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PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFUL BIDEN
COMES TO PORTLAND FOR AuCOIN

PORTLAND, Oregon, October 20 -- Presidential hopeful Joe Biden will visit Portland Wednesday, October 22, to campaign for First District Congressman Les AuCoin.

"Les AuCoin is one of the most effective Congressmen in the House," Biden said. "He has proven this time and time again, in his fight against the nuclear waste dump at Hanford, in his fight for the Columbia River Gorge, and in his efforts to stop waste, fraud and abuse at the Pentagon. He has enormous influence -- and he knows how to use it to get results for Oregon."

Biden, a Senator from Delaware, will appear with AuCoin at AuCoin's Birthday Spaghetti Feed. The traditional event is scheduled to coincide with AuCoin's 44th birthday, and is being billed as "our biggest birthday bash, ever."

The spaghetti feed starts at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Catlin Gabel School in Portland.

"You're going to be hearing a lot more about Joe Biden," AuCoin said. "He's a rising young star in the Democratic Party, and is one of the fresh, new presidential hopefuls for 1988. Sue and I are delighted that Joe will be able to join us Wednesday night."

Although he is only 43, Biden has served longer in the U.S. Senate than two-thirds of its other 99 members. First elected to the Senate in 1972, he is now 29th in seniority. Biden serves on two of the Senate's most important, powerful and prestigious committees -- Judiciary, where he is the ranking Democrat, and Foreign Relations, where he is the No. 2 Democrat on the committee.

A former trial lawyer, Biden has been active in developing legislation to deal with the nation's crime problems, particularly the problem of illegal drug trafficking. He is widely recognized as one of the Senate's leading foreign policy experts and is generally in the forefront of debates on such critical issues as NATO, U.S.-Soviet relations and the Middle East."

"I'm a fighter, and so is Les AuCoin," Biden said. "Les' motto is 'Oregon First.' That's why he continues to work effectively for his constituents."

The Catlin Gabel School is located at 8825 SW Barnes in Portland.

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