Letters to the Editor

Candidate takes a swing and misses

This past week, I opened my mailbox to find an outrageous letter from the Tillamook County Sheriff. The letter is an endorsement of Suzanne Weber and implies that Debbie Boothe-Schmidt will defund the police.

It doesn't say who paid for these letters, but it is curious that the sheriff is using his official title and Suzanne Weber's P.O. Box as the return address.

During the Seaside debate, Weber admitted her campaign paid for the mailing of the letter. Does Weber support elected officials misusing their positions of power?

Not only was the funding behind this letter not clear, but the letter contains outright lies. Debbie Boothe-Schmidt worked in our criminal justice system at the Clatsop County District Attorney's office for 23 years. She has never said she wants to defund the police and implying it is ridiculous.

Their claim that Debbie is supported by a group that wants to defund the police is also misleading.

Debbie is endorsed by the local group Indivisible North Coast, which has not made a statement about defunding the police. The group that has made a statement about defunding the police is Indivisible National, which has its own endorsement process and has not endorsed Debbie.

I am tired of politicians spreading misinformation for political points.

I would be outraged if our sheriff used his position to lie to citizens. Weber continues to try and mislead us. We need common decency in Salem representing us. I urge vou to vote for Debbie

Boothe-Schmidt for our District 32 representative.

> Tamra Taylor Astoria

County's plan has no credibility

Clatsop County's Resiliency Plan has no credibility with constituents who have been studying the project extensively.

By the time we learned of the plan for our area, the county already had two purchase agreements on the table. One was to buy Warrenton Fiber's 37-acre sort vard on Fort Clatsop Road. The property is

within a tsunami inundation zone and a slide zone. It has an existing storm water catchment system, indicating the possibility of a costly cleanup.

It's a fail in fulfilling goals to relocate out of a tsunami or slide zone, with complications on the side.

The other property is five miles of logging road paralleling Lewis and Clark Road. Owned by Greenwood Resources, it is zoned for forest.

Both need zoning exceptions from the state for this project to proceed. We're not ready for the resulting development that could follow the zone changes.

We don't have roads in and out of the county to support more traffic. Until we do, this is irresponsible development. Access to the Mainline is already available for utility work and emergencies.

The Master Plan for North Coast Business Park included an industrial zone for Public Works and supporting agencies. What's changed?

The site fulfills both relocation criterion and is a fiscally prudent investment, since the taxpayers own it.

Response to 28 letters to the county commission by our representing commissioner: "change is coming". Sounds a lot more like development than public safety to me.

Linda Brim Astoria

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