

Lane County Commissioner Pete Sorenson Files Election Papers For Gubernatorial Campaign Committee Today

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Pete Sorenson, Lane County Commissioner and former State Senator, files official documents for the formation of his campaign committee for the 2006 gubernatorial primary today, Friday, January 7, in the Secretary of State's Office in Salem.

Commissioner Sorenson holds a press conference at 9:00 am at the Eugene Hilton Conference Center foyer this morning.

Sorenson then travels to Salem to file campaign documents. He meets with media afterwards at 11:15 am in the Capitol pressroom.

Sorenson holds his third press conference of the day in the Lovejoy Room of Portland City Hall at 1:45 pm.

Sorenson is available for interviews Friday afternoon, January 7 and Saturday morning, January 8. Sorenson (53), a graduate of public schools in Coos County, of Southwestern Oregon Community College and the University of Oregon, grew up near Coos Bay. He obtained three degrees in college and at the UO School of Law. Commissioner Sorenson was a Board member of Lane Community College and of the Oregon Community College Association.

Pete Sorenson is a third-term County Commissioner in Lane County, Oregon's second largest metropolitan area serving over 300,000 people. He was first elected into this office in 1996.

Prior to being elected Commissioner, Sorenson was a lawyer in private practice for fifteen years in Eugene.

Sorenson was appointed to the Oregon State Senate in 1993 and elected to a second Senate term in 1994. He was chosen Assistant Democratic Leader and was a member of the Senate Education Committee and the Appointments Committee. Sorenson served in Washington DC as legislative assistant with Rep. Jim Weaver (D-Oregon), 1974-77, and with the Carter Administration and as special assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture from 1977-79.

"Oregonians deserve a real choice in their vote for Governor, one who can clearly express the concerns of the people on all issues," said Sorenson. "The Democratic Party needs to nominate a real Democrat, and Oregonians need a real Democrat they can vote for – one with leadership and vision who fights for them. I am that Democrat."

Sorenson will speak today on two major and connected failures of leadership and vision of the current administration – the inadequate funding of education in this state, and the tax loophole for corporations and the wealthy. "With creativity and courage, we can change the current trickle-down tax structure of corporate, high-end tax deductions that no one voted for," he said, "for a fair tax structure that funds the education of our kids without raising rates."

Campaign donations and inquiries can be sent to Elect Sorenson, PO Box 51030, Eugene, OR 97440.