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Oregon Legislators Address Priorities in an Era of Budgetary Shortfalls

guest speakers: Representative Kevin Cameron (R), District 19 and Representative Brian Clem (D), District 21

Our Legislative Ways and Means Co-Chairs Senator Margaret Carter and Representative Peter Buckley have now set a schedule to balance the 2009-2011 budget to cover a budget hole that will likely to grow above \$4 billion with the release of the May 15 revenue forecast. While the Legislature will be able to use federal stimulus dollars and state reserve funds to make up about \$2 billion of that deficit, our representatives are now beginning to consider what combination of budget cuts, and revenue increases will be needed to ultimately balance the budget.

As an Oregon citizen, you can weigh in on the budget balancing proposals at statewide public hearings that will begin April 20 in Lincoln City. The Legislature will conduct another round of hearings following the May 15 forecast.

Speaking to Salem City Club on Friday, April 24, about the priorities that will be vigorously debated over coming weeks are two of Salem's finest contributions to the Legislature:

Representative Kevin Cameron is dedicated to community and has made a lasting impact on Oregonians throughout the state. His leadership over several decades in the restaurant industry includes former positions as the Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Education Foundation Board of Trustees of the Oregon Restaurant Association (ORA).



Appointed to the 2005 Legislature, Kevin served on the Committee for Health and Human Services and the Committee for General Government. He was elected to his position in 2007 and served on the Judiciary Committee and the Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Safety. Kevin now serves on the Interim Judiciary Committee and the Business and Labor Committee.

Kevin has been happily married to Judith for 25 years. She works as a teacher assistant in the Salem-Keizer School System. Both of their daughters are pursuing higher education at Oregon State University.



Representative Brian Clem is a 5th generation Oregonian, born and raised in Coos Bay. After graduating from Oregon State, where he was student body president, he worked for Oregon State Senator Cliff Trow before moving on to work for United States Senator Ron Wyden.

Brian has been appointed by two governors to the Oregon Student Assistance Commission and was serving in his 4th term as its chair and his second term as President of the Salem City Club when he resigned to serve House District 21.

In 2000, Brian established his own small business, OnSite PC Help. Brian also co-owns and operates an 80-acre family fruit orchard with his wife Carol. They live in south Salem near McKinley Elementary School with their daughter Kohana and their dog Ooji.

Please join us at **noon, Friday, April 24th** to explore the challenges and opportunities facing our representatives at the 2009 Legislature, and invite others who want to contribute to this important conversation about Legislative priorities. For lunch reservations email salemcityclub@aol.com or call 503.589.2975 before noon Tuesday, April 21, 2009. The community is welcomed and encouraged to join us - there is no charge to attend the program at noon. Parking is free. Doors open at 11:30 AM. For more information on this program, and directions to the event, please go to www.salemcityclub.com.

When: Friday, April 24, 2009; 11:40 lunch | Noon Program
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