

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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PROPERTY OWNERS DIVISION

Oregon Association of Realtors
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Welcome as a subscriber to the Property Owners Division of the Oregon Association of Realtors

You are the government. Your vote, your letter to a legislator or an editor, your discussions with other people, can make your views felt. Silence and inaction cannot.

It is a fact that so few citizens make the effort to communicate their views on issues to their legislators that your letter, telegram or phone call will carry much greater weight than just one voice in millions. This is as it should be. Your legislator knows that when you take the time and trouble to tell him your view, you are actively concerned. You will influence others in your voting district.

The Division was created by the Oregon Association of Realtors' Board of Directors, meeting at Eugene, Oregon, May 20, 1966 to give property owners and other interested persons information

concerning legislation, issues and actions which affect them directly.

Bulletins will be sent to you when there is important information you may not already have. This means they may be issued a month apart, a week apart, or every few days, depending on how closely events that need reporting follow each other. It could be especially true during the Legislative Session in Salem when bills are being introduced, considered and acted upon that you will receive bulletins closely spaced.

It is the divisions' intention to give you the facts so you can determine your own stand on issues -- and act.

"Freedom is a two-way street or it is a dead end and a dead issue. Freedom is the right to decide— not the decision itself. Freedom does not say that there is only one right choice. Freedom simply says there is a right to choose."

U.S. Senator Len Jordan
Idaho

SIX-POINT PROGRAM

To endeavor to advance the civic development and economic growth of the State of Oregon to work toward retaining individual right, economy in government, and balanced taxation, the Property Owners Division is undertaking a six-point program.

To conduct a program of education through press, radio, television, speakers bureaus, etc., to inform citizens of issues and actions affecting real property ownership, and the individual rights of those owners.

To work toward relieving real estate and real property owners from carrying a disproportionate share of the tax load.

To conduct research and compile statistics concerning real estate and tax problems in

Oregon, and help indicate their solution in a way which would eliminate undue hardship on any one segment of our population.

To work toward and encourage solutions to housing problems through private enterprise rather than through relying heavily on the use of public funds.

To support legislation and programs aimed at improving substandard housing, but which at the same time encourage individual enterprise and do not erode individual liberty.

To keep subscribers alerted concerning legislation and other matters affecting real estate and the property owner through an information service.

SOME DO'S AND DON'TS OF LETTER WRITING TO LEGISLATORS AND EDITORS

1. DO BE NATURAL — say it as you would to a friend, in your own words. Picking up arguments word for word from someone else can sound like "canned music" to a legislator or in a newspaper column.

2. DO BE BRIEF — Stick to the subject and give your views, and then stop. Legislators have meetings to attend; editors have only so much space available.

3. DON'T BE SARCASTIC — your object isn't to make the reader of your letter angry at you. It's to let him see the reasons for your views.

4. DO BE FACTUAL — Facts are like signposts. They say where you are and where you're going. Say, specifically how such legislation will affect you. Say what you like or don't like about it. Use the right name for the bill.

5. DO BE COURTEOUS — There are many opinions in the world, so attack the opinion if you don't agree with it, not the person. You're trying to give a viewpoint, to persuade, to instruct. Rudeness will get in your own way.

6. CHOOSE THE RIGHT TIME — Usually, right away. Legislators want to know your views while they're considering a bill. Editors, the saying goes, deal in news not history.

7. DON'T COVER TOO MUCH — Your letter should cover one subject only. More than that, it will sound like a checklist of instructions for the legislator. Editors only print letters on one subject.

8. DO SIGN YOUR LETTER — Give your full name and address. The opinions of people who hide behind anonymity usually can't stand the light of day, and will attract nothing but the waste basket.

LIST OF LEGISLATORS

Following, for your guidance, is a list of the elected representatives serving Oregonians in the Oregon Legislature and the United States Congress.

Letters should be addressed: The Honorable Joseph J. Jones
936 Maple Place
Anytown, Oregon

Dear Senator Jones:

Legislators are addressed as "Dear Representative or Senator,"

United States Representatives in Congress are addressed, "Dear Mr. Jones."

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A "Property Owners' Bill of Rights"

In 1789, the people of America were fearful that government might restrict their freedom. The first Congress of the United States, in that year, proposed a Bill of Rights.

The Bill of Rights, essentially, tells the Government what it cannot do. The statements comprise the first 10 amendments to the United States Constitution.

The Bill of Rights has had a profound impact upon the history of the world.

Forty million immigrants gave up much to come to this land, seeking something promised here--and only here. Many countries have abundant natural resources, vast vacant lands, and climate as good as America.

They came here for the promise of security--the promise of freedom--for the precious right to live as free men with equal opportunity for all.

In July of 1868, a new guarantee of freedom was ratified. Its purpose was to guard against human slavery. Its guarantees were for the equal protection of all.

This new guarantee of freedom is the 14th Amendment. It reads, in part, as follows:

"No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

The vital importance of these federal laws was reemphasized in a recent statement of the Chief Justice of the United States in which he urged the retention of "government of laws in preference to a government of men."

Today, the rights and freedoms of the individual American property owner are being eroded. This endangers the rights and freedom of all Americans. Therefore, a Bill of Rights to protect the American property owner is needed.

It is self-evident that the erosion of these freedoms will destroy the free enterprising individual American.

It is our solemn belief that the individual American property owner, regardless of race, color, or creed, must be allowed, under law, to retain:

1. The right of privacy.
2. The right to choose his own friends.
3. The right to own and enjoy property according to his own dictates.
4. The right to occupy and dispose of property without governmental interference in accordance with the dictates of his conscience.
5. The right of all equally to enjoy property without interference by laws giving special privilege to any group of groups.
6. The right to maintain what, in his opinion, are congenial surroundings for tenants.
7. The right to contract with a real estate broker or other representative of his choice and to authorize him to act for him according to his instructions.
8. The right to determine the acceptability and desirability of any prospective buyer or tenant of his property.
9. The right of every American to choose who in his opinion are congenial tenants in any property he owns -- to maintain the stability and security of his income.
10. The right to enjoy the freedom to accept, reject, negotiate, or not negotiate with others.

Loss of these rights diminishes personal freedom and creates a springboard for further erosion of liberty.