



SALEM CITY CLUB

“Throw the politicians out! Wait, not my representative!”

Friday, October 13, 2006 | 11:45 – 1 p.m.
Mission Mill Dye House, 1313 Mill St. SE, Salem, OR

Reservations Required

Call 503.589.2975 or e-mail nelalind@aol.com by noon Tuesday, October 10

The community is welcomed and encouraged to join us!

Would legislative term limits mean fresh ideas and opportunities for greater participation, or would term limits damage the continuity and give lobbyists and bureaucrats greater power? Come hear what both sides have to say about this “hot” topic as Salem City Club hosts the opposition and the proponent of Measure 45 on Friday, October 13th at Mission Mill Dye House.

Term limits were extraordinarily popular in the 1990s. Only 13 of the 62 measures, voted on nationwide, failed. Oregon voters approved a constitutional amendment in 1992, by a 69-31 margin, intended to impose term limits on congressional offices, statewide offices, and legislative seats. But the Oregon Supreme Court subsequently ruled that invalid, because by including three different kinds of offices it violated the "one subject, separate vote" rule for constitutional amendments.

After a flurry of lawsuits nationwide, second votes, and legislative action, just 17 states are left with term limits for legislators. Lawmakers have been termed out in 11 of those states. In the remaining six, term limits have yet to take effect.

Ballot measure 45 amends the Oregon Constitution to put limits on legislators’ term of office. Existing law does not limit the number of years or terms that a person may serve in the Oregon Legislature. This measure provides that no person shall serve more than six years in the House of Representatives, eight years in the Senate, and no more than a total of 14 years in the Oregon Legislature. Ballot measure 45 includes all years of legislative service before the measure’s effective date. Legislators duly elected on or before January 1, 2007 would be allowed to complete their terms of office. The measure would prohibit current legislators from seeking reelection if service will cause that person to exceed limits.

Paul Farago, who supports Measure 45 will join us on the 13th. He volunteers as spokesperson for Measure 45 - **Restore Oregon's Term Limits**. He was a founding board member of the national term limits umbrella group U.S. Term Limits, serving from 1992-1997. He has been a board member of the national group Americans for Limited Government since 2002. Paul is a practicing licensed acupuncturist and has resided in SW Portland for 13 years. His prior experience is in small business, manufacturing, and management. He was an elected delegate to the 1986 White House Conference on Small Business.

The opposition to Measure 45 – **Oregonians for Voter Choice** - is leading the campaign against the measure. The organization promises us a well-qualified opposition speaker, but a name was not available at bulletin press time.

Be sure to join us in the Mission Mill Dye House on Friday, October 13th at noon, when we hear both sides to **“Throw the politicians out! Wait, not my representative!”**

When: Friday, October 13, 2006; 11:45 lunch | Noon Program
Where: Mission Mill Dye House, 1313 Mill St. SE, Salem, OR 97301
Contact: Carla Mikkelson, 503.589.2975
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Cost: Members: Full Fare Lunch \$13.50; Soup and Salad \$11.50; Beverage and Rolls \$5.00;
Non-members: additional \$3; No charge to attend program at noon