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VOTERS' PAMPHLET

**NOVEMBER 5,
2013**

CITY OF WEST LINN SPECIAL ELECTION

**Clackamas County
Elections Division**

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Your voted ballot must be received in our office, or in an official ballot drop box, by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, **November 5, 2013.**

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BALLOT DROP SITES

Your voted ballot may be dropped off at any of the following locations. Outdoor drop boxes are locked at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Damascus City Hall

19920 S.E. Hwy 212, Damascus
Phone: 503.658.8545

Mon - Fri 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Election Day 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Lake Oswego Library (indoor)

706 4th St., Lake Oswego
Phone: 503.636.7628

Mon - Thurs 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Fri, Sat 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sun 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

West Linn City Hall (outdoor)

22500 Salamo Rd., West Linn
Phone: 503.657.0331

West Linn Library (indoor)

1595 Burns St., West Linn
Phone: 503.656.7853

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Dear Clackamas County Voter:

This Voters' Pamphlet contains information designed to assist you in voting: ballot titles, explanatory statements and arguments pertaining to local measures which appear on the November 5, 2013 Special Election ballot in Clackamas County. Please remember, in order to vote on a measure, you must be an active registered voter of the jurisdiction or district placing the measure on the ballot.

Your voted ballot must be received at an official ballot drop site or at the Elections Office, 1710 Red Soils Ct., Ste. 100, in Oregon City by 8:00 p.m. on election night in order to be tallied. Remember, the postmark on a mailed ballot does NOT count.

Results are available on the County Clerk's election webpage after 8:00 p.m. on election night. The web address is www.clackamas.us/elections/results.html.

Official ballot drop sites are listed on Page 7 of this pamphlet. Indoor drop boxes will be available during regular business hours (and outdoor drop boxes are available 24 hours a day) beginning Friday, October 18 until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

Ballots will be delivered to households between Friday, October 18 and Tuesday, October 22. Please contact us if you have not received a ballot by October 22.

If a ballot was delivered to your residence for someone who should no longer be receiving ballots at your address, please write "RETURN" on the envelope and place it back in your mailbox. If a ballot was sent to someone who has passed away, please write "DECEASED" on the envelope and place it back in your mailbox.

If you need assistance voting or have any questions about this particular election or the election process, please call the Elections Division at 503.655.8510.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Sherry Hall in cursive.

Sherry Hall
Clackamas County Clerk

VOTER INFORMATION

YOU MAY REGISTER TO VOTE IF:

1. You are a resident of Oregon;
2. You are at least 17 years of age (though you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday), and
3. You are a United States citizen.

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 (October 15, 2013).

If you make a mistake or damage your ballot in any way and need a replacement, or if you have questions on registration or updating your registration, contact the Elections Division by calling 503.655.8510.

If a ballot was delivered to your residence for someone who should no longer be receiving ballots at that address, please write "RETURN" on the unopened envelope and put it back in your mailbox.

If a ballot was sent to someone at your address who has passed away, please write DECEASED on the unopened envelope and place it in your mailbox to be returned to Elections.

Your voted ballot must be received in any county Elections office or ballot drop site by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

If you return your ballot by mail, remember: the postmark does not count.

If, instead of mailing your ballot, you'd prefer to take it to an Official Ballot Drop Site, the addresses can be found elsewhere in this pamphlet.

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Measure 3-432

CAPTION: BOND MEASURE FOR WEST LINN AQUATIC AND COMMUNITY CENTER.

QUESTION: Shall the City sell bonds to refinance land and construct, equip and furnish a new indoor aquatic and community center? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: The City of West Linn is asking the City's voters to consider a measure that would allow the City to sell general obligation bonds in one or more series in an aggregate amount not exceeding \$24 million to construct, equip and furnish a new indoor aquatic and community center. The bonds would mature in 20 years or less. The new aquatic community center would be constructed on City-owned property on Parker Road next to Tanner Creek Park. Approximately \$1.5 million of the proceeds from the bond sale would be used to refinance the City's previous acquisition of this property.

The aquatic and community center would include an indoor pool with aquatic park-like features, a gym, running track, classrooms and fitness areas. The facility would be designed to accommodate the future addition of a multi-lane lap pool.

If bonds are approved, property taxes are estimated to increase by approximately 53 cents per \$1000 of assessed value or \$152 per year on a home assessed at \$285,000.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The City of West Linn requests voter consideration of a bond measure for an aquatic and community center. In 1998 West Linn voters approved a bond measure to acquire and construct parks; it included funds to acquire property for an aquatic and community center. West Linn voters approved an advisory vote indicating continued support for the construction of an aquatic and community center in 2004.

Then, in 2010, the City Council convened a task force of citizens to assist with planning an aquatic and community center and advising the City Council. The City of West Linn purchased seven acres on Parker Road from the West Linn-Wilsonville School District as a potential site for an aquatic and community center in 2011. This year the task force recommended that the City Council place a bond measure before the voters to determine the community's interest in constructing an aquatic and community center.

If passed, this measure would allow the City to sell general obligation bonds up to \$24 million to construct, equip, and furnish a new indoor aquatic and community center. The bonds would mature in 20 years or less. The new aquatic and community center would be constructed on City-owned property on Parker Road next to Tanner Creek Park. Approximately \$1.5 million of the proceeds from the bond sale would be used to refinance the City's previous acquisition of this property.

Initial plans for the aquatic and community center include an indoor pool with aquatic park-like features, a gym, running track, classrooms and fitness areas. The facility design is expected to accommodate the future addition of a multi-lane lap pool. The formal design process for the facility will be initiated upon approval of this measure.

If this bond measure is passed, property taxes are estimated to increase by approximately 53 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value or \$152 per year on a home assessed at \$285,000.

Submitted by
Megan Thornton
City of West Linn

Measure 3-432

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

WAC, former "Citizens for West Linn Aquatic Center" 800+ friends encourage you to VOTE YES!

DID YOU KNOW? After decades of expensive surveys, advisory votes, feasibility studies, showing enthusiastic SUPPORT, this is the FIRST time YOU have had a chance to vote on a Bond Measure to actually construct a YEAR-ROUND city pool, recreation center? We are "CAN DO" citizens. Less capable communities have accomplished this. NOW we have the opportunity.

An INVESTMENT in West Linn Citizens: We have learned through investing in top consultants that area demographics are excellent for revenue-neutral operations for this smartly designed, cost-effective facility. We can expect this facility to meet community needs while not burdening us with debt. We can also look forward to it adding to the prosperity of our community by encouraging more business commerce and offering 70+ jobs for teens and adults.

SAFETY: Every child (and adult) needs the life-saving skill of swimming. For the first time West Linn will be able to have classes in all types of water safety & sports YEAR-ROUND!

HEALTH: Our community will be more fitness-minded by having access YEAR-ROUND to swimming and exercise, a great cardiovascular workout for everyone. Clubs of all ages can meet and train for marathon events and lap swimming. Water therapies can be a quick way to recovery.

Our KIDS and TEENS: Our city will finally have facilities for programming YEAR-ROUND activities. Facilities for weight training and healthy events for infants to teenagers -all with a place to recreate away from televisions and video games. Our youth will have safer places to hang out.

Did YOU know that the most frequently asked question asked by newcomers in our area is, "Where is the pool?" Now is the time to **VOTE YES** to be able to answer with directions instead of apologies !

Parris Chargois, former Chair of West Linn Parks Advisory Board, Aquatic Task Force, WAC board of directors

Tracy Gilday, WAC President, Aquatic Task Force

(This information furnished by Parris Chargois)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

VOTE YES on Measure 3-432: Healthcare is a national priority for a good reason

The cost of our nation's healthcare currently represents over 17% of our national debt, and that number continues to grow exponentially. The status quo of our current healthcare "system" is no longer sustainable. The system as we know it is broken, and "reform" (action in policy, infrastructure investment, innovation and personal accountability) is required on a variety of levels to improve our country's (and state's) quality of life from a health, economic, and workforce perspective.

This ballot is not just about a facility, even though the value it adds to our property and community should be readily apparent to any citizen who's struggled to find a local and cost-effective pool and resource center solution for their family. It's about our community making a financial and social commitment to its citizens. This commitment would provide access to the preventative and restorative healthcare resources needed for individuals and families to improve health care outcomes, improve population health, and to reduce costs. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) call these three goals the "Triple Aim." Our Governor, the Federal Government, and our country are counting on (and has invested greatly in) all of us playing a role in the transformation of healthcare to solve the runaway train of healthcare costs that are paralyzing our country. Change is scary --particularly at this level, scope and timeline --but doing nothing is not an option.

Make a proactive move in West Linn history by investing in the health and sustainability of our community's future.

Kim Lamb, VP, Marketing (Oregon-based national non-profit organization)

Jim Lamb, Business Analyst (Global technology hardware manufacturer and services provider)

Andrew & Lanny Riehle, Small business owners

Anne Scott, M.B.A.

(This information furnished by Kim Lamb)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Fellow West Linn Voters;

For decades citizens of West Linn have asked the city council to place a measure on the ballot that will allow us to decide if we want a year round pool and recreation center.

In the past the council has had a reason not to let us speak at the ballot. Now, this council has stated that the citizens of West Linn should get their chance to vote and so we will!

Positive points to vote for our pool and recreation center;

Baby Boomers, Senior Citizens; Water aerobics is great exercise with very little stress on knees, ankles and other joints. A really fun way to exercise and meet new friends.

Children, pre-school thru high school; A great place to learn to swim, practice swimming, have great fun in a safe atmosphere, learn life long skills to protect you when around water.

Parents; A great place for you to meet new friends while children learn skills that will last a life time. A place to have birthday parties, neighborly meetings, celebrations.

West Linn Citizens; We can have a West Linn Family Room. A safe and clean place for all of us to enjoy celebrations, meetings, exercise, aquatic activities and it will be ours.

Swim Teams; With our own aquatic center, our swim teams can practice at home. Currently our West Linn swimmers must travel as far as Molalla, Beaverton, Portland to practice. A lot less time driving and the fees will stay at home when we have our own aquatic center.

Please join me in supporting 3-432, West Linn's Pool and Recreation Center.

Don Kingsborough
Bob Martin - Ph.d
Mike Watters

(This information furnished by Don Kingsborough)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

It's not often we get the chance to make a real difference in the liveability of our community. By voting YES on 3-432, West Linn will finally build a community/aquatic center where children, parents, teenagers, and seniors will get together to participate in healthy recreational and social activities. All improvements carry a financial cost, and we do not enter into this venture lightly. For at least two generations, West Linn citizens have painstakingly planned and studied the economic feasibility of building a community and aquatic center. Since at least 1998, each updated version of the city's Master Parks and Recreation Plan has placed a high priority on the construction of an aquatic facility and community recreation center. The Parks and Recreation Department, working with citizen advisory committees, has repeatedly polled citizens to determine the appropriate scope and size of that facility. The scope and size of the project has been reduced to minimize construction costs and operational subsidies. The "dry side" activities will help pay for operation and maintenance of the aquatic facilities. Swimming is one of few types of exercise available to people of all ages and abilities, even for people with physical limitations. Let's join other small towns such as Woodburn, Astoria, Sherwood, Mollala and Dallas, who turned vision into reality by building community centers with aquatic facilities. Make West Linn the best place to live it can be, please vote YES on 3-432.

Jane Hickman, former member of Parks and Recreation Master Plan Advisory Committee and West Linn Aquatics Advisory Committee

LeAnne Schrotzberger

(This information furnished by Jane K. Hickman and LeAnne Schrotzberger)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The community of West Linn has talked about building a pool and recreation center for decades. The people have advocated for this and the City has long held it as a goal for our community.

There have been countless hours of volunteer discussions, research, study with experts and a thorough vetting of every option to bring an indoor, year round pool to West Linn. In 2004 the voters passed what was an advisory vote showing they were in favor of building a pool. Yet, in all the years of discussion, West Linn voters have not had the chance to officially vote yes to make it happen.

It's time.

The West Linn Pool and Recreation Center will truly be a place all citizens can keep healthy, have a place to meet up and generally have fun. It will be a destination where young and young at heart will find a true sense of our community spirit.

The Center will be designed by the community specifically to serve all of us. We will have an opportunity to have a say in the programming and design. To make this project financially feasible, we need fitness features such as a walking/jogging track, weights and cardio equipment as well as a family pool with a variety of features for all. There will be something for everyone.

We are a city of stellar schools that attract new families. The Center will add another asset, setting West Linn apart as a great place to live.

Adults need a place to walk and run year round. Parents want a healthy place to go with their kids during the wet, gray months and our young adults need more places to meet up in West Linn.

What a wonderful, healthy addition for the West Linn community.

Vote YES on Measure 3-432 for West Linn's Aquatic Community Center.

Nancy King, West Linn Resident

Vicki Handy, West Linn Resident

Karen Hensley, West Linn Resident

(This information furnished by Nancy King)

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Measure 3-432

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

WEST LINN, BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR

The proposed Aquatic Center is a financial disaster waiting to happen, your tax dollars down the drain. At \$24 million, you are being asked to fund the **MOST EXPENSIVE** bond issue in city history— 2 ½ times the cost of our new Police Station (yet unpaid-for) and which will more than **DOUBLE** the city’s outstanding bond obligations.

West Linn will incur additional debt averaging **ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS** for every man, woman, and child in the city. It will raise your property taxes **MANY HUNDREDS** of dollars per year **FOREVER**. And paying for the construction isn’t all. There’s certain to be levies every year to cover operating losses. Even the project’s proponents admit that.

Our area is adequately served by many existing aquatic facilities, most notably the North Clackamas Aquatic Center, only six miles and eight minutes from the Arch Bridge. It’s a nice facility, but, like most publicly funded aquatic centers, it loses big money. Ours will too.

Be **VERY** skeptical of published figures and predictions from pie-in-the-sky proponents. West Linn’s feasibility study predicts revenues of \$2,002,000 with a first-year loss of \$122,818. But these figures completely ignore that North Clackamas barely only takes in **HALF** that amount (\$1,202,000) while losing almost **SEVEN TIMES** as much (\$796,000)

All of the above is **IN ADDITION** to the cost of a pool membership, estimated to be \$500 yearly, compared with \$290 for North Clackamas. Now this is getting really expensive.

If there is such an overwhelming need for an aquatic center in West Linn, why don’t private developers want to build one? The answer is obvious, because they’re big losers. We’ll all be swimming in red ink. Please join in voting **NO** to this wasteful government boondoggle that our small town can’t afford.

I am a West Linn homeowner and have paid for this message out of my own pocket to bring this information to your attention.

Charles Seims

(This information furnished by Charles Seims)

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Measure 3-432

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Should voters buy an aquatic center that will need a yearly subsidy to operate?

Multnomah County built the Wapato Jail ten years ago. It has never been used because there are no operating funds. The county has paid about \$3.5 million to maintain the empty building.

Lake Oswego bought what is now called the West End Building seven years ago for use as a community center. A lack of funds has prevented its use as such, and Lake Oswego wants to sell it.

A vocal minority in West Linn now wants the city to spend \$24 million to build and equip an aquatic center. The center would then operate at a loss of \$75,000 per year, according one of the city councilors.

The \$75,000 per year operating loss will reduce the funds available to fix the potholes in our roads, reduce the funds available to replace 100-year-old water delivery mains, reduce the funds available to replace 100-year-old sewer mains.

If the city of West Linn refuses to fund the net operating loss, then we can join Multnomah County and Lake Oswego in being stuck with a useless facility. This certainly does not sound like a good deal to me.

VOTE “NO” ON MEASURE 3-432.

(This information furnished by Charles R. Roberts, Sr.)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Vote NO on Measure 3-432

Ten good reasons why West Linn citizens should vote "NO" on this measure:

1. The "estimated" \$152 yearly cost for a home with assessed value of \$285,000 will actually be higher for most citizens (the average West Linn house is assessed at about \$302,775). Maintenance fees will increase that amount.
2. The final cost is even more. The measure states that there will be a "future addition of a multi-lane lap pool."
3. West Linn pool proponents have cited a similar facility in Madras, Oregon as an example. A homeowner there with a \$302,775 assessed home value pays approximately \$400 (\$215 for the building bond and \$185 for two maintenance levies) per year. The Madras facility costs \$1700 per day to operate.
4. Read the measure, the actual facility building and maintenance costs haven't been presented in detail. The final decisions and design will be completed AFTER voter approval. We won't know the real costs until it's too late.
5. Maintenance and operational costs have forced some cities to close their pools. This \$24,000,000 dollar "aquatic and community center" will cost taxpayers an enormous amount for building, operation, and maintenance each year.
6. In recent years, Oregon City's annual pool deficit has averaged \$400,000 and Clackamas Aquatic Center's deficit has been between \$500,000 and \$700,000.
7. In his July 11, 2013 Tidings Letter Andy Rocchia stated that, outside of a hospital or public auditorium, there is nothing more costly to maintain in the public sector than a public swimming pool.
8. The Clackamas Aquatic Center is an easily accessible 10 minutes away.
9. The liability the city will take on with operating a public pool is formidable.
10. A West Linn public swimming pool would be a hole to pour our money into, which neither the city nor the citizens have.

Those are ten good reasons to vote "NO" on Measure 3-432.

Angela Dreher, Ph.D.

Retired faculty member, Reed College



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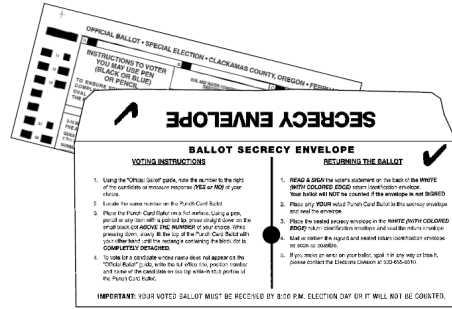
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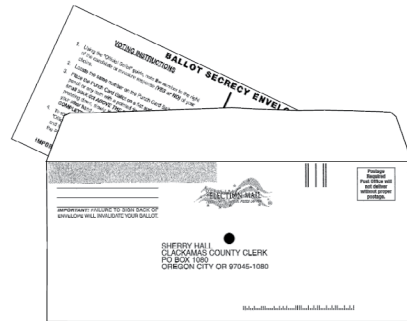
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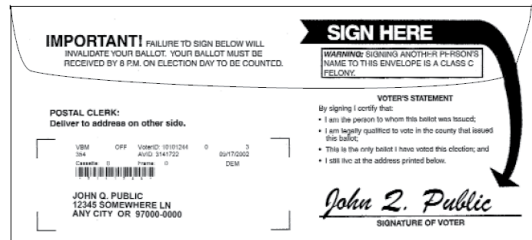
Place the sealed secrecy envelope in the white (with colored edge) return identification envelope and seal the return envelope.



3

Read and sign the voter's statement on the return identification envelope.

Your ballot will **NOT** be counted if the return envelope is not signed.



Attach sufficient first-class postage to the signed and sealed return identification envelope and mail it as soon as possible to arrive at the Clackamas County Elections Division **no later than 8:00 p.m.**, Tuesday, November 5, 2013. **The postmark does not count!**

OR

Deliver the signed and sealed return identification envelope to any official ballot drop site no later than 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 5, 2013. First-class postage is **NOT** required if delivered to a ballot drop site.

If you need assistance or have questions, please call the Elections Division at **503.655.8510 / TTY 503.655.1685**