

the residents of Eugene are to have Kitty Piercy as mayor. She is at the top of the list among the nation's mayors. She understands that future business and job growth will be centered in sustainable industries. She knows that green businesses will generate the capital needed to foster further economic vitality, the tax revenues needed to support government services, and the practices needed to protect social well-being and the environment. She avoids sound bites that feel good but mean little and she works in the trenches to improve Eugene.

Kitty Piercy is my choice for mayor. We need more elected officials like her.

*Bob Doppelt
Eugene*

CLEAN HOUSE

News and slant in the 10/9 *Weekly* was strong on police/police union misconduct but weak on a solution. The solution is simply to fire and prosecute all police members who are guilty of cover-up crimes and/or other crimes, and if the district attorney will not prosecute then the DA must be prosecuted and fired if guilty. If none of this happens it will be evidence of extreme local corruption and yet another indicator of the need for massive political change. For there is nothing more disruptive to law and order in a society than cops who commit crimes and get away with them by lying to their superiors and threatening their peers and others.

*Bob Saxton
Eugene*

VOTE TO FUND SCHOOLS

Have you heard about Measure 20-137? Many Eugene voters haven't yet. You may not recognize the numbers, but chances are you will remember the YesFor Schools effort from years past. As a parent of children in Eugene schools, I'll be voting yes on this important measure this election.

Measure 20-137 is Eugene's local option levy, providing funding for our local schools. It's up for renewal and your support is needed to continue the funding. This is not a new tax and it is not a tax increase. It is the only tool we currently have to exercise some level of local control over funding for education.

While there is plenty of worry about the economy, maybe your own family's economic stability, one thing you can do to strengthen our community is to say Yes For Schools. This levy is critical to keep Eugene schools the best they can be. The funding is equivalent to operating two of our four high schools for one year.

In this uncertain time it's more important than ever to support kids and continue supporting funding for their education. Please vote to renew the Eugene local option levy. Vote yes on Measure 20-137.

*Cathryn Marsh
Eugene*

WHAT'S NEXT?

Now that the city manager has come out squarely on the side of the police auditor and independent review of police misconduct by the Citizen Review Board as voted in by us in 2005, what will the police do if an arbitrator rules against their baseless grievance? Go on strike?

Of course, by law, they can't. But the threat posed by the intransigent officials of

the Eugene Police Employee's Association ("We'll fall on our swords over this") to the people of Eugene is real, and it is serious.

Union workers enjoined against striking often resort to the politics of resentment, calling in sick, or staging work slowdowns. This would impact public safety in many ways; none of them good.

Individual sworn officers are going to have to rise to the occasion and take a stand against their union leadership. Willy Edwaard and Eric Humphrey were recently re-elected by a scant majority of the 230 EPEA members. They will have to choose between serving the public and serving their political masters. If Edwaard and Humphrey have their way, the current conflict will be dragged on indefinitely, until they exhaust their "war chest" or are recalled by the majority of union members who are decent and who want to get on with the job of providing public safety.

For the sake of the civic peace they are sworn to uphold, Edwaard and Humphrey should resign.

*Paul Prensky
Eugene*

UNDOING THE DAMAGE

Lest we forget, the following occurred under Jim Torrey's eight years as mayor. The West Eugene Parkway had two popular votes and the support of City Council, but never got off the drawing board. The pothole problems were ever present. Torrey passed on the opportunity to purchase the Amazon Headwaters land for about \$325,000. PeaceHealth decided to move to Springfield. Hynix moved to Eugene, received \$27 million in tax breaks, and in 2001 furloughed 600 of its 800 workers. The Eugene Police Department and the citizens of Eugene were subjected to the Magaña-Lara scandals. This is not the kind of leadership we need and much of Piercy's first term has been spent undoing the damage created under her predecessor's tenure.

In contrast, during Piercy's first term with a split council, we have forward progress on realistic alternatives for West 11th. Roads are being repaired through a creative collaboration with the county. Enterprise is downtown, employing more than 400 people and there's a new incubator business in the old Rubenstein's. We have Westtown on 8th and The Tate for housing and the Beam renovation and WG mixed-use development — all the result of persistence and focus on the future. We have a police auditor to provide impartial oversight.

Piercy works very hard, applies common sense and treats people with respect. She's honest and sincere. She's accessible and it's clear she's proud of our community. She deserves another four years and she has my vote.

*Ellen Hyman
Eugene*

WHO WILL LEAD US?

Throughout history societies have been rising and falling. The main reason for failure has been the depletion of natural resources.

I believe that author Derrick Jensen is right with his statement, "We live in the most destructive culture to ever exist." Who can guide us in our endeavors to sustain life



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