

1                                   **IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON**  
2                                   **FOR THE COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH**  
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4           In the Matter of: Validation Proceeding to  
5           Determine the Legality of City of Portland  
6           Charter Chapter 3, Article 3 and Portland  
7           City Code Chapter 2.10 Regulating  
8           Campaign Finance and Disclosure.  
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Civil No. 19CV06544

**DECLARATION OF  
ALISSA KENY-GUYER**

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11           I, Alissa Keny-Guyer, declare:  
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- 13           1.       I have served in the Oregon House of Representatives since 2011. I won  
14                   election to the District 46 seat in 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018.  
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- 16           2.       Limits on campaign contributions are necessary in order to combat  
17                   corruption and the appearance of corruption. As I stated in the video clip  
18                   I filmed for the Honest Elections campaign in 2018, I faced a particularly  
19                   egregious example of a fellow legislator who told me he couldn't vote for  
20                   my bill because of a direct threat that two lobbyists would donate \$10,000  
21                   to either him or his opponent, depending on how he voted on my bill. I  
22                   was aghast, and he chided me for being so naïve. I had realized that this  
23                   kind of innuendo often happens where a lawmaker may secretly worry  
24                   about future donations, but I was shocked at how blatant and direct this  
25                   communication was in the Capitol, no less. I begged my colleague not to  
26                   give the lobbyists that much power, but he looked down at the ground and  
27                   said how "hard" this was, and an hour later, voted down my bill.  
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- 29           3.       I cried for hours that day, not only because the bill I had worked on for  
30                   three sessions had just died, but also because of how enormously  
31                   discouraged and disillusioned I was with our political system, where  
32                   money often has more influence than sound policy.  
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- 34           4.       No one has ever directly offered me a contribution for a *quid pro quo*.  
35                   However, examples of where lobbyists tried to influence me more subtly  
36                   include: 1) asking me to carve out their sector from my bill that would  
37                   have regulated them, as I sat in the office of the lobby firm where  
38                   donation checks are usually doled out; 2) withholding checks from me in  
39                   years after I voted against certain bills, with the message that they'd

1 consider me again in the future after they had gotten over their  
2 disappointment in my past vote(s); and 3) a landlord PAC offering me a  
3 check a week before the short session started, where rent control was one  
4 of our top priorities (I returned the check).  
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6 5. Limits on campaign contributions are necessary in order to avoid "arms  
7 races" and excessive campaign spending. This can be seen in every tight  
8 legislative race. Having canvassed for many candidates in swing districts,  
9 I know that constituents in these districts often complain about how  
10 overloaded they are with brochures and TV ads. There is a saturation  
11 point where the excess money and materials turn many voters off.  
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13 6. Limits on campaign contributions are necessary in order to prevent  
14 candidates and officeholders from using them for personal enrichment.  
15 My main concern in the Oregon legislature is the lax laws we have with  
16 regard to using legislative and campaign funds for family members, since  
17 often family members work for the elected official. Our new wage equity  
18 law aims to bring wage inequities (including paying one's relative a lot  
19 more than other staff) under some review and control; however, we have  
20 not yet tackled the issue of using campaign funds, especially to pay for  
21 the expenses of relatives.  
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23 7. I support the use of campaign funds for certain personal expenses related  
24 to campaigning (like child care) and then for doing the job as an elected,  
25 although I believe the rules should be tightened. Many young families  
26 and particularly young moms cannot run for office without help with child  
27 care. Running for office is time away from the chance to make a living,  
28 which eliminates the possibility for many lower income Oregonians to  
29 become policy makers.  
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31 8. I also find it reasonable to use campaign funds to attend legitimate  
32 conferences as a policy maker to learn how other states are tacking similar  
33 issues since our legislative budgets are so small. My preference would be  
34 to provide legislative funds for this purpose to relieve the pressure on  
35 fundraising but taxpayers might object to their funds being used for what  
36 may be perceived as junkets.  
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38 9. This issue will become even more pertinent if we implement  
39 taxpayer-funded small donor elections, since taxpayers will want and

1                     deserve more oversight of how those funds are used. A reasonable  
2                     balance is needed with well thought out justification for spending  
3                     categories.  
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6                     **I hereby declare that the above statement is true to the best of my  
7                     knowledge and belief, and that I understand it is made for use as evidence in  
8                     court and subject to penalty for perjury.**  
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10                    Dated: May 8, 2019  
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12   /s/ *Alissa Keny-Guyer*  
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   Alissa Keny-Guyer  
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16                    Signed in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing DECLARATION OF ALISSA KENY-GUYER by following methods:

- Electronic service - UTCR 21.100(1)(a)
- hand delivery
- facsimile transmission
- overnight delivery
- USPS first class mail
- courtesy email

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Dated: May 8, 2019

*/s/ Daniel W. Meek*

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