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**Election data controversy sows outrage, questions**  
***Ben Edtl sounds alarm on Washington County brouhaha***

LAKE OSWEGO, Ore.—Washington County is embroiled in a controversy surrounding a legal matter related to election data, which is one episode in a saga that Ben Edtl, frontrunner in a bid to replace Wagner in the Senate, says should concern all Oregonians:

*“The election integrity and security issues in our state continue to raise alarms and every Oregonian should be outraged with the incompetence and consistent problems.”*

*“Between Washington County’s database issues and Clackamas County ballots being bungled, and Multnomah County’s suppressive regulations preventing Oregonians from election observers—we should collectively demand accountability.”*

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BACKGROUND

***Washington County v. Tim Sippel***, 22cv07782, (Wa. Cty Cir. Ct.) (filed March 4, 2022) (Judge Erik Buchér). Tim sought the test election database from Washington County. (His reason for seeking the test election database was to learn how to better request the actual database.) Washington County refused.

Tim appealed to the Washington County DA who after considering the issue, ordered Washington County to produce the database. Washington County responded by suing Tim seeking a declaration that they did not have to produce the database. The Oregon Secretary of State has intervened on the side of Washington County. In parallel, another election integrity advocate, Jan Dysinger, submitted a public records request for the ballot images from the 2020 Election.

The ballot images are just image files of the scanned ballots—more than 300,000 of them. Last week, Jan Dysinger paid the fee for hard drive of ballot images and asked Tim Sippel to pick it up for her. When Tim looked at it, he discovered that in addition to the ballot images, Washington County had also produced the actual Washington County database from the 2020 election. Late on Friday, the County sought and obtained a temporary restraining order (TRO) against Tim from disclosing, distributing, copying or disseminating the database. The TRO expires Monday, May 16, but there is little doubt that the Court will extend it.

## ABOUT BEN EDTL



Ben Edtl is a business owner, entrepreneur and leader of [Free Oregon](#), a nonpartisan nonprofit, that has stood up to the status quo and corrupt machine that dominates Oregon's governance and political systems.

Edtl is running for Senate District 19. You can learn more about his platform and campaign at [www.BenEdtl.com](http://www.BenEdtl.com) and follow him on Facebook /[BenEdtl](#) and Twitter [@BenEdtl](#).