

# EDITORIAL/OPINION

## ✓ Jimmy Carter

Jimmy Carter has been a good president in many ways. Although we are not as enthused about him as we were a few years ago, no candidate offers a reasonable alternative. We consider Carter to be an honest man who wants to serve his country well. Carter has appointed many Blacks to administrative positions in the federal bureaus and some of his cabinet members - namely Ray Marshall and Juanita Krepps - have done a creditable job enforcing affirmative action in federal purchasing.

We believe Carter should have another term in office and therefore we endorse him for the Democratic nomination.



## ✓ Charles O. Porter

Charles O. Porter, former Congressman, offers a specific program for addressing this nation's serious problems of inflation, unemployment and a tendency toward war. Porter is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate seat now held by Bob Packwood.



Porter would attack inflation through gas rationing and conservation to decrease dependency on OPEC oil; cut the waste out of the military budget; enforce wage and price controls.

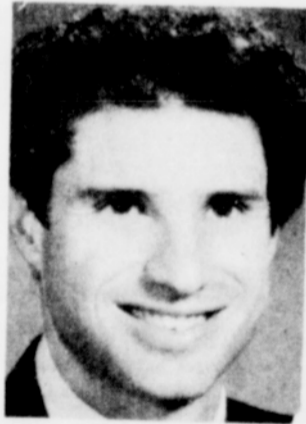
He would nationalize the nation's energy resources. This would not only lower costs by eliminating profit, but is the only way to provide a reliable assessment of the energy reserves and allow for planning. He would assist other nations to organize national energy systems to eliminate dependency on the large oil companies.

Porter would provide jobs by encouraging U.S. business to retool and compete with foreign companies, expand employment opportunities in the service fields, and use the government as the "employer of last resort."

Porter's opponent, Ted Kulongoski, is an able legislator and has a similar political philosophy in many areas. He would be a good U.S. Senator, but we believe Porter's program to be superior and his record on human rights unequalled.

The Observer endorses Charles Porter for U.S. Senate.

## ✓ Ron Wyden



Ron Wyden is well known in this community because of his activities with the Gray Panthers, organizing and maximizing the political impact of senior citizens.

Some of the issues he has tackled are better nursing homes, public ownership of

electric power, pooling of individual resources to maximize interests and savings, elimination of age discrimination in insurance. His interests are not limited to the elderly - he advocates human rights for minorities and equal rights for all citizens.

Besides all of that, Wyden was occasionally seen in the community - before he filed for elections.

The U.S. House of Representatives could use Wyden. We endorse him for the Democratic nomination.

## Measure 3 - ✓ Yes

This measure would establish a fund to make loans for small scale energy projects. It would allow the development of alternative energy sources - solar, biomass, wind, waste heat, geothermal, etc. - by individuals, non-profit corporations and small businesses.

This measure will not only negate the supposed need for more nuclear power plants but will give communities a measure of control over their energy use.

## ✓ Frank Ivancie



The most important race to the residents of Portland is that for Mayor, unfortunately, neither candidate has a good record as far as Blacks are concerned. Connie McCready and Frank Ivancie have the

worst records on the council for hiring of minorities - their records are terrible. Both have promised to do better - but we shall see.

As Mayor, Mrs. McCready seems to have made some efforts. But she has refused - or at least failed - to appoint a Black to a Portland Development Commission vacancy, rejecting two Jordan nominees.

Mayor McCready is well known for her vehement opposition to PMSC, even after Cleveland Crease left that agency. Ivancie supported PMSC and the poverty programs and blocked the City's effort to take over PM-SC, the only significant agency headed by a Black man.

Ivancie supports Union Avenue redevelopment, and he has pledged to continue Charles Jordan as police commissioner, a choice preferred by Jordan and the Police Bureau.

Although we frequently disagree with commissioner Ivancie, we consider him to be honest, interested and predictable. We prefer to take our chances with Ivancie.

## ✓ Charles Jordan



Charles Jordan is rapidly developing into the most productive and consistent member of the City Council.

In recent months he has made several significant contributions.

He authored a civil service rule change to enable city managers to more easily hire minorities and women, which led to a suit by

the police union. He has developed a minority business enterprise program that has greatly increased minority participation; he insured minority business participation in the Union Avenue project. The new Cable TV contract will contain provisions for minority business and employment as a requirement for the bid.

Jordan's discussions with police officers about police brutality were stern enough to prevent the police union from endorsing him for re-election. He is attempting to further humanize the force.

Jordan supports citizen efforts (the school boycott for example) and lends assistance when possible. He is available and involved.

We endorse Commissioner Charles Jordan for reelection to City Council, position 4.

## ✓ Osly J. Gates

Osly "Jim" Gates has been the director of the City-County Council on Aging for more than fifteen years and as such has dealt with the problems of the elderly. He has developed or been involved in the development of nearly every program serving senior citizens. He understands the needs of the elderly --



- and particularly the unique problems facing Black and other minority elderly persons. He currently is vice president of the National Council on Aging.

A former social worker, Gates is concerned about social programs. He is also interested in eliminating much of the bureaucracy that comes between the people and the services.

He advocates genuine citizen participation where citizens are involved before the decisions are made.

Gates opposes Mike Lindberg who was appointed last fall. In the short period he has been in office Lindberg has proved to be energetic and responsible. He has been responsible and available to the Black community.

The Observer recommends Jim Gates for City Council, Position 1.

Among the most important public officials selected by the voters are the judges. They not only make decisions that affect the outcome of the trial and have the life of the convicted in their hands, but they interpret the meaning of the law. Good judges must not only be intelligent, knowledgeable and alert to changing interpretations of the law, but they must have sensitivity and courage.

## ✓ G Van Hoomissen



Judge George Van Hoomissen is a candidate for the Oregon Court of Appeals, the court to which any person has the right to appeal the decision of a lower court. To many, it is the court of last resort.

Van Hoomissen's background is unique

in that he has been involved in writing the law, practicing law as a defense attorney and as a prosecutor, enforcing the law, and teaching law. Van Hoomissen was in the Oregon legislature for two years, chairing the House Judiciary Committee his second term. He was District Attorney for Multnomah County from 1962 to 1971 and is credited with bringing credibility and efficiency to that office.

When Van Hoomissen left the DA's office he was Dean of the National College of District Attorneys and taught at the University of Houston School of Law. He also taught at Northwestern College of Law and PSU. When he returned to Portland, he was appointed Director of Justice Services for Multnomah County.

He was appointed to the Circuit Court, Domestic Relations by Governor McCall. While at the Juvenile Court he gained a reputation for attempting to make the bureaucracy work for children. For example, he threatened to find Children Services Division officials in contempt of court if they failed to quickly find an adoptive home for two Black youngsters who had been left in limbo by that agency for years. He broke local precedent in allowing the Observer to publicize the need for a permanent home for these children.

Van Hoomissen was appointed to Circuit Court General Trial Department, by Judge Straub, where he has served for two years.

Van Hoomissen's experience and background lead to the conclusion that he has outstanding qualification for a position on the Court of Appeals. Also, he has gained a national reputation for diligence, integrity, fairness and courage that this position requires.

The Observer endorses Judge George Van Hoomissen for the Court of Appeals, Position 2.

## Measure 51 ✓ Yes

Two years ago, after many years of controversy, the people of Portland voted to fluoridate their water in an effort to curb tooth decay in children. This ballot measure would cancel that vote. A vote "Yes" against fluoridation. A vote "No" is a vote for fluoridation.

Those adults who are toothless or are suffering from tooth decay - or who face the rising cost of dental care - should think about their children and their pocketbook and vote No on Measure 51 - a vote for fluoridation.

## ✓ Aaron Brown

Aaron Brown, currently a District Court Judge, is seeking election to the Court of Appeals. Brown was appointed to the Portland Municipal Court in 1967 and to the District Court in 1971. He has



extensive experience in small claims, traffic and tenant - landlord cases. Among recent decisions is his finding that the police practice of arresting people for resisting arrest when there would be no arrest is unconstitutional.

Brown is not the typical conservative, middle-class, white judge. He would bring a different background and a new perspective to the Court of Appeals.

## ✓ Edwin Peterson



Justice Edwin J. Peterson is the only member of the Oregon Supreme Court who is opposed in his bid for re-election. He is opposed by Shirley Field who was removed from the Multnomah County District Court

on the recommendation of the Judicial Fitness Committee, and Lyle Wolf, a Workman Compensation Board referee.

Peterson was appointed to the Supreme Court after 22 years in private practice. He is by far the best qualified for this important position.

## ✓ Joe Smith

The Attorney General is the state's attorney. He provides legal opinions for state agencies and officials; his office represents the state in criminal appeals; it protects consumer rights; it insures compliance with open meeting laws; it investigates and prosecutes charges of corruption and conflict of interest; it prosecutes civil rights complaints. As the state's highest law enforcement officer, the Attorney General should have a reputation for honesty, intelligence and sobriety.

Joe Smith first came to our attention in 1970 when as District Attorney in Pendleton he fought against shipment of nerve gas to Eastern Oregon. He won that fight but lost his office in the next election.

The Observer supported Jim Smith when he attempted to unseat Attorney General Lee Johnson, his campaign based in part on Johnson's appalling record in civil rights prosecution. When he sought the nomination to U.S. Senate following the death of Wayne Morse we endorsed the man the Senator had called, "...a brilliant legal mind."

Joe Smith is still committed to the pursuit of civil rights, to the protection of the environment, to justice. We still think he's the man for the job of Attorney General.

## ✓ Dave Frohnmayer

Dave Frohnmayer is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Attorney General. Frohnmayer has served three terms in the legislature, gaining a reputation for effectiveness. In the 1979 session he was Vice Chairman of the House Judiciary and Education Committee. He is the best Republican candidate for Attorney General.

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