

## Resources for Civics for Adults - Citizen Advocacy 101 Workshop - Multnomah County Library

### **Tactics**

**Becoming a Citizen Activist** Licata. Sasquatch Books.2016

**Community Tool Box** <http://ctb.ku.edu/en>

All, but, especially, Advocating for Change <http://ctb.ku.edu/en/advocating-change>

**How A Grassroots Effort In Vancouver Fought Big Oil — And Won.** Mary Solomon. Feb 15, 2018.

[https://www.opb.org/news/article/vancouver-washington-oil-terminal-grassroots-community-oil-companies/?utm\\_source=Sightline+Insitutue&utm\\_medium=?utm\\_source=Sightline+Insitutue&utm\\_medium=](https://www.opb.org/news/article/vancouver-washington-oil-terminal-grassroots-community-oil-companies/?utm_source=Sightline+Insitutue&utm_medium=?utm_source=Sightline+Insitutue&utm_medium=)

**New Rules for Radicals: 10 Ways to Spark Change in a Post-Occupy World.** Robinson. Feb 1, 2012. Useful as general advice for any serious social change endeavor. <http://www.truth-out.org/opinion/item/6482:new-rules-for-radicals-ten-ways-to-spark-change-in-a-postoccupy-world>

**198 Methods of Nonviolent Action** Albert Einstein Inst. <http://www.aeinstein.org/nonviolentaction/198-methods-of-nonviolent-action/>

### **Lobbying Advice / Communication with Legislators**

**Georgia House Minority Leader, Representative Stacey Abrams, on Effective Advocacy.** 2011.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r1-np2iYxOY>

**“Making a Difference” A Citizen’s Guide on How to Testify.** Video from Oregon State Legislature. This video is good instruction for testifying at any government hearing, although some will be less formal than this.

[https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen\\_engagement/Pages/How-to-Testify.aspx](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen_engagement/Pages/How-to-Testify.aspx)

**Ten Principles of Lobbying.** City of Portland. Although this is a city document, most of it applies to the state legislature.

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/article/338655>

**Tips for Communicating with Legislators.** City of Portland but applies to legislature.

<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/article/555173>

**Oregon State Legislature Citizen Engagement Page.** [https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen\\_engagement](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen_engagement)

**How to Effectively Lobby Your Congressperson.** Ellsworth. Nov. 15, 2016.

<http://theslot.jezebel.com/how-to-effectively-lobby-your-congressperson-1788958124>

**How to Make Your Congressman Listen to You.** Tongco. Nov. 13, 2016. This continues Ellsworth’s advice.

<http://www.attn.com/stories/12768/former-congressional-staffer-explains-how-to-make-congressman-listen>

**How to Most Effectively Contact Your Representative.** Kal. Daily Kos. Nov. 14, 2016

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2007/11/14/410611/>

**What Calling Congress Achieves.** Schulz. New Yorker. March 6, 2017

<http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2017/03/06/what-calling-congress-achieves>

**Building Relationships with Legislators.** American Hospital Association. Lobbying Congress.

<http://cqrcengage.com/catholicealth/file/kEm7p7cW6Dh/Building%20Relationships%20with%20Legislators.pdf>

### **Government - Federal**

**Congress.gov** Find and track bills, legislators, committees <https://www.congress.gov/>

**Govtrack** Find and track bills, legislators, committees <https://www.govtrack.us/>

**The Legislative Process.** Videos of 9 areas of how Congress works. “Overview” gives a nice, well, overview!

<https://www.congress.gov/legislative-process>

**USA.gov** Basic citizen-oriented federal government site <https://www.usa.gov/>

**LLSDC Legislative Sourcebook** [Law Librarians' Society of Washington, DC]. Research guides  
<http://www.llsdc.org/sourcebook>

### **Government - State**

**State Legislature Main Page** <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/> [Feature to find your legislators, too.] You can search for a bill by keyword here and it searches through the full text.

**OLIS** [Oregon Legislative Information Service]. The best way to: find bills, track bills, provide testimony.  
<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2017R1>

**Subscribe to emails from the state legislature.** About bills, committee meetings and legislators.  
[https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen\\_engagement/Pages/e-Subscribe.aspx](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen_engagement/Pages/e-Subscribe.aspx)

**How an Idea Becomes Law.** Oregon State Legislatures.

[https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen\\_engagement/Documents/idea2LawEnglish.pdf](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen_engagement/Documents/idea2LawEnglish.pdf)

**Oregon Administrative Rules** [http://sos.oregon.gov/archives/Pages/oregon\\_administrative\\_rules.aspx](http://sos.oregon.gov/archives/Pages/oregon_administrative_rules.aspx)

**Oregon Government Ethics Commission also has a database of lobbyists**

<http://www.oregon.gov/ogec/Pages/index.aspx> **State of Oregon** also has a manual on lobbying for lobbyists.

**Open States.** [Non-governmental source] Because of its graphical nature, a nice way to get a quick snapshot of the state's legislature by chamber, including recently introduced legislation. <https://openstates.org/or/>

### **Initiative and Referendum Process**

**State of Oregon** has manuals on the I&R process for those planning to do this.

For state I&R: <http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/statelR.pdf>

For City, County and District I&Rs: <http://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/countycitydistrictir.pdf>

### **Government - Local**

**PDX Elected Officials** <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/25999> **Terms end:** <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/article/275351>

**PDX Municipal Code** [www.portlandoregon.gov/citycode/28149](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/citycode/28149)

**PDX Boards and Commissions -** <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/56150>

**PDX Elections Info** <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/26642>

**Initiative and Referendum Info** <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/27118>

**Multnomah County Code** <https://multco.us/county-attorney/multnomah-county-code>

**Multnomah County Government and Elections** <https://multco.us/government>

**Metro Elected Officials** <http://www.oregonmetro.gov/regional-leadership/metro-council>

**Metro Advisory Committees** <http://www.oregonmetro.gov/regional-leadership/metro-advisory-committees>

### **Running for Office / Women Running for Office**

**Center for American Women in Politics.** <http://www.cawp.rutgers.edu/>

**Women in Elective Office 2017.** Fact Sheet. Center for American Women in Politics.

<http://www.cawp.rutgers.edu/women-elective-office-2017>

**First They Marched, Now More Than 13,000 Women Are Planning to Run for Office.** Claire Landsbaum. Feb 9, 2017

<http://nymag.com/thecut/2017/02/an-unprecedented-number-of-women-plan-to-run-for-office.html?mid=fb-share-thecut>

### **General Public Policy Guides**

**Oregon Policy Directory** Find analysis and advocacy from all perspectives on Oregon public policy. [For government agencies, see the *Oregon Blue Book*.] <https://library.uoregon.edu/govdocs/opd.html>

**American Policy Directory** Find analysis and advocacy from all perspectives on US national public policy.

<http://library.uoregon.edu/govdocs/apd.html>

### **Historical Perspective**

**The Woman Who Took on the Tycoon.** King. Smithsonian. July 5, 2012.

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/the-woman-who-took-on-the-tycoon-651396/>

**Jacob Riis: Revealing "How the Other Half Lives"** *co-presentation of the Library of Congress and the Museum of the City of New York.* <https://www.loc.gov/exhibits/jacob-riis/riis-and-reform.html>