

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 10/22/22

Sonja Feintech - LPO Public Policy Board Secretary

Libertarian Party of Oregon Public Policy Board

541-231-4293

sonja.feintech@lporegon.org

Libertarian Party of Oregon Public Policy Board Resolution 22-04 Concerning the Death Penalty

The Libertarian Party Platform, Plank 1.8 adopted in 2016 as reaffirmed in Convention, May 2022, states, “We oppose the administration of the Death Penalty by the state.”

Oregon: The Libertarian Party of Oregon Public Policy Board announced **Resolution 22-04 Concerning the Death Penalty**, a resolution voted on by the elected Public Policy Board.

This Resolution is declaring that in accordance with the non-aggression principle we hold that killing a human being when there is no clear and present danger is unjust; and litigation will tie up Oregon death penalty appeals in costly taxpayer-funded appeals at a time when the state is experiencing a crisis in public defense.

“Oregon has set a precedent since Governor Kitzhaber declared a moratorium on executions in 2011.” says Sonja Feintech, Public Policy Board Secretary at the Libertarian Party of Oregon. *“The Libertarian Party of Oregon opposes state funded and sanctioned executions of our citizens.”*

This resolution includes;

The Oregon Dept. of Corrections dismantled death row in Summer 2020.

Oregon houses 22 individuals sentenced to execution, in Oregon the current average length of time on death row is 19.6 years.

Litigation will tie up Oregon death penalty appeals in costly taxpayer-funded appeals at a time when the state is experiencing a crisis in public defense.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED the Public Policy of the Libertarian Party of Oregon is to appeal to Governor Brown to commute all current death sentences before the end of her term of office.

This Resolution will be available starting 10/22/22, for public dissemination. For more information on PPB resolutions, visit www.lporegon.org/category/public-policy/.

About the Libertarian Public Policy Board: The Public Policy Board is a newly created body of the Libertarian Party of Oregon and acts as the public outreach and policy creator branch of the Oregon Libertarian Party. Article 6, Section 2 of the Libertarian Party of Oregon's Bylaws allows the Public Policy Board to, by three quarters vote, adopt positions on specific matters of public policy.

