

## OREGON ELECTIONS ARE RIGGED BY BIG MONEY

LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY!

### VOTE NO ON 26-200

With Oregon's unlimited political campaign contributions and spending (unlike 44 other states), candidates who raise and spend the most money win over 91% of the time (almost always the incumbent).

Portland city races now cost upwards of \$1 million, sometimes almost \$2 million.

### **POWER TO THE PEOPLE -- THE BEST PEOPLE**

Most of that money comes in huge contributions from property developers, landlords, executives of multinational corporations, construction companies, financial moguls, timber companies, rail contractors, hedge fund operators, and corporations wanting government to pay more of the \$1 billion+ tab for the Portland Harbor Superfund cleanup.

These funders are truly the elite leaders of America. They have the best educations, the nicest houses, and the biggest yachts. **They know best who should serve in public office.** Elected officials should indeed listen to them do what they say.

The next best thing to having a rich person in public office  
is a public officer beholden to rich people.

### **THE BEST PEOPLE ARE THE ONES WITH THE MOST MONEY**

As our President, Donald Trump, said:

"As a businessman and a very substantial donor to very important people, when you give, they do whatever the hell you want them to do." (July 29, 2015)

"I gave to many people, before this, before two months ago, I was a businessman. I give to everybody. When they call, I give. And do you know what? When I need something from them two years later, three years later, I call them, they are there for me." (August 6, 2015)

**"When I call, they kiss my ass."** (January 9, 2016)

Talking Points Memo, September 6, 2016

<http://talkingpointsmemo.com/trump-bondi-contributions>.

### **MONEY IS SPEECH - THE BEST SPEECH**

**DON'T LET VOTERS SPOIL OUR RIGGED SYSTEM!**

All of the statements in favor of Measure 26-200 are fake news.

**Committee to Welcome Michael Cohen to Oregon  
Opposes Measure 26-200**

We extend a hearty welcome to Michael Cohen and urge him to relocate to Oregon, where his skills at financial and political manipulation will be appreciated -- and legal!

Michael Cohen pleaded guilty to making an in-kind contribution to the presidential campaign of Donald Trump that was larger than allowed by federal law. His contribution was the \$130,000 paid to Stormy Daniels to silence her before the 2016 election. Federal law allowed him to contribute only \$2,700 to the Trump Campaign. His violation was a felony, punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000 and even jail time. Disgusting!

**If Michael Cohen had contributed that \$130,000 to a candidate for state or local office in Oregon, it would have been perfectly legal.** Oregon politicians often receive contributions far larger than \$130,000. Phil Knight recently contributed \$1.5 million to the Knute Buehler (R) campaign for Governor. In 2014 he contributed \$250,000 to the John Kitzhaber (D) campaign for Governor. Oregon's timber executives contribute \$200,000 to \$400,000 at a pop.

Michael Cohen would fit right in here in Oregon.

**Also, Oregon law has a great loophole that exempts all campaign contributions from the law against bribery of public officials.** ORS 162.015 defines bribery as giving "any pecuniary benefit upon a public servant with the intent to influence the public servant's vote, opinion, judgment, action, decision, or exercise of discretion in an official capacity." But ORS 162.005 specifies that "pecuniary benefit" "does not include a political campaign contribution." Fantastic!

**So, in Oregon, bribery with campaign contributions is legal.  
Are you listening, Michael Cohen?**

Portland Measure 26-200 would prevent Michael Cohen (and anyone else) from political bribery of City officials or candidates. Sad! It would also be a model for all of Oregon, which would entirely derail Michael's new career in Oregon. Treason?

**Vote No on Measure 26-200. Welcome, Michael Cohen!**

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