

Montana's Not for Sale. Stop the Coronation — Start the Revolution.

★ **Vote Dr. Al Olszewski for the 1st Congressional District** ★

By Shirley Bennett

In the quiet corners of Montana, from the coffee shops of the Flathead to the ranch lands of the east, a pointed and urgent question is being asked: Were our election outcomes decided before the public even knew there was a race?. Recent developments in Montana's federal races have left many grassroots voters feeling as though they are witnessing a pre-arranged succession rather than an open primary. When major seats transition seamlessly from one insider-backed candidate to another in a matter of minutes, the appearance of a predetermined outcome becomes impossible to ignore.

The most glaring example of this “establishment scheme” is the sudden crowning of Aaron Flint for Montana's western congressional seat. While presented as a swift response to a retirement, public records reveal a more calculated reality: Flint changed his voter registration to Flathead County on October 22, 2025—months before the vacancy was made public. This suggests a transition planned well in advance, out of the public view. Furthermore, Flint has been accused of using his media platform to do exactly what the establishment dictated, refusing airtime to conservative voices who dared to challenge the machine.

Against this backdrop of “good old boy” lawfare and beltway-backed maneuvers stands Dr. Al Olszewski. A true grassroots candidate, Dr. O has not been elevated by a small circle

of influential figures or billionaire-backed fundraisers. Instead, he represents a “just, fair, and smart” conservative alternative for those who believe that political participation should belong to the people who knock on doors and organize local meetings, not those who cut deals in backrooms.

For those who feel the weight of the establishment is too heavy to move, we must remember that God works in mysterious ways, and history is full of upsets that the “insiders” never saw coming. In 1860, the Republican establishment was certain that New York Governor William H. Seward would be their presidential nominee. Seward was so confident that he had a celebratory cannon ready at his home and had already bid farewell to his Senate colleagues. Abraham Lincoln was the clear underdog, a man many delegates had never even heard of.

But a simple, unexpected event changed the course of history. A printer's delay—rumored to be caused by a stop for beer—meant the ballots weren't ready on a Thursday evening. That 17-hour recess gave grassroots activists and those resentful of Seward's broken promises the window they needed to lobby the delegations in the taverns of Chicago. By the time voting began on Friday, the “safe” establishment pick was crumbling. Lincoln, the rail-splitter from Illinois, clinched the nomination in a dramatic upset that paved his path to the presidency.

Montana finds itself in its own “Chicago convention” moment. We are faced with a system that appears increasingly controlled by a few powerful figures who react to decisions made elsewhere rather than directing a transparent process for the voters. From retaliatory policing and “two-tier” justice systems in our counties to pre-selected successors in our federal races, the message to the grassroots has been clear: sit down and follow the plan.

But as Lincoln's victory proved, the most effective way to challenge a preselected process is not disengagement, but participation. A true conservative protests at the ballot box. By voting for Dr. Al Olszewski, Montanans can reject the insider-driven “succession” and prove that our nominees are chosen by the people, not the “club”. If we do not step up in this primary, we risk cementing a system where insider influence dominates every future race, effectively ending meaningful competition in our state.

On June 2, we have the chance to show that Montana still values the “underdog” over the “insider”. Like the delegates who shifted to Lincoln in 1860, we can choose a candidate who represents grassroots principles over establishment-backed selections. It is time to push back against the beltway billionaires and restore legitimacy to our elections. Vote for Dr. O, and let the people of Montana decide our future. 🇺🇸