

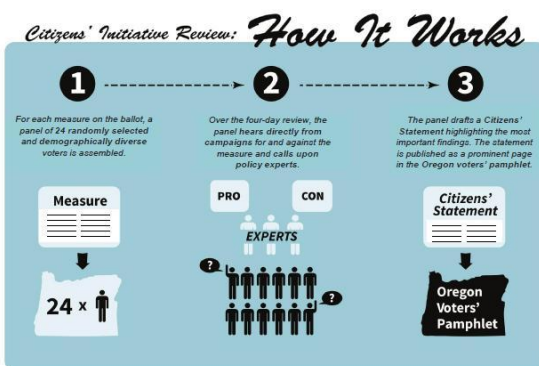
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Welcometo the 2016 Citizens' Initiative Review Season!



The staff and board of directors of Healthy Democracy are delighted to share with you the latest news on the upcoming CIRs in Oregon, Arizona and Massachusetts, as well as introduce you to the folks who are making it all happen.



How It Works

Not sure what the CIR is? Take a look at the How It Works graphic (on left). Still curious? Click [here](#) to watch a quick 5-minute about us and hear from former panelists about their experience.

Our Team

Jessie Conover, Program Manager; Amanda Olesen, Operations Manager; Linn Davis, Information Coordinator; Jake Foose, 2016 Nevins Fellow; Robin Teater, Executive Director
Not pictured: Tyrone Reitman, Senior Associate





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We look forward to working with these, and many others support staff, for the upcoming CIR schedule

Arizona: August 11-14, 2016, Phoenix, AZ

Oregon: August 18-21, 2016, Western Oregon University, Monmouth, OR

Massachusetts: August 24-28, 2016, The Atrium School, Watertown, MA

Oregon Commission Announcements

For our Oregon friends and supporters, you know that the CIR is overseen by a legislatively established commission. The chair of that commission has been **Jerry Hudson**, former president of Willamette University, who recently stepped off the CIR Commission, and we wanted to take this opportunity to thank him for his thoughtful leadership of the CIR and dedicated service to the voters of Oregon. Commission member **Ernie Estes**, a retired attorney with the Bonneville Power Administration who served on a Citizen Panel in 2014, was elected as chair at the June meeting.

For a full listing of CIR Commission members, [click here](#).

The commission met on July 14 and selected IP 28 (now Measure 97) as the initiative the Oregon CIR Panel will review in August.

In the News

Check out these articles about the CIR, Healthy Democracy and the impact we're making across the country and around the world! Click on the links below.

[The Washington Post](#)

[SF Gate](#)

[The Guardian](#)

[Los Angeles Daily News](#)

[New Scientist](#)

Bridge Alliance

Tell Your "AmericanLove Story"

The BridgeAlliance, a nationwide network of organizations dedicated to respectful dialogue, creative problem solving, and transpartisan leadership, invites you to participate in their "American Love Stories" initiative, as a way to bridge divides and highlight how the things that make us unique also can bring us together. Tell them what you love about America that connects you to people with different ideas. Submissions may be in writing, YouTube video, or Soundcloud audio clips.

Read more here: [American Love Stores](#)

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Participating in the Citizens' Initiative Review was a unique and enriching experience for me. This opportunity to work side-by-side with fellow voters has affirmed my belief in the value of public participation in the democratic process. -Melissa Norgren



[The CIR] builds community, bridges differences and establishes an example of how we can reach out to each other to create hope, stimulate thought, and to discover our commonalities in the process of creating a better Oregon and maybe a better nation. -Tim Miller

