



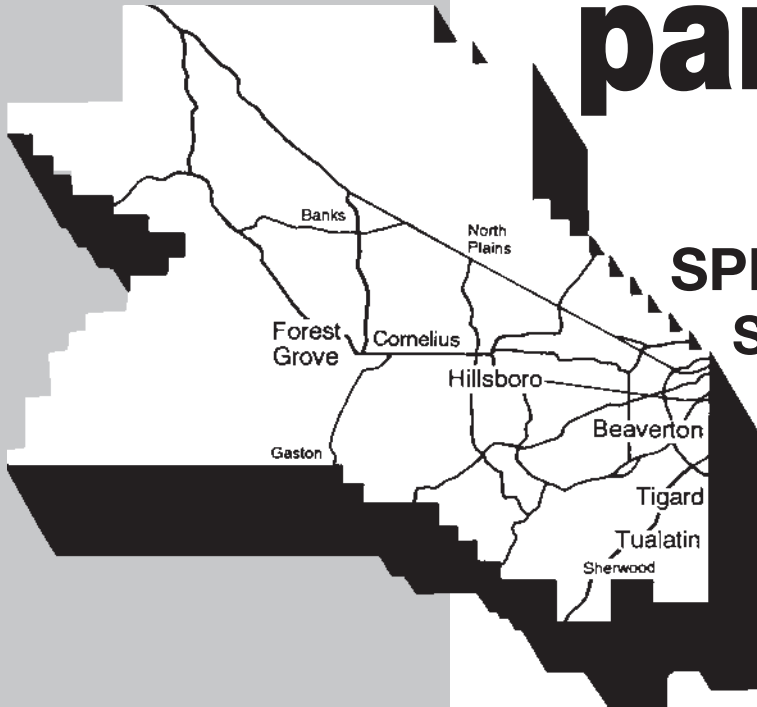
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Washington County

voters' pamphlet

**VOTE-BY-MAIL
SPECIAL ELECTION
September 19, 2006**

**To be counted,
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September 19, 2006**



Washington County Board of County Commissioners

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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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WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #2

Measure No. 34-121

BALLOT TITLE

FIVE YEAR LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

QUESTION: Shall fire district impose \$.57 per \$1000 of assessed value for five years for personnel, operations, equipment beginning FY2007/2008? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

SUMMARY: This measure may be passed only at an election with at least a 50 percent voter turnout. A "yes" vote on this measure is a vote to increase taxes.

If approved, this measure would generate tax revenue necessary to return to 24-hour coverage by career firefighters, allow for replacement of outdated apparatus, expand volunteer recruitment and retention programs, and increase public education programs.

The District's permanent rate is currently \$1.1219 per \$1000 of assessed value. This rate was set by the Oregon Department of Revenue as a result of Measure 50 in 1998. At that time the District employed four full-time firefighters working 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Due to increased call volume; the District went to 24 hour coverage in July 2000. The rising costs of operations, specifically personnel cost, forced the District to lay off four firefighters and revert to 12 hour coverage in 2005.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$756,319 in 2007-2008, \$779,009 in 2008-2009, \$802,379 in 2009-2010, \$826,450 in 2010-2011, \$851,244 in 2011-2012 for a total of \$4,015,401.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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The Board of Directors for Washington County Fire District #2 decided to request a local option levy for the following reasons:

1. Operational costs have increased 39% over the last five years outpacing revenue increase of 5%.
2. Personnel costs have increased over 150% in the last five years.
3. Calls for emergency service have increased 29% since 1998 and are projected to continue increasing putting a strain on volunteer capability to respond consistently. The demographics of the District have changed. More people are working out of the area, leaving few volunteers to respond to emergency calls.

4. The District's permanent rate is not sufficient to provide 24-hour career firefighter coverage.

When a resident calls 9-1-1, the District has an obligation to provide emergency service including personnel with the training appropriate to handle the emergency and functioning equipment that is adequate to protect life and property.

The Board decided on \$.57 per \$1000 based on future revenue projections, projected expenses and the need for the District to improve the level of service to the residents and create stable funding for the future. In addition to returning to 24-hour staffing which will provide the personnel necessary to respond to emergencies, projections indicate the levy amount will also allow the District to build reserves to replace obsolete or outdated fire apparatus without going back to the voters for further tax funds. By replacing fire apparatus, the District can ensure the equipment will perform as expected on an emergency scene. This levy will also provide revenue to increase the training opportunities for staff and volunteers to ensure that personnel who respond to the emergency have the appropriate training. Finally, the revenue from the proposed local option levy will provide funds to expand volunteer recruitment and retention to augment the career firefighting staff.

Submitted by:
Marty Oppenlander
Board Chairman

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

WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #2

Measure No. 34-121

ARGUMENT FOR

TUALATIN VALLEY FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 1660 SUPPORT MEASURE 34-121

Measure 34-121 is an investment in your safety and your community's safety.

A quick response by well trained professional firefighters to a fire, motor vehicle accident or medical emergency is vital to prevent the loss of life or property. It is equally important for your firefighters to have adequate equipment.

A Yes vote on Measure 34-121 will get you:

- Staffing levels that allow for a quicker response to your calls for help. With current staffing you could have to wait up to 20 minutes for help to respond. With 24-hour staffing, most calls will be responded to within five minutes.
- An investment in equipment and emergency vehicles. No one takes better care of their tools and equipment than a firefighter, but eventually they wear out.
- Vital training for your firefighters.

Thank you for your continued support.

Submitted by:

Miles Ulven

Tualatin Valley Firefighters Local 1660

ARGUMENT FOR

In the wake of the tragedy on September 11th America learned the true story of its everyday heroes, our firefighters. They step forward without question to answer the call for help, be it heart attacks, motor vehicle accidents, house fires or just public assists. They are there when we need them, without question. Washington County Fire District No. 2 has a dedicated crew of both career and volunteer firefighters trained and ready to put their lives on the line to protect and serve our community. Failure of past tax levies has resulted in a reduction of duty personnel manning the stations 24-hours a day to just 12-hours a day. This change has resulted in delayed responses during nighttime hours. Delayed times could result in a greater loss of life and property. It is time for the voters of this district to step up and show our local heroes the support they deserve by voting yes!! The life they save may be yours!!!

Submitted by:

Joe J. Kust III

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WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #2

Measure No. 34-121

ARGUMENT FOR

BUSINESSES SUPPORT MEASURE 34-121

On behalf of the many business owners in Washington County Fire District #2, we urge you to support Measure 34-121.

Many of the business owners within the fire district have a great amount of their lives invested into their business. These business owners have employees and family members working for them. They want to ensure that they will get rapid response if they need to call 911.

Currently, Washington County Fire District #2 (WCFD#2) only has career firefighters staffed at their stations from 7am-7pm seven days a week, allowing help to leave the station within 1-2 minutes. After these hours, all homes and business are covered by volunteer firefighters that must respond from their residence to the fire station and then to the emergency scene. This increases the response time anywhere from 5 to 15 minutes.

With the passing of this ballot measure, WCFD#2 will staff stations 24 hours a day, cutting response times significantly to our homes and businesses.

Let's ensure that our employees and family members who work for us feel secure knowing that they have FIRE and MEDICAL help 24 hours a day.

Please vote YES for MEASURE 34-121.

Smith Berry Barn
Petrich's Gen. Store
Laurel Valley Store
Twin Oaks Airpark, Inc
Gonzales Boring & Tunneling, Inc
Oregon Canadian Forest Products, Inc
Hindsight MX
Pacific Roofing
Jeff Morgan, President
Morgan Machinery Moving
Beran Vineyards

Submitted by:
David A. Barno
North Plains Veterinary Clinic

ARGUMENT FOR

ARGUMENT FOR PASSAGE OF FIRE AND EMS FIVE YEAR LOCAL OPTION LEVY

Imagine yourself or family member having a medical emergency, maybe chest pain or difficulty breathing, in the middle of the night. Now, also imagine waiting 20 minutes or more for help after calling 911. Currently, residents of rural Washington County north and south of Hillsboro have no staffed fire stations from 7:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. During this time the fire district relies on volunteers to respond.

WCFD#2 has a very dedicated group of volunteers out of both the Midway and North Plains fire stations. However, these stations combined, average over 1,100 calls for help a year. A volunteer is required to attend five weekends of initial training and ongoing weekly training. A volunteer firefighter that is also an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) requires an additional 4 - 6 months of evening training. This doesn't even include the time to respond to all emergency calls. Understandably, it is hard to get medically trained volunteers to cover the volume of calls for help.

There is a point in time when a volunteer fire department gets too big and busy for only volunteers, especially when the department covers emergency medical calls.

WCFD#2 is to that point. In the evenings, there are and will continue to be calls that do not get a response, or at least a much delayed response.

Passage of this levy will ensure a staffing of fire stations with two firefighter/EMTs to get quick initial response out the door. Volunteers will still be essential for bigger or multiple incidents, but the paid staff will get the quick response, so you're not waiting, and waiting.

Are you worried about the cost? After passage the total taxes for WCFD#2 will be less than most residents of the county pay, even for volunteer departments.

Eric and Tina Maki
Royal and Gina Moore
James and Holly Brooks

Submitted by:
Mark L. Gregg

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WASHINGTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #2

Measure No. 34-121

ARGUMENT FOR

To the community that is serviced by Washington County Fire District #2. As you may or may not know we are the people that protect you. Your family and friends for Emergency Medical Service, your homes and property from fire and your lives as you drive down the road. We are a combination fire district with seven paid staff that cover calls from 7am -7pm and forty-five volunteers that respond to all the calls both day and night. We donate the time to serve the communities that we live in. While maintaining jobs and families as you probably do. We ask for very little in return, until now. We need your help. We are operating at a substandard level; with the lowest tax rate and highest call volume for rural fire departments in Washington County. And it is not just us that is suffering, you and your neighbors are. We have had numerous times that it has taken us 20 minutes or more to get enough personnel to respond. Just imagine calling 911 for any emergency and no one showing up to help. With the passage of this levy, we will be able to provide a higher level of service with updated equipment and personnel.

Help Us Help You!

Sincerely,
Washington County Fire District #2 Volunteer Associations
Midway and North Plains

Submitted by:
Peter D. Lux
Midway Volunteer Firefighter Association

ARGUMENT FOR

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM

As the emergency ambulance provider for Washington County, Metro West Ambulance supports Washington County Fire District #2 (WCFD#2). Metro West works closely with WCFD#2's firefighters and paramedics providing emergency medical services (EMS). The fire district has a strong commitment to their communities in providing the highest quality of EMS possible.

For this reason, Metro West is in support of Measure 34-121.

Metro West and WCFD#2 have a very positive working relationship with each other. This could be at a serious motor vehicle accident, a heart attack victim, or a severely broken bone from numerous outdoor activities. Our personnel work cooperatively to provide rapid medical care and efficient transport to local hospitals.

Support of WCFD#2's local option levy will ensure that your FIRE and EMERGENCY medical provider retains the personnel necessary to keep you and your family safe. With support of this measure, WCFD#2 will be able increase services that it offers to its Fire District.

For this reason, Metro West encourages your "YES" vote on MEASURE 34-121.

Submitted by:
JD Fulton
Metro West Ambulance

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CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

Measure No. 3-220

BALLOT TITLE

ANNEXATION BY LAKE OSWEGO OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES ON STAFFORD ROAD

QUESTION: Shall the City annex six adjoining parcels on the east side of Stafford Road near Overlook Drive?

SUMMARY: This measure authorizes annexation by the City of Lake Oswego of six adjoining parcels of property. The City proposes annexation of the four largest parcels for the purpose of developing park and park-related facilities such as sports fields and a dog park. The six parcels include, and lie between and adjacent to, 17942 and 17660 Stafford Road. The four southerly parcels (21E16AD 2800,2900; 21E16D 400,500), formerly known as the Farr and Taylor properties, comprise 12.09 acres, and are now part of the City-owned, Luscher Farm complex that is designated "Park" on the 2040 Growth Concept Map. The two northerly parcels (21E16AD 2600, 2700) comprise 1.81 acres and are privately owned. These were joined with the City-owned parcels when the Urban Growth Boundary was expanded, in order to avoid a notch in the boundary. All six parcels are currently zoned County Rural Residential. City zoning will be applied upon annexation. Annexation is also contingent upon City Council action approving the annexation and amending the Comprehensive Plan and Urban Services Boundary.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 57 of the Lake Oswego City Charter requires voter approval of proposals to annex into the City any territory that was outside the City's Urban Services Boundary and the Metropolitan Urban Growth Boundary on July 1, 1998, unless the territory was within a First Tier Urban Reserve Area on that date.

The Lake Oswego City Council initiated this request to annex six adjacent parcels of property east of Stafford Road in the area of its intersection with Overlook Drive. The six parcels are shown on the map published with this statement.

The City has proposed this annexation for the purpose of developing and maintaining park and park-related facilities on the four southernmost parcels. These four parcels are owned by the City and total 12.09 acres (87% of the territory to be annexed). They are part of the Luscher Farm complex acquired and maintained by the City for the purpose of providing cultural and recreational opportunities for the residents of Lake Oswego. These parcels are currently undeveloped, with the exception of a barn/storage building. Potential improvements could include sports fields, a dog park, paths and related facilities.

The two northernmost parcels are privately owned and total 1.81 acres (13% of the territory to be annexed). They were included with the four City-owned parcels when the Urban Growth Boundary was adjusted, in order to avoid a notch in the Boundary. A dwelling and outbuilding are currently located on one of the parcels. The other is undeveloped.

All six parcels were brought within the Urban Growth Boundary by Metro on May 18, 2006 as part of a "minor adjustment" of the boundary. The adjustment also removed property at the 1801 1 Stafford Road.

A "yes" vote on this measure will approve annexation of the six parcels into the City of Lake Oswego.

Approval by the voters is one of several steps in the annexation process. Before the property can be annexed, the City Council must also approve amendments to the Lake Oswego Comprehensive Plan and the City's Urban Services Boundary as well as approving the annexation itself. Notice of the public hearings on these approvals will be published. It is possible that some or all of the hearings will occur before the September 19, 2006 election.

Furnished by:
David Powell, City Attorney
City of Lake Oswego

CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

Measure No. 3-220

**ANNEXATION BY LAKE OSWEGO OF
CERTAIN PROPERTIES ON STAFFORD
ROAD**



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

BALLOT DROP SITES

September 19, 2006

**Ballots must be received by 8:00 p.m.
Election Day.**

Washington County 24 hour drop slot.

Elections Office

**3700 SW Murray Blvd
Beaverton
Front Lobby Drop Slot
(Murray & Millikan Way)**



Washington County 24 hour drop sites.

**North Plains City Hall
31360 NW Commercial
North Plains**



**Public Services
Building
155 N 1st Avenue
Hillsboro
Rear entrance of the Public
Services Building
(1st and Main)**

CITY OF RIVERGROVE

Measure No. 3-217

BALLOT TITLE

ANNEXES PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5316 CHILDS ROAD INTO RIVERGROVE

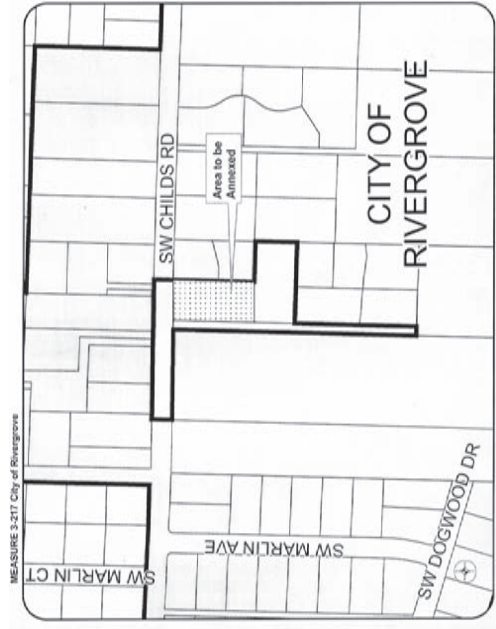
QUESTION: Shall property located at 5316 Childs Road be annexed into the City of Rivergrove?

SUMMARY: This measure would approve the annexation of 0.46 acres of land located at 5316 Childs Road into the City of Rivergrove. Separately, the Planning Commission and City Council have determined that the proposal to annex complies with the annexation criteria of RLDO Section 6.235, including consideration of conformity to the comprehensive plan, and Metro Code Section 3.09.040. This annexation proposal would become effective after it is approved by a majority of the voters within the City.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure would approve the annexation of 0.46 acres of land located at 5316 Childs Road into the City of Rivergrove. Separately, the Planning Commission and City Council have determined that the proposal to annex complies with annexation criteria of RLDO Section 6.235, including consideration of conformity to the comprehensive plan, and Metro Code Section 3.09.040. This annexation proposal would become effective if it is approved by a majority of the voters within the City voting at this election.

Submitted by:
William K. Kabeiseman
City of Rivergrove



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