

## Mail in Voting:

I have used and enjoyed the ability to vote by mail since it was instituted in Oregon.

Using the current mail in voting, I can sit around the dining room table and peruse and study the voter pamphlet along with having the variety of campaign mailers available for reference. If I choose, it can be a roundtable discussion with whomever I select. This most definitely makes me a more informed voter with time to make my selections.

Prior to mailing being instituted in Oregon, I used the in-person voting which included:

1. Standing in line in a variety of churches for different elections, sometimes for hours, sometimes with my small children (at that time) with me. Standing in line in a garage to vote.
2. The voting site for frequently subject to change and was a challenge to know where the voting site would be.
3. The sites were usually manned primarily by volunteers or very low paid person hired for this gig and frequently not so adept at handling the variety of questions and situations that arose.
4. The polls were only open from I think 7am to 8pm which created a problem for my husband who was a teamster driver and his schedule frequently required overtime beyond time to allow him to vote. For a true American this was disconcerting to him and I would assume many others unable to meet the time frame.
5. Transportation could be a problem for some to get to the voting site, be it ability to leave home or vehicle.
6. I was rushed or felt rushed to make decisions on offices and issues to be voted on because of generally having a line waiting for me to vacate a voter's booth. I did not have the large array of voting reference material available for voting that I do when voting at home for mailed voting.

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