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Lane County Board of Commissioners candidates

The following is a summary of the seven Lane County Board of Commissioners candidates for the south position, which includes the University. The Board of Commissioners governs everything in Lane County: 1,500 miles of road, public health, public safety and land management.



**Eben
Fodor**

■ THREE MAIN ISSUES:

- Environment — He said he wants to protect the environment by preserving farm and forest lands and to support environment policies.
- Growth — He said he is in favor of moderate growth and is concerned with how growth will impact our quality of living.
- Accountable government — He believes in involving citizens in the public policy process, he said. "Informed, active citizens are an important part of good local government."

■ BOARD CONNECTION TO UO:

"Historically, there has been no relationship," he said. "Yet, the University plays an important role in the community; it is the largest employer and the largest voter block in Lane County. We should be promoting and supporting the University."

■ EXPERIENCE:

He has served on many committees including being founder and president of Friends of Eugene, board member of Citizens Utility Board of Oregon and executive director of Committee for Progress Board.



**Barbara
Keller**

■ THREE MAIN ISSUES:

- Environment — She said she wants to decrease cutting timber in Lane County with the bottom line being no cutting old growth.
- Resources — She said she plans to manage resources on a water-shed basis.
- Growth vs. Development — It is not necessary to get bigger faster, she said. We need to develop economically without getting bigger.

■ BOARD CONNECTION TO UO:

"There isn't a direct link between the University and the Board of Commissioners in terms of funding," Keller said. "A problem facing the University and needs to be addressed by the city, county and University is housing."

■ EXPERIENCE:

Eugene City Council 1992-1996 and a member of many community groups and committees including Amazon Community Tenants, Council Committee on Environment and Economics and the UO Childcare and Development Center Board.



**Jeff
Osanka**

■ TWO MAIN ISSUES:

- Transportation — He said we need to be putting money in the budget now for alternative transportation like light rail.
- Education — Our main industry is education in Lane County, he said. We need to use our contacts in the Legislature to lobby for education funds as a way of improving the economy in Lane County.

■ BOARD CONNECTION TO UO:

"The commission needs to know a lot of people at the University," he said. "The UO is the largest industry in this town. We need to lobby legislature to maintain or increase the funding for education for all school systems in Oregon."

■ EXPERIENCE:

He served on several boards and committees including being EWEB Commissioner from 1994 to 1996, chairman of Fairmont Neighborhood and chairman of the Neighborhood Leaders Council. He has also taught at Lane Community College and the University.

Marvin Revoal

■ THREE MAIN ISSUES:

- Economic development — He said we need to have more emphasis on small businesses and give low-interest loans to small businesses.
- Law enforcement — He said most of Eugene/Springfield is prime for metropolitan services.
- Urban development — We need to manage sprawl and increase density, he said. "Development has to occur equally throughout the city."

■ BOARD CONNECTION TO UO:

"The commission and the University are isolated from one another," he said, "but Lane County Commissioners can work with other commissioners in Oregon and work with government, specifically the governor, to increase funds for higher education."

■ EXPERIENCE:

He recently finished his career as an officer for the Eugene police and served as president for NAACP from 1991-1992.



Peter Bartel

■ THREE MAIN ISSUES:

- Recycling — Yard debris is still a recycling problem in Eugene, he said. It is the largest volume of material we are falling behind on.
- Growth — He believes we need to compact the urban growth boundary by not allowing sprawling development.
- Downtown — It is the identity of our community, he said. "We need to promote local ownership, further housing opportunities and create a connection between the University and the downtown."

■ BOARD CONNECTION TO UO:

"The University is our largest employer and the seed corn of our future," he said. "We should spend time at the University and increase the personal relationship with the UO administration. It is ridiculous to graduate from the UO and not be able to get a job in Eugene."

■ EXPERIENCE:

He owns Cobblestones, a small business in Downtown Eugene and has worked for Jerry Rust from 1978-1982 and has been a chairman of the Downtown Commission.



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Henry Luvert

■ THREE MAIN ISSUES:

- Juveniles — He said we need preventative measures, not incarceration for our youth.
- Diversity — He said he would bring some type of balance to the commission.
- Budget — He said we shouldn't cut programs for the middle class or the poor, and we need to stop using people as scapegoats.

■ BOARD CONNECTION TO UO:

"We need to open and develop channels of communication," he said. "The Board of Commissioners can act as facilitators between the University and different government bodies. The commission needs to be an advocate at every level for things the University needs."

■ EXPERIENCE:

President of the NAACP from 1993 to the present and vice president for 3 years. He has served on the 4J Technical advisory council and SAD Academy Board.

Peter Sorenson

■ THREE MAIN ISSUES:

- Education — He said we need to support both higher and other public education, and he has opposed efforts to cut funds.
- Environment — We need to protect the environment, he said. Currently, the Lane County government is violating pollution ordinances in waterways, he said.
- Human rights — He said we need to have appropriate training for enforcement of hate crimes.

■ BOARD CONNECTION TO UO:

"The University is the largest single employer in the county," he said. "The commission needs to realize the economic significance of the University to Lane County."

■ EXPERIENCE:

He currently serves as an Oregon State Senator for District 20. He has also served as chairman to Lane Community College and has had a number of other positions ranging from working in Congress to working on a national advisory committee during the Jimmy Carter administration.

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