

## ENERGY

Vic Atiyeh actively supports alternative energy sources as the long-range solution to Oregon's energy supply needs.

"As Governor I will support a program of additional incentives encouraging homeowners and businesses to conserve energy. My years in the governor's office will be known for more emphasis on alternative energy research and development, especially in the area of solar space heating, and geothermal energy potential."

Energy resources are vital to the citizens of Oregon. Without adequate energy, jobs and dollars will be lost. Vic Atiyeh believes that the stopgap approaches to energy needs used so far will not solve the energy supply problem.

"I support a regional power plan which will help reduce utility rates for Oregonians. I supported the DRPA plan (Domestic Rural Power Authority) and I feel it represents an admirable attempt to establish a regional power system. I am worried this plan will be tied up with court challenges, and will not really lead us to a long-term solution of the problem."

## ENVIRONMENT

Considered a strong supporter of responsible environmental legislation, Vic Atiyeh gained a 26 out of 30 rating by the Oregon Environmental Council in 1977.

He wrote Oregon's water quality law (1967) which pioneered the concept you must have a "permit to emit" and set up compliance schedules of accomplishment for industry as well as incentives to get the job done. Later (1969) he wrote our air quality law using the same philosophy.

"Oregon has the finest environmental law in the nation. I am proud of my responsible environmental record. Strict hysterical environmentalists think I am easy on industry. Those who would abuse our resources think I am too tough. It is the balance of these issues I have supported for 20 years."

## GUN CONTROL

Vic Atiyeh is absolutely opposed to any form of gun control.

"It is fuzzy thinking when some people say that taking away citizen's guns or registering their firearms would prevent crime! These people are trying to solve a complex problem with a simple answer."

Vic Atiyeh has some positive ideas on this subject.

"Instead of registering firearms we should make the use of a firearm as part of a crime a more serious offense. Whenever a firearm was used as part of a crime a separate charge for use of a gun should be filed. This separate crime should have additional penalties. This type of law would hurt the criminal using a gun, not the average citizen."

## AGRICULTURE

Vic Atiyeh, always a friend of the agricultural community, is consistently endorsed by the major agricultural groups in Oregon. His own senate district includes a large amount of agricultural land.

"The responsibility to provide needed food and fiber for Oregonians and people throughout the world falls on Oregon's farmers and ranchers. Government should help them do their job, not force them into unworkable situations."

Vic Atiyeh has supported a reasonable and responsible position on field burning legislation.

"I supported the legislative limitation proposed during the last legislature. I am concerned that no alternative crop has surfaced, and no machine or chemical treatment works on this problem. As governor I will push for a solution to this problem which will maintain air quality standards without damaging this important agricultural resource."



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## TRANSPORTATION

Oregon's roads will be a high priority for Vic Atiyeh.

"I propose we petition the federal government to apply matching highway funds outside the interstate system, to states which have completed most of that system within their borders."

Vic Atiyeh will work within existing limitations and stress work on needed road repairs, not new highways.

Vic Atiyeh believes mass transit must first have the support of the local community it serves, before help from the state is even considered.

"It is irresponsible to force people into buses, stop freeway construction, rip out parking, block entrances to freeways and offer exclusive freeway lanes, without local support and reasonable alternatives for automobile owners."

## FOREST MANAGEMENT

Vic Atiyeh is fed up with our forests being managed by politicians in Washington D.C.

"Forest revenue from Oregon is sent to Congress where they decide what is good for forests in Oregon. The current record is clear, they don't know anything about forest management."

Atiyeh proposes that the State of Oregon take over management of commercial forest lands in Oregon.

The Atiyeh plan would not effect Wilderness Areas, and it would not eliminate the fine work and contribution being made by professional foresters living in Oregon and working for the Forest Service. It would not change the formula for distribution of revenue to Oregon counties. It would provide for better forest management in Oregon.

## PUBLIC EDUCATION

In 1973 Vic Atiyeh introduced two bills (Senate Bills 1 and 2) to establish goals for education and describe a basic education.

"We must determine how much we want our schools to do. Today schools seem to do everything; feed children, give them psychological care and care for physical needs. Citizens in school districts should decide what the duties of their school system are. This should be an overt decision, not a casual one."

Atiyeh feels we should put more emphasis on elementary grades 1 through 4.

"It's in the lower grades our children learn the basics which set the foundation for the rest of their education. I want to turn Oregon children on to education in the very beginning."

Vic Atiyeh supports raising the level of basic school support, within fiscal limitations, up to 50%.

## ABORTION

Vic Atiyeh has always been against unrestricted abortion. He fought the abortion bill in the Legislature, spoke against it and voted against it. It is now part of Oregon law. Vic Atiyeh is sworn to uphold this Oregon law.

"Current Oregon law does permit abortion on demand. The Supreme Court has ruled that this law is valid. It is totally wrong to say that women who have money may have abortions, but those who are on welfare may not. The state should not block this law by withholding state funding."

Atiyeh puts strict limits on his support of state funding of welfare abortions. He believes the state has a major responsibility in this area.

"It is proper that public funds for this purpose be severely restricted to a narrow set of circumstances, and that alternatives to abortion be explained to the expectant mother."

It's time for  
**Atiyeh!**



Vic Atiyeh is a twenty-year veteran of the Oregon Legislature from Beaverton. After serving three terms in the House of Representatives, Vic was elected to the State Senate where he is serving his fourth four-year term. His colleagues have elected him Senate Republican Leader for the last three legislative sessions.

Atiyeh's career includes long service on the revenue, education, and environment committees. He is a nationally recognized expert on taxation, traffic safety, education, and local government.

Vic led the fight for the Oregon beach bill, water and air quality legislation, laws protecting the rights of senior citizens and the handicapped, and Oregon's now famous bottle bill.

Vic Atiyeh has a twenty-year legislative record dealing with the important issues. His positions are part of the public record. To help inform Oregonians on Vic's stand, this publication provides a capsule of information on each issue. Much of this information is provided in the form of direct quotes from Vic Atiyeh.

#### TAXES AND GOVERNMENT SPENDING

When Vic Atiyeh began his campaign for governor he announced that the number one issue facing Oregonians today was property tax relief. While others ignored the problem, Atiyeh was addressing property tax relief, state spending, and a general lack of leadership in the governor's office.

"Oregonians have watched their taxes soar, they have seen the state bureaucracy grow, and they have seen more and more decisions made by the state rather than their local government. To all this, Oregonians see no end in sight."

Vic Atiyeh introduced a bill in 1977 to return the \$170 million surplus to the people. He sponsored a bill to soften the effect of inflation on our income taxes by indexing this tax to the inflation rate. He introduced a special memorial to Congress asking the federal government to operate within a balanced budget, something Oregon must now do.

This all happened nearly two years ago. Now Oregon leaders agree they were good ideas and the bills should have been passed. Vic Atiyeh has been working for nearly 20 years to get your money's worth from your tax dollar.

"Decisions need to be made between the essential and the desirable services of government. The essential nature of police and fire protection, education and basic human and health services is clear. A governor must lead the public discussion of priorities for the desirable but not always necessary services."

Vic Atiyeh believes one of the basic problems in government is the philosophy of leadership held by many of our leaders today. They seem to feel government is a separate entity, divorced from the people.

"Government and the people are much too rapidly becoming two separate entities. Our form of government has widened the gap between itself and the people it is supposed to serve. This can no longer be tolerated. Government, during my administration, will no longer be isolated from the people. The people's priorities will be my priorities."

Today Oregon needs a leader who listens to the people and identifies their problems. It's time for a leader who is concerned about our tax dollars. Vic Atiyeh is that leader.

#### CRIME — CORRECTIONS

Vic Atiyeh has called for a new philosophical approach to the corrections dilemma.

"We need to start a new war on crime, by stressing the positive aspects of keeping potential criminals out of the corrections system in the first place."

Atiyeh knows that the cost of keeping potential criminals out of the corrections system is only a fraction of the cost to the state of keeping a prisoner in the system.

"All of us must change our obsession from what we do with the criminal once we get them, to an equal or stronger obsession with keeping people out of the system."

Vic Atiyeh will emphasize positive programs through youth groups, athletics, churches, schools and family. Programs to keep people from becoming criminals in the first place.

Atiyeh supports community corrections facilities as part of our corrections system, only if local communities support the decision to locate in their area.

Atiyeh supports the death penalty in the form suggested by Oregon Ballot Measure 8.

"I do not want to take a life, I want to save a life. With a special protective judicial system for people facing the death penalty, and limitations on which crimes would involve a death penalty, I feel it will save innocent lives."

#### HUMAN RESOURCES

Vic Atiyeh has always shown a deep concern for people: for their health, their welfare, their education, and their safety. The largest number of bills sponsored by Atiyeh are in the areas of health and mental health. For Atiyeh, people always have priority.

"State government should meet the more essential and urgent human needs before moving on to the less pressing needs. Currently there is no system for setting priorities in human resource programs. Either the loudest voice or the chance for federal funds dictates our decision."

The handicapped have had a champion in the Oregon Legislature for the last 20 years. Vic Atiyeh sponsored legislation that required ramps, lifts, and other aids for handicapped persons in public buildings. He fought for guarantees of public education for handicapped children.

Vic Atiyeh wants to help people who need help. He believes more emphasis should be placed on work incentive programs and other self-help plans.

"Oregonians have always been sensitive to the needs of the desperately poor. We will always respond with compassion to those who require support. However, citizens of this state are totally unwilling to share their hard earned dollars with the 'voluntarily poor'."

Because welfare abuses hurt everyone, Atiyeh favors strict enforcement of eligibility requirements.



#### LAND USE

"Let's change the governor not the law. The problem is not with land use law, the problem is the methods used by the governor and the LCDC to implement the law."

Vic Atiyeh does not support Ballot Measure 10. He believes this measure is not an answer to the problem.

"I support and have always supported land use planning. What I do not support and have fought for years is the way our land use laws are implemented by the LCDC."

Vic Atiyeh has been the moderate voice in the land use issue in Oregon. He was chairman of the sub-committee which modified land use laws to include even more local control.

#### JOBS AND THE ECONOMY

Vic Atiyeh will as governor put "Oregon First." "I will encourage industry to locate in Oregon, but I will first put the power of the governor's office behind support and expansion help for existing Oregon industries."

Atiyeh knows that any industry moving to Oregon or adding new facilities has to be a clean industry because it has to work within Oregon's tough environmental laws.

"Industry in Oregon will be clean and will work within the law. I know our environmental law, I know it in detail and in depth, because I was a major author of Oregon's clean air and clean water legislation."

Atiyeh will encourage industry to grow and thus provide jobs for Oregonians.

#### OLCC

Vic Atiyeh does not favor abolishment of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. He has expressed concern over the tragedy of broken homes and highway deaths which can be attributed to increased sales of alcohol in states without control agencies.

"The scandal and shake-up within the OLCC was bound to happen. The cover-up activities which followed showed extremely bad judgment by the governor and OLCC administrators."

Vic Atiyeh wants to see the OLCC do a better job under a new governor.

"I would separate the license granting and law enforcement activities of the OLCC. In addition, I propose removal of arbitrary license quotas with local government given the final issuance decision."

#### NUCLEAR POWER

Vic Atiyeh has extensive experience in the field of nuclear energy. He has participated in most of the legislative hearings in which critical decisions on nuclear energy were made. He is well informed on the safety issue associated with nuclear energy plants and he is aware of Oregon's growing energy needs.

"I favor continued operation of the Trojan Nuclear plant and I believe the Pebble Springs facility is necessary to meet the growing energy needs of Oregon."

Vic Atiyeh does not think nuclear power alone can solve our long-term energy problems.

"Long-term, for our children's futures, I believe we need to look to other areas for our energy resources. Right now, we should be committing resources to the development of feasible solar, geothermal, windpower and other forms of energy-producing facilities."

#### MARINE RESOURCES

Vic Atiyeh believes we should spend more time working to increase the amount of fish available to commercial and sport fishermen, and less time fighting over the fish we have.

"I will fight for the goal of increasing both hatchery and wild production so that Oregon's rivers and streams are producing the maximum number of fish possible."

Vic Atiyeh proposes a comprehensive plan beginning with a complete review of programs, distribution practices and hatchery needs. He would like to see rehabilitation of the spring chinook run in the McKenzie River, increasing the salmon and steelhead runs on the Clackamas River through hatchery improvements, and development of the Willamette River steelhead and salmon production program as a start.

"Increased fish production is what the sport fisherman and the commercial fisherman is looking for. With their support and the help of technical experts, we will be able to utilize this resource more effectively."