



Archie Weinstein

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More than 11,000 sign Weinstein recall nears ballot

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A measure to recall Lane County Commissioner Archie Weinstein could be on the Nov. 7 ballot, says Don Penfold, head of the county elections division.

Penfold met with recall leaders Tuesday morning in an effort to determine if the recall measure could be placed on the November ballot. Although there may be some last minute changes, the measure will be on that ballot if all the signatures are collected by the end of this week, Penfold says.

About 4,000 more signatures are needed to place the recall on the ballot.

Those petitions could bring in as many as 24,000 signatures, Newton says.

Newton and Caron listed Weinstein's failure to "properly perform his elected duties" as the reason for the recall.

Penfold says his speedy action on the recall validation procedure is in the best interests of Lane County residents.

"My interest is not necessarily to accommodate the recall leaders," he says. "It will be done as soon as possible for economic reasons so the people of the county don't end up paying \$25,000 for a special election sometime later."

At a meeting of the Citizens Cooperating to Recall Weinstein Committee Monday night, more than 11,000 signatures were presented.

The drive needs to collect almost 15,000 valid signatures before next Monday. Committee leaders told Penfold they will have those by Thursday morning.

If those signatures are collected by then, Penfold says he will begin the validation process for the petitions Thursday evening.

The recall effort began more than a week ago when Jan Newton and Roscoe Caron, both of Eugene, filed the necessary petition with the elections division. Since that time, more than 1,700

Frohnmayer, Chalmers discuss legislative issues before public

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Energy and a full-time legislature were among issues discussed by District 40 incumbent Dave Frohnmayer and challenger Don Chalmers at a candidates' forum at the Lincoln Community School Tuesday night.

"People will determine the issues in the '79 legislature," Frohnmayer told the forum, which was sponsored by the Westside Neighborhood Quality Project.

"One of my positive thrusts will be in energy," Chalmers told the group. "We need to look at local power and the needs of our community. We need to look to the state for a comprehensive energy plan."

Frohnmayer said that if either ballot measure 6 or 11 passes, the legislature will face an enormous task in cutting the state budget.

"People will want someone to see where the fat is and where the fat isn't and where the budget cuts should be made," Frohnmayer

said. He voted to place measure 11 on the ballot and said he intends to vote for it next month. The measure will instruct the state to pay 50 percent of homeowners and renters property tax bill (up to 1,500) and require that state and local governments adhere to spending limits.

Chalmers said the state has to be given some direction in developing plans for slash use in power generating, local co-generation of power and reducing energy use at the local level.

"I do not support nuclear power — it is too capital intensive and labor de-intensive," Chalmers said. "We need to move away from nuclear power. We should decommission Trojan for 10 years because the energy is not needed. Power being generated by EWEB and Weyerhaeuser is being sold to California."

Frohnmayer said he is concerned about the cost of new thermal generating plants, saying that the state should not get into

financing them at \$1 billion each. He noted energy rates will double every eight years and he said that unless senior citizens are protected and industries that are crucial to the area's economy from rising power costs, "we will be in sad straits."

Both candidates said they were opposed to measure 9 that would prohibit private utilities from charging consumers for power plant construction costs.

Frohnmayer said he is opposed to a full-time legislature, saying that the state needs a citizen legislature that will stay in touch with its constituents.

Chalmers said he favors annual sessions of the legislature, but he would limit the session to four months per year. He said that six months in Salem every two years leads legislators to rush through business. "A four month session gives us a citizen legislature and gets more work for \$15,000 (the cost per legislator while in session)."

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