

Tim White – Candidate for Congressional District 2  
Speaking at October Josephine County Democratic Party Meeting



Before breaking into strategy groups to discuss important issues, those attending the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Josephine County Democrats heard from one of the candidates running in the Congressional District 2 primary. Tim White, of Bend OR, says he is running to replace Rep. Greg Walden (R,Hood River) to stop the Republicans from ripping up years of progress on health issues, the

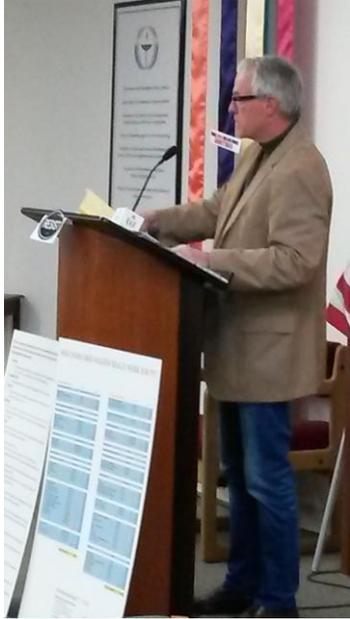
environment, and civil rights. The American Dream, he says, has become a marketing gimmick now under the current administration. President Donald Trump and the Republican-dominated Congress are taking us down a path of destruction and “Walden is Trump’s biggest cheerleader,” he said.

However, White isn’t running on Trump rage. He says he’s deeply concerned about income equality and has made that his main issue. Republicans’ plans, including the disastrous health care bill Walden authored, are undermining the middle class while benefiting their wealthy friends. Affordable quality healthcare is also a concern of White’s, who it’s a complicated issue that won’t be fixed overnight. While not committing to a single-payer system, he did indicate that is an option.



White isn’t shy about saying he would be a voice in Congress for gun safety measures, none of which would take anyone’s guns away or prevent responsible people from owning them. Calling himself a “progressive capitalist,” White has a tax plan he believes would be fair to people of all incomes and simplify the process. His plan would not include cutting corporate taxes, pointing out corporations take advantage of government funding of an educated workforce, infrastructure for getting their products to market as well as science and other resources. He also recommended a limit on corporate executive salaries and an end to allowing corporations to deduct fines, which he says essentially makes the taxpayer liable for their misconduct. He also proposed a 1% excise tax on money corporations are just “sitting on,” saying that would encourage them to spend and create jobs rather than just hoard large sums. He proposed a flat tax for incomes higher than \$50,000 with deductions allowed for state taxes and charity giving and a \$15 minimum wage on employees working 20 hours or more. He says unions will be important in helping to build back a strong middle-class economy which will not thrive under the current administration and Congress.

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White says he retired in 2013 after working for the Chrysler Corporation in Detroit as a financial officer. After retirement he and his wife moved to Southern California to be near their three daughters and five grandchildren but didn't feel at home there. After a trip to Oregon, they decided the Bend area was a better fit and moved in 2014. He said while he and his wife have been active in Democratic politics a long time, he didn't move to Oregon to run for anything. However, he said he was "mad as hell" about the current administration and congress and decided "not to take it anymore." He said he had been working with a potential candidate, but when that person declined to run he decided to stand up and run himself.

When asked how he can compete against someone who has \$1.5 million in his campaign fund, White said if every registered Democrat in the district contributed \$10 he'd have a fighting chance. As to running against someone who's been re-elected nine times White says he may just have to call upon "my boxing skills."