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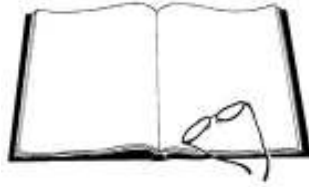
## Voter Forums

# October 1, 2, 3 and 18

Three candidate forums will be held for state and county offices: Monday, October 1 at Gold Beach City Hall; Tuesday, Oct. 2 at Port Orford Public Library; and Wednesday, Oct. 3 at Chetco Public Library in Brookings. All forums begin at 7:00 p.m. and will have a split format.

The first part of each forum will have District No.1 State Representative Wayne Krieger of Gold Beach, and challenger Jim Klahr of Brookings; District No. 1 State Senator Jeff Kruse of Roseburg and challenger Eldon Rollins of Coquille. The second half, beginning between 8:00 and 8:15 p.m., will feature four candidates for two County Commissioner positions. Candidates for Position No. 2 are Susan Brown and Greg Empson, both of Gold Beach. Candidates for Position No. 3 are Lucie LaBonte of Gold Beach and David Smith of Port Orford. Al Wilson will be the Moderator. League members are encouraged to come and help or just listen and submit questions.

A separate forum for Port Orford Mayor and City Council will be held in Port Orford Thursday, October 18 at City Hall at 7:00 p.m. Candidates are Mayor Jim Auburn and challenger Milton Finch; Councilmen Jim Billings and Bill McArdle and challengers Francie McLeod and Christine Richardson, running for three open seats. The top three vote-getters win. Shirley Nelson will moderate, aided by Port Orford LWV members.



Greetings!!

One glance at our calendar for October and November tells you that we have a busy couple of months ahead of us. That is to be expected because we have a General Election coming up and, to borrow a phrase, Elections R Us.

Our Voter Forums are the most public thing that our League does. Literally hundreds of people attend and then read about the proceedings in one of our local newspapers. We should all be proud of the fact that we are an integral part of making democracy work in Curry County. We provide a neutral venue where the issues can be discussed in a respectful way.

**Bring a friend or two to the Voter Forum.** After they see the valuable work that we do, ask them to help us by becoming a member.

Your Board has scheduled the forums, invited the candidates and confirmed that they are coming. **Now we need your participation.** We need you to attend the meeting in your area. We also need League members to help setting up the room, to collect the questions submitted by the members of the audience and to clean up afterwards. **Please come to the forum in your area by 6:30 and plan on staying for a few minutes afterward so that you can lend us a hand.**

You will be receiving your ballot at the end of October. In addition to the candidate elections there will be nine Ballot Measures for you to consider. Our October Unit Meetings (October 10 in Brookings and October 17 in Port Orford) will be devoted to a discussion of each of those issues. Please see our article on Pages 3 and 4 for a summary. Then please come to your Unit Meeting to be sure that you can make an informed decision.

You should have received a copy "Coastal and Nearshore Oregon: Using and Protecting Our Natural Resources." This is the "Coast Management Study" that we have all been waiting for. Please see the article on Page 5 for more information about how you can be involved in this important effort at our November Unit meetings.

Last, but not least, is that we are going to be having some fun. Please see the article on Page 5 about "Suffrage Succotash." Friday November 2 at 6PM at the Chetco Library in Brookings will be a fun time!!

Now more than ever, League makes a difference.

Al Wilson

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## Ballot Measures - October Unit Meetings

October Unit Meetings will be devoted to discussing the nine measures which will be on your ballot, which are to be mailed starting on October 19. There are a couple of housekeeping matters for the Constitution, referred to us by the State Legislature. There is a marijuana measure, a private casino measure, and others on a variety of topics.

We have ordered the paper version of our League of Women Voters of Oregon Voters Guides. These are to be shipped to us in early October and we will try to get them to all members in time for the units. A few copies will be left for use at the Brookings campus of SOCC and at the three public libraries in the county.

The complete Voters Guide published by the Oregon Secretary of State for this election can be found online at [http://oregonvotes.gov/pages/history/archive/nov62012/military\\_vp/votersguide.html](http://oregonvotes.gov/pages/history/archive/nov62012/military_vp/votersguide.html). You can find complete descriptions of each Ballot Measure by clicking on the "Measures" button on the left side of the page. The Measures are summarized here. Please review this material before coming to your Unit Meeting.

**Measure 77: Ballot Title: Amends Constitution: Governor may declare "catastrophic disaster" (defined); requires legislative session; authorizes suspending specified constitutional spending restrictions**

**Result of "Yes" Vote:** "Yes" vote grants Governor constitutional authority to declare "catastrophic disaster" (defined); requires legislative session; legislature may suspend specified constitutional spending restrictions to aid response, recovery.

**Result of "No" Vote:** "No" vote retains Governor's statutory authority to declare state of emergency; retains constitutional spending restrictions and constitutional restrictions on legislative authority without exception for emergency.

**Measure 78: Ballot Title: Amends Constitution: Changes constitutional language describing governmental system of separation of powers; makes grammatical and spelling changes**

**Result of "Yes" Vote:** "Yes" vote changes constitutional language describing separation of powers to refer to three "branches"

(instead of three "departments") of government; makes other grammatical, spelling changes.

**Result of "No" Vote:** "No" vote retains existing constitutional language describing separation of powers between three "departments" of government (rather than three "branches" of government); retains misspelled, other language.

**Measure 79: Ballot Title: Amends Constitution: Prohibits real estate transfer taxes, fees, other assessments, except those operative on December 31, 2009**

**Result of "Yes" Vote:** "Yes" vote prohibits state/local governments from imposing taxes, fees, assessments on transfer of any interest in real property, except those operative December 31, 2009.

**Result of "No" Vote:** "No" vote retains existing law prohibiting local governments from imposing real estate transfer taxes/fees (with exceptions), allowing state legislature to impose such taxes/fees.

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**Ballot Measures - October Unit Meetings (Cont'd)**

**Measure 80: Ballot Title: Allows personal marijuana, hemp cultivation/use without license; commission to regulate commercial marijuana cultivation/sale**

**Result of "Yes" Vote:** "Yes" vote allows commercial marijuana (cannabis) cultivation/sale to adults through state-licensed stores; allows unlicensed adult personal cultivation/use; prohibits restrictions on hemp (defined).

**Result of "No" Vote:** "No" vote retains existing civil and criminal laws prohibiting cultivation, possession and delivery of marijuana; retains current statutes that permit regulated medical use of marijuana.

**Measure 81: Ballot Title: Prohibits commercial non-tribal fishing with gillnets in Oregon "inland waters," allows use of seine nets**

**Result of "Yes" Vote:** "Yes" vote changes commercial non-tribal fishing in Oregon "inland waters" (defined) by banning gillnets, adopting other regulatory changes; recreational salmon fishers ensured their recent share.

**Result of "No" Vote:** "No" vote continues current commercial fishing practices, retains laws allowing gillnets, leaves other current regulations in place; continues annual adjustment of recreational salmon harvest share.

**Measure 82: Ballot Title: Amends Constitution: Authorizes establishment of privately-owned casinos; mandates percentage of revenues payable to dedicated state fund**

**Result of "Yes" Vote:** "Yes" vote amends state constitution to authorize privately-owned casinos; requires such casinos to give percentage of monthly revenue to State Lottery for specified purposes.

**Result of "No" Vote:** "No" vote maintains current state of the law, which does not authorize any privately-owned casino within state; tribal casinos authorized pursuant to gaming compacts.

**Measure 83: Ballot Title: Authorizes privately-owned Wood Village casino; mandates percentage of revenues payable to dedicated state fund**

**Result of "Yes" Vote:** "Yes" vote authorizes a single privately-owned casino in Wood Village; requires casino to give percentage of monthly revenue to State Lottery for specified purposes.

**Result of "No" Vote:** "No" vote maintains current state of the law, which does not authorize any privately-owned casino within state; tribal casinos authorized pursuant to gaming compacts.

**Measure 84: Ballot Title: Phases out existing inheritance taxes on large estates, and all taxes on intra-family property transfers**

**Result of "Yes" Vote:** "Yes" vote phases out existing inheritance/estate taxes on large estates, death-related property transfers, and taxes on certain intra-family property transfers; reduces state revenue.

**Result of "No" Vote:** "No" vote retains existing estate/inheritance taxes on estates with value of at least \$1 million; tax on all income-producing intra-family property transfers.

**Measure 85: Ballot Title: Amends Constitution: Allocates corporate income/excise tax "kicker" refund to additionally fund K through 12 public education**

**Result of "Yes" Vote:** "Yes" vote allocates the corporate income and excise tax "kicker" refund to the General Fund to provide additional funding for K through 12 public education.

**Result of "No" Vote:** "No" vote retains existing corporate income and excise tax "kicker" that requires refund to corporations when revenue exceeds estimated collections by two percent or more.

## Coastal and Nearshore Oregon Study Report November Unit Meetings

The November Unit Meetings will be devoted to the Coastal and Nearshore Oregon Study Report. You should have recently received a copy of this excellent Report in the mail. If you did not, your membership in our League entitles you to one. You make contact the League of Women Voters of Oregon at [lwvor@lwvor.org](mailto:lwvor@lwvor.org) or at 503-581-5722 to request that a copy be mailed to you.

The Report deals with issues that directly affect the lives of each of us in Curry County. The League of Women Voters of Oregon needs feedback from our League when they are called upon to testify before the Oregon Legislature. This is your chance to have direct input to our legislators in Salem on these important issues.

You can view the Report online at <http://voteoregon.org/lwvimages/CoastalNearshore20121.pdf>.  
The Executive Summary is at <http://voteoregon.org/lwvimages/CoastalExecSummary1.pdf>.

Please review this Report or at least the Executive Summary before you come to the November Unit Meeting so that you will be prepared to enter into the discussion.

## Suffrage Succotash Friday November 2 at 6:00 PM Chetco Community Public Library

Save Friday night, November 2 for the First Friday Salon at Chetco Community Public Library in Brookings, starting at 6:00 p.m. "Suffrage Succotash," a Reader's Theater production by Port Orford's Theatre 101, will be presented. This is a partial history of voting rights in the United States, from the early colonies to state-by-state rules to struggles of specific groups of people to gain the right to vote: African Americans, women, Native Americans, eighteen year-olds, etc.

Led by a costumed Benjamin Franklin and featuring such people as Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Harry Burn, and Abigail Scott Duniway (played by Shirley Nelson), the production is packed with information. It played four nights in Port Orford to appreciative audiences. Admission is free but donations are welcome for Theatre 101 expenses.



## Membership Leadership Development Program

President Jan Krick, Treasurer Milt Nelson and Voter Service chair Shirley Nelson will attend a two-day workshop in Salem September 29 and 30 to learn techniques and inspiration to reach new members and train current members for leadership roles. Our State Coach is Jan Calvert, Eugene league. All levels of League from National (trainer), State (coach), and Local (our team of three) will stay connected over time. We expect to learn from other participating local Leagues. A report will be in the October *Coast Lines*.

## Election Day November 6

Every League member knows that election day is Tuesday November 16. What you might not know is that ballots will be mailed starting on Friday October 19. Your ballot should arrive within a few days of that. If you do not receive your ballot or if you have any questions or concerns you may call the Curry County Clerk's Elections Division Office at (877) 739-4218 or (541) 247-3297.

White ballot collection boxes are placed throughout the County. There is one in Port Orford at the City Hall, 555 West 20<sup>th</sup> Street. There is one at the Curry County Courthouse in Gold Beach in the East Moore Street parking lot. There is also one in Brookings in the City Hall parking lot at 898 Elk Drive. These boxes are open 24 hours per day. Your ballot must be deposited by 8PM on election day.

You may also bring your ballot to the County Clerk's Elections Office at 29821 Ellensburg Avenue in Gold Beach during business hours: 9AM - Noon and 1PM - 4PM. Finally, you may mail your ballot in the envelope provided. Standard first class postage is required.

However you submit your ballot, do not forget to sign it. Your ballot will not be tallied without a valid signature.

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October, November 2012		
Gold Beach Voters Forum	Oct 1; 7 - 9 PM	Gold Beach City Council Room
Port Orford Voters Forum	Oct 2; 7 - 9 PM	Port Orford Public Library
Brookings Voter Forum	Oct 3; 7 - 9 PM	Chetco Community Public Library
Brookings Unit Meeting	Oct 10; 2 - 4 PM	Chetco Community Public Library
Port Orford Unit Meeting	Oct 17; 10AM - 12	Milt & Shirley Nelson's Home
LWVCC Board Meeting	Oct 17; 2 - 4 PM	Chetco Community Public Library
Port Orford City Voters Forum	Oct 18; 7 - 9 PM	Port Orford Public Library
Port Orford Unit Meeting	Nov 6; 10AM - 12	TBA
Brookings Unit Meeting	Nov 7; 2 - 4 PM	Chetco Community Public Library
LWVCC Board Meeting	Nov 14; 2 - 4 PM	Chetco Community Public Library

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