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ELECTIONS — (503) 986-1518

October 15, 2007

The Honorable Meredith Wood Smith, Chair  
Democratic Party of Oregon  
232 NE 9<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Portland Oregon 97232

Lupita Maurer  
Washington Co. Democratic Central Committee  
12250 SW Broadway Ave  
Beaverton Oregon 97005

Gavin White  
Multnomah Co. Democratic Central Committee  
232 NE 9<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Portland Oregon 97232

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Re: Vacancy in Senate District 14

Dear Ms. Wood Smith, Ms. Maurer and Mr. White:

Effective 5:00pm October 28, 2007, there is a vacancy in Senate District 14 due to the resignation of State Senator Ryan Deckert. The letter of resignation was received in our office on October 9, 2007. Since the letter of resignation was filed with a future date of October 28, 2007, we must allow three business days for the legislator to rescind his resignation. Therefore, the effective date is October 12, 2007.

Pursuant to ORS 171.060(1), you are hereby notified of the vacancy. ORS 171.051(2) requires each nominee to be a citizen qualified to hold the office, an elector of the 14<sup>th</sup> senate district and a member of the Democratic Party for 180 days prior to the date of the vacancy (5/1/07). In addition, Article IV, section 3 of the Oregon Constitution requires that the appointee shall have been an inhabitant of the district for at least one year prior to the date of the appointment. It is the responsibility of the Democratic Party to ensure that all nominees meet these qualifications before the submission of the "Willingness to Serve" statements to the Secretary of State.

You are advised the same statute requires the party central committees within the district to nominate no fewer than three nor more than five qualified persons to fill the vacancy. The nominating convention shall be conducted according to party rules.

**You are required by law to notify the Secretary of State of the persons nominated.** The nominations must be made no later than **November 17, 2007**, 20 days after the vacancy occurred.

The notification to the Secretary of State shall be accompanied by the signed written statement of each nominee indicating that the nominee is willing to serve in the office of State Senate District 14. Copies of the statement are enclosed (SEL Form 145a).

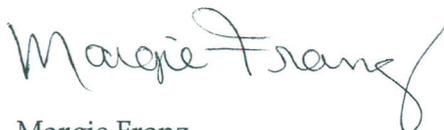
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Subject to the time limits described above, the meeting of precinct committee persons may be scheduled and conducted according to party rules. Please notify this office of the date and time of the meeting when it is scheduled.

The Washington and Multnomah County Boards of Commissioners will meet to appoint one person from the list of three to five nominees submitted by the precinct committee persons. The vacancy must be filled by appointment not later than November 27, 2007, thirty days after the vacancy occurred.

If you need further information, you may contact me at (503) 986-1518.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margie Franz". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Margie Franz  
Compliance Specialist

Enclosures

c: Washington County Commissioners  
Washington County Clerk  
Multnomah County Commissioners  
Multnomah County Clerk