

State representatives

District 40 candidates share goals, not methods

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While economic development, aid for higher education and tax relief will be top priorities in the 1985 Legislature, incumbent state Rep. Carl Hosticka and Republican Mitch Hammerstad, candidates for the District 40 state representative seat, differ in their approaches to attaining these goals.

"The major issues of the session are money and money in that order, and that involves both the property tax question and the state budget," Hosticka says.

"Economic development is one of the first orders of business in the state of Oregon as far as I'm concerned. What we need is jobs," Hammerstad



Mitch Hammerstad

says. An increase in jobs would lead to a population boost, and

the result would be a greater tax base, he says.

"Tourism can also provide a wealth of revenue for the state, especially if a sales tax is initiated, Hammerstad says. He adds that his campaign was prompted by the Legislature's failure to refer a sales tax to voters during the last legislative session.

Adding a sales tax to current income taxes and property taxes in the state would spread the burden out more equitably, Hammerstad says.

If the state imposed a 5 percent retail tax (excluding drugs and food), the state could collect \$8 million in additional revenue.

"That would more than alleviate for Measure 2 if it passed," Hammerstad says.

"I'm willing to do what's

necessary to raise the revenues to fund most of the things that



Carl Hosticka

are listed," Hosticka says.

Hosticka says higher education, basic education and municipal services are all part of the package that affects state economic development.

"And I say let's focus on those, and if we have to raise the budget to pay for it, let's pay for it," he says. Revenue from a sales tax should be used to pay for these services and not for income tax relief, he added.

He says those issues are more important in the long run than any marginal tax breaks the state could offer the public or businesses.

"The major question is going to be funding the budget. The other thing is the property tax issue and how to combine providing property tax relief along with stable funding for local government."

District 39 race is a showdown on taxes, utilities

By Julie Shippen
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Easing the state's property tax burden and giving small businesses a chance to grow in Oregon are just two of the objectives that Republican Carl DiPaolo and Democrat Ron Eachus say they would try to meet as state representative of House District 39.

The methods that these two candidates would use to solve the problems surrounding these and other issues are markedly different, however, and both DiPaolo and Eachus are quick to confirm their differences.

The two-year seat opens with the departure of Grattan Kerans, the district's representative for the past 10 years, who is running for the state treasurer's office.

Eachus, 37, who has been district representative for U.S. Rep. Jim Weaver for the past nine years, strongly endorses the Citizens Utility Board initiative. He believes CUB is vital

in keeping telephone and utility rates down by providing better public representation before the public utility commissioner.

DiPaolo, 42, enters the race as a businessman of 12 years and a state employee for five of those years. He admits his political career began in 1970 when he won a seat on the Santa Clara Water District Board by phoning in numerous votes for himself.

Although DiPaolo does not oppose Ballot Measure 3 (CUB) outright, he also does not support the measure as the area's utility rates are not unreasonably high, he says. He also disfavours CUB because he says it would not include the Eugene Water and Electric Board as it is publicly owned and not subject to the PUC.

Eachus disagrees with these statements and points out that EWEB has a publicly elected board of directors.

Both oppose Ballot Measure 2, the 1.5 percent property tax

limitation, saying the cut would be too drastic. Neither candidate supports a sales tax as an alternative, but Eachus and



Ron Eachus

DiPaolo wholeheartedly agree the sales tax referendum should go before voters.

DiPaolo favors cutting

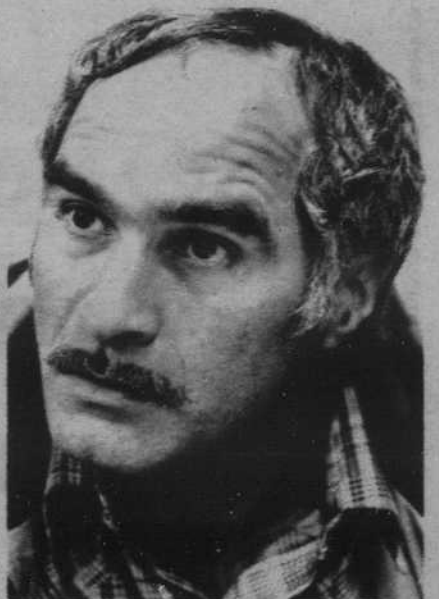
government spending, particularly in the state department of education, which he says is just a "paper shuffler." He says the other way to cut spending is to limit the growth of government, which he says is unproductive, and allow it to grow only as the income rate increases.

Eachus plans to bring small business into the area include the "Buy Oregon" program, which keeps capital within the state by connecting its buyers and sellers, he says. Eachus also proposes adopting a graduated corporate income tax that would tax businesses according to size, he says.

DiPaolo criticizes the corporate income tax plan and believes that Eachus is foolish to make a proposal that DiPaolo says would scare off incoming business.

Both candidates support higher education, but to differing degrees. Both endorse a tuition freeze; DiPaolo supports it


because he says "there is no more fat to cut," and Eachus because "we can't keep pricing students out of our education," he says. Eachus adds that an increase in faculty salaries is necessary, not to draw professors to the University but to prevent losing present faculty.



Carl DiPaolo


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