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Age: 47
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Pastor, hearing aid consultant
Education:
B.A. in religion, California Baptist

College; B.S. in electrical engineering, Portland State University
Public service: Chairman of governing board for NE Portland Home Schoolers and for OCEANetwork; unpaid lobbyist
Family: Wife, Cheryl; two adult children
Favorite leisure activity: Reading
Last book read: "Intelligent Design"

Why do you want this job? To champion limited government and quality education. To promote family and faith as the sources of answers to core human issues in our society. To advocate the appropriate separation of church and state while carefully articulating the inevitable connection of one's personal beliefs (philosophical or religious) and one's political judgments.
What is your most significant accomplishment in public service? I am proud to have played a role in establishing local and statewide home education organizations, and in fighting to maintain the freedom to educate at home. In pastoral work I have strengthened individuals and families, and have encouraged personal faith to be active in meeting needs in society.
What is the most important issue facing Oregon today, and how would you address it? The future of families and of our children. We must realize that core

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human issues (like education and welfare) have an important moral aspect, so society does not best address these through civil government. Family and faith must be unfettered, and the vision of limited government revitalized.
What specific proposal do you have for improving education in Oregon? The sorry state of school funding and the continual tug-of-war on moral issues demonstrate that the union of school and state is ill-conceived. Separating school and state will take time. Give tax credits for donations to qualifying voucher programs and scholarship organizations, transitional state vouchers for needy families.



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Public service: State senator, 1997-present; state representative, 1991-96; Portland Future Focus Policy Commission; chair, Portland Police Bureau Chief's Forum; former corrections professional
Family: Widowed, one adult child
Favorite leisure activity: Tai chi
Last book read: "Ethics for the New Millennium"

Why do you want this job? I am in agreement with one of my heroes, Marian Wright Edelman of the Children's Defense Fund, who says service is the rent that we all pay for living on this Earth. It is an honorable privilege to share skills, abilities and life experience through public service in the Legislature.

What is your most significant accomplishment in public service? I served as one of three chief petitioners on the ballot measure raising Oregon's minimum wage to the highest in the nation. At \$6.50 per hour, this is still not a living wage for families.

What is the most important issue facing Oregon today, and how would you address it? Children First for Oregon gives a C grade for investment in families. Sixteen percent of our children under age 18 live in poverty. Ten percent of children under age 18 lack health insurance. Solution: refundable earned-income tax credit; fully fund Head Start; insurance for all children now.

What specific proposal do you have for improving education in Oregon? After three successive legislative sessions, I was able to secure passage of SB 103, which directs the superintendent of public instruction to oversee efforts encouraging, developing and implementing multicultural curricula in all Oregon schools. This was critical to achieve as our population, including our classrooms, becomes more diverse.



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