

Mail ballots by Oct. 31 or deliver by Nov. 4

Measure 56	YES
Measure 57	YES
Measure 58	NO
Measure 59	NO
Measure 60	NO
Measure 61	NO
Measure 62	NO
Measure 63	NO
Measure 64	NO
Measure 65	NO

President
Barack Obama

U. S. Senator
Jeff Merkley

U. S. House (5th Dist)
Kurt Schrader

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SEIU 503 Members in All-Out Drive to Elect Obama and Merkley and Defeat Sizemore Ballot Measures

Members of SEIU 503 and allies across Oregon are burning the phone lines and baring their soles going door to door from Astoria to Ashland and Portland to Pendleton during the final days of the 2008 general election campaign.

It's an all-out drive to elect pro-worker candidates and defeat a number of highly destructive statewide ballot measures—including one that would silence the voice of union members in the political process without doing anything to limit the influence of corporate special interests. Measure 64 would even make it illegal for public employees to contribute through payroll deduction to charities such as United Way and the Oregon Food Bank.

"I can't think of a more crucial election in our lifetime," said Barbara Casey, statewide chair of CAPE, 503's Citizen Action for Political Education. I urge every member to work until the very last minute. Our future is at stake."

Two important goals are electing Jeff Merkley to the U.S. Senate and defeating Ballot Measure 64, which has been dubbed "Paycheck Deception."

Merkley's quest to unseat Gordon Smith is gaining momentum. Smith sides with anti-worker forces in the Senate, then finds a couple of outlying votes to claim that he is independent so he can come home every six years and try to con progressives. Not this time! Jeff Merkley is a genuine progressive, highly skilled legislator and proven policy expert.

As Speaker of the Oregon House of Representatives, Merkley has consistently defended the need to properly fund public services and fairly compensate public employees. It's no coincidence that Smith's web site attacks Merkley for supporting funding for our last contract, which Smith criticizes for containing huge pay raises.

He can be one of the 60 votes in the Senate to pass health care reform and the Employee Free Choice Act and fair taxation policies over the right-wing filibusters Smith has steadfastly supported.

2008-10 Statewide Officers

These are the winners of the SEIU Local 503, OPEU statewide election:

President: **Linda Burgin**

Vice President: **Sonya Reichwein**

Secretary/Treasurer: **Barbara Casey**

Executive Director: **Leslie Frane**

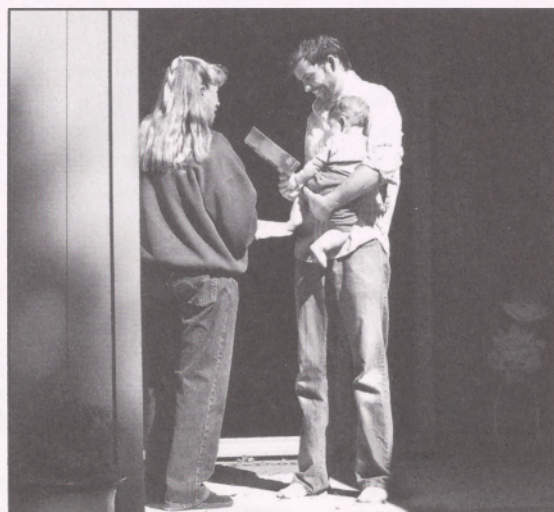
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Members were canvassing and phoning right up and through Election Day.

And while there are eight bad ballot measures, conveniently numbered consecutively 58 through 65, with SEIU 503 urging NO votes on them all, Measure 64 is particularly insidious.

Measure 64 is Bill Sizemore's perennial effort to destroy public employee unions in Oregon. Voters have defeated similar measures three times but Sizemore keeps coming back, hoping workers will get complacent and trying to divert time, effort and money from positive causes.



Yet, we remain energized on a number of fronts, fighting seven other destructive measures, supporting two good ones, and campaigning on behalf of pro-worker candidates from Barack Obama to a promising group of newcomers vying to add to the progressive majority in the State House. They include Suzanne Van Orman in Hood River, Judy Stiegler in Bend, Michele Eberle south of Portland, Nick Kahl and Greg Matthews east of Portland, Brent Barton and Toby Forsberg in Clackamas and Richard Riggs in Salem.

Vote NO on these destructive proposals.

NO 58



Bill Sizemore's one-size-fits-all approach to English language education that will reduce local control of schools.

NO 59



Sizemore's gift to wealthy Oregonians at the expense of public workers and consumers, allowing full federal deduction from state taxes. It would cut the state budget by 15%.

NO 60



A Sizemore measure that overrides teachers' collective bargaining agreements by doing away with seniority rights. It has the unintended consequence of increasing standardized testing.

NO 61



Kevin Mannix's plan to mandate lengthy sentences for even first-time offenders and ultimately diverting billions from human services to build and staff prisons.

NO 62

Another Mannix measure, diverting 15% of state lottery funds from education to public safety at a cost of \$175 million to local taxpayers who would have to make up the difference.

NO 63



A Sizemore measure exempting many projects from local permitting requirements, and thus compromising safety and community needs.

NO 64



And NO, NO, 1,000 TIMES NO on 64! Sizemore's latest attempt to deprive public employees and other publicly funded workers like homecare, child care and adult foster care providers of a political voice!

NO 65

Would eliminate party primaries, reducing the chance for unions and other groups supporting working families to impact elections.

and YES on these
two measures.

YES 56

to ensure that a true majority can decide property tax proposals, not the present "double-majority" rule designed to thwart the will of voters.

YES 57

to increase sentences for property crimes associated with drug trafficking but initiate the option of drug treatment of first-time offenders — a responsible, balanced approach.