

Vote no on 5, 20

I oppose Ballot Measures 5 and 20 as they will have a profoundly negative effect on the state's ability to invest in people and a much needed infrastructure.

Each year, state and local governments issue about \$1 billion in bonds. These bonds aren't for "frills"; they pay for such things as schools, roads, bridges, water systems and housing.

Issuing bonds is a fair and equitable way to share the costs of these long-lived projects with future users. Further, these projects create family-wage jobs for Oregonians and contribute to the quality of life in our state.

Borrowing money through the issuance of bonds makes financial sense, and is the same as a person borrowing long-term to buy a house. Paying cash for a home usually isn't feasible, and the same is true with large capital projects.

The state has been very prudent in its borrowings, and in fact, most of the state's bond programs are self-supporting, which means the revenues collected from the projects, not tax dollars, pay off the bonds.

Passage of either Ballot Measures 5 or 20 will bring the state's bonding program to a halt. Ballot Measure 5 will create a situation where any future bond program will cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars in increased interest costs and construction delays. Ballot Measure 20 eliminates bonding altogether.

Ballot Measures 5 and 20 are destructive for Oregon and I encourage Oregonians to vote against them.

Jim Hill
State Treasurer

Bear down

To all those tree-hugging, root-eating animal lovers out there: Get a life!

Ballot Measure 18 will prevent Oregon from controlling predator populations, bears and cougars. It will eliminate the tools wildlife managers need to control dangerous cougar and bear populations and place our children at risk.

Besides, if this measure passes, I won't be able to finish carpeting my family room with bear skins.

Vote No on Ballot Measure 18.
Don Vladsdek
Eugene

Real threats

OCA-ers assert that Ballot Measure 13 is designed to protect children. Additionally, the OCA cites elimination of special rights as one of its reasons for existence. They feel that the lifestyles people freely choose should not give them protected civil rights status.

We've combined these two goals and have arrived at what the OCA's agenda should really be:

1. Amend the constitution to ban government support of heterosexual men.

2. Eliminate special rights based on religion.

This would actually support the OCA's stated goals. Straight men make up the largest percentage of child molesters, and religion is clearly something one chooses — hence the term "born again." Obviously, men should be banned and religion no longer protected in hiring, housing, etc.

We imagine that OCA-ers who have religious affiliations would be under considerable stress sup-

porting a measure that would exclude them from society. Of course, all OCA-ers who are straight men would probably have double difficulty excluding themselves on both counts. Still, that's the price they should gladly pay to fulfill their goals.

Perhaps they could see that just because you're male and straight doesn't mean you're a molester, that you shouldn't be officially scorned because of your sexual orientation.

Perhaps they could see that there is a reason to extend civil rights to someone based on choice — the choice of religion.

The "threat" to children doesn't come from them hearing ideas their parents don't like.

Daniel and Kathleen Cann-Casiato
Eugene

Stop slaughter

On Nov. 8 voters will have a chance to support Ballot Measure 18, banning two of the most despicable and shameless practices in the state of Oregon: shooting bears at point-blank range after baiting them and killing cougars treed by hounds outfitted with radio transmitters.

A fairly blatant and laughable misconception about Ballot Measure 18 is that it is about hunter's rights. This isn't about hunter's rights because killing animals in this fashion is not hunting. I grew up in Eastern Oregon where I had several friends who indulged in the sport. They did it the real way. They actually had to have some skill. They applied themselves.

I would like to think that hunters would be the most fervent activists supporting this ballot measure. Such people at least take some pride in the sport, or "art" if you will.

Let us dispense with the notion of legions of cougars and bears attacking and slaughtering people in our cities. From watching some of the dime-store propaganda "No on 18" commercials, one might be left with just such an impression.

There are reasonable provisions and exceptions in the ballot measure for private landowners and government agents to use methods to control nuisance bears and cougars.

Vote Yes on Ballot Measure 18.
Gerry Rempel
Graduate, music

Edit inhalers

The writer who penned the editorial (ODE Oct. 27) supporting the Ferry Street Bridge has been obviously inhaling too much carbon monoxide.

The contention that people won't leave their cars at home and support mass transit is dead wrong.

The writer need only look 110 miles up to Portland. The city's 691 diesel buses and 26 light rail vehicles take 100,000 cars off the streets each weekday. That many cars, if placed end-to-end, would stretch for over 200 miles.

How did Portland's city planners coax people out of their cars? First they put a cap on downtown parking spaces and then raised the price of parking to a level where it became cheaper to use mass transit rather than drive.

As a result, Portland's downtown has a European atmosphere, abounding with pedestrians and fresh air.

Two decades ago Portland was at a crossroads. Its air was so polluted with car exhaust that it

failed federal clean air standards one out of every three days.

And yet streets and bridges needed expanding to keep up with traffic congestion. So city planners decided to vigorously pursue a mass transit option.

By creating disincentives to driving and installing an efficient system of buses and light rail vehicles, they got people out of their cars.

Mass transit works in Portland. It can work here too. Vote no on Ballot Measure 20-23.

Steve Knight
Eugene

No on 20-23

The decision voters make on the proposed Ferry Street Bridge expansion will be a critical one which is likely to guide future city policy on alternative transportation planning, land use, growth management and even citizen involvement.

Perhaps the most significant drawback to this project is its enormous size. The new bridge would be approximately three times wider than the current bridge. It would be twice the size of the Interstate-5 bridge across the Willamette river. And the bridge only accounts for \$10 million of the \$73 million cost estimate by the City of Eugene.

The total cost of the project is actually much higher if we add in the cost of lost property tax revenues and lost jobs due to dislocation of business in the corridor. There are also many hidden costs, such as the need to provide expensive new parking garages and road widening to accommodate all the new cars that the bridge will bring. A more conservative price for this project is \$80 to \$100 million.

The city has only identified

\$41 million in funding for this project, leaving the public wondering where the rest of the money will come from. If it comes from a bond issue, property taxes (and rents) could go up by \$150 per year for a typical home in Eugene.

This project will not make Eugene a better place to live. Instead, it will tend to increase car traffic throughout the city and increase our dependence on individualized automobile transportation rather than encourage a walkable, bikeable, livable city with a strong mass transit system.

Here are a few more reasons to start over on this project:

- Public input has been largely ignored.
- FSB expansion will encourage a sprawling, automobile-dependent system of land use.
- Fixing traffic in one area tends to shift the problem to other areas.
- Alternatives to major bridge construction were never seriously considered.

If this bridge is built, people will look at it years from now and wonder how we made such a colossal blunder. Please vote for sensible transportation solutions by voting NO on Ballot Measure 20-23.

Eben Fodor
President, Friends of Eugene

Judge yourself

As you judge me, please judge me as an individual because my views are my own, and I do not want blame going in someone else's direction. This letter is in response to a "Call for help" (ODE Oct. 26).

If I believe in the person of God and the place of Heaven, then by definition, those words express

separation. The separation exceeds distance by my will to place my desires above God's.

Bridging the gap between God and me needs something beyond me, something outside myself. That something is the one from Heaven, Jesus Christ.

Christianity is about relationships. The first is with God through my total trust in and complete dependence in Jesus Christ. The second is a relationship with others, relationships lived through the first.

Christianity does not begin with the idea that everything is all right because God loves you. Christianity begins with God/Jesus Christ.

Christianity is about humanity's waywardness from God and God reaching out to humanity with the highest expression of love - the son of God. Christianity does not flow from the conscience of humanity to God, but from God's mind toward us.

To the wayward, (those involved in sexual practice with someone who is not a marriage partner of the opposite sex, those who gossip, those who malign the name of others, those who slander the name of God, those who lie and cheat and those daughters of Adam and Eve) I say as a fellow in waywardness who is striving to remain "unwayward" and in Christ, when we deny the way of God, we become an offense to the Lord of Glory.

Until we recognize our waywardness, we can never see God's desire to make us "unwayward." God loves us, not because we accept ourselves or take part in who we are, but because God has reached out to wayward generations through the expression of love.

Ed Childers
Baptist Student Union

What to look for in the O.J. Simpson trial

You've heard a lot... but has it answered your questions?

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Margie Paris
Law School Professor

Police as investigators and witnesses
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