



## **Letters to the Editor, March 2**

### **Vote yes**

I urge a yes vote on the recall ballot. An engaged democracy requires an informed citizenry. We can only fulfill our responsibilities to our city when we are adequately notified about issues.

To expect people to search all departmental websites for information on decisions that affect our community is untenable. Such expectations violate the spirit of the Oregon Public Meetings Law. We are fortunate to have a responsive community newspaper that was not informed of agenda items relating to APRC's pending decisions about the Ashland Senior Center in August 2017.

I was startled to discover that radical changes were being launched without major discussions and input from our citizens. APRC commissioners acted inappropriately, asserting their citizen-granted powers in a surreptitious way.

I strongly disagree with the values demonstrated by the APRC commissioners. I was appalled that APRC dismantled the Senior Center, claiming the "need" for a \$75,000 cost recovery over two years. This number was based on a study that cost the city \$40,000 and was presented only days before the APRC announced a park study costing \$230,000. Alert city officials to respect a process that includes adequate notification of government decision-making and runaway budget issues.

Let's hold our officials accountable by voting yes on the recall!

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