The Portland Observer

PHOTO BY DANNY PETERSON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Volunteering for "Oregonians Against Profiling," Jose Louis makes contact with voter Curtis Pachunka to give him some reasons to consider voting against Measure 105, a controversial proposal that would repeal Oregon's Sanctuary law, one of many issues facing voters in the vote-by-mail Nov. 6 General Election.

Election Countdown
Issues weigh heavy as ballots go out

BY DANNY PETERSON
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

As the Nov. 6 General Election draws close with vote-by-mail ballots already in the mail and being cast up until Election Day, the issues at stake are weighing heavy on the minds of voters, especially for working families, women, immigrants, and those seeking affordable housing.

Five statewide ballot measures, and three local ballot measures, could greatly impact the future for communities of color for years to come, even as races for Oregon governor and a coveted Portland City Council seat heat up and make history. Here's a break-down of the ballot measures, as well as the governor's race and city council race that will seat the first Af-

rican-American female in Portland history.

Measure 105 –
Sanctuary State Repeal

Voting yes on this statewide measure would undo a 1987 law that prohibits the use of state and local law enforcement resources to enforce federal immigration standards (colloquially known as "Sanc-

tuary State" law). The measure is backed by an organization that is funded by two hate groups, Oregonians for Immigration Reform and Federation for American Reform, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center. Those opposed to it include