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Oregon governors oppose 82 & 83

Kitzhaber records ad against private casino measures

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Four current and former Oregon governors have all gone on record in opposing Measures 82 and 83, which would amend the state Constitution and allow a private casino in Wood Village, in part because they feel the state should not break its promise to its nine federally recognized Tribes.

Current Gov. John Kitzhaber, who has been a longtime opponent of gambling in Oregon,

filmed a campaign ad urging voters to reject Measures 82 and 83.

"He feels strongly about this," said Tim Raphael, Kitzhaber's spokesman, in the Oct. 4 Oregonian. "Among other issues, he strongly opposes breaking our promise with Tribal governments."

On Monday, Oct. 8, former governors Vic Atiyeh, Barbara Roberts and Ted Kulongoski held a joint press conference



Gov. John Kitzhaber

to voice their opposition to the measures.

"This isn't going to solve Oregon's financial problems," Kulongoski said. "I guarantee you, if this passes, it will have no impact whatsoever on the long-term picture."

"Clearly this should send a resounding 'no' message to Oregon voters that these measures are bad public policy, bad for Oregon and clearly still a bad idea," said Tribal lobbyist Justin Martin. "To have three former governors and our current governor in solid opposition also shows how integral and involved Oregon Tribes and Oregon

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Doubly honored

Kathryn Harrison named 'History Maker,' 'Woman of the Year' in same week

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PORTLAND — Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison stood among Oregon's leading "History Makers" on Thursday, Sept. 27, at the Oregon Historical Society on the park blocks in Portland, where she received one of four awards presented to well-known Oregonians.

Former Secretary of State Norma Paulus, Gerry Frank, former chief of staff for Sen. Mark Hatfield, and former Portland Trailblazers President Harry Glickman also were "History Makers" recipients at the society's fourth annual awards banquet and fundraiser.

The society's executive director, Kerry Tymchuk, said that the award winners make up "the Oregon Hall of Fame. They're contributors to Oregon history in their time — living legends."

"Nobody has shown more grit," Tymchuk said in introducing Harrison. "And today, she continues to show consistency and love in the presence of animosity. Kathryn's path was clear early in her life, but it took a long time to fulfill."

"My parents instilled pride in us," Harrison said in accepting the award. "The first 10 years

gave me the hope and pride I would need for the rest of my life. And I knew how to pray."

So, when trouble came, Harrison said, "I knew I had to stand up."

Tymchuk described Harrison's visits to Washington, D.C., with family and other Tribal members in the effort to restore the Grand Ronde Tribe in the eyes of the federal government. He praised her persistence over the years.

"I have such respect for Kathryn Harrison," said former Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski, who attended with his wife, Mary Oberst. "Kathryn is one of those people who would be a leader in anything she did."

"Kathryn personifies for me the quality of leadership that we see in Tribal women today," said former Oregon Congresswoman Elizabeth



Photos by Michelle Alaimo



Tribal Chairman Reyn Leno looks at the framed medal that Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison received from the Oregon Historical Society for being named one of four History Makers for 2012. She was presented the medal during the fourth annual History Makers Dinner event in Portland on Thursday, Sept. 27.

Tribal Elder Kathryn Harrison received this framed medal for being named a 2012 History Maker by the Oregon Historical Society.

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