

*Former OCCDC  
chairman calls for  
strong yes vote*

The former chairman of the Oregon Coast Conservation and Development Commission (OCCDC) Monday called the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) "one more stone around the neck of government."

Speaking to members of the 20 Miracle Miles Chamber of Commerce, Wilbur Ternyik, Florence, said the OCCDC's land use planning effort regarding the coast was not listened to strongly on the state level. The OCCDC was in existence for four years until it was superseded by the LCDC.

Advocating a "yes" vote on Ballot Measure No. 10, Ternyik said that goals established by the LCDC restrict the use of property. Each goal is a law, he continued, and cities must bring their comprehensive plans in compliance with state goals and guidelines.

"In Florence we have been told to change our plan, but the people do not want to."

Claiming the goals are "poorly written", Ternyik pointed out that all federal lands are excluded from present legislation.

Original intent of OCCDC was to control watersheds in estuaries, but since almost all watersheds are federally owned, the government is exempt from the law to protect the estuaries.

A city can be sued by any property owner, Ternyik said, yet who pays for the lawsuit? Citing the recent Port of Coos Bay matter before the LCDC, he said the lawsuit cost \$55,000 and the city still lost. "It's the taxpayers who must pay."

We do need wise land use planning, Ternyik said, and should have state support for planning at the local level. But we should not be dominated by the state.

He emphasized that the LCDC has not conducted one coastal inventory required under the goals and guidelines. "It is beyond me how they can plan without doing any inventories," he said.

If people do not vote strongly enough to repeal Senate Bill 100, no amendments to the legislation may be enacted, Ternyik stressed.

Noting that a strong commitment from the Governor's office that a good set of amendments, such as the League of Oregon Cities is proposing, would be enacted, he said his opinion may change.

But, people who oppose LCDC have been branded by the Governor as "dirty developers or selfish persons," Ternyik said.

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**Yes on 10**

Wilbur Ternyik, Florence, former chairman of the Oregon Coastal Conservation and Development Commission, urged Chamber of Commerce members to vote yes on Ballot Measure No. 10 at a luncheon meeting Monday. (Staff photo)