



DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

To: House Committee on Rules
From: Chris Wig, Chair, and Charlie Swanson, Platform
Committee Chair, Democratic Party of Lane County
Re: Support for HJR 10 – unanimous jury verdicts

May 6, 2019

Dear Chairs Holvey, Vice Chairs Williamson & Wilson, and Members of the Committee,

We are writing on behalf of the greater than 100,000 Democrats in Lane County to urge you to vote Yes on HJR 10, which proposes an amendment to Oregon Constitution to allow juries to impose verdicts in criminal cases only by unanimous agreement.

Democrats in Lane County strongly believe that it is time to eliminate this remnant from Oregon's bigoted past. We should join with all of the other states and the federal government to require unanimous jury verdicts. This is a small but necessary and important step towards racial and religious justice.

Please contact use if you have any questions or require additional information. We look forward to working with you to create a more just Oregon.

Sincerely,

Chris Wig
Chair
Democratic Party of Lane County

Charlie Swanson
Chair of the Platform Committee
Democratic Party of Lane County