

Homeless key issue in Ward 6

Opponents in the City Council race disagree about the effectiveness of current city policies

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As the old adage states, you should not judge a person until you have walked a mile in their shoes. But try walking around in a person's shoes for four whole years.

In the political race for the City Council Ward Six position, council hopeful Pamela Driscoll wants to run straight to city hall in incumbent Pat Farr's shoes—and keep them.

Driscoll said she is running for the position because she has different views on many city policy initiatives than the current council — issues such as growth, homelessness and development.

For example, Driscoll described past City Council actions on homeless teens and growth as "just minor little Band-Aids over something deep."

Driscoll also said she believes there are inequities in the Eugene City Charter.

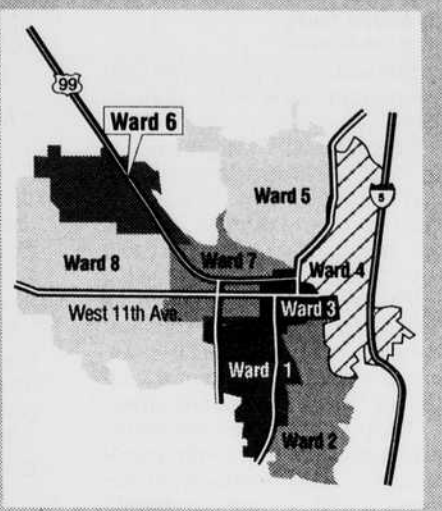
"[The City Charter] has become pro-business, and businesses have been paying less and less," she said. She suggested that the city tax businesses more and that it rethink commercial development initiatives such as the Riverfront Research Park.

Driscoll said, if elected, she would also push to get a branch library and youth centers built in her ward. The city currently has only one main library facility.

Eugene City Council wards

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- WARD 1: Tim Laue
- WARD 2: Betty Taylor
- WARD 3: Bobby Lee
- WARD 4: Laurie Swanson Gribskov
- WARD 5: Ken Tollenaar
- WARD 6: Pat Farr
- WARD 7: Scott Meisner
- WARD 8: Nancy Nathanson



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But Pat Farr said he is happy with the job he and the other council representatives have done.

Farr, who has represented Ward Six since January, 1995, said the council is making great strides forward and can continue to do the work it has done on issues such as affordable housing and homeless youth.

He said some of his most rewarding experiences with the council have been working with the committee on homeless and youth. Last December that committee changed Eugene's long-standing ordinance banning camping, thereby allowing the homeless to sleep in more places. Farr cited the move as a positive accomplishment.

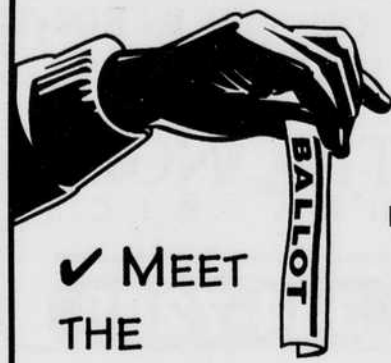
"In the past, the city has just turned its back on the issue," he

said. "The rewarding work is that I can make a difference to the people who have the least power. I feel like I'm kind of a champion of the issue, but my work is not done."

In addition to his work on homeless issues, Farr said the Council needs to provide youth with more alternatives than "just hanging out."

He said the Council will be discussing a new initiative by Lane County municipalities dubbed "Summer Summit" that would incorporate the Lane County Fairgrounds as a location for youth programs. Summer Summit would include drop-in day camps and fully enrolled week camps for local youths.

"It gives kids a chance to grab on to something," he said.



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