

Ben Westlund for Governor
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WESTLUND ROUND-UPS COME TO SALEM!

Westlund Continues to Gain Momentum with Aggressive Grassroots Campaign

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Bend, OR- (July 10, 2006) State Senator Ben Westlund (I), Independent candidate for Governor will host a Westlund Round-Up on Thursday, July 17 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Thompson's Brewery located at 3575 Liberty Road S. in Salem. Westlund Round-Ups are a fun and open opportunity for people in the community to meet Ben and learn about his growing independent campaign for Governor.

"We are continuing our momentum through the summer by hosting Westlund Round-Ups, gathering signatures to get Ben on the November ballot, attending festivals and public events and adding to our already growing base of support," said Stacey Dycus, Westlund's campaign manager. "As of this week we have 12,721 signatures. We are very confident that Ben will be on the ballot in November."

Recently, the campaign announced that Westlund's Independence Day efforts collected signatures in twelve cities across Oregon netting 1,731 in one day. Westlund must submit just over 18,000 valid signatures by the end of August to qualify for the ballot. Petitions can be downloaded and progress can be tracked on the website www.benwestlund.com.

"All across Oregon, people are telling us that they are ready for a leader who can bring together people from both parties to solve the problems facing Oregon," said Stacey Dycus, campaign manager. "Ben Westlund has a track record of working across the aisle, and as an Independent Governor he will put the needs of Oregonians above the priorities of a political party."

A successful entrepreneur and agri-businessman, Westlund served as a Republican in the state legislature since 1997, and was elected first as state representative from rural Central Oregon. Westlund was appointed in the final days of the 2004 session to fill a vacancy in the Senate and was elected to the seat in November 2004, receiving both the Democratic and Republican nominations and over 80% of the votes cast.

Westlund's politics defy party labels. He is a strong advocate for reducing health care costs for individuals and businesses and believes that primary and preventative healthcare is a fundamental right. He is a champion of alternative and renewable energy

technologies. He was chief sponsor of SB1000 to provide civil unions, and League of Conservation Voters', an environmental organization named him "Best Consensus Builder" of 2005.

Westlund's Mid-Willamette Valley Field Office can be contacted at 541-337-5156. The toll-free number for Westlund's Bend headquarters is 1-877-544-9222, and the Portland office number is 503-595-1316. More information about Ben Westlund, field offices, commercials and radio ads can be found at www.westlundforgovernor.com.