

Loving seeks election to Oregon Senate

By Nyewusi Askari

Presently, one of the greatest internal threats to minority communities throughout America, is the absence of strong leadership. Many political observers, including Portland's community activist James Loving, candidate for State Senator, District 8, blames this condition on "the bankruptcy of ideas among many minority elected and appointed officials who have little or no conception of what effective political leadership is."

Loving considers himself a capable leader, one who understands well the concept of political leadership. It is for this reason and more, that he is challenging the Senate seat presently occupied by William "Bill" McCoy. Importantly, Loving feels he is more in touch with the people of District 8 than McCoy.

"In order for one to represent any constituency, whether it be Black, white or both, one must represent himself. The incumbent stands in the middle of the road, takes a passive position on issues crucial to District 8, especially those crucial to the Black community."

"My philosophy is, any State Senator or Representative must be willing to represent his constituency, without having to apologize for doing so. The people expect this willingness and I am a candidate in this race basically on that philosophy."

If elected, Loving plans to introduce new leadership approaches, comprehensive ideas and legislative proposals designed to bring about visible change in District 8.

"I am a peoples man. I believe in promoting the philosophy of the people and this doesn't mean I am not capable of encompassing the philosophies of other districts, in order to bring about resolutions for the betterment of the State of Oregon."

Turning to other issues, Loving outlined his platform.

Unemployment: Implement necessary programs that will create jobs for the unemployed and underemployed.

Said Loving, "The unemployment ratio among minorities and young people in District 8 is in the neighborhood of 45 to 60 percent! therefore, if elected, I will work to develop some type of tax incentive program, to induce the business sector to take the lead in the fight against youth unemployment."

Senior Citizens: More low income housing, increase social security, lower property taxes, comprehensive medical care, develop a senior citizen's center in Northeast Portland.

Loving is very concerned about the plight of senior citizens and their thirst for survival during these inflationary times. "The income of senior citizens should be raised to keep up with the spiral of inflation. Senior citizens shouldn't have to move from their place of residence just because a landlord wants to convert his building complex into a condo. Equally as important, health care should be the right of every senior citizen. They should be provided the best health care available whether they be on fixed incomes or Medicare," Loving continued.

Education: Quality education for all children at their neighborhood schools, increase teacher bargaining rights.

No Nukes: Utilize existing energy resources, such as coal, wood, gas, electricity and other waste products.

Property Tax Relief: Property tax relief for low and middle income homeowners.

Minority Contractors: The State of Oregon should enforce the 15 percent set-aside programs for minority contractors.

Black Affairs Commission: The Commission should be developed and become a clearinghouse for the resolution of Black concerns.



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Candidate James Loving talks with workers at Union Avenue redevelopment project.

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Wyden offers ride to polls

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The Wyden for Congress Committee is sponsoring rides to the polls for senior citizens, handicapped persons and other persons who want to vote but need transportation.

Sign-up lists will be posted in senior centers and housing units throughout the Third District from Monday, May 12 through Monday, May 19. Interested persons may also call the Wyden campaign office at 281-9068.

Wyden, who is challenging incumbent Bob Duncan for the Democratic nomination in the Third District, said his office is sponsoring the rides to ensure that all Third District residents have the opportunity to take part in choosing the people who will represent them at all levels of government.

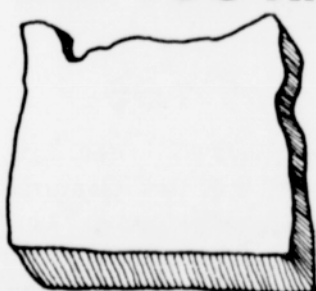
"Voter participation has declined dramatically in recent years," Wyden said. "Every possible step has to be taken to make the process of voting more convenient - and thus increase the turnout. This is

our way of doing our bit."

Sign-up lists for the rides will be posted at Belmont Drop-In Center, 3401 SE Belmont, Errol Heights Senior Center, 7414 SE 52nd, Gresham Senior Center, 50 NE Elliott in Gresham, Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 NE 40th, Hollywood Senior Center Craft Store, 4029 NE Sandy, MCCA-Multnomah County Community Action Agency, 4420 SE 64th, Montavilla Senior Center, 414 SE 81st, PACT Senior Service Center, 3588 SE Division, Peninsula Senior Center, 7508 N. Hereford, Rose Center for Senior Adults (Salvation Army), 1785 NE Sandy, Senior Citizen Service Center (VOA), 726 SE Ash, Southeast Seniors, Inc., 3588 SE Division, Urban League Senior Adult Service Center, 3904 NE Union, Royal Rose Court and Annex and Summer Court, 5053 N. Vancouver Ave., and Unthank Plaza, 2500 N. Williams.

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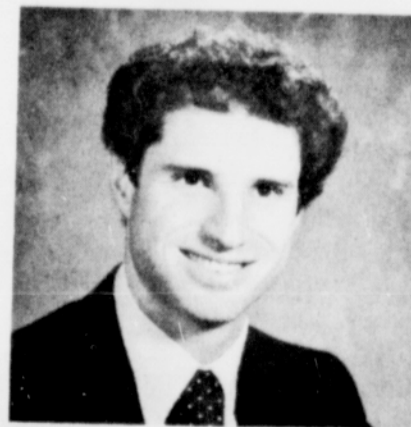
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