

Election '86

Nuclear

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proved Measure 51, which provides for a nuclear-free zone in Eugene.

Organizers have been working about three years to pass nuclear-free measures, said David Oaks, a member of Political Action for Lasting Security. He added that supporters will have to unite to keep the City Council from overturning the measures, which they technically could do.

"With great reluctance, the time is now to get involved in city politics," Oaks said.

Lane County voters also approved a bond measure to build additional jail facilities, but defeated the tax-based measure that would provide funding to operate those facilities.

Ballot Measure 19, a \$5.1 million bond issue providing funds for facilities and programs to support the existing Lane County jail, passed with 50 percent of the vote, while Measure 20, a \$3.1 million property tax levy, was defeated by 48 percent.

As a result of the defeat of Measure 20, additional jail space probably will not be constructed.

Ballot Measure 52, which establishes the 5.5-mile West Eugene Parkway, was overwhelmingly approved by 70 percent of voters, with 64 of 68 city precincts reporting.

The county assessor will continue to be elected, not appointed, after Ballot Measure 17 was defeated by 58 percent of voters from 132 of 181 precincts reporting.

Challenger Ellie Dumdi defeated incumbent Chuck Ivey in a race for county commis-

sioner. She attributes her victory to keeping her campaign on a positive track and maintaining personal contact with voters.

Dumdi said her top priority will be to support existing businesses in the area to help attract new businesses.

"We've lost so many mill jobs, now we have to find jobs to replace them... that's where my experience is — in generating jobs," Dumdi said.

Incumbent County Assessor Jim Gangle defeated challenger Norman Pohll by a wide margin of 49 percent to Pohll's 32 percent of the vote.

Commenting on the wide margin, Gangle said he offered people the benefit of experience.

"I campaign on my record... I hope to continue to make improvements in my job as tax assessor," he said.

Pohll tied his campaign defeat to the defeat of Ballot Measure 17, which would have directed that the county assessor be appointed rather than elected.

All four people running for City Council were unopposed. Eugene Mayor Brian Obie said three of the council members are returning, and one is new.

City Council priorities will be continuing economic efforts and establishing the Riverfront Research Park, Obie said.

Although Eugene voters approved Measure 51, making the city a nuclear-free zone, Obie and the City Council opposed the measure.

"It is a major burden for the city to carry, and I don't think the voters understood that," he said.

The race for Eugene Water



Ellie Dumdi

and Electric Board director at large was a close one and probably will not be decided until sometime today.

Incumbent Jack Craig, with 38.8 percent of the vote, said he thinks the close margin centers on the Trojan issue. Craig supported Measure 14, which would have closed the nuclear plant in Rainier until a permanent waste site was located. His opponent, Randy Thwing, with 39.6 percent, opposed the measure.

Craig said Thwing outspent him in the campaign because Thwing received campaign contributions from people affiliated with the nuclear plant.

Steve Cornacchia was elected as Lane County Commissioner, Position 2, and Bill Rogers, who ran unopposed, was elected to Position 5.

Emily Schue, Robert Bennett, Freeman Holmer and Jeff Miller were elected to positions on the Eugene City Council.

Ron Davis was elected as director of subdivision 2 of the Emerald People's Utility District.

Exit

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necessary to find the underlying causes and clear any ambiguity in the election results.

Exit polls also are necessary because elected officials often claim that because the people elected them, they must agree with the officials' platforms, Lemert said. Unless voters are allowed to discuss whether a candidate's positions on foreign policy, taxes and social welfare affected their vote, the candidate must interpret for himself, he said.

The best time to ask voters is right after they have voted, said Lemert, who has been conducting exit polls in Lane County since 1978.

"Lane County is not like the

rest of the state," and the results of the exit poll should not be projected to the rest of the state, Lemert said. Instead, the results should be used as an explanation for why voters voted yes or no.

Three factors were involved in the preparation of the exit poll, said Tom Obrzut, graduate teaching assistant for Lemert. A pool of 42 precincts was chosen randomly to be the control group.

The pool was then split in thirds, with pollers conducting exit interviews in three different time frames for each subgroup — from 8 a.m. to noon, noon to 4 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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disposal were defeated by voters.

Measure 14 would have closed the Trojan Nuclear Power Plant near Rainier until a federally licensed waste repository was located.

Measure 15 would have changed the definition of radioactive waste to include the waste generated by the Teledyne Wah Chang Albany plant.

Measure 16 would have phased out nuclear weapons manufacturing in Oregon.

And all the state measures aimed at changing the state's tax structure were defeated by

voters Tuesday.

Measure 9, the property tax relief measure was defeated as have been similar measures in the past five Oregon elections.

Measures 11 and 12, the package aimed at shifting the tax burden from property taxes to income taxes, also were defeated.

Measure 7, the Oregon sales tax measure, also was defeated.

In state races, Democrats maintained control of the Oregon state Legislature.

In the local races for the state Senate, Larry Hill was elected from District 21, and Grattan Kerans was elected from District

20. Both Hill and Kerans are Democrats.

In local races for the state House of Representatives, Carl Hosticka retained his District 40 seat, and David Dix took the District 41 seat. Both Hosticka and Dix are Democrats.

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Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole of Kansas conceded at midnight that the Democrats would win control of the Senate.

"Oh yeah, it's a question of whether it will be 53 or 55" Democrats, he said.

Democrats harvested Republican seats in Maryland and Florida and were leading narrowly in half a dozen more states.

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