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ENDORSEMENTS

This year's Oregon Primary is particularly important because of the grave concerns that face the nation and the state. During the period since the last election we have had to bear the burdens of crisis in the integrity of government brought to light by the Watergate affair and surrounding scandals; the incredible combination of inflation and skyrocketing prices, along with a rising rate of employment; the energy crisis and predicted shortages of nearly everything, including food; the decisions of the conservative Nixon-appointed Supreme Court; a reversal of civil rights gains; and a trend toward facism in this country.

Considering these important issues, one can hardly sit out this election or approach it without serious study and thought.

Many of the candidates are well qualified -- in some races it is difficult to choose the best contender. Many have similar views and similar records, but usually there is one feature which distinguishes one candidate from the others -- an attitude or the creation of an atmosphere of trust and understanding.

The Observer has not endorsed candidates for every position. We have endorsed only those candidates whose records show concern for human rights, for equal opportunity and for individual liberties.

City Council, Position #4

Charles Jordan, "the new face that completes the City Council," was appointed to his Council seat in late April. Jordan administers the Fire Bureau and the Human Resources Bureau, which includes most of the city's social service programs. Experience Jordan brings to the Council



includes his service as Assistant City Manager of Palm Springs, California; as Executive Director of Portland's Model Cities Agency; as Acting Director of the Human Resources Bureau; and as Director of career education for the Northwest Training Lab. Because of his broad experience in administration and in the social services, Jordan brings a new perspective to the City Council which is ordinarily made up of attorneys and business people. As the City Council's first Black member, Jordan brings an insight into the problems of minorities and the poor and provides a link between City Hall and many people who have never before been adequately represented in city government.

Educated, experienced, dedicated and honest, Jordan is by far the most qualified candidate for Council position #4.

Chairman, County Commission

Commissioner Don Clark is seeking the Chairmanship of the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners. The Board Chairman is the administrator for the county and as such is responsible for the implementation of all county programs.



Clark has established a good relationship with the Black community and has expressed concern for minority problems. As a member of the Commission, Clark's influence has been restricted to legislation. The Black community hopes that as Chairman Clark will bring about changes in county policy and practice that would bring true opportunity to minority people.

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