

## HOW WILL YOUR CANDIDATE BE G ON THE CITY COUNCIL?

**Harrell**, candidate for Ashland City Council Seat 5. Do you  
t? The most responsible reason to vote for a candidate  
how they will vote on the City Council, and by and large  
y propose to do, more than you agree with the others.  
o vote for a candidate who refuses to tell you? In other  
may very well do exactly the opposite of what you want?  
ny race against Regina Ayars and Rich Rosenthal. First,  
ng countless signs. They seem to believe name recogni-  
tes, but is name recognition a responsible reason to vote  
u really want a candidate who encourages that kind of

ed anyone to endorse me. I don't want you to let some-  
g for you. That is, after all, what endorsements are all

at none of the people who endorsed my opponents spoke  
eir endorsements? My opponents didn't tell you? What  
them?

it's responsible for candidates to help you be fully in-  
ce an informed, intelligent decision? At my suggestion,  
each other's campaign literature with you when we sepa-  
at the palm card Rich gave me to hand out doesn't tell us  
will vote if he is on the City Council. Meanwhile, Regina  
e any of her handouts, and she didn't want mine, leaving  
he really wants you to make an informed decision at all.  
tich and Regina told you about themselves and how won-  
are, but they refused to tell you how they will vote if in-  
atedly pointed this out. Go to ashlandchamber.com to  
on your computer. You'll see for yourself. It's bizarre.  
osition Statement, go to [bruceharrell.com](http://bruceharrell.com), or call me at

### office?

verpopulation, global climate change and dwindling re-  
e Valley must face unpleasant truths and prepare to be  
n food, energy and water. To do so, we must first restore  
unities and financial health to our local governments. Af-  
e resources we need to do far more in conservation, solar  
; adding new sources of water and providing for storage,  
es and capacity for local production of food.

### udget shortfall issue?

ng restrictions on which City funds can be used for which  
hereby freeing up funds for a far more flexible approach

ssary capital improvement projects, such as the "Road  
n, and the second and therefore redundant water treat-  
d Creek. For water security, Ashland must have another  
econd facility on the same creek, which is why we need to  
and-Phoenix Waterline Intertie Project instead.

for unnecessary goods and services, like hiring outside  
00 for an outside consultant to tell city staff how to inter-  
nning ordinances), authorizing exorbitant studies (e.g., a  
s for a "Vision Statement"), and buying new cars and lap-  
when the existing ones are still in their useful life.

ded social services, the only firm exceptions being (until  
estored to Ashland) bus passes for the homeless to travel  
overnment services, bus passes for those who cannot drive  
d, and the under aged), and utility aid and assistance for  
ho cannot afford to pay for their water and electricity.

mployee compensation and benefits to a level comparable

eated by these measures to pay off City debt. For example,  
million every year for AFN, and according to our City Ad-  
other 14 years to go before it is finally paid off.

### g on current and recent issues?

on: closing lanes on North Main (the "Road Diet"), closing  
designing the Plaza, building a second, redundant Ashland  
plant, adding City facilities and services for the homeless,  
ng, adding more parks, lighting the bike path, and buying  
and laptops etc. for City staff.

es" for: increasing downtown parking, restoring free Ash-  
san Market relocation, first come first serve sign ups for  
ng chickens, selling AFN/Ashland Home Net, constructing

of Ashland. He too is a well-known  
figure around town, having won the  
2008 mayoral race in a field of seven  
candidates. He previously served on  
the Ashland Planning Commission  
from 2005-2008.

He is "extremely proud" of his four  
years as mayor.

"We had things that needed to  
be done that had been stuck for  
the last ten years," Stromberg said.  
"The best example is the Ashland  
Forest Resiliency Project, which was  
a collaboration with Lomakatsi, the  
City and the Forest Service. Forest  
thinning in the watershed had been  
talked about for years, but we were  
finally able to get it done."

Stromberg also pointed to the  
City's master plan for water. "That,  
too, had been put off for years," he  
said. "In 2009 the City Council agreed  
to do a master plan for water, and I  
put together a diverse group of people  
on the Water Advisory Committee. It  
included strong advocates of the TAP  
(Talent-Ashland-Phoenix) Intertie  
project because I thought that issue  
was important."

What Stromberg would like to see  
is for the Intertie to be used only in  
emergencies. "I don't want to cede  
that much control over our water to  
the Medford Water Commission," he  
said. "We should build an emergency  
hookup to TAP, and when we need to  
use it, we bring in temporary pumps.  
The cost would be \$2 million as  
opposed to \$10 million."

Getting a new fire station  
built was another of Stromberg's  
accomplishments. "We put together  
a Public Safety Bond Committee  
that really clicked," he said. "They  
figured out how to do Firehouse #2 for  
significantly less money. The group  
had such high credibility that the  
voters passed it."

With a PhD in Business  
Administration from Cal and 27 years  
as an organization and management

consultant, Stromberg wants to  
continue using that expertise to keep  
the City on a sound financial footing.

"When I took office, I bugged the  
City Administrator about getting  
the City on a self-insurance plan  
for health care," he said. "We were  
anticipating a double-digit increase in  
our premiums. We found a different  
insurance company with the same  
benefits and saved a lot of money. In  
fact, because was usage was less, we  
actually got a rebate."

Stromberg is also proud of the  
relationships he has built with county  
and state government.

"JPR was in bad shape earlier  
this year, and when Gov. Kitzhaber  
was here for a visit, I approached  
him about getting involved," he said.  
"He agreed and after stepping in,  
things cooled down and we had new  
mediation talks."

As far as the Road Diet is  
concerned, Stromberg is an advocate  
and said it is a "year-long pilot test"  
with very specific criteria that will  
have to be met.

"When it was presented to us,  
they said it would improve traffic on  
North Main," he said. "There was a  
big outcry, but I met with the leaders  
of the opposition and went through  
every one of their objections. In the  
end, we agreed to do two things.  
First, we would fix the Wimer/Hersey  
intersection, which is something that's  
been on the drawing boards for a long  
time, and we would make the Road  
Diet a temporary test to see if it would  
work."

Stromberg supports a homeless  
resource center in Ashland. "I am going  
to select a group to put out invitations  
to nonprofit groups for proposals on a  
2-year grant from the City to get this  
thing moving," he said. "It's not just  
the transients on the Plaza. There are  
a lot of people in Ashland who can't  
meet their basic needs, and we need to  
help get them stabilized."

# WHO KILLED DAVE LEWIS

ASHLAND, OREGON



DAVE LEWIS WAS THE BEST  
FISHERMAN ON HYATT LAKE.

HIS LIFE WAS VIOLENTLY & BRUTALLY TAKEN. THE  
KILLERS BURNED 2 HOMES, THEY BURNED HIS BODY.  
THESE SICK MURDERERS NEED TO BE OFF OUR  
STREETS. PLEASE HELP!

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