

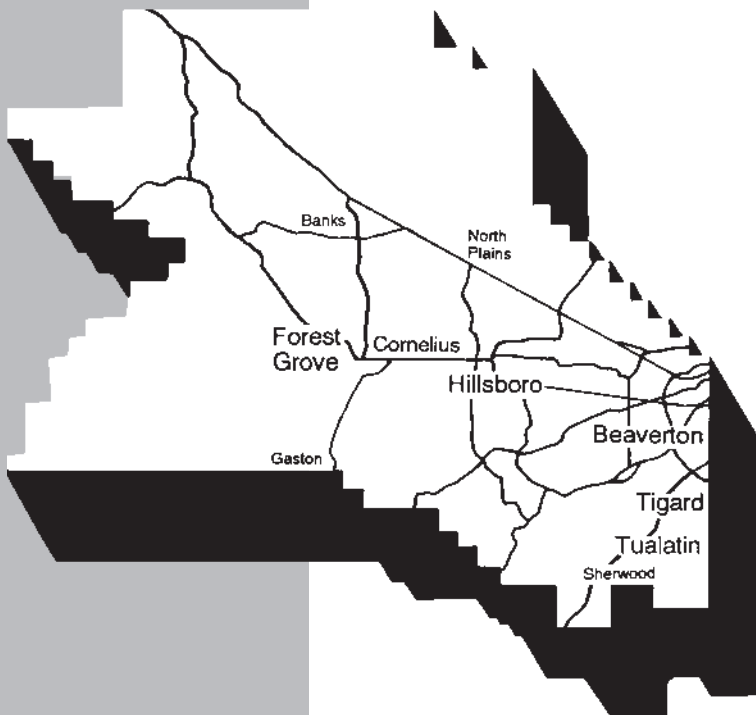


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Washington County

voters' pamphlet



**VOTE-BY-MAIL
SPECIAL
ELECTION
November 6, 2007**

**To be counted,
voted ballots must
be in our office
by 8:00 pm on
November 6, 2007**

Washington County Board of County Commissioners

Tom Brian, Chair
Dick Schouten, District 1
Desari Strader, District 2
Roy Rogers, District 3
Andy Duyck, District 4

Dear Voter:

This pamphlet contains information for several districts and there may be candidates/measures included that are not on your ballot. If you have any questions, call 503-846-5800.

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CITY OF TIGARD

City Councilor



Roger Potthoff

OCCUPATION: Investment Advisor Representative

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Financial Services Professional (1999 - Present); Commercial Real Estate Development & Mgmt. (1979 -1998)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Univ. of Minnesota, B.A. Political Science; Fordham University Law School.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:

- Tigard City Center Advisory Commission.
- 99W Citizens Advisory Committee
- Tigard Sub-committee on Building Design Guidelines
- Mayor's Council of Economic Advisors (St.Paul, MN)
- Potthoff vs. Morin and Port Authority of St.Paul (U.S.Court of Appeals 8th Cir.)

PERSONAL: Married (24 years) to Mary Potthoff; Tigard resident since 1999.

What's Important:

1. The **LIVEABILITY** of our community:
 - **Correcting the traffic situation along 99W.**
 - **Preserving the character and quality of Tigard's neighborhoods.**
 - **Securing a long term source for high quality, affordable water, excluding the Willamette River.**
 - **Expanding Tigard's network of parks & trails.**
2. The **AFFORDABILITY** of living in Tigard:
 - **Making informed financial decisions.** The total 2008 Tigard City Budget is **\$86,465,372!** In the fiscal year just ended the total budget was \$58,894,848. And 25 years ago in 1973 the total budget was \$1,025,609! The devil is in the details.
 - **Making certain that special interests and consultants, cozy with those in City Hall, are not being unjustly enriched.**
3. The **ACCOUNTABILITY** and **CREDIBILITY** of Tigard City Hall:
 - **Citizen participation must not only be encouraged, but genuinely valued.**
 - **Enforcement of Tigard's development regulations must be uniform and fair.**

What others say:

Roger will listen and respect citizen input. He will take appropriate action. (Carolyn Barkley, Owner – Antique Barbershop)

Roger has a record of valuing citizen concerns, of working towards a more responsive, citizen-driven city. He brings integrity and much needed passion to Tigard government. (Alexander Craghead, Tigard Voter)

Roger's involvement in the community and interest in supporting people who live and work in our city make him the clear choice for Tigard's City Council. (Stephen DeAngelo, Owner – DeAngelo's Catering)

Endorsed by: OREGON LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS

also John Frewing (Friends of Tigard/Bull Mtn. Trails); Alice Ellis Gaut (Citizen Activist); Tom Cronkite; and many others.

(This information furnished by Committee to Elect Roger Potthoff)

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

City Councilor



Nicholas Wilson

OCCUPATION: Founding principal of Atlas Landscape Architecture, a site-planning and urban design firm established in 1997.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Landscape Architect, 22 years

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Jesuit High School; University of Oregon, Bachelor of Landscape Architecture; University of Cologne, Germany, Economics

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Tigard City Councilor 2002-2006; President, Tigard Planning Commission, 1993-2001; West Side Economic Alliance Board Member; Washington County Coordinating Committee; Metro policy Advisory Committee Alternate; Washington Square Regional Center Task Force; Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee; Tigard Development Code Update Task Force; Tigard Transportation System Plan Update Task Force; Tigard Parks Master Plan Update Citizen Advisory Committee.

PERSONAL: Nick, a Portland area native, has lived in Tigard for 17 years. He and his wife, Suni have three children: Chris, Alex and Anissa.

RESULTS: Nick has been a vital member of a highly effective City Council. That is why his colleagues selected him to fill a vacant council seat after his retirement from Council at the end of 2006. Among the accomplishments during Nick's term of service:

- Restructured the city management team
- Focused Council Goals on Highway 99 and Downtown
- Implemented Urban Renewal Plan for Downtown
- Opened New Library
- Funded \$5 million improvements to Highway 99 at Greenburg Road (available by 2011)
- Established Street Maintenance Program
- Secured \$2.5 Million Grant for Main Street Improvements (coming in 2010)
- Acquired 19 acres additional parkland and expanded greenways by 85 acres
- Increased Number of Police Officers by 12%
- Established a Commercial Crimes Investigation Unit
- Secured \$176, 000 ODOT grant for Highway 99 Corridor Study to guide future improvements
- Balanced the Budget Annually within the existing Property Tax Base.

GOALS: Improve Hwy 99, Revitalize Downtown

Keep a good thing going! Re-elect Nick Wilson!

(This information furnished by Nicholas Wilson)

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

CITY OF FOREST GROVE

Measure No. 34-147

BALLOT TITLE

FOREST GROVE LEVY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

QUESTION: Shall Forest Grove levy taxes of \$1.35 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years beginning 2008-09 for general operations?

This measure may cause property taxes to increase by more than three percent (3%).

SUMMARY: This measure may be passed only at an election with at least a 50 percent voter turnout.

In November 2002, voters passed a levy for \$0.99 per \$1,000 of assessed value to:

- maintain current police and fire services
- add three police officers
- add two firefighter/paramedics

The 2002 levy expires June 2008. Reductions in staffing have already been made to police, fire, parks, aquatics, library, and planning to lessen the impact of losing the levy. The levy renewal would restore these services and then help maintain City services, principally police and fire. No additional services would be added as a result of this levy.

This measure would renew the \$0.99 per \$1,000 of assessed value levy and increase it by \$0.36 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

A typical homeowner currently pays \$178 per year in property taxes for the \$0.99 levy. The increase in the levy rate of \$0.36 would cost typical homeowners an additional \$65 per year in property taxes. Assumes average assessed value (not market value) of \$180,000.

Estimated revenues for the levy:

\$1,472,990 in 2008-2009
 \$1,546,639 in 2009-2010
 \$1,623,971 in 2010-2011
 \$1,705,170 in 2011-2012
 \$1,790,907 in 2012-2013

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 estimate.

firefighters were hired and police and fire services were maintained. That levy expires on June 30, 2008. In May 2007, voters approved the levy renewal but the levy failed to achieve the 50% voter turn-out required by state law.

Why the increase from \$0.99 to \$1.35?

In 2002, the tax rate needed to maintain services was determined to be \$1.26 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The City Council authorized a lower amount of \$0.99 to increase the chances of the 2002 levy passing. Other factors such as inflation, rising health care costs, increasing fuel costs, and the costs of new technology, particularly for public safety, are some other reasons the rate needs to be increased to \$1.35 to maintain services.

What impact would this measure have on a homeowner's property tax?

A typical homeowner currently pays \$178 per year in property taxes for the \$0.99 levy. This measure proposes to continue the current levy rate of \$0.99 per \$1,000 of assessed value and increase it by \$0.36 per \$1,000 of assessed value effective July 1, 2008. A typical homeowner with an assumed average assessed value (not market value) of \$180,000 would pay an additional \$65.00 per year or an additional \$5.40 per month in property taxes.

What happens if the levy fails?

Although public safety would remain a priority, reductions in addition to those already taken would be necessary in police, fire, library, aquatics, parks & administration services. Police and Fire services could be reduced to less than the service level provided prior to the 2002 levy.

Submitted by:
 Michael J. Sykes
 City Manager

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

What is the Public Safety/Community Service Levy?

A five-year operating levy for \$1.35 per \$1,000 assessed value that would restore reductions in services made in July 2007 and then would help maintain City services in the General Fund. Police and Fire are the principal General Fund programs. Other community services, specifically library, aquatic center, and parks & recreation, also need the continued levy funding to maintain services. No new staff or additional services would be added as a result of this levy.

What service reductions were made in July 2007? Why?

Two police officer positions, two firefighter positions, two half-time adult service librarians, a half-time assistant planner and one parks worker were eliminated. Additionally, the aquatics center reduced its hours by 37% reducing the need for part-time staff. These reductions were made to prepare for the loss of the levy funds and to spread out the effects of the reduction in services over two fiscal years. Positions, such as the two firefighter positions, one police officer position, and both adult service librarians that became vacant were not rehired because they would have been potentially laid off a year later. Training for new police officers and firefighters is expensive and is not a prudent investment if funds are not available to retain them.

What is the City's recent property tax levy history?

In November 2002, voters passed a five-year levy for \$0.99 per \$1,000 assessed value. As a result, three police officers and two

**NO ARGUMENTS AGAINST
 THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

CITY OF FOREST GROVE

Measure No. 34-147

ARGUMENT FOR

In 2002, Forest Grove residents, aware of the importance of basic fire and police services, passed a Community Safety Levy with over 57% voting in favor. In May, 2007 voters overwhelmingly supported the levy with 74% support. However, it did not pass because it fell just short of the 50% turnout requirement.

Where Are We Now?

The existing Safety Levy will expire soon. Without a renewal there will be deep cuts in many services.

Failure of the Levy Means:

- **LESS PUBLIC SAFETY**

Most of the gains from the levy passed in 2002 would be lost.

This could result in.....

- The return of meth houses
- Less neighborhood and school presence
- The return of more abandoned vehicles
- A family member with a medical emergency having to wait because paramedics are on another call
- Firefighters who can't enter a burning building until back-up arrives.

- **CUT IN PARKS, AQUATIC CENTER AND LIBRARY SERVICES**

- Reduced public swim hours: closed weekends and holidays
- Reduced weed control, trash pickup, new plantings in parks
- Reduced library hours, children programs and fewer books

Key Facts:

- **THE COST IN NEW TAXES IS ONLY \$6.00 A MONTH**

This levy renewal means only an additional 36 cents/\$1,000 of assessed value. A home with an assessed value of \$200,000 would be taxed only \$6 more a month or \$72 a year than under the current levy.

- **NO NEW POSITIONS OR SERVICES ARE BEING CREATED**

This levy is only to preserve existing services, NOT to add positions or increase government.

- **NEW GROWTH NOT ENOUGH TO PAY FOR EXISTING SERVICE LEVELS**

New growth will help pay for future services but there simply isn't enough revenue from growth to pay for existing services as well. All property taxes including the levy only pay for 75% of the cost of existing police and fire services.

PLEASE VOTE YES. TOGETHER, LET'S KEEP FOREST GROVE A SAFE AND LIVABLE COMMUNITY.

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This Information Furnished By:

Peter Truax,
Forest Grove Citizens for Public Safety PAC

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CITY OF HILLSBORO

Measure No. 34-145

BALLOT TITLE

CITY OF HILLSBORO HOME RULE CHARTER

QUESTION: Shall the City of Hillsboro adopt a new home rule charter?

SUMMARY: This measure would replace the current City Charter with a new charter. The City Charter Review Commission and the City Council approved the new charter for submission to City voters.

The Oregon Constitution gives City voters the right to adopt charters. Charters grant legal authority to cities and assign duties to city officials. Hillsboro voters adopted the current charter in 1923.

The new charter is based on the 2004 League of Oregon Cities Model Charter. It contains charter provisions unique and important to Hillsboro. The new charter more clearly defines the legal authority of the City Council, defines the roles and responsibilities of the mayor and lists the duties of the city manager. It is much shorter and easier to read than the current charter. The new charter is consistent with state law.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure is a proposed new Home Rule Charter for the City of Hillsboro. The new charter would replace the current City Charter that was adopted by Hillsboro voters in 1923. The Charter Review Commission and the City Council approved the new charter for submission to City voters.

The Oregon Constitution gives city voters the right to adopt home rule charters. A charter grants legal authority to a city government. A charter sets the duties for the Council and Mayor. It also creates the office of City Manager and set its duties.

The new Hillsboro Charter is based on the 2004 League of Oregon Cities model charter. It contains existing charter provisions unique and important to Hillsboro. The new charter more clearly defines the legal authority of the City Council, defines the role and responsibilities of the Mayor and lists the duties of the City Manager. It is much shorter and easier to read and use than the current charter. It is consistent with state law.

The Charter Commission adapted the model charter to continue current Hillsboro charter policies and practices. The Charter Commission and the City Council believe the new City of Hillsboro Home Rule Charter will better meet the current and future needs of the City.

Submitted by:
Tom Hughes, Mayor
City of Hillsboro

**NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST
THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

CITY OF NORTH PLAINS

Measure No. 34-146

BALLOT TITLE

NEW CITY CHARTER FOR NORTH PLAINS

QUESTION: Shall the City of North Plains have a new City Charter?

SUMMARY: If this measure is approved, the City Charter will be amended as follows:

- The measure clarifies the city council's role in employee personnel issues, discusses interference in administration, and provides for penalties for violation of this section of the charter.
- The measure clarifies the duties of the city manager.
- The measure clarifies the authority of the city council and reorganizes that authority into Legislative, Administrative, and Quasi-judicial Authority.
- The measure authorizes the city council to, by ordinance, affirm the rights of City personnel to participate in political activities and may limit those activities to the extent necessary for orderly and effective operation of the city government.
- The measure clarifies the process for ordinance adoption.
- The measure changes election of the Council President to the first meeting of each year.
- The measure prohibits councilor's from being employees of the city and does not allow councilor's relatives to work for the city. Persons of this status prior to passage of this Charter are exempt.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The last comprehensive revision of the City of North Plains Charter was in 2003. The city council appointed a charter review committee to review the 2003 Charter and determine whether changes needed to be made to update the charter to current conditions, and to determine whether any other changes were necessary or appropriate. The following changes were recommended by the charter review committee and have been incorporated into the charter amendments that are before the voters with this measure.

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The measure does not repeal the charter requirement of voter approval of voluntary annexations.

Submitted by:
Donald H. Otterman
North Plains City Manager

**NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST
THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure No. 26-93

BALLOT TITLE

AMENDS CHARTER: CHANGES FIRE AND POLICE DISABILITY MEMBERS' MEDICAL BENEFITS.

QUESTION: Shall police and firefighters receive medical benefits from disability system for work-related injuries after retiring from active duty?

SUMMARY: This measure amends the City Charter for the Fire and Police Disability and Retirement Fund (FPDR). Sworn employees of the Police and Fire Bureaus are members of FPDR. The Charter provides that FPDR shall reimburse members for reasonable medical and hospital expenses arising from work-related injuries or illness. The Charter limits those benefits to expenses incurred while members are working or receiving disability benefits, and if members do not return to active duty and remain on disability until disability retirement age, FPDR reimburses members for medical expenses related to the injury for life. Currently, when members are injured and return to active duty, FPDR reimburses members for reasonable hospital and medical expenses related to the injury until their service retirement.

This measure removes the limitation on medical expense reimbursement after retirement. Members who return to work and retire will receive the same level of reimbursement as members who retire on disability.

The Charter amendment only applies to members who retire on or after January 1, 2007.

Submitted by:
City of Portland City Council
Mayor Tom Potter
Commissioner Sam Adams
Commissioner Randy Leonard
Commissioner Dan Saltzman
Commissioner Erik Sten

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure would make changes to the Fire and Police Disability and Retirement system in the Portland City Charter. The measure would change a component of the disability system relating to hospital and medical expenses in retirement.

Background

Currently, the Fire and Police Disability and Retirement Fund (FPDR) in Chapter 5 of the Charter of the City of Portland provides hospital and medical expense reimbursements arising from work-related injuries or illnesses only if a Member is on disability status or is actively working with the Portland Police Bureau or Fire Bureau. This means that when police officers and firefighters are injured in the line of duty, their medical care related to those injuries is covered only until they retire. After retirement, they are required to pay their own hospital and medical expenses related to the injury. This contrasts with the Oregon workers' compensation system, where an employer is required to pay reasonable hospital and medical expenses after the employee's retirement, so long as the expenses are reasonable and are related to an on-the-job injury.

What does the measure do?

This measure removes the limitation on hospital and medical expense reimbursement after retirement for Members of the FPDR who retire from active duty.

This measure also provides that reasonable hospital and medical expenses will be paid in retirement for a Member only if the expense is related to an accepted injury or illness, and only for hospital or medical expenses related to an injury or illness that was accepted in good faith, in a case not involving fraud, misrepresentation, and omission, or illegal activity by the Member. The monthly cost to the average residential property tax bill is estimated to be 92 cents.

**NO ARGUMENTS FOR OR AGAINST
THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

ballot dropsites

Ballots must be received by 8pm on Election Day

24-hour dropsites

Public Services Building

Rear Entrance
155 N 1st Ave
(1st and Main)
Hillsboro

Service Center East Building

Front Lobby
3700 SW Murray Blvd
(Murray and Millikan)
Beaverton

Banks Library

111 Market St

Cornelius Library

1355 N Barlow St

Hillsboro Library

Main Branch
2850 NE Brookwood Pkwy

Forest Grove

2102 Pacific Ave
(Pacific Ave and Ash St)

King City - City Hall

15300 SW 116th Ave

North Plains City Hall

31360 NW Commercial

Sherwood City Hall

22560 SW Pine St

Tigard City Hall

13125 SW Hall Blvd

Tualatin City Offices

Council Building
18880 SW Martinazzi Ave

indoor dropboxes *(call to confirm hours)*

Beaverton Library

12375 SW 5th St
503 644 2197

Cedar Mill Library

12505 NW Cornell Rd
503 644 0043

Garden Home Library

7475 SW Oleson Rd
503 245 9932

Hillsboro Library

Shute Park Branch
775 SE 10th Ave
503 615 6500

West Slope Library

3678 SW 78th Ave
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