

FOCUS ON THE ECONOMY AND JOBS

“Building strong and resilient regional economies in both urban and rural communities will create economic opportunity for all Oregonians. Empowerment and opportunities, not burdensome taxes and regulation, will be my approach.” – Jessica Gomez

1 Business-friendly climate: Oregon’s business community should be treated like a valued partner, not an adversary. Creating an economic environment where small businesses can thrive must be a priority for all state agencies. Streamlining and simplifying our regulatory systems will allow business owners to focus their energy on running their businesses, not jumping through regulatory hoops.

2 Getting more Oregonians back into the workforce: Providing hands-on educational opportunities will enable all Oregonians to develop and grow careers they can be proud of. It is vital to align K-12 and postsecondary education with the needs of our growing economy.

3 Investments in research and development: Incorporating our public universities, signature research centers, and shared manufacturing spaces into Oregon’s economic development strategy will enable students and industry to collaborate on developing new products and technology.

4 Targeted investments in infrastructure: Improved infrastructure will ensure that both urban and rural communities will be able to support growth in industries like value-added agriculture processing, craft food, wood products, advanced manufacturing, and biotech. As governor, Jessica Gomez will focus on improving transportation across our state, expanding digital connectivity, modernizing water management, storage, and delivery systems, and spearheading the development of container service for our deep-water ports along the Coast.

“We need to get parents back into the workforce. I’ll work with employers to offer at-work childcare. The state should classify employer-based childcare as a non-taxable benefit for both the employer and employee.”

– Jessica Gomez

5 Competitive tax structure: Our tax structure should support economic development and vitality. To be more competitive, Oregon should join 38 other states (including California and Idaho) that do not apply an estate tax, as well as the 48 states that do not impose a tax on gross receipts.

“Our state will re-gain its footing when Oregon businesses and elected leaders come to the table to re-build respect and trust in each other. Jessica thinks outside the box, searching for ways to empower, not control and regulate.”

– **Bev Clarno, Former Oregon Secretary of State, Former Oregon Senate Republican Leader, Former Speaker Oregon House of Representatives, Farmer and Rancher.**



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