

Bill Friedman's City Council Campaign Picks Up Pace

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The race for Bend city council position 6 began in earnest Monday as incumbent Bill Friedman launched a website at www.billforbend.com and a new commercial featuring Bend's new bus system and Friedman's role in establishing it. In the commercial, running on network and cable in the Central Oregon region, two city councilors, Jim Clinton and John Hummel express support for Friedman: Bill Friedman "I give Friedman the credit," says Hummel. "We were a pretty divided council and he brought us together." The web site features the ad and also ways for supporters to donate and volunteer. A page on "Bill as Mayor" lays out Friedman's goals for his next term. Friedman was appointed in 1997 to fill a vacancy and has been re-elected in 1998 and 2002. He has served as Mayor, a position appointed by the councilors themselves, during 2000-2002 and 2004-2006. According to financial reports filed last week with the city, Friedman's opponent, Clint Chick had received a donation of advertising worth over \$20,000 from the PAC of the Central Oregon Builders Association.

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