Public Invited to Home Rule Charter Luncheon Meeting

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On Thursday, October 5, 2006, the public is invited to attend an informational luncheon meeting on the Deschutes County Home Rule Charter proposal that will be on the ballot this November. A home rule charter is like a constitution for the County which would allow changes in the structure of County government, i.e. changing the number of commissioners from three to five, having the commission elections be nonpartisan like the Sheriff and the Clerk, electing the commissioners by geographic districts instead of countywide, etc.

Ed Fitch, Deschutes County Home Rule Charter Committee Chair, will speak in favor of the Charter proposal, while Lee Smith, former Home Rule Charter Committee member, will speak in opposition to the charter proposal. Each will give a 15-20 minute presentation and then there will be time for questions from the audience.

The luncheon will be held at the Hong Kong Restaurant on the corner of SE Third and Wilson in Bend. There will be a Chinese buffet available which will range in cost from $4.75 to $7.45 depending on the number of items selected, however there will also be sandwich and salad specials available for those wishing American food. The luncheon will start at 11:30 a.m. with the speakers beginning at noon.

The League of Women Voters of Oregon is a grassroots, nonpartisan political organization which encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government in order to build better communities statewide.

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