

Council's Ward I seat attracts newcomers

Johnston says growth limited

The encouragement of high-density housing within the city limits is not the way to control urban growth or cope with the housing shortage, according to Jim Johnston, city council candidate for Ward 1.

Johnston, an estimator and design supervisor for the University Physical Plant, says high-density housing has a higher social cost than many people realize. The compacting of people creates added social tension and increases the demand for social services.

He says the housing shortage is caused by demand and the demand is largely artificially created by developers and builders. The present property tax assessment system encourages land development, sales and subdivisions, Johnston says, because it is based on potential rather than actual use of land.



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"Eugene isn't at its upper limits of growth, but we're knocking on the door," Johnston says.

Johnston says tax assessments can be used to manage growth by changing it from potential use to actual use and basing the assessment on a person's ability to pay. "We don't want to put a stop to growth; we want to manage it."

He is opposed to the formation of a dry port district for Eugene. He says such a district would add another layer of government and "invite development."

Johnston, who received his master's degree in urban and regional planning from the University, says "mass transit is critical for the survival of Eugene." However, he opposes the suggestion that bus service and routes be extended to thinly-populated

areas. "We've got to get people to come to the bus lines and not just extend the lines to every residence in the district," he says.

On the downtown civic center proposal, Johnston says, "the issue is can we afford it? Will it revitalize the city center?" He says he is hesitant to endorse the proposal, but "we need it; it is a basic need."

Johnston, who is chair of the Crest Drive Citizens' Association and was instrumental in the passage of the city's tree preservation ordinance, feels the city's gay rights amendment may not be necessary. "I don't think we really have a problem here. I don't think we need to grant them (gays) special minority status."

Citizen involvement is of special concern to Johnston. He says he will work to encourage this involvement and give citizens access to local government. "I want to encourage the city council to take direction from these groups."

Schue: Quality of life important

Eugene's quality of life — from gay rights to urban sprawl — would be Emily Schue's primary concern if elected to the Ward 1 city council seat.

Schue, 52, a former teacher, has served on several city and county housing bodies. She also has served as vice-president of the League of Women Voters at the local and state levels.

Schue said she supports the gay rights ordinance because it is a civil rights issue, in terms of employment and housing, not a law endorsing sexual attitudes.

"The ordinance is really rather minimal," she said. "It only guarantees gays rights that other people have."

She said she enjoys Eugene because of the diversity and variety of people, and "except for the gay rights upheaval, Eugene is pretty congenial and tolerant."

Schue supports the proposed civic center and the possible national-chain hotel to financially strengthen the downtown area.

"We already have the infrastructure — sewers and streets. It seems stupid to put in another shipping place someplace else. The alternative would be another Valley River Center."

But Schue is concerned about urban sprawl and the costs involved with spreading Eugene across valuable farm land. She endorses the urban service boundary, but at the same time realizes Eugene's growth is inevitable.

Although Eugene will continue to grow, she is adamant in her stand on enticing industry to the area.

"I would not have the city in the business of city promotion. I'm not supportive of Data General." (Data General is a Massachusetts electronics firm that was encouraged to come to Eugene at the



Emily Schue

Cone-Breeden annexation location. Later, it decided not to build here.)

As for field burning, Schue favors greater efforts towards limiting the permissible burnable acreage. She feels it's necessary to "keep the heat on the legislature, not just for field burning, but for air pollution in general."

Schue also believes Eugene needs the T-2000 plan, especially emphasis in the areas of bus service and bicycles.

Public safety worries Lyford

Civic responsibility is the campaign theme for Bob Lyford, a Ward 1 city council candidate.

Lyford, 56, says a recent Gallup survey showed 83 percent of those polled believe their city council was not "doing the job." Not only does Lyford believe he can do the job, but he feels obliged to.

"We've all got a job to do in this life, and if we don't do it, it'll go undone for the rest of eternity," says the 30-year resident of Eugene.

Lyford, an electrical contractor, has been president of the St. Vincent de Paul mission for six years and chair of the state electrical apprenticeship committee for two years.

Public safety is Lyford's primary concern. He says his familiarity

with city safety codes because of his electrical background would help resolve the confusion between conflicting state and city safety codes.

On the gay rights amendment, Lyford says he would have voted against it if he were on the city council back in November. He opposes the amendment because he says a majority of the people don't favor it.

He says, however, "I don't believe it's a civil rights issue. The constitution and the Bill of Rights protects everyone."

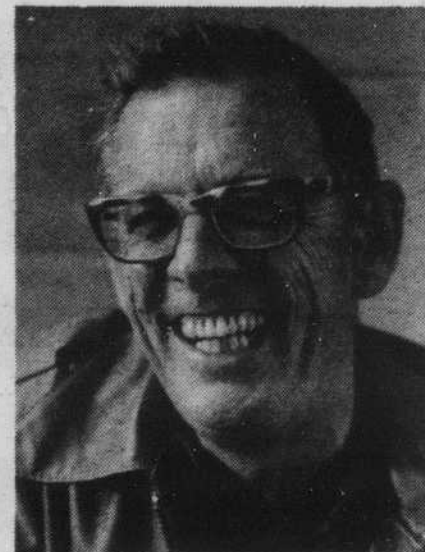
But if the pro-amendment forces could prove that gays have been discriminated against in housing, services and jobs, "I'd be willing to fight for them to get their rights," he says, "but I'm not in favor of the gay rights amendment."

As for field burning, Lyford believes the grass seed industry should spend more time scheduling the burnings.

"In the past, it seems like they burn every field in the world all on one day," he says.

He also believes he would compromise between the 50,000 and 180,000 acreage burning limit.

Lyford says he is encouraged by the T-2000 plan, but he says he hopes that careful planning isn't sacrificed just to obtain federal funds by the target deadline. The proposal to reduce automobile use by 30 percent concurs with Lyford's personal philosophy, but



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he admits he relies on the car more than he should.

In terms of Eugene's growth, Lyford believes the city's urban service boundaries are sufficient, but he admits, "You can't limit city boundaries because it will grow anyway. You can't build a moat around the city."

He also likes the idea of a civic center for Eugene, but he is hesitant whether the downtown area is the proper location because of the potential parking problem. But if the parking problem is minimal, he says he will support it.

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