

letters

LET VOTERS ELECT REPRESENTATIVES, NOT POLITICIANS

Since 2004 I have been proud to be represented by Paul Holvey. He has been a staunch advocate for working Oregonians and the environment. As a House District 8 voter, I take pride in knowing my vote counts when electing representatives in Oregon's Legislature. Having this process respected is paramount to a functioning democracy. It is disappointing that Oregon's chapter of the United Food and Commercial Workers has so far spent more than \$120,000 in an effort to cancel my vote and the thousands of other voters who elected Holvey.

UFCW Local 555 has filed a petition to recall Holvey as the House representative for HD 8, and it is currently paying uninformed individuals to collect signatures and put this on a special election ballot. If Holvey is recalled, politicians — not voters — would hand pick his replacement. These politicians would be the majority right-wing Lane County commissioners — people who should NOT be hand picking our next state representative.

This recall is also a waste of time and money. HD 8 voters spoke loud and clear last November when they voted Holvey

back into office with nearly 85 percent of the votes cast in that election. He will already be up for re-election in a little over a year, where voters can decide if they want to re-elect Holvey for another term.

The process of directly electing the representatives who vote on issues that impact our community is of the utmost importance to me. If you also want to protect the right of HD 8 voters to elect their leaders, do not support UFCW's costly, reckless and wrong recall.

Bob Warren
Eugene

I DON'T LIKE HIM, BUT DON'T RECALL HIM

I'm not a fan of Rep. Paul Holvey and I'm virtually certain the feeling is mutual.

Holvey's was the lone "No" vote in the Oregon House against my House Bill 2938 (2015) to bring additional fairness to Oregon annexation law. The bill would have passed had Lee Beyer not sabotaged it in the Senate — but that's a sordid tale all its own.

Holvey and every other Lane County Democrat in the Legislature voted to violate the voter mandates of Measures 88 and 97 (2019). He also apparently thought it would be good policy to pun-

ish Oregon businesses that have significantly reduced their emissions by nearly doubling their emission fees with his HB 3229 this year.

He voted for HB 2002, the most radical, contentious and hyper-partisan bill in the 2023 session.

Holvey has supported the use of bogus "emergency" clauses that prevent referendum. He has ignored massive opposition testimony to bills he supports. These are just some of the items on my Holvey grievance list.

Given the foregoing, I could never support Holvey. But given political reality, this recall launched against him seems to me to be a misguided waste of time and effort. His constituents love him as demonstrated by their long-running strong support for his re-elections.

As a staunch liberal in a deep blue district, he's ironclad. He can pursue his agenda without fear of losing his seat. He's not going to lose it to this recall effort.

Jerry Ritter
Springfield

ART HOUSE LOVE

Thank you, *EW*, for the nice story on the Art House; we hope it encourages folks to head back to the theater! After being displaced for a few years, DisOri-

ent Asian American Film Festival held its 18th annual festival at the Art House in March. The Art House was abuzz all weekend with excited filmgoers enjoying independent films, Q&A's with filmmakers and community connection.

Our festival attendees included Oregon locals, out-of-state folks and over 60 filmmakers from around the U.S. and Canada. Our filmmakers attend many festivals and venues across the country, and in much bigger cities, and they gave rave reviews for their film experience at our theater. The Art House is a local gem and DisOrient is grateful for Edward Schiessl's ongoing support of diversity in storytelling and independent films in Eugene.

Susan Hirata
Pamela Quan

DisOrient Asian American Film
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