

## Building Economic Justice

### In 2022 and Beyond

The Center will continue to align our policy priorities with those identified by diverse communities throughout the state. We will extend our efforts to educate the public on important issues and engage in dialogue to advance policies that build economic justice.

### Build Back Better

The COVID-19 crisis has provided an opportunity to look at things in a new light. The Build Back Better legislation before the US Senate is an opportunity to bring about real change for communities. The Center helped educate about what the legislation would mean for Oregon, while helping Oregonians voice their support for this transformative legislation. We continue to work with our congressional delegation to ensure their support for the measure. Looking forward, in 2022 we will continue to educate Oregon's delegation on the benefits of establishing a permanent Child Tax Credit.

### Engaging Oregonians

An important step in bringing about a more economically just Oregon is to engage advocates and community members about the economic policies that need reform. We have adopted a strategy of education as a means of engaging the community in policy dialog.

**In the past three months, we've held seven events bringing together hundreds of folks**, including leaders of community-based organizations, lawmakers, and leaders of state agencies.



Our presentation ***Oregon Tax Policy: Explained***, spells out the basics of Oregon's tax system and ways to make it work better for all Oregonians. ***Racist Roots***, tells the story of how Oregon's tax system grew out of a racist society and continues to foster inequitable outcomes.

*"This helped me understand how racism is so rooted in our systems."*

*"I appreciated the discussion of the tax system in laymen's terms..."*

*"It is always helpful when OCCP informs us about where power operates and why it matters..."* – Comments from *Racial Roots* attendees



### Policy for the People

Have you checked out the Center's monthly radio show and podcast? ***Policy for the People*** airs on three radio stations and is available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and all other major platforms.

Because facts matter.

# Together,

## we can create a more economically just Oregon

Like you, we envision a just and equitable society in which all Oregonians — Black, brown, or white, rural or urban — are economically secure. Together, we believe that everyone should be able to share in the prosperity of our economy.

Yet right now many Oregonians struggle just to get by. Because of decades of policies designed to benefit those with power and money, economic inequality has skyrocketed. Many cannot keep a roof over their heads or put food on the table.

**In order to build a more economically just Oregon, it will take all of us coming together to demand a more equitable system rooted in dignity for all.**

The Center's unique role is to use research and analysis of tax, budget, and



*"The Oregon Center for Public Policy is an indispensable partner in the fight for economic and racial justice.*

*They provide anti-racist policy solutions that become reality through research, advocacy, and community action."*

— JENNY LEE,  
OCPP board member

economic issues to pave the way for policies that expand economic and racial justice. Working closely with community-based organizations, labor groups, the faith community, immigrant rights groups, and **supporters like you**, we can change the rules that govern our economy. We can push back when policies that favor large corporations and the wealthy make it harder for working families to make a decent life for themselves.

*"I support OCPP because we need our government to raise my taxes and the taxes of other wealthy people like me, and fund desperately needed services for all Oregonians."*



— JENN SCHUBERTH,  
author, literacy advocate  
and OCPP donor



You can help build economic justice for all Oregonians

Right now, thanks to a generous \$100,000 challenge grant opportunity from the Sandler Foundation,

**all new and increased donations will be matched dollar-for-dollar!**

We are half-way towards our goal. With your support, we can meet the \$100,000 goal and build a more economically just Oregon.

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