

Notice of Measure Election County

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Notice

Date of Notice
15 March 2017

Name of County or Counties
Clackamas County

Date of Election
May 16, 2017

Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the county's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Formation of Molalla Aquatic District to operate Molalla Aquatic Center

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall Molalla Aquatic District be formed with independently elected board at permanent rate \$0.29 per \$1000 assessed value beginning FY17-18?

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

This measure would form the Molalla Aquatic District ("District") as an independent parks and recreation district under Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 266. The stated primary purpose of the District is to operate and maintain the Molalla Aquatic Center. The proposed boundaries of the District are the same as those of the Molalla River School District, which passed the bond to construct the Molalla Aquatic Center.

The Molalla Aquatic Center is currently owned by the Molalla River School District, and is not open to the public due to a lack of funding. If established with a yes vote, this District would have the ability to levy a permanent tax rate of \$0.29 per \$1000 on the assessed value of real property within the boundaries of the District. These funds are intended to support the operation and maintenance of the Molalla Aquatic Center and any other park and recreation activity approved by its governing body.

Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:

- any measure referred by the county governing body; **or**
- any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached? Yes No

Authorized County Official Not required to be notarized.

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By signing this document:

- I hereby state that I am authorized by the county to submit this Notice of Measure Election; **and**
- I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.

Signature

15 March 2017
Date Signed

MEASURE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (500 WORD LIMIT)

This measure would form the Molalla Aquatic District ("District") as an independent parks and recreation district under Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 266. The stated primary purpose of the District is to operate and maintain the Molalla Aquatic Center. The proposed boundaries of the District are the same as those of the Molalla River School District, which passed the bond to construct the Molalla Aquatic Center.

The goal of this measure is to create a new district that would provide dedicated funding to allow for the reopening of the Molalla Aquatic Center and provide a sustainable revenue stream to operate and maintain the facility into the future. The Molalla Aquatic Center was built in response to a long held community desire to provide a swimming pool for water safety, athletics, therapeutic and recreational purposes. The Molalla River School District built the pool with funds from construction bonds approved in 2000. The City of Molalla agreed to operate and maintain the pool. The pool opened in 2004 and was closed in 2014 by the City of Molalla, citing financial constraints. It has remained closed to the general public since that time, with sporadic use by high school athletic teams as funded by the school district.

This measure forms a parks and recreation district with the primary mission of operating and maintaining the Molalla Aquatic Center. This new district would be funded by a permanent tax rate of twenty-nine cents per thousand of assessed value. A \$250,000 property would incur an estimated annual tax of \$72.50. As reported in a financial feasibility analysis, this rate was arrived at by petitioners as the minimum needed to generate the revenue necessary to reopen, operate and maintain the pool.

The establishment of this new District and the associated funding is intended to reopen the pool for the greater Molalla community. If this District formation question does not pass, neither the City of Molalla nor the Molalla River School District has any current plans to fund operation of the Molalla Aquatic Center out of current City or School District revenues, respectively, and the pool would likely remain closed for the indefinite future.

Note: Current tax law limits the maximum amount of permanent rate taxes on each property. When the combined taxes of all the various agencies exceed the limit, then some or all of the tax levies are reduced proportionally to their overall rate (also known as compression).