

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

nearly unanimously passed an anti-torture resolution (Jennifer Solomon voted no). Piercy had become mayor just a month or so earlier.

How wonderful to see Piercy presiding over the meeting rather than the obstructionist Jim Torrey. Those are my thoughts as I plan to cast my vote for Kitty Piercy.

Hope Marston
Eugene

THE BEST MAYOR

I moved to Eugene in 1972, and except for my five years in Washington, D.C., I've lived in Eugene all of that time. Kitty Piercy is the best mayor I've had while I've lived in Eugene. She has worked hard as a Peace Corps volunteer, as a public school teacher, as a state representative and as mayor of Eugene. She is totally selfless and works very hard for the public interest. I've worked with Piercy in a variety of roles since 1993.

What I enjoyed most about Kitty Piercy's leadership over the past four years is her passion for economic development. Piercy started the Sustainable Business Initiative and that led to a citywide effort for the "triple bottom line" of sustainability. I appreciate how she's taken the community from zero level to one of the most sustainable communities in the country. She did this by constantly stressing that a good economy means a good environment.

There are many things that Piercy has done as mayor, but I would name sustainability and protecting the police review process as two of the greatest accomplishments of her first term.

Eugene can be proud that Kitty Piercy is our mayor. Let's keep it that way. Join me in voting for Piercy for mayor.

Pete Sorenson
Lane County Commissioner

PIERCY'S PRIORITIES

Under Kitty Piercy's leadership, Eugene flourishes as the wonderful place that it is. Residents have a voice and residents are heard, which truly sometimes is a messy process. But what is the alternative? Decisions by insider process. Sure some people don't get everything they want. What we get is our, all of our, community, messy and all, but ours. Her priorities are what is best of the people of Eugene: jobs, social services, smooth streets, green development, concern about the welfare of those who are not members of the mainstream and safety all in balance.

Carol Van Houten
Eugene

FEAR OF POTHOLE

Let's elect Kitty Piercy! Instead of campaigns of fear — fear of "the other," fear of terrorism at the national level, or fear of potholes locally, let's focus on what is good for Eugene — collaborative work to solve city challenges inviting many voices and experiences and positive belief in our collective strength. Let's elect a mayor who is busy all over City Hall, and just as busy supporting and witnessing organizations, schools and businesses

present the fruits of their labor to make our city inclusive and livable.

Kitty Piercy wholeheartedly, energetically is the "Mayor for All Eugene." Four more years!

Misa Joo
Eugene

AGE OF CHANGE

I have had the privilege of working with all of our mayors in some capacity since I came to Eugene in 1991. I have had nothing but good experience with each of them. I support Kitty Piercy not because of any dissatisfaction with Jim Torrey, but because her leadership on sustainability has been outstanding. We are developing a great image as a "green" city. Few issues we face are as important or urgent. Her vision for our city is precisely what we need in this age of climate change. She deserves another term to see that vision through.

Dan Bryant
Eugene

TORREY'S CORPORATISM

Jim Torrey was quoted in the March 13 *EW* as saying, "We need a marriage of business and government in order to pay the bills." I read this statement with alarm, because it was so similar to the following quote by Benito Mussolini: "Fascism should be called Corporatism, as it is the merger of corporate and government power."

Mussolini's "corporations" were not like our modern corporations. Rather, they were "civic assemblies" representing various social and business interests. Industrial and financial cartels would be "corporations" under this definition. I don't want anything close to fascism, so I'm voting for Kitty Piercy

Carol McBrien
Eugene

GIMME SHELTER

The Gap sucks. I know it. We all know it. This information is shoved down our throats every single day. Right along with SUVs and Wal-Mart and eco-terrorism. Not to say that these issues aren't important, but damn, can we *at least* give it a rest during an entertainment review?

When I began to read about Common in the (9/18) entertainment section, I was expecting information on his music and live show. What I received instead was a feeble attempt at "exposing" Common as a sell-out corporate whore because of his brief modeling stint for The Gap two years ago. As if that weren't enough, the author then explains (in detail) how badly this whole Common/Gap thing has hurt her feelings. I mean, how could he? He's a vegan, for Christ's sake!

And this was just the first paragraph. Is this a music review or a chance to eagerly push a pet agenda? I'd guess the latter.

One suggestion: The entertainment section of the *Weekly* is our shelter from the political shitstorm. Please, help us keep it that way by, like, actually reviewing stuff.

Katie Matthews
Eugene



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