

The position of commissioner is nonpartisan. Andy believes that the job of an elected official is to listen to all voices, ensure that everyone has a seat at the table and, at the end of the deliberative process, make principled decisions with wisdom, compassion and intelligence.

As a member of the Lane County Citizens Review Board, Andy is an advocate for foster children. He served as a director on the Crow-Applegate-Lorane School Board. He is executive director of a nonprofit agency that promotes responsible stewardship of our water and forest resources. He is particularly qualified to address issues that may soon come before the commissioners, such as declining federal support for the county, regulation of mining and other natural resource concerns.

This is the kind of person I am looking for to serve as Lane County commissioner.

*Jeanne Armstrong
Eugene*

QUESTION OF CHARACTER

Equally important as the issues of the day are a candidate's temperament and character.

I was alarmed at a recent Cottage Grove Blackberry Pie Society appearance by commissioner candidate Andy Stahl. His glib negativity and willingness to make needless personal remarks against opponents was shocking.

Responding to a question about his massive clear-cutting of federal O&C forests blueprint, Stahl brought up a Jan. 26 R-G letter critical of him by local writer George Beres; Stahl dismissed it by referring to an accident Beres had suffered some time ago as a basis for not taking it seriously.

George Beres did suffer a painful, near life-threatening head injury bicycle accident 31 years ago and thankfully he has fully recovered. Agree or not with every one of his prolific articles and letters to the editor, no one can dispute the man's brilliance. Beres has played an active and spirited role in the cultural and political life of our community.

As a cyclist himself, Stahl surely owes Beres an apology.

*Alice Doyle
Cottage Grove*

MITAL HAS THE SKILLS

I'm writing to urge my neighbors in Wards 1 and 8 to vote for Steve Mital

for EWEB commissioner. Steve is the kind of commissioner that EWEB needs: creative, thoughtful, hard-working and caring. His long list of successes working in sustainability and program development show that he is forward thinking and can get the job done. Just as importantly, Steve's a great guy — he's personable, considerate, generous, and the type of person who can bring folks together and inspire them to work hard. Considering all the challenges facing EWEB in the near future — climate change, increasing rates, waterfront redevelopment — Steve has the skills necessary to help keep EWEB ahead of these issues.

I'm not the only one who's noticed that Steve will be a great fit for EWEB. The R-G, Mayor Kitty Piercy and two other EWEB commissioners have all endorsed Steve. I hope you will join them and me in supporting Steve Mital.

*Matt Peterson
Eugene*

LOAD OF DOGMA

Now it comes out in EW that Randall O'Toole, a senior fellow at the Cato Institute, is a close friend of Andy Stahl, who is seeking to unseat Pete Sorenson as south Eugene's county commissioner. O'Toole, who has written extensively on forest policy from the perspective that no regulation is good regulation, has also written on urban planning. He asserts (and backs up with a full load of dogma) that all urban planning is bad and regulation was the cause of the housing bubble. He also asserts that cities should have no voice in land use planning on their periphery.

Do the citizens of south Eugene think that is a sound position for their county commissioner to take? Do they want to give up on regulating development on the city's southern skyline and turn it over to the real estate market? Do we want office towers on Spencer Butte? Is Stahl's proposal to revert to the arrangement of three at-large commissioners that Lane County rejected 30 years ago, a way to further the anti-regulation agenda?

Please, let's keep the commissioner we have, who has defended the interests of his constituents and all the citizens of Lane County against the influence of Big Money.

*Ann M. Tattersall
Eugene*

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