

# CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## Study Session Worksheet

**Presentation Date:** 7/22/2014 **Approx Start Time:** 11:00 a.m. **Approx Length:** 30 Min

**Presentation Title:** NCPRD Potential Ballot Title Language

**Department:** North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District

**Presenters:** Gary Barth, Chris Storey

**Other Invitees:** NCPRD Senior Management Team and Advisors: Laura Zentner, Jerone Kok, Carl Switzer, Karen Tolvstad.

### **WHAT ACTION ARE YOU REQUESTING FROM THE BOARD?**

Board feedback on draft ballot title language for subsequent inclusion in a board order to be considered at a public hearing to be held August 7.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The BCC, as the boundary authority of Clackamas County, is considering referring reformation of NCPRD to the voters under new governance and at a higher permanent rate. As part of that referral, the Board would include ballot language regarding the question in a board order that would be adopted at the August 7 public hearing. The Board has asked to review draft ballot language (attached).

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (current year and ongoing):**

None.

### **LEGAL/POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

Election law limits the number of words that may be used in certain elements of the ballot, and require certain information to be presented. Word limits for the sections are noted on the draft as presented.

### **PUBLIC/GOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION:**

The public will have opportunity to comment on the ballot language at the August 7 public hearing if desired. The ballot, like all others, is open to challenge for a period of 15 days per state law.

### **OPTIONS:**

1. Direct staff to present current ballot language on August 7.
2. Direct staff to present modified ballot language on August 7.

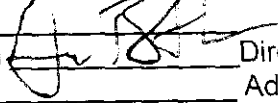
### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff respectfully requests the BCC provide direction on desired wording for ballot language.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

DRAFT Ballot language

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Division Director/Head Approval \_\_\_\_\_  
Department Director/Head Approval  Director NCPRD  
County Administrator Approval \_\_\_\_\_ Administrator NCPRD

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CAPTION: REFORM NORTH CLACKAMAS PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT WITH INDEPENDENT GOVERNANCE

QUESTION: Shall NCPRD be reformed with independently elected board under ORS 266 at permanent rate of \$0.89 per \$1000 assessed value?

SUMMARY: If this measure passes, North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District ("NCPRD") would be reformed as an independent parks and recreation district governed by directors elected from within its boundaries, with a permanent tax rate of \$0.89 per \$1000, a \$0.35 per \$1000 increase from current rates (or approximately \$7 per month more on a \$250,000 home).

Currently, NCPRD is a county district governed by the Board of County Commissioners. This proposal would not change its current boundaries, only governance and rate and merge the current district into the newly formed district. Increased funding would aim at providing services to both underserved and growing areas, including: support for maintenance and repair efforts at current parks, natural areas and conservation efforts; programming for older adults and youth; and new capital investments, potentially such as:

- Complete Milwaukie Riverfront Park
- Develop a large community park in Oak Grove/Jennings Lodge
- New community center in Happy Valley
- Public access and resource protection along rivers and streams
- New natural areas, neighborhood parks, and school field improvements District-wide

Caption: 10 (max 10 words)

Question: 20 (max 20 words)

Summary: 175 (max 175 words)