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CITY OF OREGON CITY

Measure No. 3-119**BALLOT TITLE****EXPANDS OREGON CITY BOUNDARIES TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL LAND**

QUESTION: Shall the City's boundaries include 4.29 acres of additional land on the south central edge of the City?

SUMMARY: A 4.29-acre three-lot tract on the south central edge of the City, on the northwest side of Leland Road just northeast of Caddis Place, more particularly: Tax Lots 06300, 06400, and 06500 in Section 7DB, T3S R2E, W.M., Clackamas County, Oregon.

The proposal was submitted to allow future rezoning and redevelopment. The property contains three single-family dwellings and a population of 5. It is currently zoned FU-10 "Future Urbanizable 10-acre minimum" and is located within the City's Urban Growth Boundary. The County's "Oregon City Area Land Use Plan" designates the property Low Density Residential. The City Commission has concluded that it meets all state, regional and City requirements for annexation into the City and services can be adequately provided to the property.

The three properties are currently within the Clackamas County Rural Fire Protection District No.1 and the Clackamas County Service District for Enhanced Law Enforcement. If approved, these properties will be withdrawn from those districts and the City of Oregon City will be responsible for provision of fire and police services.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure would expand the City's boundaries by approximately 4.29 acres by including within the City property described as follows:

A 4.29-acre tract comprised of three tax lots located on the south central edge of the City, on the northwest side of Leland Road just northeast of Caddis Place, more particularly: Tax Lots 06300, 06400, and 06500 in the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 7, T3S R2E, W.M., Clackamas County, Oregon.

The proposal was submitted to allow future rezoning and eventual redevelopment of the property. The property contains three single-family dwellings and a population of 5. It is currently zoned FU-10 "Future Urbanizable 10-acre minimum" and is located within the City's Urban Growth Boundary. The County's "Oregon City Area Land Use Plan" designates the property Low Density Residential. The City Commission has concluded that it meets all state, regional and City requirements for annexation into the City and services can be adequately provided to the property.

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Chapter 1, Section 3 of the Oregon City Charter of 1982, as amended, requires voter approval of all annexations. A map showing three parcels accompanies this explanatory statement.

Furnished by:
Leilani Bronson-Crelly, Recorder
City of Oregon City

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IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

Measure No. 3-120**BALLOT TITLE****EXPANDS OREGON CITY BOUNDARIES TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL LAND**

QUESTION: Shall the City's boundaries include 12.39 acres of additional land on the south central edge of the City?

SUMMARY: A 12.39-acre five-tax lot tract on the south central side of the City on the northwest side of Leland Road across from Caddis Place, more particularly: Tax Lots 06600, 06700, 06800, and 06900 in Section 7DB, T3S R2E, and Tax Lot 04000 in Section 7B, T3S R2E W.M., Clackamas County, Oregon.

The proposal was submitted to allow eventual redevelopment of the property. The property contains five homes and a population of 12. It is currently zoned FU-10 "Future Urbanizable 10-acre minimum" and is within the City's Urban Growth Boundary. The County designates the property Low Density Residential. The City Commission has concluded that it meets all state, regional and City requirements for annexation and services can be adequately provided to the property.

The five properties are currently within Clackamas County's Rural Fire Protection District No. 1 and Service District for Enhanced Law Enforcement. If this annexation is approved, these properties will be withdrawn from those districts and the City of Oregon City will be responsible for provision of fire and police services.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure would expand the City's boundaries by approximately 12.39 acres by including within the City property described as follows:

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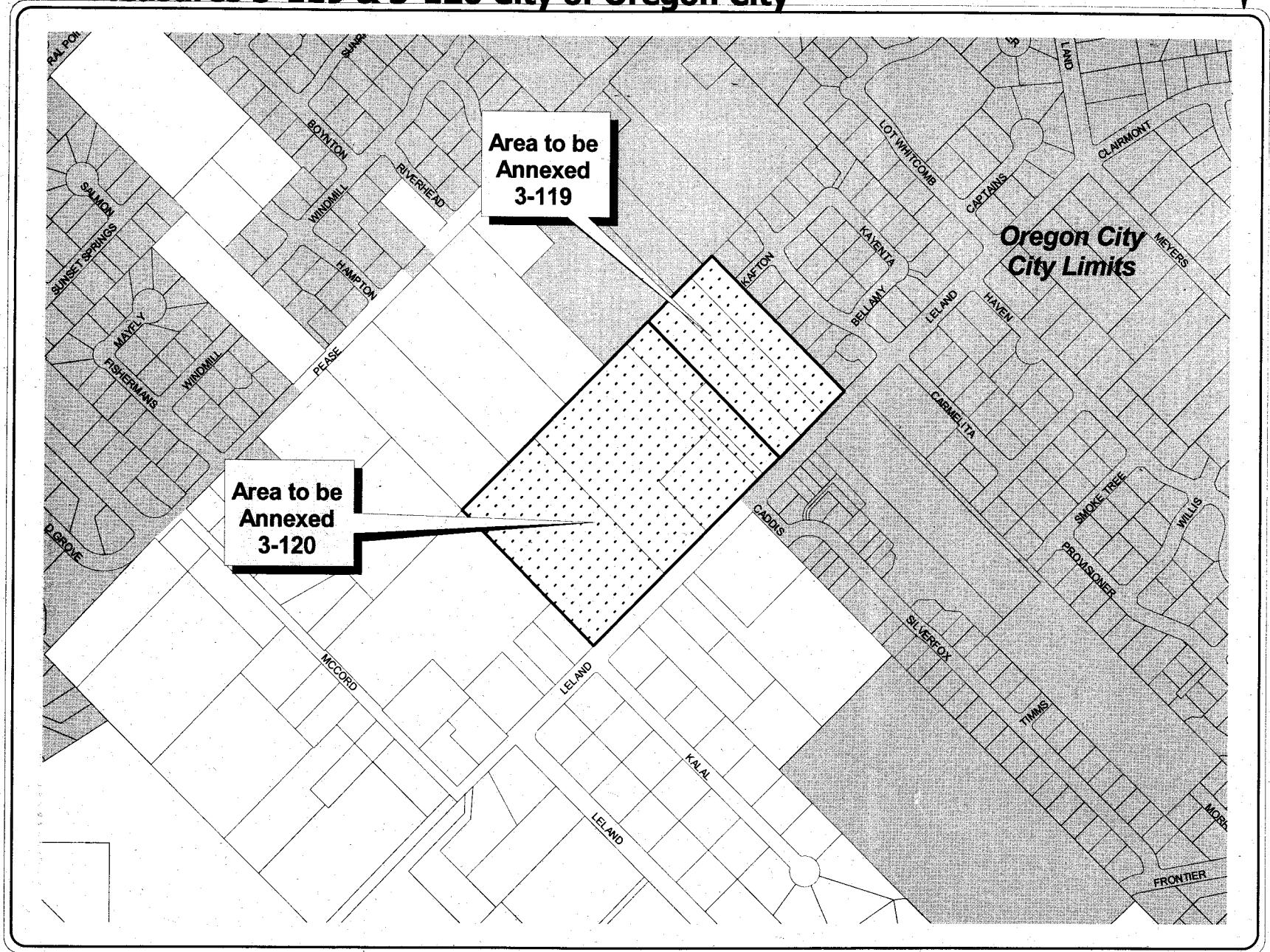
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Measures 3-119 & 3-120 City of Oregon City

CITY OF OREGON CITY



CITY OF SANDY

Measure No. 3-121**BALLOT TITLE****MEASURE APPROVING ANNEXATION OF 55.92 ACRES INTO CITY OF SANDY**

QUESTION: Shall 55.92 acres east and west of Bornstedt Road, south of Highway 211, and east of Arletha Court be annexed into the Sandy city limits?

SUMMARY: Annexation is the legal process to bring property into the city limits. Rick and Tami Martin, Dan and Susan Ramberg, Jack and Jill Paola, Molly and Anthony Nesheim, Sandy Meadows LLC, David and Deborah Fleming, Robert and Linda Mueller, Hans and Linda Simon, Jerry and Glenda Jones, Julie Kehoe, Henry Thomson, and Barbara Petersen, as property owners, have asked the city to bring 13 parcels of land east and west of Bornstedt Road, south of Highway 211, and east of Arletha Court into the city limits. The legal description of the properties is: T2S R4E Section 23 Tax Lots 500, 503, 511, 512, 517; T2S R4E Section 24B Tax Lots 1900, 2000, 2100, 2300, 2400, 2600, 2700; and T2S R4E Section 24BD Tax Lot 3400.

The annexation area is located within Sandy's Urban Growth Boundary and several properties are adjacent to the city limits. Future development requires City review and must comply with land use laws.

Public water and sanitary sewer lines can be extended to serve the site. Public utilities, installed for the Cascadia Village subdivision can be extended to serve the site. Extension of sanitary sewer may be accomplished through several means, including but not limited to, easements, local improvement districts, and agreements between property owners, grants or city projects. Other properties within the "Bornstedt Village" would benefit from extension of public sanitary sewer lines. All future development on these sites will also be required to conform to applicable stormwater management policies and regulations.

The Sandy City Council conducted a public hearing on December 15, 2003 and approved this application by adopting Resolution 2003-23 by a 7-0 vote.

Furnished by:
Larry Stohosky, Recorder
City of Sandy

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure would approve annexation of 55.92 acres into the city limits of the City of Sandy. The property is known as T2S R4E Section 23 Tax Lots 500, 503, 511, 512, 517; T2S R4E Section 24B Tax Lots 1900, 2000, 2100, 2300, 2400, 2600, 2700; and T2S R4E Section 24BD Tax Lot 3400. The annexation area is located east and west of Bornstedt Road, south of Highway 211, and east of Arletha Court. Several of the properties are contiguous to the city limits. The requested parcels are all currently zoned by Clackamas County as R-5. If annexation of these parcels is approved by voters, properties would be zoned according to Bornstedt Village Specific Area Plan (effective October 15, 2003) as required under the City's Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Zoning would be as follows: Tax Lots 511 and 512, SFR, Single Family Residential, Tax Lots 500, 1900, 2100, and 3400, R-1, Low Density Residential, Tax Lot 517, R-2, Medium Density Residential, Tax Lot 503, R-3, High Density Residential, Tax Lot 2000, SFR and R-1, Tax Lot 2300, R-1, R-2, and R-3, Tax Lot 2400, R-1, R-2, and R-3, Tax Lot 2600, R-1, R-2, and C-3, and Tax Lot 2700, R-2 and C-3.

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The subject properties contain a mix of pasture and forested areas and most of these properties contain a single-family residence. A small wetland exists on Tax Lot 1900. Development of these properties will require a separate land use application process following annexation as allowed by the Bornstedt Village Specific Area Plan.

CITY OF SANDY

Measure No. 3-121

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

We are property owners in the proposed Bornstead Village area plan. Believe it or not, we became very involved in the design that was approved by the City of Sandy. At first many of us, as property owners in the proposed area, were very angry with the city for not notifying us about the future plans being made for our collective properties. But, as we (all of us) got involved with this project, we made a difference in how the plan developed.

We discussed how the roads should be laid out, and safety issues concerning how those roads will interact with each other, highway 211, and Bornstead Road as well as how the increased traffic might also impact each of these areas.

Some of the other issues that were discussed were issues concerning the slope of the land, drainage, and the retention of the natural features that exist in the area. We continually voiced our concerns about the locations of the different housing densities and how they could be modified to accommodate the area to preserve the natural areas, away from the main roads.

We all tried very hard to make this project look like a "village". It will contain areas for commercial or small businesses, and it will have some higher densities near those commercial areas. Surrounding these areas the density will decrease allowing for single family homes with yards. The outlying areas will allow for even larger yards to help preserve the larger trees that exist there today.

As private citizens, we are encouraging you to **vote yes** to allow Sandy to grow in a well planned and appealing way. Remember there were many citizens of the Sandy area that helped to develop this concept.

Furnished by:
Molly Nesheim
Anthony Nesheim

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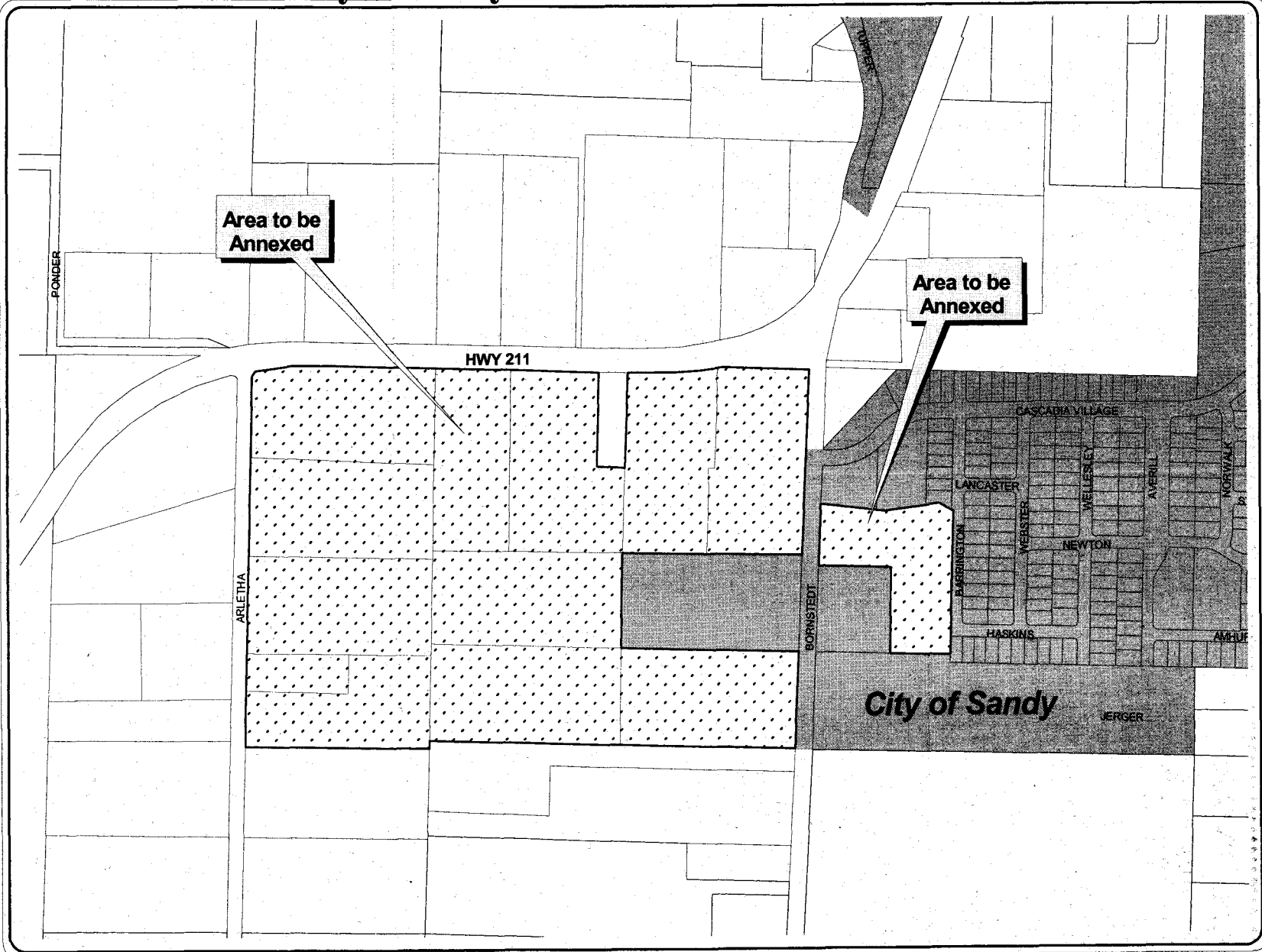
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Measure 3-121 City of Sandy



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Oregon City
503-657-8269
Mon CLOSED
T-Th 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
F, Sat 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
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Sandy Library
38980 Proctor Blvd.
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Gladstone
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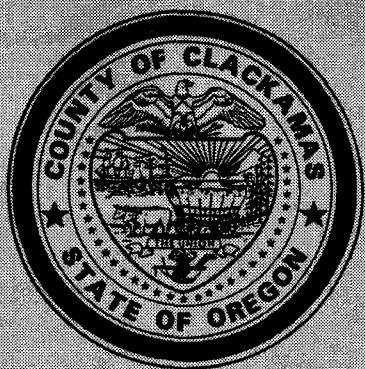
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CITY OF WEST LINN

Measure No. 3-117

BALLOT TITLE

ANNEXATION OF WEST LINN TO TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE AND RESCUE

QUESTION: Shall West Linn annex to Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue to receive fire and emergency services?

SUMMARY: If approved by West Linn voters, this measure would annex the territory within the City to Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue ("TVF&R"), for the limited purpose of receiving fire and emergency services. If the annexation occurs, TVF&R would take ownership of the city buildings and equipment currently being used to provide fire protection, prevention and emergency services within the City, and would staff the facilities on a permanent basis pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement with the City. TVF&R's permanent tax rate of \$1.5252 per thousand dollars of assessed value would be assessed on real property located within the City, effective July 1, 2004, as well as a 25-cent local option levy that is due to expire on July 1, 2005. Also by agreement, the tax rate assessed by the District would not exceed \$1.89 per thousand for a minimum of five years. Upon the effective date of the assessment of property taxes by TVF&R, the City of West Linn would cease to assess or collect property taxes within the City for fire and emergency services.

Based on the recommendation of the task force, the City entered into negotiations with the District for the purposes of creating an inter-governmental agreement detailing the terms under which the City would annex to the District. Under the agreement, TVF&R will rebuild the two existing stations and purchase new vehicles on scheduled time frames, provided the City annexes to the District. In addition, the District would staff both West Linn engines with four-person crews. Upon annexation, property owners in West Linn would be assessed a tax rate not to exceed \$1.89 per thousand assessed valuation. The City would no longer levy the 96.5 cents per thousand for fire protection under a local option serial levy approved by voters in 2002.

Furnished by:
John H. Atkins, Jr.
City of West Linn

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The City of West Linn is asking voter authorization to annex the City into the Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) District. The City has been served by TVF&R on a contract basis since 1998, when the City disbanded its municipal fire department and opted to be served by the District.

Under the terms of the contract, TVF&R has provided all of the services previously provided by the West Linn Fire Department, plus water rescue, hazardous materials response, specialized rescue for such emergencies as cave-ins, building collapses, entrapment in confined spaces, and rescue from elevations; emergency management and planning, full-time supervision by a chief officer, vehicle maintenance, chaplain services, and victim assistance. In major emergencies, the City of West Linn has access to all the resources of TVF&R, including command staff, information officers, and additional response vehicles and personnel.

The City's facilities for fire protection, both vehicles and stations, are in need of replacement. The two engines used by the City are over 20 years old. Replacing them with new vehicles would be difficult because present-day fire apparatus is too large to fit in the existing fire stations in Bolton and Willamette. Further, the existing fire stations fail to meet requirements for handicapped access and dual-gender occupancy.

TVF&R cannot make the major capital investment need to upgrade West Linn's fire protection while operating on a year-to-year contract basis. Following a nine-month long study by a task force made up of City and District representatives, joined by citizens and with technical assistance from outside fire agencies, the City determined that its best option is to annex into the District. In the course of the study, the task force considered the option of West Linn reconstituting its own "stand-alone" fire department. The cost of doing so was estimated at between \$2.25 and \$2.35 per thousand assessed valuation, compared with a rate not to exceed \$1.89 per thousand to be charged by the District for a minimum of five years.

CITY OF WEST LINN

Measure No. 3-117**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR**

Business leaders in West Linn have a vested interest in the stability and performance of our city services. Fire protection and emergency medical services are no exception. West Linn business leaders and the citizens of West Linn will benefit greatly by annexation into Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue. These benefits include: the continuation of excellent fire protection and emergency medical services, much-needed replacement of apparatus and facilities, high-quality training that will maintain required state and national standards, an improved insurance fire protection classification and a guaranteed tax rate not to exceed \$1.89 per thousand assessed valuation for the next five years.

Since a task force comprised of West Linn elected officials, city staff, independent experts and fire district staff spent nearly eighteen months evaluating all aspects of the city's fire service needs, we feel confident with their assessments of the City's current options: 1) West Linn could reconstitute an independent fire department, which would cost between \$2.25 and \$2.35 per thousand assessed valuation or 2) The City could annex into TVF&R and the District would fund all necessary improvements, which would cost between \$1.83 and \$1.89 per thousand assessed valuation.

We feel annexation is the clear choice and represents the most fiscally responsible future for West Linn's fire service.

Furnished by:
Mark L. Jorgenson, President
West Linn Chamber of Commerce

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

When the City of West Linn initially explored the option of contracting with Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue for fire protection services over five years ago, many of the West Linn volunteer firefighters were reluctant. We were afraid of being swallowed up by a large organization and losing our local identity that has been formed over the last several decades.

We have been very impressed; however, with the way that TVF&R has preserved the integrity of our history while also substantially improving our training and programs. Our community involvement remains strong, and our public education tools have evolved considerably. We still have the local feel of our city department, but we have access to a lot more resources. Indeed our bar has been raised.

Annexation will solidify an already good relationship, but it will also allow for some needed improvements to our facilities and apparatus. The last five years have proven that Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue is a reputable, innovative and professional fire district that offers West Linn fire protection and emergency medical services that we could not duplicate on our own.

The West Linn Volunteer Firefighters' Association urges you to vote yes on Measure 3-117.

Furnished by:
Dennis A. Shipley, President
West Linn Volunteer Firefighters Assoc.

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Measure No. 3-117

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Annexation Makes Good Economic Sense

As West Linn residents, we urge other community members to join us in voting yes on Measure 3-117.

The bottom line is simple: West Linn needs to make major capital improvements to both its fire stations and fire vehicles. The engines currently owned by the city are overdue for replacement, and the current stations in Bolton and Willamette have bays that are too small to house newer, larger engines. The stations need major remodel work or total replacement.

We've reviewed the study done by the Intergovernmental Task Force, which points out two options for the city: either go back to having a municipal fire department and make the improvements at a rate of \$2.25 to \$2.35 per thousand, or annex into Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue's district and get the job done for a maximum rate of \$1.89 per thousand. Further, if voters in West Linn opt to annex to TVF&R, the city will stop levying the current 96 cents per thousand under the fire serial levy approved by voters in 2002.

Not only is the annexation option less costly, but TVF&R has already proven itself to city residents by serving West Linn on a contract basis since 1998. For five and-a-half years, we've experienced the great service, community involvement, and advantages of being served by a nationally-recognized organization. Simply put, TVF&R offers an array of specialized services, training, and coverage that our former small city department couldn't provide by itself.

Please take the time to consider this issue. When you do, we trust you'll reach the same inescapable conclusion we did...annexation to TVF&R is the best thing for our community.

Furnished by:
Greg DiLoreto
Nathan Bell

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

West Linn Firefighters Urge "Yes" on 3-117

We are the former members of the West Linn Fire Department, and urge you to vote "yes" on Measure 3-117.

In 1998, the City of West Linn opted to contract with Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue. As members of the West Linn Fire Department, we became TVF&R employees under the contract. Any apprehension we may have had about our new employer was quickly put to rest.

While we are proud of the former West Linn Fire Department and its history of service to the community, we also recognize the natural shortcomings of being a small fire agency. We didn't have a training center. We didn't have a chief officer on duty at all times. We didn't have victim services. We didn't have the degree of specialization in areas such as hazardous materials response and specialized rescue.

We now have all those things, as well as dedicated support services like vehicle maintenance and information technology. In the event of a major emergency, resources from throughout the District can be sent to West Linn.

We'd be the first to tell you that working for TVF&R has been good for us, personally. We've had increased opportunities for training, specialization, and advancement. But, with that said, it's also been a good thing for the West Linn community. While a regional service provider, TVF&R has continued the long tradition of community involvement and support that we always had.

On March 9, West Linn voters have the opportunity to officially become part of TVF&R and make the major capital improvements needed to the city's stations and vehicles.

We, the former members of the West Linn Fire Department, urge you to vote yes.

Mike Klobertanz
Clay Baggerly
Kirk Junk
Jeff Pierce
Steve Linden
Kenny Frentress
Dustin Morrow
Mike Thorne

Rich Hoffmann
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Marc Skiles
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CITY OF WEST LINN

Measure No. 3-117**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR****Vote "Yes" on Measure 3-117**

As the former chief of Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue and as a West Linn resident and property owner, I urge people to vote yes on Measure 3-117 and annex the City of West Linn to the fire district.

Since its formation in 1989, TVF&R has functioned as a kind of cooperative, allowing small suburban communities to receive a level of emergency service normally available only in larger towns and cities. From around-the-clock chief officer coverage to specialized rescue teams to nationally recognized support and training programs, TVF&R provides outstanding service at a price evenly divided among all its communities.

The success of this approach has been demonstrated by the eight other cities and portions of three counties that have chosen to be a part of TVF&R. The City of West Linn recognized it in 1998, when a previous administration chose to contract with the District for fire and rescue services. The City's current administration validated that decision through a year's worth of study, and by unanimously voting to place this measure before voters.

As president of Emergency Services Consulting, Inc., I consult nationally on public safety mergers and consolidations, and recognize a good match when I see one. The City of West Linn and TVF&R have demonstrated a keen ability to partner and work collectively.

As a former mayor, I see the benefits to the City. With the passage of time, the fire protection assets of West Linn, its fire stations and vehicles, have aged and deteriorated to the point where they need to be replaced. The least costly way to accomplish this is to make official the relationship that's existed between the City and TVF&R for the last five and-a-half years...annex the City into the fire district.

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Jack W. Snook

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The members of the City Council unanimously recommend to the citizens of West Linn that they approve Measure 3-117 authorizing the annexation of West Linn into the Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue service district. We believe that not only will TVF&R assure very high quality service to West Linn, but that the annexation will also be substantially less expensive to West Linn's taxpayers than would be the case if West Linn were to reconstitute its fire department as a stand alone entity.

The Council does not make this recommendation lightly. Prior to putting this issue before the voters, the City and TVF&R were joined by representatives of Portland and Canby's fire departments in a series of monthly meetings to analyze all facets of the question of whether West Linn would be better off to annex or re-establish its own department. These meetings lasted well over a year and examined everything from fire vehicles, staffing, condition of the current fire stations, to operational costs. It was only after this thorough analysis that the Council moved to put this question in front of the citizens of West Linn.

The Council also wanted citizens to have a guarantee of what they would be getting with annexation, which is why the City and TVF&R have signed an Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA) that assures that:

- TVF&R's tax rate will not exceed \$1.89 per thousand for the next five years
- West Linn will get two new or substantially remodeled fire stations
- TVF&R guarantees the level of service it will provide based on the independent ISO rating body
- West Linn will receive modern fire vehicles, and
- TVF&R will not build stations in or near West Linn to facilitate potential development of the Stafford area.

As your Council, we encourage you to vote yes.

Furnished by:
David Dodds, Mayor
Michael Kapigian, Council President
Bob Adams, Councilor
Norman King, Councilor
David Tripp, Councilor

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THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

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CITY OF WEST LINN

Measure No. 3-118

BALLOT TITLE

REPEAL LOCAL OPTION TAX LEVY FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

QUESTION: Shall City's tax levy for fire and emergency services be repealed upon annexation to Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue District?

SUMMARY: The City Council has placed before West Linn voters in the March 9, 2004, special election a proposal to annex the territory within the City to the Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue District for the purpose of receiving fire and emergency services on a permanent basis. The City currently assesses a local option levy of 96.5 cents per \$1,000 assessed value of property within the city limits for fire and emergency services. If this measure is approved, the City's local option levy for fire and emergency services would be repealed upon the effective date of the assessment of property taxes by TVF&R.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Approval of this measure by the voters would repeal the City's local option tax levy for fire and emergency services (96.5 cents \$1,000 assessed value of property), contingent upon annexation to the Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue District.

The City currently contracts with TVF&R for fire and emergency services on a trial basis. The time has come for the City to decide whether to annex to TVF&R on a permanent basis or to discontinue its relationship with the fire district and reconstitute its own fire department. The City Council has proposed annexing to TVF&R as the preferred option. Repeal of the City's local option tax levy for fire and emergency services would occur upon the effective date of the assessment of property taxes by TVF&R—on or about July 1, 2004, if the annexation is approved. If the annexation is not approved, the local option tax levy would remain in effect.

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John H. Atkins, Jr.
City of West Linn

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IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

DROP SITE LOCATIONS Beginning Saturday, February 21 through Tuesday, March 9

West Linn Library

1595 Burns St.

West Linn

503-656-7853

M-Th 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

F-Sun 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Clackamas County Elections

825 Portland Ave.

Gladstone

503-655-8510

M-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Election Day 7:00 am - 8:00 pm

**Ballot drop slot (front of building,
right of front door) available 24
hours every day.**

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<http://www.co.clackamas.or.us/elections>

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You will be presented with several choices, including Election Results, which will allow you to navigate to current results for the March 9, 2004 election. These results will be updated as ballots continue to be processed during the evening.