

State Ballot Measures

Measure 37

Would require city, county or state to pay land owners if property value is reduced by land use regulations OR change the regulation OR not enforce the regulation on that property. This measure would be so costly that Oregon's much admired land use regulations would simply be eliminated. That, of course, would also eliminate protections for agricultural land, especially when it is located near a metropolitan area such as Portland. Small towns would lose their special quality if a tavern could be located next to a grade school, or a wrecking yard next to a church. These may be ridiculous examples, but the threat is so real that organizations as diverse as the Farm Bureau, the Audubon Society, Neighborhood Associations, The Grey Panthers, Oregon Wineries, the Oregon League of Conservation Voters and many others vigorously oppose the damage this will do to Oregon.

Recommend a NO vote on Measure 37.

Measure 38

Would abolish SAIF, eliminating the state workers compensation fund. The effort has been led by Liberty Mutual, which claims SAIF is unfair competition because it doesn't have to pay taxes. Liberty Mutual doesn't mention its special arrangement with the State of Oregon that exempts them from paying state taxes. This is a blatant effort to eliminate competition. As a business which uses neither SAIF nor Liberty Mutual...

Recommend a NO vote on Measure 38.

Boone for Oregon District 32

Republican Doug Olson, a small businessman from Pacific City, and the incumbent, Democrat Deborah Boone from Hamlet, both specify education for funding priorities, and both are solid candidates for the 32nd district.

They differ in a significant way regarding health care, however. Boone supports allowing people to pay a premium for basic health care that would make the Oregon Health Plan accessible to working people who lack health insurance.

Olson encourages group health plans for small businesses and organizations. That idea is frequently mentioned, unfortunately, it's illegal.

Boone has a wealth of experience with state and local government and can serve the district well. The INDEPENDENT recommends electing Boone to the position she currently holds by appointment.



Deborah Boone

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Hyde and DeShazer for Columbia County Board of Commissioners

Incumbent Joe Corsiglia, a Democrat from St. Helens, Republican Colleen DeShazer from Warren and Constitution Party candidate Bob Ekstrom from Scappoose are the voters' choices for Position 1.

Corsiglia is a friendly and gregarious person who has been faithful about meeting people around the county. This is a positive attribute. The negative is his difficulty in working with other elected and appointed officials, which often makes him ineffective.



Colleen DeShazer

DeShazer has learned a lot from her tenure on the board of the Port of St. Helens. In that position, she has had to work with county and state officials and has worked hard to learn the intricacies of land use planning and taxation. These aren't glamorous, but they are important. She will be an asset.

Bob Ekstrom is also knowledgeable but, true to the Constitution Party, thinks religion should guide public policy.

Democrat Rosemary Molony Lohrke, of Scappoose, and Constitution Party candidate G. Keith Carpenter, also of Scappoose, are challenging Position 3 incumbent, Republican Tony Hyde from Vernonia.

We can see no reason to replace Hyde as he seeks his



Tony Hyde

third term. His efforts to bring jobs and improvements to the county are excellent, and his skills are recognized throughout the state, as his frequent appointments testify. He functions well with people from all walks of life and all political philosophies.

Lohrke also works hard for the area and, if Hyde weren't her opponent, might have received our endorsement. We hope she stays active in public life.

Carpenter's public experience is too slight to be an effective commissioner. He also seeks to bring a personal, religion-based approach to government.



Re-Elect Tony Hyde

Columbia County Commissioner

RESULTS

- Lobbies successfully for state and federal funds.
- Currently developing a county wide *All Hazards* emergency plan.
- Empowers citizens to solve critical problems.
- Appointed by Governor Kulongoski and ratified by the full Senate to the Economic & Community Development Commission.
- Works tirelessly for the extension of the Banks-Vernonia Linear Trail.

Tony Hyde...

- Continues to be a strong proponent for creation of good jobs throughout the county.
- Is a hard-working, family man who understands Columbia County.
- Is known and respected throughout Oregon.
- Sees to it that Columbia County is remembered when funds are allocated.

Endorsed by: International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 48, and the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry, Local 290.

"The last eight years have been an honor and a privilege serving you as Commissioner. If re-elected I pledge to continue listening to and working towards the goals of all Columbia County citizens."

Tony Hyde