

development endorsements as well. One of Valle's political claims is he will protect the Eugene Amazon Headwaters but with this type of financial support I am not inclined to believe him. Some people are saying that Ward 2 needs an infusion of new energy, but Valle is not the change needed.

Taylor is backed by a long list of progressive-minded people and organizations. She will do what is right for Ward 2 and will keep the much-needed balance on our City Council. I have lived in Ward 2 for 30 years and have been involved in many issues that affect our neighborhood as well as our city. I know Taylor is the right choice for us. Join me in re-electing Betty Taylor.

Lisa Warnes
Eugene

RETURN RON DAVIS

I am pleased to see that Ron Davis is once again a candidate for the Emerald PUD Board. I have known Ron for many years, even before he was first elected to the board. I met him in connection with solar water heating efforts in the 1980s.

Ron has long worked to promote energy efficiency and investments in renewable energy. He was an energetic member of the early EPUD Board that oversaw the design and building of the path-breaking headquarters on Seavey Loop. I was a part of the design team for that building, and deeply appreciated the EPUD Board's involvement in the design process. The staff of EPUD participated as well, and this building continues to serve efficiently and beautifully, 24 years after its construction.

Through my long involvement with utilities, energy efficiency and renewable energy, I know that EPUD has an enviable reputation as a forward-looking public power provider. Davis knows this as well and is committed to its future as a successful example of how public power delivers reliably, saving ratepayer dollars rather than returning corporate profits.

I hope that Ron Davis is elected again to the EPUD Board.

John S. Reynolds FAIA
Former EWEB commissioner
Eugene

AN OBVIOUS CHOICE

I am writing in support of Katherine Schacht for re-election to the EPUD Board. As a Coburg area resident for almost 50 years, I have worked with many local political leaders, and one of the leaders who has always been willing to listen and support me has been Katherine Schacht.

As a friend and neighbor of Katherine's for over 30 years, I can vouch for her character, integrity and outstanding leadership. As a senior citizen on a fixed income I am grateful that Katherine has worked hard to keep utility rates low by controlling costs. Moreover, I have been fortunate to take advantage of EPUD conservation programs that Katherine has strongly supported over the years to help make my home energy efficient and further lower my bills.

Choose wisely this Nov. 6. I have two fliers sitting on my counter from EPUD candidates. One flier is a smear piece

from a challenger who doesn't state one positive reason to vote for him and gives me absolutely no information about his experience, goals or vision for EPUD. The choice is obvious.

Keep EPUD one of the most efficient utility districts in the state. Vote for the only candidate who has a record of accomplishment for EPUD's rural customers and the only one who has a positive vision to maintain EPUD's commitment to reign in costs and provide even better service for years to come. Mark your ballot for Katherine Schacht for EPUD Board, District 4.

Lulette Frost
Coburg

ENABLING BAD BEHAVIOR

What line does President Obama need to cross before he is no longer worthy of endorsement [EW endorsements, 10/18]? He's already traveled further than even President Bush across the lines of murder, torture, terror, theft, oppression, fascism, treason and rape of the environment. You cannot "endorse" or vote for such a president and escape your personal moral obligation for enabling such acts. This is not an issue of moral relativism, like comparing venial sins. These evils are literally mortal.

Don't vote out of fear; vote your conscience and your values: Dr. Jill Stein, Green Party candidate for president.

Pat Driscoll
Eugene

A BETTER FUTURE

Ballot time is here and I'm hoping to vote to provide my grandkids with a better future. I know Betty Taylor will think of them when she votes, so that is an easy decision. I'll write in Alan Leiman's name for Lane County Circuit Judge because I know he worked hard for 20 years for kids at youth court. He gave them hope and directed them to a better path in life.

In the past I've worked for a fairer election system with campaign finance reform and I must support the effort by We The People's Eugene Ballot Measure 20-198 to end corporations having the same rights as people. It is a first step. And then, please no more money poured into casinos with Measures 82 and 83. If only we could reverse the past Measure 5 and have a progressive tax for schools and make education the number one priority for Oregon. Maybe next time.

Ruth Duemler
Eugene

LWV SAYS 'YES'

There are two critical Eugene issues on the Nov. 6 ballot: Bethel schools and Eugene street, bike and pedestrian projects. The League of Women Voters of Lane County strongly recommends an affirmative vote on both bond measures.

Measure 20-197 calls for using \$43 million in general obligation bonds to fix approximately 74 miles of roads and fund various bicycle and pedestrian projects. The specific streets and projects are already named in a council resolution. Of the \$8 million available annually, \$516,000 would be used for the non-road activities. Bonds

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