative campaigning), a campaign well-funded by hundreds of PAC donations from special interest lobby groups, including over \$60,000 dollars from Big Pharma! What is it they want from an Oregon Senator? Another lockdown, forced vaccines? One can only guess.

Goodwin has also come under criticism for claiming as her residence an address which is not the

home she and her husband have lived in for years, but a tasting room, or what she calls a "cottage" on winery grounds located inside Senate District 2, so she could run for the seat. This shady practice became the subject a lawsuit by residents of the district, but was withdrawn when the presiding judge said it was too soon before the ballots were going out. So, the lawsuit may come back after the primary.

Robinson has run a very straightforward campaign on the issues important to the voters in Southern Oregon, and promises not to bow down to politics as usual in Salem. He is a staunch defender of our Second Amendment rights and was endorsed by Oregon Firearms Federation PAC, Oregon's only no compromise gun lobby. He was personally trained in the use of firearms by family friend, U.S. Marine, and NRA firearms instructor Jeff Cooper, creator of the "modern technique" for handgun shooting.

Robinson's opponent claims to have the endorsement of a firearms group we have never heard of, Oregon Gun Rights. They're not registered with the Oregon Corporation Commission, there is no filing in Orestar, and I've been doing this business for more than 45 years and I've never heard of them, nor has Kevin Starrett at Oregon Firearms Federation. When asked about this "endorsement," she simply says "they're new". Hmmm? (**Editor's note: Since the writing of this editorial, on Friday April 26, 2024 two business days ago, a new PAC was created, Gun Rights First, who also put up a new website: Oregongunrights.org, over a week after Goodwin published an endorsement by the then non-existent organization!**)

Noah Robinson holds a PhD in chemistry from Caltech and is co-author

of the most widely read scientific review article on "climate change." We all know that the climate change scare was created to cripple our economy with these phony carbon credits, shackling our farming, shipping and manufacturing industries.

We also all know that windmills are a joke and can never provide an adequate supply of affordable energy to run our country. We need someone representing us, who cannot be misled or coerced into supporting dangerous legislation that sets us back, making it so we are unable to afford to heat our homes and run our industries.

We need to send a Senator to Salem who isn't going there to play footsy with the socialist Democrats, or compromising RINOs, but someone who will always stand firm, and say no to a bigger more intrusive, more costly government. What we don't need is another lobbyist bought and paid for politician.

Oregon has reached a very dangerous threshold. What all voters need to consider carefully in selecting their representatives is who is most likely to **stand up to the establishment** from both parties, and reverse the downward slide our state has been on for too long.

When I cast my vote, it needs to be for someone who puts God first, someone I can trust and believe what they are telling me, someone who will not waver or compromise on constitutional principles. In this case Noah Robinson is the only candidate for Senate District 2, who meets those criteria.

