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The next meeting for OFIR members and supporters will be held at 2:00 p.m., on Sunday, July 11, in Salem, at the Best Western Mill Creek Inn, 3125 Ryan Dr. SE, located across the street from Costco, just off of Mission St. See driving directions at end. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend.

Speaking at the meeting will be **Rob Cornilles**. Rob is running for Congress in Oregon's 1st Congressional District against incumbent **Rep. David Wu**. Wu has a terrible 10-year record on immigration (graded F by NumbersUSA). **Wu is a cosponsor of the DREAM Act (H.R.1751)**. The DREAM Act would not only amnesty large numbers of illegal aliens but enable them to receive in-state tuition rates at public universities. In Oregon that amounts to a \$13,000 subsidy per year per person. **Rob Cornilles** would be a wonderful change for Oregon and a breath of fresh air in Washington DC.

Events of the past few months have put immigration front and center in the national spotlight, sparked mainly by Arizona's passage of its Senate Bill 1070, which mirrors federal law by making it a state crime to be in this country illegally. While the law is being attacked severely in the media, and by politicians including Pres. Obama and ethnic-interest groups, the public overwhelmingly supports it, according to polls, and several other states are considering adopting similar laws.

At the July meeting, we will have handouts about the Arizona law refuting the distortions and misinformation being spread in the campaign to vilify it.

Recent Elections -- In the May primaries held across the country, several staunch immigration enforcement supporters won in various states, while some incumbent U.S. Senators and Representatives who regularly voted for high immigration levels without regard to US workers, lost their bids for re-election or were forced into run-off elections. We can say good-bye to Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, a long-time champion of imported foreign labor, and his buddy Sen. Robert Bennett of Utah.

Looking at the Oregon Primary Election Returns, May 2010

In Oregon, many of OFIR's endorsed candidates won their races.

In a crowded Republican field for **Governor**, OFIR endorsee Allen Alley got 31.80% of the vote to winner Chris Dudley's 39.14%. Consider that a total of 6 Republican gubernatorial candidates had returned OFIR questionnaires with good replies, including John Lim, who received 15.02% of the vote, and Bill Sizemore, who received 7.5%. Chris Dudley, the winner, while not as vocal

on the issue, said that Oregon does have a problem with illegal immigration and if the AZ law is upheld by courts, we could look at something similar, and into areas such as E-Verify, in order to get a hold of the problem. Including his 39.14% of the primary vote, nearly 100% of Republican candidates for Governor supported stricter enforcement of immigration laws in Oregon.

Democratic primary winner John Kitzhaber's views on immigration were summarized in *The Oregonian* on May 5. He "opposes Arizona-style laws." He favors amnesty for illegal aliens and also in-state tuition for illegal aliens.

In the race for **Superintendent of Public Instruction**, OFIR endorsee Ron Mauer and incumbent Susan Castillo, a supporter of in-state tuition for illegal aliens, are in a tight contest, still unresolved as of 6/8. There is the possibility of a recount or a November run-off, according to newspaper reports.

U.S. Senate Races -- Five of the 7 Republican candidates for U.S. Senate (Stutzman, Parker, Dinkel, Woodland, Waldron) returned OFIR questionnaires with good answers. Together, these 5 garnered a total of 42.42% of the Republican vote in the primary. The winner, Jim Huffman, received 41.69%. Thus 84% of Republican voters supported candidates favoring stricter immigration controls. **Jim Huffman** has had an outstanding career as a law professor and will be an excellent opponent to incumbent Sen. Ron Wyden. **NumbersUSA grades Wyden F on immigration issues over his long tenure in Congress.** Wyden's abysmal voting history is detailed on the NumbersUSA website at <http://www.numbersusa.com/content/my/congress/667/votingrecord>

Oregon Districts in U.S. House of Representatives -- All 5 incumbents are running for re-election. In District 1, Rep. David Wu will face Republican Rob Cornilles. Wu's record on immigration is extremely poor. In District 2, Rep. Greg Walden, Oregon's only A-graded Representative, has a Democratic opponent. In District 3, Rep. Earl Blumenauer, graded F by NumbersUSA for his immigration voting record, runs against Delia Lopez, a supporter of strict immigration law enforcement. In District 4, Rep. Peter DeFazio, graded B by NumbersUSA, faces opponent Art Robinson, whose website shows strong support for immigration law enforcement. In District 5, Rep. Kurt Schrader, very weak on immigration issues, will run against Scott Bruun, a 3-term State legislator who is a long-time friend of OFIR.

More information on the November elections, along with endorsements for the State Legislature will be sent in October. **The election of good legislators to Congress and the State Legislature is critical to achieving adequate enforcement of U.S. immigration laws and setting immigration policies that benefit, not harm, this country and its citizens.** **If you can help elect good candidates with donations of your time or money, please do!**

LOCAL ACTION ON E-VERIFY IN MARION AND POLK COUNTIES -- The OFIR Political Action Committee and supporters are leading an Initiative effort in Marion and Polk Counties to require all employers there with 5 or more employees to register with the E-Verify program of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and to verify new employees' identity through E-Verify. Fines are to be imposed for non-compliance. The ordinance requires the County to publish a list of employers in the county that are registered with the E-Verify program every six months and to establish a website and a telephone tip-line for citizens to report employers not using E-Verify. We will have Marion and Polk County E-Verify signature sheets at the meeting on July 11.

Signature sheets are being circulated now, with the goal of placing the initiative on the ballot for the November election. If you live in Marion or Polk county, please sign a Measure Signature Sheet and help collect additional signatures. Questions? Call 503-581-6485 (Cynthia), 503-588-0776 (Kate), or 503-362-9622 (Jim). Thanks!!

Critics of the E-Verify program charge that it is inaccurate, but they have never been able to produce even one example of an American losing a job because the E-Verify system wrongly ordered it. Failing to substantiate their charges of inaccuracy, in February they welcomed gleefully a report (based on 2-year old data) that about half of illegal aliens screened by the system are not caught. It is true that identify theft enables some illegal aliens to escape detection.

Commenting on these new criticisms of E-Verify, FAIR (Federation for American Immigration Reform) said:

“As more and more states and localities require E-Verify enrollment, critics of the program are desperate to discredit it

“The basic problem is one of identity theft - an issue that Sen. Schumer and other amnesty supporters have shown little desire to deal with since the 1970s. ...

“The E-Verify system is being upgraded to support photo matching and other measures to combat identity theft. Employers who use the program are by and large happy with it. The gloom-and-doom predictions regarding the federal contractor rule have not come to pass. It speaks to the motivations of E-Verify opponents that they seize upon any report that finds less than 100 percent perfection as proof the system doesn't work. These same groups would oppose E-Verify if it were 100 percent effective - because their goal is to keep illegal workers in the country until they can get amnesty.”

AMNESTY EFFORTS CONTINUE IN CONGRESS

Bills again are being introduced in Congress to give amnesty to illegal aliens, and Pres. Obama is unequivocally committed to amnesty. Several recent polls show that the public wants enforcement of the immigration laws, not amnesty. A CNN poll in April found that 66% of

Americans don't want the federal government to make it easier for illegal aliens to earn a citizenship. The majority of both Democrats and Republicans say they oppose making citizenship easier. A May 2010 Pew Research poll reveals that the majority of Americans support most of the provisions offered in Arizona's new immigration enforcement law. Seventy-three percent of Americans believe that individuals should carry proof of legal status, 67% support police being able to detain an individual that can't prove legal status, 62% support police questioning an individual they suspect to be in the country illegally.

Please call or write to your Representative and both Senators and tell them **NO AMNESTY; NO SPECIAL "PATH TO CITIZENSHIP"** for illegal aliens. Attrition Through Enforcement is the way to go. Illegal aliens must not receive any privileges over honest people who take the regular legal path. You can use these toll-free numbers to call any Senator or Representative: 1-866-220-0044, or 1-877-851-6437.

PLEASE COME TO THE OFIR MEETING, Sunday, July 11, 2 p.m.

Driving directions to Best Western Mill Creek Inn:

From I-5, take exit 253, which is the intersection of I-5 and State roads 22 and Business 99E. Go West on 22 (Mission St.) a short distance to Hawthorne Ave. Turn R on Hawthorn Ave. to the first left, which is Ryan Drive. Turn left on Ryan Drive, by Denny's Restaurant, and proceed to Mill Creek Inn just beyond.

From downtown Salem: Go east on Mission St. (State Rd. 22). Follow 22 just past the Airport and turn left on Hawthorne Ave. Then take the first left (an immediate left) into Ryan Drive; you will see the Inn directly ahead.