

Jobs, tax relief issues in District 19 race

What would you do to create jobs in District 19?

Greenfield: "We need to put together a long-range economic plan and a 10-year program that would include our traditional wood products and agriculture sectors. Incentives should go to small- and medium-size businesses. The new hires are occurring there now."

"We need a commission to look at log exports. It's not fair to jerk along a lot of longshore jobs. We should move toward banning (the export of raw logs)."

Castagna: "Capital is business' biggest problem. We need to develop low-interest loans for small businesses. We could develop a Small Business Information Center with representatives of state, federal and local governments there to coordinate assistance."

Cease: "We need more job training. The economy is not only in bad shape, but some major job sources are gone. The forest industry will never come back the way it was before."

"Most action is taken at the federal level, much of which we

don't really control. I'm opposed to 'make work' projects. People want real jobs."

Rothert: "We've got to start figuring out how we can make small business more profitable. Workman's Compensation and SAIF (State Accident Insurance Fund) rates are too high."

"The Portland development Commission has made low-interest loans available, such as for the Union Avenue corridor, but a lot of 'big business' got ahold of the money."

"We've got to look at these first-source agreements and put teeth in them."

Schultz: "It's important to provide assistance for small businesses such as loans and consulting services. We also need to encourage tourism."

"We need money for the infrastructure in commercially zoned areas. Big companies outside Oregon are telling us this. We need to accelerate the permit process."

What specific methods of property tax relief would you favor?

Greenfield: "I favor a homestead exemption. I do not favor a sales tax. 52% of the relief would have gone to businesses and utilities. I don't believe for one minute that property tax relief will come by giving it to people who don't need it."

We need to look at tax-exempt properties (churches, Moose and Elks, etc.). They should be paying for fire and police protection. I'm also for a progressive corporate profits tax instead of the flat rate we have now."

Castagna: "A 'menu' approach is the best available means for the tax relief."

"I would favor a sales tax with a constitutional limit on the amount and no hike without a vote of the people. Housing, drugs and other necessities should be exempt, and there should be a rebate program for the poor. The best solution for property tax relief is a sales tax."

Cease: "The legislature should have put the sales tax on the ballot. It's very clear when you talk to people at the doorstep that they are really upset with the legislature. It made a fool of them."

"I'm open to any ideas or suggestions."

Rothert: "I don't necessarily support a sales tax, but it needs to be on the ballot so people can vote on it. It was the responsibility of 85 legislators to put together the best possible sales tax and put it on the ballot—dedicated to offset property taxes only."

Schultz: "The question is how to be fair. Government spending has been cut about as much as it's going to be and still provide a decent level of services for people."

"A lottery might raise a little. I would look at a sales tax if certain restrictions are met to protect low-income people."

How do you stand on the issues of affirmative action and comparable worth (equal pay for equal work)?

Greenfield: "In 1981, I drafted two pieces of legislation. One requires departments to include affirmative action plans and progress toward them when they submit budgets, and the other requires state managers to have affirmative action evaluated along with their regular evaluation."

"Comparable worth really strongly affects women. It has to be implemented, but by phasing in. 3,000 state employees lost their jobs in the last four years. We don't need any more layoffs to achieve it."

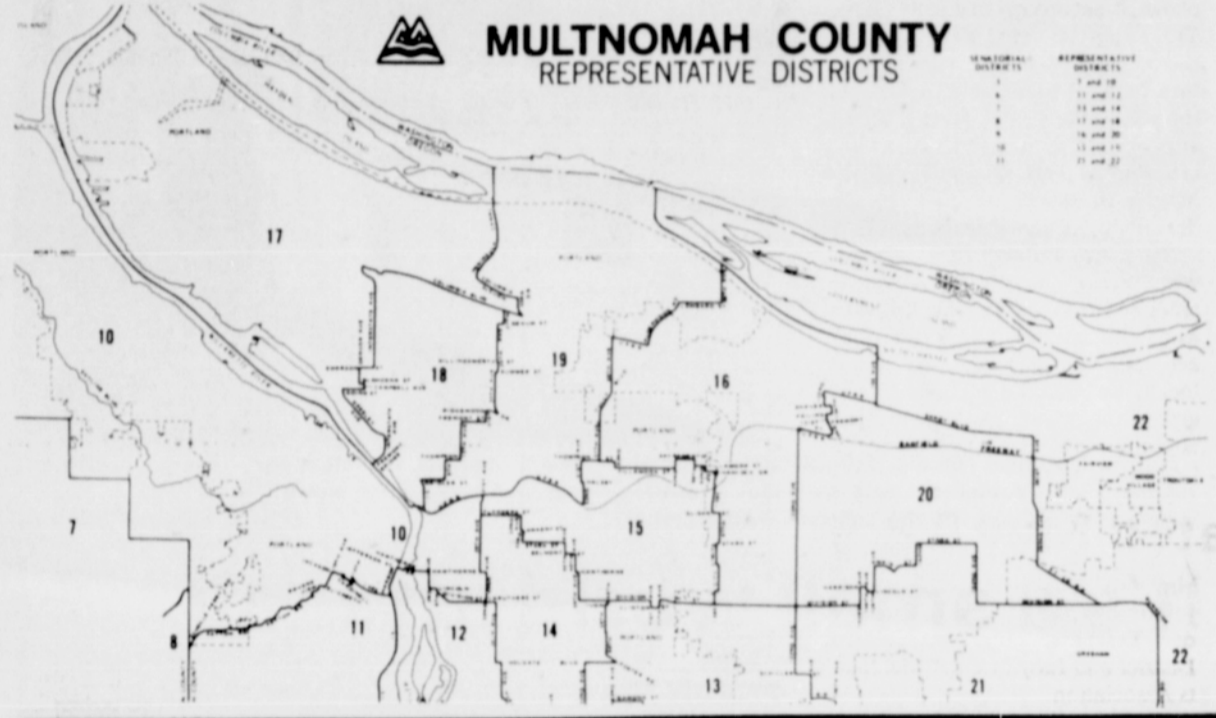
Castagna: "I support both affirmative action and MBE (Minority Business Enterprise) programs."

"I support the comparable worth study. Oregon would be far better served by a legislative solution than a judicial one."

Cease: "I tend to be in favor of it (affirmative action). Comparable worth needs to be examined very carefully. We don't want it coming from the courts."


Schultz: "I'm certainly in favor of affirmative action. I know there is prejudice and discrimination in the workplace. I would be happy to look at anything, but you can't

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