

McCall warns voters to guard land planning

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Former Gov. Tom McCall passed through Eugene Thursday warning voters that Ballot Measure 10 will "cut the heart out of Oregon's land-use program."

Measure 10 would abolish the state Land Conservation and Development Commission and the 14 land-use goals and guidelines established by the LCDC if it is approved by voters Tuesday.

"It is not so direct as the effort two years ago," McCall said of a 1976 ballot measure, which called for an outright repeal of Senate Bill 100, the legislation establishing LCDC.

Ballot Measure 10 downgrades the LCDC to an advisory commission if the Legislature so chooses and allows the Legislature to establish new goals and guidelines. No state enforcement of those guidelines would be possible.

McCall said that it was senseless to expect the Legislature to rewrite the goals and guidelines within 60 days of the 1979 session as required by Measure 10. It took the LCDC, a five-member commission, five years to write the current goals, he said. This requirement of Measure 10 made him wonder about the true motivation of the measure's authors.

McCall called Measure 10 a devious attempt to end land-use planning in Oregon and charged that its proponents were motivated by greed.

McCall theatrically held up a letter from Oregon Shores, a firm selling subdivisions in Oregon.

"Now you might think that Oregon Shores is a firm located in Florence or Klamath Falls," said McCall. McCall

then read the address of the firm: 612 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, California 90049. McCall said that Oregon is being sold on the radio in Paris and Hong Kong.

He said this emphasizes the need for land use planning. "The Oregon we know could be wrecked if we don't plan ahead for growth," the former governor said. "Local governments have to decide now, as well as they can, where to locate all the development that results from as much as an additional 1.5 million people living in our state in the next 20 years."

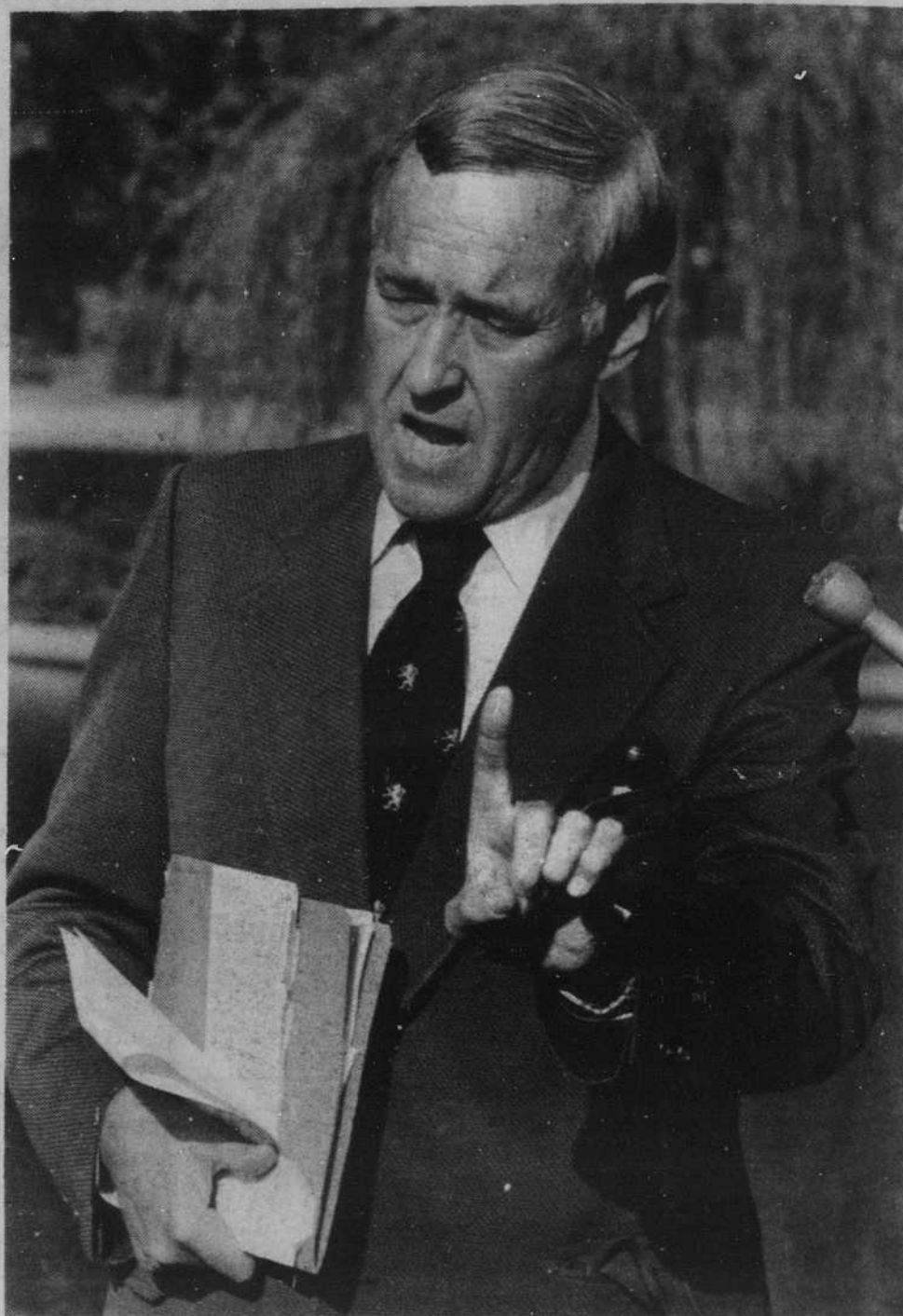
McCall attacked a number of specific problems with Measure 10. He said that a strong state enforcement body was essential to keep land-use consistent on a statewide basis.

"You will have about 277 jurisdictions all going in opposite directions," he said.

He also said repeal of LCDC's goals and guidelines would cripple the Oregon Coastal Management Program. The planning program is nearly complete according to McCall. Further, McCall said, local jurisdictions would lose over \$2 million in federal funds for the coastal planning effort.

McCall said most jurisdictions in the state have nearly completed their comprehensive land-use plans. Once LCDC approves these plans, the local jurisdiction assumes full control of planning decisions within the bounds of their own plan.

"That's what the whole program is shooting for," McCall said. "Local plans that will do a better job of protecting farm lands, estuaries and big game habitat for Oregon's thousands of hunters and fishermen, and will also provide affordable housing."



Former Oregon Gov. Tom McCall

Photo by Keith Allen

Would Newton gravitate toward O'Keefe?

Like the apple gravitated toward Newton. You see, Newton was the beneficiary of a bump of enlightenment. Undoubtedly, he would have been amenable to other enlightening stimuli. For example, the hearty, full-bodied flavor of O'Keefe. The smooth and easy swallow. The fascinating, long-lasting head. As thousands of others after him, it is only logical that he would have said, "It's too good to gulp."



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Insurance premium talk set

Automobile insurance rates will be the topic of discussion when State Insurance Commissioner William Fritz visits Harris Hall at 1:30 p.m. today.

Fritz may send a rule change proposal to the Legislature which would end ratings based on sex, age, marital status and geographical location and instead institute a

"merit system" based on the driver's record.

Local OSPIRG director Randal O'Toole said the current rules are "arbitrary and discriminatory" and that OSPIRG would lobby for a change.

He said OSPIRG had received complaints that couples who live together have had their insurance suddenly cancelled. Additionally, one recently divorced woman who did not report the change in her marital status was subsequently listed as a high risk.

"People that have good driving records are not going to be affected adversely by the 'merit system,'" he said, but will see their rates go down.

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