

**CLACKAMAS COUNTY
MEASURE ARGUMENT FOR COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET**

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Election Date: November 5, 2013 Ballot Measure Number: 3-434

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LOCAL Urges You to VOTE YES to Renew the School Levy

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The Directors of the Lake Oswego Citizens Action League (LOCAL) invites voters to join us in our support for the renewal of the local option school levy. As a group dedicated to preserving our community's unique character, we believe our superb schools are an essential cornerstone of our city. Renewal of the school levy, which does not increase taxes beyond current levels, provides approximately 11% of the total school budget. LOCAL's support of this initiative reflects our organization's core values, which include prioritizing local needs and focusing on essential city services. The school levy is a critical source of revenue that will ensure we maintain a quality learning experience for all of our children.

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Not only will today's students benefit from renewal of the school levy, it will also have an impact on the city of Lake Oswego for generations to come. Why? Because many of our young citizens, after attending college and seeing the world, return to our community to play a vibrant role as business and home owners, to raise families of their own, and to act as citizen leaders.

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Many of us can think of a community that was once grand that has now fallen into decay, and it is unfathomable to think that such could be the fate of Lake Oswego. And yet maintaining the excellent character of our schools is arguably the most important thing we can do as a citizenry to maintain the vitality of our city, and protect our property values for decades to come. That is why, regardless of where you are in the continuum of life, that we sincerely hope all voters will join the leadership of LOCAL by "paying it forward". Please vote in favor of the local option school levy when you receive your ballot this election cycle.

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Rich Akerman
Mary Olson
Rick Petry
Ron Smith
Peter Sweet

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Vote yes on Measure 3-434, Lake Oswego Local Option School Levy renewal

We are real estate professionals with a combined 179 years of experience regarding home valuations. We know homes located in excellent school districts, such as those in Lake Oswego, routinely command premium values. 35

Renewal of the Local Option School Levy is in a homeowner's best interest.

This levy is a renewal of the **same rate** currently applied to property. The **money stays local**, supporting about 10% of the Lake Oswego School District operating budget. Renewing the Local Option School Levy and continuing to provide the quality educational **services kids need and home buyers want** is essential to keeping Lake Oswego home values strong. 70

We encourage you to **protect your property value**, by protecting the funding for our local schools. 10

Please vote yes; renew critical funding to continue our strong public schools. 12

- ↓ Kevin Costello, Broker Hasson Co. with 27 years of experience
- ↓ Chris Schetky, Windermere Real Estate Broker with 15 years of experience
- ↓ Beth Corey, Broker Prudential Northwest Properties with 17 years of experience
- ↓ Dale Kuhn, Principal Broker John L Scott Real Estate with 19 years of experience
- ↓ Judy Tobolski, Broker Coldwell Banker Seal with 23 years of experience
- ↓ Tris Denton, Principal Broker Realty Trust Grp. with 18 years of experience
- ↓ Marcia Kies, Principal Broker Hasson Co. with 28 years of experience
- ↓ Kristi Harnish, Co-Owner/Principal Broker, Harnish Properties LLC with 32 years of experience 94

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JOIN WITH THE MAYOR AND ALL CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS IN VOTING

"YES" ON MEASURE 3-434

**LAKE OSWEGO CITY COUNCIL VOTES UNANIMOUSLY ON
RESOLUTION 13-42 TO ENDORSE THE RENEWAL OF THE SCHOOL LEVY**

WHEREAS, our Lake Oswego schools are one of our most highly valued assets and a cornerstone of our community; and 31

WHEREAS, the high quality of our public schools draws families to Lake Oswego and contributes significantly to our community's quality of life and high property values; and 27

WHEREAS, the Lake Oswego School District's 5-year local option levy provides a critically important source of local funding and local control of our schools, currently providing over 11% of the district's general fund revenue used for educational programs and services; and 42

WHEREAS, Lake Oswego School District voters approved the school district's first local option levy in 2000, and have approved renewal of this levy in 2004 and 2008; and 29

WHEREAS, the Lake Oswego School District Board of Directors is submitting to voters, at the November 5, 2013 general election, a five-year local option operating levy renewal at the same rate of \$1.39 per \$1,000 of assessed value; 37

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lake Oswego that:

Section 1. The Lake Oswego City Council endorses renewal of the Lake Oswego School District's 5-year local option levy at the November 5, 2013 general election, and supports the continuity of this essential local funding for students in Lake Oswego schools. 58

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect upon passage. Considered and enacted at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lake Oswego on the 2nd day of July, 2013. 34

- ✓ Mayor Kent Studebaker
- ✓ Councilor Karen Bowerman
- ✓ Councilor Jeff Gudman
- ✓ Councilor Jon Gustafson
- ✓ Councilor Donna Jordan
- ✓ Councilor Skip O'Neill
- ✓ Councilor Mike Kehoe (sitting Councilor at time of resolution)

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Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce

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Douglas P. Cushing

Name of person furnishing argument

Signature

9/8/2013

Date Signed

Name of person furnishing argument

Signature

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The Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors strongly supports a Yes vote to Renew the 5-year local option school levy for Lake Oswego schools, ballot measure 3-434.

The basis for our support is simple and fundamental. The Chamber recognizes that the success of our businesses is closely linked to the vitality of our community. The public schools in Lake Oswego are an essential component of that vitality. Our schools history of high standards of excellence and outstanding student achievement draws families and businesses to Lake Oswego. The performance level throughout the schools contributes greatly to the quality of the life we enjoy; critical so our businesses can prosper.

Throughout the state schools have struggled with substantial reductions in state funding, and Lake Oswego schools have had to downsize.. Renewal of the school levy will continue in place a significant revenue source for our schools crucial to the school district's ability to minimize additional cuts to educational programs, as the loss of \$6 million in local option revenue would inflict a heavy blow.

The Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce is invested in the future of Lake Oswego. Measure 3-434 is an opportunity demonstrate local support of funding for one of our community's greatest assets: its schools.

A YES vote on Measure 3-434 is a smart investment in our community that makes good business sense.

Furnished by:

Doug Cushing, President

Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce

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Keep Lake Oswego Great Urges a Yes Vote for Lake Oswego Schools

We have something great in Lake Oswego. And we need to keep it that way.

That's why renewing Lake Oswego's local option school levy is of critical importance. For years, the state has made insufficient investments in our local schools. In 2000, 2004, and 2008 our community came together to fix the funding problem by passing the local option school levy. The levy funds stay local and preserve the excellence we expect from our Lake Oswego schools.

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It's time to renew that commitment to our schools.

Voting "yes" to renew Lake Oswego's school levy will:

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- Help keep class sizes low—ensuring teachers have the time to give their students the individual attention they need;
- Help our schools attract and retain high quality teachers;
- Continue to provide our children with the excellent college prep curricula and electives that set them apart from other students;
- Provide 10% of our schools' operating budget—money the state has been unable to provide.

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Renewing our school levy is an accountable investment in our future. **Your tax rate will remain the same. It will not increase.** All school district finances are subject to annual audits and oversight, ensuring funds are used on the right priorities: providing our children with the solid educational background they need to compete successfully in the worldwide economy.

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Our schools' strength is what keeps Lake Oswego great. They:

- Help increase our home property values;
- Ensure our children and grandchildren graduate ready for college and a career;
- Attract young families to our community;
- Add to our local prosperity and encourage growth, attracting new businesses and creating more jobs.

Let's keep Lake Oswego great and vote **YES to renew our school levy.**

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Keep Lake Oswego Great PAC
Rob LeChevallier, Director
Karen Jacobson
Linda Brown
Chris Schetky
Lisa Adatto

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VOTE YES ON THE SCHOOL LEVY FOR LAKE OSWEGO SCHOOLS

Renew current funding to prevent further cuts.

Our community values quality schools that are among Oregon's best, support high property values, and produce students who are successful in higher education and the workforce. Inadequate state funding and rising costs that continue to outpace revenue have resulted in painful cuts, including teacher reductions, school closures and consolidations, sale of the bus fleet, and deferred maintenance. Despite making prudent cuts, the district faces a \$2 million gap in the 2013-2015 biennium just to maintain the status quo.

How the School Levy Helps Lake Oswego Schools

The Lake Oswego School District supplements state revenues with the School Levy. LOSD voters have approved the Levy three times, generating critical support for the district, contributing to:

- Protecting class sizes: The Levy funds teachers, helping keep class sizes among the lowest in the area and allowing more focused and individualized instruction.
- Higher achievement: LO schools offer rich core and elective curricula at the secondary levels; elementary schools have maintained PE, music, and reading and math specialists. LO students score among the highest nationwide on the ACT and SAT. Elementary and junior high students outperform their peers across many subjects statewide.
- Fewer teacher layoffs: Monies generated by the Levy equal approximately 60-70 teaching positions. Loss of these positions would be devastating to the district.

How the School Levy Works

Renewal does not raise taxes – it extends what we already pay. It contributes approximately 10% of the district's annual operating revenue, roughly \$6 million. Citizens pay \$1.39 per \$1000 of assessed property value. Loss of the Levy would have a catastrophic effect on the quality of LO schools. Our children deserve an education that prepares them to be successful adults and contributors to our community.

Stand for Children, Lake Oswego Chapter, urges a 'Yes' vote on the School Levy – Measure 3-434

(This information furnished by Courtney Clements, Stand for Children, Lake Oswego Chapter)

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THE COALITION FOR LAKE OSWEGO URGES A "YES" VOTE ON MEASURE 3-434

RENEW OUR LAKE OSWEGO SCHOOL LEVY

FOR OUR SCHOOLS AND OUR COMMUNITY

In Lake Oswego, we understand the role education plays in creating a great community. That's why when the State of Oregon allowed local districts to begin supplementing state education funding, Lake Oswego was one of the first communities to vote to approve more local control of our schools.

That additional local source of funding has made a huge difference. While the recession forced neighboring school districts to make serious cuts that resulted in reduced programs and overcrowded classrooms, Lake Oswego schools--while not immune from budget realities--avoided many of the most dire consequences.

Voting YES on measure 3-434 does three important things:

- **RENEWS THE EXISTING SCHOOL LEVY.** This is not a new tax, and does not raise the tax rate. Our school levy was first approved by voters in 2000 and has remained at the current rate since 2004.
- **PROVIDES VITAL FUNDING THAT KEEPS OUR SCHOOLS EXCELLENT.** Our school levy provides approximately 10% of the current school district budget, which has enabled the district to add teachers and programs that have kept Lake Oswego schools ranked among the best in the state and the nation. Without the levy, our schools would face devastating cuts, resulting in larger class sizes and reduced program offerings.
- **MAINTAINS THE VALUE OF OUR HOMES.** It's no secret that many people move to Lake Oswego because they want the best education possible for their children. As Lake Oswego homeowners, we all benefit from strong schools because they keep our property values high relative to other communities in the area.

Join members of The Coalition for Lake Oswego and **VOTE YES ON MEASURE 3-434 TO RENEW OUR SCHOOL LEVY.**

This information furnished by The Coalition for Lake Oswego.

Doug Fish, *former Board Member of Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce*

Joan Moore, *former Senior Advisor to Sen. Ron Wyden; Campaign Manager, Judie Hammerstad for Mayor*

Lauren Garrett, *Executive-Director, The Coalition for Lake Oswego*

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Vote YES on Measure 3-434

We are citizens representing a broad section of the Lake Oswego community. We have come together in strong support for the **renewal of our local option school levy.**

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Many of us have children or grandchildren who have attended Lake Oswego schools. We understand that our schools are exceptional because this community invests in our students. It is time to reinvest in our schools.

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Our school levy supplements inadequate state funding and provides necessary revenue so we can provide the **quality of programs and lower class sizes** we want for the schools in our community.

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Some of us are also **local business owners.** We know that by keeping our schools healthy we directly impact the health of our business community.

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For many of us our home is our most important asset. By renewing the school levy we can maintain critical funding for our schools to keep them among the best in the state which **protects our property values.**

Our tax rate will not go up. This is a continuation of the rate we have already been paying. In a time of shrinking budgets, we commend the school district for continuing to stretch every dollar carefully.

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Please join us in supporting our schools and our community. Vote YES!

- ✓ Gary and Georgia Aas
- ✓ Burt and Judy Beahm
- ✓ Heather and Dick Chrisman
- ✓ Joyce S. Cox
- ✓ Mary Ann David
- ✓ Norma Jean and Henry Germond
- ✓ Barbara A. Gold
- ✓ Theresa and Paul Graham
- ✓ Nancy Headlee
- ✓ Ann and David L. Jorling
- ✓ Carolee N. Kolve
- ✓ Paul J. Lyons
- ✓ Jerry Marlow

- ✓ Kathleen A. Misner
- ✓ Carolyn Muir
- ✓ Linda Marie Neher
- ✓ Jerry and Ann North
- ✓ Mary B. Ratcliff
- ✓ Larry and Marilyn Reiling
- ✓ Philip and Sally Robinson
- ✓ Kenneth A. and JoAnn Slickers
- ✓ Rosie and Craig Stephens
- ✓ Kathy Taylor
- ✓ Buck and Marie Winston
- ✓ William and Cleta Wright
- ✓ Jerry and Dee Young

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The Lake Oswego Schools Foundation Strongly Encourages a Yes Vote On Measure 3-434 to Renew Funding for Lake Oswego Schools

The local school levy is a critical component of the Lake Oswego School District budget --ensuring continued excellence in our local schools. The levy renewal will:

- Preserve 10% of our schools' budget; without the local levy there would be a \$6.0 million shortfall in the current. *budget,*
- All funds from the local levy go directly to the Lake Oswego schools, providing local control and maintaining the superior quality of each school in the district.
- Lake Oswego schools consistently have smaller class sizes than most other Portland metro area districts, and each school in the LOSD has received the State's top rating for six consecutive years -- the local school levy is a critical component to maintaining our excellence in education
- Our community stood together and renewed our school levy twice since the original approval in 2000. It's time to stand together again and do what's right for our children and our community's future: voting Yes to renew our school levy.

For over two decades, local control over school funding has been steadily eroded, and the state legislature does not provide responsible funding for our local schools. The Lake Oswego local option fills this funding gap, ensuring that we will maintain the high level of programs and low class sizes that Lake Oswego is known for.

For many families, the decision to live in the Lake Oswego area is often driven by our high quality public schools. In addition to the direct benefits for families with children in the Lake Oswego schools, a superior public school system provides significant benefits to all residents through higher property values, excellent quality of life, and a stronger sense of community.

Renew our school levy. Vote yes on Measure 3-434.

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