

To The Editor:

With the election behind us and most of the races decided, I'm taking this opportunity to offer my thanks and appreciation for the support I received from House District 10 voters.

I am grateful that this campaign did not take on as high a profile as some in other parts of the state. I did my best to communicate in a respectful and positive manner about my accomplishments and goals for the future. It is very gratifying to have that effort rewarded with a decisive victory.

Tuesday's election marks a new day in Oregon. An equal split between Democrats and Republicans in the Oregon House means we must work together to solve our common challenges. To accomplish our goals, those of us entrusted with conducting state business must now enter into new agreements, create new working partnerships and legislate with a renewed spirit of dedication to Oregonians.

That work begins immediately. Already there are discussions going on to determine the best models for governance as we move forward.

We will face many challenges in the upcoming session, as well as some new opportunities for cooperative improvement efforts. The budgetary dilemmas that lay ahead are formidable, but I am willing to face them honestly and realistically. I remain certain that Oregonians are committed to continuing our most essential services – education, public safety and the support of our most vulnerable citizens.

Above all else, we must find the best path towards creating sufficient numbers of jobs so that all Oregonians who want to be gainfully employed can find work.

Your confidence in me is truly appreciated; I look forward to representing you during the 2011 legislative biennium.

Jean Cowan
State Representative