

**NO FAULT TO BE FOUND**

Does a record of quality service mean anything anymore when we judge candidates for election? Apparently not to our local daily newspaper, which has denied endorsement for two of the finest incumbent candidates we ever have known: County Commissioner Peter Sorenson and City Councilor Betty Taylor.

Everyone is entitled to a political opinion. None has greater impact than a publication with many regular readers. We deserve to be alerted by our papers if an incumbent deserves to be ousted. But there is nothing faulty about performances of Sorenson and Taylor, who have served with integrity and distinction. We should honor them, and be grateful for their continued high level of performance for the public good.

I cannot judge their opponents, but know that what they would do in office is just conjecture. What Taylor's and Sorenson's independence and commitment to the electorate have proven to us is a matter of record that should earn them re-election while we ignore the fat cats.

*George Beres  
Eugene*

**KNOWLEDGE OF THE ISSUES**

On May 15, voters in Eugene Wards 1 and 8 will elect a new EWEB commissioner. We should elect Steve Mital.

As a customer-owned utility, EWEB's purpose is to represent community priorities related to the management

and delivery of water and electricity to our community. Mital, director of sustainability for UO, offers over a decade of experience in working on environmental issues and with local government, utilities, and a broad range of local businesses and community groups.

Steve's knowledge of natural resource and energy issues positions him well to address issues for EWEB. Furthermore, Steve's demonstrated experience in issues related to sustainability, renewable energy and community engagement offers critically important perspectives to EWEB. This unique combination of knowledge and experience is why Steve has the endorsement of Mayor Kitty Piercy and the *R-G*, among others. I look forward to voting for Steve and to the valuable contributions he will bring to EWEB.

*Kathy Lynn  
Eugene*

**INSANE DESTRUCTION**

We must re-elect Rob Handy and Pete Sorenson as Lane County commissioners. If we lose these dedicated and brave men, I fear for the health of our water, air, farm and forest lands. Both Handy and Sorenson speak for the majority of citizens who understand in order to have long-term employment we need to sustainably manage our forests and farmlands. When candidates take money from mining and logging interests, they typically vote for destructive operations, without considering long-term effects.

I live in Dexter where we are witnessing this plunder first hand. Our beloved historic Parvin Butte has been scalped and blasted. Lost Creek, which runs along the base of Parvin Butte, could be permanently damaged enough to kill the salmon that live there. We must think out of the box for our financial challenges. Independent studies have shown investing in green technology creates thousands of more jobs than the "business as usual" methods. It is imperative that we change how we treat our precious resources in order to have a healthy future — and time is running out. Destroying the last of our wildlands is an insane way to generate revenue.

*Pamela Driscoll  
Dexter*

**LOSS OF PUBLIC TRUST**

I'm voting for Andy Stahl for county commissioner because he is an effective, progressive leader. Andy supports open, transparent government.

In 2009, Pete Sorenson was chair of the Board of Commissioners with a 3-2 progressive majority. That year, the "book club" was formed to hide the identity of budget committee members who met in secret to line up votes for commissioners' aides. The board was dealing with huge budget cuts at the time, including eliminating jail beds and deputies. Despite being the senior commissioner, Pete lost sight of the big picture.

As chair, Pete should have never

allowed the "book club" to meet privately. He should have followed the advice of county counsel and required that workgroup to meet in public. Consider, if the current majority of board members created a workgroup that met in secret, the progressive members would cry foul.


The "book club" resulted in the board losing public trust and credibility. Many believe that is why Jerry Rust lost the West Lane commissioner's race and why we now have a 3-2 conservative majority on the Board of Commissioners.

Andy was raised in south Eugene and has always promoted the values we cherish. He has been a stalwart advocate for the environment for over 30 years, helping to save more than 8 million acres of old growth. Andy served on a school board and volunteers as an advocate for foster children.

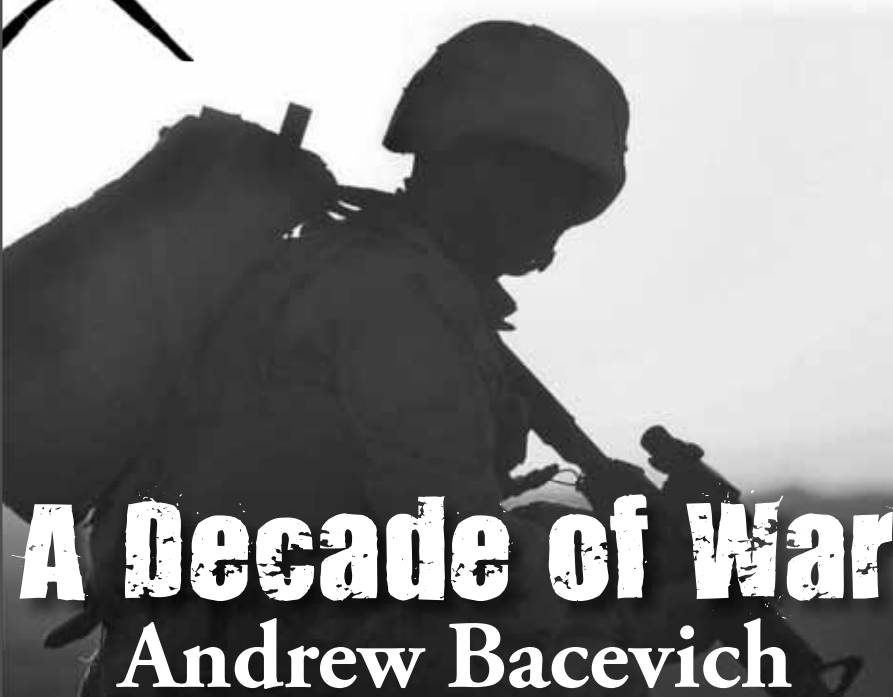
Vote for Stahl. He is endorsed by nine Lane County Democratic state legislators.

*Sen. Floyd Prozanski  
District 4*

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**RE-ELECT**

**Betty Taylor**

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