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“OREGON’S TAX SYSTEM – ASSUMPTIONS CHALLENGED”

Guest speaker: Lane Shetterly

“People who complain about taxes can be divided into two classes: men and women.”

Unknown author

No one is going to ever like paying their taxes, but is it possible to come up with a system people think is at least relatively fair? Join us Friday, **November 20** at noon for a program that may lead us to further consider our state tax system.

Oregon, like the rest of the country, is facing declining revenues but greater demand for services. Like what happens in every economic downturn, we are faced with reducing services just when people need them. Can Oregon change things around enough to stabilize their revenues, even during recessions?

In 2007, HB 2530 created the **Tax Force on Comprehensive Revenue Restructuring** and charged it with:

*“developing a blue print for a state and local government tax system that:
1) provides stable revenue, 2) creates positive economic benefits for the state, and 3) provides for a financial foundation that enhances the state’s global competitiveness.”*

The Task Force released its’ **final report in January of 2009.**

Lane Shetterly, a former legislator and former director of the Department of Land Conservation and Development, chaired the Task Force and he will be with us on November 20 to discuss the report: how it came about, what the main recommendations are, and what are the prospects for getting the recommendations implemented. Lane has a reputation for fair-mindedness and integrity that serves him well in bringing groups together.



Please join us on **Friday, November 20** and see if you think the Task Force has shown us **a way out of fiscal turmoil in our state’s future.** For lunch reservations email RSVP@SalemCityClub.com or call 503.370.2808 before noon Tuesday, November 17, 2009. The community is welcomed and encouraged to join us! There is no charge to attend the program at noon. Parking is free. Doors open at 11:30 AM. For more information on this program, and directions to the event, please go to www.salemcityclub.com.