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other officers for failing to respond to the repeated complaints about Magaña.

Many of Magaña's crimes and the police failure to respond to them occurred while Torrey was mayor. A city consultant who reviewed the Magaña scandal faulted city leadership for failing to oversee the police department. Torrey played a role by pushing to delay the appointment of a new permanent police chief for a year, according to city documents.

Torrey denies any responsibility for the scandal. "That's a fabrication," he said.

Jobs

Torrey said he'll do much more to create new jobs than Piercy. He said under Piercy, regulatory burdens have prevented job creation by businesses.

But Piercy said her Sustainable Business Initiative has successfully emphasized job creation. She cites business friendly recognition the city has received while she's mayor. The city was recently chosen the number one green city in the country by *National Geographic's Green Guide* and the number five green city by *Popular Science*, she said. Forbes recently ranked Eugene among the "200 Best Places for Business and Careers," and *Fortune Small Business* included Eugene on its 2008 list of "100 Best Places to Live and Launch a Small Business."

With all the progress made on creating a greener economy, Piercy said, "it would be a shame to roll backward."

"We are nationally recognized as a place that protects its livability and is a great place

to do business," Piercy said. "This will bring more jobs."

Piercy points to statements by developers that the city is now better off in the current housing slump because holding the UGB against sprawl kept it from overbuilding. "That has turned out to be a great thing for our local economy."

Torrey and other conservatives have long said Eugene should emulate Springfield's weaker sprawl regulations to promote jobs. But according to the U.S. Census, Eugene has done a far better job at jobs. Almost two-thirds of workers in Springfield work outside of Springfield, most likely in Eugene where incomes are 26 percent higher, according to the data.

Torrey's actual record on creating jobs isn't positive. While he was mayor, the local jobless rate increased, not decreased.

While Torrey has the backing of big business owners represented by his big donors and the endorsement of the Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce board, which he once chaired, Piercy has the backing of labor groups.

The local firefighters, transit workers, teamsters, service workers and government workers (AFSCME) unions have all endorsed Piercy. Torrey supports big business, not the jobs of working people, according to SEIU's Jacobson. He praised Piercy's support of a living wage and healthcare. Torrey "has never been a friend of working people."

Piercy said she's "hopeful" she can retain the mayor's seat despite the big developer interests backing Torrey and outspending her almost three to one. "Most people don't want to see elections bought." **EW**

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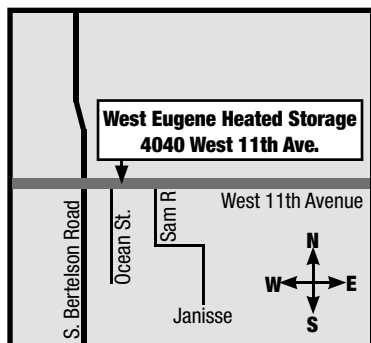
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