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I strongly oppose the standardization of in-person voting on election dates, as it significantly diminishes the accessibility provided by mail-in voting for many Oregonians. Mandating that all Oregonians physically attend polling stations on election days would necessitate the complete closure of all businesses and the provision of paid leave for all employees. Consequently, queues would extend significantly, and the counting process would be substantially more time-consuming compared to previous elections. This approach fundamentally contradicts the values and priorities of Oregonians, who prioritize inclusivity and accessibility. Eliminating this practice would be a significant step towards Oregon becoming a mere shadow of its former self, prioritizing the interests of affluent and able-bodied individuals who have the time and resources to participate in in-person voting, while disregarding the concerns and aspirations of younger generations who may not have the inclination to do so.