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# Washington County voters' pamphlet



VOTE-BY-MAIL GENERAL ELECTION November 2, 2010

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# Washington County Board of County Commissioners

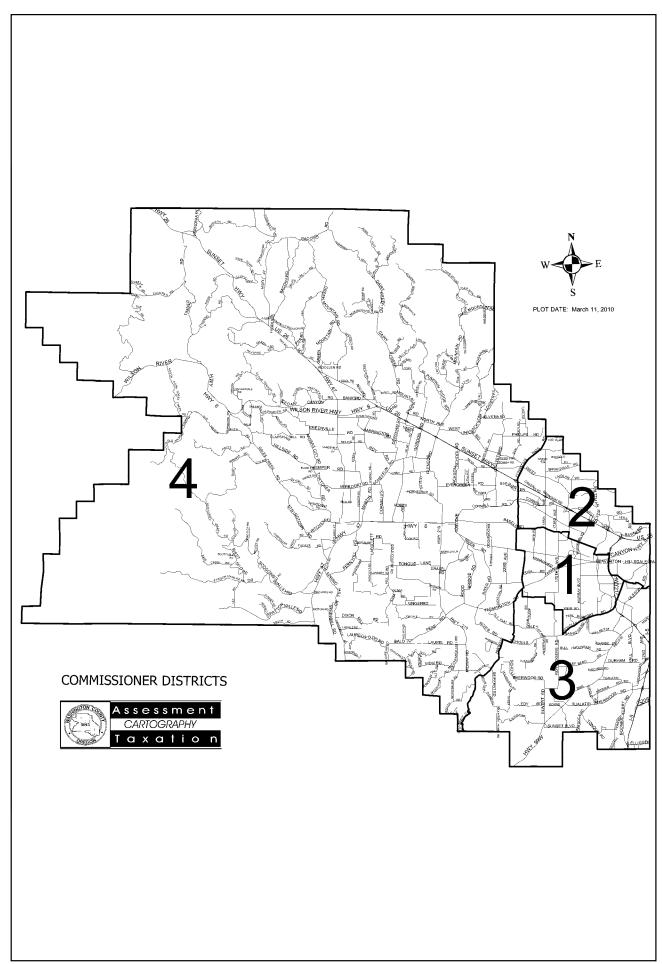
Tom Brian, Chair Dick Schouten, District 1 Desari Strader, District 2 Roy Rogers, District 3 Andy Duyck, District 4

#### **ATTENTION**

This is the beginning of your county voters' pamphlet. The county portion of this joint voters' pamphlet is inserted in the center of the state portion. Each page of the county voters' pamphlet is clearly marked with a color bar on the outside edge. All information contained in the county portion of this pamphlet has been assembled and printed by Rich Hobernicht, County Clerk-Ex Officio, Director Washington County Assessment & Taxation.

#### 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.



#### **County Commissioner, District 2**



# Mike Niehuser

Occupation: Business Owner, Beacon Rock Research; Faculty, Pacific Coast Banking School

Occupational Background: Investment Analyst, banking and natural resources (10 years); US Bank, Commercial Real Estate Lender (18 years); Founded the Colonel John Boyd Memorial Scholarship (5 years)

**Educational Background:** B.S. Finance, University of Oregon; Pacific Coast Banking School; Sunset High School

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Hillsboro School Board (8 years), West Union School Board (2 years)

- Mike Niehuser will keep Washington County the economic engine of Oregon
- Mike Niehuser will keep Washington County Oregon's leader in iob creation
- Mike Niehuser will keep Washington County Oregon's most efficient county
- Mike Niehuser will keep public discourse constructive and nonpartisan
- Mike Niehuser will ask the questions citizens want answered
- Mike Niehuser will work to earn the trust of Washington County residents

Mike Niehuser is a fifth generation Oregonian and a devoted citizen of Washington County. Parents, teachers and students have found Mike Niehuser to be an advocate for their success. Mike Niehuser is a proven leader in public service and a professional during Oregon's periods of growth and recession.

Mike Niehuser recognizes that the challenges facing Washington County, particularly in District 2, are unique in the history of Oregon. Mike Niehuser will be a devoted representative working to bring all voices to the table for the betterment of citizens. Mike Niehuser has built a client-centered business founded on ethics, recognizing that trust is a process, not a destination.

#### Endorsed by:

Victor Atiyeh, Governor of Oregon (1979 to 1987)
Tom Brian Chairman of the Washington County Board of
Commissioners

Andy Duyck, Washington County Commissioner, District 4 (and Chairman elect)

Roy Rogers, Washington County Commissioner, District 3 John Leeper Former District 2 Washington County Commissioner Delna Jones Former District 2 Washington County Commissioner Rob Gordon, Washington County Sheriff

Bob Hermann, Washington County District Attorney

Denny Doyle, Mayor, Beaverton

Jerry Willey, Mayor, Hillsboro

Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce

Coach Don Matthews (Sunset High - State Champs 1975, 1976)

Michael Matousek

Ron Reichen Keith Fishback

(This information furnished by Friends of Mike Niehuser)

#### **County Commissioner, District 2**



# Greg Malinowski

**Occupation**: Small Business Owner of a Local Organic Farm; Warehouseperson for Ethan Allen.

Occupational Background: 40+ years Washington County Farming; 30+ years Manufacturing, Quality and Inventory Control at Tektronix and Merix.

Educational Background: Portland

Community College & Certified Quality Engineer (ASQC).

Prior Governmental Experience: Chair, Citizen Participation Organization #7; President, Forest Park Neighborhood Association. Community involvement: Farm Bureau; 1000 Friends of Oregon; Personnel and Budget Committee of First Baptist Church, Beaverton; Mentor at Terra Nova High School.

Family: Wife Jonella for 31 years. Son Aaron.

#### A Sustainable 21st Century Vision

"For many years I have seen Greg work hard, putting local residents first by knowing and using county land use laws. Greg's dedication has demonstrated that organic farming can succeed alongside suburban expansion, protecting a valuable food source and community asset."

-Dick Schouten, County Commissioner

#### Support current employers to keep and add new jobs

As a business owner, I understand more than 80% of new jobs come from small and medium companies. The County must ensure small businesses are rewarded for reinvesting their profits in the County - creating sustainable 21st Century jobs.

I want to focus on supporting our small businesses to create family wage jobs while maintaining our large employers and healthy communities.

#### Smart Growth for our 21st Century Neighborhoods

- Protect home values and address traffic problems by supporting alternative transportation and Smart Growth options.
- Preserve essential services by having new development pay for the costs of growth. End the subsidies for developers that have left taxpayers owing \$2,000,000,000.
- Protect and preserve natural areas and farm land.

#### Just Some of Greg's Endorsements:

Tualatin Valley Fire Fighters
Washington County Police Officers Association
Congressman David Wu
Governor John Kitzhaber
Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian

Linda Peters, Former Chair, Washington Co. Board of Commissioners Senator Suzanne Bonamici

Senator Suzarine Bonamici
Senator Mark Hass
Representative Mitch Greenlick
Representative Chris Harker
State Rep. David Edwards
Tobias Read State Representative
Sierra Club
Oregon League of Conservation Voters

FriendsForMalinowski.com

(This information furnished by Greg Malinowski)

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

#### **County Commissioner, District 4**



# Bob Terry

**Occupation**: Owner, Fisher Farms Nurserv

#### Occupational Background:

Nursery owner employing more than 200 people; CEO, White Farm Equipment Company; Manager, Borg Warner Financial Services.

Educational Background: University of Chicago, Open studies

#### Prior Governmental Experience:

USN, Naval Air, 1962-66; 10 years on Washington County Budget Committee; Tualatin River Watershed Council; Washington/Multnomah Regional Investment Board; Past Chair, Washington County Citizens Advisory Committee, Rural Roads Operations and Maintenance Advisory Committee.

# Bob Terry offer Washington County <u>LEADERSHIP - PASSION - EXPERIENCE</u>

#### Bob has a proven record in Washington County for:

- Balancing the budget and living within our means.
- Dedication to the development of new private sector jobs.
- Using the financial skills that made his business a success.
- Bringing a balanced approach by using his agricultural and business skills.
- A Strong dedication to public safety and crime prevention.
- Advocacy for citizen involvement in decision making.

#### Bob is involved in the community?

- Secretary, Washington County Budget Committee
- Board Member, Tuality Health Foundation
- Past Chair, Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce
- Vice President, Agri-Business Council of Oregon
- Past Chair and chief benefactor of A Child's Place, Hillsboro
- President-Elect, American Nursery and Landscape Association
- Past President, Oregon Association of Nurseries

#### Bob is the best choice for Commissioner of District 4 and endorsed by:

- Tom Brian Chairman, Washington County Board of Commissioners
- Washington County Chairman Elect, Andy Duyck
- Washington County Sheriff Rob Gordon
- Jerry Willey, Mayor of Hillsboro
- Bruce Starr, Oregon State Senator
- Gary Seidel, Fire Chief
- Paul D. Rubenstein, Chief of Police
- Greater Hillsboro Area Chamber of Commerce
- Roger Beyer, AG-PAC Chairman
- Rob Cornilles
- Zurbrugg Development Co.

"Bob will continue the sound financial leadership and innovative job creation we are known for in Washington County. He will be an excellent county commissioner."

#### Tom Brian, Chairman, Washington County Board of Commissioners

(This information furnished by Bob Terry for County Commissioner)

#### **County Commissioner, District 4**



# Greg Mecklem

#### Occupation:

Owner Accoyo America, Inc, Eagles Nest Forestry

#### Occupational Background:

Business owner, Farmer, Forest Manager, Co-founder, Physician and Medical Director, Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center.

**Educational Background**: Oregon State University, BS; Oregon Health Sciences University, MD

#### **Prior Governmental Experience:**

Lieutenant Commander, US Public Health Service, Distinguished Service Medal for heroism, Chairman, Community Planning Organization 14.

#### PROFESSIONAL and COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Washington County Farm Bureau Board, Oregon Environmental Council Board, President, US Alpaca Registry, Vice-President, Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association, Medical Director Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center.

#### MEMBERSHIP:

Farm Bureau, Oregon Small Woodlands Assoc, AgriBusinessCouncil, Save Helvetia, Ag/Natural Resources Coalition, Northwest Steelheaders

#### **BUSINESS LEADERSHIP**

Greg has worked as a physician, rancher, forest manager, and business owner. He's built two successful businesses from the ground up and knows how to create good paying jobs. He has neither laid off staff nor cut salaries during the recession. Greg co-founded and served a health center for low-income families for 21 years. He runs his ranch with solar energy and practices sustainable forestry.

#### SMART GROWTH. HEALTHY FUTURE

"I know we can create jobs and prosperity in Washington County while maintaining livability. We can and must do it by welcoming innovative technology and renewable energy industry, protecting our family farms and natural resources, supporting small businesses, and making sure we help our disadvantaged. I want to invite you to join with your neighbors in working with me to plan for your future, strengthen our economy, and improve our county."

Greg is endorsed by many for County Commissioner:
Dave Vanasche, Washington County Farm Bureau President
Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Linda Peters, Former Chair, Washington County Board of Commissioners

Hon. Elizabeth Furse, Former U.S. Congresswoman Peter Truax, Mayor, City of Forest Grove

Suzanne Bonamici, State Senator

Russell A. Dondero, Professor Emeritus Pacific Univ, Forest Grove

Washington County Commissioner Dick Schouten

Representative Mitch Greenlick

**Tualatin Valley Firefighters Union** 

Northwest Oregon Labor Council

Bob Vanderzanden, Farmer Larry Duyck Larry Duyck Farms

Alan Hickenbottom, President & Founder Tanner Creek Energy

David L. Vernier

(This information furnished by Greg Mecklem for County Commission)

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# City of Beaverton

#### City Council, Position 1



# lan H. King

**Occupation**: College Educator/ Financial Analyst

Occupational Background: 20+ years business experience as project manager, financial analyst and contract manager in the industries of construction, healthcare and information technology

**Educational Background**: B.A., Mathematics, University of Southern California; M.B.A., Chapman University

**Prior Governmental Experience**: Beaverton City Council; Vice Chair, Beaverton Budget Committee; Sister Cities Advisory Board; Mediator, Beaverton Dispute Resolution Center

#### **EXPERIENCED, COMMITTED, EFFECTIVE**

"Beaverton is a wonderful community that I am proud to be a part of. I want to both maintain this great quality of life, and also help create a long-term vision for the future.

I am running for City Council because I am committed to a better Beaverton. I will bring new unity, bolster positive thinking and encourage cooperation within the Council and with other community partners."

- Ian King

"lan King understands how Beaverton works. He works hard to bring a collaborative approach to the table. Ian is just the kind of person we need on the city council for a successful Beaverton."

- Mayor Denny Doyle

"lan's involvement in the City's budget committee and his awareness of the current issues facing Beaverton make him the strong choice for Position No.1. His ability to build consensus and find commonalities of purpose among different stakeholders of the city government and business community will make him an effective Councilor."

- Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce, Candidate Endorsement Committee

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE and INVOLVEMENT:**

Healthcare Financial Management Assoc., Director 2007-2009; TVCTV Volunteer Producer; Murray Park HOA Treasurer 2003-2008; Oregon Business Education Association; Oregon Mediation Association.

#### SUPPORTERS:

Denny Doyle, Mayor - City of Beaverton; Catherine Arnold, Beaverton City Councilor; Cathy Stanton, Beaverton City Councilor; Forrest Soth, Former Beaverton City Councilor; Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce, Candidate Endorsement Committee; and more.

#### www.lanForOregon.com

(This information furnished by Friends of Ian King)

#### City Council, Position 2



# Betty Bode

Occupation: Beaverton City Councilor; Public Health Nurse Washington County; Registered Nurse, State of Oregon

Occupational Background: Manager-Virginia Garcia/Beaverton Clinic; Program Chair/Instructor, Chemeketa Community College, 25 years

**Educational Background**: Doctor of Philosophy, Oregon State University; Masters of Science, University of Portland; Bachelor of Science, Madonna College

Prior Governmental Experience: Chair, Homeless Plan Advisory Committee; Oregon Public Health Advisory Committee; Beaverton City Council—Councilor 2003-Present; President 2005; Chair, Social Service Funding Committee; Council Liaison, Bicycle Advisory Committee; Beaverton Budget Committee; Council Liaison Citizens with Disabilities Advisory Committee; Council Liaison, Library Board; Council Liaison, Committee for Citizen Involvement; Commissioner, Beaverton Planning Commission; Chair, Human Rights Advisory Commission

"As your City Councilor, I have listened, I have learned, and I have gained the experience and the perspective necessary to serve the community in these challenging times. I examine the issues, I contemplate the anticipated short and long-term costs and benefits of council action or projects and I am willing to represent caution in the face of emotional or seemingly popular initiatives and to take a firm position when necessary. I am committed to responsible government and am respectful of the value of your hard-earned tax dollars in the budgeting process.

With your VOTE and support I'll continue work for a prosperous, vital Beaverton—promoting responsible policies for a sustainable economy and the liveability of our community!" I want to thank the community for your support and confidence. I will continue to work for a more open government in our City.

#### Councilor Betty Bode

#### Councilor Bode addresses challenges:

Economic Development and Business Recruitment • Transportation
• Community Safety • Quality Schools • Quality Services • Affordable
Housing • Diversity • Homeless and Hungry • Revitalizing Beaverton's
Downtown • Urban Renewal • Visioning • Greenspaces, Trails & Bike
Paths • Fair and equal treatment of all of our Citizens

(This information furnished by Bode for City Council Committee)

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

# City of Beaverton

# City of Cornelius

#### City Council, Position 5





Occupation: Software company consultant, since 2007 Beaverton City Councilor, since November

Occupational Background: Passport Online, Beaverton ShareThis, Portland GemStone Systems, Beaverton Wang Laboratories, Massachusetts

Educational Background: BA, Physics and Music, Dartmouth College; MA, Music Composition, UC San Diego

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon Technology Business Center Board, since January 2010; THPRD Bond Oversight Committee Chair, since May 2009; Washington County Planning Commission, since 2006; Beaverton Planning Commission, 2007-2008; Beaverton Committee for Citizen Involvement, 2006-2008

#### Re-Elect Marc to the City Council! Professional Leadership for Beaverton's Future

This is an exciting time for Beaverton, with the Community Vision, the Civic Plan, downtown redevelopment, and more. It's a challenging time given the economy and the needs of many of our citizens. I've worked hard to be a responsible, professional, collaborative leader for our city. I enjoy the great responsibility that comes with this work.

"Marc is doing a fantastic job as a City Councilor. He brings a positive energy, thoughtfulness, and wide-ranging attention to detail that helps me, our staff, and the Council do better work for the City. We really need to keep Marc on the City Council."

Denny Doyle, Mayor of Beaverton

We must foster new business creation, promote job growth, and recruit new business to Beaverton, including a significant business marketing program. I'll guide downtown redevelopment and urban renewal, so we get excellent results on time and on budget.

"With his intensive contributions to Beaverton's economic development strategy, and his firm focus on developing a marketing program for Beaverton, Marc has shown that he is an effective and energizing force for business development in Beaverton."

Jim McCreight, Chair, Oregon Technology Business Center Board

I've focused on improving Beaverton's government, neighborhoods, arts, transportation, and environment. I've worked to manage our finances and infrastructure efficiently. I've increased collaboration between our City Council, Mayor, and staff.

I appreciate your vote, and look forward to continuing to serve you as City Councilor.

See my list of supporters at www.SanSoucieForBeaverton.com

(This information furnished by San Soucie for Beaverton)

#### **City Council**



# Mari J. Gottwald

Occupation: R & W Engineering, Inc. 9615 SW Allen Blvd, #107 Beaverton, OR 97113, Paid.

Occupational Background: Underwriters Service Agency. California Paid. Company is no Ionger in business

**Educational Background:** Crestview Elementary School;

Chinook Jr. High School; Tyee Sr. High Schiool, Diploma; ITT Technical College, BA.

Prior Governmental Experience: None

As a part of Team 3 - Neal Knight running for Mayor, and Jamie Mitchell and myself running for City Council, I am seeking election to the office of City Council for Cornelius. I have lived here since 1996 and have longed to be active in my community. Serving my community on the City Council seems like a great place to start

I have worked for an engineering firm for 24 years, beginning as their receptionist, and currently am working in an accounting position. This position has taught me to hold to budgets and to keep expenses reasonable. I also hold a business degree from ITT Technical College.

I have not held a public office before, but I feel this is positive because I have fresh ideas and a desire to make Cornelius a destination for business and to improve the livability of the City. I have won the Cornelius Christmas lighting award four times, and now I give an award each year. Activities such as this bring the people of the City closer together, and help to maintain the City motto of being a family town. I'd like to help keep Cornelius a city with strong family values.

Important issues include our security and safety, employment, positive growth, and improving public areas. I also feel it is important for community leaders to listen to and act on valid ideas from the people of the community. I want to be someone that residents can talk to and know that they are truly represented.

I am excited about the possibility of serving our community and helping Cornelius grow.

(This information furnished by Mari J. Gottwald)

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

# City of Cornelius

#### **City Council**

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#### No Picture Provided

# Robert L. Ferrie Sr.

Occupation: None

**Occupational Background**: Retired Military

**Educational Background**: Bachelors Degree San Jose State

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Cornelius City Council six month appointment and elected 4 year

term. Cornelius Park Commission - 10 years, Cornelius Planning Commission - 8 years, Cornelius Budget Committee - 7 years, Cornelius Public Works Commission - 10 years, Cornelius representative to Metropolitan Area Communications Commission (MACC) - 4 years.

#### ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING HIS TERM OF OFFICE:

- -Main Street Plan Development
- -Public Parks Improvement
- -Side Street Improvement
- -Cornelius Library Program Improvement
- -Cornelius Financial Report Awards
- "Distinguished Budget Presentation" 2009 and 2010 and
- "Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" 2010 awarded by Government Financial Officers Association.
- -Public Safety improvements with Intern Program
- -High participation of volunteers throughout Cornelius programs
- -Involved in hiring the present city manager

Bob Ferrie sees the key to the future success of the city as the continued positive attitude of the City Council. The Council has been working together to take care of the business of the city. When an issue comes before the Council, it is discussed and resolved in a timely manner. He would like to be a part of continuing these efforts.

Bob Ferrie sees the opening of Walmart as a positive influence on Cornelius. They added 300 jobs for people in our community. There will probably be additional businesses and jobs to follow.

Bob Ferrie would like to stay on the Cornelius City Council to continue the efforts to convince Metro that Cornelius needs more industrial land. This would bring additional businesses and more jobs for our residents. Bob Ferrie would like to stay on the Council to see the completion of improvements in the downtown area.

Bob is a long standing member of the Cornelius Booster Club.

Bob says, "One reason I want to continue to be involved is that you won't find a better group of people than those who work for our city. They are dedicated and they work for the benefit of all of us. They make serving on the City Council a positive experience."

(This information furnished by Robert L Ferrie Sr.)



# Jamie Minshall

**Occupation**: Self Employed-Garage Door Technician

Occupational Background: Brown's Overhead Door Co.

Educational Background: Forest Grove High School, 12, Graduated

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Freshman Class President in High School; President of Northwest Door & Operator Association 2002-2003

I have lived in the city of Cornelius since 1978 and feel it is my duty to give back to the local community. I have worked in the garage door industry for the past 19 years in different capacities such as installer, Manager and business owner.

I have not served public office in the past. I feel this gives me a clear untainted view of what needs to be done for the city of Cornelius. Myself, Mary Gottwald (City Council) and Neal Knight (Mayor) are running as team 3. We feel that this is the best way to make the needed changes for the City of Cornelius.

We want to bring responsible spending on tax payer money without sacrifice of the Police department, Fire Department or school system. We will also improve the communication between local business and the city council resulting in a mutually beneficial environment.

We look forward to the opportunity to serve the local community!

(This information furnished by Jamie Minshall)

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

# **City of Cornelius**

#### Mayor



# Bill Bash

**Occupation**: Mental Health Employment Specialist

Occupational Background: Mental Health Case Manger, & Groups and Classes Presenter to clients.

Educational Background: Pacific Lutheran Un. BA Degree 1975 Economics & Political Science.

Auckland Teachers Training College Diploma 1981 Secondary Education Teaching.

Prior Governmental Experience: Mayor of Cornelius, 12/2006-present; Chairman of Planning Commission 9/2003-10/2006; Planning Commission 9/1995-12/2006; Parks Commission 6/2002-10/2006; Budget Committee 1/1995-8/1995; Cornelius City Council 12/1992-12/1994.

During the past four years this Mayor and Councilors have worked very hard to make Cornelius a better place to live, work and grow. Here are a few things we have done. A new City Charter, debit payments on utility bills. There have been numerous infrastructure improvements like Adair, Davis, and Dogwood. The parks master plan has been updated with a lot of input from Cornelius residents. There are many new businesses in Cornelius including Walmart, Coastal Farms, Sears, Dutch Brothers, and Human Bean to name a few.

Mayor and councilors are dedicated to working with our neighbors, other local governments, and regional governments. A great example of this is working with Metro and Washington County in the two year process that resulted in the designation of an urban reserve around Cornelius. Braad Coffey serves on the Community Development Block Grant Commission, and Bob Ferrie on the Metropolitan Area Communications Commission.

I and the Council will strive to reach out to more people to give us feedback like Friends of the Parks, Friends of the Library, and the general public. We believe in creating more jobs, by having a shovel ready industrial site. We are adding to our parks, and are always working with Cornelius' "Oregon's Family Town" motto in mind. Remember to vote for the 3 Bs; Brad Coffey, Bob Ferrie, and Bill Bash.

Thank you for voting! Bill Bash Mayor of Cornelius

(This information furnished by Bill Bash)

#### Mayor



# Neal D. Knight

**Occupation**: Owner of Cherry Products Auto Body Since 1986

Occupational Background: Doherty Ford

Educational Background: Forest Grove HighSchool, eleventh grade; Neil Armstrong Junior High, ninth grade; Harvey Clark, sixth grade; Cornelius Grade School, first grade

**Prior Governmental Experience**: Served 4 years on city council in the late 80's and 2 years as Mayor after that

As a cadidate for mayor I have decided to run as a team with two city council candidates Mari Gottwald and Jamie Minshall. We will run as Team 3. We believe running as a team will be the best way to make the necessary changes for Cornelius.

As your Mayor and Councilors we are your public servants as well as all employees of the city. You should feel that we are here for your benefit not ours.

We want to evaluate the responsible removal of the water tax and streetlight fee makeing sure no police or firefighter positions are eliminated.

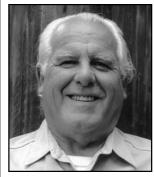
It should be easier to do business with the city of Cornelius then it is, therefore we will work to improve communications between the building /planning department and the development community. For example the city received grants to improve the downtown area which looks very nice. Now if developers like working with the building /planning department the city will have more commercial development which will bring more revenue to the city in the form of permits and traffic impact fees, therefore spreading the tax burden over a larger tax base.

It will be good for everyone.

(This information furnished by Neal Knight for Mayor of Cornelius)

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#### **City Council**



# Aldie Howard

**Occupation**: Land Use Consultant and Real Estate License Holder

Occupational Background: Tigard Planning Director; Benton County Development Director; Chairman, Belmont, New Hampshire Planning Board; Town Planner, Belmont, New Hampshire; Forest Grove Planning Commission member; City Planner, Vernonia; City Planner, Rainier.

**Educational Background**: BS Degree in Communications, Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon. Masters Degree in Public Administration, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon.

Prior Governmental Experience: Forest Grove City Council; Forest Grove Fire Department; Deputy Manager, Kodiak, Alaska; Chief of Police, Kodiak, Alaska; Interim City Administrator, Vernonia, Oregon during flood of 2007; Administrative Officer (Purser) with Military Sealift Command, Pacific, Department of Defense, Department of the Navy.

Advocate for local business and a desire to serve a community that I have been a part of since 1957.

(This information furnished by Aldie Howard)

#### **City Council**



# Ron Thompson

Occupation: Retired Certified Forester

Occupational Background: United States Forest Service-Forest Firefighter, Forester, District Ranger, Policy Analyst Program Analyst-30 years; City Planner-8 years; Wetlands Consultant-3 years.

**Educational Background**: Texas A&M and Louisiana State -Forest Management-BS -1965. Louisiana State- MS -Outdoor Recreation Planning-1969. Michigan State- Resource Economics- post graduate training-44 hours-MS Equal-1976.

Prior Governmental Experience: Federal: 30 years total-National-4 years, Regional-15 years, District 9 years and US Army 2 years. City: 9 years - Forest Grove Planning Commission; 8 years- City Planner-Cities of Yachats and Waldport; Currently Elected City Councilor- Forest Grove- 8 years.

Married; two children, both are graduates of Forest Grove High School, two grandchildren; lived in Forest Grove for 30 years. Hobbies are gardening and fishing.

Council Liaison for the following:

Citizen Involvement Committee- Forest Grove -4 years Senior Transportation- Ride Connection Board of Directors-Regional-7 years Energy Advisory Committee- League of Oregon Cities- Statewide-3 years Forest Grove Transportation Plan Committee- 1 year Community Forestry Commission- 4 years

Important Issues

New Post Office-appropriate for population and volume of work. Trails and Sidewalks on main streets, especially near schools and parks.

Before new or increases in taxes or user fees all alternatives must be considered.

Quality Law Enforcement and Fire Protection.

Ethics in Government.

Parks for the Future.

Economic Development - Jobs - Both Downtown and Industrial Areas

Most Important Issue is the completion of the Comprehensive Plan Update. Planning for the future of Forest Grove is most important issue.

(This information furnished by Ron Thompson)

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#### **City Council**



# Jonathan Kipp

Occupation: Marketing Director

Occupational Background: Small business owner (publishing); advertising; social worker; writer

Educational Background: Oregon State University, BA, Technical Journalism/International Business; Portland State University, BS,

Biology/Physiology; First American Students in International Business, Aoyama Gakvin University, Tokyo, Japan.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** City of Forest Grove Budget Committee (Appointed). Washington County Public Safety Coordinating Council (Appointed).

I love Forest Grove. I can't imagine my family living anywhere else. But I think it could be even better. We need more **creative** and **energetic** leaders with a **bold optimistic vision** and forthright **communication skills** 

"We appreciate Kipp's candor.

Rather than blather about the importance of weighing all options...
the guy actually did the hard math.
That's leadership."

Forest Grove News Times October 8, 2009

Forest Grove is one of Oregon's gems. But I see a wonderful small town being slowly taken over by indifference, disproportionate levels of poverty, and a collective willingness to sacrifice just a little more farmland —parcel by parcel — and put it under cement because we are so desperate for revenue.

It can be different. I can help.

- Marketing Director of multi-million dollar company. I know big budgets.
- Former small business owner. I know small budgets.
- Compassionate citizen (former foster parent and hospice volunteer). I know the communities that need our help.
- Involved Citizen (social justice activism, church member, local and county committee work, fund raising, historical preservation, schools supporter). I know our neighbors.
- Native Oregonian. I know this state.
- Family man. I know what is most important to all of us.

There is a lot to do to maintain our quality of life in Forest Grove.

- Commit to wine tourism as the centerpiece of our economic development.
- 2. Commit to public safety and staying ahead of gang activity.
- 3. Commit to financial responsibility.
- 4. Commit to total transparency in local government.
- Commit to Forest Grove being front and center at every turn. Marketing!

#### www.JonathanKipp.com

(This information furnished by Jonathan Kipp)

#### **City Council**



# Thomas (T.J.) Johnston

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: 30+ years public safety, City of Forest Grove; 8 years Student Supervisor, Forest Grove High School

Educational Background: Graduated Forest Grove High School (1964); AA Degree, Blue Mountain Community College,

Police Science; attended Marylhurst College, continuing education; attended Portland Community College, Fire Science; several hundreds of hours, training board on police standards & trainings.

Prior Governmental Experience: Currently President, Forest Grove City Council; 8 yrs on Forest Grove City Council; League of Oregon Cities Finance & Taxation Policy Committee; Budget Committee, 8 yrs, City of Forest Grove; Board of Directors, Washington County Consolidated Communications; Budget Committee; Washington County Consolidated Communications; Elected Official on Washington County Public Safety Coordinating Committee; Council Liaison, Forest Grove, Public Safety Committee; Council Liaison, Forest Grove, Work Force Partnership (Economic Development); Forest Grove Education Foundation; several philanthropic organizations dealing with Drug and Alcohol, Childrens Speech Camp, Children Eye Clinic, Childrens Hospital.

Married to Raean, Three Adult children Sara, Lindsey & Matt

I have been on Forest Grove Council for the past 8 years. I want to continue to see that the citizens of Forest Grove continue to have a complete community that supports its own water system, electrical department, public works, parks, libraries as well as public safety, fire and police.

I have lived in this community most of my life and I am asking your help to continue to work for this great city of Forest Grove.

Thank you for your support.

(This information furnished by Thomas (TJ) Johnston)

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#### **City Council**



# Doug Davis

Occupation: Self Employed

Occupational Background: Property manager, salesman, warehouseman

Educational Background: Banks

**Prior Governmental Experience**:

Elect Doug Davis for Forest Grove City Council.

I'm Doug Davis and I am asking for your vote. In Forest Grove people are out of work, taxes are too high and businesses are leaving. Gangs, crime and illegal aliens are a persistent threat. People feel powerless to change the direction we are heading. Local government is the beginning as we take our nation back.

Character and community connections are essential for a councilor to properly represent the citizens. My wife Dana, and I have lived in Forest Grove for 16 years and chose this community as the best place to raise our children. The values I offer are integrity, honesty and principal. I am an advocate for the citizen, taxpayer and business owner.

Local government should be responsive to, and representative of it's citizens. Instead, this council is molding us into "Portland-lite." They are implementing the goals of Metro - destroying our small town feel and sense of community. Their special projects and partnerships are drowning us in taxes and regulations; driving family wage jobs out of the area. This city council is completely out of touch with the constituents.

Let's roll back the regulations and taxes and become a manufacturingfriendly community again. Manufacturing employment will support our real estate and small businesses, creating wealth in our community and shoring up our tax base.

Our current city council is the problem, I am the solution.

- We have been taxed and regulated enough.
- Small accountable government, not big global government.
- Let's return sanity to the city council.
- Let's put Forest Grove first!

Elect me and let's return Forest Grove to our values, not regional consensus.

Governmental bureaucracy got us into this mess and it's not going to get us out of it. The solutions are going to come from our own community. The current direction of Forest Grove must be changed.

www.DougDavis2010.com

(This information furnished by Doug Davis)

#### **City Council**

#### No Picture Provided

# Camille Miller

**Occupation**: City Council & City Volunteer

Occupational Background: Retired State Farm Agent, Church, City Volunteer.

Educational Background: Sunset High School, business school, unumerable professional classes.

**Prior Governmental Experience**: CIPC-13 years; Council 4 years; Vision Comm - twice

I am running for re-election as one of your City Council members. I have served you to the best of my ability for the last four years and feel that that experience, if no other, qualifies me an excellent candidate to continue my service.

During my four years on the Council, I have voted my conscience and always tried to keep the best interest of all citizens in mind. The Council is faced with making what they deem the best decisions for the City while at the same time being limited dramatically by State, County and Metro regulations and controls.

There are many challenges facing Forest Grove. Many of them are the same as four years ago, but we continue work on solutions. Two areas of note are:

Economic Development: A new Economic Development Commission has been formed to assist staff in promoting Forest Grove for future business development as well as provide assistance for existing businesses. Many of you continue to request the City work to secure a major restaurant chain. Work continues on that issue, however, in the meantime, several new restaurants have opened in town that are excellent and provide a wide variety of dining options.

Infrastructure: Our infrastructure is in excellent shape. Our staff has been very creative in their grant writing that allowed us to upgrade many sidewalks in the core area. There is a new voluntary sidewalk program that allows property owners to repair substandard sidewalks at a reduced rate.

There are a lot of good things going on in Forest Grove and I'd really like to continue to help them happen. I respectfully ask for your vote.

Camille Miller

(This information furnished by Camille Miller)

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# City of Hillsboro

#### Mayor



# Peter Truax

Occupation: Mayor, City of Forest Grove; Retired public school teacher

Occupational Background:

Teacher, Forest Grove High School and Neil Armstrong Middle School from 1977-2005.

**Educational Background:** High School, Queen Anne High

School, Seattle, W A, 1961 - 1964; College, Pacific University, Forest Grove, 1964 - 1968: B.S. History, 1969, M.S. T. 1982; Lewis and Clark College, Administrative Education, 1988

Prior Governmental Experience: Mayor, City of Forest Grove, October 2009 - Present; Forest Grove City Council; elected, November 2000, Re-elected, November, 2004 and November, 2008; Forest Grove Planning Commission; 1998 - 2000.

We have rewritten our City Charter to bring it up to date with the needs and goals of this city. We have managed the city's budget wisely without having to resort to drastic cuts in services and personnel.

We continued our partnership with Pacific University which began with the state of the art remodeling of Lincoln Park. Thatcher Park has been introduced into the fabric of our community, again with the help of Pacific and in additional partnerships with Metro, the State Parks System, Washington County, and the Forest Grove Rural Fire Protection District.

But, we are not done. We need to continue our planning with regard to Urban and Rural Reserves, developing plans to grow both within our city boundaries (through infill) and expanding outward as the need arises, such as for large lot industrial expansion.

Other issues of interest are; backyard burning; our water needs and protection of our watershed; continuing our Green approach to life in the Grove, and; working with other cities and the League of Oregon Cities in advocating at the State Legislature to protect shared revenues.

It has indeed been a privilege to serve as one of your Councilors for almost nine years, and as Mayor for the last year. I want to thank Richard Kidd for his service to the community and for the example of leadership he has set.

(This information furnished by Peter Truax)

#### City Council Ward 3, Position A



# Fred **Nachtigal**

Occupation: Attorney

Occupational Background: Deputy Sheriff, Deputy District Attorney, Hillsboro Municipal Judge, Private Law Practice

Educational Background: K-12 -Hillsboro Public Schools; BA, Law Enforcement - Southern Oregon College; JD - Lewis and Clark Law School

Prior Governmental Experience: Deputy Sheriff, Court Clerk, Deputy District Attorney, Hillsboro Municipal Judge

Current Memberships and Activities: Hillsboro Optimists; Washington County Bar Association; Tuality Healthcare Board (Past President); All Saints Episcopal Church

Past Board Memberships: Washington County Youth Contact (Past President); Tualatin Valley Mental Health Center (now Life Works — Past President and Director Emeritus); Tuality Healthcare Foundation; Tuality Property Management (Past President); Tuality Hospital

#### **Endorsements:**

Greater Hillsboro Area Chamber of Commerce;

J. W. Darr, Former Hillsboro Mayor;

Shirley Huffman, Past Hillsboro City Mayor;

Doug Johnson, Current Hillsboro City Councilor, Ward 3:

Eldon Mills, Past Hillsboro City Manager;

Darell Lumaco, Hillsboro Physician;

Andy Bretthauer, President, Bretthauer Oil Company;

Mike Egans, Retired Hillsboro Physician;

Bruce Hochstein, Former Hillsboro City Councilor;

Matt Kehoe, Hillsboro Attorney;

Roy Ottley, Retired Hillsboro Elementary Schools Superintendent;

Pat Ottley;

Gary Seidel, Hillsboro Fire Chief;

Tina Seidel:

Gene Horton, Formerly Horton's Office Supply;

Sue Horton, Realtor;

Denzil Scheller & Saxony Peterson, The Venetian Theatre and Bistro:

Doug Sellers, Sellers Antique Company;

Dick Stenson;

Doreen Stenson;

Jeff Nelson, Le' Stuff Antiques;

Linda Sparks, 32 year Elementary School Teacher;

Brad Young, Windermere Real Estate;

Gene Zurbrugg, Zurbrugg Construction

Statement of Endorsement: "I have personally known Fred Nachtigal for thirty years. He is thoughtful, hardworking and committed to Hillsboro. He has spent most of his adult life working and living in Hillsboro, operating a business in downtown Hillsboro. He is active and visible in the entire community and is very involved in community efforts and groups, donating significant professional and personal time. I wholeheartedly endorse him to fill my position on the City Council." Doug Johnson, Current Hillsboro City Councilor, Ward 3.

Candidate's Statement: As your City Councilor, I will work hard, listen carefully and make decisions that promote the continuation of a livable, well run and progressive City.

(This information furnished by Committee to Elect Fred Nachtigal)

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# City of Hillsboro

#### City Council Ward 3, Position A



# Steve **Callaway**

Occupation: Principal, Hillsboro School District

Occupational Background: Teacher, Oregon City School District; Assistant Principal, Banks School District: Director of Communications, Hillsboro School District

**Educational Background:** Bachelors, Point Lama College; Masters, Lewis & Clark College

Prior Governmental Experience: Hillsboro Planning Commission, Hillsboro Planning, Zoning and Hearings Board, Hillsboro Budget Committee, Hillsboro 2020 Vision Implementation Committee, 53rd Avenue Park Task Force, Hillsboro Public Library Strategic Planning

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES: Board of Directors, Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve; Past Chair, Oregon International Air Show; Hillsboro Library Foundation; Ducks Unlimited; Hillsboro Schools Foundation, Boys & Girls Club

FAMILY: Wife, Joan and children, Molly and Michael

#### STEVE HAS THE EXPERIENCE HILLSBORO NEEDS

As the only candidate to have served on the Budget Committee Steve has kept public safety a priority and spent taxpayer dollars carefully.

Steve is the only candidate with experience on the Planning Commission and has helped plan for our future growth and jobs while protecting our natural habitat areas.

Steve is the only candidate who has experience with Hillsboro 2020, our community's guiding vision and action plan. As Chairman he has helped improve the quality of Hillsboro and our quality of life.

Learn more at: www.stevecallaway.com

#### STEVE HAS WIDESPREAD COMMUNITY SUPPORT:

Hillsboro City Councilors Olga Acuña, Ed Dennis, Nenice Busch Andrews, and Aron Carleson, President Gordon Faber, Former Mayor, Hillsboro

Joe Keizur Former City Council President Dennis Griffiths, Past Chair, Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce Katie Eyre Brewer, Past Chair Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce

Dick Inukai Dicks Auto Group

Rick and Cheryl Van Beveren

Spencer Rubin

Bob Welsh, Owner & President of Moments in Time Photography, Inc. Lisa McNeilly, Owner, Award Specialties

Ron Guillory, Pres. of Homestead Development Corp

John Coulter, General Manager of Fisher Farms LLC, President

Hillsboro Planning Commission

Nan Dahlquist, MD

Ross R Mathews

Don Suhrbier Bonnie Kooken:

Crystal Schmidt-Dipaola

Lynn Adamo

Judy Willey

Deborah Clarke

Arden Sheets

Cynthia O'Donnell, former Hillsboro City Councilor, wholehearted supports Steve Callaway.

Al Judah, former Hillsboro City Councilor

Michael and Nadine Zimmerfrind

Steve Gabel, M.D.

James Marron, Attorney

(This information furnished by Friends of Steve Callaway)

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#### City Council Ward 3, Position A



# Rrl **Phillips**

Occupation: "The Barrel and Bucket man!"

Occupational Background: Cabinet Maker; Truck Driver; **Business Owner** 

Educational Background: None

Prior Governmental Experience: US Army

City Hall is out of touch with it's citizens,

I have spoken to many citizens about the expansion of the airport. None I have spoken to want it, yet the leaders continue to disregard our wishes, and our property rights. And even disregarding a court ruling calling their "The city's" actions unconstitutional and challenging it with our tax payers dollars. This for a expansion of a airport no one wants more "trainees" buzzing our homes.

Furthermore they have funded a home remodel (without permits) for Luke-Dorf a non-licensed state, city or otherwise home for disabled, with mental and criminal problems. No license means no over-sight, no accountability. Ask the recent victims of violent crimes, if this was wise and prudent!

At the same time issuing to the other "citizens" "code violations" to the tune of 1174 in 6 months.

However they have missed one, funded by themselves and others. Whv?

And as I write this I'm continuing to discover more unbelievable information is coming in from my neighbors!

Fining one neighbor "\$250 a day" for a nice newer rv trailer in his driveway for the "City's" complaint, not me his neighbor. And virtually lie to neighbor stating it's a "anonymous complainant" Stirring ill feelings.

Speaking of money, from what I understand the "City" has never said no in the last 12 years for a request of funds. One city official was quoted as saving "we don't want to hang our hats as being the cheapest" His style of managing water rates.

As City Counselor, I plan to speak for you and me, to sound the alarm something's wrong, lets not rest till we fix it.

Lets put our erasers on some of these recent HOA style codes, repeal the TUF tax,

Thank you for your vote! CobbaRRL

(This information furnished by Rrl K. Phillips)

# City of Hillsboro

#### City Council Ward 1, Position A



## Darell Lumaco

Occupation: Physician

Occupational Background: Ophthalmologist, Hillsboro Eye Clinic

Educational Background: University of Washington, M.D.; Central Washington University, B.A.

**Prior Governmental Experience**: Hillsboro Parks Commission, Chairman

Community Service: Hillsboro Boys Baseball Association, President; Light Rail Downtown Station Area Planning Task Force; Citizen Involvement Advisory Committee, Chairman; Civic Center Plaza Task Force; Bike/Pedestrian Pathway Task Force; Hillsboro 20/20 Visioning Task Force; Hillsboro 20/20 Vision Implementation Committee; Tuality Healthcare Board of Directors

#### DARELL LUMACO: LEADERSHIP/EXPERIENCE

As a Hillsboro resident and business owner for over 25 years, I have acquired the leadership skills and experience to help lead our city. We face many challenges. Finding solutions and using our financial resources wisely to implement those solutions are my priorities. I am committed to listening to citizens' concerns, evaluating opposing views, and seeking a consensus, to enable our city to continue it's positive momentum.

#### DARELL LUMACO FOR HILLSBORO'S FUTURE

**Growth**: Attract new industry and assist companies attempting to expand Responsible planning for new housing

Infrastructure: Continue to update transportation system and public utilities

Expand system of bike paths and sidewalks, especially between population centers and schools

Public Safety: Maintain our outstanding level of police and fire protection

Parks: Support our nationally accredited Park and Recreation Department and continue improvement and expansion of parks system

**Schools**: Support school system and foster cooperation and collaboration between the school district and the City

**Downtown**: Support revitalization of the downtown core

Fiscal Responsibility: Maintain our financial well being by budgeting wisely and spending responsibly

#### **ENDORSEMENTS**

Greater Hillsboro Area Chamber of Commerce Larry A. Brisbee, Attorney at Law Aron Carleson, Hillsboro City Council President Deborah Clarke Gordon Faber, former Hillsboro Mayor Dick Gosser, Gosser Building Design Robert Grover, Pacific Landscape Management Marilynn Helzerman Ralph Helzerman, MD Robert R. Herb Gene Horton Sue Horton Shirley Huffman, former Hillsboro Mayor Tom Hughes former Hillsboro Mayor Doug Johnson, Hillsboro City Council John D. Peterson Gary Seidel, Fire Chief Tiná Seidel Bruce Starr, State Senator Dick Stenson Don Suhrbier William H. Stockton Eugene Zurbrugg

(This information furnished by Darell Lumaco for City Council Campaign)

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#### City Council Ward 2, Position A



## Aron Carleson

**Occupation**: Executive Director, Hillsboro Schools Foundation

Occupational Background: Small Business Financial Management and Marketing

Educational Background: B.A. Linfield College; Beaverton H.S.

Prior Governmental Experience: Hillsboro Council President, City Councilor since 2006, Chair Transportation Committee; Planning Zoning and Hearings Board; Washington County PAC for Cornelius Pass Road Improvement; Candidate State House of Representatives 2002; Budget Committee Hillsboro School District

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** Greater Hillsboro Area Chamber of Commerce since 2000, Leadership Advisory Council since 2004; Hillsboro School District Strategic Planning team 2000 & 2005, Co-Chair Citizens for Schools; CERT program graduate, 2020 Vision action committee member, 53rd Ave Park planning advisory team.

**PERSONAL**: Aron and her husband Peter, have two sons in Hillsboro Schools.

#### SMART GROWTH

Council President Carleson's experiences from serving on Road Improvement and Zoning committees will help move the city forward. Hillsboro's infrastructure must be able to meet the demands of our growing population. This is more than a transportation plan; it is all of the livability issues. Aron's family enjoys soccer, baseball and geocaching in our parks. She understands that our quality of life and business attractiveness is enhanced by our libraries, parks, and arts programs.

Council President Carleson has the experience to help lead Hillsboro forward while preserving our past. In her past four years on council, Aron has a proven record for supporting businesses in Hillsboro and worked with state and federal officials to secure outside funding for the new parking garage near the downtown core and Max line.

For Metro's Policy Advisory Committee she spent countless hours reviewing documents, listening to public testimony, and negotiating with regional leaders on urban and rural reserves, protecting valuable farmland and setting aside land for future business and residential areas.

Council President Carleson is endorsed by community leaders including:

Hillsboro City Councilors: Nenice Busch Andrews, Ed Dennis, and Doug Johnson

David Edwards, State Representative Kathryn Harrington, Metro Councilor Marilynn & Ralph Helzerman Jr. Darell Lumaco, M.D. Don McCoun Janeen Sollman, School Board Jerry W. Willey, Mayor of Hillsboro

(This information furnished by Aron Carleson)

#### Mayor



# Keith S. Mays

**Occupation**: VP, Electronic Wood Systems & Forest Industry Supply

Occupational Background: Sales, Credit, Management

**Educational Background**: B.S. Linfield

**Prior Governmental Experience**: Mayor, 2005+; Council President,

2001-2005; Washington County Coordinating Committee, 2003+; Represents Washington County Other Cities on MPAC, 2009+; Director, Oregon Mayors Association, 2008+; League of Oregon Cities Transportation Committee, 2007+; Governor's Transportation Committee; Planning Commission, 1998-2001.

Community Involvement: Rotary; YMCA; Wildlife Refuge.

Volunteering since 1998 to help preserve Sherwood and improve wanted services. As Mayor, Sherwood received state and national recognitions for excellence. We must continue focusing on public safety, sustainable city operations, fiscal responsibility, business development, Old Town, community involvement & partnerships.

I would like the honor to serve you. Vote to re-elect Keith Mays.

www.keithmays.com

#### Endorsements:

"Keith champions Sherwood's interests. Sherwood is a regional leader thanks to him. Washington County needs Keith's innovative leadership". Tom Brian, Washington County Chair

"Keith always puts kids and community first. He models thoughtful, reflective leadership, skillfully addressing current challenges while building the Sherwood community of our future." Dan Jamison, retired Superintendent, Sherwood School District

"Mayor Mays is a great advocate/partner for the Refuge and our watershed. He helped secure funds to build the Refuge's Visitor Center and trails." Norman Penner, Lt. Col. USAF, MSC (Ret.)

"As a fellow small business owner, I appreciate Keith's efforts to support the business community and Old Town redevelopment." Dr. Scott Johnson, Oregon Hearing Solutions

"Keith brought Sherwood stability and respect after years of turmoil." David Bragdon, Metro Council President

"Keith Mays has proven to be a strong leader as Mayor of Sherwood as well as an outstanding advocate for the city in local, county, and state issues." Jim Haynes, Sherwood Chamber of Commerce Board Chair, 2005-2006

Dr. Nathan Doyel
Jeff Sinclair, President Rotary Club of Sherwood
Washington County Chair-elect Andy Duyck
Washington County Commissioners, Roy Rogers & Dick Schouten
Rob Gordon, Washington County Sheriff
Kathryn Harrington, Metro Councilor
Mayor of Tualatin, Lou Ogden
Jerry Willey, Mayor of Hillsboro
Craig Dirksen, Mayor of Tigard

(This information furnished by Keith Mays for Mayor of Sherwood)

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#### Mayor



# Bill Millington

Occupation: Pest Control Technician

Occupational Background: Retail Management

**Educational Background**: Long Beach City College

Prior Governmental Experience:

About five years ago, my wife and I picked up our belongings and moved to Oregon. We had no jobs, no pre-purchased home. We knew however, after visiting Oregon several times that Oregon was going to be OUR HOME.

When we discovered Sherwood, we fell in love with Old Town's many charms. We also loved the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge as a model for livability and sustainability.

Yes, I am new to the political process, but I love Sherwood. I care about what happens in our town -- that's why I decided to run for Mayor. The high density housing and high water rates promoted by the current mayor are unacceptable.

I have spent most of my working life in retail management and I will bring my considerable business and people skills to City Hall.

Sherwood has an outstanding theatre and arts community. I will strive to nurture that aspect of our community. I will also work with the Sherwood School District, local sports organizations, and our YMCA to continue and expand those partnerships.

As Mayor I will work with Council and staff to ensure that all citizens are welcome at public meetings, listened to, and treated respectfully. I want to encourage community involvement and truly listen to what people have to say -- and provide meaningful feedback. We need each other.

City government needs to be Accountable and Transparent. The citizens need to know we as elected officials are doing EVERYTHING possible to keep rates and fees charged for city services as low as possible and not unduly burden our citizens, while still providing acceptable service levels. We must work to control the cost of government and ensure that Sherwood is an affordable, enjoyable, and friendly place to live.

<u>Vote MILLINGTON for MAYOR</u> for Your Voice, Our Town and Our Future.

(This information furnished by Bill Millington)

#### City Council, Position 2



## David Heironimus

**Occupation**: Insurance agency owner in Sherwood

Occupational Background: Small Business owner

**Educational Background**: B.S. in Finance from University of Oregon

Prior Governmental Experience: City Councilor Jan 2001-present, including Council President 2009-Present; Past President - Sherwood Chamber of Commerce; Original Chair of the Sherwood YMCA Board of Managers - original member of the citizen's focus group that brought YMCA to reality.

Very important issues face Sherwood over the next few years involving growth management issues (water, traffic, schools) and we need a pro-active LEADER that can ask the tough questions, advocate for transparency and demand accountability.

My opponent (Grant) <u>voted for one of the largest water rate</u> increases in Sherwood history with NO plan in place, including the water billing debacle. Grant also voted for the Woodhaven Crossing condos, which 'gave away' jobs producing land (office commercial zoning) for high density residential condos, which added dozens of unexpected kids to the already overcrowded classrooms of Sherwood.

#### Is this the kind of vision we need?

My opponent will talk a good game but in the end will he support staff decisions <u>without questioning anything</u> and is <u>not a good advocate</u> <u>for Sherwood citizens</u>. Just review the council meeting minute/videos and you will see why.

#### My goals for Sherwood's future:

- Expand/improve the parks and recreation opportunities in Sherwood for kids/families, including finishing Woodhaven Park and expanding youth & adult programs. Create more open space/trails, partner with the Refuge, finish skate park and add a dog park.
- Fully fund the Sherwood Senior Center and Library; expand the Cultural Arts.
- Continue to partner with the school district to improve their ability to provide continued quality education for our children and reduce class size
- Improve transportation infrastructure improve streets & reduce congestion. Advocate for a <u>sustainable</u>, <u>affordable city budget</u>.

For more information, please visit www.dave4council.org

**Endorsements:** 

Linda Henderson, Sherwood City Council Carey H. Meerdink, Sherwood City Council Candidate

(This information furnished by David Heironimus)

#### City Council, Position 2



# Dave Grant

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: Industrial Sales Company, Sherwood Dance Academy

**Educational Background:** Oregon State University, B.S. Engineering

**Prior Governmental Experience**: City Councilor 2002-Present,

Council President, Budget Committee, Planning Commission, Cultural Arts Commission, Washington County Community Development Block Grant Board, West Side Economic Alliance, Robinhood Festival Association, Chamber of Commerce.

For seventeen years my family has made our living and our home in the great (and now award winning!) community of Sherwood.

I'm a **Proactive Leader** who plans ahead and asks tough questions... someone who shows up to council meetings prepared and knows how to get **RESULTS FOR SHERWOOD**. My opponent only asks questions for the camera, too late to make a difference.

#### I Support...

- ...Old Town Businesses Voted with Councilors Henderson, Clark, Weislogel, Folsom and Mayor Mays favoring a vibrant plan for Old Town while honoring Metro's legal density requirements. Parking challenges lie ahead. I researched and proposed a system of Permit Parking Zones protecting nearby neighborhoods. My opponent cast a lone vote against Old Town Businesses and offered no solutions. Is this the kind of vision we need?
- ...Park Improvements <u>Stella Olsen Park</u> needs restrooms, we're overdue for a <u>skate park</u> and <u>Woodhaven Park</u> has waited long enough for upgrades. It's time to get these projects moving.
- ...Sherwood School Board Maintain our strategic alliance to continue providing <u>A+ schools</u>.
- ...Lower Water Rate Joined all councilors supporting the LEAST EXPENSIVE water option...Except For My Opponent who alone supported the MOST EXPENSIVE option and now complains about the cost!! That's misleading political spin.

What you get from me is <u>RESULTS FOR SHERWOOD</u>, NOT misleading political spin.

#### **VOTE FOR DAVE GRANT**

#### www.grant4council.com

50 Endorsements including: Keith Mays, Dan Jamison, Bill Butterfield, Matt Langer, Frank Luzaich, Dr. Nathan Doyel, Dr. Ben Aanderud, Charles Harbick, Sterling Fox, Mark O. Cottle, Susie Cottle, Phil McGuigan, John Niebergall, Alice Thornton, Jim Haynes, Lee Weislogel, Tom Brian Washington County Chair, John Alto, Dennis and Liz Durrell, Alison Bertalotto, Susan Rychlick, Dr. Scott G. Johnson...

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#### City Council, Position 3



# Bill Butterfield

**Occupation**: V.P., Taurus Power and Controls

Occupational Background: Journeyman Electrician; Construction Manager

**Educational Background**: A.D. in Industrial Engineering

Prior Governmental Experience: Sherwood Parks Board, 2006-10

**Community Service**: Arts, Youth Sports, Robin Hood Festival and community events.

- Sherwood Chamber of Commerce 2010 Commitment to Youth Award.
- Recognized by City and School District for volunteer work.

My wife Tracie and I moved to the Sherwood community about 20 years ago to raise our family. I have volunteered in Sherwood for most of those years. I want to bring my career and volunteer work experience to City Council. I'm a team player and the kind of person that gets things done. I have worked closely with the City of Sherwood and the School District on many projects as a volunteer because I think people in this community want to see their tax dollars at work for them.

Join me in making a difference and help get things done for this great city of ours!

"As the chair of the Sherwood Cultural Arts Commission, I strongly encourage voters to support Bill Butterfield for his well-rounded dedication to the community, including the arts. Bill is the right person to help lead Sherwood forward and keep the arts agenda on the forefront of Sherwood politics." Douglas Pedersen, Chair, Sherwood Cultural Arts Commission.

"I have had the pleasure of working with Bill for more than 10 years on different projects and events as well as with community groups and committees. He is committed to Sherwood and I know he will be an excellent City Councilor. Please join me in voting for Bill." Keith Mays, Mayor

"As a business owner and a life long resident of Sherwood, I strongly encourage Sherwood to support Bill Butterfield. Bill is well rounded, runs a business, understands the importance of providing services to all of Sherwood's citizens. Bill has lived in Sherwood, for nearly two decades has volunteered his time and energy to making Sherwood great. He knows Sherwood and its needs." Matt Langer

(This information furnished by Bill Butterfield)

#### **City Council, Position 3**



# Carey H. Meerdink

**Occupation**: Administrative Law Judge

Occupational Background: Attorney

Educational Background: Juris Doctorate- Florida State University College of Law; Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice- Univ. of Central Florida

Prior Governmental Experience: None

For the last 3 years, my family and I have loved living in Sherwood. We appreciate the wonderful community and history here. I want to help this community move forward in the face of the fiscal and growth challenges ahead.

I am fiscally conservative. We shouldn't spend more than we have or ask the people of Sherwood to give more without a good reason. I believe the tough reality is that zero-based budgeting is the most appropriate for our challenging economic times. As a judge, I ask straightforward questions and don't stop until I get clear answers. Every budget request, allocation or expenditure is an opportunity to ask "why?" My approach to the budget is to have all expenses justified, and not just "because we spent so much last year, therefore we need to spend more this year." Unfortunately, we do not have the luxury of assuming we have more to spend.

I believe we must focus our efforts to meet the needs of our children through creative solutions. With three boys in this community, I know the importance parents place on academic and extracurricular progress and success. While our schools work through the smaller budgets allocated to them, we can use the community programs already in place to fill gaps: Sherwood Foundation for the Arts (SFA) programs, Library programs, YMCA, Scouts, sports, etc. With many volunteers in these programs, we can find ways to truly partner up with these community organizations to help our kids. Having volunteered with SFA on multiple occasions, I know that the committed people involved help us grow together.

I hope you will give me the opportunity to lead Sherwood into the future by giving you a greater voice on the Sherwood City Council.

Endorsed by: David Heironimus, Sherwood City Council President Linda Henderson, Sherwood City Council

(This information furnished by Carey H. Meerdink)

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# **City of North Plains**

#### City Council, Position 1

# **City Council**



# Matt Langer

Occupation: Property Management

Occupational Background: Heavy Civil Construction - Roads and Bridges

Educational Background: Oregon State University B.S. Construction Engineering Management; Business Administration, minor; Sherwood High School Graduate

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Awards: 2010 Sherwood Chamber of Commerce Business Leader

My family has been a part of Sherwood since before 1879 when our Family Farm was officially recognized in Washington County. I grew up in Sherwood and choose to live here as an adult with my wife Nikki and raise our two daughters.

Since the 1970's I've watched Sherwood transform from a rural small town to a much busier City of 17,000 residents. During these years I've learned to embrace the growth and welcome many new friends into our community.

I am running for City Council to help ensure Sherwood remains a wonderful town to live, work and raise a family. Together we'll work to keep the small town feel in our thriving community.

(This information furnished by Matt Langer)



# Glen A. Warren

Occupation: None

Occupational Background: Construction Forman - Houses

Educational Background: North Plains Grade School, 6th; Poynter Jr High Sch., 8th; Hillsboro Middle School, 10th; INSTE Bible College, 4th Terms, Diploma, Christian Ministry, Bible

Prior Governmental Experience: None

(This information furnished by Glen A. Warren)

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# **City of Tigard**

#### Mayor



# Kriss D.E.A. Wright

**Occupation**: Retired Veterans Administration Medical Center

Occupational Background:

Research Scientist, Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing Analyst, Health Technician, Public Speaker, Children and Veteran Advocate, Citizen's Emergency Response Team.

Educational Background:
BS Social Sciences, GIS Certificate,
PSU; AAS Dietetic Technology,
PCC.

#### Prior Governmental Experience: None

Portland State University provided practical experience using GIS applications and the Social Sciences in a variety of hands on projects implemented throughout Oregon.

As Mayor, I will take a common sense and sound research approach to Tigard's Multi Modal Transportation Issues, Southwest Corridor Plan, Urban Development, and Renewal Projects; using proven techniques, compatible approaches in design and application, without raising or creating new taxes to Tigard Citizens.

The Canby-Molalla Earthquake Fault extends into Tigard threatening our Public Schools, Utilities, and Transportation Infrastructure. I photographed Tigard's bridges, read multiple reports on them, our school building designs, conditions, including USGS reports.

I'm the best candidate to obtain ODOT dollars and other sources of committed infrastructure funding.

As Mayor, I will fight for better education and opportunities for Tigard Schools. Preparing Tigard's youth with valuable life skills, confidence to enter into the workforce, provide encouragement to continue into college, furthering dreams and pursue a career.

As Mayor, I will attract a diverse array of business that can grow with Tigard and be good for our economy. I never would have considered rezoning a third of Tigard's Light Industrial property to R25. I'm committed to being in compliance with Oregon's Financial Growth and Recovery Goals. The previous administration's rezoning decision has negatively impacted Tigard's opportunities and future capacity for local economic growth.

As Mayor, I am committed to completing the Fanno Creek Regional Trail, aggressive protection, and enhancement of Tigard's Natural Resources. Leaving what remains of Tigard's Natural Resource for generations to benefit from and enjoy. Values held by Tigard Citizens as being important to their quality of life.

I'm committed to Tigard Citizens in keeping lower utility costs, stopping waste of tax dollars, while using proven cost effective solutions.

(This information furnished by Krisstina D.E.A. Wright)

#### Mayor



# Craig E. Dirksen

**Occupation:** Industrial Designer; Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: Over 30 years in engineering with experience in pulp and paper, power generation, and microelectronics

**Educational Background**: AAS Clark College

**Prior Governmental Experience**: Tigard Park Board; Tigard City Budget Committee; Tigard City Council, 2000-2003; Tigard Mayor, 2003-Present

**Personal**: 33-year Tigard Resident Married 38 years to wife Jackie; 3 sons, 6 grandsons

# Craig Dirksen Remembering the Past, Preparing for the Future

Under Mayor Dirksen's leadership, Tigard has been addressing the challenges facing it due to the rapid growth we experienced during the '80s and '90s.

- Improving Tigard's transportation system by securing State and Federal funding for improvements to Pacific Highway and other important thoroughfares
- Placing a higher priority on Tigard's street maintenance
- Leading the effort to take advantage of Tigard's historical downtown with the Downtown Improvement Plan and the Downtown Urban Renewal District
- Rewriting Tigard's Comprehensive Plan to match Tigard Residents' vision and needs, and to be more environmentally responsible, while protecting Property Owner's Rights
- Protecting Tigard's existing residential neighborhoods from overdevelopment by limiting future, required higher density housing and commercial development to the Washington Square Regional Center and the Tigard Triangle
- Preserving Tigard's open space by increasing the amount of parkland from 288 acres to almost 500 including the acquisition of the Fowler Woods property - still more is needed to serve our population!
  - o Expansion of Fanno Creek Park and the Fanno Creek Trail
  - o New Parks
    - Bonita Park
    - Elizabeth Price ParkCache Creek Nature Park
    - Fowler Woods (aka Summer Creek)
    - Ash Creek Natural Area
    - Potso Dog Park
    - East Butte Historical Park

"There is still much to do to realize the people's vision for Tigard. Join me in working to prepare our City for the future, while protecting what has made Tigard such a great place to live in the first place."

-Craig Dirksen

(This information furnished by Craig Dirksen for Mayor)

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# City of Tigard

#### **City Council**



# John Goodhouse

**Occupation**: Financial Representative, Country Financial

Occupational Background: Insurance and Financial Services

Educational Background:

AAS, Computer Aided Drafting
- ITT Technical Institute; BS,
Management, Communications, and
Leadership - Concordia University

Prior Governmental Experience: None

#### **COMMITMENT - INTEGRITY - LEADERSHIP**

John is a community volunteer and committed to the City of Tigard-

- · Resident of Tigard since 1974
- Volunteer at Tigard/Tualatin Schools
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of Men's Auxiliary -VFW Post 3452
- Government Affairs Council and Economic Development Task Force (Tualatin)

"John has been a Tigard resident most of his life. He is committed to our community and understands our needs. He will make an excellent City Councilor"

#### Thomas O'Halloran Former Tigard City Councilor

John will fight for more transparent government and better planning to reduce waste.

"I've appreciated John's support for the protection and enhancement of Tigard's trees as a community resource, and our shared concerns regarding the proposed doubling of our current water rates, and the effects of such an increase on working families and our retired citizens with fixed incomes."

# Bret Lieuallen Tigard Tree Board and Urban Forest CAC member

John will focus on:

- · Improving the light synchronization on Hwy 99W
- Strategic thinking and planning when making decisions about the City's future
- Keeping existing Tigard businesses economically healthy while also attracting new business.

"John knows the importance small businesses play in Tigard. He will be a strong voice for small business owners."

#### Jonathan Crane, President Integrity Staffing

I am running for City Council because I grew up in this town and have a strong desire to keep Tigard safe, sustainable and vibrant. I want our city to be alive and full of growth, and home to citizens who can take pride in their city.

On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, I am asking for your vote and would be honored to serve you!

John

(This information furnished by John Goodhouse)

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#### **City Council**



# Gretchen E. Beuhner

Occupation: Real Estate Attorney

Occupational Background: Lawyer, 1981-present; Research Associate, Univ. of Oregon Medical School. 1975-78

Educational Background: Lewis & Clark Law School J.D., 1981; Graduate Study, Portland State Univ., 1972-74; Mills College, B.A., 1972

**Prior Governmental Experience**: Tigard City Council, 2007-present; Lake Oswego-Tigard Water Oversight Committee, 2008-present; Intergovernmental Water Board, 1998-2001, 2007-present; Tigard Planning Commission, 2002-07; Transportation Financing Strategic Task Force, 2004-07

#### PROTECT TIGARD'S ECONOMIC HEALTH.

Despite the economic downturn, Tigard remains among the most financially stable and livable cities in Oregon. My experience, leadership and hard work helped make that a reality.

As funding sources shrink, I'll continue to assure Tigard remains flexible while seeking alternatives to help provide Tigard's critical services. For example, in my first Council term I successfully helped Tigard secure some \$5.2 million from Metro, Washington County, Clean Water Services, State and Federal sources for many critical Tigard programs including new, seismic upgraded water system stations and multiple other City improvements such as water diversion projects, transportation, street and pedestrian improvement projects and park expansion.

Meanwhile, Tigard city government must continually become more efficient, cost-effective and transparent while providing Tigard residents the public safety, public works and other essential services we need. I'll continue to make every effort to meet those goals.

#### A PERMANENT AFFORDABLE WATER SOURCE FOR TIGARD.

Tigard currently buys its water from Portland under a contract expiring in 2016. Until then, Tigard faces sharp price increases. After 2016, Tigard's water source and costs were highly uncertain.

After carefully considering all the alternatives, Tigard entered the Lake Oswego-Tigard Water Partnership in 2008 which, in 2016, will for the first time provide Tigard with its own affordable and permanent quality water source.

This major project is a true achievement for Tigard and within targeted costs.

#### TIGARD'S BRIGHT FUTURE.

We must keep Tigard financially stable, keep our high level of citizen involvement, grow Tigard businesses and jobs and improve transportation in our City. Together we can make it happen.

(This information furnished by Gretchen Beuhner)

# **City of Tigard**

#### **City Council**



## Marc Woodard

**Occupation**: Owner and founder of Mirror Athlete health and fitness consulting business.

Occupational Background: Fire Life Safety Manger, Intel Corporation 2005-2007; Facilities Supervisor Intel Corporation, 2002-2007; Facilities Technician Intel Corporation, 1996-2002; Stationary Engineer, Lloyd Center Mall, 1991-

1996; Recreation Director, Air Force Reserves, 1989-1991.

Educational Background: National University, MBA; Portland State University, B.S, Exercise Science; Army Officers Advanced Leadership Course, Graduate; Army Guard Officers Military Academy, Commissioned; Journeyman Stationary Engineer, Oregon Building Codes Division; Portland Community College, A.S.; Tigard High School, Diploma.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** US Army Guard Medical Services Officer, Captain, Retired; USAF Reserve, NCOIC, E-6, Administrative Management; USAFR, Morale, Welfare & Recreation Steering Committee board member.

Strong Leadership Supports Healthy Community

Like his father Charles, a Tigard business owner for 53 years, and his Grandfather Edward, who was the second mayor of Tigard, Marc brings family roots and traditional values to his community leadership. Marc feels a strong civic obligation to help grow jobs, relieve traffic congestion, and be mindful of downtown, recreational and green environmental needs as we grow community. Marc has the leadership qualities necessary to keep Tigard a place where our families and businesses thrive.

#### Responsible Development and Delivery of City Services

Results-driven efforts and citizen satisfaction are the benchmarks that Tigard citizens deserve. Marc believes more tax-payer savings and greater accountability will result if priorities are made by city councilors who first listen to what citizens need. These savings and efficiencies will reduce the cost burden on tax payers, and result in improved city services. We need to stop the continual increases in fees and new taxes on Tigard residents.

#### Personal

Marc Woodard, a Tigard resident for 40 years is married to Elizabeth and they have two daughters. Marc has a long history of community involvement, is a member of the American Legion, and enjoys outdoor recreation and fitness activities with family and friends.

Please join your friends and neighbors...

VOTE FOR MARC WOODARD - TIGARD CITY COUNCIL!!

(This information furnished by Marc Woodard)

#### **City Council**



# Alexander Craghead

**Occupation:** Communications consultant; independent writer and journalist; adjunct faculty, Marylhurst University.

**Occupational Background**: Retail management; marketing.

**Educational Background:**Marylhurst University, Bachelor of Arts, Communication

Prior Governmental Experience: City Center Advisory Commission, Chairman (current), Vice-Chair 2007, 2009, member 2005-Present; Joint Planning Commission-CCAC Commission Advisory Team, member, 2008-2009; Tigard Downtown Task Force. Member, 2002-2004; Building Appeals Board, member, 2002-2004; Tigard Beyond Tomorrow, Community Character & Quality of Life Action Committee, member, 1997-2004.

"Why am I running for City Council? To me, it's all about giving back."

Alex grew up in Tigard. He has been involved in the local community since he was seventeen. For Alex, local government is not a career option or a hobby, but a way of providing service to the community.

Tigard needs leaders who are smart, experienced, and knowledgeable in government. Tigard also need leaders who remember and understand what it is like to be a normal citizen. Alex brings both of these qualities to the table.

#### As a City Councilor, Alex will work towards:

- \* Better, smarter, more accountable government
- \* Better citizen involvement
- \* Responsibly finishing Downtown Tigard projects
- \* Clean, affordable drinking water
- \* Improved transportation quality and options

With over a decade of service to the community, Alex is a seasoned leader with extensive knowledge of land-use and transportation, has represented the city before elected leaders and the public at large, and has experience overseeing large, complex, and costly public projects. Alex will bring a pragmatic, positive approach to the City Council.

(This information furnished by Alex Craghead for Tigard City Council)

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# City of Tualatin

#### Mayor



# Lou Ogden

Occupation: Insurance agent

Occupational Background: Insurance sales and benefits

**Educational Background**: University of Illinois/BS-Industrial Engineering, 1975

**Prior Governmental Experience:** 

Tualatin City Councilor, 1992-94; Tualatin Mayor, 1994 to present; Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC) 1994-2001, (Chair 1999-2001); President of the League of Oregon Cities 2002; President Western Municipal Association 2010.

#### LEADERSHIP - EXPERIENCE - RESULTS

It's been my privilege to serve as Tualatin's mayor since 1994, during which our community has undergone significant changes. We have grown from about 16,000 to over 26,000 residents and many businesses, from high tech to small businesses and multi national companies, have flourished here.

Since 1994, Tualatin has also:

- · Developed three new parks and a high school,
- Built Bridgeport Village and completed the Tualatin Commons and Hedges Green Shopping Center,
- Constructed a new library, and a police facility,
- Built and renovated major streets, aquifer storage and a recovery system.

However, all of these accomplishments are not of my doing alone but have been achieved through the efforts of all of us working together. Tualatin has become what it is today because of our visioning through Tualatin Tomorrow and our Citizen Advisory Committees. Many people have made the possibilities for Tualatin a reality and I have been honored to be at the helm during that time.

But I do not consider my work as mayor completed!

In my 18 years of service to the community, I have never been more excited about our future. The challenges are formidable but the opportunities are bountiful. Tualatin is blessed with an abundance of citizens with tremendous talent. Together we must face growing transportation and land use challenges, which are part of the unfinished work.

I am asking for your vote to continue as mayor of Tualatin in order to complete the work at hand and provide the leadership needed to ensure our city remains the most livable and sustainable community in the Pacific Northwest.

#### **VOTE LOU OGDEN FOR MAYOR!**

(This information furnished by Lou Ogden)

#### City Council, Position 3



# Frank Bubenik

**Occupation**: IT Consultant, Small business owner

Occupational Background: U.S. Army Officer; Programmer/Analyst; Information Technology Consultant

**Educational Background:** B.S., Criminal Justice, Rochester Institute of Technology; M.B.A., SUNY at Albany.

**Prior Governmental Experience**: Tualatin Library Advisory Committee, 11/04 to present; Tualatin Tomorrow Steering Committee, chairperson, 2/06 to present; Tualatin Ad Hoc Citizen Involvement Committee

My goals:

- CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT: I will encourage citizen involvement in resolving community issues and welcome citizens to voice concerns to city staff and the city council. I want to empower neighborhoods to develop plans which make sure the city's growth does not negatively impact their quality of life.
- tively impact their quality of life.

   GOVERNMENT RELATIONS: Regional growth necessitates fostering mutually beneficial relationships with surrounding cities. I will work with the state, county, and Metro but insist that our community's concerns are heard and addressed.
- IMPROVING TRANSPORTATION: Maintenance and improvement of our roads is critical to bettering our quality of life and fostering economic development. I will work hard for increased transportation funding and investigate various alternatives to ease congestion.
- MANAGING GROWTH: Growth needs to be planned in a sensible manner, so it does not destroy our quality of life. Ensure city services and infrastructure can accommodate the city's anticipated growth without affecting their quality.
- MAINTAINING OUR CLEAN AIR AND WATER: Tualatin's clean air and water should not be threatened by overdevelopment or industrial contamination. Ensure Tualatin continues to enjoy clean air and clean water.
- PARKS AND BEAUTIFICATION: Improve and expand our parks and natural spaces, so that they continue to be the best in the region.
   Continue to improve the appearance of our city with such things as decorative landscaping, tree plantings, street side planters, and public art.

Email: fbubenik@hotmail.com

(This information furnished by Frank Bubenik)

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# City of Tualatin

#### City Council, Position 1



# Wade Brooksby

**Occupation**: Small business owner in Tualatin

#### Occupational Background:

18 yrs in logistics and transportation, manufacturing, supply chain visibility and optimization and business management

**Educational Background**: Brigham Young University, BS

Finance, Economics Operational Management

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Consultant to U.S. DOD (Department of Defense)/Homeland Security and the DLA (Defense Logistics Agency) for U.S. ports of entry.

Over the past 14 years I have seen Tualatin grow significantly. Some of the growth has been very positive, but a lot of the growth has created concern for me. As I look into the future plans for Tualatin, I have significant concerns for the structure and family livability of our town. I cherish my neighborhood, as you must, too. If we are not careful, the small family environment that we have currently and look forward to raising our children in, with safe quiet neighborhoods, may be disappearing sooner then we think.

As a result, I became involved and active in my neighborhood and in the City. In doing so I have found that there are many of you with the views I have. In pursuing my vision for Tualatin, I have met other individuals who share my core values on many of the issues we face. We are united in our beliefs regarding the importance of enhancing and protecting a good quality of life in Tualatin. We will make this belief foundational in a new and better direction for Tualatin as we work together as families and individuals.

Some of the common values we share focus on livability, citizen involvement, and the intelligent management of traffic and new development. If elected, I will work to get government accountability on these and other issues. I'll improve communication between our neighborhoods and City Hall. I'll work to solve the endlessly frustrating problem of traffic tie-ups in our town while also enhancing the image, appearance, and pride of our city.

As a representative for Tualatin and its people I ask for your support and your vote.

(This information furnished by Wade Brooksby)

#### City Council, Position 1



## Larry McDonald

Occupation: Medication Aide

**Occupational Background**: Health and Social Services

**Educational Background**: High School Diploma, some college course work completed

**Prior Governmental Experience**: None

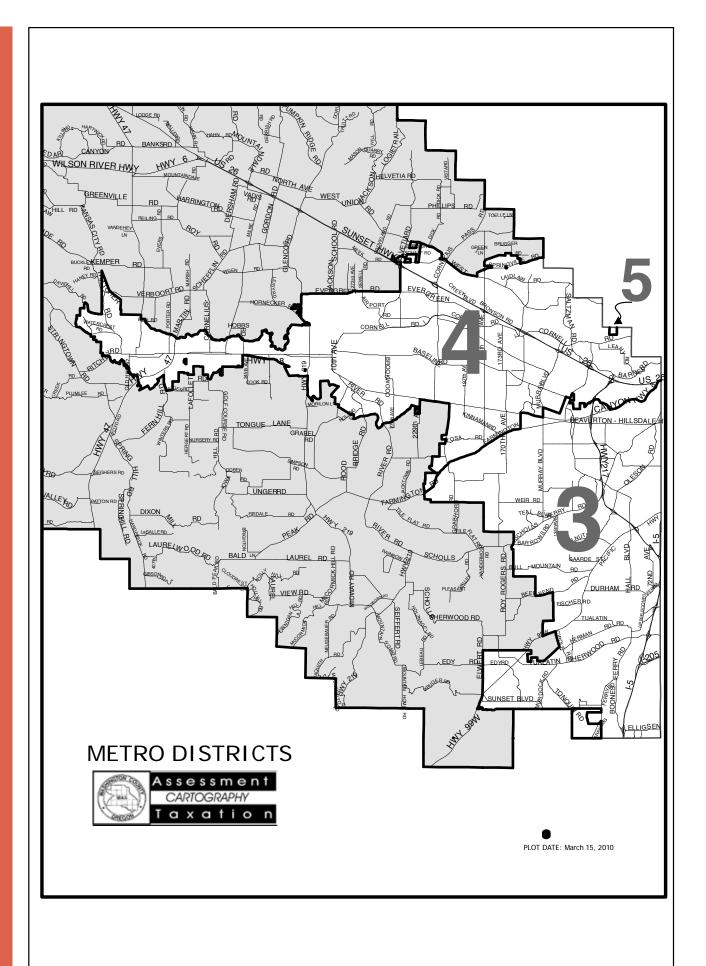
Simply put, I am one of you and it is time for one of us, to represent <u>us</u>. I understand you and your concerns, as I am right there with you. Will I have enough money to pay the bills, how will I feed my children, will my job be there next month, how will I send my children to college, can we really afford that or do we really need that? Sound familiar? That is the everyday struggle that American families go through and I am right there with you. That is something that is lost in today's politicians no matter what their party affiliation is; simply not being able to relate to everyday struggles. The fact is, I am different. I care what people think and I actually believe that I am there to serve the people and not the other way around.

Your next obvious question is, what can Larry McDonald do for me as opposed to the other guy? For one, I will bring jobs to Tualatin by attracting businesses, instead of seeing all of the "Going Out of Business" sales that we all have been seeing lately. Currently, Tualatin is service oriented city and I would like to see that change, such as hightech and manufacturing. With 11% unemployment in our community, isn't it time that we change our direction?

Most importantly fellow citizens, you will never get the glazed over look from me when you are expressing a concern. We have started to make progress, but bold leadership is needed.

(This information furnished by Larry J. McDonald)

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



# Metro

#### **President**



# Tom Hughes

Occupation: Senior Policy Advisor

Occupational Background: Teacher, Aloha High

Educational Background: Hillsboro High; University of Oregon (B.S.); University of Arizona (M.A.); Portland State University (Teaching Certificate)

**Prior Governmental Experience**: Hillsboro Mayor; Metro Policy Advisory Council; Hillsboro Planning Commission; Hillsboro City Council; Hillsboro Planning and Zoning Hearings Board; Metro Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation; Governor's Green Jobs Council

#### TOM CREATED THOUSANDS OF JOBS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

"Hughes...is a sophisticated AMBASSADOR FOR OUR REGION who has RECRUITED BILLIONS OF DOLLARS' WORTH OF BUSINESSES TO OREGON, both here and on global trade missions." — *Oregonian* 4/23/10

"Hughes has shown **EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP IN HELPING WASHINGTON COUNTY** continue its role as an economic driver for Oregon. Under his watch, the Hillsboro area not only maintained its healthy economic base, but landed the emerging companies SolarWorld and Genentech...Hughes went to bat for his neighbors to the west, **championing causes for Cornelius, Banks and Forest Grove.**"

— Forest Grove News-Times 4/19/10

"Only one candidate, however, has a **demonstrated ability** to not only understand but successfully foster a governmental environment that **ENCOURAGES JOB CREATION BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR...** former Mayor Tom Hughes of Hillsboro." — *Beaverton Valley Times* 4/8/2010

"HUGHES OVERSAW AN EXPLOSION IN FAMILY-WAGE JOBS...a zealous RECRUITER and matchless salesman. He also mended a fractious relationship between his city and Metro and presided over growth WHILE STILL BEING GREEN enough to twice earn the endorsement for mayor from the Oregon League of Conservation Voters."

— Willamette Week 5/18/10

"Perhaps Hughes's greatest legacy is with economic development...the city worked with Intel. conducting 25,000 inspections and approving several hundred permits within a year, so it could open its cutting-edge chip-making factory, D1D, on schedule. That kind of ethic has been a major selling point to prospective investors, said Jonathan Williams, Intel's government affairs manager. 'The Hillsboro Way and what that means is really who Tom is,' Williams said. 'It's this concept of partnerships and relationships and WORKING TOGETHER TO FIND SOLUTIONS.'" — Oregonian 12/18/08

#### www.VoteTomHughes.com

(This information furnished by Tom Hughes)

#### **President**



# Bob Stacey

Occupation: Attorney

Occupational Background: Executive Director, 1000 Friends of Oregon; Partner, Ball Janik Law Firm

Educational Background: Parkrose H.S; Reed College (B.A.); University of Oregon Law School (J.D.)

**Prior Governmental Experience**: Chief of Staff, Congressman Earl Blumenauer; Director of Policy and Planning, Tri-Met; Planning Director, City of Portland

#### Jobs and Quality of Life

Bob Stacey is the <u>only</u> candidate with both public and private-sector experience building for jobs who is also committed to protecting farmland and the environment. Bob will build jobs using the infrastructure we have already paid for to prevent sprawl, save money, reduce commute times and protect our clean air and water.

That's why Bob Stacey is the only candidate endorsed by
The Sierra Club, the Oregon League of Conservation Voters, and
Democratic Leaders we trust like Governor Barbara Roberts and
Congressman Earl Blumenauer.

"Bob Stacey will do more to help create jobs for our community. Bob will work harder to focus on the basics that are important to small business and create long-term, sustainable jobs."

Jim Kelly, Founder, Rejuvenation House Parts

#### **Protect What Makes Us Special**

Bob Stacey is the <u>only</u> candidate who will **defend the Urban Growth Boundary** to prevent farmland from being converted into subdivisions.

He'll support - not weaken - Metro's key role
in **protecting our clean air and water**.

#### Making Development Pay Its Own Way

Bob Stacey will ensure that developers pay their fair share of the cost of schools, parks and sewers needed because of their developments, instead of making current residents shoulder the burden.

Bob Stacey - He' Il Make Metro Work - for us

#### Supported By the Organizations and Leaders We Trust

Sierra Club

Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Governor Barbara Roberts
Governor Victor Atiyeh
Congressman Earl Blumenauer
Jeff Cogen, Multnomah County Chair
Lynn Peterson, Chair Clackamas County Commission
Washington County Commissioner Dick Schouten
NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon PAC
Portland Association of Teachers / TVIP
... and hundreds of others.

See the list and learn more at www.bobstacey.com

(This information furnished by Bob Stacey for Metro President)

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# City of Lake Oswego

# **Tualatin Soil & Water Conservation District**

#### **City Council**



# Mike Kehoe

**Occupation**: Business owner and community volunteer.

Occupational Background:
Management. United Parcel
Services (UPS). Financial advisor.
Small business owner. Entrepreneur,
skilled at starting and managing companies on tight budgets.
Experienced real estate investor.

**Educational Background**: University of Oregon, BA Business Management.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** School Board Member and Chair, Riverdale School District. Budget Committee member, Riverdale School District. Reconfiguration Committee, Lake Oswego School District.

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**: LO Chamber of Commerce, LO School District volunteer, 12 years coaching LO youth sports, LO Scout Troop leader, Past LO Lacrosse Club Treasurer, Habitat for Humanity, Transitions Global, Executive Board Boy Scout Council, Mercy Corps, Meals on Wheels.

**PERSONAL**: Fifth generation Oregonian, married to Lorri 19 years, three children.

#### Mike Kehoe - Priorities: Accountability: Livability

#### Mike Kehoe - Priorities

"I am committed to bringing our city's priorities in line with the citizens."

- · Preserve small businesses and attract new ones
- Keep neighborhoods safe and secure
- Improve partnership with schools to help students excel

#### Mike Kehoe - Accountability

"City government must more prudently spend our tax dollars."

- Money to go only to priority projects with clearly defined plans and budgets
- Citizens and small businesses must be given a voice
- Tax and fee burden on local citizens must be kept to a minimum

#### Mike Kehoe — Livability

"Community spirit should be encouraged and decisions made with the best interest of citizens."

- Improve, preserve and protect our neighborhoods and parks
- Help our small business community thrive and prosper
- Be creative and innovative and maintain viability of our diverse neighborhoods

#### Community Leaders Support Mike Kehoe - Partial List

Bob and Katy Barman; Steve Coury; Kristi Harnish; Neil Lomax; Mary Olson, Lake Oswego City Council; Rick Olson, MD; Jeffrey D. Sessions, DMD; Luann Warren-Sohlberg and Rolf Sohlberg, M.D.; Lisa Wendland.

#### School Board Members Past and Current Support Mike Kehoe

Curt Sheinin (Chair), Rich Akerman (past Chair), Jon Harnish (past Chair), Bill Swindells, John Wendland.

Vote Mike Kehoe

www.kehoeforcouncil.com

(This information furnished by Mike Kehoe)

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#### **Director At Large 2**



# Darrell D. Gulstrom

Occupation: National Agents Alliance - Agent

Occupational Background: Delivery Driver, Cab Driver, Real Estate

Educational Background: Myrtle Point High School, Myrtle Point, OR; Merritt Davis College of Business, Salem OR, Accounting

**Prior Governmental Experience**: Stayton Elementary School Board 1989-1993

It is with great pleasure that I run for the office of Tualatin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District, Member At Large position 2. I look forward to serving you in this capacity and striving to implement responsible, accountable measures to ensure the conservation of our precious county resources.

If you own land in the Tualatin Valley Basin this election is important to you. The State of Oregon and other government agencies are constantly adding a large number of regulations to land and resource use without heeding local needs or concerns. If elected to be your conservation district representative I will work to voice the district's special needs to the state and the countless other agencies created to oversee resource usage in the county. I believe that the conservation district should be operated with a focus on localized, accountable programs; constantly striving to be both mindful of the will of the citizens as they are of the conservation of the county's resources.

Having grown up in rural Oregon I understand the importance of natural resources and why we should preserve them and effectively use them. Responsible and cost-effective management in this area is critical to enable Oregon businesses to create the jobs needed for economic recovery.

I have been committed to volunteer public service for many years, beginning with my term on the Stayton School Board and continuing with my present membership on the Disability Services Advisory Council for Washington County. I am accountable, accessible and a responsible quardian of the resources of this county.

I ask for your vote. If you have any questions or concerns you can email me at: ddgulstrom@yahoo.com.

(This information furnished by Darrell D. Gulstrom)

# **Measure 34-179**

#### **Ballot Title**

# Renewal of Local Option Levy for Countywide Public Safety

**Question** Shall Washington County maintain public safety services by levying 42¢ per \$1,000 assessed value for five years, beginning 2011-2012?

**Summary:** This measure would renew a local option property tax levy that expires in June 2011. Roughly 16% of Washington County's public safety workforce is funded by this expiring levy. These services are provided both inside and outside of cities, including:

- Supervising registered sex offenders;
- Operating the jail and work release center at full capacity, minimizing the early release of offenders;
- Investigating crimes and prosecuting criminals;
   Special enforcement teams, including Major Crimes,
   SWAT, Fraud and Identity Theft, Gang and Narcotics teams serving all areas of the county;
- Juvenile programs to reduce crime;
- Emergency shelters for women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

A five-year levy is proposed to replace the expiring four-year levy. The renewed levy would continue current public safety services at a fixed tax rate of 42¢ per \$1,000 assessed value, which is unchanged from the current rate.

Typical homeowners would pay about \$90 in 2011-2012. Assumes average assessed value (not market value) of \$215,089.

Estimated revenues for each year of levy:

\$20,353,000 in 2011-2012

\$21,065,000 in 2012-2013

\$21,802,000 in 2013-2014

\$22,565,000 in 2014-2015

\$23,355,000 in 2015-2016

# **Explanatory Statement**

Washington County provides public safety services inside and outside cities to prevent and fight crimes such as homicide, domestic violence, and crimes affecting children. The County serves the Cities of Banks, Beaverton, Cornelius, Durham, Forest Grove, Gaston, Hillsboro, King City, North Plains, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin, parts of Portland and Wilsonville and the unincorporated neighborhoods and rural areas of Washington County.

Measure 34-179 would continue support for public safety services countywide. A five-year local option levy is proposed to replace the expiring four-year levy that ends in June 2011. This measure would run from July 2011 through June 2016. The renewed levy would continue a fixed tax rate of 42¢ per \$1,000 assessed value, which is unchanged from the current rate.

#### What would renewal of this levy do?

Measure 34-179 would maintain the current balance in the public safety system serving all areas of the county by continuing funding for:

# Supervision and compliance monitoring of registered sex offenders:

 Levy funds would be used to supervise offenders, including interventions to reduce the likelihood of new offenses.

#### Special enforcement teams serving all areas of county:

 These multi-agency teams include the Major Crimes, SWAT, Fraud and Identity Theft, Gangs and Narcotics teams

# Prosecution, probation and parole, juvenile crime and other services that prevent and fight crime:

- Levy funds would be used to investigate and prosecute crimes including burglaries, identity theft and vandalism in addition to violent crimes.
- The levy would support juvenile programs to reduce juvenile crime.

# Operating the jail and work release center at capacity to minimize the early release of offenders:

 Levy funds would help keep 572 beds open in the County jail and 215 beds open in the work release center.

# Emergency shelters for women and children who are victims of domestic violence:

 Levy funds would continue to support emergency shelters; shelters currently funded are operated by Community Action, the Domestic Violence Resource Center, Family Bridge Interfaith Network and the Good Neighbor Center.

Measure 34-179 would continue to fund approximately 132 full-time-equivalent positions throughout the criminal justice system. These personnel deliver the countywide public safety services described above.

#### How would this renewal affect a homeowner's taxes?

The levy would continue a fixed-rate of 42¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value, unchanged from the current rate. A typical homeowner would pay about \$90 in 2011-2012, or an average of about \$7.50 per month. Assumes average assessed value (not market value) of \$215,089.

#### What happens if the levy renewal does not pass?

The expiring levy provides 16% of the County justice system workforce. Although public safety would remain a priority, reductions affecting prosecution, law enforcement, supervision, corrections and emergency shelters would be likely, beginning in 2011.

Submitted by: Robert Davis County Administrator Washington County Board of Commissioners

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

# **Measure 34-179**

# **Argument in Favor**

An efficient and effective Public Safety system is essential to the vitality of a viable private business sector. The private business sector is the backbone of our local economy. This is where the jobs are.

The Public Safety system isn't just the police. Here we are discussing the Sheriff's Office, all the multi-agency teams it leads, the jail, District Attorney's Office, shelter homes for the abused and many other pieces that make-up the system.

Anybody who doesn't believe just how important a solid Public Safety system is needs only look at Detroit. In the last 20 years, Detroit has lost nearly 50% of its population, literacy among young adults is about 50%, there exists block after block of abandoned buildings and jobs are gone. The homicide rate (per 100,000) there is 40.6 compared to 0.0 in Beaverton for the same period.

Corporations and individual owners of businesses simply are not going to locate in a community with a high crime rate or where crime either is or appears to be out of control. On the other hand, should crime rates begin to increase in an area, those businesses and those jobs are going to move out of the area.

Even insurance companies change their rates in accordance with the risk of that those businesses which they insure face in their particular community. It is likely that in some areas, a business would not be able to obtain any insurance at all.

This is just plain common sense. If you want to have a good quality of life, you must first have a safe community. All else fails if you are not safe. We need to support our Public Safety system.

All of us at the Washington County Business Council urge a "YES" vote on Measure 34-179, the Public Safety Levy Renewal.

This Information Furnished By: Bob Terry, Board of Directors Washington County Business Council

## **Argument in Favor**

For the last 4 years, the Washington County domestic violence and homeless shelters have received almost 50% of their annual revenue from the Washington County Safety Levy. This revenue has allowed the shelters to house more than 700 families who would otherwise be sleeping on the streets. It has provided a safe refuge for families seeking shelter from domestic violence and abuse. It has given many families a second chance and an opportunity to find affordable housing.

Each year, money from the State and Federal Government has been going down. We have continued to do fundraising and cutbacks in order to keep our shelters stable. The Washington County Safety Levy has been the one constant in our efforts to help those that need a hand up, not a hand out.

The homeless population is not going down, but continues to grow and we can't afford to close these needed safe shelters. For many families, sleeping in their cars or camping is no way to stabilize their families until they can get housing. Children need to be kept in school and families need to have the respite to save money to get into housing.

Washington County shelters urge you to consider supporting the renewal of the Washington County Safety Levy. Without this revenue, we will be considering closing our doors.

This Information Furnished By: Monika's House (Domestic Violence Resource Center) Family Bridge Shelter Good Neighbor Center

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# **Measure 34-179**

# **Argument in Favor**

The Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers of the Domestic Violence Resource Center encourage you to vote "yes" on Measure 34-179. The Washington County Safety Levy has become a vital source of funding for many of the public safety systems we have come to depend on at The Domestic Violence Resource Center. Through fulfilling our mission of serving victims and survivors of domestic violence, our agency, staff, volunteers and Board of Directors have witnessed first hand how vital public safety systems are. Our programs, services, and staff depend on Washington County Sheriffs, Washington County District Attorney's Office, Crime Victims Services of Washington County, Parole and Probation Officers, Juvenile Counselors, and also the Washington County Jail.

The Domestic Violence Resource Center provides a variety of public services, free adult, adolescent and children's counseling for victims of domestic violence. We have advocates and court accompaniment available for residents seeking protective orders, restraining orders, civil stalking orders, elder and disabled abuse protective orders. Additionally, Domestic Violence Resource Center provides the only confidential shelter for victims and their children fleeing domestic violence in Washington County. We also provide a 24/7 help line for anyone in need of resources and referrals for domestic violence victims. Any and all of the programs would be impacted by the elimination of the vital funding source provided by the Washington County Safety Levy.

The Domestic Violence Resource Center has not seen a decrease in the need for its services over the past four years. We do not have reason to believe that the need for services will decrease in the next five years. State and Federal funding, however, is likely to decrease in the coming years as it has for the past four years. One way we as a community can personally ensure that the vital safety needs of Washington County residents continue to be met is a "yes" vote to renew Safety Levy Measure 340-179.

This Information Furnished By: Doris C. Winegar, Chairman of the Board Board of Domestic Violence Resource Center

## **Argument in Favor**

As judges in Washington County, we feel it is important that you know our criminal justice system is more than a judge and a courtroom. Washington County public safety services include shelters for domestic violence victims, services from the District Attorney's Office, Probation and Juvenile Departments, the jail, and the sheriff's forensic, investigative and law enforcement personnel.

15% of the current countywide public safety system has been funded through a local operating levy that voters first approved in 2000.

In this election, you have the opportunity to renew this public safety levy. Over the past four years, the levy has allowed us to:

- Operate the jail and work release center at full capacity, minimizing early release of offenders.
- Fund interagency enforcement teams (Major Crimes, SWAT, Fraud and ID Theft, Gangs and Narcotics).
- Support prosecutors, probation and parole officers, forensic crime scene technicians and personnel who provide victim's assistance and emergency shelters for women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

The county has determined that these same services can be provided at the same tax rate - 42 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value.

During the life of the current levy we have seen all parts of the criminal justice system collaborate to reduce the devastating effects of methamphetamine on our criminal justice system. Drug Court reduced crime, saved lives, and lowered the demand for scarce jail beds. Juvenile programs have helped lower the juvenile crime rate, in spite of population growth. As your judges in Washington County, we urge you to vote "yes" on Measure 34-179.

Judge Thomas W. Kohl Judge Eric Butterfield Judge Rita Batz Cobb Judge Andrew R. Erwin Judge Jim Fun Judge Rick Knapp Judge Don LeTourneau Judge Gayle A. Nachtigal Judge Steve Price Judge Keith R. Raines Judge Kirsten E. Thompson Judge Suzanne M. Upton

This Information Furnished By: Thomas W. Kohl Presiding Judge, 20th Judicial District

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# **Measure 34-179**

## **Argument in Favor**

MAYORS of cities in Washington County SUPPORT a STRONG PUBLIC SAFETY SYSTEM and urge a YES vote on MEASURE 34-179.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY IS ESSENTIAL**

Safe communities are places where kids can focus on learning, parents can build strong families, and businesses can concentrate on growing and creating jobs. **Public Safety is a fundamental part of successful cities,** and directly contributes to the economy and high quality of life we so value in our cities throughout Washington County.

# MEASURE 34-179 IS VITAL TO PUBLIC SAFETY IN OUR CITIES

Funds provided by this levy will continue the work of special law enforcement teams, prosecutors, jail deputies, parole monitors and others at work countywide. Outcomes of this work:

- The county's only jail operated at full capacity, minimizing early release of potentially dangerous offenders due to overcrowding.
- Juvenile crime has been significantly reduced over the past decade and continues to be tackled through coordinated intervention efforts by county, city and school district staffs.
- More city police are on the streets due to jail transport deputies who bring those suspected of crimes to jail so city officers can stay on their beats.
- The District Attorney's office is able to swiftly and effectively carry out prosecutions of offenders, including most of those arrested by city police agencies.
- Interagency teams made up of county and city police continue to effectively battle crimes related to methaphetamine, ID theft, and criminal gang enterprises.

Our cities operate great police departments, but we cannot ensure public safety by ourselves. A working countywide public safety system is necessary to ensure our cities stay great places to live and work.

Banks Mayor John Kinsky
Mayor - City of Beaverton, Denny Doyle
Bill Bash Mayor of Cornelius
Gery Schirado, Mayor of Durham, Oregon
Pete Traux, Mayor, City of Forest Grove
Jerry W. Willey, Mayor for the City of Hillsboro
David L. Hatcher, City of North Plains Mayor
Keith Mays, Mayor of Sherwood
Craig Dirksen Mayor City of Tigard
Tualatin Mayor

This Information Furnished By: Jerry Willey City of Hillsboro

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#### **Argument in Favor**

# SHERIFF AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY SUPPORT COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY, Measure 34-179

As Washington County's elected criminal justice leaders we need your help to continue fighting crime successfully in Washington County. Measure 34-179 renews positions that serve every community and citizen in Washington County. A yes vote will continue criminal justice base services that have been in place since 2000. These services include:

<u>Jail - Operating at full capacity.</u> There is only one jail system in the county. The levy allows us to operate at full capacity, funding 108 of 787 beds. It has helped reduce forced releases from about 100 a week to an average of 5.5.

<u>Prompt and aggressive prosecution.</u> The District Attorney prosecutes nearly all arrests made by city police agencies and the sheriff's office. The levy funds about 1 of every 7 criminal prosecutions. Targeted special teams have helped reduce property and methamphetamine related crimes during each year of levy operations.

<u>County-wide special teams</u>. The levy allows the Sheriff to fully support several interagency county-wide enforcement teams including narcotics enforcement, gang teams, SWAT, fraud, and major crime detectives who investigate homicides.

<u>Compliance monitoring for sex offenders.</u> There are about 1,400 registered sex offenders in Washington County. Levy funds allow us to insure each of those offenders is living at their registered address and that they are in compliance with conditions of their supervision.

Effective Juvenile Justice programs. Juvenile crime rates have dropped steadily in our community over the last 10 years. The levy allows us to continue intervention programs with atrisk youth, preventing them from becoming adult criminals.

Temporary shelter for victims of domestic violence. Without these shelters, women and their children traumatized by domestic violence often have no where to turn. Levy funds help with this program.

Washington County is a safe community, Please help us continue our work by voting yes on Measure 34-179. Priority services offered at the same low rate.

This Information Furnished By:

Rob Gordon Sheriff Bob Hermann District Attorney

# **Measure 34-179**

# **Argument in Favor**

# PLEASE JOIN US IN SUPPORT OF COUNTYWIDE PUBLIC SAFETY

Whether you live in a city, urban unincorporated community or rural area, Washington County has some of the safest, most livable communities anywhere. Our businesses, non-profits, schools and local governments have contributed to our quality of life through decades of forward-looking decisions. These past investments continue to help us, even during tough economic times.

As your elected Board of County Commissioners, we were mindful of our responsibility for maintaining countywide public safety four years ago when we asked voters to approve the current Public Safety Levy that expires next year. In that spirit, we've referred Measure 34-179 to voters because we believe in continuing a balanced public safety system.

Knowing how the economic recession has affected businesses and households, we have also proposed **locking in the same tax rate** of 42 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years.

#### This tax rate would be unchanged from the current rate.

Measure 34-179, a five-year levy, would:

- Maintain supervision and compliance monitoring for registered sex offenders in all areas of the county
- Help operate the jail and work release center at full capacity, minimizing the early release of offenders
- Serve all areas of the county with special enforcement teams like the Major Crimes, SWAT, Fraud and Identity Theft, Gang and Narcotics teams
- Help pay for emergency shelters for women and children who are victims of domestic violence

We ask you to continue balanced, countywide public safety services by voting YES on Measure 34-179.

Like public safety, **libraries are also an important investment in our future**. We ask voters to renew the library levy, Measure 34-180, **also proposed at the same tax rate**. Help Washington County's future by supporting these measures.

# YES ON OUR FUTURE, YES ON MEASURES 34-179 AND 34-180.

Washington County Commission Commissioner Tom Brian, Chairman Commissioner Dick Schouten Commissioner Desari Strader Commissioner Roy Rogers Commissioner Andy Duyck

This Information Furnished By: Tom Brian

#### **Argument in Favor**

#### POLICE CHIEFS SUPPORT THE PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY

We are the police chiefs of the cities located in Washington County. Measure 34-179 funds **services already in place** that allow our police departments to more effectively fight crime in the cities throughout Washington County. Voting Yes ensures that:

- 108 levy-funded beds at the Jail and Community Corrections Center remain open, reducing the number of inmates who are released early due to overcrowding.
- Supervision and compliance checks of some 1,400 Registered Sex Offenders continue.
- Interagency teams continue and allow city and county law enforcement to pool resources to combat the fastest growing crimes in Washington County such as Meth Distribution, Fraud and Identity Theft, and Gang violence. This levy continues staffing at the current levels on these countywide teams.
- Sheriff's Office transport services continue for central and east county cities. This allows police officers to remain on patrol in their city instead of taking up to two hours in travel time to transport suspects to the Washington County Jail in Hillsboro.
- Levy funds continue crime scene technicians, fingerprint identification technicians, and criminalists that support both county and city law enforcement. Scientific and forensic evidence is crucial to effective identification and prosecution of criminals. When these Crime Scene Investigation experts deploy to collect evidence, examine fingerprints, and forensically process crime scenes, city police officers are made available to answer more calls for service.
- Levy funds continue current staffing levels in the District Attorney's Office. This ensures that more arrested criminals are prosecuted effectively.

# Vote YES to support Measure 34-179 and the Washington County Criminal Justice System.

Geoff Spalding, Chief of Police Paul D. Rubenstein, Chief of Police Kerry P. Aleshire Chief of Police Chief Carey F. Sullivan, Hillsboro Charles Fessler, Chief of Police Chief Jeff Groth, City of Sherwood Alan F. Orr, Chief of Police Kent Barker, Chief of Police Tim Thurber, Interim Chief of Police

Endorsements are made personally and not on behalf of any organization.

This Information Furnished By: Jeff Groth

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# **Measure 34-179**

# **Argument in Favor**

The Washington County Democratic Central Committee has unanimously voted to endorse the renewal of Public Safety Levy Measure 34-179. The Committee represents over 108,000 registered Democrats in Washington County.

The levy would continue existing funding for county-wide public safety services that make a difference in our neighborhoods. Levy funds would continue compliance checks on some 1,400 registered sex offenders in the county, operate the jail and work release center at full capacity to minimize early release of offenders, continue special enforcement teams throughout the county and aid prosecutors, probation and parole officers. Levy funds would also continue juvenile-focused programs that have proven to reduce juvenile crime, and provide emergency shelters for women and children who are domestic violence victims, thereby providing them an opportunity to break the cycle of violence.

Fifteen percent of current county-wide criminal justice services are funded by this levy, which was originally approved in 2000, and would continue to be funded by passing Measure 34-179. The levy would replace the existing one that will expire June 30, 2011, and will provide the same services without an increase in the tax rate. A homeowner with an average assessed value (\$215,089) would pay \$90 in property taxes for this levy in 2011-12

This Information Furnished By: Karen A. Packer Washington County Democratic Central Committee

# **Argument in Favor**

The Washington County Republicans Urge You to Vote YES on 34-179!

Once again the Washington County Sheriff's Office has demonstrated outstanding fiscal responsibility. We are in a time of economic hardship, with the only growth being the public sector. And Sheriff Rob Gordon continues to show he truly adheres to principles of sound government, asking only for what is the absolute minimum to provide Washington County with excellent public safety services. The requested 42¢ rate is the same as the expiring levy. There is **NO** increase.

The Sheriff's office is allocated general funds from Washington County. But 16% of the Sheriff's budget will come from this levy. These funds are needed to:

- Conduct compliance checks for the some 1,400 registered sex offenders
- Operate the jail and work release center at full capacity, minimizing early release of offenders
- Pay for special enforcement teams, including major crimes, SWAT, fraud and identity theft, gang and narcotics teams, that serve all areas of the county
- Ensure that more non-violent crimes such as burglaries, car theft, and vandalism are investigated and prosecuted
- Provide shelter for domestic violence victims
- Supported by the current levy, juvenile crime declined for the first six years and has remained low for the past two years. The renewed levy will enable the county to continue juvenile programs proven to reduce crime.

This levy directly supports 58 law enforcement personnel, 14 jail personnel, and 6 administrative staff. All are essential to continuing current levels of service.

If you've ever had to call upon the Sheriff or a deputy in time of need, you experienced the competence, professionalism and diligence with which they served you. They have earned our respect and deserve our support. Please vote YES.

This Information Furnished By:

Chairman, Washington County Republican Central Committee

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# **Measure 34-179**

# **Argument in Favor**

As citizens of our community and your front-line public safety responders, we urge you to join us in supporting Measure 34-179, the Washington County Public Safety Levy Renewal, by voting YES!

We know a strong and robust public safety network means a more livable and attractive community for everyone to enjoy. We want Washington County to continue to be a place where people want to live and businesses have the opportunity to flourish.

Countywide we recognize the importance of holding criminals in our county jail, parole and probation officer supervision of offenders, and combating drugs which create family tragedy in all of our communities. Our community's livability is intimately tied to the continued effective and efficient use of our public safety resources. We also recognize the leadership role Washington County plays in supporting emergency shelters for women and children who are the victims of domestic violence.

Each part of our criminal justice system must be healthy. From the investigators who respond to your residence, to the forensic analysts who process evidence, to the corrections officers who monitor offenders, to the probation and parole officers who supervise offenders, and the prosecutors who ensure criminals are legally held accountable for their actions - each part of the system is vital to one another.

We see resources at work for our communities everyday through inter-agency teams fighting drugs such as methamphetamine, fraud and identity theft, as well as gangs and juvenile crime through effective and early intervention. Your public safety professionals take pride in all they do for the community and want to continue an established path of success.

Washington County is continuing on the road to increased livability and we want you, with us, to be part of the plan.

Endorsed by the following Associations:

Beaverton Police Association
Cornelius Police Officers' Association
Forest Grove Police Association
Hillsboro Police Officers Association
King City Police Employees Association
Sherwood Police Officers Association
Tigard Police Officers Association
Tualatin Police Officers Association

This Information Furnished By: Murray Rau Washington County Police Officers Association

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## **Argument in Favor**

**Measure 34-179 continues the success** of the public safety levy originally passed in 2000.

Yes on MEASURE 34-179 supports proven results!

- Sex Offender Accountability continues compliance checks on some 1,400 registered sex offenders
- Fewer Meth Labs continues county-wide interagency teams whose focus on drug crimes help cut meth labs from 75 in 2003 to 3 so far in 2010
- Less Juvenile Crime continues counseling, intervention and enforcement efforts that cut juvenile for six straight years to a low level that's held for the last two years
- More Jail Beds keeps 108 jail and community correction beds open, reducing early releases, and allows inmates to serve full sentences and complete rehabilitation programs
- More Prosecutors continues funding prosecutors to successfully prosecute criminals
   Innovative Rehabilitation of Offenders - funds less
- Innovative Rehabilitation of Offenders funds less expensive, effective probation and parole approaches, preventing past offenders from committing new crimes
- More Local Police on the Street continues funding of jail transport deputies so local police can stay on their beat instead of bringing criminals to jail
- Emergency Shelters for Women and Children Victims of Domestic Violence - provides opportunities for domestic violence victims to break the cycle of violence

MEASURE 34-179 continues effective and efficient public safety services for all Washington County residents, and at the same rate approved in 2006.

Supporters include:

Greater Hilisboro Area Chamber of Commerce
Washington County Business Council
Senator Suzanne Bonamici
Rep. Margaret Doherty-House District 35
Representative Jeff Barker
Chuck Riley
Cathy Stanton, Beaverton City Councilor
Tom Johnston President Forest Grove City Council
Camille Miller Forest Grove City Council
Tom Belusko, Jr., Forest Grove City Council
Mike Niehuser, Candidate Washington Co Commission District (2)
Greg Malinowski, Dist. 2 County Commission Candidate
Douglas E. Ainge-House District 30 Candidate
Katie Riley

This Information Furnished By: Pat Garrett Citizens for a Safe Community

# **Measure 34-180**

#### **Ballot Title**

# Renewal of Local Option Levy to Support Countywide Library Services

Question: Shall Washington County support library services countywide by levying 17¢ per \$1,000 assessed value for five years, beginning 2011-2012? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: This measure would renew a levy that expires June 2011. It supports Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) libraries in Banks, Beaverton, Cedar Mill, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Garden Home, Hillsboro, North Plains, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin and West Slope. Approximately 80% of funds would be distributed to these libraries. The remainder would support central services linking libraries together. The expiring levy provides 1/3 of total WCCLS funding.

Funds would support operations at 15 libraries by:

- Supporting children's programs including summer reading and literacy programs for preschoolers;
- Purchasing books and materials;
- Providing information and resources for job-seekers;
- Maintaining daily book deliveries among libraries;
- Maintaining shared library catalog and WCCLS website;
- Supporting services and technology designed to increase efficiency, in combination with reserve funds.

A five-year levy is proposed to replace the expiring four-year levy. A fixed rate of 17¢ per \$1,000 assessed value would be unchanged from the current rate. Typical homeowners would pay about \$37 in 2011-2012. Assumes average assessed value (not market value) of \$215,089.

Estimated revenues for each year of levy:

\$8,238,000 in 2011-12

\$8,526,000 in 2012-13

\$8,825,000 in 2013-14

\$9.134.000 in 2014-15

\$9,453,000 in 2015-16

# **Explanatory Statement**

Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) has provided funding for public library operations, central support and outreach programs linking together city and community libraries for 34 years.

Measure 34-180 would continue support for public library services countywide. A five-year local option levy is proposed to replace a four-year levy which will expire June 2011. This measure would run from July 2011 through June 2016. The 17¢ rate per \$1,000 of assessed value would remain unchanged from the current rate. The expiring levy provides approximately 1/3 of funding for WCCLS.

# What would renewal of this levy do? Continue support for countywide library operations:

- The levy would continue support for WCCLS public libraries in Banks, Beaverton, Cedar Mill, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Garden Home, Hillsboro, North Plains, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin, and West Slope.
- Approximately 80% of levy funds would be distributed to these libraries.
- These libraries have responded to increased use from residents over the last two years including increased checkouts (32%) and library visitors (23%).

#### Support reading programs for children:

- Funds would continue support for children's programs such as the annual summer reading program and literacy programs that help prepare preschoolers to enter school "ready to read."
- Över 170,000 residents participated in children's library programs last year, and participation has increased 27% in two years.
- About 25,000 children participate in summer reading activities designed to sustain reading retention between school years.

#### Purchase books:

 Levy funds would be used to purchase books and other materials that are available to residents through all WCCLS libraries.

#### Provide information and resources for job-seekers:

 Funds would continue library services that provide information, resources and instruction to assist those looking for jobs.

# Support central and outreach services that link libraries together and serve all residents:

- Funds would maintain daily book deliveries among libraries to fill patron requests. Deliveries have increased 52% in two years as library use has increased.
- Funds would maintain the WCCLS website and shared library catalog used by all public libraries countywide.
- Funds would provide outreach services to special populations such as mail delivery of books to homebound residents, and literacy training in English and Spanish to instruct child care providers and parents on reading activities that can be incorporated into child care routines.
- In combination with existing technology reserves, funds would continue supporting services and technologies designed to increase library efficiency.

#### How would this renewal affect a homeowner's taxes?

The levy would continue a fixed-rate of 17¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value, which would be unchanged from the current rate. Owners of a home with an average assessed value of \$215,089 (not market value) would pay about \$37 in 2011-2012, or an average of about \$3 per month.

#### What happens if the levy renewal does not pass?

The expiring levy provides approximately 1/3 of WCCLS funding. If it is not renewed, reductions in library hours, book purchases and service levels would likely occur.

Submitted by: Robert Davis County Administrator Washington County Board of Commissioners

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

# **Measure 34-180**

# **Argument in Favor**

#### A library Snapshot

If you were to walk into a library in Washington County today, you might see:

- Children reading and talking excitedly about the books they've read
- they've read
   Job hunters at computers looking for job opportunities and filling out job applications online
- People checking out books, music, movies and more
- Teens creating videos, poetry and stories
- Families on tight budgets enjoying fun, educational programs
- Library volunteers of all ages contributing to the community while holding down Library operating costs

This is the public library of 2010.

Four years ago, Washington County voters passed a levy to help restore hours and programs and maintain existing services, Since the recession began, libraries have become even more crucial to the community. Library use in Washington County has increased 22% in the past two years.

Four years ago, the Tigard Library greeted visitors more than 380,000 times. This year people visited the Library more than a half million times and checked out 1.4 million items.

Despite this remarkable growth, Measure 34-180 does not expand funding for libraries. It asks voters only to continue the level of funding they approved four years ago. If passed, homeowners would pay the same rate for libraries that they have for the past four years. As Friends of the Library we have sponsored programs that the Library could not otherwise afford, but we cannot fund basic operational expenses.

A vote for this measure means that libraries will be open during the hours people need them the most. A vote for this measure means that moms and dads can introduce their kids to the joys of reading through story times. A vote for this measure means that our libraries will continue to serve the community that has come to depend on them more and more.

The Friends of the Tigard Public Library

This Information Furnished By: George Burgess The Friends of the Tigard Public Library

## **Argument in Favor**

#### Vote YES For Libraries!

Washington County libraries are a community service created by passionate volunteers, nurtured by cities and the county, and enjoyed as a public service by all. From often humble individual library beginnings, our library system has developed into an operation that currently checks out over 30,000 books and materials EVERY DAY. Our libraries are run by knowledgeable professional staff, and volunteers continue to contribute their time and effort - 65 full-time equivalent positions countywide are filled by over two thousand volunteers!

People for Libraries is a grassroots countywide committee advocating for renewal of this critical levy to support our libraries' services in the face of the county's growing population and skyrocketing library usage. Library visits have increased by 22% and checkouts are up 32% in the past 2 years while children's program participation is up 38%.

Our libraries provide centers of community life in the county, and their mission - to provide access for all to the world of books and information - is more important now than ever.

Please join us in voting to support library services, reading programs for kids, open hours, and book budgets for the next 5 years. Join us in voting YES for libraries!

Cooky Abrams Pat Biggs Harry Bodine Jean Butcher Michele Caldwell, PFL Treasurer Marge Congress Bob Cram Sharon Cram Rob Drake, Former Mayor of Beaverton **Edward House** Conrad G. Hutterli Sylvia Lee Steven Pearson Mike Riley, Riley Research Michael R. Smith Cathy Stanton, Beaverton City Council Lee Weislogel Sherwood City Councilor

Pete Truax, Mayor, Forest Grove

This Information Furnished By: Harry Bodine

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# **Measure 34-180**

# Argument in Favor

#### PLEASE JOIN US IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Public library service in Washington County is efficient, effective and heavily relied upon - our libraries had 4 million visits and 11 million checkouts over the last year!

Measure 34-180, a five-year levy, will:

- Provide funds needed to operate libraries in the 12 communities that comprise our countywide system: Banks, Beaverton, Cedar Mill, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Garden Home, Hillsboro, North Plains, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin, West Slope.
- Support children's literacy and reading programs that serve over 170,000 people
- Enable ongoing purchase of library books and other materials to keep up with demand - checkouts are up 32% over the last two years
- Sustain other valuable library services such as information and computer resources for job-seekers

As your elected Board of County Commissioners, we were mindful of our responsibility for maintaining a countywide library system four years ago when we asked voters to approve the current Library Levy that expires next year. In that spirit, we've referred Measure 34-180 to voters because we believe in sustaining this essential community resource.

Knowing how the recession has affected businesses and households, we have proposed locking in the same tax rate of 17 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value per year - unchanged from the current rate. We ask you to continue our public library system by voting YES on Measure 34-180.

Like libraries, public safety is an important investment in our future. We ask voters to also renew the public safety levy, Measure 34-179, also proposed at the existing tax rate.

#### YES ON OUR FUTURE, YES ON MEASURES 34-180 AND 34-179.

Washington County Commission Commissioner Tom Brian, Chairman Commissioner Andy Duyck Commissioner Roy Rogers Commissioner Dick Schouten Commissioner Desari Strader

This Information Furnished By: Tom Brian

## Argument in Favor

#### Washington County Seniors: Vote Yes!

A well-informed citizenry is key to maintaining our democratic heritage. As senior citizens and those serving seniors living in Washington County, we are proud of the quality of our lives. Our libraries are an essential part of that quality and serve as centerpieces for learning and community throughout the county. They introduce the young to the world of reading. They nurture all ages with ready access to new and old books and other materials. Librarians are available to guide us through burgeoning quantities and variable qualities of information. Special programs and services provide assistance in navigating an ever more complicated informational world. Assistance for job seekers has been of special importance during these economic times. We need to continue to fund our libraries so that they can provide the excellent standards of service and resources that we have come to rely upon.

Measure 34-180 would renew the existing levy at the same rate to support our library system for the next five years. Please join us in voting to support this invaluable community service. Vote YES for libraries!

Governor Victor Atiyeh Janice Ahl Jim Ahl **Bud Bennett** Margot Bennett Pat Biggs Winona Bodine **Emily Bohart** Ron Bohart Pat Bryant Richard Bryant Rod Bunnell Sally Bunnell

Joyce Cropper Brice Hammack Priscilla LaFollett Thelma Linduall

**Dorothy Lukins** Richard Lukins

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Susanne Metz Nancy Mitchell David A. Nardone

Mary Ellen Nardone

Forrest C. Soth, former Beaverton City Councilor

Sally Steele **Betty Thomas** 

Margaret Wold

This Information Furnished By: Jean Butcher People for Libraries

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# **Measure 34-180**

#### Argument in Favor

#### Invest in the future you want: support early literacy and libraries

#### Kids are worth it!

Investing in our community's young children saves money. Studies over the past three decades show that for every dollar invested in the care and education of children from birth to age five, taxpayers benefit up to \$13 in increased income and lower crime, welfare, and remedial educational costs.

#### Books are worth it!

Children read to from an early age enter school with the preliteracy skills they need to learn how to read. Reading success is a critical key to success in school and later life.

Research shows that children who enter school unprepared to learn lag behind in reading at the end of first grade. 70 percent of poor readers in third grade are still poor readers in high school. Investing in early literacy helps more children enter school ready to succeed in reading.

#### Libraries are worth it!

The member libraries in the Washington County Cooperative Library Services provide programs that are rich in language and literacy experiences for young children.

Our public libraries are the ONLY tax-supported community service that offers all families in our community free access to books, music, group programs and literacy support for our preschoolers, their parents and their childcare providers.

This measure will provide library operating funds to support children's programs, buy books and provide early literacy information to parents and childcare providers.

#### Invest wisely. Vote yes on Measure 34-180.

Mary Baron Mary Bengel Beverly Briggs Elaine Bueffel, retired preschool teacher Becky Cottam

Karen Cunningham, member Beaverton School Board

Vic Eggleston

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Washington County Museum

Nancy Kingston

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#### Argument in Favor

#### YES TO LIBRARIES, YES ON MEASURE 34-180

#### Keep our Libraries Operating

Measure 34-180 provides needed funds for operation of the Main Beaverton City Library, one of the busiest library facilities in the state, the new Murray Scholls Branch Library and other public libraries around Washington County. The many educational and community programs available at our City Library help make it serve as a cultural center as well.

#### **Enable the Purchase of New Books**

Measure 34-180 enables ongoing purchase of new books and other materials to keep up with rapidly growing demand. Our public libraries offer traditional print materials, including best sellers, as well as books on CD, music CDs, DVD collections, foreign language materials and much more.

#### **Help Kids Achieve Success**

Measure 34-180 supports children's literacy and reading programs at our libraries. Kids that read well have more success in school and in life. Through a countywide library card, children and families have access to about 1.3 million books and other materials. Libraries are key assets in educating our kids. Our county libraries provide young learners with homework clubs, librarian assistance with resources for research, access to a wide array of books to read for fun, additional places to study and learn, and our Summer Reading Program keeps hundreds of children reading throughout the summer.

Measure 34-180 is a great value and simply renews the current operating levy for our countywide library system! Typical homeowners would pay about \$37 per year - the cost of one or two new books.

#### PLEASE JOIN US IN SUPPORT OF MEASURE 34-180

Denny Doyle, Mayor, City of Beaverton Catherine Arnold, Beaverton City Councilor Betty Bode, Beaverton City Councilor Ian King, Beaverton City Councilor Marc San Soucie, Beaverton City Councilor Cathy Stanton, Beaverton City Councilor

This Information Furnished By: Cathy Stanton Beaverton City Council & Mayor

# **Measure 34-180**

#### **Argument in Favor**

#### HILLSBORO MAYORS SUPPORT THE LIBRARY LEVY

For more than 30 years, the City of Hillsboro and other cities here have worked with Washington County to provide public library service countywide

Those years have brought steady improvement to our libraries. In Hillsboro, we are especially proud of our Shute Park and Main libraries. They are great places to visit and they are filled with people checking out books, browsing with their children, using the Internet to improve their job skills and apply for work.

Our residents can get books, DVDs and other items from any library in the county. Library checkouts are measured in the millions. All the libraries have built new quarters over the decades. The cooperative ideal is working!

As with many other inter-governmental projects, the City of Hillsboro was one of the leaders in getting our county library cooperative on its feet. And, as mayors of Hillsboro, we have supported the library cooperative through many serial levy elections. It is time to renew the current levy and it will be done at the same rate it is now.

We urge Hillsboro citizens and all county voters to vote yes on Measure 34-180. Keep this success story going!

Jerry Willey Tom Hughes Gordon Faber Shirley Huffman Jimmie Darr

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#### **Argument in Favor**

#### Support our Libraries - Vote YES on 34-180

Washington County voters have a key opportunity to support our countywide library system at the cost of about \$37 for the average homeowner. Because we don't reach into our pockets to buy an expensive ticket each time we visit our local libraries, it's easy to take this incredible community resource for granted. Libraries are a hub of access to all kinds of information, assistance and entertainment. In Hillsboro, we have the great Shute Park branch and Main Library on Brookwood Parkway. Library users span our entire community: families accessing children's reading programs, readers seeking popular novels, students doing research for school assignments, adults identifying new career opportunities. Libraries welcome all county residents, providing a center for community activity.

Library resources must be continually updated, and collections containing timeless items must be preserved. Computer systems enabling collections to be managed and easily accessed by users must be reviewed and purchased. A staff of committed librarians ensures our libraries continue providing the services we've come to expect. Due to the narrow defeat of the library levy in 2002, cutbacks followed - reduced hours of operation, fewer purchases of new books and decreased available of some items. We addressed that in 2006 with the passage of the current levy, and now we have the opportunity to maintain operating hours, continue children's literacy programs and keep our collections updated over the next five years with passage of 34-180.

Michael Castillo Brooke Cooper Ralph Helzerman Deborah Clarke Steven Swoboda Nenice Andrews Fred Johnson Fldon Mains Marilynn Helzerman Darell Lumaco Doug Sellers Lvnn Adamo Robert Herb Joe Grillo Lvnn Scheller Joe Upton

Joe Upton Rick Van Beveren Robert Harris Susan Rosenberger Judy Willey

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# **Measure 34-180**

## **Argument in Favor**

#### Vote YES to Support Sherwood and Tualatin Libraries

Measure 34-180 renews our support for public libraries throughout Washington County. This is <u>not</u> a tax increase, but rather a continuation of the library levy approved by voters in 2006 - at the existing rate. Funds generated by this levy help operate libraries in 12 communities around the county. Children and families, people of all ages, schools, businesses and communities all benefit from library resources and ready access to books, magazines, newspapers, DVDs, computers, classes, and programs.

Our library cooperative provides great advantage for all. As of fiscal year 2009-10, Tualatin Public Library owned about 98,000 items and Sherwood Public Library owned about 44,000 items; by sharing items with other libraries in the county cooperative, our library patrons and patrons countywide have access to a collection of over 1.5 million items. Our libraries are busy; over 1 million items were checked out by Tualatin and Sherwood patrons last year.

Together, Tualatin and Sherwood held over 800 children's reading programs, with an attendance of more than 20,000.

About 1/3 of our local library operating funds come directly from this levy. In order to continue to support our children's programs, purchase of books and other materials, and open hours at current levels, our libraries need your vote.

#### Vote YES on Measure 34-180

Tualatin Library Foundation
Friends of the Sherwood Public Library
Gimena Olguin, Teen
Peggi Federspiel, President, Friends of the Sherwood Senior Center
Del Judy, Senior Citizen
Tualatin Chamber of Commerce
Andy Pihl, Sherwood School District Board Vice Chair
Friends of the Tualatin Public Library
Jill Armstrong, parent of young children
Keith Mays, Sherwood Mayor
Dana Terhune, Tigard-Tualatin School Board member
Polly Blankenbaker, Past President of Sherwood Historical Society
Manuel Trujillo, Tigard-Tualatin School Board member
Lee Weislogel, Sherwood City Councilor
Renee Brouse, Executive Director, Sherwood Regional Family YMCA

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The Sherwood Chamber of Commerce

#### **Argument in Favor**

#### Cedar Mill Community Library and Bethany Library Users

You love your libraries. Annually, you visit more than 730,000 times and borrow more than 2,100,000 items. You attend more than 700 story times and use free, fast Internet more than 60,000 times. You volunteer more than 45,000 hours. Your involvement makes the library a key part of the community.

#### Why we support renewing the levy

The levy renewal keeps your 17 cent tax rate at the same level as it has been. Passage of the last levy provided essential operational funding for opening the Bethany branch library and helped keep up with a 75% increase in library use since 2005. Our libraries rely on the levy and other county funding for approximately 90% of our operating support. Local fundraising such as our Second Edition Resale Shop fills the gap and provides support for special projects.

#### If the levy is not renewed, changes are coming

This levy accounts for 29% of our libraries' total current funding. If the levy is not renewed the libraries face a \$1,000,065 funding shortfall. Contingency plans call for cutting the book and materials budget by 50% and reducing hours of opening by at least 20% at each library.

#### How you can help

VOTE YES for the library levy renewal. Your yes vote maintains library services for our community.

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Gary Nees Virginia Bruce
Conrad Hutterli Roy Kim
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Nancy Spaulding Judy Goodman
Lisa Ard Ed Carroll

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# Measure No. 34-180

## **Argument in Favor**

Garden Home Community Library Association and Friends of West Slope Community Library Urge Yes on 34-180

As smaller community libraries in Washington County, West Slope Library and Garden Home Community Library have a special connection with children and families in our respective communities.

Summer reading programs and activities are popular and help keep kids reading through the summer to maintain school rediness in the fall. Our libraries together enrolled nearly 1,300 children in summer reading this year.

Reading, early literacy workshops and other activities are supported throughout the year with regular programs for babies and toddlers as well as craft programs and other activities for children, teens and adults. Books, computer databases, other materials for fun and homework and helpful librarians are also found at our libraries.

Job seekers in particular have benefited from access to job listings, applications and information about employment through databases and the Internet.

The current levy provides about 1/3 of the budget for West Slope and Garden Home. A "yes" vote will renew the existing levy at the same rate for the next 5 years. A "yes" vote will allow our libraries to support current levels of service as well as our book budgets. Friends and patrons of West Slope Community Library and the Garden Home Community Library urge you to vote YES for libraries.

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Jack Bertell Edward Atiyeh
Jacquie Bothman Karen Atiyeh
Robert N. Bothman Laura Baldschun
Christina Cole Connie Barragar
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Lisa Williams

#### **Argument in Favor**

Measure 34-180, the local option levy to support countywide services, is designed to replace the four-year levy which is due to expire. The five year levy would continue the current rate of 17 cents per \$1,000 assessed value.

This levy provides essential funding for libraries throughout Washington County, including ours in Forest Grove. This levy would allow us to continue to purchase books and to provide services to those most important of customers, our children.

In addition, because of the current state of the economy, more and more people are using the libraries for many other services, such as using the computer centers for resume writing, for job searches and for filling out employment applications

The 17 cents per \$1,000 assessment is the same as what voters approved in 2006, and would not increase one's tax rate.

As supporters of the Forest Grove library in particular, and of libraries throughout Washington County, we ask for your support of Measure 34-180.

Vote Yes for Libraries.

Rod Fuiten, President, Forest Grove Library Foundation Phil Ruder, Forest Grove Library Foundation Board Member Linda Saari

Michael M. Moore

Elizabeth (Betsy) Foster, Friend of the Library Susan Schubothe, Friends of the Forest Grove Library

Ralph Schubothe, Friends of the Forest Grove Library

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Steve Huson, Friend of F.G. Library Barbara Huson, Friend of the Library Anita Eller, Friends of the Library

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Peter Truax

Friends of the Forest Grove Library

# **Measure 34-180**

# **Argument in Favor**

#### Why Measure 34-180 Deserves Your Support

It provides essential funding to maintain operating hours at public libraries in 12 communities that comprise the WCCLS system: Banks, Beaverton, Cedar Mill, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Garden Home, Hillsboro, North Plains, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin and West Slope. Our libraries offer all families in our community access to books, magazines, audio recordings, group programs, and literacy support.

It supports critical children's reading programs, such as reading readiness programs for preschoolers and summer reading programs for kids. Our libraries provide young learners with homework clubs, resources for research and access to a wide array of books to read for fun.

It enables ongoing acquisition of books and other materials. Purchases of new books and other materials are critical to the effectiveness of libraries, and ensure that the size and quality of our library collections keep pace with our growing communities and growing library usage. By sharing materials between libraries the size of the overall collection is about 1.3 million items. By comparison, the Beaverton Library (the largest in the county) owns about 300,000 items. So whether you live in North Plains or Sherwood, you have access to a virtual collection much greater than what any one library can provide.

# Please join us in voting YES on Measure 34-180 and keep our libraries going strong!

Wayne Holm Mark Susbauer
Jim Claeys / Claeys Catering Inc. Ann and Stewart King
Denise Dethlefs Fran Todd
Terry and Patti Burns Robert and Karen Duff
Cheri Olson Kathy Douglas

Dick and Diane VanGrunsven Christine Fore

George and Shirley Dunlap Margaret Wold Dick and Debbie Krueger

Margaret Holland

Mark Susbauer
Ann and Stewart King
Fran Todd
Robert and Karen Duffy
Kathy Douglas
Bob and Crystal VanderZanden
Michelle Winter
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# **City of Cornelius**

# **Measure 34-183**

#### **Ballot Title**

#### **Cornelius Fire Truck and Equipment Five Year Levy**

**Question:** Shall City buy fire equipment by levying 26 cents per \$1000 assessed valuation for five years beginning July 1, 2011?

This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**Summary:** City of Cornelius provides fire and emergency medical services and requires fire engines, tools and equipment to respond to emergencies, provide fire prevention, protect property and assist at emergency incidents.

In 1998 voters approved a local option levy of approximately \$115,000 annually to purchase fire department vehicles. The levy expired in 2003-04.

This measure allows the City to buy a fire engine, rehabilitate a support vehicle and related tools and equipment for the Fire Department for the 5-years of the tax. A fully equipped fire engine, purchased in 2012 is expected to cost about \$780,000. The cost to rehabilitate the support vehicle, Cascade 8, with a new cab and chassis is about \$150,000. Capital costs of the Fire Department are shared with the Cornelius Rural District through an intergovernmental agreement.

Typical homeowners would pay about \$38 in 2011-12 based upon an assumed average assessed value (not market value) of \$144,244.

Estimated revenues for each year of the levy from all city taxpayers:

\$137,039 in 2011-12 \$141,150 in 2012-13 \$145,385 in 2013-14 \$154,239 in 2015-16

## **Explanatory Statement**

# Cornelius Fire Truck and Equipment Local Option Levy - 26¢ WHAT IS THIS BEING PROPOSED?

This is a Local Option Levy (LOL) of 26¢ per \$1000 assessed valuation for the purpose of replacing and acquiring fire vehicles and related equipment. It does not provide funding for any staff, materials or services. It will generate about \$851,000 over the life of the levy based upon reasonable projections of assessed valuation growth. City population is now 10,985 with larger homes, businesses and industrial plants.

#### WHAT WILL THE LEVY PURCHASE?

The 5-year levy will replace a fire engine and a brush rig with a single vehicle. The Cornelius Rural Fire District will also contribute their share of all equipment to be purchased. The funds would also be used to extend the functional life of a donated truck by moving equipment onto a new cab and chassis. Funds are also included for tools and equipment used at a fire scene.

#### WHY DOES THE CITY NEED THESE FUNDS?

The useful life of a Cornelius fire engine is about 21 years. The engine proposed for replacement has been in service since 1984 so it beyond its useful life. The brush truck is a converted military surplus vehicle from 1989 and would no longer be needed as the new engine would have some off-road capabilities for wildland fire suppression. The support vehicle receiving a new chassis is used at many emergencies and is currently running on a cab/chassis of a used truck from about 1985.

The current budget does not provide any funds for replacement of fire equipment. The last fire engine was purchased in 2001 with funds from the Local Option Levy that expired in 2003-04.

#### WHAT IF THIS LEVY FAILS?

If this levy is not approved, the City will be unable to buy replacement and additional fire trucks and equipment.

Submitted by: David R. Waffle City Manager, Cornelius City Council

No Arguments in Favor/Opposition of this measure were filed.

# **Measure 34-181**

#### **Ballot Title**

# Bond to Acquire Open Spaces, Protect Clean Water, Improve Parklands

**Question:** Shall city issue \$17 million general obligation bonds to acquire, preserve and protect open spaces, water quality, habitat, and parks?

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 II and IIb, Aricle XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**Summary:** If approved, this measure would authorize the City of Tigard to sell up to \$17 million in bonds for land acquisition, restoration, capital construction and improvements allocated as follows:

- 80% or more to acquire land to preserve open space, parklands, and wildlife habitat, protect streams for improved local water quality to benefit fish and wildlife,
- 20% or less to create and improve community parks, recreational areas and trails, and
- Up to 10% of the total for downtown parkland.

This investment is for the benefit of current and future generations.

The Parks and Recreation Board would provide oversight; spending would be audited by the City's yearly audit.

Bonds would mature in 21 years or less from issuance and may be issued in one or more series. The estimated additional annual cost to property owners would be \$0.29 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. For a home with the median assessed value of \$207,000, the City estimates that the additional monthly cost would be about \$4.99 per month, or \$60 per year.

#### **Explanatory Statement**

With passage of the Bond Measure, the City of Tigard would acquire and preserve open space, natural areas, and wildlife habitat; improve parks and open spaces, preserve clean water by acquiring lands near rivers, creeks and streams throughout Tigard.

The \$17 million general obligation bond measure would allow for the implementation of a portion of the Tigard Park System Master Plan, balancing the following objectives:

- Eighty percent or more of the funds to be used for land acquisition for:
  - the creation of parks and natural areas for both active and passive recreation for all ages, with the goal of parks within a half-mile of every Tigard resident.
  - the acquisition of natural areas intended primarily for protection of critical habitat, including rare and state and federally listed species, so that natural areas are an integral part of every Tigard neighborhood.
  - the preservation of clean water throughout Tigard through the acquisition of sensitive lands near rivers, creeks, streams and wetlands.
  - up to \$1.7 million of the total funds could be used to acquire parkland in the downtown area.
- Up to 20 percent of the funds to be used for:
  - the improvement and development of new and existing neighborhood and community parks throughout Tigard, and construction of trails.

Bonds would mature in 21 years or less from issuance and may be issued in one or more series. The estimated additional annual cost to property would be \$0.29 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. For a home with the median assessed value of \$207,000, the City estimates that the additional cost would be \$60 per year.

Additionally, all spending from this measure would be subject to oversight by the Tigard Park and Recreation Board and audits within the City's yearly audit to ensure that all funds are spent efficiently and appropriately in a balanced manner. And by law, no money from the measure can be used for administrators' salaries.

Submitted by: Catherine Wheatley Tigard City Recorder/Elections Officer

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

#### **Argument in Favor**

# VOTE YES ON MEASURE 34-181, TIGARD CONNECTING PEOPLE, PARKS AND NATURE!

Tigard is a special place- a place built on families, on community, on nature. Because we're special, more people want the same quality of life and they move to Tigard. And while we welcome them, we have to ensure that we grow in a way that allows us to preserve what's made us special in the first place.

Measure 34-181 is a measure that lets us hold on to the things we value most. It does so in a way that speaks to ALL Tigard citizens in ALL parts of Tigard.

- Measure 34-181 protects our water quality in our rivers, creeks, streams and wetlands. By acquiring sensitive land along our water, Measure 34-181 will prevent pollution of our vital resources as we grow.
- Measure 34-181 preserves our natural areas and wildlife. By acquiring natural areas intended primarily for protection of critical habitat, Measure 34-181 fulfills our obligation to protect state and federally listed habitat, ensuring that natural areas and wildlife are an integral part of EVERY Tigard neighborhood.
- Measure 34-181 creates new parks. By acquiring land identified as prime parkland, Measure 34-181 will provide active and passive recreation, with the goal of parks within a 1/2 mile of every Tigard resident.
- Measure 34-181 will improve what we already have. 20% of Measure 34-181 funds will be used to improve and develop new and existing neighborhood and community parks throughout Tigard, and the construction of trails.
- Measure 34-181 has built-in accountability. All spending is subject to oversight by the Tigard Park and Recreation Board and audits within the City's yearly audit.

Measure 34-181 will cost the average household less than \$6.00 a month. And while we know times are particularly hard these days, this is an investment that will only get more expensive the longer we wait, if the opportunities continue to exist at all.

#### **VOTE YES ON MEASURE 34-181.**

This Information Furnished By: Joshua Alpert Tigard Connecting People, Parks & Nature A Project of the Conservation Campaign

# **Measure 34-181**

## **Argument in Favor**

#### Working Together, We Can Make A Better Tigard

As City Councilors, we understand that our job is to make Tigard an even better place to live- better to do business in; a better place to raise a family; a better quality of life. Sometimes we can't do it alone. When it comes to protecting our water, preserving our natural areas, and providing safe parks, we must work together.

Measure 34-181 is a measure that will allow our businesses to attract and retain a vibrant workforce. It'll provide safe places for our families to enjoy healthy recreation close to home. And it will increase our quality of life by protecting our water and preserving our natural areas. But it can only happen if you vote YES on Measure 34-181.

- Tigard's pristine water must be protected. If we're not vigilant, our water can quickly become polluted. Measure 34-181 will allow us to preserve our clean water through acquisition of sensitive lands near rivers, creeks, streams and wetlands.
- Tigard is park deficient. Every Tigard resident deserves access to safe and healthy recreation close to home.
   In order to achieve this critical goal, the City must attain 82 acres now and 245 acres within 20 years. Measure 34-181 will allow us to acquire land for the creation of new parks and fields, and improve existing ones.
- Tigard's abundant wildlife needs a home. It's easy to see that as we grow, our connection to nature can easily be severed. Measure 34-181 will allow us to acquire natural areas so we can protect our natural resources, including our obligation to protect state and federally listed species.

Measure 34-181 will make Tigard a better community by protecting the things we need to thrive. Join us in working together by voting YES on Measure 34-181.

Craig Dirksen, Mayor of Tigard Marland Henderson, Tigard City Councilor Gretchen E. Buehner, Tigard City Councilor Nick Wilson, Tigard City Councilor Sydney L. Webb, Tigard City Councilor

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#### **Argument in Favor**

#### FROM OPPONENT TO STRONG SUPPORTER

As an opponent of last year's Tigard parks ballot measure, it may seem odd that I'm now a strong supporter of Measure 34-181. But, Measure 34-181- Tigard Connecting People, Parks and Nature- will have my vote, and it should have yours as well.

I opposed last year's measure because it didn't sufficiently explain to voters what the needs are, and it didn't detail where the money would go. Measure 34-181 does.

#### **THE NEED**

- Tigard is a park-deficient city. By national standards, Tigard needs 82 acres more parkland to have enough parks to meet our population needs. And in the next 20 years, we will need another 245 acres.
- As we grow, it is imperative that we work to protect land that borders our creeks and streams so we don't pollute them. With development comes run-off into our waters.
- And, as we grow, it's critical that we meet our responsibility to protect our wildlife, including our state and federally listed species.

#### WHERE THE MONEY GOES

- 80% of the \$17 million will go towards buying land that protects our clean water, creating new parks for our kids to enjoy safe, healthy recreation, and towards buying land that will protect our natural resources. Projects will be completed in every quadrant of Tigard, so that we ALL benefit.
- 20% of the \$17 million will go towards the improvement and development of new neighborhood and community parks, and the construction of new trails. <u>Again, projects</u> will be completed in every quadrant of Tigard.

This is not last year's parks measure. It's smart, practical, and necessary. And it deserves your YES vote.

John Frewing, Tigard citizen

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# **Measure 34-181**

## **Argument in Favor**

#### Support our Kids!

# Parents, Teacher, Educators Say VOTE YES ON MEASURE 34-181

As parents, teachers and educators, we are enthusiastic supporters of Measure 34-181, Tigard's \$17 million bond measure for clean water, parks and natural areas.

Protecting clean water, giving every Tigard child access to safe parks for healthy recreation, and preserving our abundant wild-life and natural areas will ensure that our children and grandchildren will enjoy the same quality of life as we do today.

The city's parks and natural areas are Tigard's outdoor class-rooms for our kids, providing unique environmental education opportunities in natural settings close to home. Our children's development depends on access to natural spaces, providing them with opportunities to build the skills they need to grow and thrive. Playing and walking in nature can be as effective as medication at preparing children's minds and getting them ready to learn. Preserving access to nature protects a child's ability to learn, making sure they are well prepared to excel at every level of education. Measure 34-181 will improve access to environmental education opportunities across Tigard.

And Measure 34-181 is a small price to pay for a big investment in our future. For roughly \$5 a month, the price is right for clean water, for Tigard's natural resources, for our kids.

#### **VOTE YES ON MEASURE 34-181!**

Shelley Corry Principal-Fowler Middle School Sue Manning, teacher TTSD Andrea Walter Fowler Middle School Teacher Robin Gensler Tigard Resident Jon Walker TTSD Teacher Janine Graves-Tigard Resident Cindy Carrier, TTSD teacher Luisa Sermol, TTSD teacher Adrienne Ash, TTSD teacher Renee Hathorn, TTSD teacher Terri Clayton Tigard Resident Margo Durdel Tigard Resident Kathy Casuga-TTSD Employee Kristin Sacks, Tigard Resident Megan Schaper, TTSD TEACHER Kristin Prince, Fowler Parent Jeff Mosser-Tigard Resident Margie Yemoto Greene, TTSD Parent, Tigard Resident Dale Hill, teacher, Tigard-Tualatin School District Maureen J. Wolf, Tigard Resident Maril Werner, Tigard resident Amy Monlux TTSD Employee Michaëla Chevalier TTSD Teacher Dave Paldino TTSD TEACHER

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#### **Argument in Favor**

PROTECT TIGARD'S WATER, NATURAL AREAS & WILDLIFE HABITAT

Tualatin Riverkeepers urges your YES vote on Measure 34-181 for clean water and nature in our community.

Measure 34-181 is our opportunity to preserve Tigard's last remaining natural areas and restore our neighborhood streams to health.

#### **Preserving Clean Water**

Maintaining and improving water quality in the city's wetlands and stream corridors is essential to our health. This bond measure will allow Tigard to protect our neighborhood streams and wetlands. Measure 34-181 is essential to improve our water quality, protect our wildlife and restore our fisheries.

#### **Preserving Nature in Our Neighborhoods**

Tigard has grown rapidly with more growth on the horizon. This is our last opportunity to set aside the best remaining natural areas for future enjoyment. We need to protect places like Fowler Woods, where current and future generations can experience nature close to home. Measure 34-181 helps plan and protect these last, best natural areas that might otherwise be paved and developed.

#### **Reconnecting to Nature**

Trails that connect the natural oases tucked into the urban landscape are part of Measure 34-181. They offer opportunities for young and old to connect with nature as well as healthy outdoors recreation. These trails and wildlife viewing areas are essential for unplugging our children from electronic diversions and reconnecting them with the natural world. Measure 34-181 will conserve lands that are ecologically valuable for fish and wildlife habitats, instrumental in improving our water quality, and preserve our quality of life.

Protect clean water. Restore our streams. Reconnect to nature. We hope you join us and thousands of Tigard citizens in VOTING YES ON 34-181!

Tualatin Riverkeepers

This Information Furnished By: Joshua Alpert Tigard Connecting People, Parks & Nature A Project of the Conservation Campaign

## **Measure 34-181**

#### **Argument in Favor**

A VOTE FOR MEASURE 34-181 IS A VOTE FOR THE THINGS THAT MAKE TIGARD A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE. OUR CHILDREN ARE COUNTING ON IT.

As parents, our job is a broad one- keeping our kids healthy and safe, providing an education for them, allowing them to play and grow in safe environments.

Measure 34-181 is a great measure because it incorporates ALL these elements of our job.

- It will help <u>protect our water quality</u>, keeping our children safe from polluted waters.
- It will help <u>connect our kids with nature</u> by <u>continuing to</u> preserve and provide access to natural areas and our incredible outdoors, teaching them the true meaning of Oregon's legacy.
- It will <u>provide safe ball fields and playgrounds</u> in every community in Tigard to allow our children the enrichment and fun they need to grow.
- It will help to educate our children by providing them
  with opportunities to build the skills they need to grow
  and thrive, both physically and mentally. According to a
  study by the University of Illinois, a walk through nature
  can be as effective as ADHD medication at calming
  children's minds and getting them ready to learn.

In Oregon, obesity rates have increased significantly in each of the last three years, and the state's adult obesity rate has now reached 25%. Physical inactivity is a leading cause. In 2003 alone, Oregonians paid more than \$781 million in medical costs related to obesity.

Our children deserve the best-health, safety, education and fun. Measure 34-181 is a key step forward in protecting and providing for the next generation.

Join Tigard's parents in voting YES on Measure 34-181!

Jean Kerr, parent
James F. Burgess, Fowler Parent
Stephanie A. Kuntz, Fowler Parent
IOANA M. CRISTUREAN-FOWLER PARENT
Tracy Priaulx - Fowler Parent
Mojgham Hashmat Fowler parent
Beth Wineland PARENT
BRIAN WINELAND/PARENT
Holly Polivka, parent
Jonny Polivka, parent
Kirk Heyden Parent
Tammy Heyden Parent

This Information Furnished By: Joshua Alpert Tigard Connecting People, Parks & Nature A Project of the Conservation Campaign

#### **Argument in Favor**

# JOIN THE TIGARD AREA FAMERS MARKET IN VOTING YES ON MEASURE 34-181!

A healthy community is one of connections – connections with our neighbors, with resources – both natural and civic, and with nature.

Tigard has a window of opportunity to strengthen these connections by investing now in future park locations.

Please vote "yes" on Measure 34-181 to acquire these locations, for the following reasons:

**Tigard is low on park areas;** This Measure allows Tigard to acquire land for new parks and recreation fields, plus improving existing parks.

**Preserving our depleting resources:** It's a well know fact that business is attracted by the amenities of a community that have a high degree of parks and recreation areas. This means more jobs in our area.

**Supporting Tigard's envious wildlife:** As our area grows, wildlife habitats are constantly squeezed and eliminated. This Measure will help protect our city's natural areas, and preserve our special wildlife population.

**Provide local pride for our children and future generations:** This Measure will provide the environment for a City of which we and our children can be justifiably proud.

Civic pride is a valuable asset; We are proud of our Balloon Festival; we are proud of our 22 year old Farmers Market; we are proud of our 20 year old Broadway Rose Theater – please help us sustain our envious life style and living area, by voting "YES" on Measure 34-181.

Together we can accomplish ALL of this, and for less than \$6.00 a month. Join us in voting YES on Measure 34-181 and help Connect People, Parks and Nature in Tigard!

This Information Furnished By: Stan Baumhofer, President Volunteer Board of Directors Tigard Area Farmers Market

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# City of Portland

# **Measure 26-108**

#### **Ballot Title**

Continues City public campaign financing for Mayoral, Commissioner, Auditor candidates.

**Question:** Shall Portland provide public campaign financing to City candidates who meet qualifying requirements and are subject to additional regulatory oversight?

Summary: Measure would amend City code to continue Portland's public campaign financing program that otherwise ends after November 2010 election. Under program administered by City Auditor, candidates for Mayor, Commissioner, and Auditor would continue to be eligible to seek certification to receive public funds in primary, general, or special elections by collecting a certain number of \$5.00 qualifying contributions and meeting other requirements. Public funds available to certified candidates would continue at these spending limits: \$200,000 for Mayor, \$150,000 for Commissioner and Auditor in primary elections; \$250,000 for Mayor, \$200,000 for Commissioner and Auditor in general elections. Certified candidates would continue to be eligible for limited matching funds if other candidates' contributions or expenditures exceed certain thresholds. All City candidates would continue having more frequent campaign disclosure requirements. Program costs would depend on factors including the number of certified candidates. City would continue to limit the annual impact of the program on City funds to 0.2% without raising new taxes or fees. Would continue authorization of penalties for violations.

#### **Explanatory Statement**

#### **Effect of Vote**

A "yes" vote on this measure would approve continuing the Campaign Finance Fund.

A "no" vote on this measure would reject continuing the Campaign Finance Fund.

Voter approval means existing Campaign Finance Fund requirements would still apply. Current program requirements and historical information are provided below.

#### The Campaign Finance Fund

Portland City Council created a public campaign financing program, the Campaign Finance Fund, by ordinance in 2005. Under this program, administered by the City Auditor, candidates for Mayor, Commissioner, and Auditor may voluntarily seek certification to receive public funds in primary, general, or special elections by meeting City code requirements. These requirements include: collecting a certain number of \$5.00 qualifying contributions from Portland registered voters; limiting any private seed money contributions collected during the qualifying period; and meeting additional campaign disclosure requirements. If certified, a candidate must adhere to spending limits by only using public funds, qualifying contributions, and seed money contributions. Certified candidates must adhere to City limitations on the use of public funds, including only using these funds for direct campaign purposes. Nonparticipating candidates have additional campaign disclosure requirements if contributions or expenditures exceed certain thresholds. The Auditor has the authority to issue penalties for violations of City code. Candidates may appeal an Auditor's certification, matching funds, or penalty determination.

#### **Public Funds to Candidates**

A certified candidate in the primary election is eligible for the following public funds, less qualifying and seed money contributions, collected during the qualifying period:

- Mayor: \$200.000
- Commissioner and Auditor: \$150,000.

If no candidate for a City office receives a majority of votes cast in the primary election, a runoff is held at the general election. A certified candidate in the general election is eligible for the following public funds:

- Mayor: \$250,000
- Commissioner and Auditor: \$200,000.

If a certified candidate is outspent by another candidate, the certified candidate is eligible to receive limited matching funds from the City.

#### Program Use, 2006 through 2010

- The City certified eleven candidates for public funds.
- Two certified candidates were elected to City office.
- In 2006, the City provided \$389,253 to three certified candidates.
- in 2008, the City provided \$1,224,466 to six certified candidates.
- In 2010, the City provided \$142,150 to one certified candidate.
- Two certified candidates, one in 2006 and one in 2008, were decertified for code violations.

#### **Program Monies**

- Campaign Finance Fund monies are appropriated annually by City Council.
- According to City code, the Campaign Finance Fund "shall limit annual impact on City funds to two tenths of one percent without raising any new taxes or fees."
- City taxes or fees have not been raised to fund the Campaign Finance Fund.

#### **Total Program Expenditures**

As of May 1, 2010, the City made the following total expenditures from the Campaign Finance Fund:

- \$1,755,869 to certified candidates.
- \$219,893 on materials, services, and administrative costs.

Submitted by: LaVonne Griffin-Valade Portland City Auditor

No Arguments in Favor of this measure were filed.

# City of Portland

# **Measure 26-108**

# **Argument in Opposition**

#### Vote NO on Ballot Measure 26-108

In May 2005, Portland became one of the first cities in the nation to use taxpayer dollars to <u>fund the campaigns of politicians</u>. After five years and nearly \$1.75 million in taxpayer <u>dollars</u> spent and numerous problems, including misuse (and even criminal abuse) of public funds, it's time for us to rethink how we're using the city's scarce resources.

The fact is, right now we don't have enough for essential community services like schools and firefighters. With Portland's unemployment rate among the highest in the nation, we should be focusing our scarce resources where they will really count: on job creation, supporting our firefighters and helping kids get an education. Instead, the city has spent an average of \$440,000 taxpayer dollars per year on political campaigns. That's wrong.

What could the average \$440,000 a year buy if the city weren't paying for political campaigns?

- Roughly eight teachers' salaries each year
- Eight of the 17 unfilled positions in the Portland Police
   Rureau
- Hundreds of hours of SUN school programs for Portland's neediest, most at-risk students
- Help reopen a recently shuttered fire rescue station at Mt. Tabor
- Assistance for the city's neighborhood small business programs to help them create jobs and provide economic vitality
- Hundreds of shelter beds for the unemployed homeless hit hard by the recession
- A significant boost in the city's economic developments programs

All of these essential services, and many more, deserve funding before politicians. Instead, scarce money has gone to political campaigns, with little or no accountability for how it is spent. One candidate even paid her 16-year-old daughter more than \$12,000 for "consulting work" with our tax dollars. Put simply: we can't afford to use taxpayer dollars to fund political campaigns in the City of Portland right now.

#### Please vote NO on Measure 26-108 this November.

Portlanders Against Taxpayer-Funded Political Campaigns

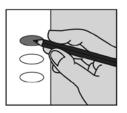
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Jon Coney PORTLANDERS AGAINST TAXPAYER FUNDED POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS

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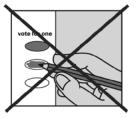
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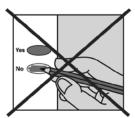
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If you vote for more candidates than allowed, or if you vote **both** Yes **and** No on a measure, it is called an overvote.

Your vote **will not count** for that candidate or measure.





You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still count.

Contact County Elections to request a replacement ballot if:

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# City of Portland

# **Measure 26-117**

#### **Ballot Title**

# General obligation bonds for fire vehicles and emergency response infrastructure

**Question:** Shall Portland issue bonds for \$72,400,000 for fire vehicles, emergency radio system, fire and emergency response facilities; require audits?

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: This measure would allow Portland to issue \$72,400,000 in general obligation bonds and use the proceeds to finance the acquisition of fire engines and other emergency response vehicles that are needed to maintain existing service levels and replace aging vehicles, provide funds for replacement of the City's obsolete public safety emergency radio system, finance the construction of a fire station and related facilities and finance the construction of an emergency response center. The bond proceeds would be restricted to capital construction, improvements and costs, and would not be used for day-to-day operations. Use of the bond proceeds would be audited to determine whether approved public purposes are achieved. Bonds would be exempt from city charter debt limitation. Bonds could be issued in one or more series; before issuance of bonds subsequent to the first offering, the City's Chief Administrative Officer would be required to report to Council on bond expenditures and cost savings. A five member citizen committee would be established to review the use of the bond expenditures and provide annual reports.

#### **Explanatory Statement**

#### **Effect of Vote**

A "yes" vote would approve the City to issue general obligation bonds to replace aging fire and emergency response vehicles, provide funds for replacement of the City's obsolete public safety emergency radio system, and construct a fire station and an emergency response center.

A "no" vote would reject the proposal to issue general obligation bonds to replace aging fire and emergency response vehicles, provide funds for replacement of the City's obsolete public safety emergency radio system, and construct a fire station and an emergency response center.

#### Explanation of Measure:

The City is authorized to issue bonds, in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$72,400,000 which shall be general obligations of the City. The proceeds of such bonds shall be placed in a special fund to be established by the Council, and shall be used for capital construction, improvements and costs which consist of: providing fire and emergency response vehicles that are needed to maintain existing service levels and replace aging fire and emergency response vehicles; funding replacement of the City's obsolete public safety emergency radio system; and providing funds for construction of a fire station and related facilities and an emergency response center. The City's use of these resources will be audited to determine whether the voter-approved public purposes for the bond funds are achieved. A five-member citizen committee with relevant expertise will be established to review bond expenditures and provide annual reports to Council on whether such expenditures adhere to voter-approved uses. If the bonds are issued in more than one series, prior to the issuance of any bonds subsequent to the first offering, the Chief Administrative Officer of the City will present to Council a report on the Bond expenditures to date and a listing of any savings that have occurred due to lower than expected construction costs and/or apparatus replacement prices.

#### Submitted by:

Commissioner Randy Leonard, City of Portland

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

#### **Argument in Favor**

#### Vote YES on Measure 26-117

Public Safety is the most basic element of a livable community. A YES vote on Measure 26-117 is the right thing to do to protect the lives of our firefighters, police, and our community.

Measure 26-117 will:

- Replace aging fire and emergency response vehicles
- Replace our obsolete public safety radio system
- Construct a fire station and emergency response center
- Improve response times

# Portland firefighters need emergency response vehicles they can depend on.

Tragedy struck recently in Seattle when a water pump on a 13 year-old fire engine failed at an apartment fire, leaving firefighters helpless to suppress the fire as a mother and four children perished inside the building.

Portland cannot afford to repeat Seattle's deadly mistakes. Some of Portland's fire and rescue vehicles are nearly 20 years old and need to be taken out of service before a mechanical failure results in a tragedy in our community.

# Police and firefighters need a stable radio system to fight crime and save lives.

crime and save lives.

As we saw with 9/11, an up-to-date emergency radio system can literally mean the difference between life and death. But Portland's public safety radio system is faltering, so old that there are no replacement parts and few people with the expertise to make repairs. A system failure is increasingly likely, and would put lives at risk in an emergency.

# Citizens should be able to depend on help when they need it.

When a mother threw her children off the Sellwood Bridge into the Willamette River, it took Portland fire 44 minutes to reach them. That's unacceptable. A new fire station at the East end of the Hawthorne Bridge will enhance response times in Southeast Portland and reduce downtown river rescue response times to under 10 minutes.

# A YES vote on Measure 26-117 is the right thing to do for our community. Lives depend on it.

This Information Furnished By: Ty Kovatch Portlanders for Public Safety



# The Alternate Format Ballot (AFB)

AFB is a voting tool which allows a voter with disabilities to vote privately and independently provided the voter has access to a computer with a web browser and a printer.

If you wish to have more information or would like to sign up to receive the AFB contact the Voter Assistance Team at 503-846-5800.

Email your request to:

Voter Assistance Program at vap@co.washington.or.us or

Visit the Elections website at: www.co.washington.or.us

# **Forest Grove School District**

# **Measure 34-185**

#### **Ballot Title**

#### **Elimination of Local School Committees**

**Question:** Shall the Forest Grove School District eliminate Local School Committees and the cost of electing them?

**Summary:** Forest Grove School District was recently notified by the Washington County Elections Office that the cost of elections would increase from a flat rate to a per contest rate. This would increase the cost of electing Local School Committees in the Forest Grove School District from about \$4,000 to an estimated \$17,425.

If this measure is approved, Local School Committees would be eliminated, and the District would not incur these increased election costs.

Each school in the Forest Grove School District would continue to have parent representatives on its Building Site Council

#### **Explanatory Statement**

Elected Local School Committees (LSCs) were part of the organizational structure approved by voters in the 1960s during the early years of school district mergers. Their role was to be a liaison between the school and the community, consider requests for facility use and provide feedback to the school principal and School Board.

In 1995, Oregon law changed to require schools to form Site Councils that include staff and elected parent representatives. In many cases, parents elected to the Site Council are the same parents elected to Local School Committee positions.

Because Site Councils have become the main decision-making body in schools, Local School Committee members are playing a lesser role in school decisions. At many schools it has been difficult to find people interested in running for election to Local School Committee positions.

Forest Grove School District is one of the only Oregon districts that still have Local School Committees.

The cost of electing Local School Committees in the Forest Grove School District is increasing from about \$4,000 to an estimated \$17,425 per election. Approval of this measure would eliminate the need for two separate sets of elected parents serving in advisory capacities at each school and would save the District the cost of Local School Committee elections.

Forest Grove School District would continue to have parent representatives on the school Site Councils and would look for other ways to increase parent engagement in schools.

Submitted by: Connie Potter Director of Communications

No Arguments in Favor/Opposition of this measure were filed.

# **Measure 34-178**

#### **Ballot Title**

# Forest Grove SD bond to add instructional space, replace school.

**Question:** Shall District replace elementary school, expand high school and make facility improvements by issuing \$65.3 million in general obligation bonds? 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 II and Ilb, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

#### Summary:

Major projects would:

- Replace Joseph Gale Elementary, built in 1954 for 20-year life span. Would replace current open-air design with more secure building with interior hallways and restrooms.
- Expand instructional space at Forest Grove High School with new science classroom wing, additional gymnasium and larger cafeteria/commons.
  - Additional science classrooms would assist in meeting new state graduation requirements. Starting in 2012, science enrollment is expected to increase 30% because all students will need to complete three science classes to graduate (instead of two).
  - Physical education classes average 65 students because of shortage of gym space.
  - Cafeteria seats 329 students but there are about 900 students at each lunch.
- Build larger cafeteria at Harvey Clarke Elementary.
- Expand cafeteria at Echo Shaw Elementary.
- Replace roofs, make other facility improvements, capitalized interest.
- Add surveillance cameras and access control at every school.
- Make energy efficiency improvements at every school. Bonds would mature in 21 years or less from issuance date and may be issued in one or more series.

# **Explanatory Statement**

Because of a federal program and expiration of the 1994 bond that paid for a new classroom wing at the high school, the District's proposed \$65.3 million construction bond is estimated to result in a reduction over current tax rates.

- The federal stimulus act allows school districts to apply for Qualified School Construction Bonds for bonds passed in 2010. This may result in District being able to issue a portion of the bonds at 0% interest. According to financial estimates, this could result in savings to taxpayers of nearly \$15 million.
- Costs of construction, labor and materials are lower than in recent past, according to architect and construction assessments.
- The District is committed to structuring portions of the bond projects into smaller contracts which local contractors could bid on.

A facilities task force of staff, parents and community members met over the past two years to evaluate the condition of District buildings and assess future needs. The task force developed a list of priorities that focused on maintaining a safe environment and protecting current investment.

Key components:

- Tear down Joseph Gale Elementary School and rebuild on same site, increasing capacity from 364 students to 500
- Expand instructional space at Forest Grove High School with new science classroom wing, additional gymnasium and larger cafeteria/commons

#### Rebuild Joseph Gale Elementary School:

Joseph Gale Elementary was built in 1954 for a 20-year life span and needs maintenance and repairs. Because of its open design, students must walk outdoors to go to the restroom, library and gymnasium, creating security concerns.

#### **Expand Forest Grove High School:**

Forest Grove High School was built in 1983 with capacity for about 1,100 students. Current enrollment exceeds 1,900. The wing completed in 1998 expanded classroom capacity to 1,675 students, but there was no expansion of infrastructure (kitchen, cafeteria and gymnasium). Because of lack of space, students must eat lunch in shifts, and there is insufficient room for everyone to sit down to eat. The cafeteria seats 329, but there are about 900 students at each lunch.

Additional science classrooms would assist in meeting the new state requirement that all students complete three science classes to graduate (current requirement is two). FGHS's science enrollment is expected to increase 30% because of increased science requirements.

Physical education classes average 65 students because of shortage of gym space.

Other projects include:

- Cafeteria expansions at Harvey Clarke and Echo Shaw elementary schools
- Replace roofs and make other facility improvements
- Surveillance cameras and access control at all schools
- Energy efficiency improvements at all schools

#### Financial impact:

The bond would not exceed \$65.3 million. Property owners would pay approximately \$1.35 per \$1,000 of assessed value (\$202.50 per year on a home assessed at \$150,000). Because of expiration of old bonds, that would mean a reduction of \$0.34 per \$1,000 over current tax rates, or \$51 less than current tax bills on a home assessed at \$150,000.

Submitted by: Yvonne Curtis Superintendent

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

# **Measure 34-178**

# **Argument in Favor**

The Forest Grove Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Cornelius Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors recognize the importance of good schools and support the Forest Grove School District's bond measure in the November 2 election. We urge voters to do the same.

- · Good schools affect everyone.
- Students learn the skills they need to become productive citizens.
- Businesses are attracted to communities with good schools because they help develop a well-qualified work force.
- The quality of schools influence whether a business decides to locate or remain in a community.

Forest Grove School District offers an excellent education to students, but it has some critical facilities needs. Forest Grove High School is overcrowded and needs additional instructional space to meet state graduation requirements. Joseph Gale Elementary School has serious safety concerns because of its open air design and also needs major updates and repairs. Every school in the district has deferred maintenance needs ranging from needing new roofs to heating and air circulation improvements.

These needs are very real and important for the future of Forest Grove and Cornelius and for our children's educational environment. Good schools are an investment in the livability of our community.

Because this bond would replace a retiring bond that has a higher tax rate, voters could approve this bond and still see a decrease in taxes. Another plus is that the school district has been approved to finance a portion of the new bond at 0% interest, which would save about \$15 million in interest over the life of the bond

The support you give your school district reflects the value you place on learning. Please support your schools by voting YES on Measure 34-178.

Becky Jo Saxe, President Jeannine Murrell, President Forest Grove Chamber of Commerce Cornelius Chamber of Commerce

This Information Furnished By: Becky Jo Saxe and Jeannine Murrell

#### **Argument in Favor**

We ask for your yes vote on Measure 34-178. We believe this bond offers a unique opportunity for our community to invest in our children without increasing taxes. Here are the reasons:

- This bond would replace a retiring bond (the 1994 bond that financed a classroom wing at Forest Grove High School). The proposed bond would have a lower tax rate than the retiring bond, so approval would result in a decrease in taxes.
- The District has been approved for Qualified School Construction Bonds to finance part of the bond at 0% interest. That is expected to save about \$15 million in interest over the life of the bond.

Some facts you should know about major projects in this bond:

Joseph Gale Elementary School was built in 1954 for a projected life of 20 years. Safety is a huge concern because of its open air design. Students have to walk outside to go to the office, library, gym or the restrooms. The restrooms are at the end of the classroom wings where they cannot be easily supervised.

Forest Grove High School was built in 1983 for 1,100 students. A classroom wing was added in the 1994 bond, but the cafeteria, gym and other infrastructure weren't expanded. The school has nearly 2,000 students now, and it is so crowded that most students don't have a place to sit during lunch. The bond would expand the cafeteria and commons, build a science classroom wing and an additional gym. This would help relieve crowding and meet new state graduation requirements.

Every school would receive safety and security upgrades, including video surveillance cameras and card key systems, and also energy efficiency improvements.

Over the last few years we've seen major accomplishments in all of our schools. This bond will help us continue to provide an excellent education for our students.

Sincerely,

Anna Tavera-Weller Alisa Hampton Ralph Brown Terry Howell Fred Marble Ian Knowles

This Information Furnished By: Ralph Brown Forest Grove School District Board of Directors

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# **Measure 34-178**

## **Argument in Favor**

As senior citizens, we are extremely concerned about the education of our children in a global society. Our three children attended and graduated from Forest Grove schools, and now four grandchildren are in the system.

Forty years ago we decided to move to Forest Grove to raise our kids. That decision was a very wise one. Why? Because Forest Grove is a small community where citizens can have input and impact on the direction the schools take and decisions the School Board ponders.

We fully support the proposed school bond, Measure 34-178. We feel this is an absolutely excellent financial opportunity for a couple of reasons. One, this bond would replace one that is retiring, so the school tax rate would decrease from \$1.69 per \$1,000 to \$1.35 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Also, the District has been approved to finance part of the bond at 0% interest through the federal stimulus program. This creates a WIN-WIN situation for our kids and the community.

Others were there for us when we were in school. Now it's our turn to be there for the school children of today.

Abraham Lincoln said, "A child is a person who is going to carry on what you have started. He is going to sit where you are sitting and when you are gone, attend to those things which you think are important. You may adopt all the policies you please, but how they are carried out depends on him. He will assume control of your churches, your schools, your universities and your corporations. All your books are going to be judged, praised or condemned by him. The fate of humanity is in his hands."

Vote YES for the kids and LOWER YOUR TAXES.

John and Linda Petshow Gales Creek Farms

This Information Furnished By: John and Linda Petshow

#### **Argument in Favor**

As two of the local associations which represent over 600 employees in the Forest Grove School District, we urge you to support Measure 34-178. This investment in our students will provide a safe and sound learning environment for students and our members while not increasing the tax burden of property owners.

The bond will replace the 56 year old Joseph Gale Elementary School, which was built for a 20 year life span. This is an opportune time when construction costs are low and 0% interest would be applied to a portion of the bond. This new school could allow for boundary changes in the district to address overcrowding in the existing elementary schools and address future enrollment growth as well.

Since high school students will soon be required to take three lab sciences to qualify for graduation, a new science wing would be added to Forest Grove High School via this bond measure. This wing would provide state-of-the-art laboratories in which the educators of Forest Grove can facilitate student learning and reduce class sizes. New accommodations at the high school would also address overcrowding in the cafeteria and commons, as well as cafeteria issues at Harvey Clarke and Echo Shaw elementary schools.

This bond would also provide for surveillance cameras to ensure safety and security for students and staff at all the schools within the Forest Grove School District.

For these reasons, we strongly encourage a "YES" for kids vote on Bond Measure 34-178.

Jeff Matsumoto President, Forest Grove Education Association

Janice Everett
President, Chapter 55, Oregon School Employees Association

This Information Furnished By: Jeff Matsumoto & Janice Everett

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## **Measure 34-178**

## **Argument in Favor**

The Forest Grove School District provides an excellent education for its students. However the K-4 classrooms at Joseph Gale Elementary have long ago outlived their useful lives. Built in 1954, with a 20 year expected lifespan and a California open-air design, it does not meet even the basic needs of the students who attend it today. As a Joseph Gale parent, this is a real concern.

The needs are clear; students at Joseph Gale want to feel safe in their own school. The open walk ways and bathrooms at the end of the hallways pose a danger to students, making them feel exposed and unguarded during their school day. Additionally, the lack of hot water in bathrooms and classrooms is not only a health risk but also adds to the discomfort level of the students, giving them yet another reason to feel vulnerable in their own school.

This is a building with numerous security issues, including vandalism, vagrants and loitering. This is a facility that does not meet fire code. This is a place of learning that is not handicap accessible for its students. It is a building that poses a potentially dangerous situation for its own community and for its children. As a city, we are only as strong as our weakest link. Let's raise our potential as a whole community and guarantee a more positive environment for students at Joseph Gale and for all.

Your "Yes" vote will insure that Forest Grove School District will continue to maintain quality facilities for all the children of Forest Grove and provide a safe environment that these kids so desire and deserve.

Providing quality education for our children is one of the greatest gifts we can give them. Bestowing them with a protected, secure building that meets basic needs and allows them to feel free from harm is our obligation as parents and as members of the Forest Grove community.

Kristie Lesser Joseph Gale Parent

This Information Furnished By: Kristie Lesser

# **Argument in Favor**

My name is Dan Gray, and I am the chairman of the Forest Grove High School Science Department. As a 25-year veteran science teacher, I know well that science cannot be taught in a vacuum. In our classrooms, science is not just something our young people study, it is something they do! Students need the room and facilities to test the properties and interactions of the physical and living world around them.

My concern for our students goes beyond my role as a teacher, for I am also a parent of a current Forest Grove High School student and a future student. Nothing is more important to me than my children, so of course I want nothing but the best for them. Don't we all?

Currently Forest Grove High School does not have the space to best meet the needs of our large and growing student population. In our science classes students often have to crowd three or four to a lab station designed for two. Now that the state of Oregon has increased the science graduation requirement form two to three years, the need for more science classroom and lab space is that much more urgent. In many of our science classrooms we do not have water, gas or electricity available at lab stations. This substantially limits the experiments we are able to conduct.

The funds from this bond will allow us to have new science lab rooms, fully integrated with modern technology that will instruct, inspire and enable our students to develop skills and abilities to prepare them for college and enriching professional careers upon graduation from high school.

Science related careers including engineering, health care and medical research are challenging and rewarding and of great importance to our society, now and in the future. There will always be a great demand for young people, including Forest Grove High School graduates, with the knowledge and skills to succeed in these professions.

This Information Furnished By: Dan Gray

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# **Measure 34-178**

## Argument in Favor

We support Measure 34-178 and encourage you to vote YES on this important school bond:

Amy Waltz Tom BeLusko Ron Thompson Gales Creek Farms Mark Nakajima Alan C. Bonebrake Kathy Bahnsen Jeff Marsh Mario Betancourt George W. Honer Frye's Action Athletics Géne Pat Teninty Garold R. Howe Eldon Jossi Kristin Sickler, Teacher

Dick Stenson

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Tyler Jossi Vern Stevens Melinda Kennedy Van Dyke Appliance Merrie G. French Rudy Mohorich Linda Petshow Judy Follett Carol Lewis

Lisa Meltebeke Betty J. Lancaster, Senior Citizen Eunice Gustofson, Senior Citizen Robin C. Smith

Carrie McLoud Tammy Lindstrom Jennifer Cooper Susan Bisgyer, FNP

This Information Furnished By: John Petshow

Pete Truax, Mayor, City of Forest Grove Chris Heaton Linda Thompson Don Jones

Lois Campbell, 103 yr old Senior

Nancy L. Bonebrake San Juana Aguilar Nancy L. Bond George Burlingham Pete Van Dyke Justin D. Schlegel Forest Grove Computers Dean Petshow Construction L.L.C.

Debbie Tracey Serena Fryer, Teacher Melissa Carter, Principal

Kristie Lesser Gordon Long Linda Sparks Jennifer Smith

Joyce Jossi, RN, Console Foot Care

Dean Petshow Megan Cogswell Kyle K. Kobashigawa Nedra Hathaway **Evette Pollay** John Girton John D. Petshow Harry Goldsmith

Susan N. Groszmann, Senior Citizen Wendy Lucker, LCSW

Ace Hardware Forest Grove

Marina Jacinto RC Nixon Jeffrey W. Hoyt

# **Beaverton School District**

# **Measure 34-184**

#### **Ballot Title**

#### **Elimination of Local School Committees**

Question: Shall the Beaverton School District eliminate Local School Committees and the cost of electing them.

Summary: The Beaverton School District was recently notified by the Washington County Elections Office that the cost of elections will increase from a flat rate to a per contest rate. This will increase the cost of electing Local School Committees in the Beaverton School District service area from \$36,000 to an estimated \$125,000.

If this measure is approved by voters, elected Local School Committees would be eliminated and the District would not incur these increased election costs.

The District would replace its elected Local School Committees with advisory committees of parent and community representatives chosen at the local school level.

#### **Explanatory Statement**

If approved by voters, this measure would eliminate elected Local School Committees and save the Beaverton School District an estimated \$125,000 per election. The District would replace its elected Local School Committees with advisory committees of parent and community representatives chosen at the local school level.

Elected Local School Committees were part of the organizational structure approved by voters in the 1960s during the early years of school district mergers. The role of these three-member committees was to serve as the liaison between the school and the community, consider requests for facility use, and to provide advice and feedback to the school principal and School Board.

The Beaverton School District is one of the last districts in Oregon to formally elect Local School Committees.

In 1995, Oregon law changed to require schools to form Site Councils that include staff and parent representatives. In many cases, parents selected for the Site Council are the same parents elected to Local School Committees. At many schools it has been difficult to find people interested in running for election to Local School Committees.

As part of the District's Five Year Strategic Plan, a Volunteerism and Engagement Taskforce this fall will research best practices, conduct a policy review and make recommendations to enhance community engagement. This taskforce will develop recommendations for working with advisory committees, Site Councils and other shared decision making groups in the Beaverton School District.

Submitted by: Jerome Colonna Superintendent

# **Beaverton School District**

# **Measure 34-184**

## **Argument in Favor**

# PLEASE JOIN THE BEAVERTON SCHOOL BOARD IN VOTING "YES" ON BALLOT MEASURE #34-184.

# LET'S SPEND OUR RESOURCES IN CLASSROOMS, NOT ON ELECTIONS

Over the past three years, the Beaverton School District has cut its general fund budget by over \$80 million. Classrooms are getting larger, and services are reduced. Beaverton has limited central administration costs to only 1.3 % of the budget.

But for 2011 Local School Committee (LSC) election costs will increase from \$36,000 to \$125,000. It's time to end this expensive practice.

Protecting programs that directly benefit students is our first priority. Spending the District's scarce resources on a formal election is not a responsible use of funds in these difficult financial times.

# SELECTING LSC MEMBERS IN FORMAL ELECTIONS IS INEFFICIENT AND EXPENSIVE

LSC members are key leaders. They have provided an important voice in our District for over 40 years. They have helped make significant decisions about school zone boundaries and facility use. Past LSC members have gone on to serve on the District Budget Committee, the School Board and the Oregon legislature.

However, requiring LSC candidates to go through an election process is cumbersome and discourages volunteers at a time when schools need them most. Many LSC members have been elected via write-in votes, which are expensive to count, and others are filled outside of elections when no one runs.

#### **BETTER WAYS TO PROMOTE VOLUNTEERISM**

Beaverton School District has a strategic plan that calls for greater parent and community involvement. Schools need shared decision-making with the community. The District is planning new ways to increase volunteerism and renew the spirit of LSC service, without the need for costly elections. Please vote YES on Measure #34-184

# YOUR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS SUPPORT MEASURE #34-184

Karen Cunningham Jeff Hicks LeeAnn Larsen Tom Quillin Lisa Shultz Sarah Smith Mary VanderWeele

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This Information Furnished By: Members of the Beaverton School Board

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#### **Argument in Opposition**

# KEEP SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS VOTE NO

<u>History</u>: The Local School Committees (LSC) were created in the 1960s to ensure local control of neighborhood schools after school districts were merged. 3 unpaid volunteers per local school serve 2-year terms and visit the school on a monthly or weekly basis to help solve community issues.

<u>Civics</u>: **Democracy is not free.** The new election fees increase the 2-year election cycle costs by \$89,000, or \$44,500 per year (less than half the salary of the school district public relations person). The LSCs have helped our community avoid the mistakes of neighboring school districts like Hillsboro and Portland. The Site Councils at local schools are school parents chosen by other school parents, while LSCs are publicly elected by all voters in the school attendance area (a better representation of the property tax and bond payers who support local schools). LSCs are a great civics lesson for citizens, with most School Board members (and other elected officials) having served as LSC members.

<u>Future</u>: The school district public relations department needs to make a sincere effort to improve communications about the role and value of LSCs (especially at the elementary school level). If you choose to vote no, please try to volunteer on your LSC next spring.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jim Cape Cedar Hills Sunset High School LSC, 1986-1987

#### KEEP SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS VOTE NO

This Information Furnished By: Jim Cape

## **Banks School District**

# **Measure 34-182**

#### **Ballot Title**

# Bonds to Construct, Renovate Banks Junior High, High School Facilities

**Question:** Shall Banks School District construct, renovate, expand Junior High, High School facilities by issuing general obligation bonds not exceeding \$25,980,000? 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:** If approved, measure would renovate and replace Banks Junior High/High School facilities to meet current building safety standards and improve efficiency of school operations. Specifically, bond proceeds would be used to:

- Construct, furnish, equip new and renovated Junior High facilities including classrooms for general education, science, technology, special education; library; gym; other building/campus improvements.
- Construct, furnish, equip new and renovated High School facilities, including classrooms for general education science, technology, special education, vocational education; cafeteria, commons area, gym facilities; other building/campus improvements.
- Renovate original brick school building for high school and district services, if economically practical. If not construct, furnish, equip replacement space.
- Make other safety, security, code upgrades and site improvements, including upgrading heating, ventilation and electrical systems, removing asbestos; improving security, traffic flow, parking and lighting.
- Construct emergency vehicle access to elementary school.
- Pay costs for demolition, temporary classrooms and associated bond issuance fees. Bonds would mature in twentysix (26) years or less from issuance date and may be issued in one or more series.

# **Explanatory Statement**

Banks Schools face a number of issues as result of:

- Aging junior high/high school facilities that do not meet current building safety standards and codes;
- · Facilities that are not energy efficient;
- Inadequate facilities that do not support new graduation requirements.

According to recent engineering studies, sections of the junior high school building, constructed in the 1950s, would not withstand a moderate earthquake and should be replaced.

Banks High School was built in 1936 and expanded and renovated in 1950, 1967 and 1975. According to architectural and engineering assessments, further high school facility renovations needed to accommodate new graduation requirements and address asbestos removal, inadequate heating, ventilation, electrical and plumbing issues would not be cost effective.

#### Bond measure proceeds would enable Banks Schools to:

- Replace, upgrade and increase the number of junior high and high school classrooms.
- Renovate other areas of buildings, including upgrading heating, ventilation and electrical systems, removing asbestos and improving security to make schools safer.

- Renovate the original brick school building for high school and district services, if economically practical. If not, construct replacement space.
- Construct emergency vehicle access to elementary school.
- Increase campus lighting, parking, and improve traffic flow.
- Pay costs for demolition, temporary classrooms and fees associated with issuing bonds.

**New Junior High School** facilities, constructed on same school site, would:

- Replace nine existing classrooms with 13 new classrooms and in addition, add classrooms designed for science, computer technology and special education.
- Replace library, expand physical education/gym space and make other building/campus improvements.

**New High School** facilities, constructed on the same school site would:

- Replace 13 existing classrooms with 17 new classrooms and in addition, add classrooms designed for science, computer technology, special education and vocational education
- Replace library, kitchen and commons area; make other physical education/gym and building/campus improvements.

Bond proceeds can only be used for the projects listed on this ballot. The bond issue's principal amount cannot exceed \$25.98 million

If the bond measure is approved, the District would establish a citizen oversight committee to ensure bond funds are used as indicated.

The estimated tax rate increase for a \$25.98 million bond would be approximately \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed property value per year, or approximately \$145 per year more for each \$100,000 of assessed property value.

These rates are ESTIMATES ONLY and could vary depending on interest rates, changes in the District's total assessed value and from new homes, businesses and other factors.

Source: Banks School District Office

Submitted by: Jim Foster Superintendent

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

# **Banks School District**

# **Measure 34-182**

## **Argument in Favor**

We are deeply concerned about the deteriorating and inadequate condition of Banks Junior High, High School and campus facilities.

Our job as school board members is to:

- · Make sure our schools are safe for students.
- · Create and maintain efficient facilities.
- Provide an up-to-date learning environment that enables our students to meet new graduation requirements.

Architectural and engineering reports tell us portions of the junior high and high school are not cost effective to repair and need to be replaced. We also know the classroom section of the junior high school would not withstand a moderate earthquake.

To fix these problems, we need your help. That's why we voted unanimously to put this bond measure on the ballot. If measure #34-182 is approved, we can:

- Replace existing classrooms, including adding science labs, to ensure our students can meet new high school graduation requirements set by the State Board of Education.
- Provide up-to-date technology in our schools.
- Upgrade heating, ventilation and electrical systems, remove asbestos and improve building and campus security and traffic flow to make the schools safer.
- Provide emergency vehicle access to the elementary school.

Community members on the Facilities Planning Committee, Blue Ribbon Panel and School Board believe the current lower costs for construction provide an opportunity to replace outdated buildings and facilities at the most reasonable, responsible cost to taxpayers.

Funds from this measure will be used entirely to upgrade or replace the junior high and high school facilities and to make sure all schools are safe for our children.

Help make our schools safe for students. Vote YES for safe, efficient schools that will meet the educational needs of our students.

Banks School Board members:

Kathy Edison, Chair Will Moore, Vice Chair Norie Dimeo-Ediger Laurie Sheridan Schlegel Richard Bowden

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This Information Furnished By: Kathy Edison Banks School Board

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#### **Argument in Favor**

When the bond measure to rebuild Banks Junior High and Banks High School failed in 2008, the Banks School Board asked us to help reassess the condition of the junior high and high school buildings and make sure any new bond proposal would provide the best solution for replacing those facilities at the most reasonable cost to taxpayers.

We looked at everything: the roofs, the plumbing, the wiring, the heating and ventilation and the classroom space. We learned that parts of the junior high and high school are more than 50 years old and do not meet current building and safety codes. It's easy to see why the junior high school building would not withstand an earthquake. These buildings need to be replaced with efficient energy-saving electrical, heating and ventilation systems and up-to-date classrooms with science labs, and technology needed for today's student learning.

If this bond is approved, the district can take advantage of the current low construction costs. The school district was also approved for a Qualified School Construction Bond that allows for a portion of this bond to be interest free. Low construction costs and interest-free loans will reduce the tax rate, for this bond, to an affordable cost for taxpayers.

The following members of the Blue Ribbon Panel are 100% in favor of this plan to rebuild and renovate Banks Junior High and Banks High School. Please join us in voting "yes" for safe schools for our students.

Banks School District Blue Ribbon Panel:

- Sharon Ackerman
- Trish Birr
- Susan Cackler
- Kathy Douglas
- Tom Duyck
- Gregory Henes
- Sue Lewis
- Matt Pihl
- Mike Soper

Mitch Vandehey

This information furnished by the Banks School District Blue Ribbon Panel and paid for by the Citizens for "Safe Schools for Our Students".

This Information Furnished By: Trish Birr Banks School District Blue Ribbon Panel

## **Banks School District**

# **Measure 34-182**

#### **Argument in Favor**

Passing the Banks School Bond Measure # 34-182 on the November 2, 2010 ballot will provide the funds to fix the problems at the junior high and high school that we found after months of study and looking at all the possible solutions.

The bond measure funds will be used almost entirely for projects to replace and renovate the junior high and high school facilities. The work must be done to make our schools safe and provide the up-to-date classrooms, science labs and technology needed for student learning.

The upgraded heating, ventilation, electrical and plumbing systems will make the new facilities much more efficient and cost effective to operate. Most importantly, it will make the junior high earthquake safe.

Current low construction costs and interest free loans for the bonds mean the cost to taxpayers will be less than the same construction would have cost in 2008.

Please join us in voting YES to make our junior high and high school safe for our students.

Banks School District Facilities Planning Committee Members:

Pete Edison, Chair Ron Frame, Vice Chair Richard Bowden Mark Everett Will Moore Debra Mott Daniel N. Streblow Vicky L. Vandomelen

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This Information Furnished By: Pete Edison Banks School District Facilities Planning Committee

## VIEW WASHINGTON COUNTY NOVEMBER 2, 2010 ELECTION RESULTS

Starting at 8:00 P.M.

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# RESULTADOS DE LAS ELECCIONES DEL CONDADO DE WASHINGTON NOVIEMBRE 2, 2010

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Estado:

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# **Measure 26-119**

#### **Ballot Title**

Authorize bonds to improve transit, particularly for elderly and disabled.

**Question:** Shall TriMet issue \$125 million bonds to improve transit services and access for elderly riders and people with disabilities?

If 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:** In 1990, voters approved a \$125 million TriMet bond measure. Those bonds will be retired in 2012. If approved, the estimated levy rate for the new bonds is not expected to exceed the levy rate for the old bonds and remain at approximately 8 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. The bonds may be issued in multiple series; each series will mature in 21 years or less.

Proceeds from the bonds will be used to fund improvements to transit services, including projects that make transit more accessible for elderly and people with disabilities, such as:

- Improving safety and security at bus stops and shelters used by elderly and disabled riders.
- Replacing 20+ year old and high stair buses, which are more difficult for some riders to get on and off, with low floor buses.
- Updating technology for LIFT vans that would make service more efficient and reduce waiting times for elderly and people with disabilities.

TriMet will provide an independent financial audit and a citizens' oversight committee will monitor expenditures.

# **Explanatory Statement**

TriMet provides public transportation to most of Washington, Clackamas and Multnomah Counties and carries more people than any other US transit system its size. Weekly ridership on buses and MAX has increased for 21 consecutive years. Last year residents and visitors boarded a bus, MAX or WES train 101.5 million times.

The measure on the ballot this year would replace an existing bond that was approved in 1990 and is intended to enable TriMet to improve services for the rapidly growing aging and disabled population without an increase in property taxes. All riders would benefit from the improvements to transit services and access.

Many people who use TriMet have no other means of getting to and from work, school, shopping or medical services. As the population in the metro area ages, the need for services for older people increases.

Specifically the measure would:

Make transit more accessible for elderly and disabled individuals, thereby improving services to all riders by:

 Improving safety and security at bus stops and shelters. TriMet has 7,100 transit stops. Bond proceeds would be used to improve safety and access for elderly and disabled individuals at about 300 stops.

- These capital improvements include building curb cuts, sidewalks, safer pedestrian crossing, shelters, lighting, improved signage, ramps, and handrails so that more individuals can navigate the fixed-route system safely and securely.
- Replacing 20 year old buses and buses that have high stairs which are difficult for elderly and disabled to get on and off. Today TriMet has over 250 high floor buses with 150 buses over 19 years old. Replacing old "high-floor" buses with buses that have low floors that are easier to get on is a critical step toward accessibility.
- The new buses would have automated stop announcements for the visually and hearing impaired. Many of the old buses do not have air conditioning, another important component for many older riders with heart conditions and other health problems.
- The measure would enable TriMet to replace old LIFT vehicles for riders who are unable to use the regular transit routes.
- Update the LIFT van radio communication and dispatch technology to make LIFT service more efficient, reliable and easier for seniors and people with disabilities.

This measure replaces the existing bond and it is not expected to increase property taxes beyond what homeowners currently pay, about 8 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value or approximately \$20 a year for a \$250,000 property.

Submitted by: Neil McFarlane General Manager

Tri County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

# **Measure 26-119**

## **Argument in Favor**

Dear Friends in Washington County:

I urge you to vote yes on Measure 26-119.

It extends an existing bond in order to improve transit access for our elderly and people with disabilities.

If you vote yes and this measure passes, your taxes will not increase.

This measure will improve the TriMet system by putting in better bus stops, replacing 20 year old buses with buses that are easier to get on, and are more fuel efficient. It will also replace out-dated LIFT vans for people with disabilities who cannot take the bus.

Most of us know someone who needs the bus or a ride on LIFT. While you or I may not use the bus, we want to make sure it is there for those who need it.

It is critical that we make our transit system accessible to the most vulnerable among us - our elderly friends, family members, people with permanent or temporary disabilities—so they can get to the doctor, the grocery store, senior center, work or school.

I know from having worked closely with TriMet, they are dedicated to improving service for all riders now, and in the future

# Please join with me in voting YES FOR TRANSIT. Yes on 26-119!

Tom Brian Chair Washington County Board of Commissioners

This Information Furnished By: Tom Brian, Chair Washington County Board of Commissioners

#### **Argument in Favor**

The League of Women Voters Urges a YES Vote on Measure 26-119

# Measure 26-119 contributes to pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods.

TriMet has identified 600 High-use bus stops that present barriers to the elderly and disabled. Bond proceeds will be used with local matching funds to improve up to 300 of those bus stops by adding sidewalks, curb cuts, shelters, safer pedestrian crossings, lighting, and other improvements.

#### Measure 26-119 improves elderly and disabled access.

Proceeds from the bond measure will replace at least 150 highfloor buses with new low-floor buses. TriMet's high-floor buses have been in use for nearly 20 years, far exceeding the average bus's life span of about 15 years. New low-floor buses will be equipped with ramps, air conditioning, security cameras, and automatic stop announcements. The new buses will be more accessible to seniors and the disabled and will make the ride more comfortable and convenient for all.

# Measure 26-119 enhances specialized door-to-door bus service for the elderly and disabled.

New low-floor buses and improved bus stops will increase access to regularly scheduled bus service for seniors and disabled residents. For those who cannot utilize that service, bond proceeds will be used to replace up to 100 LIFT buses that provide door-to-door service. New LIFT buses also will include improved communications systems, making the service more efficient and reliable.

#### Measure 26-119 is a prudent investment.

The average cost of a bus or MAX trip is about \$2.75. A LIFT ride costs about \$29. By investing in accessible low-floor buses and improved bus stops, a greater number of elderly and disabled residents will be able to ride regularly scheduled buses.

#### The League of Women Voters Urges a Yes Vote on Measure 26-119

League of Women Voters of Portland

This Information Furnished By: Debbie Aiona League of Women Voters of Portland

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# Measure No. 26-119

## **Argument in Favor**

#### **Board Supports Transit Bond 26-119**

The TriMet Board strives hard to provide efficient, safe and reliable transit services throughout our district. We understand that public transportation, MAX and buses are the ONLY way many people in the community are able to get to work, school, medical appointments, shopping and so on. Particularly in tough economic times, people also turn to public transportation to save on gas and parking costs.

The TriMet board is constantly seeking ways to improve services for all our riders and still keep fares as low as possible. We believe this bond measure is the best option right now that will enable us to greatly improve safety and accessibility to public transportation, particularly for our most vulnerable citizens, the elderly and people with disabilities.

- The measure will provide funds to make critical changes to 300 bus stops that are most used by seniors and people with disabilities. We will install sidewalks, handrails, curb cuts, improve lighting and install benches and shelters to protect frail citizens from the rain and wind.
- TriMet will replace 150 old buses that have high stairs
  which are very difficult for seniors or others using
  wheelchairs or walkers to get on and off. The new buses
  will have low floors, air conditioning and be equipped with
  automated stop announcements. And these new buses
  will better serve all who use the system.
- The funds will also provide new vehicles for the on-demand ride service TriMet provides to those unable to use our regular buses or MAX.
- Finally, because this measure continues a levy that is currently in place, the costs to property owners will not increase.

Please vote YES for Transit. Because you, or someone you know needs the bus.

Rick Van Beveren, President, TriMet Board of Directors President, Reedville Café/Reedville Catering

This Information Furnished By: Rick Van Beveren TriMet Board of Directors

#### **Argument in Favor**

Dear Neighbors:

I am suporting Measure 26-119 for transit because TriMet has enhanced my life.

Several years ago I decided to quit driving. I am an 86 year-old resident of a retirement home and felt in the interest of safety it was a wise thing to do. Without TriMet I would have become a recluse with no way to interact socially with the community. We are all aware of the benefits to physical and mental health the association with other people is for senior citizens. With this service I can attend cultural programs, make use of the libraries, visit my friends, see my relatives more frequently, go shopping and even go to my medical and dental appointments.

I mainly use the LIFT services. I must use a walker and would use the regular TriMet buses more if they all were the newer buses with low floors. Those very old buses have stairs and you can't use them with a walker.

The LIFT buses are long overdue for replacement. I have many friends who would love to be able to use the LIFT service but can't because the buses seem to have no shocks and you are practically thrown out of your seat on these rough roads. People with bad backs and other physical problems can't handle this.

Please join me in voting YES on Measure 26-119.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Browne

This Information Furnished By: Dorothy L. Browne

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# **Measure 26-119**

## **Argument in Favor**

#### Elders in Action Urge Yes on 26-117 for Transit

The Elders in Action Commission is a volunteer-led group of advocates who seek to shape aging policy on all levels, and ensure that the quality of life never depends on age.

Transportation has always been one of our main focus areas of advocacy, because it is one of the single most important needs for seniors wanting to remain in their own homes. As we age, many of us lose our ability to drive for one reason or another, and having an accessible and far-reaching transit system is an invaluable resource to our rapidly aging population.

By voting YES for Transit you help to ensure that our regional TriMet transit system is accessible and safe for seniors and people with disabilities.

Many seniors and people with disabilities rely on the TriMet LIFT system as their sole mode of transportation, the LIFT costs TriMet \$29 per ride as opposed to \$2.75 for the fixed-route system, and while LIFT is a vital service for many in our community it is far from cost-effective and convenient. Some LIFT riders would be perfectly capable and happy to ride their local bus but due to the lacking infrastructure they can't even get to the bus stop safely.

**Voting YES for Transit** will allow for sidewalks, benches, lighting, and other safety improvements to over 300 transit stations, coupled with new low-floor buses, to make it possible for more seniors and people with disabilities to ride transit an regain their independence.

The Elders in Action Commission has been advocating for these type of improvements for years, knowing that the older adult population in our communities are growing at an overwhelming rate and we must act now to prepare for this "age tsunami" and to provide for accessible transit to ensure people can remain independent, at home, and safe.

# Please join the Elders in Action Commission in voting YES for Transit.

This Information Furnished By: Tara Krugel Elders in Action Commission

#### **Argument in Favor**

#### Citizens' Advisory Committee Supports Transit Bond

We are a group of citizen volunteers who provide input and perspectives to the TriMet Board about budget issues and policies. We have a range of backgrounds including expertise in business, economics, financial matters and transportation. Some of us also ride the TriMet system regularly.

We are supporting this bond measure as a way to improve transit accessibility for some of our most vulnerable citizens - the elderly and people with disabilities. We know the population of the metro area is aging rapidly which will increase the need for a variety of public services, including transportation. For many people, public transportation is the only way they can live independently.

This measure will make much-needed improvements in safety at bus stops around the region. It will provide for more bus shelters, better lighting at stops, and remove physical barriers by adding more sidewalks, ramps, benches and handrails.

It will also fund replacement of older buses with high stairs. The new buses will have low floors for easy boarding and be equipped with automated stop announcements and air conditioning. TriMet's older buses are costly to repair and need more frequent service than newer models.

We are always concerned about the use of our tax dollars. In this case, we think the bond measure is a good way for TriMet to make essential investments in buses and bus stops without having to offset other transit services. The measure would cost property owners the same amount they currently pay for TriMet, which is a little over 8 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value, or about \$20 a year for a home with an assessed value of \$250,000. This seems a reasonable price for critically needed improvements to the system.

We hope others agree that this bond measure is good for all of us, especially for those who need the bus the most.

Cynthia Chilton Luann Pelton Paul Schlesinger

This Information Furnished By: Cynthia E. Chilton TriMet Citizens Advisory Committee on the Budget

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## **Measure 26-119**

## **Argument in Favor**

Dear Friends:

This letter is in support of TriMet's bond measure. This bond will improve the accessibility of TrMet's system. I am in a wheelchair which I use for mobility. I was recently taught how to use public transportation which allows me the ability to freely access public transportation, which has opened many opportunities.

With funding from this measure, TriMet will be able to increase the accessibility of the system. There would be more 'low floor' buses, which allow older adults and people with disabilities easier access. The 'high floor' buses make it difficult for many individuals to get on and off the bus.

This bond measure will also allow TriMet to improve the accessibility of some of their stops. Being in a mobility device, if there is not a safe accessible waiting area for the bus, then that stop does not exist for me.

I urge you to support this measure so that I and many others will be afforded the same opportunities as those without disabilities. Having an accessible system is key in providing individuals with an opportunity to experience the freedom and independence in their daily lives.

Respectfully,

Kristi Ward Hillsboro

This Information Furnished By: Kristi R. Ward

#### **Argument in Favor**

Support Transit Measure to Improve Access

The Committee for Accessible Transportation works to improve access to public transportation for people who are elderly and/or have disabilities. We have committee members from the three counties TriMet serves, and most of us have disabilities that make getting around difficult.

We support the TriMet bond measure for a variety of reasons, but one of the most important reasons is because this measure will greatly improve access to TriMet services for people who are elderly and/or have disabilities.

The measure will replace the old high-step buses with models that have low floors, making it much easier for people to board without assistance. Many of us rely on the bus to get to medical appointments, church, work or school. Accessible buses give people freedom.

The measure will improve bus stops and shelters. These improvements will include installing curb cuts, handrails, non-skid pavement, and benches which are all features that help people who are frail, elderly and/or have disabilities to access transit safelv.

And, the measure will provide new buses for the LIFT door-todoor service and make it more efficient for those of us who are not able to ride regular TriMet services.

We believe this measure will make very meaningful and cost-effective changes that will benefit us and also make transit better for everyone.

#### Please join us in voting YES for Transit.

Jan Campbell, Chair Claudia Robertson, Vice Chair John Betts, member Patricia Keplar, Member Arnold Panitch, member

This Information Furnished By: Janet Campbell Committee for Accessible Transportation

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# November 2, 2010 General Election

Ballot Drop Sites Will Be Open Beginning October 15th, 2010. Ballots must be received by 8:00 p.m. Election Day.

# 24 hour drop sites

**Banks Library** 

111 Market St Banks

**Cornelius City Hall** 

1355 N Barlow St Cornelius

**Elections Office** 3700 SW Murray Blvd Beaverton

Front Lobby Drop Slot

(Murray & Millikan Way)

**Forest Grove** 

2114 Pacific Ave Forest Grove (Pacific Ave & Birch St) Hillsboro Library **Main Branch** 

2850 NE Brookwood Pkwy

Hillsboro

King City – City Hall

15300 SW 116th Ave

King City

**North Plains City Hall** 

31360 NW Commercial St North Plains

**Public Services Building** 

155 North 1st Ave Hillsboro

Rear Entrance of Building

(1st & Main)

**Sherwood City Hall** 

22560 SW Pine St

Sherwood

**Tigard City Hall** 

13125 SW Hall Blvd Tigard

**Tualatin City Offices** 

Council Building 18880 SW Martinazzi Ave Tualatin

# **Indoor drop boxes (Call to confirm hours)**

**Beaverton Library** 

12375 SW 5<sup>th</sup> St Beaverton 503-644-2197

**Cedar Mill Library** 

12505 NW Cornell Rd Portland 503-644-0043

**Garden Home Library** 

7475 SW Oleson Rd Portland

**Hillsboro Library Shute Park Branch** 

775 SE 10<sup>th</sup> Ave 503-615-6500

**West Slope Library** 

3678 SW 78th Ave Portland 503-292-6416

503-245-9932

# At the following locations Curbside Drop-off will be available on:

November 1st 8:00 am - 5:30 pm November 2nd 7:00 am - 8:00 pm

**Kmart Parking Lot** 

3955 SW Murray Blvd Beaverton, OR (NW corner of Murray Blvd & TV Hwy) **Washington County Elections** 

3700 SW Murray Blvd Beaverton, OR