

Letters to the editor

praise or gratitude.

Beyond that, however, her obvious concerns about livable neighborhoods, citizen participation in government and a local sustainable economy demonstrate a clear desire to help us all by working to create a beautiful city fueled by jobs that will be here long after the foreign multinational leaves for better tax-break pastures. We need more leaders like that. We need Bettman on the City Council!

Charlie Magee
Eugene resident

Olsen rounds out race

Ward 3 voters should elect Tracy Olsen for City Council. He is the complete package that we need to lead the future of the downtown and the university districts.

Why is Olsen the complete package? He's a native of Eugene, having attended all of the years of his education, from grade school through college, in Ward 3. He owns a small business in Ward 3 and understands the challenges and opportunities facing Eugene's commerce and financial stability. He's in tune with the environment and wants to ensure that Eugene is a naturally healthy place for all of us to live and work. He's very involved in community service and has worked for children's charities, causes and events. He's also positive and energetic and has the pleasing and friendly personality that will be a real benefit for everyone living in his Ward.

It is clear that other candidates in this race only have a part of the package. They are limited in their willingness to listen to all sides of an issue and limited in the real experience it will take to make informed decisions. Why should we be willing to settle for less when we have a solid, complete candidate in Olsen? That's part of the reason The Register-Guard has endorsed Olsen in this race.

Vote for Olsen. He's got everything we need.

Michael Barclay
Eugene resident

Fair leadership with Olsen

Voters in Eugene's Ward 3 can vote to bring a healthy balance to

the City Council.

Tracy Olsen is the person we should elect.

Like any form of government, a healthy set of checks and balances is beneficial to insure that all views are heard and represented. As The Register-Guard pointed out in its endorsement of Olsen, he is the candidate who brings a new, energetic and moderate point of view to the mix. Why should we elect another councilor with a set agenda that will only serve the far left? Why shouldn't we elect a councilor like Olsen who will listen to all points of view before making an informed decision?

I urge all Ward 3 voters to join The Register-Guard and many of your neighbors in supporting Olsen for the Eugene City Council. He will be good for our kids, our neighborhoods, our environment, our business and anyone else who wants a fair shake with city government.

It's time for new leadership. It's time for positive government. It's time for Olsen.

James Koch
Eugene resident

Make your voice heard

By now, students should have received their primary ballots. Vote! This is not just a primary, deciding who will be on the ballot in the November general election — for many local races, this is the election. Your city councilor will be elected on this ballot.

Bobby Lee, who represented students well, is not running for re-election. Students need to make sure their voice is heard in choosing his replacement. How can you expect your councilor to demand that the city take students' views into account if you are unwilling to take part in the process?

The City Council wards are not huge — your vote will count. With less than a week left, only about 20 percent of the ballots have been returned. Students possess enough votes to decide this election.

You can and should make a difference in this election. Vote to elect Olsen as your Ward 3 councilor. I know Olsen, and he is a solid person who will listen to students. Olsen is endorsed by the Oregon Daily Emerald and The

Register-Guard. Olsen has sponsored a student forum on campus to listen to the concerns of students. Olsen employs students on his campaign. The choice is clear — vote for Olsen.

If you don't vote, then don't complain when the non-students in your ward elect someone who won't listen to you.

Remember, if you vote now, you won't have to protest later.

Jarrad Harford
assistant professor of finance

Olsen gets involved

As Olsen's campaign is becoming more and more successful, I am more impressed with him as a candidate for Ward 3. Olsen lives downtown. He owns and manages his family business in the heart of Ward 3. He is a University graduate and a dedicated community activist.

Olsen's range of active involvement with the citizens of the ward speaks highly of his investment in Eugene. He is a member of the Eugene Executives Association. Olsen is a member of the Eugene Active 20/30, benefiting local children's charity organizations. Olsen is advocating local senior issues. Olsen has worked actively with Ward 3 City Counselor Bobby Lee and the Eugene Police Department on neighborhood public safety issues. He has also gone on a police ride-along with Eugene city police officers. He has been walking the ward door-to-door, meeting and talking with residents.

Olsen is a compassionate and efficient businessman with the ability to listen, comprise and make decisions to improve Eugene's public safety, education and culture in Ward 3.

Heather Edwards
Lane Community College

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