

Ashland City Council - Environmental Vote Descriptions - 2005-2008

Protecting Our Watershed (vote 1)

Motion protects City of Ashland and its residents from potential environmental and financial damages from proposed Mt. Ashland Ski Area expansion into headwaters of Ashland Creek's middle branch, a source of city drinking water. This vote covers liability for restoration, encourages rehabilitation and requires a business plan prior to starting expansion. Protection of the watershed is assured by a Quality Assurance/Quality Control Team.

Passed 4-2 on 9/6/05

YES is the pro-environment vote.

Green Development

The Earth Advantage program allows density bonuses for development that meets higher efficiency and conservation standards. Motion subsidizes Earth Advantage construction but requires developers of 5 or more homes to pay the fees upfront. Ensures City's Conservation Department does not pay fees for developers requesting the subsidy but not finishing construction.

Passed 5-1 on 3/7/06

YES is the pro-environment vote.

Water Conservation

Motion directs City staff to schedule an update process for the Conservation element of the City Comprehensive Plan. The Conservation element of the Comprehensive Plan is 17 years old and needs updating to current standards and technology.

Passed 3-2 on 5/2/06

YES is the pro-environment vote.

Protecting Our Watershed (vote 2)

Motion requests that the US Forest Service deal directly with City of Ashland on Mount Ashland issues. Motion

also asks the Mt. Ashland Association to send required information to the City regarding expansion. Motion reaffirms that the City will ensure that operations of ski area are environmentally responsible.

Passed 6-0 on 10/3/06

YES is the pro-environment vote.

Clean Drinking Water

Motion bans adding medications to City drinking water.

Passed 5-1 on 11/7/06

YES is the pro-environment vote.

City Forest Management

Motion approves a no-bid contract for management of City owned forest lands to a local company without review by the City's Forest Lands Commission. Forest Lands Commission members are citizen experts on forest management. Their input is essential to ensuring that sound conservation principles are included in City forest contracts.

Passed 4-3 on 4/17/07

NO is the pro-environment vote.

Affordable Mass Transit

Motion eliminates reduced fair passes for Ashland Public School students, seniors, and the disabled. City has underwritten bus and paratransit fares within Ashland on Rogue Valley Transportation District (RVTD) Route 10 and Valley Lift for many years. Subsidy pays for 86 reduced fare passes.

Failed 2-4 on 7/17/07

NO is the pro-environment vote.

Protecting our Watershed (vote 3)

On July 18, 2007, a 3-2 majority of the council (with one councilor absent) voted to require City staff to

negotiate away the City's Special Use Permit for the Mt. Ashland Ski Area. By doing so, the city would lose its leverage to ensure Mt. Ashland is operated responsibly. On September 4th, with all councilors and the Mayor present, a motion was made to rescind the July vote. By rescinding the July vote, the city would stop any effort to negotiate away its authority in this area.

Failed 3-4 on 9/4/07

YES is the pro-environment vote.

Solar Pioneer II

The Solar Pioneer II project allows Ashland residents interested in renewable energy but without good solar access at their own home to "buy into" a City solar panel. Vote approves construction of the solar panels for the project.

Passed 4-2 on 2/19/08

YES is the pro-environment vote.

Protecting Old Growth Forests

Resolution establishes City Council's opposition to increased old-growth logging. Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center requests City Council adopt a resolution opposing the federal government's preferred alternative for the BLM's Western Oregon Plan Revisions (WOPR). The WOPR is a Bush administration plan to open up public reserves to massive new logging.

Passed 6-0 on 5/6/08

YES is the pro environment vote.



Ashland City Council Environmental Scorecard 2005-2008

Issue	John Morrison* Mayor	David Chapman	Alice Hardesty	Cate Hartzell	Kate Jackson	Eric Navickas	Russ Silbiger	Alex Amarotico**	Jack Hardesty**
Protecting Ashland's Watershed (vote 1)	did not vote	+	not in office	+	-	not in office	+	-	+
Green Development	did not vote	+	not in office	+	+	not in office	+	+	-
Water Conservation	did not vote	-	not in office	+	-	not in office	+	absent	+
Protecting Ashland's Watershed (vote 2)	did not vote	+	+	+	+	not in office	+	+	not in office
Clean Drinking Water	did not vote	+	+	+	-	not in office	+	+	not in office
City Forest Management	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	not in office	not in office
Affordable Mass Transit	did not vote	-	+	+	-	+	+	not in office	not in office
Protecting Ashland's Watershed (vote 3)	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	not in office	not in office
Solar Pioneers II	did not vote	-	+	+	+	+	-	not in office	not in office
Protecting Old Growth Forests	did not vote	+	+	+	+	+	+	not in office	not in office
Total	0%	50%	100%	100%	40%	100%	70%	75%	67%

+ = PRO-ENVIRONMENT VOTE

- = ANTI-ENVIRONMENT VOTE

* Mayor John Morrison is required to vote only when it is necessary to break a tie vote.

** Not currently in office.

The Environmental Scorecard is designed to provide voters with information to separate true stewards of Ashland's environment from those who just talk about it.

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Did your City Councilor vote to protect our land, air, and water?



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