

Glownia believes in showing Eugene citizens different way

■ Mayoral candidate Michael Glownia emphasizes education, the environment and small businesses

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Michael Glownia is a poet, a father and a business man. He is also running for Mayor of Eugene, and he wants his fellow citizens to share in a new kind of local government.

Glownia announced Friday morning at City Hall his intention to challenge Mayor Jim Torrey and a host of other candidates in the upcoming mayoral election.

"I want to do something that's never been done before," Glownia said. "I want to spearhead an effort to let people know there is a different way."

Much of his new approach to local government involves reorganizing the priorities of the city. Glownia said he is concerned that Eugene is accommodating large corporations with tax breaks while turning its back on small businesses.

"I question whether a corporation like Hyundai should come into Eugene," Glownia said. "I understand we need jobs, but to sacrifice the environment for a large corporation is not prudent at this juncture. It makes me wonder who exactly is running the city."

Glownia said he is committed to issues like education, the environment and small businesses because of his concern about his children's future.

"I'm doing this for my chil-

dren," Glownia said. "Children today are saying they don't know about their future, that it looks kind of grim. People are not happy, and they need a vision."

As the new mayor, Glownia said he would act as the voice of the people. He said he wants to open the flow for people to share their visions by encouraging community involvement. Glownia used a poetry example to illustrate this concept.

At one of his poetry readings he asked the audience to respond to a theme. The theme was "turkey." When Glownia would say the word "turkey," he would ask the audience to respond with whatever ideas popped into their heads. With this, Glownia got a collage of ideas and presented them as a poem.

"That's what I think I can do as mayor," Glownia said. "There are people in this city who have beautiful visions. When we work together, we are strong."

Glownia's friend and campaign manager, Kyle Schweighauser, said he loves the idea of a community platform and said he thinks Glownia is the

man who can do it.

"Michael has shown great integrity, passion and a strong interest in getting people together," Schweighauser said. "We need an interactive, responsive government. With Michael, we all have a chance and a voice whether you're a student or a senior citizen."

Mayoral candidate Uriah Murray, a 21-year-old student at the Cascade Institute of Massage Therapy, said he likes a lot of what Glownia has to bring to the race.

"We're on the same page as far as environmental issues are concerned," Murray said. "The environment is the most important issue. Without Mother Earth, we have nothing."

Sherril Thieben, a friend and a Saturday Market food vendor, said she likes Glownia for his ability to communicate.

"He has good speaking skills, and he's great at listening to what other people have to say," Thieben said. "I like the idea of using a community forum to find the most important issues."

Glownia said he plans to meet with University students to involve them in the greater Eugene community and to bring their issues to the table.

"I want University students to be a part of the story," Glownia said. "I see myself bridging the gap between the University and the city. I want to get students to think about the issues and be more responsive. This is their home too."



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ASUO elections update

"All these people are idiots" drops out of race

ASUO Presidential Candidate Ed Madrid dropped out of the race Friday after the ASUO Elections Board decided he could not run under a different name.

The senior English major and former editor of the Oregon Commentator is in the process of having his name legally changed to "All these people are idiots," which would have put his name at the top of the ballot. Although his legal name is still Ed Madrid, he said the name change would be official by the time he entered office and he should be allowed to run with the new name.

"The majority of the students on this campus would say that all these people are idiots ... And then if students go out and [vote] like they should, I would win. That's kind of what gave me confidence through this whole thing," Madrid said.

But the ASUO Elections Board decided Madrid's current legal name would have to appear on the ballot.

"Ed Madrid was the name he used when he filed [for candidacy] and that's the name that should be on the ballot," elections board member Charlotte Nisser said.

But Madrid said his decision is more than just a joke.

"I'm really trying to make this not sound like a joke and I'm pretty serious. I guess just ideologically I'm able to take a step back and comment on all these other candidates with just my name. Where they're just, you know, they're idiots," he said.

Candidates for Student Senate positions

The following people are running for positions on next year's ASUO Student Senate. The primary elections are on Wednesday and Thursday, and voting will be done entirely through Duck Web.

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Daniel Hutzenbiler
Jackie Ray

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Mary Elizabeth Madden
Emily Sedgwick

Programs Finance Committee Seat #3

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Jennifer Lotz
Aaron Weck

EMU Board Finance Committee Seat #4

Elizabeth Butler
Ian Clayman
Erin Foote Pursell
A.J. Swoboda
Skye Tenney

EMU Board Finance Committee Seat #5

Kristin Dean
Theodore Ehlert
Randy Newman

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Jessica Helbert
Kathryn Kranzush
Jeff Oliver

Athletic Department Finance Committee Seat #8

Jennifer Greenough

Athletic Department Finance Committee Seat #9

Greg Zimel
William Beutler

Academic (undeclared) Seat #10

Jessica Burmaster

Academic (undeclared) Seat #11

Eric Bailey
Ray Suit

Architecture/Interdisciplinary Seat #12

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Serene Khader

Social Science Seat #14

Jesse Harding
Katie Howard
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