

LANE COUNTY

Sheriff

BYRON TRAPP unopposed

*Judge of Supreme Court,
Judge of Court of Appeals,
Judge of the Circuit Court*

All positions are unopposed

North Eugene Commissioner

TONY MCCOWN vs. PAT FARR

The Lane County Commission voted 4-1, with Pete Sorenson as the lone “No” vote. That’s the refrain time and time again when it comes to the environment, land use and issues progressives care about in Lane County. The Board of Commissioners has control over key issues: how gravel mines operate, rural land use, the county jail, clean water and more. If you care about the environment, small business and those in need like we do, then you want more candidates who care about those issues, too. The County Commission tends to lean to the right, like other county commissions nationwide, and Farr has not impressed us with his votes during his tenure. We are going to go with McCown as a strong choice to join Sorenson on votes on issues that can affect urban sprawl, land use and how this county spends its limited funds.

South Eugene Commissioner

PETE SORENSON unopposed

Justice of the Peace

RICK BRISSENDEN vs. Guy Rosenbaum vs. Woody Woodbury vs. Joshua Rogers

Springfield Mayor

CHRISTINE LUNDBERG vs. ROBERT DRAKE

Springfield City Council Ward 3

SHERI MOORE vs. SEAN DUNN vs. KRIS MCALISTER

We liked Sheri Moore when she ran for County Commission in 2014, and we still like her. Her opposition has said they provide a younger voice. We are all for younger voices, but we like the wisdom of age, too.

Springfield City Council Ward 4

LEONARD STOEHR vs. DAVE RALSTON

Dave Ralston has insulted minorities and gotten in hot water for drunk driving and wildlife violations. Leonard Stoehr is new to politics, but we like his strong labor credentials.

Springfield City Council Ward 6

JOE PISHIONERI unopposed



Eugene Mayor

LUCY VINIS vs. BOB CASSIDY vs. MIKE CLARK vs. SCOTT LANDFIELD vs. STEFAN STREK

Mayor Kitty Piercy’s 12 years in office have come to an end. Of the five candidates for mayor, the best match for Eugene and its left-leaning ideals is Lucy Vinis. Of the other candidates, we have Stefan Strek, whose enthusiasm is enjoyable, but his campaign seems disjointed and inconsistent. We like Bob Cassidy’s message of social and economic equality, as well as Scott Landfield’s outsider campaign (for which he is accepting no money) calling attention to issues such as the future of Kesey Square.

But among those four candidates, all with limited political experience, Vinis and her background in environmental and social causes would serve Eugene the best. Having worked for ShelterCare, a nonprofit that assists individuals and families in crisis, Vinis understands the complexities surrounding homelessness. Eugene needs informed leadership and a voice of advocacy to tackle this important and multifaceted issue as we move forward.

Vinis also takes a strong stance on preserving and protecting the environment, which is another point in her favor. Eugeneans love their lands and wildlife, and we want to see the natural world prioritized. As climate change threatens to drastically alter and harm our planet, we need a mayor who not only acknowledges its existence (imagine that) but does whatever possible to mitigate and reduce the city’s emissions.

The last candidate, Eugene City Councilor Mike Clark, has nearly 10 years of political experience, but we find his record troubling. He has repeatedly voted against policies that we support: helping homeless communities, acting to reduce the impacts of climate change and instating socially progressive policies like Eugene’s sick leave ordinance. We’re confident that Eugene would see more of the same conservative, backwards-thinking if Clark is elected.

The city also needs a mayor who will lead, not one who simply follows the directions of the city manager. If Eugene wants its values respected and represented, Vinis is the right choice for mayor.