

Mark Owens

Mark Owens is a local farmer, small business owner, Harney County Commissioner and School Board Chair, husband and father, and Republican candidate to be the next state representative for Oregon's House District 60.

Eastern Oregon has been Mark's home for nearly 28 years, but his history in the community goes back much farther.

Although he grew up in Boring, Oregon, Mark spent his summers as a teenager working on a ranch in Harney County before moving here as a young adult, meeting his wife Celeste and making this community their home. He and Celeste started and currently own and operate an alfalfa ranch, rodent control company, and custom haying business in Harney County.

As a small business owner in the agricultural industry and a new father, he knew he wanted to do all he could to make Harney County a place that his kids, and future generations of eastern Oregonians, could have similar opportunities for success. He got involved with and served on the County Planning Commission, school board chair, watershed council, and many other boards and committees.

Then in 2015, he decided to run for County office and in 2016, he was elected to the Harney County Court where his main priority has been to ensure Harney County is able to sustain local agriculture while looking for additional business opportunities and economic development for the community. The use of natural resources, public lands and protecting our way of life has been and still will be his primary focus.

In addition to his role as a county commissioner, he is the Chair of the Ground Water Study Advisory Committee and liaison for the Oregon Water Resource Department where his role is to ensure the prosperity of our agricultural resources while using water in an economical sustainable fashion. He holds leadership positions with the Association of Oregon Counties, National Association of Counties, and Eastern Oregon Counties Association, and has served on numerous other commissions, boards and councils to represent Eastern Oregon locally, nationally, and at the state level.

As School Board Chair for Crane Union High School, father of two kids who attend Crane public schools, and husband to Celeste who is an elementary school teacher in Crane, Mark knows how important it is that we make improving our local schools, investing in our children, and expanding opportunities for career technical education, trades, and post-secondary education, a top priority in the state legislature.

When Mark is not working on his alfalfa ranch, running his two local businesses or serving in public capacities, he enjoys traveling with Celeste, watching his daughter and son play sports, and fishing.

Mark's depth of experience and passion make him uniquely qualified to serve as the next state representative for House District 60. He will lead with a clear vision and with the strong values that make our community and our state such a great place to live.

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HOUSE DISTRICT 60

Leadership for Oregon with 2020 Vision.

Local Leadership

- ▶ Farmer and Owner, Owens Hay, LLC
- ▶ Harney County Commissioner
- ▶ School Board Chair, Crane High School
- ▶ Chair of the Ground Water Study Advisory Committee
- ▶ Association of Oregon Counties, Co-Chair, Natural Resources Committee, Tri Chair of Federal Land Management Sub Committee
- ▶ Eastern Oregon Counties Association, Vice-Chair, Co-Convener of the Blues Intergovernmental Council
- ▶ National Association of Counties

Mark's Positions and Priorities

- ✓ 100% pro-life
- ✓ 100% pro-second amendment
- ✓ 100% pro freedom of speech
- ✓ 100% oppose cap & trade
- ✓ 100% support President Trump



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Priorities

- ▶ Protect and strengthen our agricultural position, natural resources and access to our multiple use public lands
- ▶ Stop one-size-fits-all legislation and keeping government and state agencies accountable
- ▶ Encourage sustainable economic growth, innovation and business-friendly policies
- ▶ Find solutions to improve graduation rates and better allocate dollars direct into the classrooms
- ▶ Increase accessibility and opportunities for career technical education, trades, and post-secondary education
- ▶ Stop and reverse the decriminalization of drugs
- ▶ Prioritize work on mental health issues that are plaguing our jails, prison, and judicial system as a whole
- ▶ Support policies that provide better care and resources for seniors

Hunting, Fishing & Agriculture

- ▶ Support legal & responsible hunting, fishing and gaming activities
- ▶ Protect and revive our customs and culture to support multiple use public lands which allow for hunting, fishing, and other outdoor activities. These opportunities can enhance our recreation and tourism position
- ▶ Rebuild our economy and natural resources by supporting our farmers, ranchers, loggers and miners

Taxes & Economy

- ▶ Oppose tax increases, and believe any policies introduced to raise taxes, whether at a city, county or state level, need to be approved by voters
- ▶ Promote business friendly policies, rules and laws
- ▶ Encourage growth and family wage jobs
- ▶ Stabilize housing by reducing the assessment costs & fees
- ▶ Eliminate the use of the emergency clause in our legislative process