

THIS MODERN WORLD

by TOM TOMORROW



Berney has a long track record of helping people.

The Register-Guard endorsement says it best when asking why voters should elect Berney for Springfield county commissioner: He has fresh ideas. He has experience in creating family-wage jobs and successful businesses, teaching — including obtaining retraining funds for displaced workers — and creating affordable housing.

Joe Berney does not need to be Lane County Commissioner; Lane County needs him.

Susan and Lee Bliven
Eugene

BUCH HELPS VETS

I am supporting Heather Buch as a candidate for Lane County commissioner for District 5. She owns and operates her own small business, while acting as the special projects director for St. Vincent de Paul.

As the construction manager for the Veterans' Housing Project, I had the opportunity to work closely with Buch and came to know her very well. She has coordinated the repairs to multiple homes for many returning veterans. Her eagerness and passion were the driving force that led to the ultimate success of the project.

As a Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam era, I experienced firsthand the need to support veterans for housing and education. Buch was very respectful and dedicated to the housing efforts for the program and to the veterans that would benefit from our work.

I was a general contractor for over 42 years in this area. During my time as a managing partner I met many small business owners, and I can honestly say that Heather Buch would be a strong leader and a competent commissioner for the county. She would represent all of the people of the district, and continue her quest to help families attain affordable housing, including our veterans.

Randy Lodge
Eugene

ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET

I'm so happy I stumbled onto the Eugene Weekly website when the primary election endorsements were published! I'm pretty

new to Oregon and not very informed on many of the political issues facing the city and state, so it was great to see a ballot breakdown from a source I believe in.

I had naively been thinking, "This blue state doesn't need my help," but after reading up on what's at stake, I now plan to vote in the primaries. Hope others find similar value in what the EW team put together.

Clare Otcasek
Eugene

HAYWARD HO

Let's give our historic Hayward Field grandstand to Civic Stadium for the replacement of our town's other historic grandstand.

I'm sure it could be dismantled, and benches and old growth timbers could be put to a new use.

Gary Trendler
Eugene

OUT WITH THE BAD

I have been aware of our Lane County commissioners' actions for more than 20 years, and in the majority of those years we have not been represented. Pete Sorenson is the lone commissioner working for us today, and he is in the minority.

What was done to former Commissioner Rob Handy was shameful. We can change that with this next election. I will be sure to drop my ballot in the election box before the May 15 deadline.

I am deeply concerned that if we don't vote out Sid Leiken, Jay Bozievich and Gary Williams as Lane County commissioners, our quality of living in Lane County will decline rapidly.

I have total confidence in Joe Berney taking Leiken's place, Kevin Matthews or James Barber (both are great) taking Gary Williams' place, and Nora Kent taking Jay Bozievich's place as our new Lane County commissioners.

We cannot allow the business as usual, clearcutting and poison spraying of our rural lands, and large out-of-state tax breaks while the average citizen struggles. They are working for special interests and they need to go. Time's up!

Pamela Driscoll
Dexter

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