
From the Director

IT COMES AS NO SURPRISE that opponents of Oregon's planning program continue to dream up new ways to weaken our land use legacy.



While some may be disheartened by what can seem to be a never-ending defensive battle, I'm not nearly so gloomy.

The design of the latest attack, an initiative aimed at the November ballot, is a quiet admission by our opponents that the

majority of Oregonians support land use planning. Like its predecessor Measure 7, Initiative 36 avoids challenging land use planning directly. That's because Oregon voters have always supported our land use system when directly asked about it.

Because their extreme anti-planning agenda runs counter to public opinion, "Oregonians In Action" has resorted to sneak attacks on the program. We have managed to defeat, on the ballot or in the courts, their last four attempts. And we must defeat their latest attack as well.

It won't be easy. Or cheap. But if voters are adequately informed about the choice before them, we know that OIA's attacks will be rejected.

In the meantime, we're not just playing defense. In just the past two years, we have helped design an innovative plan for the Damascus region near Portland; worked with allies to find innovative transportation solutions around the state; launched a new advisory committee to help

us promote good development; and begun a three-year Coastal Futures Project to improve Oregon's coastal communities.

We've got our hands full. But our work to defeat Initiative 36 won't prevent us from continuing our work with citizens across the state — our work to keep Oregon a special place to call home, today and in the future.

Happy holidays.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Bob Stacey