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REP GENE WHISNANT AND SEN CHRIS TELFER LISTEN TO CONSTITUENTS
Rep. Whisnant and Sen. Telfer hold town halls

Representative Gene Whisnant(R-Sunriver) and Senator Chris Telfer(R-Bend) held Town Halls in Central Oregon last week. They were able to visit with many constituents from Terrebonne, Redmond, Sunriver, La Pine, and Tumalo and the outlying area.

Many people came out to hear the Legislator's reports of what they were able to accomplish during the 2009 Legislative session. Rep. Whisnant spoke of important legislation that he was able to pass that helps Oregonians. Senator Telfer also informed the citizens of her hard work with bringing the Back to Basics Budget to the Legislature.

"I appreciate the people attending our Town Halls and sharing their issues and concerns with us," Rep. Whisnant commented, "It is my overall opinion from the Town Halls that people are concerned about the economy." Senator Telfer said, "It was truly a great opportunity to get out to the Central Oregon communities and hear from people. I appreciate all of those who took the time to lend an ear and provide feedback, but want to also urge my constituents that they can always reach me by email at sen.christelfer@state.or.us or by phone at 541-678-3370."

The Legislators helped the citizens understand the two current ballot issues, Measure 66 and Measure 67 more clearly. They were able to discuss who will be impacted by the individual tax change and how the corporate tax structure will change if the measure passes. Sen. Telfer and Rep. Whisnant encouraged everyone to become educated on these measures and to know what they will be voting on in January.

There were around 115 Central Oregonians that came out for the Town Halls. The Representative and Senator were pleased to be able to speak with so many constituents and hear what they were concerned about. Many issues were brought up by the citizens who attended like OLCC, small business' futures, and property taxes.

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