

LETTERS

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have a choice at your next election whether it is for mayor, governor or president — it's your choice, you've made your decision.

Terry Coultas



To the Editor:

There has been little leadership coming out of the Governor's office since the COVID-19 outbreak. A leader should be uplifting, offer a message of hope, and have a clear plan for Oregonians to get back to work. (Some Oregon counties have no reported cases of COVID-19 or have very few cases.) A leader should show her constituents that she cares about them. Every briefing that is held by the Governor's office is vague, uninspiring, and does not have an outline for a clear and defined mission. The mission should be get Oregon back to work.

My father managed a small business in Portland. He managed to keep the business running through three labor strikes, three recessions, and a terminal illness. He had a clear contingency plan during the times of recession, strike, and downturn of the economy. I do not see any business contingency plan coming out of the Governor's office to get Oregon's economy running.

Governor Brown has tied Oregon with California and Washington State. Her briefings are similar to California Governor Newsom's. We don't share power with California and Washington State. Oregon has a different economy than Washington State and California. Both Washington State and

California have diverse economies. Oregon was dependent upon the lumber industry until the government shut the forests. Oregon has never recovered and does not have a diverse economy.

Oregon business won't recover if businesses are shuttered and not able to resume business soon. State Senator Findley and State Representative Owens have a viable rural pilot project that was sent to Governor Brown on April 17, 2020 for the Governor's approval. Their plan follows CDC guidelines, lays out the main areas that the governor said that needed to address before Oregon could open, as well as, following CDC guidelines on social distancing. They have a clear and defined plan for opening restaurants, barbers, gyms, and boutique shops.

Governor Brown needs to adopt Senator Findley and Representative Owens pilot project for rural Oregon and make a phase plan for opening up large metro areas. She needs to meet with Oregon business and resort leaders to work on a plan for opening recreation areas for the summer months. She should meet with rural Oregon healthcare providers and open up healthcare.

Governor Brown needs to collaborate with school districts to improve distance learning and establish funding for summer school. (I would encourage all school districts to set a date for senior day so that Oregon seniors could say goodbye to their teachers and classmates as well as establish a commencement date). The economic downturn has made it difficult for college students to find internships. The Governor needs to step up with Oregon companies to establish internship programs for Oregon college students.

Oregonians need to hear a message of hope and

have something to look for in the immediate future. Instead Oregonians hear the same vague message that mirrors Gov. Newsom of California.

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To the Editor:

Michael Wells letter (April 22) venting his disapproval of Tom Donohue's opinions regarding the COVID-19 virus was justifiable to a certain point. The latter's attitude was unhelpful and opposite the general consensus and best expert advice.

After making his point, however, Mr. Wells declared that those opinions represented the general views of 33 to 50 percent of the population. On what basis he concluded this, he didn't say nor could he provide any substantiation. Calling such attitudes "right-wing talking points" is, in fact, a left-wing talking point. To vilify a large segment of the population who hold conservative beliefs in this way is unfair and extreme.

Conservative values are community values: promotion of individual liberty, protection of constitutional rights, benefits of a free-market economy, limitation of intrusive government; these are values all citizens should support regardless of political affiliation. Then Mr. Wells then resorts to "virtue signaling" to show how he exemplifies the better angels of our society in contrast to those "others." Attacking a large portion of the electorate by identifying them with one individual is illogical and unhelpful. This is a tired tactic and should be avoided. We're all in this together.

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