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## HONEST, LOW PROFILE

### SENATOR ATIYEH FAVORED IN GOVERNORS RACE

HE IS MILD MANNERED, SOFT SPOKEN AND SINCERE.

HE DOES'T COME ON LIKE SO MANY IN POLITICS, STANDING THERE IN FRONT OF A BATTERY OF MICROPHONES TELLING PEOPLE IN A VOICE SEVERAL DECIBELS HIGHER THAN NORMAL WHAT HE IS GOING TO DO TO "PUT GOVERNMENT BACK ON ITS FEET." AND THEN, AFTER HE HAS STIMULATED THE CROWD INTO WHISTLING, CLAPPING AND STOMPING, GIVE THEM THE "BIG V FOR VICTORY SIGN", FIREWORKS AND MISCELLANEOUS RAZZLE DAZZLE.

HE DOESN'T WHIRL INTO TOWN WITH AN ENTOURAGE OF AIDES, SPEECH WRITERS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS MEN, RUNNING HITHER AND THITHER, ALL LOOKING IMPORTANT AND IMPRESSIVE.

THESE ATTRIBUTES SHOULD WORK TO HIS ADVANTAGE. HIS NAME, WHICH IS HARD TO GET A HANDLE ON, MAY NOT.

BUT AFTER SEEING HIM IN ACTION AND HEARING HIS VIEWS ON THE MOST IMPORTANT SUBJECTS CONFRONTING THE PEOPLE OF OREGON TODAY, WE BELIEVE VICTOR ATIYEH WOULD MAKE AN EXCELLENT GOVERNOR.

"ATIYEH IS CONSERVATIVE," ALTHOUGH HE CALLS HIMSELF DELIBERATE. "HE SEES GOVERNMENT AS THE PROBLEM SOLVER OF LAST RESORT. HE'D MUCH PREFER TO ENCOURAGE THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO SOLVE PROBLEMS. WHEN THAT FAILS HE IS WILLING TO SUPPORT GOVERNMENT ACTION BUT ONLY ON A SLOW, METHODICAL AND VERY CAUTIOUS BASIS."

HE IS FAIR MINDED ON ENVIRONMENT AND HELPED TO WRITE THE ORIGINAL ENVIRONMENT BILL SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

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SENATOR ATIYEH, WITH SIXTEEN YEARS IN THE LEGISLATURE BEHIND HIM, FAVORS LOCAL CONTROL; THAT A COMMUNITY SHOULD MAKE THE DECISIONS IT HAS TO LIVE WITH.

WE SUFFER, HE SAYS, FROM TOO MUCH BUREAUCRACY. HE WON'T GET MUCH OF AN ARGUMENT FROM VERY MANY OF US ON THAT SCORE.

WE HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED, TOO, WITH HIS ABILITY TO LISTEN AND THAT SAYS ALOT FOR A PERSON IN POLITICS. "I TRY TO STUDY AN ISSUE CAREFULLY, TALK TO PEOPLE AND GET THEIR IDEAS,"HE SAID HERE THIS PAST WEEK.

REPUBLICANS WILL FIND ATIYEH HONEST AND INTELLIGENT, WELL VERSED IN THE HISTORY, ECONOMICS AND GEOGRAPHY OF THE STATE. AS GOVERNOR, ATIYEH WOULD BE A CREDIT TO OREGON, THE ONE PERSON RUNNING TODAY BEST QUALIFIED TO ADMINISTER THE EXECUTIVE ABILITY THE OFFICE DEMANDS.

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