

Police Funding Statement By Vera Katz

Since early this year, I have urged the City Council to find the money to hire the full 100 police officers. In May, I found the necessary money by digging through the budget and identifying \$2 million in reduction options and \$3.5 million in long-term savings.

One hundred and seventy-six days after I released my budget reduction proposal and only 20 days before the mayoral election, Commissioner Blumenauer has announced he has found the money - not from budget reductions as I did, but from a property tax windfall he seems only too eager to spend.

The money I found came from reductions in the current budget, not from spending additional tax dollars as Commissioner Blumenauer has proposed today.

Under the savings I identified five and a half months ago, the city could have already begun the process of hiring additional police officers, and today would be able to put this windfall into a contingency fund for a rainy day.

For Portlanders who are looking for differences between the two candidates for mayor, there is now another clear one: my proposal is funded with existing resources; Commissioner Blumenauer's is funded by spending a tax windfall.

A Celebration Of Diversity

If you are interested in good food and lots of fun, come to "A Celebration of Diversity" a fund-raiser dinner sponsored by One Church, One Child. The keynote speaker is former Oregonian Dr. O. Virginia Phillips of Battle Creek, Michigan. The Celebration will be held at the Northwest Service Center 1819 NW Everett on Friday, November 13th at 6:30 pm. Come and find out how you can make a difference in the lives of children. For more information, call the One Church, One Child office at 285-7634.

Blumenauer Announces Budget Plan to Hire 57 More Police Officers

The Portland Police Bureau could hire 57 more officers, enough to complete its implementation of community policing, under a proposal announced today by City Commissioner Earl Blumenauer.

"Two years ago, the City Council made a commitment to hire the 200 new officers we need to make community policing work," said Blumenauer. "Because public safety is my number one priority, I've worked hard to find every dollar I can to fulfill that pledge."

"So far, we've funded 143 offices, without raising taxes," noted Blumenauer. "Today, we have a fiscally responsible way to pay for the remaining 57."

On Tuesday, Multnomah County officials announced property tax assessments for the current year. Because of a

9.8% increase in property values, 3.8% higher than the original estimate, Portland will receive \$2.9 million in new recurring revenues.

"This is more than enough money to hire the police we need now," said Blumenauer. "I will ask the council to use as much of it as necessary to fully staff our community policing program as quickly as we can."

According to the Police Bureau, it would cost \$3 million to hire 42 uniformed officers and eight support personnel. The City's financial plan already calls for hiring 10 new officers next fiscal year and 10 more the following year. Blumenauer said he would file his proposal on Friday as a budget resolution for council action next Wednesday.

Barbara Maher Building To Open October 13; New SRO Units Will Aid 32 Homeless Women

Opening ceremonies for the Barbara Maher Building will be held Tuesday, October 13 at 11:00 a.m. The 32-unit, single-room occupancy building will provide permanent housing for homeless women in recovery from alcohol and drug abuse.

The building is a joint venture involving Transition Projects, Inc. (formerly Burnside Projects), the Portland Development Commission (PDC), Housing Authority of Portland (HAP), Federal Home Loan Bank, Bank of America Oregon, and Multnomah County Community Action Commission. The Oregon Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers donated interior design services to the project.

Speakers at the event will be U.S. Congressman Ron Wyden, Transition Projects Executive Director Jean

DeMaster, City Commissioner Gretchen Kafoury, PDC Chairman Douglas McGregor, HAP Executive Director Denny West, Director of the State Housing and Community Services Department Rey Ramsey, and Vice Chairman, Bank of America Oregon, Jeff Farber.

The rehabilitated building is named for Barbara Maher, a homeless woman who had successfully completed alcohol and drug treatment programs at Transition Projects. Finding no affordable permanent housing in the City, she returned to the streets of Portland where she was abducted and murdered in May 1986. The Barbara Maher Building is named in her memory.

Opening Event
Tuesday, October 13
11:00 a.m.
2322 N. Williams Avenue

City Receives \$1000,000 EDA Grant To Aid N/NE Businesses; OAME Announces Expansion Of Small Business Loan Fund

Elected officials, local business leaders and members of the banking community joined today to announce the City has received a \$100,000 grant from the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA). City officials praised the efforts of Oregon Senator Mark O. Hatfield and Oregon Congressman Ron Wyden for their assistance in helping to secure the grant.

The Portland Development Commission (PDC) will administer the grant through the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME) to expand support services for small businesses in North/Northeast Portland. The \$100,000 grant is for the first of three available years.

Details of the grant were laid out by Mayor Bud Clark; Congressman Ron Wyden; PDC Chairman Douglas McGregor; and OAME Executive Director Sam Brooks.

Congressman Wyden, who asked the EDA and the private banks to pursue the projects announced today at a hearing of his small business subcommittee in October 1991, said, "When small inner-city businesses have improved ac-

cess to capital, the whole community benefits. Today's announcement signals a new activism on the part of the federal government in the innercity, and it couldn't come at a more needed time."

OAME is a non-profit organization headquartered in North/Northeast offering loans and technical assistance to minority and women-owned businesses. In this capacity the organization is well suited to administer the EDA grant in cooperation with PDC under terms of the grant requirements.

The EDA grant will be used to expand OAME's business support program to link businesses with firms offering technical assistance. The EDA grant follows last week's announcement of the \$4.3 million North/Northeast Business Assistance Fund which will deliver loans and counseling support to businesses in North/Northeast Portland.

"Today's announcement is wonderful news and adds to our arsenal in boosting the economic vitality of North/Northeast Portland," said Mayor Clark. "Along with the technical assistance the grant brings, we will also be able to study local businesses to learn more

about what they need to succeed. Their success means more jobs for local residents so we all end up winners. Our sincere thanks goes to Senator Hatfield and Congressman Wyden for working hard to help us secure this important grant."

OAME's Executive Director Sam Brooks used the news conference to announce a major expansion of its Loan Fund. The \$2.25 million Loan Fund was established in 1991 by U.S. Bank, Bank of America Oregon, the Northwest Area Foundation, and Nike, Inc. To date the fund has loaned \$600,000 in short-term capital to small North/Northeast Portland firms, with no defaults.

"Today I am pleased to announce the addition of First Interstate Bank and Key Bank to the OAME Loan Fund," said Brooks. "The addition of these new banking partners will bring the Loan Fund to \$3.25 million. As a community-based provider, OAME knows the struggles, hopes and needs of local businesses; and the partnerships we have forged with local lenders and corporations will help meet their needs and bring us all real results."

BOBPAC Endorses AuCoin, Wyden, Katz & Hales

The Black Oregonians for Business Political Action Committee (BOBPAC) has endorsed Les AuCoin for the U.S. Senate, Ron Wyden for U.S. Representative 2nd District, Vera Katz for Portland mayor and Charlie Hales for City Council Position #4.

In other races, BOBPAC endorsed Phil Keisling for Secretary of State, Jim Hill for Treasurer, Ted Kulongoski for Attorney General, Margaret Carter for State Representative Dist. 18 and Avel Gordly, State Representative Dist. 19. In Multnomah County Commissioner races, BOBPAC endorsed Ed Washington for Metropolitan Service District Councilor Dist. 11.

BOBPAC is composed of about one-dozen business persons in the Portland area who support candidates that have demonstrated responsible positions on issues that impact the business community. They support candidates who are dedicated to improving Oregon's economy and who ensure that the free enterprise system works for all people.

Three Portland Public Schools Offer Parenting Classes

Astor, Rigler and Sitton Elementary School will offer free classes on child-rearing beginning this month.

All courses deal with popular concerns and issues, and instructors allow ample time for questions and discussions. Free or for-fee child care also is offered during some sessions.

Most classes are led by counselors and child-development specialists working in Portland's elementary schools.

Please contact the listed schools for further information.

Single Parents' Group, Astor Elementary, 5601 N. Yale 280-5822. First and Third Tuesday of each month. October 6 through May 18, 6:30-8:00pm. Child care one dollar per child.

Good Times: A Positive Approach to Family Communications. Rigler Elementary, 5401 NE Prescott 280-6152. Thursdays, October 15 through November 19, 6:00-8:00pm. Additional sessions: January 14, through February 18; April 1, through June 6.

Becoming A Love And Logic Parent - For Astor And Sitton School Parents. Sitton Elementary 9930 N. Smith 280-6279. October 29, November 5, 19, December 3, 9, 17. 7:00-8:30pm. Child care one dollar per child

Local Employers To Be Honored For Work With Economically Disadvantaged

Ten local employers will be honored at an Employer Recognition Dinner hosted by The Private Industry Council (TPIC) on Friday, October 16th at 5:30 p.m. The dinner will be held at Miller Hall, The World Forestry Center. Keynote speaker at the event will be Governor Barbara Roberts. Mayor J.E. "Bud" Clark will also be recognized for his continued commitment to The Private Industry Council and its mission.

The Private Industry Council is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to providing training and employment opportunities for economically disadvantaged residents of Multnomah and Washington counties. A primary goal of the organization is placement of participants in unsubsidized private sector jobs upon the successful completion of training.

Employers being recognized have

worked with The Private Industry Council for a number of years providing graduates of TPIC training programs jobs which offer living wages, benefits and opportunities for continued training and upward mobility. Several of the employers being honored have also participated in the development of industry-specific training programs.

Employers being recognized are: Advanced Data Concepts, Inc.; Anodizing, Inc.; Michael Fairchild and Associates; Gunderson, Inc.; Mt. St. Joseph Residence & Extended Care Center; Northwest Paper Box MFRS., Inc.; Residence Inn by Marriott; TASC of Oregon; Sears Outlet; and Toshiba Ceramics America, Inc.

The mission of The Private Industry Council is to promote individual self-sufficiency and a skilled workforce by eliminating barriers to self-sufficiency.

NAACP And Ballot Measure 9

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will present its position on Ballot Measure Nine at a press conference at the Urban League office, 10 North Russell Street, on Friday, October 23 at 9:15 am.

National NAACP President, Rupert Richardson and Gregg Evans, NAACP State Conference President will join Portland Chapter President, Ed Washington to speak about the controversial ballot measure. Oregon State Senators Jim Hill and Bill McCoy, State Representatives Avel Gordly and Margaret Carter, Multi-

nomah County Chair, Gladys McCoy and Portland City Commissioner Dick Bogle are expected to attend the press conference and offer their support of the NAACP's position. The proposed ballot measure has brought national attention to the State of Oregon because of its potential interpretation that could legislate or mandate discrimination of homosexuals in employment, housing or government services.

The mission of the NAACP is to support the human rights of all citizens. It is the oldest civil rights organization in America.

Frohnmayr And Other Oregon Republicans Endorse Bill Clinton For President

John Frohnmayr, former Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, today endorsed Bill Clinton for President at an "Oregon Republicans for Clinton" press conference in Portland, where over 23 registered Republicans from all over the state endorsed the Democratic nominee for President. Through a written statement, Mr. Frohnmayr, who was born in Medford, Oregon, stated "whether one calls it leadership or charisma, or the majesty of the office, it is the President who can bring us together, who can be our advocate, our teacher, our model, our inspiration. George Bush may have the ability to get elected--to attack and divide, to turn neighbor against neighbor and race against race, to appeal to fear and self-interest, but it is those very tactics which, once in office assure he will be unable to govern.

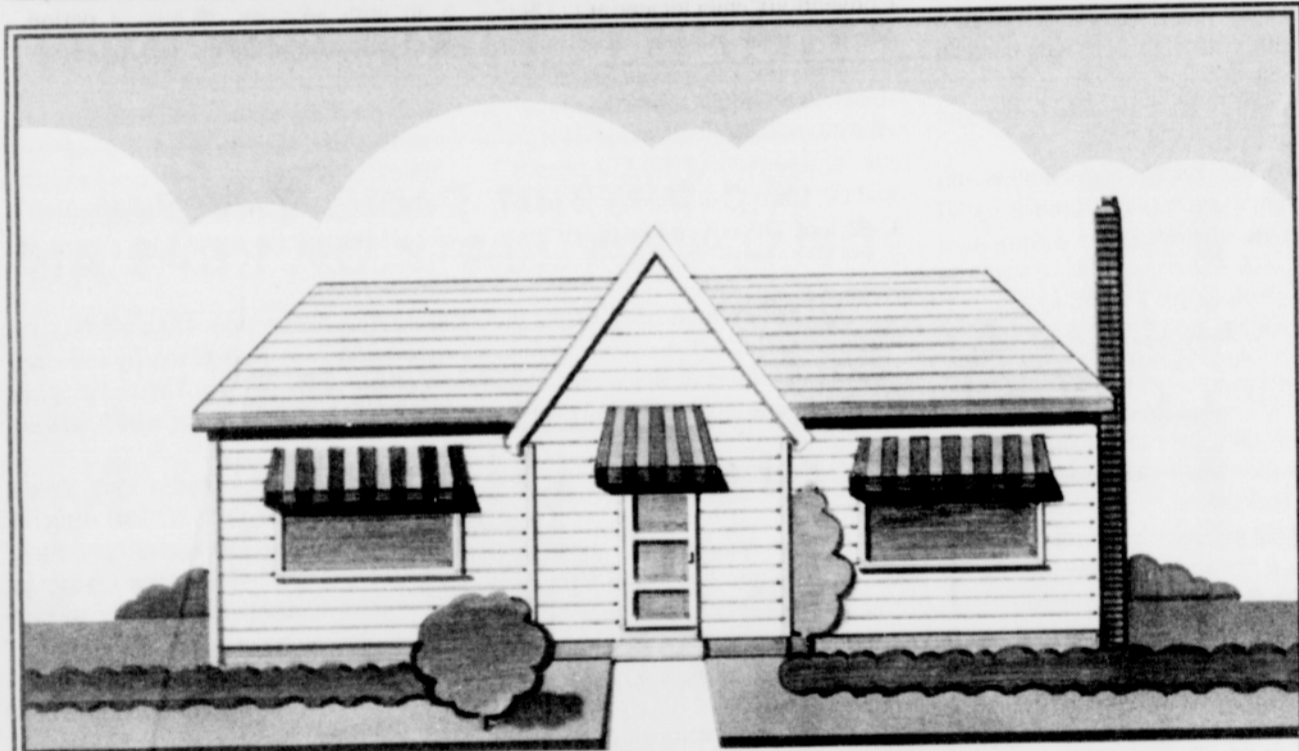
The new generation of leadership, of which Clinton is capable, will reassert our stewardship--our sense of service to a constituency larger than ourselves. That stewardship will reduce the bi-partisan quarrelling by setting

clear goals by which Americans, together, take responsibility for our future, assume blame for failures and share glory for successes."

Another prominent Republican endorsing Clinton was James E. Bridgewater, a former Linn County Vice Chairman, Republican Party Central Committee & former Multnomah County Republican Committeeman, stated that "after supporting the Republican Party for over 40 years, I have decided to vote for Bill Clinton and Al Gore. Mr. Bush is a failed president and is insensitive to the needs of our country. We need a progressive leader--a man who can turn the economy around, a man who can lead Congress. And, I certainly cannot support a candidate who caters to the wishes of the religious right," Bridgewater said through a written statement.

Others attending the press conference included Mary Dickerson, a Portland businesswoman, and one of six pro-choice women to attend the Democratic National Convention in New York this past summer.

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