

sion is of little use because claimants have requested \$15 billion in monetary compensation from budget-challenged cities, counties and the state and ultimately from taxpayers.

A "yes" vote on Ballot Measure 49 will let that grandmother build the place promised by the promoters of Measure 37, but will not allow claimants to override current zoning laws for large developments on high-value farm and forest lands and in limited-ground-water areas.

Ballot Measure 49 will protect the Oregon we love.

*Pat Hocken, President
League of Women Voters
of Lane County*

LAND-USE SANITY NEEDED

Latest news from southern California, where land developers wag the dog, is that water rationing is on the way. In an arid state with nearly 40 million people, developers continue to carve up the land and then — comfortable with their built-in lobby known as the Department of Water Resources — demand additional northern California water for thousands more homes and strip malls.

Oregon has always been smarter than that. At least until 2004, when it was caught with its guard down. That's when corporate land developers and their real estate cheering section scared Oregon voters into approving a cancerous initiative known as Measure 37. As a result, for the first time in decades, Oregon's sensible protection of farm and forestlands became vulnerable to a California-style development mentality.

But there is good news. Soon, voters will

get a chance to approve Measure 49, which will clean up the dirty corners of Measure 37 — protecting the rights of small landowners while reminding corporate developers they'll have to find ways of reaping profit other than plastering farm and forest lands with homes, strip malls and gravel pits as far as the eye can see.

Years ago, the *Los Angeles Times* wrote a huge article on Oregon's innovative, progressive and intelligent statewide land use planning regulatory process. It gave hope to millions of Californians that there was at least one state where corruption of the earth was not a given.

A "yes" vote on Measure 49 next month will return Oregon's land use planning to its respected level of sanity and conscience.

*Paul Wertz
Eugene*

HE MOVES ME

On a recent move to Eugene, I found myself searching for a job and a little motivation. And while I haven't found a job, I have found George W. Bush as my source of motivation. It may seem odd, but a close examination of his career and profession has given me a sigh of relief, endless optimism and the will to live a life resembling that of superman.

Under President Bush's leadership, I have not supported a single one of his initiatives, yet I am a true believer in him. Arguably, he lacks every necessity and requirement that most would deem critical as being president of the U.S. His outcomes have been disastrous, catastrophic and possibly apocalyptic. Everything he touches breaks. How did he

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Advice for Uncertain Times



Dear Dan,

My wife and I have a confession to make. We've decided to vote Yes on 20-134. Then we did the math, and with our current property taxes, we would be diverting \$12 per year from the Eugene School District. We feel like common criminals! Where can we turn ourselves in?

Totally Hurting Inside for Eugene's Future

Other than a sizable guilt complex, THIEF, you don't have anything to worry about. Here's why:

Whether you vote No or Yes on 20-134, your property taxes are already being reallocated from schools to the Urban Renewal District. We're talking about **less than 2% of local property taxes**, which is why you've never heard about it before.

The complaints by opponents of 20-134 would be laughable were they not so cynical. What opponents call a subsidy or giveaway, we call a **public investment in new buildings, businesses and jobs**. Every great city has a great downtown. Great downtowns take public as well as private money.

If we build it, they will come — local, regional and national retailers. So-called "chain stores" like Penny's and Sears once anchored our vibrant downtown. Now chain stores are the Axis of Evil?

Downtown Dan says **Just Say No to scare tactics**. But say **Yes to 20-134**.

YES on 20-134

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