

CLACKAMAS COUNTY



VOTERS' PAMPHLET

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COUNTY CLERK**



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Elections Division

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ELECTIONS MANAGER

November 1995

Dear Clackamas County Voter:

This Voters' Pamphlet contains information about eight measures which are on our November special election ballot. One measure is for all voters in Clackamas county. The other measures will be voted on only by the residents of the respective cities, schools or special district.

Arguments for or against a measure were submitted for three of the measures.

An election calendar for 1996 is not printed in this pamphlet because we do not have information about all the filing deadlines. The March election in 1996 will NOT include candidates for schools or special districts; however, it will include a Presidential Preference Primary and will be conducted by mail.

Both the regular Primary in May and the General Election in November will be held at polling places. If you want to vote by mail for those elections, please fill out and return an application for an absentee ballot (application forms are included in this pamphlet on pages 14 and 15). **It is now possible for any voter to request a PERMANENT absentee ballot.** Please send your application in now for next year's elections.

If you have any questions about this November election or about the election process, please call me at 655-8698 or the Elections Division at 655-8510.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Kauffman".

John Kauffman
County Clerk

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE IF:

1. You are a citizen of the United States
2. You will be 18 or older on election day and
3. You are a resident of Oregon.

YOU MUST UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATION IF:

1. Your residence or mailing address changes
2. Your name changes or
3. You wish to change political affiliation.

To be eligible to vote you must be registered by the close of business on the 21st day before an election.

If you have any questions on registration or updating your registration, contact:

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Registration cards are located in DMV offices, post offices, libraries and other locations throughout the county. Call 655-8510 for the location nearest you.

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MOLALLA FIRE

CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Measure No. 3-53

Measure No. 3-54

BALLOT TITLE

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AUTHORIZATION FOR MOLALLA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #73

QUESTION: Shall Molalla Fire District #73 be authorized to contract a general obligation bonded indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$300,000? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of Section 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: This measure would let the District issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$300,000. They will mature serially over three (3) years from issue. Funds will be used to upgrade the District's Molalla and Mulino fire stations. Funds will be used to remodel the Molalla station. They will be used for re-roofing and painting both stations. Monies will be used to seismically strengthen both stations. Funds will be used to install vehicle exhaust systems in both stations.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

On March 25, 1993, the Molalla area was rocked by a moderate earthquake. Damage occurred throughout the area and the fire station in downtown Molalla received serious damage to the hose tower. While the rest of the building received only superficial damage, it became apparent that at least portions of the building were susceptible to serious damage that could drastically reduce the level of service that could be provided by the fire district during this type of disaster. Because of this possibility, the Molalla Fire District conducted structural surveys of the Molalla and Mulino fire stations in an attempt to determine what, if any, problems existed that could lead to serious damage or collapse of the stations.

The results of the surveys concluded that there were problems with both stations in at least three areas. 1) The walls of the stations were not tied together sufficiently; 2) The roofs of the stations are not tied to the walls sufficiently; and 3) The structural members located over the truck bay doors are held in place on the columns by friction only. Any of these deficiencies could result in the partial or total collapse of the buildings during a moderate or larger earthquake.

The main purpose of the issuance of the general obligation bonds is to correct the identified structural deficiencies and to reduce the possibility of the Molalla and Mulino fire stations from sustaining significant damage during an earthquake or other extreme force of nature. A second reason for the issuance of the bonds is to provide money for the purpose of remodeling the Molalla station; painting and re-roofing the Molalla and Mulino stations; and, installing a vehicle exhaust system at both the Molalla and Mulino stations. The Board of Directors and administration of the district felt it was appropriate to include these additional remodel and maintenance needs because of the districts limited general fund budget.

During fiscal year 1994-95, the Molalla Fire District cost taxpayers \$0.91 per thousand of assessed valuation for fire protection, while the remainder of Clackamas County Fire Districts dollar per thousand rate averaged over \$2.00. We are very pleased that we can offer the type of quality fire protection the community enjoys at such a low rate. Unfortunately, when it comes to high cost maintenance, remodel or retrofit items as those listed above, the general fund is not large enough to fund these necessities without reducing the money available for such items as firefighting equipment, volunteer reimbursement and incentives, or other normal operational needs.

It is estimated that the cost of the \$300,000 bond to the individual taxpayers will be approximately \$0.23 per thousand of assessed valuation over a three year period. Based on a home that is valued at \$100,000 this will cost the homeowner \$23.00 per year or a total of \$69.00 over the three year period.

The Molalla Fire District would appreciate your strong consideration in approving this bond measure. Thank you.

Submitted by
Corkey Webb
Molalla Fire District

**NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST
THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

BALLOT TITLE

CLACKAMAS COUNTY MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL LICENSE FEE ORDINANCE (GAS TAX)

QUESTION: Shall Clackamas County enact a 3 cent per gallon fee (gas tax) for road repair, maintenance and safety improvements?

SUMMARY: This measure would adopt an ordinance putting a fee of three cents per gallon on gasoline sold in the County. The fee would be paid mainly by wholesalers, who would be licensed. Refunds would be given for fuel used in some farm and forestry work. Money raised would be shared with cities for use on their streets. Proceeds could only be used for repair, maintenance and safety improvements of roads. Any change in the amount or use of the fee would require voter approval.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Approval of this measure would authorize a three cent per gallon gas tax to raise money for maintenance, repair and safety improvements on county roads and city streets.

BACKGROUND

The Save Our Roads and Streets Committee and other citizen organizations in the County have concluded that current road maintenance revenues are not sufficient to keep pace with the County's growing population and increased usage of its aging road system. Citizens requested that the County place a gas tax measure on the ballot, dedicated to road maintenance, preservation and safety improvements. Forty-six percent of the roads in Clackamas County are rated in fair or poor condition. Unlike Multnomah and Washington Counties, Clackamas County does not have a local gas tax. Property taxes do not go to road maintenance, preservation or safety improvements.

FEE IMPOSED

The tax is called a "license fee" because it is generally collected from wholesale dealers bringing gasoline into the County for sale, distribution or use within the County. Each wholesale dealer is required to have a county license and pay a monthly license fee of three cents for each gallon of gasoline brought into the county. Since the fee may be passed along by wholesale dealers to the retail level, the fee in effect will be paid primarily by the public in its purchase of gasoline.

ADMINISTRATION

The Oregon Department of Transportation will collect and administer the tax and be reimbursed for its costs. Much of the ordinance deals with the technical aspects of administration. Dealers are subject to penalties, including license revocation, for failure to comply with ordinance requirements.

EXEMPTIONS/REFUNDS

The ordinance provides exemptions from the fee in certain instances, including: gasoline put to uses other than propulsion of motor vehicles on public roads, such as in boats, airplanes or stationary power equipment; gasoline used by vehicles on private property, including farms and on logging roads not maintained by public bodies; sales to the United States Armed Forces; gasoline exported from the county.

USE OF REVENUES -- DISTRIBUTION TO CITIES

The ordinance provides that the net revenue "shall be used only for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, repair, maintenance, operation and use of public highways, roads and streets within the county." By law, none of the gas tax proceeds can be used for any other purpose. The ordinance includes a formula by which the proceeds will be distributed to cities and the county, based on population and road mileage. The County, and most cities, have developed road maintenance, preservation and safety improvement programs. If this measure is passed, Clackamas County has targeted 210 miles of roads to be resurfaced, and intends to make 15 intersection and safety improvements over the next five years.

Submitted by
Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County

Measure No. 3-54

ARGUMENT FOR

Vote Yes on Measure 3-54 to Fix Our County's Deteriorating Roads

Dependable, locally controlled money is needed to fix up the Clackamas County road and street system already in place — and to correct serious safety problems where they exist. Today 46% of the county road network is in fair to poor condition. Those roads require maintenance soon to preserve our investment and protect against dangerous deterioration. If we wait too long, the cost of fixing them will increase by five times or more.

Existing Sources of Road Maintenance Funds Haven't Kept Pace with County Growth.

County population, the number of vehicles registered in the County, and the number of miles driven are all increasing rapidly. Road maintenance funds have not kept pace. The County uses no property taxes to pay for road repairs. Road maintenance money comes from the State Highway Trust Fund and from federal forest receipts. State gas taxes have remained flat while federal timber revenues have declined, putting County roads at risk.

Citizens generally view a gas tax as a fairer way to pay for road maintenance than property taxes because it's road users who pay it. For the average County motorist, the 3-cent per gallon gas tax will cost approximately \$17.43 per year. Money raised from the tax can be used *only* in Clackamas County and *only* to preserve current roads and streets, and to correct safety concerns.

Multnomah and Washington counties already have local gas taxes. When you buy gas in those counties, you're helping maintain their roads. If Clackamas County enacts Measure 3-54, when residents buy gas here, we'll be helping fix our own roads. And when drivers from elsewhere buy gas here, they'll help maintain our road system, too.

Clackamas County and its cities are losing ground in maintaining roads and streets. Waiting will only increase the cost — and the risk to public safety caused by bad roads.

Vote YES on Measure 3-54. Save Our Roads and Streets.

Submitted by
Jay Minor
Save Our Roads and Streets Committee

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ARGUMENT FOR

Measure 3-54 Is a Smart Business Move.

It makes sense. If something needs repairs, it's better to get the job done quickly rather than wait until the problem gets worse and the cost of fixing it goes up dramatically. Nearly half the roads and streets in Clackamas County need repair now. If we wait, the cost will be as much as five times greater. That's why the Clackamas County Economic Development Commission supports Measure 3-54 to help fix the road system currently in place. It's a bottom-line issue.

Good Roads Help the Economy.

Businesses — large and small — in Clackamas County rely on good roads. Good roads help them move their goods, and make it easy for customers to reach them. For the thousands of small business owners who travel to the customer's door — consultants, carpenters, landscapers, repairmen, realtors, designers — unnecessary wear and tear to vehicles and tires is like money out the window. And employers want employees and families to travel safely to and from home, school, work and play. Good roads help keep our economy strong.

Measure 3-54 Is Fair.

A 3-cent per gallon gas tax is the fairest way to raise the funds to support road maintenance and improve traffic safety. It's a user fee — those who use the roads and cause the need for repair are the ones who help pay the cost of repair. Those who don't use our roads won't pay.

No County property taxes are used for road maintenance. Funds the County has traditionally relied on to pay for road maintenance have come from state gas taxes. Those dollars have been augmented by revenues the County gets from timber harvested in the Mt. Hood National Forest. State gas taxes have remained flat while timber harvests have been shrinking, leaving the County without the funds needed to keep up with road maintenance in our fast-growing County.

Vote YES on Measure 3-54.

Submitted by
Kurt Shusterich
Clackamas County Economic Development Commission

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CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Measure No. 3-54

ARGUMENT FOR

**Retired County Sheriff Bill Brooks
Asks for Your YES Vote on Measure 3-54.**

I served 10 years as Clackamas County Sheriff until I retired in 1993. During 39 years in the Sheriff's office, I watched our County grow, and traffic grow even faster. When our heavily used roads aren't properly maintained, driving dangers rise.

That's why I recommend a Yes vote on Measure 3-54 —

- To correct serious traffic safety problems in the County and in our cities; and
- To fix up the road and street system currently in place.

**Funds for Safety Improvements
Have Not Kept Pace with Growth**

Funds available for road maintenance and safety improvements, such as signals at dangerous intersections, have not kept pace with our County's rapid growth. No County property tax dollars are used for roads. Maintenance funds come from two sources — 1) the County's share of state gas tax revenues, and 2) federal forest receipts. State gas taxes have remained flat while federal forest funds have declined. So the County and cities are losing ground.

Measure 3-54 would establish a 3-cent per gallon tax on gasoline sold in the County. Money from the gas tax will be used to fund a specific list of County road, city street and traffic safety projects that are already identified as among the most urgent needs in the County.

If we wait too long, the cost of reconstruction can exceed the cost of timely maintenance by five times or more. As road surfaces break down, costs for vehicle maintenance rise — including police cars, fire trucks, school buses and personal vehicles. But there may be a bigger cost. Deteriorating roads can become dangerous.

Traffic and street improvements to be funded by Measure 3-54 will significantly improve traffic safety in critical areas throughout the County. I urge you to please return your ballot and vote YES for safer roads and streets.

Please vote YES on Measure 3-54.

Submitted by
Bill Brooks
Retired Clackamas County Sheriff

ARGUMENT FOR

**Community Planning Organization Leader
Supports Measure 3-54**

I live 10 miles east of Oregon City and drive hundreds of miles a year on streets and roads in Clackamas County. I support the proposed 3 cent County gas tax plan to help maintain the roads — and to fund much-needed traffic safety projects.

Most of our roads are carrying many times more traffic than they were designed for. Maintenance costs are rising because of delayed repairs, inflation and increased traffic. Local road funds can't keep up with the growing problem because state gas taxes have remained flat and timber sales in the Mt. Hood National Forest are shrinking. Those have been the only sources of funds for road maintenance — state gas taxes and timber receipts.

I looked at my property tax statement and found that no portion of my property taxes goes to maintain roads, and I think that's the way it should be.

Multnomah County has a 3-cent gas tax. Washington County has a 1-cent gas tax plus a special property tax dedicated to roads. Clackamas County has neither. The proposal to enact a County gas tax of 3 cents per gallon was made by private citizens and would provide local money dedicated to local road and street improvements. Aside from each jurisdiction erecting toll booths on their roads, I can't think of a fairer way to collect road-user fees.

If this proposal fails, we can look forward to more congestion, deteriorating roads, higher costs for delayed road repairs, lost personal time, higher bills for auto repairs and a higher accident rate.

The condition of the roads and streets in this County is our problem. The best and fairest solution is one we control. That's why I support Measure 3-54. I urge you to join me in voting YES on Clackamas County's proposed gas tax dedicated to road maintenance and safety projects.

Submitted by
Claire M. Resseger
Redland/Viola/Fischer's Mill Community Planning Organization

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CLACKAMAS COUNTY

Measure No. 3-54

ARGUMENT FOR

City Mayors from Throughout the County Endorse Measure 3-54

We are all in full support of Measure 3-54. We encourage you to vote YES for the 3-cent per gallon gas tax to fund road and street maintenance and traffic safety projects.

Funds raised from Measure 3-54 will be used to correct serious safety problems and fix up county roads and city streets. We believe the measure is the most cost-effective means of maintaining the public investment in roads. Current sources of funding for road and street maintenance cannot keep pace with the wear and tear caused by rapid growth.

We believe Measure 3-54 is the best way to improve the safety and maintenance on our streets.

Craig Lomnicki
Milwaukie

Jerry Krummel
Wilsonville

Dan Fowler
Oregon City

Wade Byers
Gladstone

Randy Nicolay
Happy Valley

Jill Thorn
West Linn

Lou Ogden
Tualatin

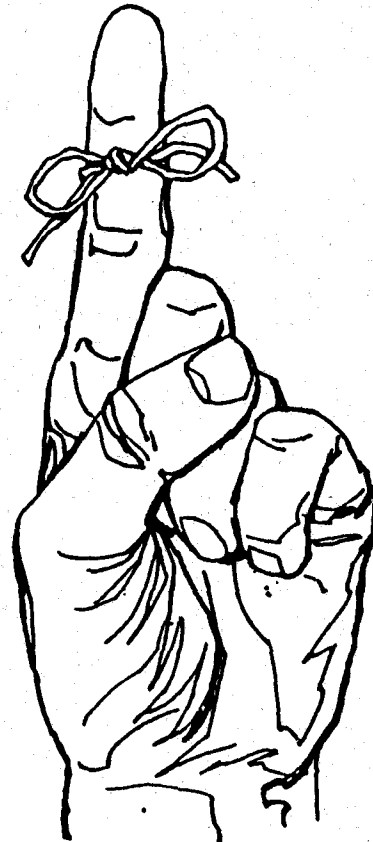
Personally paid for by the above individuals.

Submitted by

Dan Fowler, Craig Lomnicki, Jerry Krummel, Wade Byers,
Randy Nicolay, Jill Thorn and Lou Ogden

**NO ARGUMENTS AGAINST
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**Remember -
Ballots must be
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IN THE
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by 8:00 p.m.
November 7, 1995**

CITY OF WEST LINN

Measure No. 3-55

Measure No. 3-56

BALLOT TITLE

CITY COUNCIL REFERRAL: WEST LINN CHARTER AMENDMENT REGARDING WATER RATES

QUESTION: Shall City Charter be amended to repeal current water rates and establish a new public process for future rate increases?

SUMMARY: If adopted, this measure will amend the Charter to:

- Repeal current water rates, a 98 percent increase over prior rates.
- Change water rates to lower rates previously in effect.
- Establish a new public process for water rate increases which includes a citizen committee review and recommendation and public meetings prior to a decision by the City Council.
- Provide that water rates do not have to be approved by voters at an election.
- Prohibit City Council from declaring an emergency when adopting a water rate increase.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure is referred to the voters of West Linn by the City Council. It is an alternative to a ballot measure proposed by a citizens' group known as STOP.

Last October, the City Council increased water rates in West Linn, which raised the average water bill by 98 percent (an average increase of \$13.66 per month). There were four reasons behind the increase.

- The first was to cover a major increase (146 percent) in the cost of water supplied to West Linn by the South Fork Water Board.
- The second reason was to carry out needed improvements to the West Linn water distribution system over the next five years to provide water for domestic use and for fire fighting. These include structural improvements to the main water transmission line over the I-205 bridge, and to increase the size of the water transmission line serving the Willamette area from 8 inches to 20 inches.
- The third reason was to pay for operating, repair and maintenance costs to keep the water system in good working condition and avoid disruptions in service.
- The fourth reason was to ensure fairness in the way water costs are billed, so that customers pay for the amount of water they actually use, without a minimum monthly charge.

Since the rate increase went into effect, West Linn citizens have voiced numerous protests, questions and concerns. A citizens' group known as STOP placed a measure on the November 7 ballot to repeal the water rate increase.

This measure, like the one proposed by STOP, would also repeal the current water rates. The old water rates that were in effect before October of 1994 would be restored.

The main difference between this measure and the one proposed by STOP is that:

Under the STOP measure, all future water rate increases would have to be approved by the voters in an election.

Under this measure, no election would be required. Instead, a new public process would be established for reviewing future water rate changes. A citizens' committee would be appointed to review all information and options related to future water rate increases. The citizens' committee would make recommendations to the City Council. Public information meetings would be conducted prior to any decision by the Council.

Both this measure and the one proposed by STOP would prohibit the City Council from declaring an emergency when adopting a water rate increase.

In referring this measure to the voters, the City Council felt that voters should have another option to the STOP measure on the ballot — even though the City Council believes that fees must be increased to ensure adequate pressure and supply and to protect the system.

If this measure is approved, existing water rates will be repealed. The city will start over with a new public information process that will re-examine the need for improvements to the city's water system, the cost of providing water, various financing options, and how to fairly distribute the cost of providing water among low, medium and high users.

Submitted by
John Atkins
City of West Linn

**NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST
THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

BALLOT TITLE

INITIATIVE MEASURE: WEST LINN CHARTER AMENDMENT REGARDING WATER RATES

QUESTION: Shall the Charter be amended by adding a section setting water rates and requiring voter approval of any rate increase?

SUMMARY: If adopted, this measure will amend the Charter to:

- Repeal Ordinance #1366.
- Repeal any other ordinance which had set water rates prior to voter approval of this measure.
- Change water rates to the rates in effect prior to the adoption of Ordinance #1366.
- Require that water rates may only be increased by an ordinance approved by the voters.
- Prohibit the City Council from adopting a water rate ordinance by declaring an emergency.
- Allow a decrease in water rates without voter approval.

NO EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

CITY OF WEST LINN

Measure No. 3-56

ARGUMENT FOR

The citizens' organization STOP urges passage of its Measure 3-56. Its measure rolls back the 98% increase in water rates imposed by the West Linn City Council, and offers voters an opportunity to gain VOTER CONTROL over proposed future water rate increases.

STOP submitted its Measure 3-56, and the City responded with its competing Measure 3-55. The essential difference between the two measures is that STOP's refers all proposed future water rate increases to the voters, while the City's does not. Instead, the City's measure allows the Council to retain complete control over water rates.

***To insure that STOP's measure will win, voters need to vote "YES" on STOP's Measure 3-56 as well as vote "NO" on the City's Measure 3-55.

STOP easily obtained 2835 valid signatures (about 25% of registered voters) during its short petition drive.

STOP believes the City's measure does not hold the City accountable, and that its proposed citizen committee will be a political appointment to endorse whatever water rates the City Council wants to impose.

STOP urges citizens not to be misled into voting against STOP's measure by the City predicting what STOP believes are outrageous and invalid scenarios of serious fiscal and water crises if STOP's measure passes. The City has ample contingency and reserve funds; it also transfers large sums out of the water fund that it does not clearly justify as water related, and ignores that voters can approve justifiable water rate increases.

STOP believes the City has ample excess funds available to make up for its past use of water rate monies on projects for growth and for its past failures to impose adequate water charges on developers. The City should not put these burdens on water users.

Vote "YES" on 3-56 and "NO" on 3-55 to gain voter control over your water rates.

Submitted by

Pam Williams and Jim Pitts, Co-Petitioners
Spending Taxpayer's Offerings Poorly

ARGUMENT AGAINST

We have benefited from artificially low water rates for years. The time has come to pay for what we use. The additional \$13.66 you now pay assures you high quality water whenever you turn on the tap.

If initiative 3-56 passes, we won't have enough funds to pay our wholesale water supplier. In fact, we will be **short \$450,000 each year**. This money can only come by cutting funds for the parks department, library, police, or fire protection. Which of these key services are you willing to do without? Would you rather have unreliable water service? If the initiative passes, projects to replace 70 year old pipes and repair existing water reservoirs to stop leaks and rust will not be done. A day may come when there will not be enough water to put out fires — and that day may be soon!

This initiative reinstates the old minimum water usage fee, making you pay for water you may not be using. Instead of the current \$3.36 minimum charge, you will pay \$9.50 whether you use any water or not. This nearly 300% increase penalizes people who conserve water. As a result, those who consciously work to reduce their bill by using water wisely, end up subsidizing heavy water users. The current rate structure bases the charge on the amount of water you actually use rather than the amount you might use. Today, you control your water bill. Vote NO on initiative 3-56 to keep control.

Nobody should pay more than their fair share for water. Nobody should face unreliable water service. Gutting our City's treasury to subsidize our water utility is a bad choice. Why use money for water that is intended for protecting our neighborhoods or providing parks and libraries?

Don't let this initiative rob you of a sound water supply and precious city services. Vote NO on Initiative 3-56.

Submitted by

Ellen Davies and Tim Wood
Fix Our Water Now!

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PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure No. 26-31

Measure No. 26-32

BALLOT TITLE

BONDS TO INSTALL COMPUTERS; MAINTAIN AND REPAIR PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

QUESTION: Shall Portland Public Schools issue bonds for computers in school classrooms and priority building repairs to enhance student safety? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property ownership that are not subject to the limits of Section 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: Bonds will help prepare Portland Public Schools and our children for the future and will preserve investments in our public schools.

Beginning in 1996 bonds will allow schools to:

- Purchase new computers for elementary, middle and high school classrooms.
- Better prepare students for work force.
- Pay for priority repairs in schools.
- Comply with modern building codes.
- Enhance the safety of our children.

Bonds will be general obligations, in the amount of \$196.7 million, and will mature in no more than 20 years.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

As Portlanders, we are proud of our long tradition of quality public education. Our neighborhood schools serve children and parents throughout our community. In addition, our schools play a vital role in promoting Portland's diverse economy and protecting our unique quality of life.

The Portland School Bond Measure will ensure that our schools continue to serve our children, our families, our neighborhoods, our economy, our city — and our future.

Serving Every School and Student Our schools are among the best in the nation, especially for a large urban school district. However, most were built decades ago, before current technology, safety standards or building code requirements. The \$196.7 million Portland School Bond Measure on the October-November vote-by-mail ballot will fund new computers and improved technology, increased student and public safety, and necessary long-term maintenance in every Portland public school. These important benefits will be shared by every school, neighborhood and student, and eventually by our entire community.

Improved Classroom Technology To compete and succeed in the new global economy, today's students (the workers and citizens of tomorrow) must understand and know how to use modern computers and advanced technology. The Portland School Bond Measure will provide \$44 million to ensure direct computer access to every student in every school. It will furnish four to six new, high-quality computers in every classroom. It will create new educational computing networks linking students, classrooms and schools. And it will give up-to-date technology training to both students and teachers.

Increased Neighborhood School Safety Students, teachers, parents and other neighbors who use our schools deserve safe classrooms, playgrounds and facilities. The Portland School Bond Measure will provide \$69 million for school safety and code compliance. Seismic strengthening will make schools much safer in the event of an earthquake. Improved fire protection and emergency-lighting will also enhance school safety. In addition, safety funding will help schools comply with indoor air quality standards and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Necessary Long-Term School Maintenance The Portland School Bond Measure will protect our existing billion-dollar investment in our schools, with \$61 million in major maintenance, and \$22 million for building improvements, equipment and emergency repairs. Schools across Portland will benefit from major repairs to boilers, plumbing, windows, roofs, floors and electrical systems. In addition, smaller maintenance and repair projects in each school will further enhance classroom learning and protect our public school investment.

Local Control For Neighborhood Schools The Portland School Bond Measure continues Portland's long tradition of local parent and taxpayer control. Technology, safety and maintenance proposals were developed and refined at the neighborhood level. Principals, parents, teachers and neighbors worked together in each school to identify local needs, designate local priorities and select local projects. Under the leadership of our elected school board, this local, school-by-school input has been combined into a single, comprehensive, district-wide plan. Every dollar raised by the Portland School Bond Measure will stay here at home, to help our own neighborhood schools — and prepare our children and our city for the future.

Submitted by
Jack Bierwirth
Superintendent of Portland Public Schools

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST
THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

BALLOT TITLE

PROPOSED CHANGE OF BOUNDARY OF PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

QUESTION: Shall property currently located within the Portland School District be transferred to the Lake Oswego School District?

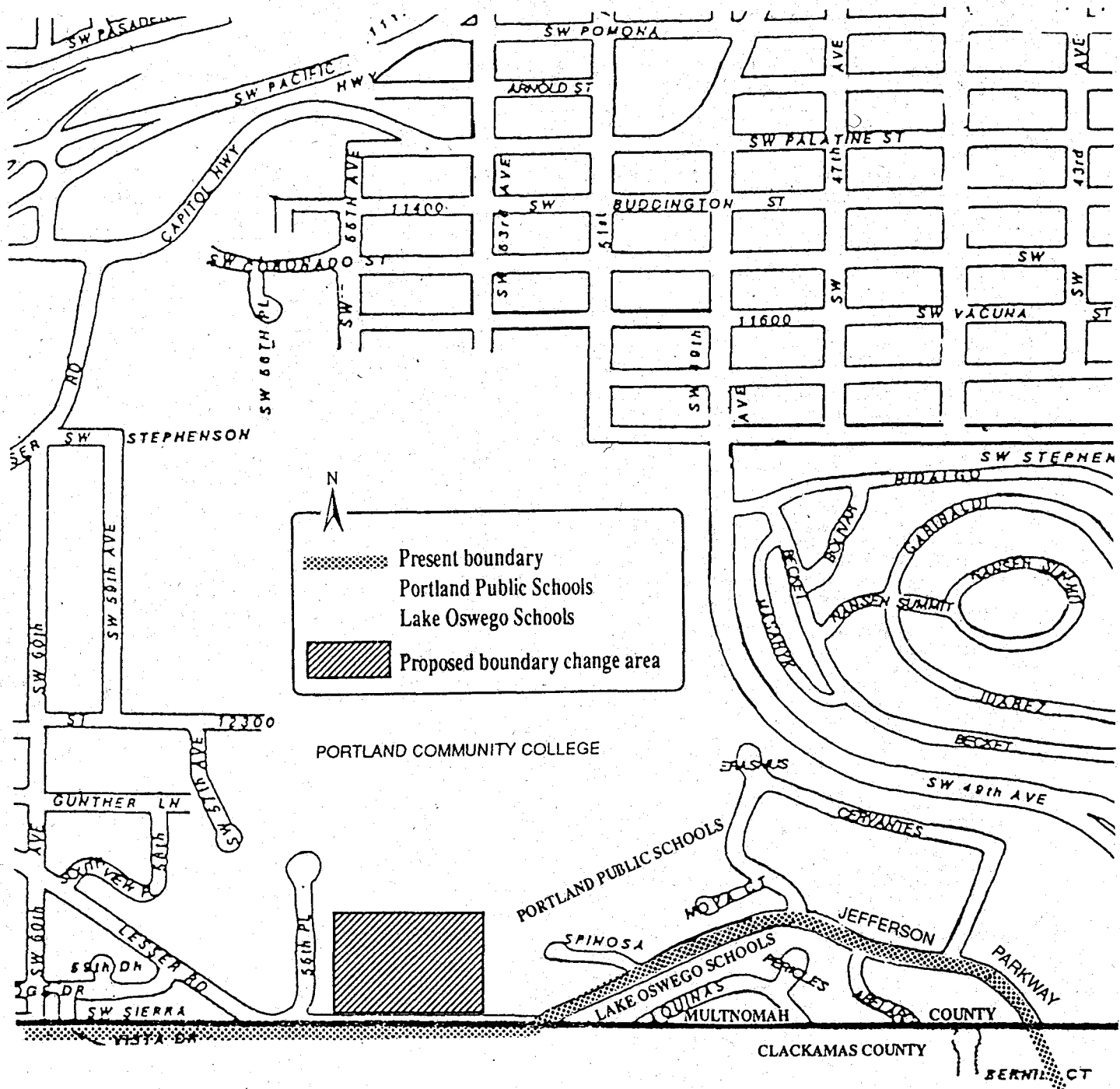
SUMMARY: The Oregon State Board of Education and Clackamas County District Boundary Board approved the transfer of the property indicated on the attached map from the Portland School District to the Lake Oswego School District. Multnomah Education Service District Boundary Board did not approve the transfer. A remonstrance petition objecting to the transfer was filed by electors of the Portland School District. This requires an election by Portland District voters. A "yes" vote is in favor of the transfer. A "no" vote is against the transfer.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Petitioners sought the transfer of the property indicated on the attached map from the Portland School District to the Lake Oswego School District. A remonstrance petition objecting to the transfer has been filed by electors of the Portland School District. Now an election by voters in the Portland School District is required. A "yes" vote is in favor of the transfer. A "no" vote is against the transfer.

Submitted by
John E. Bierwirth, Superintendent
Portland School District

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST
THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.



Avoid standing in line at the polls in the 1996 primary (May) and general (November) elections! Complete an absentee ballot application located on pages 14 and 15 of this pamphlet and vote in the comfort of your home.

MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CITY OF TUALATIN

Measure No. 26-33

Measure No. 34-39

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AUTHORIZES ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
QUESTION: Shall District issue general obligation bonds to acquire land and finance capital construction, and improve, furnish and equip college facilities? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of Section 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.
SUMMARY: This measure authorizes issuance of general obligation bonds not exceeding \$63,500,000 to finance capital construction and reconstruction, capital improvements, acquisition of technology and telecommunication equipment, safety improvements, equipment for existing District facilities, acquisition of land for additional facilities, construction and equipping of new District facilities, infrastructure and traffic improvements and to refinance certain outstanding general fund debt of the District. Proceeds will pay costs of issuance of the bonds. Bonds shall mature in not more than 20 years.

CITY OF TUALATIN BOND ELECTION FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES
QUESTION: Shall Tualatin construct a community recreation/youth complex and city office/police building; issue \$17.17 million in general obligation bonds? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property, or property ownership, that are not subject to the limits of Section 11B, Article XI, of the Oregon Constitution.
SUMMARY: Approved bonds will build and equip community facilities, including:
 Provide youth and community activities in multi-purpose recreation complex, including lap pool, separate recreation pool, water slide, gymnasium, youth room, community room and activity spaces.
 Expand Library to provide space for books and programs.
 Construct city hall for most City departments and Police in a single facility.
 Bond term will not exceed 20 years. Bond cost estimate: \$0.991 per \$1000 dollars assessed valuation per year initially, which would be \$8.26 per month for a \$100,000 home.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Mt. Hood Community College is asking voters to approve a \$63.5 million general obligation bond to be repaid over approximately 17 years and not to exceed 20 years. Funds will be used to:

- Replace outmoded technology and computer infrastructure in order to better prepare students for the workplace and continued education
- Expand and improve classrooms to meet the increasing demand for training, retraining and transfer education
- Improve the college facilities by making needed facility repairs such as asbestos removal, roof and roadway repairs and seismic retrofits
- Improve health and safety conditions by replacement of a cooling tower and chillers for air and water quality, fire and safety alarm systems, and improvements required by the Americans With Disabilities Act
- Improve and expand services to the growing population in the western portion of the district by acquiring a new site and constructing new facilities. Also to prepare for expected growth in the Sandy area by acquiring a site for future construction

Mt. Hood Community College is 30 years old in a rapidly growing community and enrolls 25,000-26,000 people a year, providing university transfer classes, continuing education, job training in more than 60 career areas, retraining for dislocated workers, transition services for single parents and welfare recipients, and training programs to assist local business and industry.

In recent years there have been dramatic changes in the use of technology, the nature of jobs and job training. The demand for training has increased steadily and in the past decade enrollment at MHCC has increased 49.8 percent. Facilities are crowded and in need of repair after 30 years of use, and equipment needs to be replaced. In 1993 a facilities consultant found that MHCC faces serious problems with some of its buildings and roads, and off-campus facilities are not worth further investment. The bond will enable MHCC to meet the community training needs by renovating and expanding facilities and replacing and acquiring equipment.

The last time Mt. Hood Community College asked voters to approve a construction bond was in January, 1969, to finish construction of the campus. The college currently has very little indebtedness on outstanding construction bonds and believes it is prudent to make these improvements now while bond rates are low and before construction costs increase. According to college estimates, each year MHCC delays, costs could increase by as much as \$2 million.

The bond will cost taxpayers approximately 35 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. The owner of a \$100,000 house would pay approximately \$35 per year.

People with questions are encouraged to call John Rice at 667-7204.
Submitted by
Russell O. Bloyer
Assistant to the President

NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

If approved by the voters this measure will allow Tualatin to construct and equip a multi-purpose recreational complex, expand the city library and construct city and police office space.

In the ten years from 1984 to 1994 Tualatin increased 71.85% in population, from 10,154 to 17,450 persons. Projections show Tualatin's population ranging from 22,000 to 29,000 by the year 2000. Tualatin consistently ranks among the fastest growing cities in the State of Oregon. In past surveys, residents of Tualatin have expressed the desire for youth activities, a swim center and increased library space.

This measure includes:

(1) A 63,000 square foot recreation complex which would combine a recreation center and community center in one building. The facility would house an 8-lane, 25 yard competition/lap pool, separate leisure pool with water slide, diving area, gymnasium with indoor track, games/youth room, multi-purpose room with stage, crafts room, classrooms, two racquetball courts and small fitness area.

The facility is intended to provide a balance of active and passive recreational and leisure and cultural activities. It would be located on a site within the Zian property, west of the Community Park off SW Tualatin Road.

(2) Expansion of the city library from its current 9455 square feet to 16,000 square feet. This would occur by remodeling the space currently used for city offices, as was originally planned for the building and adding additional space. Since opening in its current space in 1985, the number of borrowers from the library has increased 177%, from 6,697 to 18,319 persons. Additional space would be used for books, youth activities and seating.

(3) A 26,000 square foot city hall/police building which would house most city departments and the police. Construction of this facility would allow completion of Parking Lot C in the core area of Tualatin by removing the existing police building. It would also allow an improvement to the intersection of SW Seneca Street and SW Martinazzi Avenue by removing the existing Council building and removing the offset driveway into the Safeway/K-Mart site. The new building would be located near the proposed recreation complex west of the Community Park off SW Tualatin Road.

Bonds would not exceed a term of 20 years. The rate is estimated at \$0.991 per \$1000 assessed value the first year. For a \$100,000 home, the cost would be \$99.10 per year, or \$8.26 per month. The rate is projected to decrease over the 20 year term of the bond as assessed values in the City increase.

Tualatin is currently in the final year of a six year tax levy for park construction. The 1995 rate for the park levy is \$0.43 per \$1000 assessed value. If this measure for a recreation complex and city/police offices is approved, the estimated \$0.99 per \$1000 assessed value would be levied for the first time in the fall of 1996, after the current park levy has expired. The net increase would be \$0.56 per \$1000 assessed value.

Submitted by
Janet G. Young
Acting City Manager

NO ARGUMENTS FOR THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

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ARGUMENT AGAINST

MEASURE 34-39 GOES TOO FAR

Last March Tualatin voters rejected a bond measure for a new recreational complex/city hall. While many of the Tualatin residence's believe a youth recreational complex would be beneficial they were not sold on the idea that our local government needs an \$11 million dollar office complex.

Measure 34-39 began with a good idea but has been steered wrong using the opportunity to provide a place for wholesome recreation and Tualatin young people. The city council is attempting to once again fool voters into believing they need new offices and public dining facilities. Nothing could be further from the truth.

With enough public meeting space to accommodate up to 1600 people already available in our area, it is entirely unnecessary for voters to spend their hard earned money in order for the city to engage in the catering and banquet business. That amount of space is comparable to an area the size of Tualatin High School's football field and more!

The city's priorities should be focused upon the education, recreation and safety of our youth, not in competing with private industry.

Government is not a for profit business! The voters rejected this proposal before and it should be rejected again.

VOTE NO ON MEASURE 34-39

Submitted by

Donna M. Marx, General Manager
The Sweetbrier Inn

ARGUMENT AGAINST

Beware of Measure 34-39

Tualatin tax payers are being asked to approve a more expensive measure than you defeated in March. Consider this:

- Measure 34-39 is millions of dollars more for less facilities
- The City Council is holding you hostage by forcing you to accept a new city hall if you want a community recreation center. Why are the two tied together?
- In four public hearings the Ad Hoc Committee studying a new recreation center and the City Council were told by the public they do not want a new city hall but you are being forced to accept one
- Tualatin already has the highest city property taxes in the area, and we have recently voted increases for the Tigard-Tualatin School District and Metro. Will Tualatin now have the highest property taxes? Can you afford this?
- Measure 34-39 is estimated to increase your property taxes \$.99 per thousand for the next 20 years. Can you afford this increase?
- Do you really want or need a new city hall?
- Is this the recreation center you want? Why fund \$11.3 million when the Tigard-Tualatin School District can build a swimming pool for \$2 million on land you already own at Tualatin High School?
- Can the city of Tualatin effectively operate a recreation center? The city can not now maintain facilities with current funding
- Measure 34-39 does not include operating funds, the tax payers will be asked for even more money later. More city facilities means more staff and expense.

**Show the city you want to control your tax dollars
Just Vote NO on 34-39**

Submitted by

Matt Buschert

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