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## Re-Elect BONNY BETTMAN



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## ELECT Andrea Ortiz Eugene City Council Ward 7

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### A Strong Leader for Ward 7

#### Organizational Endorsements:

- Eugene Weekly
- AFSCME Local 1724
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- Democratic Party of Lane County
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#### Andrea is committed to:

- Environmental Protection
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- Living Wage Jobs  
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**"I have worked with Andrea Ortiz on the Eugene Police Commission for three years. She is smart, fair, and hard working. She will be an excellent addition to the city council."**

**Bonny Bettman, Eugene City Councilor, Ward 1**

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breaks as head of the Lane Metro Partnership, gave \$250 to Meisner.

Tom Slocum, Ward 1, reported \$7,000 in contributions, \$5,400 of which came from developer interests. An association of commercial investment real estate agents (CID) gave \$700. The Homebuilders, Chambers, contractor Fred Wittkop and Cascade Title gave \$500 each. Real Estate brokers Ward Beck and J.B. Buller gave \$250 each and 14 other real estate brokers gave \$100 each to Slocum, a registered Republican.

### Battle of the Bucks

To counter the big developer bucks going into local elections, environmental and progressive candidates have raised similarly large amounts of money. Most of the donations have come from numerous small contributions from local environmentalists, progressives and labor unions.

Mayoral candidate Kitty Piercy reported \$94,000 in contributions. That's more than Nathanson's total of \$62,000. But with the Chamber backing Nathanson and conservative council candidates with a \$38,000 war chest for this election, they are about even.

Piercy's large contributors include a \$15,000 loan from Piercy's husband, \$6,200 worth of in-kind work by the Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV) and \$4,000 from the Eugene firefighters union.

Piercy also reported \$1,000 donations from teacher Steve Adey, organic food producer Mel Bankoff, local property manager and environmentalist Tom Bowerman, James Gang Publishing, investor William Gilbert, *Eugene Weekly* part-owner Anita Johnson, brokerage business owner Deborah Noble, retiree Cary Thompson and LCC faculty member Mark Williams. The AFSCME city employee and the local Building Trade Council unions also gave \$1,000 each.

The vast majority of Piercy's contributions were small, reflecting a broad base of support. Piercy reported 553 donations of \$50 or less accounting for a total of \$22,000 in total contributions. Nathanson reported a total of only \$1,400 in such small contributions and didn't say how many she received. Reported contributions to Nathanson averaged \$343.

Progressive council candidates Bonny Bettman, Betty Taylor and Andrea Ortiz reported smaller donations from many of the same sources as Piercy. Bettman and Taylor reported raising a total of about \$11,000 each for their campaigns. Ortiz reported \$9,000.

Some union members could conceivably benefit directly from electing a friendly mayor and council, but most of the other donors contributing to progressive candidates appear to have little to gain other than good government, healthy environment and livable quality of life.

The same can't be said for the development interests backing Nathanson, Denner, Slocum and Meisner. A city council vote can lead to tens of millions of dollars in freeway construction money to local contractors and

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sand and gravel companies. A new road, rezoning, or growth boundary extension can dramatically increase the value of land, giving a huge windfall to speculators. Taxes can be lowered for businesses or millions of dollars of tax breaks and other subsidies given.

A small group of pro-sprawl and developer interests is behind most of the cash fueling Nathanson, Denner, Meisner and Slocum's campaigns. Of the \$135,000 combined total raised by the Chamber and individual conservative campaigns, \$6 out of every \$10 came from the 30 large companies and wealthy individuals who gave the most money. Those 30 special interests represent only 7 percent of the donors, but each gave more than \$1,000.

Just 13 large donors (the top 3 percent) contributing more than \$3,000 each account for almost half of the money raised for conservative candidates (see table). If cash does indirectly buy votes, these are the people who run Eugene. **EW**

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