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Taylor has voted to keep local government open, accountable and fiscally responsible. She has voted to protect wetlands, preserve clean water, control urban sprawl, protect and enhance parks, and end taxpayer give-aways to developers and corporations. She's supported tax reform, police accountability, funding for schools, living wages, helping the homeless, funding drug treatment, protecting the Willamette riverfront and reducing traffic congestion. Since she was first elected in 1997, Taylor has worked ethically and diligently for the good of the people of Eugene and the local environment.

Taylor has the endorsement of OLCV, Sierra Club, the Oregon Natural Resources Council (ONRC Action PAC) and the Eugene firefighters and municipal employees (AFSCME) unions. South Eugene County Commissioner Peter Sorenson and Councilors David Kelly and Bonny Bettman, as well as a host of other former and current elected officials and local businesses also stand behind her. Now, Taylor can add EW to her long list of endorsements.

Taylor's opponent Maurie Denner is backed by developers who hope to cash in on urban sprawl, taxpayer subsidies and destroying Eugene's environment and quality of life for personal profit. Denner's campaign has the financial backing of the state's leading pro-sprawl lobbying group — the Homebuilder Association PAC's "Oregonians for Affordable Housing." The developers and sprawl interests behind the Eugene Chamber of Commerce PAC are also pumping cash into Denner's campaign. Taylor is a registered Democrat, whereas Denner hasn't registered a party affiliation.

The developer donations have paid for Denner's slick mailings to voters in the ward. The political baby kissing in the mailings is over the top. One mailing proclaims "no one else is looking out for" children and education in our community. That may be a surprise to members of the 4J School Board. In fact, Taylor has a strong pro-kids and education voting record with votes for supporting schools with city funds and cutting tax breaks and developer subsidies that divert money from local schools. If Denner had to choose between giving his developer or corporation friends a subsidy or tax break or instead using the money for local schools, we worry he'd drop the baby.



Andrea Ortiz

**Eugene City Council,  
Ward 7**

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Andrea Ortiz is challenging incumbent Scott Meisner for the hot Ward 7 seat. Both are Democrats in this non-partisan race. Meisner has disappointed his progressive constituents by voting with more conservative council members on issues of fairness (open government, downtown gathering permit, renaming Centennial, etc.), the environment (clean water, stream protection, WEP, etc.), fiscal responsibility (urban renewal, tax reform and other taxes), livability (hospital siting, school funding), poverty (living wage, housing, drug treatment) and sprawl (though on this issue he did better than others — see "Splitsville," EW 4/8).

It's because she didn't feel he was a true representative of her ward that Andrea Ortiz, hospital administrator, volunteer (vice-chair of the Trainsong Neighbors, Chair of the Bethel Weed and Seed committee, member of the Bethel school board, the Eugene Human Rights and Police Commissions, and mother of three grown children) chose to run for the seat.

Calling her bid for council the obvious next step in her volunteerism, Ortiz says, as a Latina woman, she hopes to add some diversity to the council, and to give voice to the many under-represented who live in north Eugene.

A 25-year resident of the Trainsong neighborhood off Roosevelt Boulevard, Ortiz has worked hard on environmental issues, including air pollution and toxics. "We don't know what's buried in the railroad yards," she says. As for air pollution,



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