

NO, YES, ONE TERM

Having just read the city of Eugene Voters' Pamphlet, here are my opinions.

Regarding the city services fee: I have friends voting both ways. For me, with a business and a residence in Eugene, I will be subject to \$480 in new fees that my low-wage, uninsured, single status will likely not exempt me from having to pay. And if I cannot pay — and I can't — it's the city's intent to contract with EWEB to have my sewer service cut off at both home and business, which is against the law to do to a prisoner in jail.

Regarding the school bond measure: Buildings will be upgraded. In related news, the personal touch known as "teacher positions" will be eliminated.

Regarding the Lane County levy: Sorry folks, here I was thrown totally off-topic by first-term County Commissioner Jay Bozievich's paid statement. Two examples, of several: "the audit will be reported to the Board and the public by the Sheriff." Why are "Board" and "Sheriff" capitalized, and "public" is not? Perhaps an oversight, perhaps an insight.

And, "I do promise that I will continue to work towards improving our economy, and bringing family wage jobs back to Lane County." And I thought we were talking jail funding. This, folks, is an unrelated campaign promise full of I's. Such off-topic self-aggrandizement is certainly unethical, and possibly illegal as this Voters' Pamphlet is intended.

In conclusion, my predictions: No, yes, and one term only for Bozievich.

Scott Landfield
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MIXED MESSAGES

EW says vote "no" on Ballot Measure 20-213, because it provides "only a nod to prevention and rehabilitation." EW asks readers, "Where's the support for all the services and programs that keep people from ending up in our overcrowded courts and prisons?"

Yet EW also encourages a "no" vote for

Ballot Measure 20-211, which would fund preventative services such as CAHOOTS and Buckley House and Looking Glass and Mental Health Court, which are in jeopardy if Ballot Measure 20-211 fails.

EW complains that Bonny Bettman McCornack is being "blasted" in the press for meeting with "Tea Party folks," as if such a partnership shouldn't be disgusting to anyone who claims to be "progressive." If it was enemies of EW meeting with the quasi-fascists at 9.12 Project Lane County, EW wouldn't hesitate to expose them.

Bettman McCornack and her co-conspirators from 9.12 Project Lane County, and others opposing Measure 20-211, are the same people who are going to be complaining about how long it takes for police or ambulance services to respond when they have an emergency, not realizing that their own efforts guaranteed that cops and paramedics are going to be tied up dealing with drunk, high and mentally ill people because services like CAHOOTS and Buckley aren't available to deal with them.

If Bettman McCornack and friends have their way, there's not going to be any jail beds or alternatives to them.

Rudy Golden
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EDITOR'S NOTE: EW was the only publication that ran the story about Bettman McCornack's 9.12 meeting.

MAJORITY BACKS FEE

Paul Conte's rabid letter against the city services fee, "Don't Be Fooled Again" [4/18], appealed to the Roger Daltry fan in me, but repulsed the caring neighbor, sensible citizen and responsible community member — the part that protects the livelihood of our people. Eugene may be where "old hippies go to die," as Conte has joked, but it's also where many who grew up here have chosen to work and live.

Opponents have it out for the city, but their hostages are first responders, pools, youth and mental health services, public

spaces — foundations for community and civilization.

Canvassing our Jefferson Westside Neighborhood, we've found a healthy majority that supports Measure 20-211. The activists at our neighborhood meeting approached it with open minds; when Bonny Bettman McCornack (falsely) conflated Capstone with the measure, though, Conte is right — the court turned kangaroo.

Many distrust government by default, and low-income exemptions don't make this thing progressive, but it's the only workable plan offered to date. The "burn it down!" impulse of some '60s activists attempted to eradicate social ills via destruction and reconstruction, but services in question were jealously protected then as cornerstones of flourishing communities, and prerequisites for functioning democracy.

We don't want you, Conte, "to just f-fade awayyyy," but Eugene's progressive activists categorically support the fee, and beg you to "try to d-dig what we all s-say."

Robbie Cunningham
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RIDICULOUS TAX

Everything has its price, and all the prices have been fixed by bankers (see *Rolling Stone* story, wkly.ws/1gs). Well, we suspected that. The problem, from my point of view, is the cities have decided to make their poorest inhabitants pay for it. The state has decided to make retired teachers pay for it. Eugene has decided to cut off our connections to the city sewers if we don't pay their head tax ("city service fee" my foot!)

Evidently, we need to threaten the city with the prospect of all the people whose sewer connections have been cut, emptying their chamber pots on the floor of the council chambers. (Rental companies should expect a brisk business in backhoe rentals.) At the very least, all those municipal chicken farmers should be

saving up chicken manure, composted or not. We'll need it to properly compost the city government.

Read your Voters' Pamphlet. It really does say they will cut off our sewer connections if we don't pay their ridiculous head tax. And it is a head tax. And head taxes are illegal in Oregon. One got voted in, in Portland, but as far as I know, they haven't threatened to cut off sewer connections for non-paying households in Portland. The Eugene City Council has. The threatening councilors include our supposedly "progressive" Ward 7 City Councilor Claire Syrett, who says she "loves" the Whiteaker neighborhood, apparently for its value to investors and land speculators who want to tear it down and replace it with something more profitable.

Ann M. Tattersall
Eugene

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John Minter
Florence

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Our legislators have a lot to accomplish in the next few weeks and they need to hear from you! They have a chance to change our state into the healthiest and best educated state in the nation. They just have to support important measures: HB 2922 to provide health care for everyone and save the state billions, and the governor's early education bills HB 2013, 3231, 3232, 3233 and 3234.

Unfortunately, the increased funding House Bill that would have made a big difference for schools failed without support from two Republicans. If you can persuade any Republican legislators to join the Democrats to support public schools, maybe our kids could come out



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Lane County Legal Aid & Advocacy Center

We greatly appreciate the following that have donated to date and taken a stand against domestic violence in our community and contributed to the Survivors Justice Center at Lane County Legal Aid & Advocacy Center

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