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## **Former Lane County Commissioner Bobby Green Hired to Fight for County Mental Health and Addictions Services in What Promises to Be a Strange, Challenging Legislative Session**

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(SALEM) - "Bobby is our fresh arm in a fight that's been going for several sessions now," said Gina Nikkel, Executive Director of the Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs. "We are going to need every bit of his considerable talent and expertise at the Capitol this session to help law makers understand what the Governor's Recommended Budget will mean for both the new Oregon State Hospital and our jails and prisons."

The Governor's Recommended Budget includes a 17.62% cut to community mental health services despite the warning in the Governor's own State Hospital Master Plan Phase II report that "Without enhanced community programming, demand for Oregon State Hospital (OSH) beds will substantially exceed projections of size and cost."

A similarly surprising recommendation is the 82.78% cut to adult alcohol and drug treatment when Oregonians just this November approved Ballot Measure 57 to increase the availability of these services to people once their addictions land them in our jails and prisons.

Former Lane County Commissioner Bobby Green's rich and diverse background in public service and the private sector bring an unparalleled knowledge and credibility to his advocacy for community-based services.

Prior to first being elected to the Lane County Board of Commissioners in November, 1994, Mr. Green had worked in the private sector as a Real Estate and consumer mortgage lender and sales manager. A graduate of the University of Oregon, Mr. Green is also noted for his years as a member of the Duck football team when Dan Fouts was quarterback.

Mr. Green has served as a Eugene City Councilor, a member of the City of Eugene Human Rights Commission, a member of the Lane County Convention and Visitors Association board and a member of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials Association (NBCLEO).

During his tenure as a Lane County Commissioner, Mr. Green was active with the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) where he served as President, member of the Executive Committee, Legislative Committee and chair of the Human Services Committee. Governor Kulongoski appointed Mr. Green to co-chair the Task Force on Federal Forest Payments and County Services and he was co-chair of a joint task force on Court Facilities with the Oregon Chief Justice and President of the Oregon State Bar.

Mr. Green found time to serve the National Association of Counties (NACo) as a member of the NACo Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee and Corrections Subcommittee.

As Lane County Commissioner, Mr. Green served as chair of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Advisory Committee, Human Services Commission, Metropolitan Policy Committee, Lane County Policies and Procedures, Commission on Children and Families (alt.), Roads Advisory Committee, Community Action Advisory Committee, Fair Board, Public Safety Coordinating Council, Housing Policy Board; Lane County Region 2 Representative / Oregon Department of Transportation.

In his spare time, Mr. Green served as chair of the Eugene-Springfield NAACP, chair of Community Response, board member of the Boys and Girls Club, Bethel Temple Faith Ministries. Calling upon his experience as a Pac 10 football player, Mr. Green also served a Head Coach of the JV and Varsity at Marist High School. Mr. Green and his wife Searsy are the parents of three sons and one grandson. Mr. and Mrs. Green reside in Eugene.

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