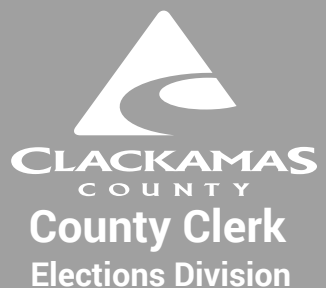






VOTERS' PAMPHLET NOVEMBER 7, 2023

★ SPECIAL ELECTION ★



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Dear Voter:

There will be a Special Election on Nov. 7, 2023. This is not a county-wide election. If you reside in the cities of Gladstone, Molalla, or West Linn; the Aurora, Hoodland, or Riverdale fire districts; or the North Clackamas, Silver Falls, or West Linn–Wilsonville school districts; you are one of 175,000 voters that should expect a ballot in the mail. **Oct. 17 is the Voter Registration Deadline for this election.** Visit oregonvotes.gov to register to vote or update your information. For your convenience, our office will be open until 7 p.m. on Oct. 17. Ballots will be mailed out to all eligible voters the next day, on Oct. 18. **Please contact our office if you do not receive your ballot by Oct. 25.**

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Your ballot will arrive in a newly designed, larger, 6-by-9-inch ballot envelope. You'll also notice that the ballot packet no longer contains an optional secrecy sleeve. Instead, a secure privacy weave has been embedded directly into your official ballot return envelope. When your ballot is placed into the envelope, the privacy weave prevents anyone from seeing how you voted. This change has been approved by the Secretary of State and the USPS and reflects best practice in financial institutions and Vote-By-Mail.

Official Ballot Drop Site Update: We will have 18 of our 25 official ballot drop sites open so that you can return your voted ballot to your nearby drop site. The Milwaukie City Hall drop site has moved a few blocks north to 10501 SE Main (new city hall). Happy Valley Library is undergoing construction. The drop site will be available *inside* the library during open hours. The nearest 24-hour drive-up drop site is located at the Happy Valley City Hall at 16000 SE Misty Drive. Find your nearest drop site at clackamas.us/elections. **Return your voted ballot to an official ballot drop box or by mail (with a valid postmark) by 8 p.m. Election Day, Nov. 7, 2023.** No stamp needed!

Where you live determines what is on your ballot. Not all contests or measures in the Voters' Pamphlet will be on your ballot and not all candidates submitted an optional statement. Candidate statements and measure arguments are printed as filed; no corrections to spelling or grammar are made, and the information is not verified for accuracy by the county.

Call us at 503-655-8510 or elections@clackamas.us. Clackamas County Elections is open Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. **On Election Day, Tue., Nov. 7, the office will be open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.** Visit clackamas.us/elections/nov-7-2023-special-election for more information.

It is an honor to serve Clackamas County voters as your elected County Clerk. Thank you for exercising your right and responsibility to vote. Thank you for participating in local democracy.

Sincerely,

Catherine McMullen, Clackamas County Clerk

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Voters' Pamphlet Submission Information

- Not all candidates choose to purchase space in the Voters' Pamphlet.
- For a complete list of candidates and measures that have been filed, visit <http://clackamas.us/elections> or visit us at 1710 Red Soils Court, Suite 100, Oregon City, OR 97045.
- Measure filings appear in the order which they will appear on the ballot as instructed by the Secretary of State. Arguments in favor/opposition to a measure appear exactly as submitted, by the type of argument, in the order each was received at the County Elections Division.

In 2021, the Oregon Legislature passed the Voter Language Access Bill (HB 3021) requiring the Secretary of State to translate portions of state and county voters' pamphlets into Oregon's and the county's most spoken languages. The law seeks to remove barriers to voting for those who are not fully proficient in English.

To help in this effort, the Translation Advisory Council was created. The Council is made up of volunteer community members who represent the ethnic, linguistic, and cultural diversity of Oregon voters. Council members make sure state and county translations are accurate and retain the original tone and meaning in a culturally appropriate manner.

Selected portions of this county voters' pamphlet are available in Simplified Chinese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese. These translations can be found online at oregonvotes.gov/ClackamasVP

本县选民手册的部分内容提供简体中文版本。可以访问 oregonvotes.gov/ClackamasVP 获取译本。

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oregonvotes.gov/ClackamasVP 에서 찾아볼 수 있습니다.

Отдельные части брошюр избирателей этого округа доступны на русском языке. С данными переводами можно ознакомиться в Интернете по адресу: oregonvotes.gov/ClackamasVP

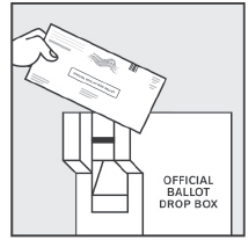
Algunas secciones de este folleto para votantes del condado están disponibles en español. Estas traducciones están disponibles en línea en oregonvotes.gov/ClackamasVP

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Các phần được chọn trong tập thông tin cho cử tri quận này có bản ngôn ngữ bằng tiếng Việt. Các bản dịch có thể xem trực tuyến tại oregonvotes.gov/ClackamasVP

Official Ballot Drop Sites

open for November 7, 2023 Special Election



Mail your voted ballot back with a valid postmark or return it to your nearest official ballot drop site by 8 p.m. Election Day, Nov. 7, 2023. No stamp needed! Eligible voters who have not received a ballot by Oct. 25 should contact Clackamas County Elections for a replacement.

There are 18 official ballot drop sites open 24/7 with limited hours at the Happy Valley Library. All drop sites will be available until 8 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 7, 2023. Those marked with an asterisk have drive-up access. Please note that the Happy Valley Library drop site will be inside the library and available only during open hours. The Milwaukie City Hall drop site has moved to the new city hall.

Canby

Canby Civic Building
222 NE 2nd Ave.

Canby – Arneson Garden*
249 S Sequoia Parkway

Damascus

Damascus Square*
19830-20000 SE Hwy 212

Gladstone

Gladstone Civic Center
18505 Portland Ave.

Happy Valley

Happy Valley City Hall*
16000 SE Misty Dr.

Happy Valley Library,
13793 SE Sieben Park Way

Temporarily located inside during construction and available library hours: *Sun. & Mon. 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.; Tue., Wed. & Thu. 10 a.m.- 8 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.*

The nearest 24-hour drive-up drop site is located at the Happy Valley City Hall.

Lake Oswego

Lake Oswego City Hall*
380 A Ave.

Lake Oswego - Westlake Park*
14165 Bunick Dr.

Milwaukie / Oak Lodge

Clackamas Community College – Harmony Campus
7738 SE Harmony Road

Milwaukie City Hall
10501 SE Main St.
(Located at new City Hall)

Milwaukie Public Safety Building
3200 SE Harrison St.

Oak Lodge Library,
16201 SE McLoughlin Blvd.

Molalla

Molalla Public Library*
201 E 5th St.

Oregon City

Clackamas County Clerk/
Elections Office*
1710 Red Soils Court

Welches

Hoodland Public Library
24525 E Welches Road

West Linn

West Linn City Hall
22500 Salamo Road

West Linn Public Library
1595 Burns St.

Wilsonville

Wilsonville City Hall*
29799 Town Center Loop E

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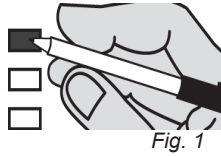
Your voted ballot may be dropped off at any official ballot drop site in the state.

The Secretary of State's drop box locator is: www.oregonvotes.gov/dropbox

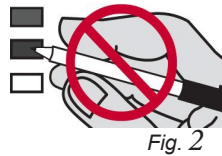
Voting Instructions

1. Vote your Official Ballot

Locate the candidate or measure response (Yes or No) of your choice for each contest. To vote, completely darken the rectangle to the left of your choice with black or blue ink. [Figure 1]



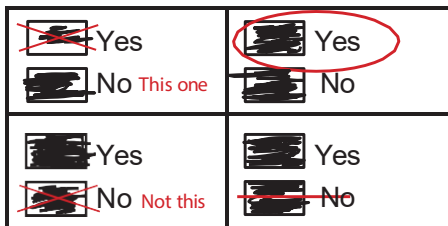
Remember: If you vote for more than the number of candidates allowed for an office, or you vote both Yes and No on a measure, it is called an overvote and your vote for the candidate or measure will not count. [Figure 2]



You are not required to vote on everything. Your ballot will still be counted as cast and your votes for other contests will be counted.

If you make a mistake

Don't tear up your ballot yet. You can fix it! Make your choice obvious so that election officials can count it correctly. Please review the examples of acceptable corrections.



2. Review your Official Ballot

Ensure you have correctly marked your choice for each contest. Your official ballot may contain contests printed on both front and back. Remember to review both sides!

If you lose your ballot, or it is spoiled in any way, contact Clackamas County Elections at **503.655.8510** to request a replacement ballot.

3. Return your Official Ballot

Place your voted official ballot in the envelope and sign the Voter's Statement.

Remember: Read and sign the Voter's Statement on the Return Ballot Envelope. Your ballot cannot be counted if the Return Ballot Envelope is not signed.

By Mail: **Stamps are not required** to mail your Return Ballot Envelope. Please mail it as soon as possible; it **must be postmarked by Tuesday, November 7, 2023**. Ballots postmarked by the deadline must also be received by Clackamas County Elections within 7 days after the election.

In Person: Deliver the signed and sealed Return Ballot Envelope to any official ballot drop site (see list on page 4) no later than 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

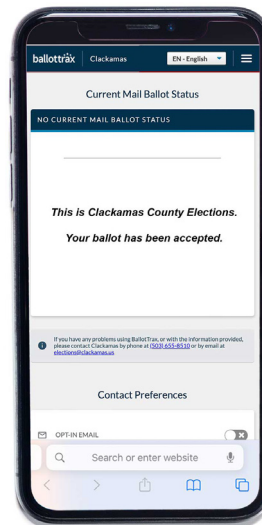
How Do I Track My Ballot?



Sign up to Track Your Ballot! Trust that your vote counts with simple, secure, mail ballot tracking! Know where your ballot is in the voting process from mailed to accepted.

As a Clackamas County voter, you can sign up to receive alerts via text, phone, or email. Know when your ballot is mailed to you. After you vote and return your ballot, be alerted when it has been accepted for counting. Your vote remains anonymous and confidential.

Sign up online for Track Your Ballot at clackamas.us/elections/track-your-ballot. This service is free for the voter.



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City of Gladstone Councillor, Position 4



Cierra Cook

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: General Manager, Grocery Store; Program Development and Operations Management

Educational Background: Portland Community College, Business, AS; Portland State University, School of Business, None

Prior Governmental Experience:

Gladstone City Council; Audit Committee Chairperson; Gladstone Audit Committee Member; Gladstone Budget Committee Member

My family moved to Gladstone shortly after my first child was born. We were looking for a place to raise our kids that had a strong sense of community, where we could know and be known by our neighbors.

Since making our family home here, I've volunteered on the Audit and Budget Committees, including as Chairperson of the Audit Committee, and have been serving as City Councillor since being appointed on an interim basis in spring of this year.

My priorities as a city councillor will continue to be:

Supporting **livability and affordability** for all Gladstone families.

Being responsive to community needs, including seeking out feedback from residents who have been historically underrepresented. I believe diversity makes our community stronger, and that we have work to do to ensure that Gladstone is a place of opportunity and welcome for all people.

Supporting small businesses and our developing downtown. As a small business owner I know the challenges facing emerging businesses, and the value they bring to our community. As City Councillor I've served as the Business Liaison and have worked to organize city efforts to bring business owners together and explore ways they can be better supported.

Forward-thinking and **proactive investment in physical and organizational infrastructure.** We need to responsibly plan for the future to ensure the city can maintain essential services without relying on outsourcing.

Responsible transportation policy, which includes opposing tolling on I-205 and working to mitigate the impacts of tolling if necessary.

Endorsed by:

Gladstone Mayor Michael Milch
Gladstone City Councillor Veronica Reichle
Gladstone City Councillor Luke Roberts
Vanessa Huckaby, Councillor, City of Gladstone
Former City Councillor Tracy Todd
Gladstone School Board Member Charlie Chu

(This information furnished by Cierra Cook)

City of Gladstone Councillor, Position 4



Gabrielle Blaug

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Computer hardware support and purchasing; Project management; Department budget specialist

Educational Background: Reed College Biology, BofA; University of Phoenix, Business, MBA

Prior Governmental Experience: City of Gladstone Budget Committee member

I have lived in Gladstone for over a year and am interested in serving within the local City Council. I greatly enjoy our community and wish to contribute to the livability of our city. I have been following and volunteering with the Gladstone City Council and would like the opportunity to further serve Gladstone residents. If elected I would support the following:

- No Tolling - Tolling on I-205 would be a burden on Gladstone with increased traffic on our city roads and costs to local residents.
- Support our Firefighters and Police with re-approval of two vital levies - I support Ballot Measure 3-600, the Proposed Renewal of the Operating Levy for Police Services, and Ballot Measure 3-60, the Proposed Renewal for Fire and Medical Services. Please support our amazing local Emergency Services and vote Yes on both measures.
- Support for Gladstone Businesses - I support the City Council's ongoing effort to revitalize the downtown Gladstone area and attract new business.
- Support for a diverse Gladstone - I support a diverse and inclusive Gladstone.
- Support for Gladstone's capital projects such as the Library, Public Works Building, and other ongoing ventures. Gladstone has several large infrastructure projects in progress that will enhance our community.
- Ongoing fiscal responsibility - Gladstone has managed its budget well and as a consequence is in a good fiscal outlook. I will continue to ensure that the local government continues its current excellent practices.

I hope I have earned your Vote and I look forward to being able to serve all of Gladstone's residents.

(This information furnished by Gabrielle Blaug)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county. The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

City of Gladstone Councillor, Position 4



Jake Meek

Occupation: Realtor and Property Manager, Avid Real Estate Executives, LLC

Occupational Background: Financial Advisor, Northwestern Mutual; Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity; High School Track Coach

Educational Background: Oregon State University, College of Business

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Vote for Jake Meek – Our Next City Councillor

Gladstone stands at a crossroads, and the direction it takes hinges on effective leadership. This is why I'm running for City Council—to ensure our city progresses in the right direction. My firm commitment to our community and my drive for positive change fuels my candidacy.

I pledge to be a strong voice for what Gladstone truly wants. City Council's duty is to manage the city's business, prioritizing citizens' needs over special interests. I approach this role not just as a one-year commitment, but as the first step in a journey to enhance our community for families and businesses alike.

Business Growth

Gladstone's focus is currently centered on the new library, a project close to my heart as a businessperson. I understand the vital role libraries play in nurturing small businesses and entrepreneurs. To promote local businesses, attract newcomers, and inspire citizens to invest in our community, I will support initiatives that foster a robust business environment.

Infrastructure

I champion investments in the foundational elements of a thriving community. Gladstone's potential depends on improving our roads, fortifying our water and sewer systems, and maintaining a clean and secure city.

I am committed to being the competent and passionate leader Gladstone deserves—a leader who puts Gladstone's well-being first. Join me in shaping a brighter future for our beloved community.

"As long-time Gladstone residents, we've appreciated the great schools and community safety that the city provides. We believe that Jake will be a great steward of your trust to lead Gladstone into the future."

- Tobin and Janae Werner, Gladstone Residents

Endorsements:

State Senator Mark Meek
Gladstone City Councillor Greg Alexander
Gladstone City Councillor Mindy Garlington
Terry Emmert, Emmert International
Steve Leitz, Local Business Owner

(This information furnished by Jake Meek)

City of West Linn Councillor



Carol Bryck

Occupation: Interim City Councillor, City of West Linn

Occupational Background: Chief Financial Officer, Clackamas River Water; Interim Finance Director, City of Lake Oswego; Vice President Robinwood Neighborhood Association; Board Member, Friends of Robinwood Station; Cash Manager, TVBS; Cash Manager, The Greenbrier Companies; Manager of Cash Disbursements, Apple Computer

Educational Background: Portland State University, Public Administration, Exec. Masters of Public Administration; University of Alaska, Anchorage, Accounting, Bachelors of Business Administration

Prior Governmental Experience: Interim City Councillor, City of West Linn; Citizen's Budget Committee, City of West Linn; Highway 43/Willamette Falls Drive Citizen Advisory group member

I am honored to have been appointed to fill the West Linn City Council vacancy and am excited to continue to serve the community.

Professionally, I have twenty years of public budgeting, finance and administration experience to bring to the City of West Linn. My collaborative approach encourages all voices to be heard and solutions found to challenges faced by the city. I will work with the Council, City staff, and the public to make positive changes. As your City Councillor, I want to hear from you.

I pledge to work to:

- Lobby to stop unfair tolls on I-205
- Engage the public on the Highway 43 vision to revitalize the corridor
- Listen to all interests related to the potential community/recreation facility
- Look for opportunities for increased public transit within the city
- Investigate alternative funding sources for our water system
- Enhance communication and collaboration with all
- Make decisions that are fiscally responsible and transparent

Many of the City of West Linn's challenges are due to existing financial constraints. My strong financial background can provide new insights. We must work together - citizens, volunteers, council, and staff - to build a community where we are all proud to live and serve.

ENDORSEMENTS:

Rory Bialostosky – West Linn Mayor
Mary Baumgardner – West Linn City Council President

(This information furnished by Carol Bryck)

City of Gladstone

Measure 3-600

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE CITY COUNCIL

RENEWAL OF CURRENT OPERATING LEVY FOR POLICE SERVICES

Question: Shall Gladstone renew the operating levy of \$0.68 per \$1,000 for police services for five years beginning 2024-2025? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: This measure renews the current police operating levy that will expire in June 2024. The City Council placed this measure on the ballot to maintain existing police services such as:

- Consistent, continuous police services 24/7
- Police station operations in downtown Gladstone
- Community Service Officer
- School Resource Officer
- K9 officer program

Maintain connection with the regional County dispatch center (CCOM) to handle 911 priority calls and emergency response for fire, police, ambulance, and search and rescue

- Crime prevention efforts / problem-oriented policing
- Other services and equipment to maintain police service levels

With these positions, the Police Department is able to continue to respond to emergency situations in a timely and effective manner and to provide consistent police services 24/7.

Estimated amounts to be raised by this levy:

2024-2025 \$803,529
2025-2026 \$827,635
2026-2027 \$852,464
2027-2028 \$878,038
2028-2029 \$904,379

Total: \$4,266,044

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

What is Gladstone's Police Services Levy?

The City of Gladstone provides police services to respond to calls for assistance in the community. If the measure passes, the City would continue to have enough funding to maintain police services at their existing levels. The levy would continue the current level of service and staffing to serve the Gladstone community.

If the measure passes, would the Police Services Levy cost taxpayers?

The levy would continue the current rate of \$0.68 per \$1,000 of assessed value, unchanged from today. The cost per household for a home with an assessed value of \$242,000 (different from market value) would be, on average, about \$165 per year.

If the measure does not pass, services that are currently paid from the Police Services Levy would have to be taken out of the existing budget, requiring service and staffing reductions. The City could no longer support consistent, continuous police services 24/7, operating from the police station in downtown Gladstone.

The following specific services would not be supported: Community Service and School Resource officers; K9 officer program; Gladstone's share of costs for the regional County dispatch center (CCOM) that handles 911 priority calls; crime prevention program; other services and equipment purchases.

What is the City's history with the Police Services Levy?

The Police Services Operating Levy was first authorized by voters in November, 1998. In 2002, 2008 and 2012 voters re-authorized the Police Services Operating Levy. In 2018, voters again approved (74% Yes) the current tax which expires in 2024. This proposed levy would maintain the current rate of \$0.68 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years starting July 2024 through June 2029. **The proposed levy is a renewal request, not a new tax.**

QUICK FACTS

If this measure passes, it would renew the current Police Operating Levy that expires in June 2024. The City Council placed this measure on the ballot for voters' consideration. If passed, the levy would maintain existing police services:

- Consistent, continuous police services 24/7
- Police station operations in downtown Gladstone
- Community Service Officer
- School Resource Officer
- K9 officer program
- Regional County dispatch center (CCOM) handles 911 priority calls - Gladstone's share
- Crime prevention
- Other services/equipment

Submitted by:
Tami Bannick
City Recorder

NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR/OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED

City of Gladstone Measure 3-601

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE CITY COUNCIL

RENEWAL OF CURRENT OPERATING LEVY FOR FIRE AND MEDICAL SERVICES

Question: Shall Gladstone renew operating levy of \$0.31 per \$1,000 for fire and medical services for five years beginning 2024-2025? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: This measure renews the current fire and emergency medical services operating levy which will expire in June 2024. The City Council placed this measure on the ballot to maintain existing services for fire protection and emergency medical response such as:

- * Current staffing level (3 firefighters at Gladstone station) to maintain current response times for emergency calls
- * Includes paramedic on duty 24/7
- * Chief officer coverage for command and control of emergencies and other duties
- * Fire protection services; response to structure and wildland fires
- * Response to medical emergencies, vehicle crashes
- * Training and equipping firefighters and paramedics
- * Mutual assistance with Portland, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue and other surrounding fire departments
- * Purchasing capital equipment: fire engines, resource vehicles, protective equipment to maintain existing fire protection and emergency medical services

Estimated amounts to be raised by this levy:

2024-2025: \$336,315
2025-2026: \$377,304
2026-2027: \$388,623
2027-2028: \$400,282
2028-2029: \$412,290

TOTAL: \$1,944,814

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

What is Gladstone's Fire and Medical Services Levy?

The Fire and Medical Services Levy, if passed, would continue Gladstone's existing level of fire and medical services—and current staffing.

In April 2022, the City entered into an intergovernmental agreement with Clackamas Fire District #1 to operate Gladstone's fire station at 555 Portland Avenue and to provide fire protection and emergency services to all of Gladstone's residents and businesses.

Clackamas Fire District #1 protects 220,000 residents over 228 square miles from 22 community fire stations (one in Gladstone).

If the measure passes, would the Fire Services Levy cost taxpayers?

The levy renewal would continue the rate of \$0.31 per \$1,000 of assessed value, unchanged from today. The cost per household for a home with an assessed value of \$242,000 (different than market value) would be, on average, about \$75.

If the levy does not pass, beginning July 2024 the City will be unable to pay Clackamas Fire District #1 for its current level of service, which includes staffing the Gladstone fire station 24/7 with 3 firefighters, including at least one paramedic. Then, the City of Gladstone and Clackamas Fire District will renegotiate to reduce the level of services provided or terminate the agreement.

What is the City's history with the Fire and Medical Services Levy?

This tax levy was first authorized by voters in November of 1998. In 2002, 2008, and 2012 voters reauthorized a levy. In 2018, voters again approved (80% Yes) the Fire and Medical Services Levy that expires in 2024. If this levy passes, it would maintain the current rate of \$0.31 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years starting July 2024 through June 2029. **The proposed levy is a renewal request, not a new tax measure.**

QUICK FACTS

If the measure passes, it would enable Gladstone to maintain current fire and emergency medical services:

- Current staffing levels (3 firefighters at Gladstone station) and current response time for 911 calls, 24/7/365
- Includes paramedic on duty 24/7
- Chief officer coverage for command and control of emergencies and other duties
- Fire protection services; response to structure and wildland fires
- Response to medical emergencies, vehicle crashes
- Training and equipping firefighters and paramedics
- Mutual assistance with Portland, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue and other surrounding fire departments
- Purchasing capital equipment: fire engines, resource vehicles, protective equipment

Submitted by:
Tami Bannick
City Recorder

**NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR/OPPOSITION TO THIS
MEASURE WERE FILED**

City of Molalla Measure 3-602

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Molalla General Obligation Bond Authorization for Police Station

Question: Shall the City of Molalla issue \$16 million in general obligation bonds to provide a police station? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property and property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: This measure requires citizen accountability and oversight over bond expenditures. Proceeds of the bonds would pay capital costs to provide a new police station and related facilities on existing City land.

Specifically, the project is expected to:

- *Increase capacity and safety for officers and staff,
- *Allow for local holding cells, secure parking and space to secure arms and evidence,
- *Provide necessary space for officer training and task force meetings,
- *Allow for community group meetings,
- *Serve as an emergency operations center from which to direct fire emergency efforts and coordinate other public safety crises,
- *Increase efficiency of operations with additional workspace and improved technology,
- *Be seismically sound and accessible to all.

Bonds may be issued in multiple series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$16 million, each series maturing within 26 years from issuance. The estimated annual tax rate would be \$0.97 per \$1,000 of assessed value or approximately \$20.21 per month on a home assessed at \$250,000. The actual levy rate may differ due to final interest rates and changes in assessed value.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Protecting Molalla's quality of life is an inherent value most Molalla residents share. Public safety is prioritized to keep our streets and neighborhoods safe. Providing a safe and adequate police station will promote Molalla as a place that values community safety.

Currently, the Molalla Police Department operates without adequate headquarters. The space our police work from now is not appropriate for booking and processing offenders. Police currently have limited, shared desk space to fill out necessary paperwork in the office. Officers do not have adequate lockers, showers or changing facilities. Security needs currently exceed capacity, and there is no room for on-site training or community meetings.

There is no secure temporary holding facility in Molalla, which causes safety concerns when dealing with violent offenders. Molalla is losing officer time and weakening our law enforcement capacity as a result. There is no secure police parking lot or protected garage.

The planned police station would allow us to use our limited police force capacity to maximum effect, increase efficiency and improve our support for the sworn officers who serve our community.

This increased capacity would enable Molalla to have an emergency coordinating center with capacity for wildfire response and other natural disasters.

For years, the City Council has been reserving resources to allow Molalla to purchase the intended site for the police station without having to raise additional tax dollars. It is up to Molalla voters to approve or reject the municipal bond necessary to build the new police station.

This measure requires citizen accountability and oversight over bond expenditures. Proceeds of the bonds would pay capital costs to provide a new police station and related facilities on existing City land.

Specifically, the project is expected to:

- Increase capacity and safety for officers and staff,
- Allow for local holding cells, secure parking and space to secure arms and evidence,
- Provide necessary space for officer training and task force meetings,
- Allow for on-site community group meetings,
- Serve as an emergency operations center from which to direct fire emergency efforts and coordinate other public safety crises,
- Increase efficiency of operations with additional workspace and improved technology, and
- Be seismically sound and accessible to all.

Bonds may be issued in multiple series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$16 million, each series maturing within 26 years from issuance. The estimated annual tax rate would be \$0.97 per \$1,000 of assessed value or approximately \$20.21 per month on a home assessed at \$250,000. The actual levy rate may differ due to final interest rates and changes in assessed value.

The Molalla City Council thanks you for considering this police station bond proposal and voting on this important measure.

Submitted by:
Christie Teets
City Recorder | Elections Officer

**NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS
MEASURE WERE FILED**

City of Molalla Measure 3-602

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

MOLALLA NEEDS YOU TO VOTE YES ON MEASURE 3-602!

Our community is a special place. As citizens, community members, and parents, we know that we must protect those things that matter most to us.

Measure 3-602 will do more than allow Molalla to build its first real police station. It will keep us safe! Even Mayberry RFD had a more substantial police station than our current facility provides.

Molalla is growing. We need to build a stronger community. We know that more crime means less safety for our families. The future of our community depends on how we respond to the challenges we face today. Currently, our police station and officers don't have space to book and hold suspects. We lose multiple officers off of our streets every time they drive a suspect to another jurisdiction.

Let's ask ourselves these questions: Why does it make sense to waste the time of our officers to travel to other jurisdictions to house evidence, hold trainings and have a private area to fill out paperwork? Why would we put their families at risk from exposure to potentially dangerous substances that our officers often come into contact with because they cannot shower or change their clothes at the current facility? Why would you believe it would make sense to limit the hiring of new officers as Molalla grows because we do not have the facilities to support them?

Molalla is growing, not because we are an extension of Portland, but because of the value of our community. Let's keep Molalla's growth with Molalla's values and pass Measure 3-602 and build a respectable police station that will benefit our entire community.

Please join us in voting YES for measure 3-602 to Protect Molalla!

Scott Keyser
Gary Wise
Elizabeth Klein
Vince Stafford
Chris Long
Tony Mann
Annette Delbridge
Rory Cramer
Neal Lucht
Connie Farrens Sharp
Dean Blades
Lauren Lucht
Terry Shankle
Jess Rickman
Kae Wise

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Elizabeth Klein, Protect Molalla PAC)*

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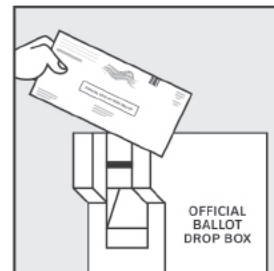
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North Clackamas School District Measure 3-599

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE DISTRICT BOARD

Local Option Levy Renewal To Maintain Teaching Positions, Classroom Programs

Question: Shall District renew levy to retain teachers, classroom programs at \$1.63 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years beginning 2024? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: This measure renews the levy at its current rate and would not increase property taxes.

North Clackamas School District's current local option levy was approved by voters in 2018. The levy currently funds 180 teaching positions which is one-fifth of educator positions in the District.

Every school in the district has teaching positions funded by the levy.

Levy resources would preserve and continue to fund:

- 180 Teacher positions to preserve class sizes
- Instructional time to keep the current number of school days
- Elective programming such as vocational career technical education, music, art, and physical education

Funds subject to accountability measures, including annual audits and School Board oversight.

If approved, this measure would continue the current local option levy of \$1.63 per \$1,000 of assessed value and is estimated to raise approximately \$23,757,196 in 2024-2025, \$24,469,912 in 2025-2026, \$25,204,009 in 2026-2027, \$25,960,130 in 2027-2028, and \$26,738,934 in 2028-2029, for a total of \$126,130,181 over five years.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The North Clackamas School District is the 6th largest in the state spanning nearly 40 square miles stretching across Northern Clackamas County. The District serves nearly 17,000 students across 32 schools.

Voters first approved the local option levy, also known as the Teachers Levy, in 2018. The levy provides funding to support 180 educator positions, which is equivalent to one-fifth of all teachers in the district. The current levy was approved for 5 years and will expire in 2024.

The North Clackamas School District is asking voters to approve a renewal of the Teachers Levy.

The levy renewal would continue to fund the 180 teaching positions it currently supports, which is one-fifth of educator positions in the District.

As a renewal, approval of this levy would protect class sizes, educator positions and elective programming in the District without increasing current property tax rates.

This levy would renew the current rate of \$1.63 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Why is the North Clackamas Teachers Levy Needed?

Measure 5 fundamentally changed Oregon's public school funding in 1990, shifting funding responsibility for kindergarten through 12th grade education from local school districts to the state of Oregon. In 1999, state law gave individual communities the ability to supplement state funding for their local schools. In 2018 North Clackamas School District voters first approved the local option levy allowing the District to maintain existing teaching positions and a full school year.

What the North Clackamas Teachers Levy Provides

Currently the levy funds positions at every school in the North Clackamas School District.

Renewing the operating levy resources would:

- Retain 180 teachers
- Maintain current class size averages across all North Clackamas School District schools
- Preserve programming such as vocational career technical education, music, art, and physical education

What the North Clackamas Teachers Levy Costs

If approved, property owners would continue to pay the same tax rate as the current local option school levy of \$1.63 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Local option levy funding, and all district finances and expenditures, are subject to accountability measures, including annual audits and School Board oversight, which ensure funds are used as intended.

All revenue generated by the levy renewal would continue to be used to support North Clackamas School District students.

Submitted by:
Shay James
Superintendent

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MEASURE WERE FILED**

North Clackamas School District Measure 3-599

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

A MESSAGE FROM PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICIALS Renewing the North Clackamas Schools Local Teachers Levy is Vital for our Community's Schools.

Keeping our Teachers in the Classroom Means a Safer Community for Everyone.

We care about protecting the quality of our local schools. North Clackamas schools determine the strength and vitality of our neighborhoods and community.

As public safety officials, we have reason to continue supporting our schools: they are central to our community's safety. Studies have shown that high-quality teachers are critical for students' life-long success.

That's why We're Voting YES to Renew the Local Teachers Levy.

Renewal will Maintain the Current Tax Rate, Providing Funding for 180 Teaching Positions Across the District. There's NO NEW TAXES.

The Local Teachers Levy was first passed in 2018. And, it's working.

- 20% of teaching positions are funded by the teachers levy;
- Renewing the levy every 5 years means more days in school and smaller class sizes;
- Coming out of the pandemic in 2021-2022, the NCSD's graduation rate was 86%, almost 5% higher than Oregon's average.

When kids are in school, they are engaged in learning as well as playing and working with others. Schools provide structure, help kids learn to be accountable for their actions, and teach them life skills to prepare them to be productive members of our community.

If the Local Teachers Levy is not renewed by voters now, it will mean up to one-fifth of teaching positions will be cut, Class sizes will increase. And, kids will spend less school days in the classroom.

100% of levy funds stay right here in NCSD to support our local classroom teachers. None goes to the state.

**Please join us in voting YES to renew our
commitment to students and teachers.**

Angela Brandenburg
Clackamas County Sheriff

**Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County,
IAFF Local 1159**

*(This information furnished by
Mitzi Bauer, Community in Support of NC12)*

North Clackamas School District Measure 3-599

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

Retirees Support Our North Clackamas School Teachers

We care about our local North Clackamas Schools. They educate the young people we count on for our future.

Our schools keep our community strong:

- Guiding children to be successful adults;
- Helping our local community and economy;
- Retaining our property values so when it's time to downsize or move, other families will want to purchase our homes.

Now it's time to renew the Local Teachers Levy. We ask you to join us in supporting our schools by voting YES for the North Clackamas Schools Local Levy.

The Local Teachers Levy is accountable and the best use of our taxpayer dollars.

- All funds stay in our local classrooms – none goes to the state;
- No funds go to administration;
- Annual audits, community oversight, and public reports will keep ensuring funds are spent as promised;
- This renews existing taxes, no tax increase.

We live on budgets like most people. Renewing the Local Teachers Levy is not a new tax. It maintains the current tax rate and will keep our community thriving for years to come.

We're voting YES and we hope you will too!

Jon Cottrell
Mary Cottrell
Verne A. Duncan
James Edwards
Vickie Edwards
Marilyn Fay
Dwayne Foley
Jan Foley
Glenda French
David Frick-Wright
Rhonda Frick-Wright
Ronald Gustafson
Sandra Henderson
Cam Kitchen
Molly Little
Jeanne Magmer
Bibi Momsen
Ron Naso
Vicki T. Nelms
Sid Ong
Wilda Parks
Aurora Peters
Clark Peters
Dan Robinette
Leslie Robinette
Debi Stromberg
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Susan Trotter
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North Clackamas School District Measure 3-599

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

Career Technical Education Is at the Heart of a Good Education Vote YES to Renew the North Clackamas Schools Local Teachers Levy

We are local small businesspeople and leaders in the career technical education and construction sectors.

We count on skilled workers to create, process and design our products. Thanks to the 2018 North Clackamas Local Teachers Levy, we count on career training at the Sabin-Schellenberg Skills Center. The Skills Center is a vital part of our local economy.

To keep our local economy moving, we urge you to vote YES to renew our commitment to North Clackamas teachers and career technical education.

Measure 3-599 will not increase taxes. What you pay today you will continue to pay going forward.

We must renew the Teacher Levy every 5 years to maintain current funding for teachers and schools. The Local Teachers Levy provides funding for 180 teaching positions, or one-fifth of all teachers district-wide.

VOTE YES ON 3-599.

While Oregon high schools have cut career technical classes because of budget cuts, North Clackamas Schools are a positive exception.

Students completing Career and Technical Education programs, like those at the Sabin-Schellenberg Professional Center, have multiple options for success. Graduates find their future with apprenticeships, internships, community colleges and universities, as well as full-time jobs in high-demand family wage jobs.

Oregon's largest and longest running CTE center not only helps students graduate in higher numbers, but enables them to find their passion.

We need to renew the Local Teachers Levy to deliver more high-skilled workers in our community today.

Students only get one shot at a great high school education and career training. Let's renew the North Clackamas Teachers Levy to do just that.

Wade Hathorn
Chair, Board of Directors
Clackamas Community College

Deb Barnes
Teacher, Sabin-Schellenberg Professional Center

Paul Kemp
Industrial Facility Design & Construction Support

Tyler Wronski
Electrician

(This information furnished by Deborah Barnes, Paul Kemp)

North Clackamas School District Measure 3-599

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

SMALL BUSINESSES URGE SUPPORT TO RENEW THE NORTH CLACKAMAS SCHOOLS LOCAL TEACHERS LEVY

As small business leaders, we know our schools are the foundation of a healthy economy. When we invest in quality schools, our children have a better chance at career success. Our community attracts more businesses and good-paying jobs.

The Local Teachers Levy was passed in 2018. It's presented to voters for renewal every 5 years and provides funding for 180 high-quality teaching positions, roughly 20% of all teachers district-wide.

We know that the Local Teachers Levy is accountable. Our tax dollars stay in North Clackamas classrooms across the district. None goes to Salem.

As business owners, we understand that state funding is not sufficient to retain our excellent teaching force and maintain a full academic calendar year. We must provide students with the quality education and career training necessary to thrive in a competitive economy after high school.

Please vote YES to renew the North Clackamas Local Teachers Levy and keep our students on track.

This is **NOT a property tax increase.** Renewal will continue at the same property tax rate. Protecting our schools is the best way to give kids the skills they need and retain our neighborhood property values.

If it does not pass, 180 teaching positions will be cut. Class sizes will increase, and students will spend less days in the classroom.

As businesspeople, we watch the bottom line. North Clackamas Schools are accountable with our tax dollars.

Required annual audits will keep ensuring funds are used as voters intended. In 2022, the Association of School Business Officials awarded NCSD with a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 3-599.

Luis Diaz
Cha! Cha! Cha! Mexican Taqueria

Jan Robinson
Realtor

James Maciokas
Insurance & Financial Advisor

Kerrie Gianelli
The Pit Stop Espresso

René Canler
Mortgage Advisor

Sylvia Hartman
Elka Bee's Coffee & Bakery

Dr. Gary Chapman
ChapmanSmiles Orthodontics

(This information furnished by Mitzi Bauer)

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North Clackamas School District Measure 3-599

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LOCAL CLASSROOM TEACHERS

Renewing the North Clackamas Local Teachers Levy Will Help Us Keep High-Quality Teachers in Every Classroom

As teachers, we spend every day in the classroom with one goal – to give young people the education needed to become successful adults and productive citizens. There are many elements to a good education, but two are absolutely indispensable: excellent instructors and reasonable class sizes. North Clackamas teachers are highly respected educational leaders and have won awards across all levels.

That is why renewing the Local Teachers Levy is so critical.

Renewing the Local Teachers Levy will provide the funding to maintain 180 teaching positions across the North Clackamas School District. Every school in our district has teachers that are funded by the levy. If renewal isn't passed by voters, it will result in the loss of roughly 20% of our district's teachers.

Renewing the Local Teachers Levy preserves 180 teaching positions.

Now more than ever coming out of the pandemic, we know that high-quality teachers make all the difference in students' ability to succeed. In 2021-2022, the NCS D four-year high school graduation rate of 86% was higher than Oregon's overall average.

Give Students the Very Best Chance at a Bright Future.

Our kids only have one chance at a good education, and we take pride in working every day to ensure they're prepared for a bright future. **But we need our community to vote YES on Measure 3-599 to support students and teachers.**

Melinda Ryan - Sunnyside Elementary

Michelle Arko - Happy Valley MS

Doug Bridge - Happy Valley MS

Ameena Amdahl-Mason - Clackamas Middle College

Jesse Hendryx-Dobson - Rex Putnam HS

Martin Kwon - Alder Creek MS & Rex Putnam HS

Emma Goldsmith - Sunnyside Elementary

Sheryl Sargent - Happy Valley MS

Ellen Megson Dyer - View Acres Elementary

Hillary Ellis - Milwaukie El Puente

Paul Sheprow - Oak Grove Elementary

North Clackamas Education Association

Oregon Education Association

(This information furnished by Erin Lee)

North Clackamas School District Measure 3-599

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

As Parent Volunteers, We Know How Important Teachers Are.

We Must Renew the Local Teachers Levy to Ensure a Bright Future for Our Kids.

As active volunteers, we're in our local schools every day. We see first hand how critical teachers are to a child's success. Now more than ever, we need good high quality teachers as our kids continue to recover from learning loss due to the pandemic.

As volunteers, we urge you to support renewing the Local Teachers Levy, which will preserve 180 teaching positions in each of our 32 schools.

A good teacher can make all the difference in students' ability to succeed. We need to renew the levy to maintain teaching positions across the district and prevent layoffs that would have a big effect on our children.

The funding from the Local Teachers Levy goes directly into the classroom. This is NOT a tax increase. Funds cannot go towards administration or the state.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Michelle Craig - Ardenwald

Courtney Gelbrich - Beatrice Morrow Cannady

Sarah Roberts - Bilquist

Alyson Wronski - Happy Valley

Krystina Thomas - Linwood

Erika Ramirez Molina - Lot Whitcomb

Darren Driscoll - Milwaukie El Puente

Alexiis Black - Mount Scott

Emma Regelin - Oak Grove

Chelsea Hendrikx - Oregon Trail

Heather Ray - Riverside

Marjono Reksopuro - Scouters Mountain

Erin Lee - Seth Lewelling

Laura Kirk - Sojourner

Nicole Bailey - Spring Mountain

Lillian Cordaro - Sunnyside

Samantha Andrews - Verne Duncan

Jordyn Barton - View Acres

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Havilah Ferschweiler - Alder Creek

Orlando Perez - Happy Valley

Lindsey Sullivan - Rock Creek

Charity Jedeikin - Wilber Rowe

HIGH SCHOOLS

Blanca Johnson - Adrienne C. Nelson

Susanne Klawetter - Clackamas

Robin Chedister - Milwaukie High School & Academy
of the Arts

Tara N. Olofson - Rex Putnam

Kristin Lunceford - Clackamas Web Academy

Maureen Hinman - Clackamas Middle College

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North Clackamas School District Measure 3-599

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

A Message from Local Clergy: Support our Kids with a Yes Vote to Renew the Local Teachers Levy!

As pastors and community leaders, we are very engaged in our North Clackamas Schools. We provide after-school activities for students and help out families in need.

North Clackamas students are great kids: they work hard, want to learn and to know about the world they will grow up to lead. Coming out of the pandemic, it is critical that we support our students now more than ever.

It is not too much to ask that we keep providing kids with a strong start, including high quality teachers in every classroom, and a full school year.

That's why we support renewing the North Clackamas School Local Teachers Levy. It maintains the current tax rate and will NOT raise taxes.

The levy provides funding for 180 teaching positions across the district, covering about 20% of all teaching positions.

We get a lot from the local levy for our schools:

- All funds from the levy remain in our local classrooms, none goes to Salem;
- There's built-in, strict accountability: community oversight and annual audits to make sure funds go where intended;
- Students will retain their high-quality teachers, class sizes won't increase, and a full school year will be provided;
- As pastors, it is our responsibility to look after the needs of our congregants. We all have the same responsibility to look after the needs of our community's children.

We're on the right track when it comes to ensuring our kids receive a quality education. But if the Local Teachers Levy is not renewed, our students and community will suffer greatly.

Please join us in voting YES for our North Clackamas Teachers.

Annaliesa Hoesly, Storyline Community
Stori Long, Storyline Community
Rev. Jesse Christopherson, Milwaukie Lutheran Church
Rev. Dylan S. Hyun, Oak Grove United Methodist Church
Rev. Adam Ericksen, Clackamas United Church of Christ

(This information furnished by Debi Stromberg)

North Clackamas School District Measure 3-599

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

Our North Clackamas Schools are the Cornerstone of Our Community. Voting YES on Measure 3-599 will Keep Our High- Quality Teachers in the Classroom.

As your local elected officials, keeping our high-quality North Clackamas schools is important to us. They attract families to our community and ensure our graduates are ready for college or career. Preparing our students for success means they will be able to attract good-paying jobs in our local economy.

Maintaining our high-quality North Clackamas teachers means every student has access to a good education and our community remains a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

To achieve that, we must renew the Local Teachers Levy that provides funding for 180 teaching positions across each school in the district. If the Local Teachers Levy is not renewed, it will mean up to 20% of teaching positions will be eliminated, class sizes will grow, and students will spend less calendar days in a classroom.

North Clackamas schools are on the right track, but we need your support to keep our teachers in the classroom and help students recover from the pandemic and prepare for the future. We're proud that the four-year graduation rate in North Clackamas Schools is 5% higher than the state average.

Voting YES on Measure 3-599 is a smart and accountable investment for our students, teachers, and community. It is NOT a tax increase. The current tax rate remains the same.

All funds remain in our local classrooms to support teachers and students. No levy funds will go to administration.

When We Invest in Our Schools, We Invest in Ourselves.

Senator Mark Meek

Senator Kayse Jama

Senator Kathleen Taylor

Representative Hoa Nguyen

Representative Mark Gamba

Representative Annessa Hartman

Milwaukie City Council President Desi Nicodemus

Milwaukie Mayor Lisa Batey

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North Clackamas School District Measure 3-599

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

**Keep North Clackamas Teachers in Every
Classroom.**

**Vote YES to Renew the Local Teachers Levy
Today!**

As leaders from our local community nonprofit organizations, we understand we must work together to tackle the challenges facing our community and provide our kids with a safe and supportive environment to live and learn.

**That is why we're voting YES to renew the Local
Teachers Levy.**

Thanks to voters first approving the Local Teachers Levy in 2018, North Clackamas Schools have a better high school graduation rate than Oregon's average, especially for our students of color. Our teachers remained dedicated throughout the pandemic, as students navigated the unknown and the potential for learning loss was very real. Now, it's time to renew the Local Teachers Levy and provide the funding to maintain 180 teaching positions across the district.

**Renewing the Local Teachers Levy maintains
180 teaching positions; that's roughly 20% of all
teachers across the district.**

We understand that for many families, times are still economically tough. Voting for renewal does not mean an increase in taxes. Instead, it maintains the current tax rate and ensures our teachers can remain in the classroom.

Access to a strong public education is an indicator for many aspects of life after high school graduation, from the ability to secure safe housing, to finding a good-paying job or career, and enjoying the overall safety and livability of our North Clackamas community.

**Let's prepare our students for success by
investing in our local teachers today.
Vote YES on Measure 3-599.**

Stand for Children

Parrott Creek Child and Family Services

The Street Trust

**Maureen Hinman
Oregon School-Based Health Alliance**

(This information furnished by Glenn Wachter)

North Clackamas School District Measure 3-599

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

**Clackamas County District Attorney John
Wentworth Urges Community Support for
Renewing the North Clackamas Local Teachers
Levy**

As a beneficiary of a North Clackamas School District education, I know the transformative power of education in our community. As Clackamas County's District Attorney, I'm also acutely aware of the profound impact funding primary and secondary education has on our society. Education is an investment in our future, a commitment to justice, and a promise to empower the next generation.

**That's Why I'm Asking Voters to Renew the Local
Teachers Levy.**

When we fund education, we provide every child with an equal opportunity to succeed. It levels the playing field, regardless of a student's background or socioeconomic status. With education, we not only break down barriers to success. We reduce the likelihood of young people turning to a life of crime.

North Clackamas schools create safer communities. When students have access to quality teachers and education, they are more likely to graduate, pursue higher education or vocational training, and secure meaningful employment, creating a skilled workforce that contributes to our local economy. My high school classmates, for example, have gone on to become doctors, lawyers, career military personnel, ministers, successful trade workers, teachers, law enforcement officers, engineers, nurses, journalists and much more.

Having strong schools means fewer cases in our courts, less strain on law enforcement resources, and a more efficient and effective criminal justice system. Voting for renewal maintains the current tax rate; it does not create a new tax.

**As a proud graduate of Clackamas High School
and, now, your District Attorney, I believe
supporting our educational system is a moral
imperative.**

It is a pledge to empower our children, strengthen our community, and ensure a more just and prosperous future for all of us.

John D. Wentworth
Clackamas County District Attorney

*(This information furnished by
Mitzi Bauer, Community in Support of NC12)*

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North Clackamas School District Measure 3-599

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

**Your North Clackamas School Board Urges a YES
Vote on Measure 3-599.
Help Our Teachers Provide Students with the
Education They Deserve.**

What's the Local Teachers Levy?

We are grateful that in 2018, voters first passed the Local Teachers Levy. Thanks to the investment of North Clackamas voters, we were able to hire and retain 180 teaching positions.

Why are we asking voters to renew the levy?

It is time to renew funding for the Local Teachers Levy and retain roughly 20% of all teaching positions across the district. Renewing the levy will NOT increase your taxes.

What happens if renewal is not passed by voters?

It means that up to one-fifth of all teaching positions would be eliminated, class sizes would grow, and students would spend fewer days in the classroom.

Doesn't the state provide funding for public education?

North Clackamas Schools reduced roughly \$3 Million in staff heading into the 2023-2024 school year due to unpredictable and inadequate state funding. We cannot continue to ask our school system to do more with less.

How are North Clackamas schools currently performing?

We've got a lot to be proud of when it comes to our schools. A few recent accomplishments include:

- 2021-22 four-year graduation rate: 86.0% (Above Oregon average of 81.3%).
- NCSD has the largest career technical education (CTE) program in Oregon, providing specialized instruction to more than 3,500 students in 18 fields of study, across all 5 high schools.
- Volunteers in classrooms and buildings save North Clackamas thousands of dollars every year. The federal value for volunteers is \$28.54 per hour for a total value close to \$2 million per school year

Past & Present School Board Members:

Paul Kemp
Jena Benologa
Glenn Wachter
Tory McVay
Kathy Wai
Mitzi Bauer
April Dobson
Libra Forde
Orlando Perez
Steven Schroedl
Linda Moraga
Vivian Scott

Budget Committee Members:

Angel Landrón González
Monica Di Pietrantonio
Nicole Woodfill
Julie Skarphol

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voter assistance needs.**

Silver Falls School District Measure 24-486

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE DISTRICT BOARD

Bonds to increase safety, improve schools; replace Silverton Middle School

Question: Shall district increase safety, update and repair schools; improve accessibility, replace middle school; issue \$138 million in bonds; audits required?

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: Silver Falls School District proposes a bond not exceeding \$138 million; will receive \$4 million state grant if approved.

Bonds would finance capital costs, including:

- Replace Silverton Middle School with new school on current site; keep existing gym. Current facility is between 60 and 85 years old and portions of school are condemned.

Planned Improvements for all schools:

- Improve Safety and Security:
 - Secure exterior doors, alarms, cameras
 - Fire, intercom improvements
 - Improve parking, traffic flow
 - Better accessibility to meet ADA requirements
- Prioritize Healthy Schools:
 - Remove asbestos
 - Eradicate toxic mold, water intrusion
 - Ventilation systems to address fire smoke, improve indoor air quality
- Update & Repair Aging Buildings:
 - Electrical, roofing, flooring, lighting, insulation, siding, windows, HVAC, sewer/stormwater systems
- Site improvements, demolition, furnishings, equipment, issuance costs

Citizen oversight committee, audits required

Bonds may be issued in multiple series maturing within 26 years from issuance. Estimated increase over current rate is \$1.60 per \$1,000 assessed property value. Actual levy rate may differ due to changes in interest rates, assessed value.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Silver Falls Schools District serves approximately 3,450 students in 9 elementaries, one middle, one high school across 250 square miles.

The average age of District buildings is 71 years with six schools more than 75 years old including:

- Central Howell Elementary (95 years old)
- Pratum Elementary (95 years old)
- Silverton Middle School (85 years old)
- Victor Point Elementary (76 years old)
- Silver Crest Elementary (76 years old)
- Butte Creek Elementary (75 years old)

Silver Falls Schools face challenges including:

Safety and Security:

Every school in the District has exterior doors that are not secured with access control systems.

Many schools in the District have fire safety systems, intercoms and other safety measures that are either non-existent or fail to meet current standards.

Aging Buildings

Buildings across the District have aging electrical, heating, plumbing, and sewer systems. Sidewalks and parking lots have degraded. Some buildings have basement water infiltration and stormwater back-ups.

Health & Accessibility

Classroom temperatures vary widely; most schools do not have ventilation or cooling (AC). With the extended wildfire seasons and smoke, our schools are being forced to choose between closing windows and doors forcing temps to 90+ degrees in classrooms or allowing unhealthy air to enter schools.

Accessibility is also a real issue as many schools do not meet ADA requirements.

Silverton Middle School

Built in 1938 - the third oldest school in the District - has failing building systems, portions of the building are condemned, lacks space for students and has security issues with 41 outside entrances.

Community identified priorities: Development of this bond has been a 5 year process beginning with a comprehensive facilities assessment and Long-Range Facilities Committee. The District next convened a community bond advisory committee in 2022 that gathered public input on the needs of school buildings. This committee recommended a Bond proposal that makes improvements to every school in the District.

School Board refers bond measure. The school board seeks voter approval of up to \$138 million general obligation bonds. District will receive state matching funds of \$4 million if bonds are approved.

Bonds would finance capital costs, including:

- **Replace Silverton Middle School** with new school on current site; keep existing gym. Current facility is between 60 and 85 years old and portions of school are condemned.

Planned Improvements for all schools:

- **Improve Safety and Security:**
 - Secure exterior doors, alarms, cameras
 - Fire alarm, intercom improvements
 - Improve parking, traffic flow
 - Better accessibility to meet ADA requirements
- **Prioritize Healthy Schools:**
 - Remove asbestos
 - Eradicate toxic mold, water intrusion
 - Ventilation systems to address fire smoke, improve indoor air quality
- **Update & Repair Aging Buildings:**
 - Electrical, roofing, flooring, lighting, insulation, windows, HVAC, sewer and stormwater systems

Citizen oversight committee will be formed; audits will be performed as part of District's annual audit.

Bonds may be issued in multiple series maturing within 26 years from issuance. Estimated increase over current rate is \$1.60 per \$1,000 assessed property value. Actual levy rate may differ due to changes in interest rates, assessed value.

Submitted by:
Steve Nielsen
Director of Finance and Operations

**NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR/OPPOSITION TO THIS
MEASURE WERE FILED**

West Linn-Wilsonville School District Measure 3-604

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE DISTRICT BOARD

Renewal of Five-Year Local Option Tax for General Operations.

Question: Shall District renew current \$1.50 tax per \$1,000 of assessed value for general operations for five years beginning 2025-26? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: This local option school levy was originally approved in 2000; most recently renewed in 2019.

If approved, the measure would provide funds to maintain current West Linn-Wilsonville School District programs and staffing levels for five years. If this measure isn't approved, the District would need to reduce its budget by approximately \$13,717,363 in 2025-26 at current funding. Local Option Renewal would:

- Preserve more than 90 classroom teachers, counselors, support staff.
- Maintain class size; protect class sizes supported by current levy.
- Help local schools by supplementing state funding.

Spending would be subject to audit.

Proposed rate estimated to raise approximately \$13,717,363 in 2025-26, \$14,128,884 in 2026-27, \$14,552,751 in 2027-28, \$14,989,333 in 2028-29, and \$15,439,013 in 2029-30, for total of \$72,827,344 over five years.

\$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value is maximum rate any property would be assessed. As with current local option levy, rate for many properties expected to be less. Average rate expected at \$1.35 per \$1,000 of assessed value. In no case would total education levy exceed \$5.00 per \$1,000 of real market value.

teams have excelled in several Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) areas, including numerous state championships in various athletics and co-curricular activities.

The amount of local option tax that would be imposed on each property is difficult to predict. Actual amounts depend on Real Market Values compared to Assessed Values. However, each property's total local option tax would not exceed the existing rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 that has been in place since the local option tax started in 2000.

This local option levy is estimated to raise approximately \$13,717,363 in 2025-26, \$14,128,884 in 2026-27, \$14,552,751 in 2027-28, \$14,989,333 in 2028-29, and \$15,439,013 in 2029-30, for total of \$72,827,344 over five years.

Submitted by:
Andrew Kilstrom
Director of Communications

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This levy is a renewal of the West Linn-Wilsonville School District five-year Local Option levy approved by voters in 2000, 2004, 2008, 2014, and again in 2019.

This measure would continue to fund approximately 90 teaching positions that are dependent upon local option revenue. The District would use the revenues from this measure to continue employing approximately the same number of teachers, counselors, support staff, and maintain smaller class sizes.

This levy would be used to fill the shortfall between the expected spending amount needed to maintain current teaching staff and the State school funding level. The District is seeking renewal of the current local option levy to continue to provide the same high quality level of education.

This measure would renew the levy at the same rate; current tax rates will not increase as a result. If approved, the local option rate would remain unchanged from current levels and would not exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000.

The District has one of the highest graduation rates in the State of Oregon. In the past five years, District schools have received the US News & World Report's "Best High Schools" Award, the Niche "Best Schools" Award, and Newsweek's "Top High Schools" Award. Programs and staffing for Performing Arts, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEAM) have been maintained and enhanced with support from the current local option levy. West Linn-Wilsonville students and

West Linn-Wilsonville School District Measure 3-604

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

Your West Linn-Wilsonville School District Board of Directors unanimously ask for your **YES VOTE FOR MEASURE 3-604 for a FIVE-YEAR LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR TEACHING POSITIONS.**

Approving this measure means your current tax rate will not increase and we can continue to fund approximately 90 vital teaching positions.

Our current Local Option Levy funds approximately 90 teachers in our district. This Local Option Levy is critical to our budget and allows us to keep class sizes manageable. The West Linn-Wilsonville School District is regularly ranked among the best in the state. Our families and cultures of our communities and schools make the West Linn-Wilsonville School District a great place to teach.

The Board of Directors reached the decision to ask voters to pass this levy after:

- Listening to the concerns of parents and staff regarding classroom learning
- Recognizing the value of keeping our class sizes at current levels
- Honoring our duty to voters to act in a financially responsible manner
- Remaining committed to excellent educational outcomes for all students through proper staffing of our classrooms

Our high school graduation rates are among the best in Oregon. Our students achieve this success because our communities value education and invest in our K-12 schools and teachers.

Please join us in VOTING YES to retain our great teachers and maintain the excellence of our schools.

Board Chair Louis Taylor
Board Vice-Chair Kirsten Wyatt
Director Dan Schumaker
Director Kelly Sloop
Director Maegan Vidal

(This information was furnished for the authors by the We Love WLWV Schools PAC. Please visit WeLoveWLWV.com to learn more about this levy renewal.)

*(This information furnished by
Kirsten Wyatt, We Love WLWV School PAC)*

West Linn-Wilsonville School District Measure 3-604

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

Vote Yes on Measure 3-604 to retain high quality teachers and staff

Together, we share our support of Measure 3-604 to renew the Local Option Levy. We are Senator Rob Wagner and Senator Aaron Woods, and we are proud to represent West Linn and Wilsonville in the State Senate.

Our work experiences at the local, county, and state levels of government give us a clear understanding of how vital it is to fund our public education system. We do this for all our children, for the good of our greater community, and for the future of our economy.

The West Linn-Wilsonville school district benefits from and relies upon our communities to fund 90 key positions in our schools through the Local Option Levy. This Levy benefits all the district's schools, maintaining class sizes. It is difficult to imagine what our classrooms would be like without these 90 teachers and staff in our schools.

As dedicated professionals supporting our children and our public education system, we request that you **VOTE YES FOR THE LOCAL OPTION LEVY.** Your yes vote will not change the current tax rate.

Senator Rob Wagner, Senate President
Senator Aaron Woods

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West Linn-Wilsonville School District Measure 3-604

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

Representative Walters & Representative Neron

We, Representative Jules Walters (West Linn) and Representative Courtney Neron (Wilsonville), join together to voice our strong support for the West Linn-Wilsonville Local Option Levy renewal.

We ask you to vote YES to Renew the Local Option Levy and continue to provide our current teaching staff level without increasing the tax rate. As parents in the district and as your State Representatives, we know our communities value quality education including productive class sizes. Families across the district tell us what a significant role our schools play in shaping their children and grandchildren's lives.

Renewal of this Local Option Levy will provide for our schools and our students so that the West Linn-Wilsonville district can continue its legacy of excellence. We know that vibrant public schools are cornerstones to healthy communities. This Local Option Levy will retain approximately 90 teachers across our district.

Our children thrive when we make informed and thoughtful choices on their behalf. Thank you for caring for our children and our schools in the West Linn-Wilsonville way.

Vote YES for the Local Option Levy!

Courtney Neron, State Representative, District 26
Jules Walters, State Representative, District 37

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West Linn-Wilsonville School District Measure 3-604

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

Mayor Bialostosky & Mayor Fitzgerald **Strong schools = strong communities**

West Linn and Wilsonville are wonderful places to live; people move here and stay here because of our libraries, parks, arts and culture, youth programs, community vibrancy, and schools.

The West Linn-Wilsonville School District connects our communities and provides our common ground. Through our school district, our community members come together to support our children and build community.

When we invest in our schools, we invest in our communities, strengthening both. Please vote yes on Measure 3-604 to:

- Preserve 90 classroom teachers, counselors, and support staff positions;
- Maintain our class sizes;
- Supplement state funding for the school district; and,
- Continue our communities' reputation as great places to live and go to school.

Please join us in supporting West Linn-Wilsonville Schools. Please vote YES on Measure 3-604!

Rory Bialostosky, Mayor of West Linn
Julie Fitzgerald, Mayor of Wilsonville

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West Linn-Wilsonville School District Measure 3-604

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:

Taxpayers Association of Oregon
Vote NO on 3-604

#1. In 2019, lawmakers approved the largest tax in Oregon history (Corporate Activities Tax) to raise one billion for education. Why are school taxes going up in West Linn/ Wilsonville and across Oregon if our schools just received a billion extra tax dollars?

#2. Oregonians legalized marijuana which help fund schools by nearly \$100 million extra tax dollars. Where did that extra \$100 million school money go?

#2. Statewide enrollment dropped by an astounding 36,000 students (Oregonian 1/20/23). Why are property taxes going up for schools if the number of students is going down?

#3. Roughly, 37% of Oregonians said their housing is unaffordable (KOIN-TV 3/18/23). Why increase property taxes and make housing more unaffordable?

#4. Oregon homeowners already pay higher property taxes than the national average. If you're paying more in property taxes than most Americans, where is your property tax dollars going?

#5. We've witnessed the highest home mortgage interest rate in nearly 30 years. Why add higher property taxes to the cost of a home during this crisis?

Simply put, the politicians keep raising our taxes for schools only to keep coming back for more, again and again. It never stops.

Taxpayers Association of Oregon

urges Vote NO on 3-604

Join the movement to fight higher taxes
and cut government waste
Oregon Watchdog.com

*(This information furnished by
Jason Williams, Taxpayers Association of Oregon)*

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Extended Office Hours

Clackamas County Elections will have
extended hours for your convenience.

Voter Registration Deadline

October 17, 2023

8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Election Day

November 7, 2023

7:00 a.m. - 8 p.m.

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Aurora Fire District Measure 24-488

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE DISTRICT BOARD

Five Year Levy for Maintaining Current 24/7 Staffing and Operations.

Question: Shall District replace rate with \$1.51 per \$1000 of assessed value for 5 years beginning 2024, maintaining current staffing 24/7? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: Aurora Fire is seeking a five-year local option tax to maintain current operations without hiring additional staff. Levy increase will keep current career EMTs/Firefighters on duty 24/7. Without levy the District will lay off half of current staff, and 24/7 coverage from career firefighters will end. The District currently has funding for two firefighters per 24 hours, this is below national standards of staffing of a three person minimum crew.

AFD responds to roughly 1300 emergencies a year, the amount of calls has stretched current resources thin. Demands on volunteers have become increasingly difficult to balance. We can no longer rely on a volunteer response due to increased demand. This levy replaces the current rate of \$0.99.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$1,620,176 in 2024-25; \$1,668,782 in 2025-26; \$1,718,845 in 2026-27; \$1,770,411 in 2027-28; and \$1,823,523 in 2028-29.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Quick facts

- Without a levy increase we will lay off half or more (3-4) of our current career firefighters
- Without a levy increase we will no longer have the ability to provide 24/7 response with career firefighters
- This levy does not add any additional staffing
- Volunteer numbers continue to decrease nationwide
- Response times will be impacted
- We are looking at all of our options, including mergers, consolidation, and/or contracts for services from neighboring agencies.

Responding to around 1,300 emergencies per year, AFD provides Firefighting, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to residents within 64 square miles of Marion and Clackamas Counties. We protect the Cities of Aurora and Donald as well as the Aurora Airport, portions of Champoeg State Park, and Interstate 5.

This levy would allow us to keep our current career EMT/Firefighters. We have now reached the point where we can no longer rely on a volunteer response. This levy will replace the current rate of 99 cents, making the new levy amount \$1.51 per \$1000 of assessed value. This represents a 52 cent increase.

With the failure of our request in May to hire additional firefighters, we are asking our voters to allow us to keep the staffing that we currently have. Currently, there are two career firefighters on duty 24/7, which is below national standards. With this request, we are attempting to maintain our current firefighters 24/7. We have simply become too busy with the limited personnel we have.

The District has a small group of qualified volunteers who serve in all positions from duty officer to our newest recruit; however, time demands on volunteer firefighters have reached a point where it is difficult to recruit and, more importantly, retain volunteers. Family life, job requirements, and increased emergency calls have changed the face of the fire service both nationwide and locally. Ask yourself this: Do you have the time to volunteer?

The District recruits volunteers who live and/or work within the community and can respond to emergency calls. We also recruit 'out of district' volunteers who may live anywhere throughout the Willamette Valley and sign up for shifts (generally 8-24 hours in length) in Aurora or Donald.

Our student program exists to provide staffing and a career path to college students. The District strives to maintain six student firefighters and place them on shifts (currently helping to ensure a staffed fire engine). When recruited, these students are among the newest and most inexperienced members.

Submitted by:
Joshua L. Williams, Fire Chief
Aurora Fire District

**NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS
MEASURE WERE FILED**

Aurora Fire District Measure 24-488

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

Dear Voters of Aurora Fire District,

We need your help to maintain the current level of Fire and Emergency Medical Services that you have come to rely on. Aurora Fire District responds to approximately 1,300 emergency calls annually, providing Firefighting, Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services to residents within 64 square miles of Marion and Clackamas Counties. Our coverage area includes the Cities of Aurora and Donald, 91 and North Marion Schools, Aurora and Lendhart Airports, portions of Champoege State Park, and Interstate 5.

Unfortunately, our request to hire additional firefighters failed by four votes in May, so now we ask you, the voters, to approve this levy to maintain our current staffing level. Currently, we have two career firefighters on duty 24/7. If the levy doesn't pass, we will have to lay off half our current career firefighters, and will no longer be able to provide 24/7 responses.

Volunteer firefighter numbers continue to decline nationwide. Although we have a small group of dedicated volunteers who serve in all positions, from duty officer to our newest student recruit, it has become challenging to recruit and, most importantly, retain them. Family life, job requirements, and increased emergency calls have changed the face of fire service nationally and locally. We ask you to consider this: Do you have the time to volunteer?

Passing this levy would allow us to keep our current career EMT/Firefighters. The new levy of \$1.51 per \$1,000 assessed value represents a .52 cent increase, replacing the current rate of .99 cents. Without passage, response times may be impacted.

Your Board of Directors is exploring all options, including mergers and consolidation, but we would prefer Aurora Fire District remain independent.

We kindly ask for your help in ensuring the continued 24/7 protection of our communities by your local first responders and fire district. Please vote in favor of this levy and help us help you.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors, Aurora Fire District

*(This information furnished by
Bobby Meyer, Aurora Fire District Board of Directors)*

Aurora Fire District Measure 24-488

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

Dear Voters,

We are your neighbors, your co-workers, your friends and family. We work hard to make ends meet, earn a living, and care for our families. While many of us work careers elsewhere, we devote our time to study, train, and respond to our community in their time of need whenever the call for help comes in. We are the District 63 Volunteer Firefighters.

The many challenges and growth our region has experienced have placed a burden on all of us, but it is important that we ask you to vote for this levy to allow us to continue serving. The reality we face today is that, without your help, our fire district will not be able to meet the demand on its own. Without your help, we will have to rely on other agencies to pick up the slack. That means longer response times, increased risk to responders, and less control over how we want our community protected.

Our volunteers are very honored to serve and would love to be able respond to every call, but these difficult times don't allow us the privilege. We need our career staff to answer the call when we cannot, and to support us when we can. With your help, the fire district can maintain existing staffing and continue our work as safely and effectively as possible.

Please support this levy and allow us to continue providing this important service for our community. Whether paid or volunteer, we are all equally proud of the job we do for you and hope that we can have the means to continue.

Respectfully,

District 63 Volunteer Firefighters

*(This information furnished by
Matthew Bathke, District 63 Firefighters)*

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Aurora Fire District Measure 24-488

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

Citizens of Aurora Fire District,

The Aurora Fire District Career Firefighters wish to express our strong and unwavering support for Local Option Levy 24-488, which we believe is crucial for ensuring the safety and well-being of our community.

As Career Firefighters, our primary mission is to protect and serve the residents of Aurora, Butteville, Donald, and surrounding areas. We take immense pride in our commitment to this profession, and our dedication to safeguarding lives and property remains unwavering. However, we can only fulfill this duty effectively when we have the necessary resources and support from our community.

Local Option Levy 24-488 represents an opportunity to invest in the future of our fire district. By approving this levy, we can secure the funding required to maintain the level of service we provide to our community. This levy will enable us to maintain current staffing, thus ensuring we continue to have 24/7 coverage to respond to emergencies promptly.

By voting “**YES**” on Local Option Levy 24-488, you are helping to ensure that the community served by Aurora Fire District remains a safe and resilient place to live, work, and raise families.

We understand that every dollar counts, and we do not take lightly the responsibility of asking our community for support. We assure you the funds generated by this levy will be used efficiently and transparently to meet the needs of the fire district.

Please join us in supporting the safety of our community by voting “**YES**” for Local Option Levy 24-488. Your support is vital, and it will make a significant difference in our ability to continue providing the high level of fire and emergency services that the citizens of Aurora Fire District have come to expect.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Aurora Fire District Career Firefighters

*(This information furnished by
Skyler Moffett, Aurora Fire District Career Firefighters)*

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Voting Tips



Local Elections Count!

Make sure your voice is heard by voting in the Nov. 7, 2023 Special Election.

Make a plan to vote.

- **Do you know where you will receive your ballot?** Is your registration up-to-date?
- **When will you vote?** Ballots will be mailed to voters October 18 and are due Election Day, Nov. 7, 2023 by 8 p.m.
- **How will you return your ballot?**
 - By Mail** - Must be postmarked by Election Day. No stamp required.
 - By Official Ballot Drop Box** - Must be deposited by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Don't forget to sign!

Your ballot cannot be counted if you don't sign the return envelope. Every signature is checked against the registration signature on file and the signature must match for the ballot to be verified and counted.

Questions?

Contact Clackamas County Elections at 503.655.8510 or elections@clackamas.us

Riverdale Fire District Measure 26-241

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE DISTRICT BOARD

Five-Year Local Levy to Pay for Emergency Services

Question: Shall the District renew five-year levy of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for emergency services beginning in 2024-25? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: This measure continues the five-year local option levy for the Riverdale Rural Fire Protection District initially adopted November 5, 2002. This measure authorizes the Board of Directors to levy taxes needed for the annual cost of emergency services provided to Riverdale residents. The District presently operates with the aid of a five-year local option levy which expires June 30, 2024. This measure continues the local option levy, which is \$0.50 per \$1,000 for five years beginning 2024-2025. The tax is necessary to pay the contract costs for emergency fire and medical services.

The estimated local option taxes over five years are:

2024-2025: \$438,673
2025-2026: \$451,639
2026-2027: \$465,209
2027-2028: \$479,186
2028-2029: \$493,583

The estimated total tax raised over five years if the maximum levy is assessed would be \$2,328,081.

The Board of Directors intends to levy taxes each year only in an amount that meets the District's needs for emergency services. Although the current levy allows the levy of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, the amount levied each year under the current levy has been \$0.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value for 2019-2020 through 2023-2024.

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure proposes continuing a local option levy of \$0.50 (50 cents) per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to the current permanent levy of \$1.2361 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, bringing the total rate to \$1.7361 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for the 5 year period of the levy.

The Board of Directors is of the opinion that this local option levy rate of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation will be necessary to provide emergency fire and medical services to the District by contracting with an adjacent city or fire district. The District presently contracts with the City of Lake Oswego for these services.

The permanent tax rate of \$1.2361 per \$1,000 of assessed value established by Measure 50 was a substantial reduction of the prior tax rate. The District previously had a local option levy of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for both prior 5-year periods, spanning 2014-2019 and 2019-2024. The continuation of the current local option levy is requested to ensure that sufficient funds are available to meet projected increases in expenses.

Although the local option levy for the previous ten years has allowed the levy of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, the Board of Directors has only levied the amount necessary each year, and that levy has not exceeded \$0.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value during the current 5 year period. Continuing the

local option levy at a maximum of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation will provide flexibility, if needed, to meet increased costs of contracting for service to the district.

Submitted by:
F. Michael Nugent
Riverdale Fire District Board Chair

**NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR/OPPOSITION TO THIS
MEASURE WERE FILED**



Postmarks Count! No stamps needed!

Your ballot can be accepted if your mailed ballot envelope is:

- Signed,
- Postmarked on or before Election Day,
- Received at the Clackamas County Elections office within 7 days of the election.

Ballots may still be dropped in official ballot drop sites until 8 p.m. on Election Day. Please make sure your ballot envelope is signed.

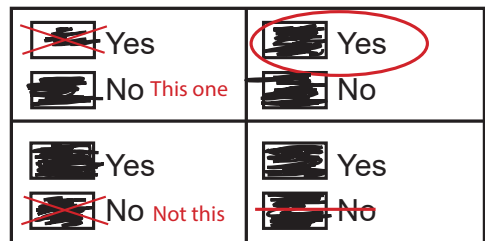
(Locations listed on page 4)

Did you make a mistake?

Don't tear up your ballot. You can fix it!

Please do NOT use corrective tape or white out.

Make your choice obvious so election officials can count it correctly. Please review the examples of acceptable corrections.



For further assistance, contact Clackamas County Elections at 503-655-8510.

Where is my secrecy sleeve?

The ballot packet no longer contains an optional secrecy sleeve. That is because you do not need one. Ballot packets have been redesigned to protect privacy, save costs, and improve efficiency. New larger 6-by-9-inch official ballot return envelopes include your signature line along with information on ways to return your ballot. A privacy secrecy weave has been embedded directly into your ballot return envelope. When your ballot is placed into the envelope, the privacy weave prevents anyone from seeing how you voted. This change has been approved by the Secretary of State and the U.S. Postal Service. It reflects best practices of Vote-by-Mail and financial institutions to protect your information.



WHAT IF I DID NOT RECEIVE A BALLOT?

If you do not receive a ballot by October 25, call Clackamas County Elections at 503-655-8510.

WHAT IF I NEED ASSISTANCE VOTING?

Voters with disabilities, or those needing assistance voting in a language other than English, may contact our office for voter assistance or interpretation services. Call Clackamas County Elections for further instructions at 503-655-8510. You may also email us at elections@clackamas.us.

WHAT IF I MAKE A MISTAKE ON MY BALLOT?

You may simply cross out your mistake, write "not this," and circle the intended choice.

WHAT IF I CHANGE MY MIND AFTER I HAVE RETURNED MY BALLOT?

As soon as you deposit your ballot in a mailbox or at an official ballot drop site, your ballot has been cast. A new ballot cannot be issued.

DOES MY BALLOT HAVE TO BE RETURNED BY MAIL?

No. You may return your ballot by mail or drop it off at any official ballot drop site in the state. Clackamas County official ballot drop sites are listed on page 4 of this pamphlet.

DO I NEED A STAMP TO MAIL MY BALLOT ENVELOPE?

No, stamps are **NOT** required to mail your ballot back to Clackamas County Elections.

WHEN MUST MY BALLOT BE RETURNED?

If you send your ballot through the US Mail, it must be postmarked by Election Day, Tuesday, November 7, 2023. No stamp required! Or, you can drop off your ballot at any official ballot drop box in Oregon by 8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

WHERE IS MY SECRECY SLEEVE?

The ballot packet no longer contains an optional secrecy sleeve. That is because you do not need one. Ballot packets have been redesigned to protect privacy, save costs, and improve efficiency. New larger 6-by-9-inch official ballot return envelopes include your signature line along with information on ways to return your ballot. A privacy secrecy weave has been embedded directly into your ballot return envelope. When your ballot is placed into the envelope, the privacy weave prevents anyone from seeing how you voted. This change has been approved by the Secretary of State and the U.S. Postal Service. It reflects best practices of Vote-by-Mail and financial institutions to protect your information.

WHAT ARE THE ELECTIONS DIVISION'S HOURS OF OPERATION ON ELECTION DAY?

On Election Day, Clackamas County Elections will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

Voter Registration

To Vote in Oregon, you must be registered in your county of residence.

To register, you must be:

- A US Citizen
- A resident of Oregon
- At least 16 years of age*

*You will not receive a ballot to vote until the election on/after your 18th birthday. You must be registered before the registration deadline to be eligible.

How to Register

1. Online at oregonvotes.gov
2. Mail/Deliver a registration form to:
Clackamas County Elections
1710 Red Soils Court, Suite 100
Oregon City, OR 97045

Registration forms are available:

- Online at oregonvotes.gov
- Any county elections office
- Post offices
- Libraries
- DMV locations

New registrations must be postmarked 21 days before Election Day.


You Must Update Your Registration if:

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



Don't Delay - Register to vote Today!

Send by Mail

 1710 Red Soils Ct, Ste 100
Oregon City OR 97045

Send by E-Mail



elections@clackamas.us

New registrations must be received or postmarked by Oct. 17th to qualify for a ballot.



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qualifications

Are you a citizen of the United States of America? yes no
Are you at least 16 years of age? yes no

! If you mark no in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form.

personal information *required information

last name* first* middle
Oregon residence address, city and zip code (include apt. or space number)*
date of birth (month/day/year)* county of residence
phone email
mailing address, including city, state and zip code (required if different than residence)

Oregon Driver's License/ID number

Provide a valid **Oregon Driver's License, Permit or ID:**

I do not have a valid **Oregon Driver's License/Permit/ID.**
The last 4 digits of my Social Security Number (SSN) are:

x x x - x x -

I do not have a valid Oregon Driver's License/Permit/ID or a SSN.
I have attached a copy of **acceptable identification.**

political party

Not a member of a party

Constitution

Democratic

Independent

Libertarian

Pacific Green

Progressive

Republican

Working Families

Other _____

signature I swear or affirm that I am qualified to be an elector and I have told the truth on this registration.

sign here _____ date today _____

! If you sign this card and know it to be false, you can be fined up to \$125,000 and/or imprisoned for up to 5 years.

registration updates Complete this section if you are updating your information.

previous registration name previous county and state

home address on previous registration date of birth (month/day/year)

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