

Election '78 Lane voters to pick candidates for state, county, city positions

A sure sign Election Day is drawing near is that every third billboard sports a grinning candidate, complete with slogan. Other give-aways are the flurry of speeches and the increase in TV commercials.

On Nov. 7, Lane County voters will choose between eight state candidates for statewide races.

Vying for the Oregon governor's chair are veteran state Sen. Victor Atiyeh, a carpet store chain owner who beat out fellow Republican Tom McCall in the primary, and Gov. Bob Straub. A major difference between the two candidates is taxes. Atiyeh supports Ballot Measure 6 and Straub pushes Measure 11.

Democrat Vern Cook, an Oregon legislator, is canvassing the state in an attempt to unseat U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield. Hatfield is seeking his third six-year term in the Senate.

Other state races have state Sen. Mary (Wendy) Roberts run-

ning against John Smets for state labor commissioner. Vying for the post of state superintendent of public instruction are present Superintendent Verne Duncan and college professor Ruth McFarland.

Republican Jerry Lausmann, a Medford veneer and plywood manufacturer, is challenging House Rep. Jim Weaver, a Democrat, in the District 4 U.S. house race. Lausmann is making his second bid for the post.

Lane residents will vote for one state senator and one house representative depending on which area of the county they live in.

In the state Senate, District 21 voters will choose between Sen. Ed Fadeley, D-Eugene, and Rod Palmer; in District 22, which covers outlying Eugene areas, Clinton Boeringer and Larry Campbell; and in District 23, George Wingard is running unopposed.

In state House District 39, which covers the Santa Clara, River

Road and Bethel areas, state Rep. Grattan Kerans is campaigning against Republican Gary Wright. In District 40, including South Eugene and parts of West Eugene, state Rep. Dave Frohnmayer is being challenged by Office of Student Advocacy head Don Chalmers. In District 41, which covers the West University Neighborhood area, North Eugene and parts of West Eugene, Tom Fagan and state Rep. Mary Burrows face each other.

The only county race in which all Lane residents will vote is the county assessor's contest. Democrat Ken Byland, who now serves as county assessor, is being challenged by Republican realtor Bill Bain.

Three county commissioner districts will pick a commissioner, which will increase the board from three to five members. In the county, west district voters will choose between Ed Reidl and

Harold Rutherford. In the east district, Bob C. Smith faces Otto t'Hooft, while the Springfield area voters will choose between William Morrisette and Vance Freeman.

Although Eugene voters will mark their ballots for four City Council members, only one race is contested. Eric Haws, a current council member, is facing Ted Brandt for his post.



Ballot Measures

Voters will be faced with issues varying from county library funding to dentures on the Nov. 7 ballot. Eleven state ballot measures and two county measures will be decided.

State measures are:

- Ballot Measure 1 would change the manner in which Oregon's appellate judges are elected. If passed, the governor would appoint the judges, and voters would either confirm or reject his proposal.
- If Ballot Measure 2 is passed, the Oregon constitution will be amended to require Senate confirmation of all governor-appointed positions.
- Ballot Measure 3 would increase the vehicle registration fee from the current \$20 every two years to \$20 every year. The added revenue would be used in highway maintenance.
- Ballot Measure 4 shortens the formation procedures for Public Utility Districts by reducing to one the number of petitions and elections needed to form a PUD. Currently the number of petitions and elections required is two.
- Measure 5 would repeal 1976 legislative law allowing only dentists to make and fit dentures. If passed, the measure would allow denturists to market their inexpensive work.
- Measure 6 would reduce Oregon property taxes to 1.5

percent of their value, based on 1975 assessments.

- Following Measure 6 on the ballot will be Measure 11, the Oregon Legislature's answer to the Proposition 13-like cut in taxes. Measure 11 would decrease property taxes by as much as 50 percent of their assessed value.
 - Ballot Measure 7 prohibits state expenditures for abortion.
 - Measure 8 would reinstate the death penalty for some cases of premeditated murder.
 - Ballot Measure 9 would place limitations on the private utility's rate base charged the customer. It would forbid private utilities to charge consumers for construction costs. A similar measure was passed in Missouri in 1976.
 - Ballot Measure 10 would amend Oregon's land-use planning and zoning guidelines to nullify the current Land Conservation and Development guidelines. If passed, all land-use planning procedures would not have to conform to LCDC guidelines.
- Two Lane County measures on the November ballot include a measure to make the county assessor an appointed position, instead of the current non-partisan elected post; and a measure asking if the county should fund library services.

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The question of the 1978 campaign may not be "Measure 6 or 11?", an issue countless candidates — and especially gubernatorial ones — seem to feel the urge to discuss at length at any opportunity. The question could be: "Where is Bob Straub?"

Most Oregonians are aware Straub is their governor, and that fact should pay off with high visibility and access to the media.

So far, it hasn't worked that way, and it could be for lack of trying. GOP challenger Victor Atiyeh told a Lane County group recently that Straub is so worried about passing Measure 11 — the Legislature's answer to taxpayers' revolt — that he has misplaced his re-election campaign.

It is clear that Atiyeh hasn't forgotten his bid. "The man in the gray suit" is serious about his try for the state's top office this time around. He is literally penciling in speech after speech, and pointing out that he is ahead in the polls.

Len Bernstein, Straub's campaign manager, attributes Straub's plummet in the summer polls to a "crest of anti-

19,708. A total of 489,760 Republicans have signed up, a hike of 15,779.

A congressman used to be censured for abbreviating obscene words and including them in the Congressional Record. Now congressmen are being censured for failing to report \$1,000 "campaign contributions" from South Korean rice dealer Tongsun Park.

It is no big deal though. A censure is little more than a "talks too much" on a grade school report card.

If censured, a congressman must actually stand in front of his colleagues while the charges against him are read aloud. Even less frightening is a reprimand, when the chastized member need not appear while charges are read.

Last week's decisions to censure Rep. Edward Roybal, D-Cal., and to reprimand Rep. Charles Wilson, D-Cal., was the first time the House has censured a member in more than 50 years.

Only 17 congressmen have been censured, with 13 of those occurring during an 11-year period from 1864 to 1875.

government feeling." Bernstein quickly points out that Straub has been gaining lately and that in the latest poll the governor is within five points of Atiyeh.

But the polls are not a thing to stake a bet on. They predicted Tom McCall would grab the Republican nomination in May and that didn't pan out.

When asked exactly where Straub was these days, Bernstein ticked off a number of recent Straub activities and accomplishments and added that whenever Straub could get away from his "tough decision" job, he was out on the campaign trail, discussing Measure 11 and talking to the people.

Democrats are outnumbering Republicans in Oregon voter registration, according to Oregon's secretary of state office. As of Sept. 1, there were 1,402,595 registered voters — an increase of 45,000 from the May 23 primary election. The current figure still falls 20,000 short of the mark for the November 1976 presidential election.

So far, 771,149 Democrats have registered, an increase of

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