

Candidates for House District 7 square-off in CG debate

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**Cedric Hayden,
Christy Inskip
made their case
to voters
Monday night**

The League of Women Voters of Lane County have a rule: they don't condone empty-seat debates and so on Monday night, president Linda Lynch was faced with a dilemma. She had an empty seat.

The event, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the city council chambers, billed both Christy Inskip and Cedric Hayden--both running for Hayden's seat in the state's House District 7. However, 10 minutes into the event's scheduled time, Hayden had yet to enter the building.

"We fully expected to see Cedric Hayden," Lynch told a room of approximately 20 spectators--only to be interrupted by an announcement; Hayden was on his way.

After what turned out to be a 25-minute delay, Hayden en-

tered the chamber where Inskip had chatted with voters during the wait and the two were read the rules for what would turn out to be a debate that ranged from health care to education and from gun control to abortion.

"I'm running to make sure everyone's interests are represented in the capital," Inskip said in her opening statement before spending the next hour gathering her breath prior to each question and defending her stance--against Measures 103, 105 and 106 and for Measure 102. Inskip, a former tobacco prevention specialist for Lane County Public Health, cited her lack of experience in public office but also offered her support of affordable housing and access to early childhood education as well as a firm belief in the Second Amendment as well as "common sense" gun control.

"I grew up in a rural area and my family depended on the game to make it through the year," she said, citing the passage of House Bill 4145 that closed the "boyfriend loophole" and prevented individuals with prior domestic violence convictions from purchasing firearms as an example of legislation she

would support in the state legislature.

Hayden also spoke on gun control, noting the anniversary of the shooting at Umpqua Community College three years ago. "I believe it comes back to mental health reform," he said.

Hayden ran through his list of accomplishments in the legislature including his work to



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Christy Inskip and Cedric Hayden debated ideas Monday night ranging from their stances on upcoming ballot measures to broader topics like gun control and abortion. The election is set for Nov. 6.

include dentists--citing his participation in the profession--in oversight groups focused on limiting access to opioids for patients who abuse the drug.

Both candidates spoke on the topic of education with Hayden contending that Oregon, ranked in the bottom three states in national graduation rates, has a "K-11" system due to the number of days cut from school calendars in an effort to balance the budget.

"We have to fix PERS [Public Employee Retirement System] and get more resources in the classroom," he said.

Oregon legislatures have cited a coming crisis in regards to PERS as the state's retirement fund struggles with high pay-

outs.

"We need to look at those high earners and see what we can do to fix the system," Inskip said, "It's important to remember that those tier one earners, the court said we can't take that away."

Hayden also weighed-in on the issue calling for reform citing "\$60,000" retirement pensions for surgeons and football coaches who "make millions of dollars."

On, perhaps, the most politically hot topics, the candidates diverged; Hayden is pro-life, Inskip believes in a woman's right to choose. Inskip opposed Measure 105 that would repeal Oregon's sanctuary state status while Hayden stopped just short of saying he supported it during Monday night's debate. However, their views seemingly matched when it came to pre-existing conditions prohibiting individuals from accessing affordable health care. Both candidates spoke out against the practice.

Hayden and Inskip will appear on the Nov. 6 ballot for the chance to represent House District 7 that includes Cottage Grove and parts of Douglas County.

Police log

Sept. 25

- A transient male was seen laying on the sidewalk on Main Street. An individual was concerned for the individual's welfare but the man was just "basking in the sun."
- A group of four or five males were seen near a storage shed on Main Street and they appeared to be exchanging things out of a shopping cart.
- Suspicious subject was reported on Clark Avenue

looking into cars with a flashlight.

- A male subject was seen running on Sixth Street with a brown paper bag containing miscellaneous items. The individual dropped some of the items, which were believed to be stolen, including a wrench and a carabiner that read "City of Lancaster."
- An individual was at the impound to retrieve her bike. The bike had reportedly already been returned to

the individual and was now missing again.

Sept. 26

- A suspicious vehicle was reported on River Road; the individuals in the car had run out of gas.

Sept. 29

- An unknown subject threw a beer bottle at an individual's car damaging the rear.
- An open door was reported on Sixth Street. The

individual called inside but heard no answer and waited for the police to come.

When contacted, the resident of the home said she had propped the door open for her cats.


- A noise complaint was reported on Jefferson Ave. after an individual had been continuously running their chainsaw.
- A cloth bag containing miscellaneous items was found in the middle of the road on Main Street.

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