



Interim Executive Director Angela Martin  
and Board Chair John Mullin

## A Note from our Interim Executive Director

Few moments are more pivotal for an organization than when the founder steps down and a new leader steps in. As many of you know, after more than 20 years at the helm, the Center's founder Chuck Sheketoff has stepped down as executive director. For OCPP, this transition is coming in stages, guided by a team with deep connections to the organization and the community we seek to serve. I'm honored to be part of this team as the interim executive director.

I first met Chuck 15 years ago as I was starting my career as an anti-poverty crusader. In that role, I relied heavily on the work of the Center. It was around that same time that I also met John Mullin, who, then, was the director of Clackamas County Social Services. Over the years, I have had the privilege to work with and learn from these two tireless advocates. I'm happy to announce that John, one of OCPP's founding board members, has returned to serve as board chair. Over the next few months, John and I will work with the board

and a search committee to hire an executive director.

Meanwhile, the Center's important work continues. The just-concluded legislative session was among the most productive for the Center's dedicated and experienced team. Thanks to your support, the Center prevented a redistribution of over \$1 billion away from public services to rich business owners, and continued our multi-year campaign to increase the cash assistance for struggling families.

During this time of transition, it's been inspiring to witness the hard work, creativity, and deep commitment of the Center's staff, board, and supporters. Together, we can realize a future where all Oregonians have the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you for standing with us,

**Angela Martin**

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# Your Impact

## Pushing back against the Trump tax scheme

You enabled the Oregon Center for Public Policy to lead the charge for Oregon to sever ties with the damaging Trump tax scheme. With a broad coalition of allies and the support of donors like you, the Center helped block the Trump tax scheme from eroding the opportunities Oregon's children deserve:

- Oregon was on track to give over \$1 billion in tax breaks to some of Oregon's richest business owners – money that was already set to fund our schools and other essential services. Because of your support, the Center and our allies successfully blocked this ill-advised scheme.
- Multinational corporations will reap enormous benefits from the Trump tax code changes, and Oregon was set to provide an additional tax cut to these big businesses. Instead, the Center convinced lawmakers to flip this tax giveaway into a revenue increase of more than \$100 million, paid for by multinational corporations.

- When many of these same corporations fought to end one of Oregon's only protections against corporate profit shifting – the so-called "throwback rule" – the Center was there to stop them.

## A victory for Oregonians' health

It's not rocket science: Health care is essential to economic security. Oregonians need to be able to see a doctor when they get sick in order to hold down a job, take care of their family, and contribute to their community.

The Center's ongoing work to ensure Oregonians get the health care they need recently became a battle for health care funding. With your support, the Center helped lead the fight for Ballot Measure 101. Against a stream of misinformation, the Center set the record straight time and time again, through reports and commentaries, and speaking to Oregonians at community events, public debate panels, and on the radio. This work paid off on January 23, when voters made clear that – like you and the Oregon Center for Public Policy – they think Oregonians should be able to get health care when they need it.



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Policy Analyst Janet Bauer was in high demand in the run up to the Measure 101 vote, speaking at multiple community events, including this League of Women Voters' Corvallis Measure 101 panel.



Generous supporters of the Center, Liz and Bob Frenkel.

## A generous legacy

As a PhD in geography and professor at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Bob Frenkel was a great believer in the importance of facts and reasoned analysis. Along with his wife Liz, he had a long history of political action in support of Oregon's environment. When the couple set up their estate trusts, Bob named the Oregon Center for Public Policy as a beneficiary, because it is an organization that works at the intersection of facts and political action. As a result, after Bob's death in February 2017, his estate distributed a significant gift to the Center to continue their support of the organization's mission.

The Oregon Center for Public Policy is deeply honored by the Frenkel's commitment. The Frenkel's generous investment will enable substantial progress toward our shared vision of an Oregon where sound, equitable public policy gives all Oregonians the opportunity to thrive.

You too can leave a legacy of economic justice by including OCPP in your estate planning. For more information, contact Roger Williams-Thomas at [rwilliamstomas@ocpp.org](mailto:rwilliamstomas@ocpp.org).

## Future work

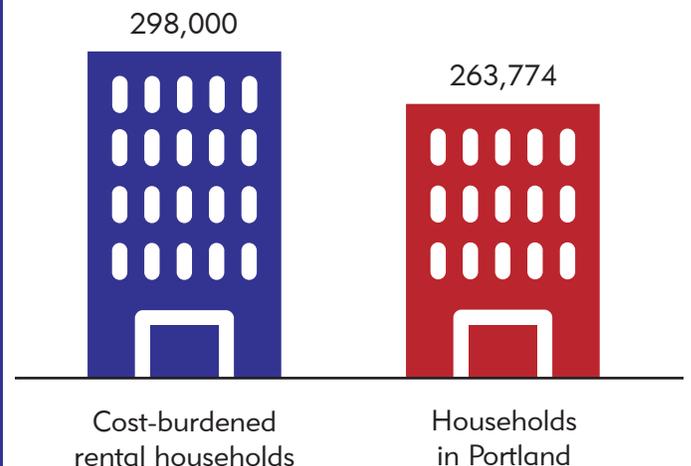
As the year progresses, we will:

- Continue our campaign to restore the eroded cash grant for struggling families with children provided through the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families program. Adjusted for inflation, the current amount – \$506 per month for a family of three – is a fraction of the grant provided 20 years ago.
- Push for corporate tax transparency with a statewide coalition.
- Recommend responsible new revenues to invest in

high-quality education and other essential services.

- Push to renew and boost Oregon's expiring Earned Income Tax Credit, for the sake of Oregon's cash-strapped working families.

**There are more rental households in Oregon struggling to afford rent than all the households in Portland**



- Confront Oregon's housing crisis by leading a coalition for common-sense reform of the state's biggest housing subsidy, the mortgage interest deduction; and propose a state-funded rent assistance program.

## Facts That Matter



**1 in 3** Oregon families struggle to afford housing.



The victory of Ballot Measure 101 protected health care of over **1 million** Oregonians.



The richest **1%** of Oregonians make more than the entire bottom 50% of Oregonians combined.



Cash grants in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program have shrunk from 71% of the federal poverty line in 1970 to just **29%** today.



Oregon women are paid **79 cents** for every dollar Oregon men are paid.

## Thank you!

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