

# NECDC Gets City Approval

by Jerry Garner

Last Wednesday the Portland City Council passed a resolution authorizing the Northeast Community Development Corporation (NECDC), as the official contract agency to deliver services under the Northeast Housing and Community Development (HCD) Improvement Plan.

NECDC, formed in 1984, is a private, non-profit organization whose charter emphasizes community-based economic development. NECDC was recommended by the Northeast HCD Steering Committee to the City Council as the agency to provide services under the plan. The steering committee was comprised of neighborhood and community-based organization representatives authorized by the City of Portland through its HCD Bureau, whose mission it was to develop a Northeast HCD Improvement Plan.

The Northeast Neighborhood Improvement Plan, submitted by NECDC, advocates the creation of jobs and promotion of economic development by emphasizing physical projects, community-based leadership, and economic self-sufficiency. The plan focuses on neighborhood housing rehabilitation and construction job training.

The plan includes the following neighborhoods and organizations: Boise, Eliot, Humboldt, King, Sabin, Vernon, Albina Ministerial Alliance, North/Northeast Business Boosters, CRIB, Alberta Merchants



Charles Bedford, chairperson of the Northeast Community Development Corp. testifies before the City Council. The Corp. was awarded the \$250,000 contract to be used for rehabilitation in N.E. Portland. Photo by Richard J. Brown

Associations, St. Andrew Catholic Church, International Refugee Center of Oregon, Urban League of Portland, and NE Community Development Corporation. As contractor of Northeast Neighborhood Improvement Plan, NECDC will be responsible for allo-


cating \$250,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds. The City's Bureau of Community Development assigned \$180,000 to the plan. The other \$70,000 came from federal Block Grant funds. Now HCD must negotiate a contract with NECDC and return it to City Council for final approval.

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## Red Cross Home Nursing Course Offered

Now, through training, almost anyone can learn the basics of home nursing. The American Red Cross is sponsoring a five-part course, "Helping You Care."

"Helping You Care" will be held on Mondays, November 3 through December 1, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., at Red Cross Headquarters, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave.

People with elderly parents or other family members who need constant attention but cannot afford private nursing care at home, or who do not want to send their loved one to a nursing home, now can receive appropriate skills for home nursing. The five-session class includes: coping with caregiving; understanding aging and the aged; medication use and misuse; caring with dignity and imagination; and creating a safe and healthy environment.

The cost of this class is \$20. Pre-registration is required by calling 284-7090.

## Red Cross First Aid Class

The American Red Cross is sponsoring an Advanced First Aid class for persons who are responsible for giving emergency care to the sick and injured. The Advanced First Aid class will be on Mondays and Wednesdays, Oct. 29 through November 19, from 6 to 10 p.m., at Red Cross headquarters, 3131 N. Vancouver Avenue.

The class provides information for developing the functional first aid capabilities required by policemen, firemen, and other special interest groups. Participants must have a current Standard First Aid card.

Participants will earn Red Cross certification upon completion of the class. All participants must pre-register and pre-pay. Course fee is \$25. Call 284-7090 to pre-register.

# An Open Letter About Measure 14

## Oregonians Against the Shutdown of the Trojan Electric Plant

October 29, 1986

Fellow Oregonians,

We are writing to share with you some important facts about Measure 14 and our concerns about the proposal. Consider these facts:

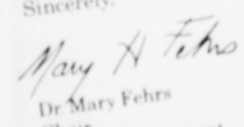
- Measure 14 would immediately shut down Oregon's Trojan nuclear electric plant on December 4, 1986.
- Trojan, Oregon's only nuclear facility, provides about 20% of our state's electricity — and has operated reliably for over ten years.
- Each year Trojan produces about as much electricity as Bonneville Dam.
- Trojan's electricity is inexpensive, costing Oregonians 2.6 cents per kilowatt hour.
- Even with conservation, the power needed to replace Trojan would cost much more — up to 7 cents per kilowatt hour. (There is a surplus of expensive electricity, but there is no surplus of reliable, inexpensive power like Trojan's.)
- Several independent studies — including one by the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities, who depend on low-cost power and represent 15 major Oregon companies with over 40,000 employees — have concluded that electricity costs would go up significantly if '14' passes. The increase would be as much as \$1 billion or more.

The more than 27,000 members of our committee have organized to defeat '14' because we are deeply concerned about the adverse consequences of '14'. This measure would significantly increase electricity costs, damage Oregon's overall economy, and impair our efforts to bring new jobs to Oregon.

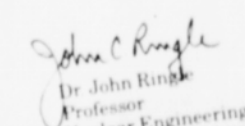
Scientists on our committee have studied the scientific issues raised by '14' and have concluded that a complete shutdown of a well-designed, reliable plant like Trojan makes no sense. We agree with the hundreds of scientists and engineers throughout Oregon who are speaking out against the shutdown.

Measure 14's arbitrary and immediate shutdown of Trojan would needlessly hurt the people of Oregon. We urge you to look at the facts, and join us in voting **NO** on '14'.

Sincerely,



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Pacific University



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Professor  
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