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# KEEPING STATE GOVERNMENT FOCUSED ON PEOPLE

In 2012, when Democratic Rep. Caddy McKeown was first elected, she beat her Republican challenger by nearly 3,300 votes. In her 2014 reelection, like most incumbents, she was able to increase her vote margin, beating her Republican opponent by more than 4,700 votes.

But in the two years that followed, it appears that McKeown began to lose the trust of voters, some of whom felt she carried favor with Portland-area lawmakers and businesses.

During the last two years, Portland-area Democrats have marched McKeown up the hill on legislation that has increased fees to taxpayers that I feel will harm small business. In a race where McKeown outspent me by nearly \$250,000, she only won by 1,111 votes — meaning that she lost 3,562 voters in the most recent election. It's my hope that as she heads into the next legislative session, she takes notice and remembers who she is supposed to represent.

Legislators in Portland are proposing everything from rent control to environmental policy that will make it even harder for those in rural Oregon to find work. Our Oregon, the group that backed the failed Ballot Measure 97, a \$6 billion dollar tax increase, is now trying to overturn the will of voters with a \$4 billion dollar tax increase proposal.

Many of the same special interests that backed Measure 97 also back McKeown.

The question is whether she will be able to resist her donors' pressure and stand with her community that opposed Measure 97, or support a revenue-raising package at the taxpayers' expense?

McKeown will serve again as chair of the Transportation Committee.

In 2015, Democrats failed to pass a transportation package. The one that was proposed had plenty of giveaways for

Portland-area lawmakers but very little for the rural and coastal parts of our state. In addition, the Senate President wanted millions of dollars to seismically retrofit the Salem Capitol. Yet little was to be seen in proposals for seismic dollars to protect coastal residents in tsunami zones.

Will we be ignored again? Even more disappointing is the disappearance of a committee dedicated to rural communities. Will McKeown continue to vote for a Speaker of the House who cares so little for the state outside of Portland?

The Portland-metro area has plenty of representation without Rep. McKeown siding with them. Perhaps she should consider running for Speaker, or supporting others who will

prioritize the hundreds of thousands of Oregonians who don't make Portland their home. Voters are watching. We have a need for real infrastructure investments and leadership that will get our government spending in line. It's unacceptable to me that in a time Oregon's outside of a recession, we have a huge budget deficit caused by

uncontrollable state spending. I respect the will of voters in choosing Rep. McKeown again. But we're not going to sit by and watch more go-along-together politics with Speaker Kotek's agenda. The session begins next week. Let's hope this election sends a strong message that voters want its government focused on the people who elected them, not downtown Portland agendas or special interests.

## GUEST VIEWPOINT

By **TERI GRIER**  
2016 DISTRICT 9 REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATE

## Applicants sought to fill board vacancy

Siuslaw Public Library District has a vacancy on its Board of Directors due to the resignation of current Board Member Dr. Ian Jarman.

Jarman shared in his resignation letter that "[He has] great admiration for and confidence in each remaining member of the board as well as the management, staff, Friends of the Library and volunteers of the library," but that personal and professional obligations necessitated the decision.

The remaining board members and current Library Director Meg Spencer extended their thanks to Jarman for his years of service to the library district and the community.

During his tenure, Jarman participated in the library's expansion project and headed the search committee when Library Director Steve Skidmore retired three years ago.

The board will interview applicants and appoint a replacement for Jarman's unexpired term at a special meeting on Jan. 27.

The person who is selected by the board as a replacement will be eligible to run for election in May 2017.

The Library Board is composed of five residents of the

district who are elected to four-year terms. In addition to residing in the Siuslaw Public Library District, members must be qualified electors.

The responsibilities of the Board of Directors include setting library policies, approving the annual budget, and hiring and supervising the library director.

All board members serve without remuneration.

Meetings are held on a monthly basis with longer planning sessions scheduled as needed.

Individuals interested in serving on the Library Board must submit a completed application and skill inventory form no later than 4 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 20, in person to either library location, 1460 Ninth St. in Florence or the Mapleton branch at 88148 Riverview Ave., or email it to [ref@siuslawlibrary.org](mailto:ref@siuslawlibrary.org).

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