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Board of Governors Responds to Membership Resolution (Ballot Initiative Measure 7)

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City Club President-Elect Charles Hinkle of the Club's bylaws: 

"Your Committee finds: 

1. No solid evidence that passage of Measure 7 will provide any decrease in state expenditures or relief to taxpayers; 

2. It may be reasonably anticipated that direct costs to taxpayer could increase by at least a factor of two in Fiscal Year 1979; 

3. Passage of the Measure would create a disproportionate financial hardship and deny a legal medical procedure to that class of citizens least able to afford such an impact; 

4. Passage of Measure 7 would unnecessarily increase the health risks to welfare-eligible women; 

5. The broad sweeping nature of the language used in the ballot measure allows no exceptions and will create uncertainty in a number of areas, which will ultimately be resolved either by administrative rule or litigation"; and 

WHEREAS, on November 3, 1978, this Club adopted the study committee's report, which recommended unanimously (with one abstention) a "NO" vote on that measure; and 

WHEREAS, the voters defeated Measure 7 in the 1978 general election, by a vote of 461,542 to 431,577; and  

WHEREAS, an initiative measure on the 1986 general election ballot (Measure 8) will propose an amendment to the Oregon Constitution that would read as follows: 

"State monies must not be used to fund abortions, except to prevent the death of the mother"; and 

WHEREAS, the analysis and conclusions of the 1978 City Club report with respect to the expenditure of state monies for abortions apply with just as much force to the proposed 1986 constitutional amendment as to the proposed 1978 statutory amendment; and 

WHEREAS, the Club membership believes that it is consistent with the Club's role in the community to reaffirm from time to time its positions on recurring ballot measure issues; 

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Club membership directs the Board of Governors to reaffirm publicly the Club's opposition to restrictions on the use of state monies to pay for abortions, and to express the Club's opposition to Ballot Measure 6 on the November 1986 election ballot, essentially for the reasons stated in the Club's report dated October 30, 1978, and adopted by the membership on November 3, 1978. 

Article IX. of the Club's Bylaws provides as follows: 

"Section 1. 

a. Any proposal for Club action, a procedure for which is not otherwise specified in the Constitution or in these Bylaws, may be initiated at any meeting of the Club by resolution duly seconded and adopted by a majority of the members present.
NEW STAFF MEMBER TO SUPPORT REGIONAL GOVERNMENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORK

The City Club's Regional Government Report Taskforce received a much-needed boost in August when Mark Fritzler was hired to support the Taskforce's follow-up effort on the report on Regional Government in the Portland Metropolitan Area, approved by the membership last March. Funds for this hiring were made possible through a $10,000 grant from the Eva Chiles Meyer Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation. Additional funds are being sought to assure continuation of this special project coordinator position for one year.

Fritzler brings to the job a great deal of experience in working with government, civic organizations and citizens' groups from his years as a public information officer with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. While with the DEQ, he conducted state-wide citizen involvement programs in water quality, was heavily involved in media relations, and produced many printed and audio-visual information products related to pollution control and environmental protection.

Fritzler returned early this year after spending nearly four years working as a consultant in development communications in Nepal. While there, he worked as a communications specialist for a number of U.S. and internationally sponsored development projects directed at upgrading Nepal's rural economies, arresting deforestation and improving water supply.

In addition to supporting the work of the Club's Regional Government Report Taskforce, chaired by Cliff Carlsen, Fritzler also will provide staff support to the Club's study of "A Competitive Economic Development Strategy for Oregon." His joining the City Club staff greatly enhances work on two of the Club's premier issues — local governance and economic development.

NEW MEMBERS

The City Club welcomes the following new members:

Kenneth Elliott, Attorney/Partner, O'Donnell, Ramis, Elliott & Crew, sponsored by Mark Whittow.

Steven Harrison, Executive Director, OHSU Foundation, Oregon Health Sciences University, sponsored by Jean Coughlin.

Caroline Locher, Director of Alumni Relations, Reed College, sponsored by Judy Rice.


Nancy Mullmann, Account Executive, AT&T Communications, sponsored by Judy Henderson.

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