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ORS 251.355

CLACKAMAS COUNTY

MEASURE ARGUMENT FOR COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

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Election Date: 11/5/2013 Ballot Measure Number: 3-432

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WEST LINN, BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

VOTE "NO" ON MEASURE 3-432.

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Vote NO on Measure 3-432

Ten good reasons why West Linn citizens should vote "NO" on this measure: 18

1. The "estimated" \$152 yearly cost for a home with assessed value of \$285,000 will actually be higher for most citizens (the average West Linn house is assessed at about \$302,775). Maintenance fees will increase that amount. 37
2. The final cost is even more. The measure states that there will be a "future addition of a multi-lane lap pool." 22
3. West Linn pool proponents have cited a similar facility in Madras, Oregon as an example. A homeowner there with a \$302,775 assessed home value pays approximately \$400 (\$215 for the building bond and \$185 for two maintenance levies) per year. The Madras facility costs \$1700 per day to operate. 50
4. Read the measure, the actual facility building and maintenance costs haven't been presented in detail. The final decisions and design will be completed AFTER voter approval. We won't know the real costs until it's too late. 37
5. Maintenance and operational costs have forced some cities to close their pools. This \$24,000,000 dollar "aquatic and community center" will cost taxpayers an enormous amount for building, operation, and maintenance each year. 33
6. In recent years, Oregon City's annual pool deficit has averaged \$400,000 and Clackamas Aquatic Center's deficit has been between \$500,000 and \$700,000. 28
7. In his July 11, 2013 Tidings Letter Andy Rocchia stated that, outside of a hospital or public auditorium, there is nothing more costly to maintain in the public sector than a public swimming pool. 35
8. The Clackamas Aquatic Center is an easily accessible 10 minutes away. 12
9. The liability the city will take on with operating a public pool is formidable. 15
10. A West Linn public swimming pool would be a hole to pour our money into, which neither the city nor the citizens have. 24

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

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