

Statewide Ballot Measures

Some Voting Suggestions

1: NO

A cry has gone up against ballot Measure No. 1 — most of it for the wrong reason. Opponents say it removes the people's right to choose judges by substituting a new judicial appointment process and making elections uncontested.

Another view is that the people don't do a very good job of selecting judges, especially on the appellate level, but that Ballot Measure No. 1 doesn't provide a better alternative. Furthermore, it could do nothing about incompetent judges.

2: NO

Ballot Measure No. 2 — which calls for Senate confirmation of executive appointments in Oregon — is simply a response to Gov. Bob Straub's refusal earlier this year to let Senate President Jason Boe block Gray Panther advocate Ron Wyden's appointment to the state nursing home examiner's board.

Straub lost the matter in court, so now he's taking the question to the people of the state.

3: YES

Ballot Measure No. 3 deserves support because it provides money needed for the repair of our roads. Essentially, the measure, which was passed by the legislature and referred to a vote by petitioners, would double the registration fee on autos from \$10 to \$20 per year.

Voters turned down a gas tax increase of 2 cents per gallon in May. We need to keep the roads we have in shape, whether they be state, county or city highways. Our vehicle registration fees are very low compared to other states, and compared with the costs that autos force all of us to bear.

4: YES

Ballot Measure No. 4, calling for a relaxation of the procedures required in the formation of people's utility districts, is long overdue in Oregon. Passage of this measure might not reduce our electric utility bills right away, but it would increase pressure on our private utilities to do something about the high prices they charge us for electricity — twice what Washington residents pay.

Furthermore, the utility-financed campaign against this measure has been one of the most deceptive campaigns in recent Oregon history. The Ken Rinke slogan "It puts you in debt without your consent" contains not one word of truth. Proponents of the measure have changed the slogan to read, "PGE puts you in debt without your consent."

5: YES

Measure No. 5 would allow denture technicians, licensed by the state Health Division, to make and fit dentures, a job that now is performed legally only under a dentist's supervision.

The measure deserves support because the dental monopoly has meant excessively high charges for dentures. While laboratory and production costs for dentures are a little over \$100, the final cost is generally above \$600. And that cost typically falls on senior citizens, many of whom live on fixed incomes.

The main argument against denturism — that denturists won't have sufficient training — isn't compelling. Moreover, the outrageously well-heeled opposition campaign has used simplistic and sensationalist sloganeering.

7: NO

Proponents of Measure No. 7 — to prohibit state-financed abortions in all instances — make little pretense about their desire to enforce their moral code on everyone else. But with this measure, that morality is a selective one, targeted only at those women who cannot afford an abortion and must turn to the state for assistance. It seems irresponsible, if not hypocritical, to deny poor women this option which the more fortunate can already afford.

While abortion should not be an easy choice, it should nevertheless be a choice, open to all.

8: NO

Ballot Measure No. 8, an effort to reinstate the death penalty in Oregon is a hotly-debated and often emotional issue. The arguments against

this measure are legion. There is no compelling evidence that the death penalty is a deterrent to crime, and it has historically been applied in a racist and discriminatory manner. The criminal code reforms passed by the last session of the state legislature are a more workable approach to keeping murderers off the street. There is no justification for the state to take a life.

9: YES

Ballot Measure No. 9, which would do away with utility rates for construction work in progress, is worth a "yes" vote. CWIP is a means of assisting our utilities with their cash flows. It makes us pay now for energy generation we'll get later, and for energy generation we may not get at all. Essentially, CWIP has two bad effects. First, it makes Oregon's senior citizens pay electricity they may never use. Second, it puts the risk of energy resource development on utilities' ratepayers, rather than on their shareholders who stand to benefit the most from it.

10: NO

Ballot Measure No. 10 is an irresponsible, deceitful attempt to destroy one of the most progressive land-use planning programs in the nation. Its passage would negate nine years of effort to protect Oregon's land from strip developments, tacky subdivisions, and other degrada-

tions. No other measure on the November ballot so seriously threatens Oregon's future, or deserves such a resounding rejection.

For starters, the bill nullifies all the existing land-use planning goals and forces the legislature to rewrite them within 60 days. Most likely, the legislature would be unable to act within that time, so would not act at all. Land-use planning in the state would grind to a standstill in that case.

But the bill's most threatening provision is buried in Section 4, which strips LCDC of its authority to enforce those goals. Without such enforcement powers, land-use planning is an empty sham.

With Ballot Measure No. 10, Oregonians must tell the special interest groups (such as developers) "no" for the third and, hopefully, the final time.

6, 11: NO, YES

Although Ballot Measures No. 6 and 11 deal with reducing property taxes and are not directly related to the reservation residents, as citizens of Oregon we must take a careful look at the effect either will have on the quality of state services.

Measure no. 11 has its own problems, but is preferable to 6. Many feel that Measure 6 would greatly diminish the ability of government at all levels in Oregon to function as a competent deliverer of services. Measure 11 would provide tax relief without totally disrupting our state's governments.

If both measures pass, the one with the most votes wins, and 11 seems the lesser of two evils.

Community Calendar

- November 4 -End of first quarter (509-J schools)
-One day Rodeo in Warm Springs 1:00 p.m.
- November 7 -Distrit Meeting Simnasho longhouse (re: Treaty fishing rights) 7:00 p.m.
-General Election (vote at Teen club, 8:00 a.m. - 8 p.m.)
- November 8 -JOM committee meeting, community center, 7:00-7:00 p.m.
- November 9 -Quarterly Education meeting
-Parent conference day (no school 509-J)
- November 9-10 -National American Indian Cattleman's Association Convention at Kah-Nee-Ta
- November 10 -Veterans Day (observed)
- November 11 -Madras High School Gymnastics District tournament in Bend, OR, W.S. Elementary, 7:30 p.m.
- November 13 -509-J School Board meeting, W.S. Elementary, 7:30 p.m.
- November 14 -Title IV Park A Parent committee meeting, community center, 7:00 p.m.
- November 16 -Warm Springs Show & Tell and Potluck at CC
- November 21 -General Council meeting, Warm Springs Longhouse, 7:00 p.m.
- November 23-25 -Indian National Finals rodeo in Salt Lake City, Utah
- December 1-3 -Widespot Powwow at Warm Springs longhouse

Caution Woodcutters

For persons cutting their own firewood in National Forests this fall and winter, the word is caution, according to U.S. Forest Service Regional Forester R.E. (Dick) Worthington.

"The Forest Service encourages people to use firewood, the dead and downed material, as a means of cutting fuel costs," Worthington said, "but people need to use care, too."

Two special concerns that have surfaced are that wood cutters should avoid using power saws near other persons, and people should not cut on the high, stacked piles. A number of instances of people endangering themselves and others have been reported by Forest Service employees, prompting Worthington's word of caution.

The Regional Forester also reminded wood cutters that firewood is free for the taking on National Forests of the Pacific Northwest, but a permit, also free, is required. "Wood cutters must have the permit in their possession at all times while in the woods and while transporting the wood," Worthington said.

Wood cutters also need to be sure their power saws are equipped with approved spark arresters, he added.

To obtain the free permits, for further information, and to learn what cutting areas are nearest you, visit or call the nearest Forest Service Ranger District office of the National Forest you plan to visit.

Wide Spot Selects Another Candidate



FLORENE JOHNSON 14, born October 1, 1964, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Johnson of Sidwalter Flats in Warm Springs.

Her reason for participating as a Widespot candidate, is to represent her tribes, and because she likes to travel a lot.

Florene's hobbies and interests include horseback riding, basketball, beadworking and cooking.

Florene is of Warm Springs, Wasco, Yakima and Wailaki descent. She is a seventh grader at Madras Jr. High.