

# letters

## VOTE 'NO' ON LOCAL 555'S TANTRUM

The recall effort against state Rep. Paul Holvey is political stupidity on steroids. I implore the voters of his district to vote "no" and to firmly reject this attempt to insist that governing by tantrum is acceptable in our state.

I served with Holvey in the Oregon House of Representatives for 12 years (2005-2017), and I can attest that there is no elected official in our state who has done more for working families than Holvey. Look at everything from increasing the minimum wage to paid family leave to workplace protections, and you will see Holvey's leadership and effectiveness.

Now we have petulant and incompetent leadership of a once-great union wasting their members' resources to try to recall one of the best champions labor has ever had in our state because they haven't got 100 percent of everything they've wanted 100 percent of the time. No other union is joining this effort. They know how absurd and counterproductive it is.

This recall is representative of the worst of politics in our state and our country. Please take the few minutes necessary to vote "no."

Peter Buckley  
Ashland

## PAY FOR A NEW STADIUM? OR SHELTER THE HOMELESS?

\$100 million would pay for a lot of tent sites for the homeless to put their tents and have access to the basics: water, toilet, garbage bin. Or should we use that money for a stadium? Our community is like our family. What would be the healthiest thing to do for our community/family?

It's like asking a family, shall we buy a leisure trip for just the parents to go and enjoy themselves every year (even though their children have no safe home to sleep in or access to a toilet and water), or buy a home for our children with water, garbage and a bathroom? Common sense isn't it? There must be a disconnect in our community to the homeless and their needs.

Gerilyn Van  
Eugene

*Editor's note: This is an excellent philosophical question, but Lane County taxpayers won't automatically have \$100 million to spend on the homeless if the stadium isn't built. Some of the stadium cost would be paid by the Ems, and other money would come from the hotel tax, which legally can only be spent on tourism.*

*See more letters about the proposed baseball stadium online at EugeneWeekly.com.*

## PERHAPS THE UO COULD STEP UP

A couple of years back PeaceWalmart talked about building more at the university location. We would be better cared for if our hospital were not controlled by conservative (backward) religious autocrats.

Perhaps the huge local university would end its "hands off Eugene" and join with the community to build a hospital that would modernize the University of Oregon Medical School. It could provide the city and Lane County with much needed mental health and substance abuse care that PeaceHealth has dropped.

It seems that federal funds might help if the organization applying were not religious.

Jerry Smith  
Eugene

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