



How I Decide Who To Vote For

Tuesday, May 18 will soon be here. Getting informed can be difficult. I like talking to the candidates when possible. Reading their stances and goals can also be helpful. Of course, you have to hope they weren't just filling you with "feel good" statements to get elected until their true agendas come out.

Meeting with candidates face-to-face is difficult. I met with Allen Alley, along with a handful of other conservatives, a few months ago. He seemed genuine, knowledgeable and up to the task. He didn't layout his stances, though. He had attended a meeting with 26 republican Governors and ex-Governors. He was heeding their advice to not let his platform out all at once, giving his opponents too much material to use against him. That didn't set well with me.

I haven't talked to Chris Dudley, and probably won't get an opportunity. He recently dodged the global warming question, and that's a big strike against him.

I will be attending the Governor's Candidate Forum Tuesday, April 20 at Crook County High School auditorium. (See Page 37 for details). The one I think best for the job has been attacked so severely by the media and unions that I'm not sure he could overcome that and get his message across to the uninformed voter. He is the only one that could make the hard choices and implement them to turn back our burgeoning Oregon government.

Mike McLane of Powell Butte is an easy choice for House District 55. He wants to get things done now. Not tomorrow. The other Mike hasn't shown me much in fiscal responsibility, belt tightening or worrying about the common taxpayer with his stint as Mayor of Prineville.

County Commissioner choice is also easy for me. Lynn Lundquist has proven too liberal for me and a lot of others who were big supporters before we sent him over to Salem where he failed miserably as a conservative.

There are several places on the internet I will direct you to and you can make up your own mind. My vote is going to Seth Crawford in the primary.

<http://robkremer.blogspot.com/2007/08/oregon-business-association.html>

We simply cannot allow organizations like the Oregon "Business" Association, without challenge, to carry on the pretense that they speak for business in Oregon. They don't. They are an organization funded by liberal businesses that push for liberal public policies. Just because they are funded by businesses doesn't mean they advocate for the interests of business in Oregon. Rob Kremer said this. And if you read the entire page you will be enlightened further. Lynn Lundquist was president of the OBA.

<http://fundrace.huffingtonpost.com>

Do a search for Lynn Lundquist and it will show that he donated \$1,000 to John Edwards Presidential run. That's a big strike for me. Hard to believe, isn't it? ... I couldn't either. I found the next website to corroborate it.

http://upperleftcoast.blogspot.com/2007_07_01_archive.html

Now you can go to:

http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/election/july-dec98/initiatives_8-3.html

to find this quote of Lynn's. "The initiative system has now become almost government by the people, without the legislature hardly being a factor." Oregon's initiative system has proven very useful to taxpayers. That's why they want to get rid of it. And ... excuse me ... I thought it was government by the people, for the people ...

<http://archive.acluor.org/news/news97spring.html>

Here I found this quote on the Oregon ACLU website dating back to 1997.

"On the bright side, a number of proposals have been introduced that would help curb some of the worst abuses of the initiative process. House Speaker Lynn Lundquist has said that initiative reform is a personal priority on his agenda. We look forward to working with him and other legislators on this issue."

Keep digging and you can find more ... like this

<http://leslemke.users2.50megs.com/ogoreport/ogoreport.htm>

where Rep. Lynn Lundquist speaks in favor of Gun Control bill, H.B.2535 in 1999.

No, I think I will give Seth Crawford a chance. And, if he continues with politics and makes it to Speaker of the House in Oregon ... I doubt if he gets ousted.

See you at the polls.

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