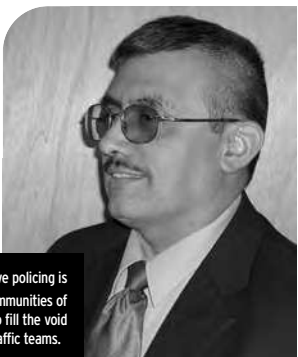


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among the legislators, no wonder we are in a budget crisis. Getting Mitzi a seat at the table for state rep will get crisis problems addressed.

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KUCINICH VOTES COUNT

Well, I can't vote for Dean in the May primary. He won't even be on the ballot. And if I vote for Kerry, what does that say to him? Nothing much. I suppose I could write him a letter, but I doubt if he would have time to read it. I'd really like to tell him that I would like to see a universal, single payer, health care system for the country.

The solution? I'll vote for Kucinich in May. In fact, if everyone who voted for measure 23, Health Care For All, now voted for Kucinich, it would not change the fact that Kerry will be the Democratic candidate in November, but it will send Kerry a message that health care is really a big issue for us. Now that Kerry has the nomination locked up, it gives us the opportunity to tell him how we feel without hurting his chance for being elected president.

*Bob Cassidy
Eugene*

STRATEGIC VOTING

I have changed my party registration to Democrat in order to vote for Dennis Kucinich for president in the Oregon May primary election. Although John Kerry will be the Party's ultimate nominee, I believe my vote for Congressman Kucinich is still important.

Oregon narrowly selected Al Gore in election 2000, and is considered a swing state in this election cycle. Therefore, our primary votes will be carefully counted and considered. My intent is to send a message to Kerry and the Democratic Party: I and hopefully many other Oregonians will vote for Senator Kerry in November if he offers real change from the policies of the current administration and if the party adopts a more progressive platform.

I will vote in May for Congressman Kucinich because he offers a choice: democracy vs. plutocracy, international peace vs.

unilateral war, hope and repeal of the USA PATRIOT Act vs. fear and loss of our civil rights, jobs and withdrawal from NAFTA and the WTO vs. free trade and outsourcing, environmental renewal and clean energy v. environmental degradation and back room deals with industry, and universal health care v. a failed system evidenced by 43 million uninsured Americans. These are some of the policy differences and platform changes that I seek to influence with my strategic vote.

If you are not already a registered Democrat, you have until April 27 to change that. Please join me in voting for Dennis Kucinich in the Oregon May primary election.

*Benton Elliott
Eugene*

WILDLANDS & ECONOMY

Greg Vranizan questions Oregon Natural Resources Council's commitment to promoting wilderness protection and lack of commitment to communities (3/25). We don't feel there is any disconnect between our work to save wildlands and a healthy economy.

ONRC remains diligent in our work to see more wild forests protected for future generations because previous generations of decision-makers failed to do so. Senators Packwood and Hatfield had a stranglehold on land protection in Oregon for decades, and the clearcuts that riddle our public forestlands are a testament to their lack of initiative. We owe a debt of thanks to people like Rep. Jim Weaver for the places that are saved, but even with their tireless work, less than 4 percent of Oregon is protected as Wilderness, compared to 10 percent of Washington and 13 percent of California.

Thoreau said, "In wildness is the preservation of the world." Wilderness areas can also be the preservation of our economy. Logged wildlands lose their value for recreation and produce few, short-term jobs. Look at the proposed Biscuit Fire "Recovery" logging — the timber industry predicts that the largest, most aggressive timber sale in modern history will have little effect on employment. Conversely, look at the vibrancy of communities like Sandy and Sisters, which are the gateway communities to wildland

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