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**STATE AND NATIONAL FIGURES TO CONVERGE
AT U OF O LAW SCHOOL TO DISCUSS CUTTING
EDGE ISSUES IN POLITICAL REFORM**

WHO: Mark Frohnmayer, Oregon entrepreneur, lead drafter of Ballot Measure 90 and founder of the Equal Vote Coalition, is enjoining a discussion between experts on election science, campaign finance reform and voter advocacy, proponents and opponents of Ballot Measure 90, and leaders from a range of Oregon's major and minor political parties:

- Representative Phil Barnhart
- Tom Bowerman, PolicyInteractive
- Barbara Dudley, Policy Advisor, Working Families Party of Oregon
- Julie Fahey, Chair, Democratic Party of Lane County
- Dave Frohnmayer, Former Attorney General
- Aaron Hamlin, Executive Director, Center for Election Science
- Jim Kelly, Chief Petitioner, Ballot Measure 90
- Eric McGhee, Public Policy Institute of California
- Dan Meek, Founder, Independent Party of Oregon
- Chad Peace, EndPartisanship.org
- Rob Richie, Executive Director, FairVote
- Jackie Salit, IndependentVoting.org
- Clay Shentrup, Director, Center for Election Science
- Jefferson Smith, Founder, Oregon Bus Project, Former State Representative
- Tara Sulzen, Executive Director, Oregon Bus Project

WHAT: One month before Election Day, state and national luminaries are converging on the University of Oregon for a day long conference to discuss and debate ballot measure 90, the Oregon Top Two, in the context of national politics, evolution in the science of voting methods, the historic role of political parties and the primary election process. This event is free and open to members of the press and the general public.

WHEN: October 4, 2014
9:30 - 3:30 pm

WHERE: University of Oregon Law School - Room 175
1515 Agate St, Eugene, OR 97403

WHY: Oregon is the only state in the nation considering changes to its election system this election cycle, which places us front and center in the national conversation about our broken political processes. The Equal Vote Conference is a forum to help educate the electorate and inform the 2015 legislative conversation on the latest contemporary theories and empirical research regarding election process reform.

RSVP: <http://equalvote.co/conference>

ABOUT THE COALITION: The Equal Vote Coalition is a group of citizens and organizations committed to creating full equality in the voting franchise. Learn more: http://equalvote.co/the_equal_vote_campaign .

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