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have them work together on their priorities to build safer and healthier neighborhoods to better meet community needs.”

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in the city of Portland for 20 years, he said, although he has now moved just south of Oregon City so his wife can have a horse. Asked what would be the worst thing Portlanders might discover about him, he said that after 28 years on the force, Portlanders know pretty much everything about him.

O’Dea joined the Portland Police Bureau in 1986. He has been a uniformed patrol officer, sergeant, lieutenant, and captain. Read O’Dea’s bio here.

The Human Rights Commission issued a statement saying O’Dea is known for his support of equity and inclusion.

“Chief O’Dea’s compassion, empathy,



PHOTO BY HELEN SILVUS

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and sergeants. Asst. Chief O’Dea has been instrumental as both a member of the CPRC and command staff in moving this work forward and has communicated his vision of a shift from enforcement policing to relationship-based policing.”

Chief Reese said now is the right time for a handover, as the bureau finalizes its commitments to the Department of Justice settlement agreement by hiring a Compliance Officer/Community Liaison and creating a Community Advisory Board.

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cal in managing all of our major initiatives.

“Lastly, it is very important to me to be fiscally responsible. People work very hard and pay a lot of taxes. As the biggest General Fund Bureau, it is very important to me that every dollar we spend is needed and used wisely.”

On the weekends O’Dea builds homes as a Habitat for Humanity volunteer. He lived

and understanding; qualities that will serve the Police Bureau and community well,” commissioners said in a press release.

“We hope to see him continue the successful work that has been accomplished around racial equity through the HRC’s Community and Police Relations Committee, such as the institutional racism trainings that have been provided to command staff

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City of Seattle Ballot Measures

Simple Majority as to the first question; if first question is approved, then the option with the most votes as to second question (Seattle City Charter, article IV)

Proposition Numbers 1A and 1B

Proposition 1A (submitted by Initiative Petition No. 107) and Proposition 1B (alternative proposed by the City Council and Mayor) concern early learning programs and providers of such services for children.

Proposition 1A (Initiative 107) would establish a \$15 minimum wage for childcare workers (phased in over three years for employers with under 250 employees).

As an alternative, the Seattle City Council and Mayor have proposed **Proposition 1B (Ordinance 124509)**, which would fund the four-year initial phase of a City early learning program with the goal of developing a widely-available, affordable, licensed, and voluntary preschool option. The Ordinance requires support, training and certification for teachers. The program uses research-based strategies, includes evaluation of results, and provides tuition support. This

proposition authorizes regular property taxes above RCW 84.55 limits, allowing additional 2015 collection of up to \$14,566,630 (approximately 11¢ per \$1,000 assessed value), totaling \$58,266,518 over four years.

Seattle Transportation Benefit District Proposition No. 1 — Transportation Funding

If approved, this proposition would fund preservation of transit service on existing routes primarily serving Seattle that are proposed to be cut beginning in 2015, with an annual vehicle license fee of \$60 per registered vehicle with a \$20 rebate for low-income individuals and authorize a 0.1 percent sales and use tax. Both the fee and the tax would expire by Dec.31, 2020.

Oregon State Ballot Measures

Measure 86 amends the Oregon Constitution to create fund for Oregonians pursuing post-secondary education; authorizes debt to finance.

Measure 87 allows judges to be hired by the National Guard and public universities; allows school employees to serve in the leg-

islature.

Measure 88 upholds four-year driver licenses for those who cannot prove legal presence in the United States.

Measure 89 guarantees equal rights regardless of sex.

Measure 90 creates an open, top-two primary election system.

Measure 91 legalizes recreational marijuana; tasks Oregon Liquor Control Commission with regulation of its sale.

Measure 92 mandates labeling of certain foodstuffs that contain genetically modified organisms.

City of Portland

Measure No: 26-159 continues bonds to fix playgrounds, trails; improve park facilities, safety, accessibility.

Metro District

Measure No: 26-160 would retain the prohibition on Metro-required single-family neighborhood density increases.

Retains provision in Metro Charter prohibiting Metro from requiring local governments to increase density in identified existing single-family neighborhoods.

Requires revote in 2030 to remain effective. This prohibition was approved by voters in 2002 and is required by Metro Charter to be voted on again at the November 2014 general election. A “yes” vote on this measure would retain the prohibition for 16 years; a “no” vote repeals the prohibition on June 30, 2015.

Portland School District #1j

Measure No: 26-161 continues Portland Public Schools levy renewal for schools and educational programs.

This measure renews current local option taxes.

PPS’ current local option levy was approved by voters in 2011 to provide funding for schools over 5 years.

In 2013, the Oregon Legislature ended the diversion of some local option levy revenues to certain urban renewal districts for levies passed after January 2013. Renewal of local option levy will direct approximately \$4 million more to the approved purpose of supporting education, without increasing taxes. The renewed levy will provide \$64.3 million, equivalent to 640 teaching positions.

Garfield

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the female student’s rights are protected. “

Neither the girl nor the boy who admitted to school officials that he raped her have been identified; the facts of the assault have been reported widely and even school officials do not deny that the boy admitted anally raping the girl even though she repeatedly said “no.”

However the district’s position is that even though the girl reported the rape and was hospitalized, a subsequent District Attorney investigation was “inconclusive,” as was the district’s own investigation; the family disputes that and has publicly claimed the district selectively released public records that left out details of the police investigation’s conclusion.

“While the settlement does not hold the district liable for the incident, district officials do consider this a fair settlement that

allows the district to focus its efforts on improving our processes to prevent and respond to incidents of sexual harassment, and provides funds for the student to pursue her education,” the district’s statement says.

“Since the incident, the district has focused on improving overnight field trip procedures and working to ensure compliance to the federal Title IX mandates, which cover response to sexual harassment.”

The victim’s parents say she went from being an academically successful student and gifted musician to being withdrawn and suicidal; she never returned to Garfield after the attack, but instead spent time in an inpatient mental health facility. She and her family have moved out of state.

The family has started a Facebook community called, “Stop Sexual Assault in High School.”

“Our entire family was devastated when our family member was raped on a public high school field trip,” the Facebook community page says. “The Seattle School District’s failure to extend her federal Title IX rights, to acknowledge her report of sexual assault, and to treat her with basic human dignity has been life-scaring beyond description.”

The boy received a 10-day suspension from school.

Meanwhile, demonstrations have been held at Seattle School Board meetings calling for the resignation of Garfield Principal Ted Howard and a Change.org petition urging the district to fire him now has more than 2,400 signatures.

“I am a student at Garfield,” one petitioner writes. “My close friend was raped at a School Dance freshman year. Nothing was

done in response to multiple reports.”

Another wrote: “STOP CODDLING VARSITY ATHLETES ALREADY!”

According to the district’s Wednesday statement:

“As a part of the mediated settlement, the parents have agreed not to pursue any monetary claims against the district, and to dismiss all of their pending actions in front of the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), the Office of Civil Rights, and anywhere else. They have also agreed not to pursue any new actions, or to file further public records requests with the district. They have also agreed not to communicate further with the district regarding this incident or subsequent response action, and to not publicly identify or complain about the male student accused of the assault.”