

Election '96

Ballot Measure recommendations

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Measure	Oregonian	Willamette Weekly	Portland Observer & Observador
*26: Changes the principles that govern Oregon laws for punishment of crime; too many violent criminals out there.	Yes	No	Yes
*27: Gives even the most incompetent and partisan legislator King-like powers over rules and actual expertise.	No	No	No
*28: Simplifies veteran's home and farm loan requirements.	Yes	Yes	Yes
*29: Anti-government nitwits want to use you to force Governor's appointees out of office, create chaos.	No	No	No
*30: Shifts responsibility away from your local officeholders; allows them to blame the Legislature for their problems.	No	No	No
*31: Aligns Oregon Constitution with US Constitution regarding free speech issues.	No	No	Yes
32: Authorizes bonds for needed transportation projects.	Yes	Yes	Yes
*33: Paralyzes government for years.	No	No	No
34: Allows inhumane and unfair bear/cougar slaughtering.	No	No	No
35: Messes with a complicated health care issue, mandating an unconvincing solution.	No	No	No
36: Increases minimum wage in three stages over five years; reduces number of workers living in poverty.	No	Yes	Yes
37: Expands bottle bill to cover some new sources of litter; might generate niche market in recycling.	No	Yes	Yes
38: Gives crackpots opportunity to put rifle away and sue neighboring cows, but lawsuits will tie up courts forever.	No	Yes	No
*39: Messes with the Constitution; medical standards are already low enough; Big Tobacco strikes back.	No	No	No
*40: Professes to be about Victim's Rights; more likely to have seriously adverse implications for minority and poor populations.	No	No	No
*41: Anti-government special interests mess with the Constitution, harass public employees.	No	No	No
*42: More anti-government special interests mess with the Constitution; add nothing to education.	No	No	No
43: Recognizes that public safety workers put their lives on the line for the rest of us every day.	No	No	Yes
44: Raises cigarette taxes to reduce smoking among youth, provides for more money to treat tobacco-related illness.	Yes	Yes	Yes
*45: Small number of anti-government zealots use Constitution to mess with public employees.	No	No	No
*46: Allows non-voters to vote against you; too many dead people are voting already; backed by Neanderthals.	No	No	No
*47: Will eventually make Oregon a third-world country; a handful of pinch-faced nitwits wants to spoil your life.	No	No	No
*48: Pinch-faced nitwits and anti-government zealots get together to reduce quality of government.	No	No	No

* refers to all measures that would amend the Oregon State Constitution

Tom Bruggere supported by elected officials

"On November 5th voters in Oregon will make important choices about the future of our state. One of those choices will be who will represent Oregon in the US Senate. We are writing to you today to ask for your help and support in electing Tom Bruggere to the US Senate on November 5th.

"Tom is running for the US Sen-

ate because he believes this country is at a crossroads, and the decisions we make today are going to have a tremendous impact on the next generation of Oregonians and Americans.

"He can see a clear agenda on the right to take us to a 'survival of the fittest' society by dismantling the public education system, weakening

our environmental laws, abandoning our commitments to our poor and our seniors citizens, and much, much more.

"We need leaders in Washington who will bring compassion and civility, and still fight for what is right. We need leaders who will bring people together to solve our problems in a way that benefits all Americans,

and not just a few. Tom's vision for Oregon and for our country is that of an inclusive, diverse society that supports affirmative action, decent affordable housing for low and moderate income people, and job training and family wage jobs."

--Senator Bob Boyer;
Representative Margaret Carter;
Representative Avel Gordly

Hill criticizes negative ads

"Recent radio advertisement from my opponent's campaign creates a mistaken impression about how state-managed pension funds can be spent.

"She suggests that a \$10 million error has occurred in the Treasury. That is inaccurate. What she is referring to is a decision by the Oregon Investment Council to place \$50 million with an investment company rather than originally scheduled \$40 million. In either case, the investment, when it is made, will likely have at least a 20% rate of return.

"More importantly, though, was her suggestion that she could take \$10 million from state pension funds and put it into education. That suggestion is illegal. Her suggestion would amount to a raid on state-managed pensions. That is not going to happen—we don't solve education funding by taking pension funds from Senior citizens.

"My opponent and I have many areas of agreement and disagreement. But, I think it is important that the record on how money is being managed and how retired folks' pension funds are being protected be as clear as possible. Frankly, anyone who would make a suggestion like this one either isn't qualified to manage \$32 billion of other people's money or doesn't understand the job."

--Jim Hill, State Treasurer

Stand up for children

Our state has over 800,000 Oregonians who won't be able to cast their vote on Election Day, November 5th. You can make their voices heard on Election Day by making sure you cast your vote for candidates who stand up for children.

Children First for Oregon believes that every candidate for public office should have a plan to address each of the following.

How to:
• Support strong and capable families.
• Achieve quality education from

preschool through higher education.

• Provide comprehensive health care for children and families.

• Build healthy and safe communities for children and families.

We hope you will use the answers to these questions to make an informed election choice.

Be sure to vote on November 5th. Make your vote count for kids.

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**Make your opinion count.
Remember to vote on November 5th.**

The Portland Observer and OBSERVADOR election recommendations

- President of the United States..... Bill Clinton
- Vice President of the United States..... Al Gore
- United States Senator..... Tom Bruggere
- Representative in Congress, 1st District..... Elizabeth Furse
- Representative in Congress, 3rd District..... Earl Blumenauer
- Secretary of State..... Phil Keisling
- State Treasurer..... Jim Hill
- Attorney General..... Hardy Myers
- State Senator, 6th District..... Ginny Burdick
- State Senator, 7th District..... Kate Brown
- State Senator, 8th District..... Michael Fitz
- State Senator, 10th District..... Avel Gordly
- State Senator, 11th District..... John Lim
- State Senator, 28th District..... Kevin Campbell
- City of Portland Commissioner, Position 1..... Gail Shibley
- City of Portland Commissioner, Position 2..... Erik Sten
- State Representative, 7th District..... Bob Shook
- State Representative, 10th District..... Susan Lester
- State Representative, 11th District..... Anitra Rasmussen
- State Representative, 12th District..... Chris Beck
- State Representative, 13th District..... Dan Gardner
- State Representative, 14th District..... George Eighmy
- State Representative, 15th District..... Randall Edwards
- State Representative, 16th District..... Frank Shields
- State Representative, 17th District..... Mike Fahey
- State Representative, 18th District..... Margaret Carter
- State Representative, 19th District..... Jo Ann Bowman
- State Representative, 20th District..... George Kelly
- State Representative, 21st District..... Lonnie Roberts
- State Representative, 22nd District..... Chuck Partington

Who will decide

In the 1996 General Election Oregonians will make several decisions. We will elect a U.S. Senator and five U.S. Representatives. We will also elect a Secretary of State, a State Treasurer, all 60 members of the Oregon House of Representatives and 15 Oregon State Senators.

As if all foregoing wasn't enough, active special interest groups and paid signature gathering, we will also vote up or down on 23 ballot measures! Finally, we'll decide who gets Oregon's Presidential Electoral

votes.

Many Blacks were denied the right to vote until passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Blacks lost their lives as recently as the 1970s just for registering to vote.

Because of the efforts of some, now often forgotten, Blacks in Oregon can freely participate in the electorate process.

The election is set. Votes will be cast—including yours, if you bother to vote.

Who will decide, if you choose not to vote?

All Oregonians are urged to vote on November 5, 1996.

An opportunity for economic independence

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need to pay workers enough to afford themselves economic independence. Today that is an impossibility. As Oregonians we can do better.

Twenty-five years ago, I was one of those single moms, struggling to make ends meet. I worked my way up through PSU, got my degree and worked hard to make a better life for my son. It was tough...and we made it.

But things are different now than they were 25 years ago. At that time, in relative dollars, the minimum wage was as high as it has ever been. Earning minimum wage kept us over the federal poverty level. More importantly, I was able to earn enough to provide for my family. And I managed to scrimp together enough money to afford a better education.

Since then, the value of the minimum wage has been outstripped by inflation. If minimum wage had kept up with inflation since the 1960's and 70's, it would be around \$6.42 an hour right now...remarkably close to the \$6.50 an hour we have pro-

posed under Measure 36.

For every dollar they earn, it's one less dollar in public assistance Oregon taxpayers have to pay. One more dollar we can use for education. Oregon last raised it's minimum wage in 1991. Since then, Oregon businesses has seen record growth while the buying power of the minimum wage has plunged nearly 20%. We've created more jobs than ever before. Yet the gap between the haves and have nots continues to widen.

Corporate CEO's earn 40% more than they did then...Oregon's workers earn 20% less.

Wall Street is at a record high...and so is the cost of renting a 2 bed-room apartment (the state average is \$577 a month).

We have 55,000 Oregonians over the age 50 living in poverty.

Oregon can do better. Passing Ballot Measure 36 on November 5 will show the nation that Oregon once again is willing to lead the way in proving that Wall Street and workers can both benefit from a strong economy. I urge you to vote Yes on Measure 36.