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Miller announces support for Frohnmayer's candidacy



Jeff Miller

David Frohnmayer

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Eugene Mayor Jeff Miller gave strong support Friday to Attorney General Dave Frohnmayer's candidacy for governor at Frohnmayer's local election headquarters.

"We will support Dave Frohnmayer in his race for the state governor and will work with him so that we, the local government, will help solve the important Oregonian issue of tax reform," Miller said.

Frohnmayer's education plan consists of a combination sales and property tax, which, he said, if executed correctly will eventually bring the school funding crisis to a halt.

In a written proposal released last week, Frohnmayer called for a property tax limit of \$15 for every \$1,000 of assessed value and a four percent sales tax, which would be fixed at that level by the state constitution.

"This (sales tax) will provide a replacement revenue with a voter review after four years," Frohnmayer said.

"I want to solve the toughest problems that are closest to the people."

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Barbara Roberts' plan. presented earlier this month, would require a five percent sales tax on goods and services, relieving the public school system from property tax support all together.

Frohnmayer said his "top priority" plan will only work if schools get help from both state and the local government. Frohnmayer believes that at this stage in the school funding crisis, local government must work hard to overcome low funds.

"We must ensure our students long term benefits through school and beyond," Frohnmayer said. "It is no longer adequate merely to support our educational programs. We must invent ways to expand to serve more students."

Frohnmayer said in the written statement that if elected, he would "demand that public schools receive a minimum of thirty percent of their funding from state government."

Frohnmayer called reforms in the public school support system the most significant issue of his campaign platform, which ranges from proposals to reform the state's workers' compensation program, to increasing and encouraging economic development.

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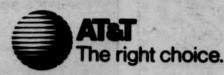
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