

Notice of Measure Election

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Notice		
Date of Notice August 10, 2014	Name of County or Counties Clackamas County	Date of Election November 4, 2014

The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the county's voters.

Final Ballot Title Notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure

REFORM NORTH CLACKAMAS PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICT WITH INDEPENDENT GOVERNANCE

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure

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

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect

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Currently, NCPRD is a county district governed by the Board of County Commissioners. This proposal would not change current boundaries, only governance and rate, and merge the current district into the new district. Increased funding would support: equitably locating facilities and services throughout the district; support maintenance and repair of existing parks; conservation and enhancement of natural areas; programs for older adults and youth; and development of new facilities focusing on addressing unmet needs in under-served and growing areas. Recommended projects are:

- *Completing Milwaukie Riverfront Park
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- *Establishing new neighborhood parks in mature communities such as Oak-Grove/Jennings Lodge and Milwaukie
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Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect, if required attach to this form *See Attached*

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be submitted for any measure referred by the county governing body and if required by local ordinance, for any initiative or referendum.

Measure Type	County producing voters' pamphlet	Local ordinance requiring submission	Explanatory statement required
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Referral	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Referendum	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Authorized County Official Not required to be notarized

→ By signing this document, I hereby state that I am authorized by the county to submit this Notice of Measure Election and I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.

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20 August 2014
Date Signed

Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet

Important! Please read all instructions before completing this form. This form is to be used when filing a 'Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet' with your County Elections office. If a local government is located in more than one county, the county clerk of the county in which the city hall of the city or the administrative office of the local government is located shall be the filing officer for the 'Measure Explanatory Statement for County Voters' Pamphlet'.

Filing Information

Election: Primary 20____ General 20 14 Special _____ Measure # 3 - 451

Ballot Title Caption Reform North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District with Independent Governance

Name of Person responsible for content of 'Explanatory Statement' (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

Chris Storey

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SIGNATURE



Explanatory Statement'

20 August 2014

Date

See attached for 'Measure Explanatory Statement' (500 word/number MAX).

For Office Use only:

County: Clack

Word Count (500 max):

Signed? Yes No

Digital copy? Yes No

'Measure Explanatory Statement' attached?

Review Staff Initials:

Yes No

Intake Staff Initials:

3451

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

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT:

Background: North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District ("NCPRD") was formed in 1990 by a vote of the citizens to provide parks, facilities and recreational programs to the urban area in North Clackamas County and today serves a 36 square mile area including the cities of Milwaukie and Happy Valley and the unincorporated areas between.

Why is additional funding needed?

NCPRD's tax rate of \$0.54 per \$1,000 is the lowest tax rate of all comparable urban parks district in the state. Similarly sized districts, such as Tualatin Hills, Bend, and Willamalane collect \$1.31, \$1.46, and \$1.97 per \$1,000, respectively. Operating and maintenance costs continue to increase and are outpacing revenues, limiting NCPRD's ability to adequately maintain its current assets or develop new facilities.

A two-year master planning update process demonstrated strong community desire for more parks, trails, open spaces, recreational facilities and programs. Additional funding would enable NCPRD to start meeting the goals of the draft master plan. It is available online at ncprd.com/master-plan.

How will the additional funding be used?

The revenue increase would allow an initial capital plan that the new board would consider, likely similar to that described in the Summary. In addition, the increased funding would:

- provide direct or matching funds for acquiring new park sites and facilities in underserved areas throughout the District, developing unimproved sites, and enhancing existing facilities, such as much needed improvements to the Milwaukie Center for senior services.
- enable the District to repair, replace and refurbish aging assets.
- enhance efforts to acquire and protect land important for wildlife habitat and natural ecological processes while providing high quality passive recreation.
- expand recreational programs and services to meet growing demand, particularly for older adults and youth.
- acquire and develop new trail links.
- create partnerships opportunities to: develop sports fields, improve spaces for seniors, and establish community gathering spaces.

What is the District's track record?

When formed, NCPRD's original ballot measure identified key projects. Those included an aquatic park, 10 new neighborhood parks, two riverfront parks, 75 acres of natural areas, 9 miles of trails, new sports fields and new recreational programs.

All of those goals have been accomplished and NCPRD now operates and maintains more than 38 parks, 25 natural areas and 15 miles of trails, as well as North Clackamas Aquatic Park, Milwaukie Center, North Clackamas Park and Hood View Community Park.

All of NCPRD's tax revenues now currently go to support existing debt service and recreational programs, operations and maintenance.

What else will change?

As an independent parks district, formed under ORS 266, residents will have the opportunity to elect the board that will govern the new district. Under this new structure, board members must reside within the boundaries of NCPRD and will provide local leadership over parks and recreation programs, operations and capital investments. If passed, NCPRD will immediately merge with the new district, which will assume all rights, title, ownership, property, contracts, liabilities (including outstanding debt), funds, obligations and records of NCPRD.

(Explanatory Statement: 500 words)