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To: CAS DeanStaff; CAS Unit Leaders; Salem Update Listserv
Subject: [Salem Update] Clarifications on candidate forum and ballot measureimpacts
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Attachments: 09-11 Budget Numbers.pdf
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Since sending out messages earlier this week I have received a number of questions that I hope can be resolved with this message:

October 15 Corvallis Chamber Candidate Forum, moderated by Dr. Bill Lunch

The Government Affairs Committee of the Benton Chamber Coalition is hosting a candidate forum to provide an opportunity to hear first-hand from candidates for local offices (Corvallis City Council and Benton County Commission).

Wednesday, October 15, 2008

Noon – Lunch is served

12:30 pm – Forum begins

Corvallis Country Club

1850 SW Whiteside Drive

Because OSU recently centralized its membership in the Chamber, this particular event will be free for those affiliated with OSU, including faculty, staff, emeriti, and students. Cost for the optional lunch, if desired, is still $15. The attached link (which now is functional) will enable you to sign up to attend the forum and purchase the lunch, if desired:

http://www.chamberorganizer.com/members/evr/regmenu.php?orgcode=CBCC

Once at the site, scroll down to **Candidate Forum 2008** and click on the "click here to register for this event" link.

I hope to see you there.

The Ballot Measures

I've heard that people were unable to open the attachment that provided information about how a number of ballot measures may affect revenues and spending for the 2009-11 biennium. With this e-mail I am attaching a PDF version of the graph that is also more legible when printed in black and white. I apologize for the inconvenience.

<<09-11 Budget Numbers.pdf>>

In addition, I have been asked, "What happens if voters approve both Measures 57 and 61 since they contain contradictory provisions." Both measures would mandate sentences for property crimes. One of the significant differences is that Measure 57 would require substance abuse treatment for some first time offenders. The measures have different financial impacts. As depicted on the attached graph, Measure 61 (sponsored by Kevin Mannix) is estimated to cost $249 million next biennium, compared to $152 million for Measure 57 (referred to voters by the legislature when it met earlier this year).

Polls appear to indicate that both measures are likely to pass. Under Measure 57, if BOTH measures pass in November, the measure that gets MORE votes will take effect. So, even if voters opt for both, they will only get the one they want more. This has caused a number of those who oppose all mandatory sentences to urge support for Measure 57 and opposition to Measure 61. They contend that it is better to support a "lesser evil" than to end up with a "worser" one. In other words, they contend a "no" vote on 57 amounts to a "yes" vote on 61 because voting "no" on 57 will make it less likely to receive enough votes to overtake Measure 61. Driving their efforts are the differing financial impacts.

Ah, to paraphrase Winston Churchill -- "Democracy is the worst form of government . . . except all the others that have been tried."

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