

CITY OF PHILOMATH

RECALL ELECTION CONCERNING CITY COUNCILOR ERIC KARBOWSKI

QUESTION: “Shall the City of Philomath Recall Councilor Eric Karbowksi?”

EXPLANATION: If you vote YES for the recall of this Councilor, he will no longer be on the Philomath City Council. If you vote NO against the recall of this Councilor, he will remain on the Philomath City Council.

STATEMENT FURNISHED BY RECALL COMMITTEE:

The petitioners propose to recall Councilor Eric Karbowksi for malfeasance in office and the following reasons:

Putting false statements in the 2002 Voters’ Pamphlet regarding his ownership of Myrtlewood Mystic Gallery.

Failing to adhere to the wishes of over 925 citizens who signed a no-build petition against the couplet, presented to the council on 6/23/03.

Retraction of his campaign promise for no more new debt for the city in his motion (6/9/03) of approval for \$850,000 to be used as a loan to extend services for Dan Desler’s Lakeside Industrial Park. The City of Philomath would be used as collateral for this loan.

Refusing to not vote on the couplet while having a conflict of interest in a business on Main Street, personal residence on 18th and Main Streets and family property ownership of property on College Street.

For soliciting businesses to move from the downtown section of Philomath to the Lakeside Industrial Park on pure speculation that the Park would be built, thus detracting from the fragile business economy in downtown Philomath.

For defaming and slandering a member of the community.

His couplet vote will have a dramatic negative impact on the business community.

STATEMENT FURNISHED BY ERIC KARBOWSKI:

My Voters’ Pamphlet statements were correct. I am a co-owner of the Myrtlewood Mystique Gallery as verified by the State Elections Division.

I support the findings of all legitimate surveys that have shown Philomath prefers a build option by 2 to 1. The confirmed number of Philomath residents, including children, signing the no-build petition was 613.

The Council had an opportunity to get information on a state loan to finance infrastructure improvements to the northeast of town. My motion (6/9/03) did not commit the City to any debt. If the City accepts the loan, Lakeside Industrial Property would be the collateral.

The Government Standards and Practices Commission determined that there was no reason why I could not vote on the highway option. I will continue to listen to my constituents and vote accordingly.

I support the Business Enterprise Center, the Mary’s Peak Natural Resources Interpretive Center and the Philomath Scout Lodge proposed for the Lakeside Property. This diverse development will benefit the whole business community.

I’ve never slandered anyone in the community.

The proposed highway improvements involve change and compromise, but will greatly improve safety and mobility in Philomath. It will help business!

PLEASE SUPPORT COUNCILOR KARBOWSKI AND VOTE NO!

CITY OF PHILOMATH (CONTINUED)

RECALL ELECTION CONCERNING CITY COUNCILOR KEN SCHAUDT

QUESTION: “Shall the City of Philomath Recall Councilor Ken Schaudt?”

EXPLANATION: If you vote YES for the recall of this Councilor, he will no longer be on the Philomath City Council. If you vote NO against the recall of this Councilor, he will remain on the Philomath City Council.

STATEMENT FURNISHED BY RECALL COMMITTEE:

The petitioner’s propose to recall Councilor Ken Schaudt for the following reasons:

For consistently voting against the wishes of the citizens and misleading the City Council.

He told the council that it didn’t matter if they supported the completion of Pioneer Mountain road project but it did matter.

He misled the City Council in saying that he took the full Applegate (past the school) and Main option off the table at the SWG meetings when in fact it was voted off.

For ignoring the 925 signatures for no-build option and for ignoring the 800 signatures to not run the couplet down Applegate. His reintroduction of the full Applegate option was directly against the wishes of 800 plus people.

He championed siting the Police Station where the Community Center has been historically sited. This was in defiance to overwhelming public support for the historical siting.

For public rudeness and arrogance against the executive director of the Chamber of Commerce and their architect in the siting meeting.

For a couplet vote against greatest percentage of people who wished for a different solution.

His couplet vote will have a dramatic negative impact on the business community.

STATEMENT FURNISHED BY KEN SCHAUDT:

Councilor Matson stated opinions. Let me state facts:

FACT: Council minutes reflect I voted with citizen’s wishes expressed from both public and written testimonies. As Philomath’s regional transportation representative, I understand implications of Pioneer Mountain project. Past members, County Commissioner, & ODOT all spoke to Council on its importance.

FACT: I made the motion to remove full Applegate/Main couplet. On all motions, SWG then votes to approve.

FACT: Roughly 1/3 of the “925” signatures were unduplicated Philomath signatures. In recognition of public opinion I voted for the alternative that doesn’t run past elementary school.

FACT: I supported Community Center and Police Station locating together on the same lot. City’s newsletter, asking for public comments, received only one. It supported locating the Police Station where Council recommended.

FACT: Chamber Director is hard of hearing. I spoke audibly, and asked tough questions.

FACT: 6/12/03 Independent survey of 330 citizens had 69% wanting a “build” alternative over “no build.” Philomath businesses also testified in favor of couplet, looking forward to new opportunities.

These are the facts. Is it appropriate to recall a fellow councilor because of a difference in opinion? You decide. It has been an honor to serve the citizens of Philomath.