

# ELECTION YEAR 1990

## VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

On Tuesday November 6, 1990, Oregonians will vote on Ballot Measures that will impact issues ranging from taxes, education, the environment, nuclear waste, abortion, etc. They will also be asked to vote for candidates, whose representation of Oregonians on the national or local level could have long term effects on the future of this state.

The Observer has listed Ballot Measures 1 thru 11 with its endorse-



ments and only those candidates whose viewpoints appear to be consistent with community issues. Readers must select measures and candidates of their choice.

### BALLOT TITLE

**1 GRANTS METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT ELECTORS RIGHT TO SELF-GOVERNANCE**

QUESTION—Shall state constitution give metropolitan service district voters the right of self-governance, over metropolitan matters, through district charter?

SUMMARY—Adds provision to Oregon Constitution. Requires legislature to pass laws giving metropolitan service district electors power to adopt, amend, revise, repeal district charter by majority vote. Requires district charter to prescribe government organization and provide for number, election or appointment, qualifications, tenure, compensation, powers and duties of officers. Provides for exercise of powers by ordinance. Gives district jurisdiction over metropolitan matters as defined by charter. Gives district electors initiative and referendum powers regarding district charter and legislation, to be exercised as county powers are exercised.

ESTIMATE OF FINANCIAL EFFECT—Zero.

YES  NO

### BALLOT TITLE

**2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ALLOWS MERGED SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO COMBINE TAX BASES**

QUESTION—Shall constitution allow school district created by merger a tax base equal to sum of tax bases of merged districts?

SUMMARY—Amends state constitution. Removes school districts from Article XI, section 11(4). That section requires, when school districts merge, new district's tax base, in next fiscal year, to equal sum of prior year's tax base amounts of all merged districts, plus six percent. Measure would require, when districts merge, new district's tax base to equal only the sum of tax base amounts of all merged districts. Retains voters' ability to increase tax base of merged district by election. Effective fiscal years 1991 and after.

ESTIMATE OF FINANCIAL EFFECT—Zero.

YES  NO

### BALLOT TITLE

**3 REPEALS TAX EXEMPTION, GRANTS ADDITIONAL BENEFIT PAYMENTS FOR PERS RETIREES**

QUESTION—Shall tax exemption for PERS pensions be repealed, and amount equaling taxes plus 11 percent interest returned to PERS retirees?

SUMMARY—Removes state income tax exemption for benefits paid to Public Employees Retirement System members (state, local public retirees). Requires annual, publicly funded payments to PERS retirees that equal previous year's taxes paid on PERS benefits, plus eleven percent interest. Allows limited \$5,000 tax exclusion for benefits paid to PERS and federal government retirees. Establishes Public Employees Tax Account; appropriates \$18 million to make annual payments in 1989-91 period. Annual payments to PERS retirees authorized until 1991. Creates Task Force to report to legislature.

ESTIMATE OF FINANCIAL EFFECT—

YES  NO

## United States Senator



MARK O. HATFIELD  
Republican

## Governor



BARBARA ROBERTS  
Democrat

**4 PROHIBITS TROJAN OPERATION UNTIL NUCLEAR WASTE, COST, EARTHQUAKE STANDARDS MET**

QUESTION—Shall nuclear power plant (Trojan) be allowed to operate only if state regulatory agency finds that certain conditions are met?

SUMMARY—Enacts new law. Suspends electric power generation at Trojan plant. Provides that no nuclear power plant, specifically Trojan, shall operate in Oregon unless the Energy Facility Siting Council finds, after a hearing, that: (1) a permanent radioactive waste repository has been federally licensed and is accepting waste; (2) the plant is then cost-effective; and (3) the plant can withstand major earthquakes without harm to the public. On legislative declaration of electric power emergency and referral of the question, voters may suspend or repeal this law.

ESTIMATE OF FINANCIAL EFFECT—

YES  NO

### BALLOT TITLE

**5 STATE CONSTITUTIONAL LIMIT ON PROPERTY TAXES FOR SCHOOLS, GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**

QUESTION—Shall constitution set limits on property taxes, and dedicate them to fund public schools and non-school government operations?

SUMMARY—Amends constitution. Limits 1991-1992 property taxes for public schools to \$15, and property taxes for non-school government operations to \$10 per \$1000 of market value. Schools limit gradually decreases to \$5 per \$1000 in 1995-1996 and after. Government operations limit remains same. Limits do not apply to government assessments, service charges, taxes to pay certain government bonds. Assessments, service charges shall not exceed cost of making improvements, providing services. General Fund to replace, until 1996, school funds lost due to school limits.

ESTIMATE OF FINANCIAL EFFECT—

YES  NO

### BALLOT TITLE

**6 PRODUCT PACKAGING MUST MEET RECYCLING STANDARDS OR RECEIVE HARDSHIP WAIVER**

QUESTION—By 1993, shall packaging used in Oregon meet certain recycling goals, unless a hardship waiver is obtained?

SUMMARY—Law would govern packaging of products sold retail or wholesale in state. By 1993 such packaging must be: reusable five times for like uses, made of 50% recycled materials, recycled at 15% rate or made of material recycled at 15% rate. Rates for last two goals rise in steps to 60% by 2002. Allows hardship waivers. Retailers must post data on their packaging standards. Creates civil fines. State, citizens may enforce law. Forms advisory panel. Local governments may use stricter standards.

ESTIMATE OF FINANCIAL EFFECT—

YES  NO

### BALLOT TITLE

**7 SIX-COUNTY WORK IN LIEU OF WELFARE BENEFITS PILOT PROGRAM**

QUESTION—Shall Oregon law establish program of work by public assistance recipients for government-funded wages in lieu of welfare benefits?

SUMMARY—Requires work for pay in lieu of food stamp, unemployment or AFDC benefits in six counties selected for three-year pilot program. Program is subject to federal approval. Program workers paid 90 percent of Oregon minimum wage, more for special skills requested by employers, limited to 40 hours per week. Private and public employers provide jobs. Except for special skills, workers' wages funded by unemployment taxes, available federal assistance funds at no additional cost to employers. Authorizes regulations, county advisory boards. Employment Division administers program.

ESTIMATE OF FINANCIAL EFFECT—

YES  NO

## Representative in Congress



1ST DISTRICT  
LES AU COIN  
Democrat



3RD DISTRICT  
RON WYDEN  
Democrat

## State Representative



19TH DISTRICT  
JIM DUNCAN  
Republican

## Judge, District Court



MICHAEL MARCUS  
Nonpartisan

### BALLOT TITLE

**8 AMENDS OREGON CONSTITUTION TO PROHIBIT ABORTION WITH THREE EXCEPTIONS**

QUESTION—Shall state constitution prohibit abortions except to prevent death of pregnant woman and in reported cases of rape or incest?

SUMMARY—Adds new provision to Oregon Constitution. The new provision would prohibit abortion with three exceptions. The exceptions, in which abortion would not be prohibited, are to prevent the death of the pregnant woman and in reported cases of rape or incest.

ESTIMATE OF FINANCIAL EFFECT—

YES  NO

### BALLOT TITLE

**9 REQUIRES THE USE OF SAFETY BELTS**

QUESTION—Shall law, effective December 7, 1990, require safety belt use by motor vehicle drivers and passengers over 16?

SUMMARY—Approval enacts law requiring motor vehicle drivers to wear safety belts and to secure passengers under 16 with safety belts, harnesses or small child safety systems. Passengers 16 and over must secure themselves. Requires vehicle owners to keep seatbelts in working order. Driver, owner, passenger violations are Class D traffic infractions. Provides exemptions. Law takes effect December 7, 1990. Voter rejection means prior law, requiring safety restraints only for passengers under 16, remains in effect.

ESTIMATE OF FINANCIAL EFFECT—Zero.

YES  NO

### BALLOT TITLE

**10 DOCTOR MUST GIVE PARENT NOTICE BEFORE MINOR'S ABORTION**

QUESTION—Shall state law require doctor to give notice to parent or custodian at least two days before minor's abortion?

SUMMARY—Doctor must give notice at least two days before minor's abortion. Notice goes to parent picked by minor or parent with custody. If no parent, notice goes to adult or agency caring for minor. Doctor may delay notice if doctor believes minor will die or suffer major physical harm. Notice excused if minor is victim of reported abuse at home or reported rape causing pregnancy. Minor and parent may sue doctor for inadequate notice. Doctors cannot insure against this lawsuit. Doctor may have license suspended.

ESTIMATE OF FINANCIAL EFFECT—

YES  NO

### BALLOT TITLE

**11 SCHOOL CHOICE SYSTEM; TAX CREDIT FOR EDUCATION OUTSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

QUESTION—Should Constitution provide choice of public schools, tax credit for education outside public schools, voter approval of certain education laws?

SUMMARY—Amends Oregon Constitution. Requires open enrollment plan allowing students to attend public schools outside their districts, with legislative standards for financing, and acceptance and rejection of applications. Provides state income tax credit for expenses of educating students outside public schools. Credit equally available for secular, religious, institutional, home basic education. Establishes Educational Choice Fund, funded by school districts and state, which may cover costs of tax credit, impact aid to districts, tax relief. Requires voter approval of new, more restrictive laws on non-government basic education.

ESTIMATE OF FINANCIAL EFFECT—

YES  NO