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RE: May 21, 2024 Oregon Primary Election

Oregon's Primary Election is Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

Oregon has a **CLOSED Primary Election (Nominating Election)**. Which means: if you are not registered to vote as a Republican or Democrat (the major parties in Oregon), you will not see races for partisan candidates like President or County Commissioner. If you are registered with any other party, including Independent, or as NAV (Non-affiliated voter) you will still receive a ballot for all Non-Partisan races such as Judges and Assessor.

In November, regardless of registered party affiliation, all registered voters will receive a ballot which contains all candidates that were nominated by the major parties in May and other filed candidates, for the partisan and non-partisan offices that are open and filled at the General Election.

If you wish to **change or update your party affiliation**, you must complete and submit a new voter registration card: in person to the County Clerks' Office in Vale, **by April 30th, 2024** at 5:00 pm; online (www.oregonvotes.gov) by 11:59 pm (Mtn Time); or if mailed, clearly postmarked April 30th, 2024, in order for the change to be effective for the May 21, 2024 Primary Election.

If you wait until the deadline to update your registration, you may receive 2 ballots in the mail. The old one, which has been inactivated/voided in the system (which should not be voted) and the new updated ballot that you qualify for. To avoid this, please update your registration as soon as possible, preferably by April 1st.

If you have any questions, please contact the County Clerks' Office at 541-473-5151.