

TRUTH vs. LIES

In their desperate campaign either to control my office or drive me from it, four county commissioners and their mysterious backers have flat-out lied. You deserve some straight answers.

LIE: "4-123 will make him the highest salaried district attorney in the state of Oregon." --Richard Lee, 10/19/07

TRUTH: I (and 13 others) am the lowest-paid DA in the state. 4-123 will mandate a salary supplement similar to the one paid in 23 other Oregon counties and in Clatsop County for the last 12 years. 4-123 sets a minimum and a maximum amount. At the minimum supplement, I will rank 17 out of 36 in pay. At the maximum, 10 out of 36.

LIE: "4-123 takes away local oversight by our budget committee officials and makes the DA totally unaccountable to you." -- Richard Lee, 10/19/07

TRUTH: I am accountable to the people every day in court, and every four years at the ballot box. 4-123 has no effect on the annual budget process which I have and will continue to follow.

LIE: "Marquis does not now, nor would he... provide any service or work to Clatsop County in return for this supplemental pay." -- Richard Lee, Patricia Roberts, Ann Samuelson, 10/19/07

TRUTH: I am a county department head entirely responsible for hiring, training and managing the largest law firm in the county, with 6 lawyers and 11 support staff. I administer \$1.3 million of your county tax dollars and, through frugal management, have each year returned tens of thousands of those dollars to the general fund.

LIE: "Despite having three years to prepare for these [performance measurement] requirements, Marquis has not complied. -- Richard Lee, Patricia Roberts, Ann Samuelson, 10/19/07

TRUTH: I have provided every piece of information ever requested by the Commissioners or the County Manager – I have asked since April to meet with the commissioners in any forum they prefer. Now they are wasting thousands of your tax dollars to hide behind a Portland lawyer -- all to avoid sitting down to talk with me, your elected District Attorney.