

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Barber for Seaside mayor

Open letter to the Seaside community: As a dedicated public servant for over 40 years, 28 of them in Seaside, I have had the privilege to serve and work with many community members. Without question, our current mayor, Jay Barber, is one of the most qualified leaders I have come to know and have worked successfully with.

In his nine-year City Council experience, he has been guided by his servant's heart. His authentic leadership style invites community engagement, which helps build trusting connections and forms deep relationships. His practice of inclusion, respect and dignity for his fellow man invites a diverse strategy to strengthen our community, and helps us all face our challenges together.

He is a true statesman, proven leader, and is eager to continue the community's good work to improve the quality of life for all of us. Please join me in casting your important vote for Mayor Jay Barber in the Nov. 6 election.

MARY BLAKE
Seaside

Zimmerman for Gearhart council

What does it mean to "Keep Gearhart, Gearhart?" A recent news article on positive community involvement noted, "Values should open our hearts..." They should not close ranks around demographics of exclusion.

Jack Zimmerman, a candidate for Gearhart City Council, has two main goals: to engage and represent all stakeholders with ownership or residence in Gearhart, and to assure fiscal responsibility by crafting city governance with consideration and accountability for associated costs.

Decades of the "no plan, plan" and a cumbersome process for incorporating changes have translated to deferred maintenance, and passage of unsustainable ordinances.

Zimmerman believes we should not shy away from problem-solving. His professional background in budget management offers the city valuable experience in identifying revenue streams to supplement the basic budget while asking the hard questions about what we can truly afford.

Jack Zimmerman's voter registration may be relatively new, but his association with Gearhart goes back nearly three decades. Why did he choose to run for public office? Please, take time to read Jack's answer in The Daily Astorian Voters Guide (available online). You will want to get to know this man.

Let us welcome a voice dedicated to protecting the traditions of historic Gearhart, with an eye toward the challenges of a modern municipality. We encourage a vote for Jack Zimmerman for Gearhart City Council. "Keeping Gearhart, Gearhart" cannot mean simply leaving things alone; it requires protecting what we cherish with new vision, new skill and new enthusiasm for 21st-century solutions.

JACK and BONNIE DELANEY
Gearhart

Amend state constitution on campaign contributions

Yes, candidates Kate Brown and Knute Buehler have taken liberty with the truth.

But perhaps that is not the most important story regarding this political contest. Of at least equal importance is that they are running the most expensive campaign in Oregon's history, having raised, between them more than \$28 million. The most expensive governor race before this was in 2010, when a mere \$20 million was raised.

Those figures wouldn't be so outrageous if raised in small donations, but that is not the case. According to an analysis by Green Party member Seth Wooley of OreStar candidate reports:

Brown has received 66 percent of her funds in contributions of \$5,000 or more, while Buehler's figure is 74 percent. Brown has received 56 percent of her funds in contributions of \$10,000 or more, while Buehler's figure is 67

percent. Do we have any reason to think that either candidate will be working in the interests of the 99 percent?

The time has come to enact effective limits on campaign contributions. In order to do that, the Oregon Constitution must be amended. Soon a statewide initiative will begin collecting voter signatures. When you see it, be sure to sign; or, it is available now for signature on the or.honest-elections.com website.

DAVID DELK
Astoria

Getting it wrong

The Daily Astorian's support of Knute Buehler for governor is based on the hope that he "comes through on his promise to be a moderate governor" ("Leadership needed for Oregon," Oct. 22). His record suggests otherwise.

He voted "no" on extended background checks and waiting periods to purchase guns. "No" on providing reproductive care, including contraception, to low income, minority and undocumented women. "No" to increased minimum wage. "No" to paid sick leave. "No" to reduce criminal charges for possession of drugs. "No" to automatic voter registration. "No" on labeling genetically modified fish. "No" to protecting grey wolves. "No" to prohibiting landlords from evicting without cause. "No" to extending carbon fuel standards. He supports Measure 105. And, he supports liquefied natural gas (LNG). Can someone please tell me where the moderate part is?

Buehler claims he can fix the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), which politically smarter governors and legislators have struggled with for years. The editor calls his refusal to sign any new spending bills until PERS reform is on his desk "bold leadership."

I call it Trumpian bombast. And, like Trump, when things don't work out with PERS, he'll say "OK. Let's move on to something else."

Under Gov. Kate Brown, the state's economy is doing great. We are taking serious steps to mitigate climate change. PERS reform is underway. The Elliott Forest has been saved for future generations, and the dominance of timber interests on the Board of Forestry has ended.

That's what I call bold leadership. Vote for Brown.

ROGER DORBAND
Astoria

Lower, Buehler not moderates

Vineeta Lower and Knute Buehler are both Republicans. Both have completely eliminated any mention of their GOP affiliation in their advertising. Why? Lower and Buehler are both on record as Trump supporters, yet Lower and Buehler both claim to be bipartisan and moderate.

Don't be fooled. Anyone who supports Trump cannot, by any stretch of the imagination, be either moderate or bipartisan.

BILL GRAFFIUS
Gearhart

Vote for Roscoe and Astoria school bond

I have known Peter Roscoe nearly all my life, and I have always been highly impressed with Peter's love and passion for our little corner of the earth.

His commitment to Clatsop County is clearly shown by the many voluntary positions he has taken on over the years. He has served on the Astoria City Council, Astoria Regatta Board, Rotary Club president, and many more that never get noticed.

Peter is an idea man with a special knack for getting other people involved. He also knows both the importance and meaning of the word "balance," a gift that simply cannot be taken for granted when one is tasked with making important decisions that may affect so many lives.

Peter is not seeking the Clatsop County Commission seat with some high-level personal agenda. He realizes that his responsibility will be to do the will of all of the people, not just some special groups.

He understands that not every decision can be made with a black and white mentality, and he has proven his ability to make those tough decisions in his role as a longtime successful businessman in the city of Astoria.

Peter Roscoe is my choice for Clatsop County commissioner, and I hope that you support him, as well. His commitment to our area is without question.

Also, please vote "yes" on the Astoria school bond. Astor Elementary School, at 93, is still a great school, but now has drafty, inefficient windows, unreliable boilers and a tiny old gym. Vote yes for Astoria schools.

SKIP HAUKE
Astoria

'Yes' on Measure 105

Oregonians are set to vote on whether Oregon is a sanctuary state. In 2017 Multnomah Sheriff Mike Reese released Sergio Martinez, ignoring an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) retainer citing the "sanctuary" law.

Martinez went on to commit assaults, including at least one attempted rape. Had Reese honored the ICE retainer request, this criminal would've been deported.

I have confidence Measure 105 will pass. While it's hard to tell until the count what the outcome will be, the current like-minded sanctuary being offered to Antifa intersection protesters — as they kick cars and scream at drivers — may tilt the vote overwhelmingly to end sanctuary.

Elected officials need to let the police, the sheriffs and ICE do what they do: Protect, keep the peace, and serve.

WAYNE MAYO
Scappoose

Vote for Bonamici, Mitchell

The beaches, ocean, and rivers of our North Coast are not only beautiful, but vital natural resources for our community. With the threats of climate change, it is more important than ever that we act to address our use of fossil fuels and work to conserve wildlife and their habitat.

We need leaders who understand the importance of balancing the interests of industry and development with conservation of our natural resources. Many of our jobs depend on conservation of our natural resources. We are lucky to have Rep. Suzanne Bonamici as the ranking member on the Subcommittee on the Environment in Congress.

At the state level, I urge you to support Tiffany Mitchell for House District 32 state representative. She understands the challenges we face as climate change becomes more severe. Tiffany Mitchell is the only candidate in the District 32 state representative race whom I have

heard articulate achievable solutions to this growing problem.

RUSS MEAD
Seaside

'Yes' for Warrenton schools

A decision to ask a sacrifice of taxpayers to invest in generations of Warrenton-Hammond kids is not made lightly. Several years of thoughtful analysis, weighing options, and seeking to do what is prudent and affordable led to our school bond.

Cars, buses, and students inundating the grade school each morning reflect Warrenton's ongoing growth. portable classrooms devour more playground each year as a band-aid fraught with security challenges. The futility of our first look into expanding on existing property with its lack of buildable land and tsunami zone restrictions, led to the hope of a highly efficient master preK-12 campus on uplands.

A diverse group of community and staff members developed a plan: a new middle school to start a three-phase plan the community can support over time. With the lowest cost-per-thousand school bond in the county, and leveraging state matching funds, we can relieve the pressure on the elementary school, buffer growth at the high school, keep our existing buildings well-maintained, set up a donated career/technical building, and improve security infrastructures.

The sacrifice shared by our growing community will yield a legacy that spans generations.

DALAN MOSS
Warrenton

Herman for Astoria council

There are big issues facing my city, too many to list. What I expect from an elected representative is a drive to understand the issues and how they are connected to each other, a balancing of the options available, and a decision process based on experience, knowledge and sometimes a gut feeling. I trust Joan Herman will be a strong city councilor by using this formula.

I base my trust on Joan's background as a journalist, which requires the gathering of facts and the determination of the truth. Her experience as a business person also guides her thinking. Through both backgrounds she knows our city is made up of people with different needs and expectations. I trust Joan to be fair in all her decisions.

It is easy for people to make snap judgments based upon very little personal knowledge of the candidates. While I have known her for a short time, I have found Joan to be strong, smart and determined. I trust Joan to use these attributes to be a great city councilor.

Count me as a vote for Joan Herman. She will use her strengths to move Astoria forward.

BRYAN KIDDER
Astoria

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Kendra Lounsbury
Seaside Outlets

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