

# Mayoral Candidates to Debate Local Issues

## Will gather Friday at PCC-Cascade

Issues of critical importance to Portland's African-American community will be front and center during the first mayoral forum of the campaign season.

Six candidates for Portland's top office will weigh in on matters like education, jobs, gentrification and more at the forum, set for 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, March 14, in the Dan Moriarty Auditorium at Portland Community College's Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth St.

The forum - presented by the Urban League of Portland and PCC Cascade Campus and, sponsored by the African American Alliance, the African American Chamber of Commerce and the Portland branch of the NAACP - will give Portland voters their first opportunity to see the candidates together on one stage. Admission is free, and light refreshments will be served at a reception following the event.

"There are persistent disparities in health, education, housing, economic opportunity, employment and livability

in Portland between African Americans and the general population", said Urban League President and Chief Executive Officer Marcus C. Mundy. "Our community will want to be assured that the candidate they vote for to lead the city will prioritize the elimination of these disparities."

Participating candidates include Sam

Adams, Sho Dozono, Craig Gier, James B. Lee, Beryl S. McNair and Chris Rich.

Ken Boddie, reporter and anchor for KOIN-TV, will moderate the evening's proceedings. Each candidate will have a chance to introduce him or herself to the audience before fielding questions from Mr. Boddie. Questions from audience members will be posed to the candidates

toward the end of the forum.

"It is important that candidates for the top position in the city are given the opportunity to address how they will move Portland forward with the well-being of all of our citizens in mind," said Cascade Campus President Algie Gatewood. "By placing issues of importance to African Americans and other

communities of color before the candidates and the voters right out of the gate, we hope to help set the tone that matters of diversity and inclusiveness are critical to the health of our city."

For more information, call Midge Purcell with the Urban League of Portland at 503-280-2626, e-mail mpurcell@ulpdx.org or visit Ulpdx.org.

## McNair Challenges Opponent's Funding

A Portland candidate running for mayor from the African-American community has challenged a decision to give another candidate for mayor public monies to run his campaign.

Beryl McNair, a health services employee with the Portland Veterans Hospital, claims Sho Dozono doesn't qualify for \$200,000 in public funds because he had already received \$27,000 in in-kind contributions from a lobbyist.

A hearing has been ordered for



Mayoral candidate Beryl McNair

next week to review the dispute before an Oregon administrative judge. Craig Gier, another mayoral candidate, has joined McNair in filing the request for a hearing. Bruce Broussard, another local African American and a former candidate for the city council also filed an objection.

Portland's rules on publicly-financed elections say a candidate can take no more than \$12,000 in in-kind contributions before being disqualified for the public money.

But Andrew Carlstrom, a city elec-

tions administrator, and city auditor Gary Blackmer recently ruled that Dozono, the head of Azumano Travel and a candidate seen as a primary challenger to City Commissioner Sam Adams' candidacy for mayor, was still eligible for the money. The reasoning was that Dozono was just thinking of running when the in-kind contribution was received last December and was not officially a candidate at the time.

Dozono called the objections a diversion from important issues.

### Dear Deanna!

My girlfriend is getting on my nerves because I feel she has mistaken strength for rudeness. She talks down to me and embarrasses me in front of my friends. She is trying to prove to her friends that she's in control of this relationship. I let her get away with a few things because no harm has been done. I need to put a stop to this because she's begun to publicly attack my sexual performance. How do I address this without ruining the relationship? --Anonymous; On-Line Reader

### Dear Anonymous:

You need a loud mouth woman like you need a hole in the head. Your girlfriend is being disrespectful to you and the relationship. You should be direct and tell her to keep her mouth shut and stop putting you on blast in front of people. If she feels the need to control something, buy her a dog and she can pull its leash and make it jump at her command. If the verbal rudeness continues, give her a warning with the understanding that the next time, you'll be gone.

### Dear Deanna!

I'm a bachelor that actively dates and I'm tired of women trying to change me. I go into relationships being honest and direct. After a while, these women want more than I'm willing to give. I don't have any problems with this but it makes me mad when they accuse me of leading them on, cheating and lying. It is what it is and I stay the same from the first date to the last. What can I do to protect myself from drama when these women want more from me? --Travis the Bachelor; Houston, TX

### Dear Bachelor:

You put yourself in this situation by playing the

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relationship game. If you don't want them asking for more then you need to stop acting like a boyfriend and treat these women as around the way girls. In other words, if you're a recreational dater giving your body to all and heart to none, then let them know. Yes, tell them that you're using them, you don't want anything serious and you have more than one girlfriend. This will make your life easy and simple because once they hear the real truth, they'll slam you and keep searching for a real man.

### Dear Deanna!

My sister hates my boyfriend because she feels he doesn't treat me right. My boyfriend doesn't like her because he feels she is too nosy. They always argue, try to embarrass each other and do dirty things to each other. I'm at the breaking point after my sister stole a check from his checkbook and cashed it. On the other hand, my boyfriend told her boyfriend that she was cheating. Where do I draw the line with them before someone gets hurt? --Gina C.; Charleston, SC

### Dear Gina:

Almost like school kids you would think they have a crush on each other. You have to decide how much time you have to babysit while they play games. Take control of your relationship and put your sister in her place. Your boyfriend needs to know your expectations as you give him your verbal thoughts on dealing with your sister. If he doesn't behave erase him and remember that boyfriends without rings come and go, but sisters are always around.

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## Mathis to Visit Portland

### At Saturday conference and Youth Summit

TV Judge Greg Mathis, a lifetime member of the NAACP whose weekly commentary appears in the Portland Observer, will be the featured luncheon speaker Saturday during a multi-state NAACP conference in Portland.

Mathis' story of personally breaking the cycle of drugs and crime to become a lawyer, judge and national leader was a dramatic example and role model for young African Americans, said state NAACP spokesperson Esmeralda Allen.

Mathis also will also be guest speaker during a Youth Summit Saturday night when he addresses Jefferson High School students, Principal Cynthia Harris, faculty and parents during an event sponsored



Judge Greg Mathis

by CornerStone Community Services, a local African-American church.

The NAACP Alaska-Oregon-Washington State Area Conference

is holding its annual spring convention Friday, March 14 to Sunday, March 16, at the Airport Ramada Inn and Suites, 6221 N.E. 82nd Ave.

The conference is hosted by the Portland Branch of the NAACP which was founded in 1914. Today, it faces a "state of emergency" investigating complaints of discrimination, mistreatment and unequal sentencing by police and court officials.

In Oregon, African Americans and other minorities are more likely to be victimized by crime than any other groups, increasing individual and community problems.

Congruently, a dramatic increase in the number of minority males are now coming under some form of criminal justice supervision; impacting the victims, offenders, their families, and their communities.

Oscar Eason Jr., president of the

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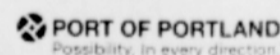
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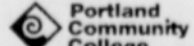


**Where:** PCC Cascade Campus, Terrell Hall  
705 N. Killingsworth Street, Portland, Oregon

**When:** Tuesday, March 25, 2008  
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Doors open at 8 a.m.)

**Information:** Greg Wolley, 503.823.6860  
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**Registration:** Gale Hussey, 503.823.5057  
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