



## Measure 37: Where do we go from here?

Oregonians have been sparring over our **land use laws for years**, and we'll get a chance to examine the controversy at our Salem City Club program on May 11th.

Two leading legislators with sharply different views will debate concepts ranging from how stringently we should protect farm and forest lands from development to how vigorously we should protect the rights of property owners.

The most recent rounds in the struggle over land use laws started with the initiation and passage in 2004 of Measure 37, which required governments to either permit property owners to use their land as they could when they bought it, or compensate them for lost value. Now there are efforts in the Oregon Legislature to change that law, either slightly or substantially.

Our speakers will be **Rep. Greg Macpherson**, D-Lake Oswego, Co-Chair of the Joint Land Use Fairness Committee, and **Sen. Larry George**, R-Sherwood, a longtime leader of the organization that sponsored Measure 37. Both are second-generation legislators--- Macpherson's father, a Linn County Republican, was instrumental in passage of Oregon's landmark land use law (SB 100) back in 1973, and George is part of a father-and-son team in the Senate, where his father has served since 1997.

Macpherson is serving his third term in the House, representing a district in and around Lake Oswego since 2003. He grew up on a dairy farm in Linn County and left home to attend Harvard University and Georgetown Law School. He has practiced law with a large Portland law firm for the past 25 years, specializing in employee benefit issues. He has been listed in several editions of the book "Best Lawyers in America."

George is a newly-elected senator, representing a district that starts in Keizer and stretches north across three counties to Hillsboro and Forest Grove. He is the co-owner and founder of a Newberg firm that processes and markets hazelnuts worldwide. He served for more than 10 years as Executive Director of Oregonians in Action and worked with related political action committees that sponsored various property rights matters, including Measure 37. He has degrees in business and political science from Oregon State University, and has hosted talk show programs on two Portland radio stations.

We'll ask our speakers to tell us **where Oregon land use law should go from here**. We'll also give them a chance to question each other, and to respond to our questions. Don't miss it.

For lunch reservations email [nelalind@aol.com](mailto:nelalind@aol.com) or call 503-589-2975 before noon Tuesday, May 8, 2007. The community is welcomed and encouraged to join us! There is no charge to attend program at noon. Parking is free. Doors open at 11:30 AM. For more information on this program, about costs for different lunch options, and directions to the event, please go to [www.salemcityclub.com](http://www.salemcityclub.com).

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