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The Oregon Tea Party; The Victoria Taft Show on KPAM 860; Americans for Prosperity, Oregon; Oregon 9/12; We the People-Vancouver and Clackamas County's Americans for Prosperity invite your news organization to make this event your home base for election night:

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Rock the Republic Election Night Tea Party 6-10pm Monarch Hotel 12566 SE 93 Avenue (I-205/Sunnyside Road), Portland, Oregon

This is an extraordinary election year. The "blue" states of Oregon and Washington could finally see some balance in their political leadership as voters demand an end to government overspending and expansion. The energy of the Tea Party has been "the" story of this 2010 election cycle as millions of people across the country and hundreds of thousands in Oregon and Washington fight back to restore more fiscally conservative, constitutionally based government. We'll celebrate getting involved in the process by having an election watching party with big screen tv's, a band, food and drink.

Confirmed to appear: Jaime Herrera, 3rd Congressional District, SW Washington Rob Cornilles, 1st Congressional District, Oregon Delia Lopez, 3rd Congressional District, Oregon Scott Bruun, 5th Congressional District, Oregon Jim Huffman, US Senate Candidate Other state and local candidates including: Mary Kremer, Oregon State Senate Candidate



Brian Peck, Washington State Rep Candidate

Invited to appear: Chris Dudley, Oregon Governor Candidate

Amenities for media: elevated camera stands, "kiss and cry area" for quieter interviews and still photography, bloggers row, close parking for TV trucks (at the back of hotel, lower level). Good photo ops with folks watching the large screens, dancing to the bands, speeches by candidates.

YOU MUST BE CREDENTIALED TO COVER. All you have to do is respond to this news release to <u>victoria@victoriataft.com</u> and credentials will be at the registration desk when you arrive at the event.

A Brief History of the Tea Party in Oregon and Washington:

It started with a televised rant on February 19, 2009 about government mortgage bail outs by Rick Santelli of CNBC and grew into a movement. By February 27th, 2009, with just some Facebook postings and calls to the Victoria Taft Show to publicize it, Geoff Ludt, led a few dozen citizens from the old Federal Courthouse in downtown Portland to the Willamette River and dumped in a cask of tea. It was a symbolic repudiation of the overspending by the federal government.

After more bail outs, stimulus packages and private industries being taken over by the federal government, blue Portland saw a passionate and patriotic crowd of as many as 7000 citizens collect at Pioneer Courthouse Square on April 15th, 2009 to demand the government stop the spending! Another 4000 people rallied in Salem the same day. Out of that event thousands of Oregonians and Washingtonians were energized to begin "taking their country back" from those leaders who would saddle generations of Americans with the unsustainable debt. The outgrowth from that event were grew local groups such as We the People, Vancouver; Oregon Tea Party; Oregon 9/12 Project; Clackamas County AFP. The leaders of those groups will be at the event. Those in power have alternately ignored the Tea Party, demonized it, been "amused" by it, and now fear its electoral power.