

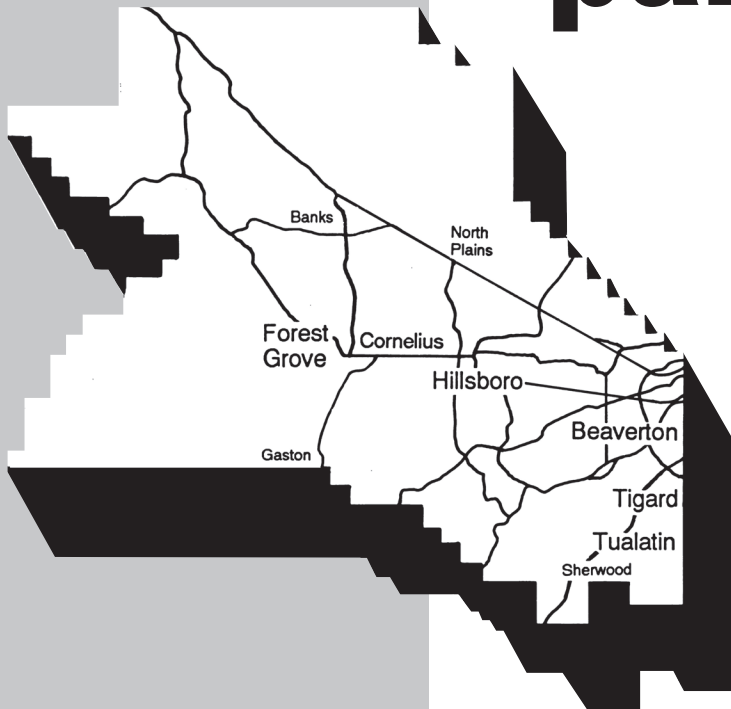


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Washington County

Measure No. 34-235

Ballot Title

Replacement Local Option Levy to Support Countywide Library Services

Question: Shall Washington County support library services countywide by levying 22¢ per \$1,000 assessed value for five years, beginning in 2016? This measure may cause property taxes to increase by more than three percent.

Summary: This measure replaces a levy that expires in June 2016. It supports member libraries of Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) in Banks, Beaverton, Cedar Mill, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Garden Home, Hillsboro, North Plains, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin and West Slope; adds Aloha Library. It funds central support and outreach services linking libraries together. Expiring levy provides 1/3 of total WCCLS funding.

Replacement levy supports libraries by:

- Maintaining open hours, avoiding cuts in service;
- Adding hours at some libraries;
- Supporting children's programs including summer reading and literacy programs for preschoolers;
- Improving online homework help and learning supports for students;
- Purchasing books, e-books and other materials;
- Providing basic operational support for new or expanding libraries;
- Maintaining central support and outreach services.

Levy supports libraries for five years at a fixed rate of 22¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value, an increase of 5¢. If approved, this would be the first rate increase since 2006.

In 2016, typical homeowners with an assessed value (not market value) of \$255,408 would pay about \$56, which is \$14 more than in 2015.

Estimated levy amount for each year:

\$12,739,000 in 2016-17
 \$13,249,000 in 2017-18
 \$13,812,000 in 2018-19
 \$14,399,000 in 2019-20
 \$15,011,000 in 2020-21

Explanatory Statement

Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) has provided funding for public library operations for 39 years. Additionally, its central support and outreach programs link together city and community libraries.

This measure replaces a five-year levy that will expire in June 2016. The expiring levy provides 1/3 of WCCLS funding. This replacement levy would run from July 2016 through June 2021.

What would Measure 34-235 do?

Public library operations:

- Maintain support for libraries and branches that serve all county residents: Banks, Beaverton, Cedar Mill, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Garden Home, Hillsboro, North Plains, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin and West Slope.
- Maintain open hours at all libraries, increase hours at some libraries.
- Provide basic operational support for a new public library in Aloha and expanding libraries in Bethany, Cornelius and Hillsboro.

Reading programs for children:

- Support children's reading programs that average over

280,000 child visits each year. This includes annual summer reading programs and literacy programs for preschoolers so more children enter school ready to read.

- Enhance summer reading activities designed to sustain reading retention between school years.
- Increase reading and learning programs for students, including online homework and tutoring services designed to improve school success for all children in the County.
- Increase literacy training in English and Spanish to develop reading skills for children.

Book purchases:

- Expand purchase of books, e-books and other materials that would be available to all users of libraries in Washington County.

Resources for job-seekers:

- Continue library services that provide information, resources and instruction to assist those seeking jobs.
- One out of five WCCLS computer users say library technology supports their employment or job searches.

Central support and outreach services that link libraries together:

- Maintain daily deliveries between libraries to fill patron requests for books and other materials.
- Maintain the WCCLS website and shared library catalog used by member libraries.
- Provide outreach services to special populations such as mail delivery of books to homebound residents.
- Support services and technologies designed to increase efficiencies in service delivery across the system.

How would this replacement levy affect a homeowner's taxes?

- The levy rate would be 22¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value, an increase of 5¢ over the current rate.
- If approved, this would be the first rate increase since 2006.
- In 2016, owners of a home with an average assessed value of \$255,408 (not market value) would pay about \$56, or \$14 more than paid in 2015.

What happens if the levy does not pass?

Because the expiring levy provides 1/3 of WCCLS funding, reductions in service levels would likely occur based on local library priorities:

- Reductions in hours, book purchases and programs,
- Reductions in central support and outreach programs,
- Operational funding would not be available for new or expanding libraries.

More information?

Visit the WCCLS website at www.wccls.org/levy

Submitted by:

Alan Rappleyea, County Counsel
 Washington County

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

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Argument in Favor

VOTE 'YES' FOR LIBRARIES!

Measure 34-235 will maintain current high-level library services for Washington County adults and children for the next five years.

Our libraries are a community service created by passionate volunteers, nurtured by cities and the county. They provide a service open to and enjoyed by all county residents. From humble beginnings our libraries, operated by cities and community associations and financed in large part by the county, have grown into a major service for the public and centers of community life.

Total circulation of books and other materials last year topped 12.2 million. That's over 34,000 checkouts for every day our libraries are open.

A main focus of our libraries is serving children. In 2014, 22% of the county's children and teenagers participated in the countywide Summer Reading Program. Preschool reading programs offered in our libraries help prepare our children to succeed in school.

These reading programs are a critical first step in developing good reading skills our kids will need throughout their lives.

This levy will maintain, and in some cases increase, open hours to meet the needs of the community. The mission: provide access to all county residents to the world of books and information.

Please join People for Libraries in voting "YES" for Measure 34-235 so we can continue to enjoy the fine library services we have.

Harry Bodine	Marjorie Congress
Jean Butcher	Janel Dalin
Michele Caldwell	Amy Grant
Rob Drake	Robert Hansen
Abigail Elder	Ash Leppink
John Gruher	Linda Lybecker
Michael Smith	Stephen Pearson
John Cook, Mayor of Tigard	Dick Schouten, County Commissioner
Pete Truax, Mayor of Forest Grove	Donna Selle
Pat Biggs	Eric Squires
Tom Brian	Barbara Wright
Christie Christophersen	

This information furnished by:
Harry Bodine

Argument in Favor

PLEASE JOIN WASHINGTON COUNTY IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES

We believe strongly in the Washington County Cooperative Library system and in **the power of libraries to strengthen our communities, schools and economy.** In this spirit we have unanimously referred Measure 34-235 to voters and now request your continued support for our public libraries.

Measure 34-235, a five-year levy, will:

- Support libraries and branches that **serve all county residents:** Aloha, Banks, Beaverton, Cedar Mill, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Garden Home, Hillsboro, North Plains, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin, West Slope
- Provide **children's literacy and reading programs** that average over 280,000 child visits per year
- **Expand purchase of books,** e-books and materials that are available to all county libraries

The levy rate, an increase of five cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, is the first such increase in 10 years.

As your elected Board of County Commissioners, we oversee a wide range of public services, from public health to the justice system to county roads. In each area, we know that smart investments on the front end usually lead to positive outcomes, making for reduced costs over time. Our libraries very much work this way. We make **modest but strategic investments in children's programs** and early literacy, which lead to school readiness and eventually mean better chances at a good job and a good life.

Measure 34-235 and Measure 34-236 (the public safety levy) give voters a chance to reinvest in safe and livable communities, and we urge a "YES" vote on both!

Washington County Commission

Commissioner Andy Duyck, Chair
Commissioner Greg Malinowski
Commissioner Roy Rogers
Commissioner Dick Schouten
Commissioner Bob Terry

This information furnished by:
Washington County Board of Commissioners

Argument in Favor

WASHINGTON COUNTY SENIORS ASK FOR YOUR YES VOTE!

As senior citizens in Washington County, we are proud of our communities and the quality of life here. Our libraries are an essential part of that quality. They promote reading, offer access to information to all, and serve as community gathering spots throughout the county.

Our libraries provide:

- **Children's reading programs** that help develop skills needed to excel in school.
- Books and other materials that **are available to all users countywide**, including classics, new releases and e-books.
- Guidance in navigating an increasingly complex world, from Internet searches to the latest computer programs.
- Information resources and programs for seniors which serve to expand our horizons in many areas, including genealogy, health and wellness, travel, food and nutrition, and legal matters.
- Assistance for both workers and job seekers. One in five library computer users says library technology supports their employment or job searches.

Measure 34-235 will allow our libraries to continue serving residents of all ages for the next five years for **a modest increase in tax rate (five cents) – the first increase in 10 years.**

Libraries are worth it! Please join us in voting to support this invaluable community service.

Vote YES for libraries!

John Leeper
Lynda Boatwright, Adjutant, Chapter 25, Disabled American Veterans
Winona Bodine
Selma Broadhurst, Sherwood 2013 Citizen of the Year
Pat Bryant
Sally Bunnell
Rod Bunnell
Yvonne Burgess
Norbert Chartrey, Former Cornelius Councilman and Mayor
Robert R. Herb

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Linda Longworth
Fred J. Lord
Bill McClelland
Robert H. Thornhill, Member, VFW Post 1442
Al Young

This information furnished by:
Becky Clark

Argument in Favor

INVEST IN THE FUTURE YOU WANT: SUPPORT LIBRARIES AND EARLY LITERACY

As educators, we know that children who are read to from an early age are more likely to enter school ready to learn and have a more successful experience in school. **Reading success is critical to success in school ...and to success in life.**

Libraries provide children's reading programs, resources to support parents as their children's first teachers, and librarian guidance for learning.

- Over 280,000 children attend children's programs annually at Washington County libraries!
- Our public libraries are the **ONLY** tax-supported community service that offers all families and childcare providers in our community open access to books, music, group programs and literacy support.
- Libraries' summer reading programs are designed to keep kids reading over the summer months so that they are ready to learn in the fall.
- This measure will provide funds to support children's programs, buy books, and provide early literacy information to parents and childcare providers.
- This measure will also provide enhanced support for school-aged children, including online homework and tutoring services designed to improve children's school success.

Libraries enhance and support early literacy efforts and learning throughout our lives.

Invest wisely. Vote Yes on Measure 34-235.

LeeAnn Larsen, Beaverton School Board Director
Dana Terhune, Tigard-Tualatin School Board Member
Kate Grandusky, Forest Grove School Board Member
Sandra Rogers, Professor, Occupational Therapy
Steve Callaway
Ruth Gooding
Ralph Brown, Educator, former Cornelius Mayor
Ann Baumgartner
Lisa Buellesbach
Kristin Ratten, Director, Little Lambs Too Montessori School
Rebecca Wagner, Educator and Parent
MaryLu Savara
Belinda Zeidler, Professor, Community Health
Lisa Rosenthal, Reading Instructor

This information furnished by:
Jean Butcher

Argument in Favor

BUSINESS LEADERS URGE A 'YES' FOR COUNTYWIDE LIBRARY SERVICES, MEASURE 34-235

We need strong schools, great libraries and safe neighborhoods. This is why we support a 'YES' vote on the renewal of the Countywide Library Services Levy, Measure 34-235, on our ballots November 3rd.

The Westside Economic Alliance represents the private and public sectors in working to enhance economic vitality our region.

As business leaders, we care about the business environment. A big part of being home to growing companies is assuring we have healthy, safe and vibrant communities to attract and retain employees and their families.

Your 'yes' vote ensures we have an innovative and cost-effective library system that serves all citizens and businesses in Washington County.

- This levy will help prospective employees have the resources they need to find employment, such as access to computers and the internet;
- The levy supports a variety of children's programs that develop reading skills and improve school readiness;
- The levy assures that libraries will have open hours to serve our growing county's library usage;
- The levy will provide books and materials available to all citizens and businesses of Washington County;
- And the levy provides funding for ALL libraries, both in cities and out of cities.

The levy tax rate, although an increase of five cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, is the **FIRST** tax rate increase in **TEN** years. Our libraries are a great value!

**Please join us to maintain a great library system
for our families and businesses.**

Vote 'YES' for Libraries, Measure 34-235

Norm Eder, President, Westside Economic Alliance Board of Directors

This information furnished by:
Westside Economic Alliance

Argument in Favor

Measure 34-235 will keep Beaverton City Library great!

Beaverton Main and Murray Scholls Libraries operate through a combination of city and county funds, including the Washington County library levy, which Measure 34-235 will replace. Pooling and sharing resources allows Beaverton and other member libraries to provide greater access and more services than any could individually.

Beaverton's libraries are among the busiest in the state, visited over 780,000 times a year. Measure 34-235 ensures that our libraries continue to serve as the intellectual and cultural centers of our community, including:

- Programs and activities for children and teens that **improve school readiness, support homework** and foster a lifelong love of reading
- **Convenient operating hours**, seven days a week
- **More than 1.6 million books**, e-books, DVDs, music, and audiobooks for all ages, including materials in multiple languages – each one available to all citizens of Washington County
- Support for jobseekers and other adults through classes,

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computers and research assistance

This levy will increase the rate by a nickel and is the first increase in 10 years. We believe that **Measure 34-235 is a great value for Beaverton** and the whole county.

Please join us in voting YES FOR LIBRARIES!

YES for Measure 34-235!

Denny Doyle, Mayor of Beaverton
Cate Arnold, Beaverton City Councilor
Lacey Beaty, Beaverton City Councilor
Betty Bode, Beaverton City Councilor
Mark Fagin, Beaverton City Councilor
Marc San Soucie, Beaverton City Councilor
Margaret Kelleher, President, New Friends of the Beaverton City Library
Michael Wong, President, Beaverton Library Foundation
Melissa Riley, President, Beaverton Civic Theatre

This information furnished by:
New Friends of the Beaverton City Library

Argument in Favor

**Libraries Enrich Our Lives!
Support Hillsboro's Libraries – Vote Yes on Measure 34-235!**

The Friends of the Hillsboro Public Library and the Library Foundation of Hillsboro ask you to **join us in voting YES on Measure 34-235.**

This replacement levy will supplement County general fund support for the Washington County Cooperative Library Services and will directly benefit our Main Library and Shute Park Branch Library. The Hillsboro libraries receive about one-fifth of their operating budget from the levy.

What does Measure 34-235 do?

- Maintain **open hours** at our libraries
- Support **reading programs for children**, such as summer reading activities and preschooler literacy programs
- Expand purchase of **books, e-books and other materials that are available to all** county libraries
- **Continue outreach services** for homebound residents, Spanish-speaking residents, multi-lingual groups, children in care, and the Jail library.

The cooperative partnership among the county, nine cities and two non-profit organizations has been a critical component in stabilizing and maintaining countywide library services and **continues to meet the literacy, education, information, and entertainment needs** of all Washington County residents.

Vote “Yes” to ensure the continued excellence of our county's libraries.

Library Foundation of Hillsboro	Friends of the Hillsboro Library
Deborah Clarke	Amy M. Schertz
Mary E. Ordal	Michael Wright
Kathy Hanna	Kim Minter-Rohrich
Edith G. Lippert	Anthony G. Markert
Sunny M. Iboshi	Linda J. Taylor
Gail Marsh Madsen	Jeanne Markert
Lynn Scheller	Brooke Cooper
Judy L. Willey	Kathy Schertz
Kelsey Cleveland	Candace Strohm
Robert Harris	Barbara Wright

JoAnn Lumaco
Sarah McGraw-Plaster
Richard Paulson
Steve Callaway

This information furnished by:
Deborah Clarke, Library Foundation of Hillsboro
Barbara Wright, Friends of the Hillsboro Public Library

Argument in Favor

Support Tigard Public Library – Vote Yes

Each day about 1,000 people walk through the doors of the Tigard Library. They come to instill a love of reading in their children. They come to further their own education. They come to improve technological skills that will help them get good jobs. They come to broaden their knowledge of cultures, music and practical skills through the variety of programs the Library offers.

Story times like Book Babies and Fun for Ones teach our youngest citizens skills that will prepare them to read at an early age so that they can start school with basic reading abilities. **If this levy passes, the Library will continue to provide these essential programs to prepare children for school.**

Since 2012, the Tigard Library has been closed on Thursdays because of cutbacks. During the past three years people have asked why the Library is closed and said they supported Thursday hours.

If this levy passes, the Library will open on Thursdays.

The Library issues 300 new library cards every month. These new library cardholders seek the same services that the Library provides to all citizens. **If this levy passes, it will help the Library serve the growing number of people who use it.**

Why should you vote for this levy?

- To maintain the services the Library currently provides. The Tigard Library receives 60% of its funding from Washington County Cooperative Library Services. Approximately 30% of that is funded by the existing levy. Measure 34-235 would continue that funding.
- To open the Tigard Library on Thursdays.
- To continue to provide the books, other library materials, programs and services that citizens rely on.
- This levy impacts all libraries in Washington County.

Please join us in voting “Yes” for libraries.

For more information, go to:
<http://peopleforlibraries.org/about-the-levy/> or
www.WCCLS.org/levy

This information furnished by:
Friends of the Tigard Library

Argument in Favor

Vote YES to Support Tualatin and Sherwood Libraries

Measure 34-235 extends our support for public libraries for another five years. This is the **FIRST rate increase in 10 years.** Our communities use their libraries: last year, Tualatin Public Library had over 300,000 visits and Sherwood Public Library had over 251,500 visits.

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Funds generated by this levy help our libraries with:

- Children's programs and services to improve school readiness
- Books, technology, and materials that are available to all residents of Washington County
- Maintaining a combined 125 hours a week of open hours for in-person help
- E-books and other electronic resources to keep up with growing demand

Tualatin Public Library and Sherwood Public Library will receive 25% and 21% of their operating funds, respectively, from this levy.

Last year, Tualatin and Sherwood held over 900 children's reading programs, with an attendance of more than 34,000. Reading readiness is a focus all year long.

Library users have access to an incredible collection of 1.6 million items, including 72,000+ e-books/downloadable audio files.

To continue support of children's programs, purchase of books and other materials and services that keep up with community demand, **OUR LIBRARIES NEED YOUR VOTE!**

Vote YES on Measure 34-235

Tualatin:

- Tualatin Chamber of Commerce
- Frank Bubenik, City Councilor
- Wayne Welch, Library Foundation
- Brian Alexander, Teen
- Del Judy, Senior
- Jonathan Crane, Tualatin Life
- Sonya Ambuehl, Library Advisory Committee
- Nan Bogdan, Friends of the Library
- Rebecca Gonzalez, Parent and Instructional Aide
- Jill Zurschmeide, Tigard-Tualatin School Board Member

Sherwood:

- Krisanna Clark, Mayor
- Sally Robinson, City Council President
- Jennifer Harris, City Councilor
- Jennifer Kuiper, City Councilor
- Linda Henderson, City Councilor
- Wilson Parrish, Chaplain
- Amy Christie, Educator and Parent
- Colin Woodbury, Teen
- Chuck Britton, Edward Jones Financial Advisor
- Maryanne Azdine, Old Town Rotary President
- Jeannette L. Voss, Friends of the Library President

This information furnished by:
Friends of the Sherwood and Tualatin Libraries

Argument in Favor

VOTE YES TO KEEP THE FOREST GROVE CITY LIBRARY A GREAT COMMUNITY ASSET

Measure 34-235 will continue support of countywide library services and is also **vital to maintaining services at Forest Grove City Library.**

This replacement levy will provide about one-quarter of Forest Grove's library budget.

The levy will enable continuation of:

- Library hours of operation.
- Children's programs that promote school readiness and

- keep kids reading through the summer.
- Purchase of books and other resources.

Passage of this bond measure will raise your property tax rate 5 cents per \$1,000 of evaluation. However, our 1998 Capital bond is being paid off in 2016, and this will lower your tax rate 8 cents. In total, we can keep our library healthy with a YES vote and your property tax rate will still decline by 3 cents.

The proposed levy is the first rate increase requested in 10 years.

A YES vote supports all libraries in Washington County, which we all can use, and it also provides vital support to the library in Forest Grove.

Our libraries offer books for all ages as well as movies, music and magazines. A library card allows you to access online resources, use of library computers, access to Wi-Fi, and the ability to download eBooks.

Please join us in voting for Measure 34-235 to continue our current services in our beautiful Forest Grove library and for all libraries in Washington County.

Katie Allnutt	Michael Rex Smith
Nicolette Augustine	Ralph Schubothe
Pamela Bailey	Susan Schubothe
Tom Beck	Linda Stiles Taylor
Rod Fuiten	Pete Truax, Mayor, Forest Grove
Douglas Martin	Ann Marie Ukockis
Gladys Martin	Ralph Vasey
Michael M. Moore	Carol Woodford
Thomas A. Parker	Jon Youngberg
Kim Reynolds	Phil Ruder
Linda D. Saari	Becky Jo Saxe
Elizabeth K. Smith	

This information furnished by:
Pete Truax, Mayor, Forest Grove

Argument in Favor

YES ON MEASURE 34-235, YES TO A FULL-SERVICE ALOHA COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Aloha Community Library was created in 2011 to bring a much-needed source of learning and inspiration to a part of the county that has been underserved by library services. The Library is a community center that provides reading programs and support for Aloha families and children, enhances literacy, and provides a safe environment for learning.

Today's library represents a great first step in establishing a fundamental community asset. However, its impact is limited by inadequate funding, lack of full-time staff and the fact that it isn't fully part of the countywide system, meaning Aloha's library users don't have access to all of the books, materials, programs and technology enjoyed by other Washington County communities.

A YES vote on Measure 34-235 helps our library take the final steps to becoming a better, stronger, full-service library.

Passage of this measure means the Aloha Community Library will gain:

- **Access to the entire Washington County catalog** of books and other materials, boosting the Aloha Library catalog more than 100 times over
- **Local drop-off and pick-up of materials** from the entire County catalog
- **Expanded hours of operation**
- **More programs and events, including additional**

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children's reading programs

- Addition of **professional staff** to assist library users in accessing books and information

A YES vote will allow the Aloha Community Library to better support the greater Aloha area and contribute library materials to those already available elsewhere in the County Library System.

Please join these community leaders in voting YES for our Library

Donna Tyner, Beaverton School Board Member
John Tyner, Attorney, Past President, Washington County
Public Affairs Forum
Washington County Commissioner Dick Schouten
Rep. Jeff Barker
Deborah Burke, Owner - Jan's Paperbacks
Karen Bolin, Aloha Business Association President and Small
Business Owner

This information furnished by:
Aloha Community Library

Argument in Favor

WESTERN WASHINGTON COUNTY LIBRARIES NEED YOUR "YES" VOTES!

We are certain you know that **libraries are a great value for our communities** and offer a great investment return for each dollar spent, but you may not realize that **more than half of our local libraries' operating funds** are supplied by Washington County. Forty percent of that county funding depends on successful passage of Measure 34-235.

YES votes for this levy help maintain core services such as children's reading programs and homework assistance, hours open, and acquisition of new materials.

With passage of this levy....

- In **Banks**, our library will open 3 more hours per week, plus maintain current services and, when the new library community room is completed, increase programming for children, teens, adults and seniors.
- In **Cornelius**, our library will be able to maintain services and, when the new library opens, will receive additional county funding to hire a librarian to provide early literacy, student support and teen programs.
- In **North Plains**, our library will be able to maintain current open hours, to increase services and programs that support preschoolers, school-aged children, and teens, and to provide additional programs for adults and seniors.

We urge a YES vote on Measure 34-235 to support reading programs for our kids, adequate open hours, and healthy book budgets for the next 5 years.

Banks Public Library Supporters:

Peter Edison, Mayor
Stephanie Jones, Library Friends President
Laurie Sheridan Schlegel, Retired Educator
Steve Vredenburg, Veterinarian
Harve R. Dethlefs, Bighorn Logging

Cornelius Public Library Supporters:

Jeffrey Dalin, Mayor
Melanie Johnston, Library Friends President

Dave Waffle, Cornelius Planning Commission Chair
Maria Caballero Rubio, Executive Director, Centro Cultural

North Plains Public Library Supporters:

David Hatcher, Mayor
Carolyn Leavitt, Library Friends President
Wayne Holm, Oregon Canadian Forest Products
Patti Burns
Terry Burns
Karen Murphy, Educator
Russ Sheldon
Cindy Hirst, Former Mayor

This information furnished by:

Frances L. Todd, Treasurer, Friends of the Banks Public Library
Beth Brandon, Treasurer, Friends of the Cornelius Public Library
Norma M. Tucker, Treasurer, Friends of the North Plains Public Library

Argument in Favor

**Cedar Mill Community Library and Bethany Library Users ...
Libraries are our key community centers. We and our
neighbors love our libraries!**

Annually, our community

- Visits their libraries more than 700,000 times
- Borrows more than 2.4 million items
- Attends more than 800 story times
- Uses our fast Internet connections more than 120,000 times
- Volunteers more than 33,000 hours

Why we support renewing the levy –

- Continues a variety of programs that foster a love of reading and prepare children for school
- Maintains library operating hours and services
- Provides books, video, and audio materials for all citizens
- Helps the libraries keep up with the growth of the Bethany library, which is bursting at its seams!

It has been 10 years since the last increase. This levy renewal increases the rate by a modest 5 cents!

- Passage of this levy provides essential operational funding for both the Bethany and the Cedar Mill Library, helping to keep up with a 100% increase in library lending over the last 10 years.
- This levy provides about 30% of our total operational funding and prevents a \$1.2 million shortfall!

Please help avoid a serious reduction in library hours and services and a 50% reduction in our book and materials budget!

**Please Join Us: VOTE YES for the Library Levy renewal,
Measure 34-235
Your Yes vote sustains library services for our communities.**

Harry Bodine	Ken Findley	Roy Kim
Bruce Bartlett	Martha Moyer	Diana Johnson
Paul Sander	Utpala Shanker	Virginia Bruce
Nancy Spaulding	Marianne Coalson	Emily Carlson
Janet Maurer	Robert A Hansen	Edward Carroll
John Gruher	Stephen Pearson	Mary Manseau
Phil Nelson	Kathy Phillips-Israel	Anne Madden

This information furnished by:
Peter Leonard, Executive Director
Cedar Mill Community Library Association

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Argument in Favor

Vote **YES** for Garden Home and West Slope Libraries!

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

Our libraries provide important children's services and programs:

- Over 375 children's programs are provided annually, reaching 5900 attendees.
- Over 1150 children participate in vital summer reading programs each year.
- Librarian and computer access are available for schoolwork assistance.

The proposed levy will provide **33% of the Garden Home Library budget and 40% of the West Slope Library budget!** This levy is vital for our libraries' ability to continue meeting the needs of our communities.

The passage of Measure 34-235 will include a 5-cent property tax rate increase, **the first proposed increase in ten years** for library services.

The Library levy will assure:

- Open hours which allow our libraries to keep up with our communities' needs.
- Continued support of children's reading programs as well as popular adult programming.
- Continued access to all of Washington County libraries' books and materials through the Cooperative's computer system and courier services, and continued support of all county libraries.

Please join the Garden Home Community Library Association and Friends of West Slope Community Library in voting YES for libraries!

Bob Cram
Sharon Cram
Bradley R. Handick, DDS
Carol A. Johnston
Ruth A. Robinson
Elaine Shreve
Patsy VandeVenter
Jack Bertell
Christie Christophersen
Meera Coilparampil
Peter J. Gray
Dede Helmsworth
Martie Lewis
Angela Mollet
Katy Newbold
Linda Omar
Ted C. Schroeder
Leslie G. Sugarman
Dean Kokko

Julie Corpron
Becky Clark
Laura Baldschun
Shannon Dilorenzo
Kristin Webb
Carol Hellebuyck
Rita Hammack
Ann Abernathy
Jan Nicholas
Trudy Ludwig
Vern Nelson
Douglas Bigelow
Marilyn Tuffs
Tom DeLoughery
Connie Barragar
Berkeley Gadbow
Lynne Fowler
Dawn Prochovnic
Ryan Deckert

This information furnished by:
Julie Corpron and Christie Christophersen

Argument in Favor

YES to Hillsboro Libraries, YES to Measure 34-235

The **Hillsboro City Council and Hillsboro Public Library Board** strongly encourage Washington County voters to support

Measure 34-235. This measure is a five-year local option levy to support countywide library services from July 2016 to June 2021. The levy will **help our library system keep up with the county's growing population and the growing use of our libraries.** Hillsboro has seen a steady increase in registered patrons at our Main Library and Shute Park Branch Library.

Measure 34-235 will:

- Ensure our libraries continue to provide a variety of children's programs and improve school readiness
- Help maintain library operating hours
- Enable ongoing acquisition of books and materials that are available to all citizens of Washington County

The levy rate, an increase of five cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, is the **FIRST such increase in TEN years.**

We are proud that Hillsboro is a member of Washington County Cooperative Library Services – a partnership between the county, nine cities, and two non-profits. It is a unique and successful model for library service and enables all Washington County residents access to **excellent and efficient library services!**

Our libraries are an essential part of what makes Hillsboro a great place to live and work! They offer a full calendar of programs, classes, and cultural events, and access to Internet-connected computers and Wi-Fi. Our librarians provide early literacy activities to infants and children, and workshops, information, and support to their caregivers. Multiple drop-in storytimes for pre-readers are scheduled throughout the week.

Vote "Yes" to keep our libraries strong!

Mayor Jerry Willey

City Councilors:

Steve Callaway
Olga L. Acuna
Darell Lumaco
Kyle Allen
Fred C. Nachtigal

Library Board Members:

Deborah Clarke
Doug Johnson
Ash Leppink
Helen Lewis
Steven Swoboda
Barbara Wright

This information furnished by:
Deborah Clarke, Chair, Hillsboro Library Board
Steve Callaway, Hillsboro City Council

Washington County

Measure No. 34-236

Ballot Title

Renewal of Local Option Levy for Countywide Public Safety Services

Question: Shall Washington County maintain public safety services by levying 42¢ per \$1,000 assessed value for five years, beginning in 2016? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: This measure renews a levy that expires in June 2016. It supports public safety services for all city and urban unincorporated neighborhoods and rural communities in Washington County, including:

- Emergency shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence and related victims' assistance;
- A mental health response team of deputies and mental health professionals who help people in crisis get medical assistance instead of going to jail;
- Juvenile programs that reduce crime;
- Special enforcement teams (major crimes, SWAT, child abuse and child pornography, gangs and narcotics) serving all areas of the county;
- Jail and work release center operating at full capacity to minimize early offender release;
- Prosecution services;
- Parole and probation services.

The renewed five-year levy continues current services at a fixed rate of 42¢ per \$1,000 assessed value, which is unchanged from the current rate.

In 2016, typical homeowners with an assessed value (not market value) of \$255,408 would pay about \$107.

Estimated levy amount for each year:

\$24,320,000 in 2016-2017
\$25,293,000 in 2017-2018
\$26,368,000 in 2018-2019
\$27,488,000 in 2019-2020
\$28,657,000 in 2020-2021

Explanatory Statement

Washington County provides public safety services to the cities of Banks, Beaverton, Cornelius, Durham, Forest Grove, Gaston, Hillsboro, King City, North Plains, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin, parts of Portland and Wilsonville and all unincorporated neighborhoods and rural areas of Washington County.

Measure 34-236 renews a five-year levy supporting county-wide public safety services that expires in June 2016. The expiring levy funds 16 percent of Washington County's public safety system. The renewed levy would run from July 2016 to June 2021.

What would renewal of this levy do?

Measure 34-236 would help maintain current public safety services in all areas of Washington County, including:

Victims' assistance and emergency shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence:

- Levy funds would continue to support emergency shelters including Domestic Violence Resource Center, Family Promise, Community Action, Good Neighbor Center and Safe Place Youth Shelter.

A mental health response team of deputies and mental health professionals who help people in crisis get medical assistance instead of going to jail:

- Last year, nearly all of the team's 3,245 mental health

calls resulted in nontraditional law enforcement solutions such as helping individuals get immediate medical care or follow-up response to ensure a safe outcome to a crisis.

Juvenile programs that would contribute to the reduction of juvenile crime:

- Juvenile crime has declined four out of the last five years in Washington County. Levy funds would continue to support juvenile crime reduction programs.

Special enforcement teams serving all areas of the county:

- These multi-agency teams include major crimes, SWAT, child abuse and child pornography, gangs and narcotics teams.

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

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

Prosecution, parole, probation and other services that reduce crime:

- Levy-funded prosecution services work with every law enforcement agency in the county.
- The levy would help hold those under supervision accountable for compliance with their court-ordered conditions.

How would this renewal affect a homeowner's taxes?

The levy would continue a rate of 42¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value, which is unchanged from the current levy. There has been no increase in the Public Safety Levy rate since it was first approved by voters in 2000. A typical homeowner would pay about \$107 in 2016. This assumes an average assessed value (not market value) of \$255,408.

What happens if the levy renewal does not pass?

The expiring levy funds 16% of the County public safety system. Although public safety would remain a priority, reductions affecting prosecution, law enforcement, supervision, corrections and emergency shelters would be likely beginning in 2016.

More information?

Visit the Washington County web site at www.co.washington.or.us/levies

Submitted by:
Alan Rappleyea, County Counsel
Washington County

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

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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. As your elected Board of Commissioners, the most important job we have is ensuring safe and livable communities. For this reason, **we unanimously support the Public Safety Levy - Measure 34-236.**

Before you vote, please consider:

1. This is a **replacement levy** for a measure voters approved in 2010. The tax rate is unchanged at .42/\$1,000 of assessed property value.
2. **Core public safety services** are funded that are only provided by the County – including jail, prosecution, parole and probation, victims' assistance, and juvenile services.
3. Specific **key services** include:
 - **Emergency shelter and services for women and children** who are victims of domestic violence.
 - **Victims' Assistance** programs for victims of other crimes.
 - **Mental Health Response Teams** that pair a deputy and a mental health clinician to make sure that people in crisis get medical help instead of being taken to jail.
 - **Prevention programs that have helped reduce juvenile crime** in four of the last five years, even as population has grown.
 - **Operation of the jail and work release center at full capacity**, which results in fewer early releases, dropping from a high of 47 per week to less than 5.
 - **Interagency enforcement teams** (Major Crimes, Gangs, and Narcotics).

Public Safety Levy programs hold criminals accountable, and they also prevent crime; both **keep our communities safe**. The levy also emphasizes services for vulnerable county residents, particularly elders, women and children in abusive situations, and individuals struggling with mental health problems.

Measure 34-236 and Measure 34-235 (the library levy) give voters a chance to reinvest in safe and livable communities, and we urge a "YES" vote on both!

Washington County Chair Andy Duyck
Commissioner Greg Malinowski
Commissioner Roy Rogers
Commissioner Dick Schouten
Commissioner Bob Terry

This information furnished by:
Washington County Board of Commissioners

Argument in Favor

**Vote "YES" To Provide Hope for Victims of Domestic Violence...
Vote "YES" For the Public Safety Levy, Measure 34-236**

The tragedy of homelessness increases dramatically when children are involved, and when domestic violence is the cause, the trauma is far greater.

A Coordinated Response

Since 2000, a network of five homeless shelters in Washington County has counted on funding from the Public Safety Levy.

- We represent Monika's House (Domestic Violence Resource Center), Hillsboro Family Shelter (Community Action Organization), Good Neighbor Center in Tigard, Family Promise of Washington County, and Safe Place

(Boys & Girls Aid).

- The Public Safety Levy provides funding to ensure space in our facilities for families escaping abusive situations and homelessness.
- The stability of a shelter means children can be kept in school, arrangements can be made to get families into safe and stable housing, and other services can be provided to unwind the damage caused by domestic violence and homelessness.

Connected to the Community

The County made a wise decision when it decided to invest in existing, community-based shelters. Thousands of volunteers, churches from Forest Grove to Tualatin, the local business community, public officials, and the expertise of several non-profit organizations all contribute to the services we provide.

Please Help Us Maintain These Critical Services to Families in Need of Safe Shelter!

Please Join Us in Voting 'YES' for the Public Safety Levy, Measure 34-236

Boys & Girls Aid, Suzan Huntington, CEO
Community Action, Jerralynn Ness, Executive Director
Domestic Violence Resource Center, Sara Wade, Executive Director
Family Promise of Washington County Oregon, Annie J. Heart, Executive Director
Good Neighbor Center, Ellen Sutton, Board Chair

This information furnished by:
Domestic Violence Resource Center, Boys & Girls Aid, Community Action Organization, Family Promise of Washington County, and Good Neighbor Center

Argument in Favor

SHERIFF AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY SUPPORT MEASURE 34-236

As elected criminal justice leaders, we need your continued support to keep Washington County safe. With your help, we arrest and prosecute criminal offenders, provide assistance to victims, and protect our most vulnerable populations. Measure 34-236 continues existing core services to every community and resident in Washington County including:

Temporary shelters for victims of domestic violence. Without these shelters, women and their children traumatized by domestic violence often have nowhere to turn.

Mental Health Response Teams staffed by deputies and mental health professionals help make sure people in crisis get the medical help they need instead of being taken to jail.

Effective Juvenile Justice programs have helped reduce juvenile crime four of the last five years in Washington County. The levy helps with intervention programs for at-risk youth, reducing the likelihood they'll become adult criminals.

Countywide special teams which allows the Sheriff to fully support several interagency enforcement teams including major crimes, gang, and narcotics teams that serve all areas of the county.

Jail operating at full capacity. There is only one jail in the county. The levy allows us to operate at full capacity, funding 108 of 787 custody beds, which helped reduce early releases of offenders due to overcrowding from about 47 a week to an average of 5 per week.

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Prompt and aggressive prosecution. The District Attorney prosecutes nearly all arrests made by city police agencies and the Sheriff's Office. The levy funds approximately one of every seven criminal prosecutions. Combined efforts helped reduce violent crimes over the last five years of levy operations.

The levy rate of 42 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value has never gone up since the levy was first approved in 2000.

Washington County is a safe community. Please help us continue our work by voting yes on Measure 34-236.

This information furnished by:
Bob Hermann, District Attorney
Pat Garrett, Sheriff

Argument in Favor

MAYORS URGE A 'YES' FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY

Safe Neighborhoods and Communities Are Important!

We need places where kids can focus on learning, parents can build strong families, and businesses can grow and create jobs. Public Safety is a fundamental part of successful cities, and directly contributes to the economy and high quality of life we so value.

MEASURE 34-236 IS VITAL TO PUBLIC SAFETY IN OUR CITIES

Funds provided by this levy directly help provide safe communities by supporting special law enforcement teams, prosecutors, jail deputies, probation supervisors and victim's assistance.

Funding from the levy:

- Supports programs to help police respond to mental health issues, domestic violence, and provides victim's assistance services.
- Helps the jail operate at full capacity, minimizing early release of potentially dangerous offenders due to overcrowding.
- Supports programs to decrease juvenile crime, which has declined four of the last five years.
- Supports our city police and provides jail transport services so city officers can stay in the city to serve us.
- Helps enable the District Attorney's office to swiftly and effectively carry out prosecutions of offenders, including most of those arrested by city police agencies.
- Supports interagency teams made up of county and city police continue to effectively battle crimes related to drugs, ID theft, and criminal gangs.

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.

Pete Edison, Mayor of Banks
Denny Doyle, Mayor of Beaverton
Jeffrey Dalin, Mayor of Cornelius
Gery Schirado, Mayor of Durham
Pete Truax, Mayor of Forest Grove
Jerry W. Willey, Mayor of Hillsboro
Kenneth Gibson, Council President of King City
David L. Hatcher, Mayor of North Plains
Krisanna Clark, Mayor of Sherwood
John Cook, Mayor of Tigard
Lou Ogden, Mayor of Tualatin

This information furnished by:
Denny Doyle,
City of Beaverton

Argument in Favor

A PARENT VOTES YES

I will cast my 'YES' vote on Measure 34-236 for a reason parents will understand, my adult daughter, Margo.

Margo is 37 years old. She works hard to have a normal life, but hers is often defined by struggles with mental illness. It can be discouraging, and sometimes it's terrifying.

Last fall, I was so frightened by Margo's mood swings that I obtained a restraining order against her. It broke my heart, but fear is a powerful motivator.

About that time, Margo and I had our first contact with the Washington County Sheriff's Mental Health Response Team (MHRT). It wasn't her first engagement with law enforcement – an event that always caused me to hold my breath.

Margo was in crisis, her thinking exceedingly confused. The team that responded included a deputy sheriff and a mental health clinician. Sensing her confusion, the clinician engaged Margo and patiently talked with her. Meanwhile, the deputy was checking to see how I was. Both were incredibly respectful, smart, and caring.

That was not the last time Margo needed help from the MHRT. But even when she stabilized and life was less chaotic, that deputy and clinician continued to stop by or call. Simply put, they cared and Margo sensed that. Today, she's working hard to look after her own health and even thinking about going back to school. As she says, "Because of the way MHRT cared about me, I need to step up and care for myself."

Because of the men and women who staff the Mental Health Response Team, I know there are others watching out for my daughter's safety. I'm less lonely and rarely frightened. It's a battle, but lately Margo and I have been winning more than losing and MHRT is a big reason why.

I'm voting 'YES' on Measure 34-236 because it helps fund MHRT. I hope you will too.

Margaret Maturano

This information furnished by:
Margaret Maturano

Argument in Favor

BUSINESS LEADERS URGE A 'YES' FOR PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY, MEASURE 34-236

We need good schools, good libraries and safe neighborhoods. This is why Westside Economic Alliance supports a 'yes' vote on the Public Safety Levy, Measure 34-236 on our ballots November 3rd.

The Westside Economic Alliance represents both the private and public sectors in working to enhance our economic vitality in the region.

As business leaders, we care about the business environment. A big part of it is to assure we have healthy, safe and vibrant communities to attract and retain employees and their families!

Your 'yes' vote for the Levy ensures our local public safety system of law enforcement, crime prevention, prosecution, jails and probation and parole supervision remain the best in the state. A 'yes' vote also helps to provide these critical services:

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- Emergency shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence;
- Victims' Assistance programs for victims of other crimes;
- Mental Health response teams that include deputies AND mental health professionals to defuse crisis situations and prevent escalation of harmful behaviors;
- And Juvenile services & programs that have reduced juvenile crime four of the past five years in Washington County.

The Public Safety Levy does NOT increase our current tax rate. The tax rate will remain the same as it has for the past 15 years (.42 cents per thousand of assessed value)!

Please join us in maintaining a safe community for our families and businesses.

Vote 'YES' for Public Safety, Measure 34-236

Norm Eder, President
WEA Board of Directors

This information furnished by:
Westside Economic Alliance

Argument in Favor

Police Chiefs Support the Public Safety Levy

We are the police chiefs of the cities located in Washington County and we support Measure 34-236. Measure 34-236 funds **services already in place** that allow our police departments to more effectively fight crime in our communities, throughout Washington County.

Your **YES** vote ensures:

- That 108 levy-funded beds at the Jail and Community Corrections center remain open, reducing the number of inmates released early due to overcrowding.
- The continued operation of Mental Health Response Teams that pair a deputy and mental health clinicians who respond together, county-wide, to make sure people in crisis get the help they need instead of being taken to jail.
- Continued supervision and compliance checks of some 1,400 Registered Sex Offenders continues.
- The Sheriff's Office jail transport services continue for central, east and south county cities. This keeps police officers on patrol, in their communities, instead of leaving to take someone to jail in Hillsboro.
- That Levy funds continue for crime scene technicians, fingerprint technicians, and criminalists that support county and city law enforcement. These services are critical to effective policing and prosecution of offenders, and maintaining these services means cities don't have to, which keeps more police officers on the streets.
- That Levy funds continue current staffing levels in the District Attorney's Office. This means more arrested criminals are effectively prosecuted and held accountable.

We urge you to vote **YES** on **Measure 34-236** and support the Washington County Criminal Justice System.

Kent Barker, Police Chief
Lee Dobrowolski, Police Chief
Chuck Fessler, Police Chief

Jeff Groth, Police Chief
Gene Moss, Police Chief
Alan Orr, Police Chief
Janie Schutz, Police Chief
Bill Snyder, Police Chief
Geoff Spalding, Police Chief

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

This information furnished by:
Jeff Groth

Argument in Favor

The Board of Directors, staff and volunteers of the Domestic Violence Resource Center (DVRC) encourage you to vote "yes" on Measure 34-236.

Domestic violence isolates victims and their children. DVRC and Monika's House provides a place for victims to go and can be the only real chance to escape the abuser and break the cycle of violence. The Washington County Safety Levy has become an essential source of funding for our shelter many other services that victims of domestic violence need to stay safe.

DVRC provides a variety of public safety services that are made possible because of the Public Safety Levy:

- Monika's House shelter for victim of domestic violence
- Free adult, adolescent and children's counseling
- Assistance with Protection Orders
- A 24-hr crisis line

Monika's House is the only confidential shelter for victims, their children and their pets fleeing domestic violence in Washington County. This and all other DVRC programs would be negatively impacted by the elimination of the vital funding from the Washington County Public Safety Levy.

DVRC has seen an increase in the need for our services as our county grows and domestic violence comes out of the shadows. We rely on the support of the rest of the public safety system – law enforcement, District Attorney, Victims' Assistance, Judges, Probation and all of those system components rely on the Public Safety Levy.

One way we as a community can personally ensure that the vital safety needs of Washington County residents continue to be met is to vote "yes" to renew Safety Levy Measure 34-236.

On the behalf of staff, volunteers, and our Board of Directors, thank you for your support of our efforts to break the cycle of domestic violence in Washington County.

Kathy Proctor, Chair, Domestic Violence Resource Center
Sara Wade, Executive Director, Domestic Violence Resource Center

This information furnished by:
Kathy Proctor, Board Chair, DVRC
Sara Wade, Executive Director, DVRC

Argument in Favor

Law Enforcement Urges "Yes" Vote.

As your neighbors, and as your city police officers and county deputies, we urge you to join us in voting "Yes" to renew the Public Safety Levy.

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We work closely with the justice system and know firsthand that all components must be strong for public safety to be achieved. We want Washington County to continue to be a place where people choose to live and businesses thrive.

Safe communities require more than good police work.

Renewing the levy ensures full staffing at our only jail and minimizes early release of offenders due to overcrowding. It also provides adequate parole and probation officer supervision of offenders who have served their time and are released back to our community. Funding will also be provided for the Mental Health Response Team, which de-escalates potentially dangerous encounters when mentally ill individuals are in crisis. Finally, enough prosecutors would be available to follow-up on our arrests and juvenile crime reduction efforts would be continued.

Victims' assistance is a priority.

Levy funds also pay for emergency shelters for women and children who are the victims of domestic violence and have nowhere else to turn.

It's the same tax rate.

As a levy renewal, the County is asking to continue the same tax rate for another five years. The rate has been the same since 2000.

As your public safety professionals, we take pride in what we do, in the communities that we serve, and in our ability to work together to ensure a safe and livable Washington County. Your support for the Public Safety levy helps us keep you and your family safe.

Endorsed by:
Beaverton Police Association
Forest Grove Police Association
Hillsboro Police Officers Association
King City Police Employees Association
Sherwood Police Officer's Association
Tigard Police Officers Association
Tualatin Police Officers Association

This information furnished by:
Murray Rau
Washington County Police Officers Association

Argument in Favor

JUDGES BELIEVE PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY CRITICAL TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

As judges in Washington County, we want you to know that our criminal justice system is much more than a judge and a courtroom. We are part of a public safety system that includes shelters for domestic violence, programs to reduce juvenile crime, help mentally ill persons, provide assistance to victims, and probation and parole supervision.

Our countywide public safety system receives critical funding through the local operating levy that expires in June 2016. It needs your 'yes' vote to be renewed at the same tax rate.

In this election you have the opportunity to renew the public safety levy. Over the last five years the levy has allowed the public safety system to:

- Provide shelter and other services to victims of domestic violence;
- Train a mental health response team to respond to 911 calls involving individuals with mental health concerns;

- Operate the jail and work release center at full capacity, minimizing early release of offenders;
- Help operate both adult and juvenile drug court programs;
- And reduce juvenile crime in four of the five previous years;

The county has determined that these same services can be provided for the next five years at the same tax rate of 42 cents per \$1000.00 assessed value.

As judges in Washington County we believe it is our obligation to let voters know how important Measure 34-236 is to our criminal justice system. This statement is intended for that purpose.

Judge D. Charles Bailey
Judge Eric Butterfield
Judge Andrew Erwin
Judge Jim Fun
Judge Oscar Garcia
Judge Rick Knapp
Judge Thomas Kohl
Judge Donald Letourneau
Judge Ricardo J. Menchaca
Judge Keith Raines
Judge Beth Roberts
Judge Kirsten E. Thompson
Judge Janelle Factora Wipper

This information furnished by:
D. Charles Bailey, Presiding Judge Washington County

City of Tigard

Measure No. 34-239

Ballot Title

Amends Charter Allowing Council to Seek City Office Without Resigning

Question: Shall the Charter be amended to allow sitting City Council members to run for City office without resigning current position?

Summary: The current Tigard City Charter ("Charter") requires an elected city official to resign from their office prior to seeking another elected City position, if there is overlap between the terms for the positions. This measure, if approved, would amend Section 7 of the Charter to remove the requirement that a person who is currently holding an elected position, as either Mayor or City Councilor, may not become a candidate for another City office held concurrently with their current position, unless that person first resigns from their currently held elected position. This would allow an elected City Councilor to run for Mayor without resigning their Council seat, if their council seat term overlapped with the mayoral term. This amendment would not apply to currently serving Council members.

Explanatory Statement

Currently the Tigard Charter requires the Mayor and members of the City Council to resign from their elected positions, if they are seeking a different elected position in the city's government, and there is overlap between the two positions. So, if a city councilor, whose term expired at the end of 2018, decided to run for mayor in 2016, they would be required to resign their city council seat before running. However, if a city councilor whose term expired in 2016 decided to run for mayor in 2016, they would not be required to resign their seat.

This Charter Amendment, if passed, would allow a sitting city elected official to run for another city position, without resigning, regardless of whether their term overlapped. This measure would not apply to currently serving Council members, and would treat all future elected officials the same.

The measure, if approved, would result in the removal of the second paragraph of Section 7 of the Charter, which, in its present form, reads as follows:

"No person who is serving as Mayor or councilor shall become a candidate for any City office for a term which would be concurrent with the term in office then held unless that person first submits a written resignation from the then current office at the time of filing for the other office. A resignation submitted to satisfy this section shall not be withdrawn. A resignation shall be adequate for purposes of this section if it provides for the termination of the signer's service in the office not later than the last day before service would begin in the office for which that person seeks to become a candidate.

Submitted by:
Marty Wine, City Manager
City of Tigard

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

Measure No. 34-240

Ballot Title

Amends Charter to Allow Additional Term

Question: Shall the Charter be amended to allow Council Members to serve sixteen consecutive years instead of twelve consecutive years?

Summary: This measure, if approved, would amend Section 7 of the City of Tigard Charter ("Charter") to provide that no person may serve on the City Council, as either the Mayor or a City Councilor, for more than sixteen consecutive years. Currently, under the Charter, no person may serve on the City Council for more than twelve consecutive years. This measure will change the term limits for the City Councilor position from eight consecutive years to twelve consecutive years. The Mayor position would remain capped at eight consecutive years. Under the new measure a person could serve a total of sixteen consecutive years. The Charter provision providing that the term limitations would not apply to the filling of an unexpired term would remain unchanged. This change, if approved, would apply to the current City Council and to City Councils elected in the future.

Explanatory Statement

This measure, if approved, would amend Section 7 of the City of Tigard Charter ("Charter") to provide that no person may serve on the City Council, as either the Mayor or a City Councilor, for more than sixteen consecutive years. Currently, under the Charter, no person may serve on the City Council for more than twelve consecutive years. This measure will change the term limits for the City Councilor position from eight consecutive years to twelve consecutive years. The Mayor position would remain capped at eight consecutive years. Under the new measure a person could serve a total of sixteen consecutive years. This change, if approved, would apply to the current City Council and to City Councils elected in the future. Currently, term limitations do not apply to the filling of an unexpired term, and no change is proposed to this Charter provision.

If the measure is approved, the first paragraph of Section 7 of the Charter would be amended as follows (new language underlined, deleted language stricken).

Section 7. Mayor And Council.
The elective officers of the City shall be a Mayor and four councilors who together shall constitute the City Council. At the general election held in 1990, and every fourth year thereafter, a Mayor shall be elected for a term of four years. No councilor shall serve the City as councilor for more than eight ~~twelve~~ consecutive years, nor shall the Mayor serve as Mayor for more than eight ~~sixteen~~ consecutive years. In no case shall any person serve on the City Council for more than twelve ~~sixteen~~ consecutive years. These limitations do not apply to the filling of an unexpired term.

Submitted by:
Marty Wine, City Manager
City of Tigard

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

Measure No. 34-241

Ballot Title

Authorizes General Obligation Bonds For Tigard Community and Recreation Center

Question: Shall Tigard Be Authorized To Issue Up To \$34,500,000 Of General Obligation Bonds For A Community and Recreation Center? 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 authorize the City to issue up to \$34,500,000 of general obligation bonds to pay for capital costs to provide a community and recreation center, including to acquire property and construct a community and recreation center, parking lot and related amenities, and finance issuance costs. The primary purpose of the community and recreation center is to provide community event space, athletic, fitness and recreational facilities.

The City expects the community and recreation center to be operated by a non-profit organization, such as the YMCA.

This measure is estimated to result in a tax of \$0.51 per \$1,000 of assessed value per year, or approximately \$122 per year on a home assessed at \$240,000.

The bonds may be issued in multiple series and each series may mature over no more than 21 years. Property taxes are assessed after bonds are issued.

Explanatory Statement

This Measure, if approved, would authorize the City to issue up to \$34,500,000 of general obligation bonds to pay for capital costs to provide a community and recreation center, including costs to acquire property and to construct a community and recreation center, parking lot and related amenities, and finance issuance costs. The primary purpose of the community and recreation center is to provide community event space, athletic, fitness and recreational facilities.

The City expects the community center to be operated by a non-profit organization, such as the YMCA.

This measure is estimated to result in a tax of \$0.51 per \$1,000 of assessed value per year, or approximately \$122 per year on a home assessed at \$240,000.

The bonds may be issued in multiple series and each series may mature over no more than 21 years. Property taxes are assessed after bonds are issued.

Submitted by:
Marty Wine
City of Tigard



The Alternate Format Ballot (AFB)

AFB is a voting tool which allows a voter with disabilities to vote privately and independently.

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Argument in Favor

We should have built a Community-Recreation Center 20 years ago.

Vote YES on 34-241 and let's get to work. This is good for Tigard!

This information furnished by:
Marland Henderson, Tigard City Councilor

Argument in Favor

Throughout my tenure on the Tigard City Council, I have championed the cause of recreation, trails, and parks. I'm proud of the accomplishments and progress we've made working together – citizens, business and government. To attract and retain homeowners and business, and encourage quality development that enhances our community and maintains the livability which is so important to us all, we must be competitive with surrounding cities. This \$34.5 million investment will serve as an economic multiplier, yielding benefits far outweighing cost. This facility will serve as a catalyst creating jobs, and attracting business and residential use to the area. There will be a significant net positive return on investment for taxpayers.

City recreation priorities are especially important if we hope to create community gathering and walkable destination places, where memories are made, moral leadership is garnered and families want to bring their children. As a fitness, recreation and healthy lifestyle consultant (Bio at LinkedIn) I know the YMCA is the best operator for our city's community recreation center. The YMCA Daxko Feasibility Study, paid for by the city, YMCA and Wash County commission showed overwhelming support for the YMCA, with a majority wanting it Downtown. It is important to remember the citizens of Tigard will make the final decision on the location and operator.

While providing quality services, having the YMCA as our operator means Tigard taxpayers will not be subsidizing operation of the facility. All our financial commitments are covered by this bond, and we will own the land and building free and clear in 20 years. The YMCA will pay all employee wages and benefits, pay for building maintenance, and provide the fitness equipment. *Family valued offerings:* teen jobs, internships, scholarships, free teen center, toddler and up onsite care, qualified free senior programs, low income grants, pool(s), aerobics programs and community events center and public meeting space etc.

I encourage a YES vote on Measure 34-241.

This information furnished by:
Marc Woodard, Tigard City Councilor

Argument in Favor

The YMCA will provide Tigard with many benefits. Housed in the 90,000 SF indoor Community Recreation Center will be swimming pools and gymnasiums, child watch and a coffee shop, classrooms, exercise equipment, teen center, large catered meeting hall and much more.

We will bring 175 paying jobs and 200 volunteer opportunities to Tigard. The YMCA has been building families and communities for 171 years, and we are experienced at running large recreation centers- but you will be in control of your

Tigard YMCA. We will be guided by a Board of Managers composed of Tigard citizens.

The YMCA is not a for-profit business. Our mission is to serve all who need us. We are a 501C3 charity. We are not a church. When we come to Tigard, we will be offering classes and services of interest and value to everyone in your city.

We are sensitive to the needs of seniors living on fixed incomes. We provide specialized exercise programs and positive, uplifting classes and social activities for seniors. We have sliding fee scales and scholarships for anyone in need. Under Plan B, Silver Sneakers and Silver Fit members receive discounted or free YMCA membership.

Our teen center and Y membership are free or very low cost for every teenager living in Tigard, providing youth with positive, safe, supervised activities. We help teens stay in school, develop a healthy lifestyle and stay away from drugs.

There is another important benefit the Y will provide Tigard. This is our social outreach to people in need. We do a lot more than just provide programs and recreational opportunities. We look for people who are hurting and struggling - for whatever reason - and we are there to help.

Thank you for considering bringing the YMCA to Tigard.
Bob Hall
President and Chief Executive Officer
YMCA of Columbia – Willamette

This information furnished by:
Bob Hall, President and CEO, YMCA of Columbia-Willamette

Argument in Favor

It is time. Tigard is ready for a community center. With a population of over 50,000, Tigard is now in a position to offer amenities that will benefit a wide range of citizens. The building itself will be a source of pride for Tigard for the next 50 years plus.

The benefits of timing are that real estate prices are on the upswing and interest rates are historically low, both positive factors when securing real estate. Every year that we wait will only add on to the final price tag.

I am not that concerned about who operates it. The city of Tigard will control the building and have a say to which reputable organization will staff the center. But the building has to be built first. Then we will have a vibrant community center that can be accessed by everyone from youth to seniors. It is time.

Tom Anderson

Owner Tigard Real Estate

Former Tigard Planning Commissioner President

This information furnished by:
Tom Anderson

Argument in Favor

We could have followed the lead of Sherwood and built a YMCA Community Recreation Center in Tigard decades ago. They have a 20 year head start on us, but the good news is the successful Sherwood YMCA shows us what we can do.

I am impressed by this grassroots movement by the people of

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Tigard. This is virtually a turnkey project created by a team of Tigard citizens, and the City Council have referred it to us, the citizens of Tigard, for the final decision.

This will be a wonderful addition to our city, and the YMCA will serve every age and demographic found among our 50,000 residents.

As a new grandmother I enjoy taking my grandchildren to the new Elisabeth Price Park, but I am acutely aware Tigard does not offer much in the way of multigenerational family activities. I agree with the vast majority of Tigard citizens, who in a recent poll, said they want the YMCA built Downtown, in the heart of Tigard.

I live on Bull Mountain and can easily drive an extra mile to reach the Y, but for those seniors and others who do not drive, being downtown and just a quick walk from the Tri-Met Transit Center is a necessity.

Safety is also important. The Tigard Police are located Downtown, the speed limit is 25 miles an hour and Tigard spent nearly \$8 million on Street improvements, building the best sidewalk system in our city.

Let's continue the Downtown development momentum and build our very own YMCA. Twenty years late is still better than never. Let's vote YES and bring the YMCA to Tigard!

Kathy Fastenau

This information furnished by:
Kathy Fastenau

Argument in Favor

The livability of our community can make such a difference in our day-to-day lives. This is why it's important for us to vote YES for the Tigard YMCA.

As a former teacher in the Tigard Public Schools, I've seen first-hand how important it is for kids and their families to have access to wholesome, engaging activities. A project like the YMCA provides exactly this opportunity at a moderate, affordable cost.

The Y would not only enliven our downtown area, but would also provide a wonderful place for our young people to go.

For our teens in particular, the teen center will become a safe, positive, supervised experience. And incredibly, every Tigard teen between the ages of 12 and 18 will be provided with free membership! No one will be turned away.

What makes the YMCA perfect for Tigard is that it is a nonprofit organization – not a for-profit business. The YMCA mission is not to see how much cash it can pull out of our community, but to see how many benefits it can share with all who call Tigard home.

And even though the Y will be important in filling the gap in school activities due to budget cuts, remember the Y is not just for kids – it's for everyone. The YMCA facilities will be available to all Tigard residents as it encourages a healthy lifestyle for people of all ages and from all walks of life.

Rain or shine, the Tigard YMCA will provide a truly valuable center of indoor activity in the heart of downtown Tigard, within walking distance of our other treasured cultural and community center – the Tigard Public Library.

This is in the best interest of our community. Please vote YES for the Tigard YMCA. Make Tigard an even better place to live.

Frank Chinn

This information furnished by:
Frank Chinn

Argument in Favor

Tigard needs a Community Recreation Center, and we need it downtown. The YMCA is the obvious choice to operate it for us.

This is what the citizens and businesses of Tigard have told us they want. I'm impressed by the fact more than 40 Downtown businesses signed a petition saying they want the YMCA built in Downtown Tigard. No one knows the area and its needs better than these business people. Their survival depends on it. Such broad support for building the YMCA in our City Center gives me good direction that I should support them.

A recent professional poll of Tigard voters showed 80% favorable feelings toward building a Community Recreation Center, with the majority wanting it Downtown. Even before this study, community activists and students from Tigard High School visited homes throughout the city and collected more than 1000 signatures supporting this project.

Much money and hard work has been expended fixing up downtown Tigard. The infrastructure is in place and it is impressive. But for Downtown to succeed it needs people... We need feet on the street!

Using the successful Sherwood YMCA is an example, we expect 800 additional people per day to come downtown to visit the YMCA, and you know they will be spending their dollars at Downtown businesses. Bringing Tigard people Downtown is key to the success of our City Center.

I am an architect and planner, and since moving to Tigard a decade ago have served on the Tigard Planning Commission and the City Center Advisory Committee, which oversees downtown Tigard. I also was a founder of the Tigard Development Association, also focused on Downtown. I want to support Downtown Tigard and see it become the vibrant, thriving heart of the City of Tigard.

I recommend you vote yes for the Community Recreation Center.

Richard Shavey

This information furnished by:
Richard J. Shavey

Argument in Favor

Voters can be confident the figures used to prepare this bond measure are based on careful research and reflect due diligence in preparation.

I am treasurer of Friends of the Downtown Tigard YMCA, and have participated throughout the process of preparing this proposal and developing the cost projections. A large team of Tigard citizens have participated in this process. Many are professionals in the fields required to develop and build our Community Center: Engineers, designers, builders and more.

To determine the cost of the building we performed a triple blind test, seeking construction estimates from three different builders known to us, to the YMCA, to the City of Tigard. We then cross-referenced the bids and vetted the estimate process to ensure the figures are reliable.

The builder with the lowest cost estimate is well-known to the people of Tigard. He's been in the business for 50 years and

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built Tigard's football stadium. He is currently building a similar recreation center in Tigard for a private school. This building is comparable to ours and came in at a lower cost per square foot.

Contracting with the YMCA to operate our Community Center gives us an experienced operator and avoids the staggering expense of expanding city government. The YMCA accepts all liability and pays all bills. This includes labor, benefits, retirement, equipment, supplies, utilities, maintenance, and more. If revenues drop below delivery costs the YMCA has agreed to pay the difference.

This building will be a permanent public asset for the people of Tigard. In 20 years the bond will be paid in full and we own the building and land free and clear.

Please vote yes for the Tigard Community and Recreation Center.

Marsden Smith
Treasurer, Friends of the Downtown Tigard YMCA

This information furnished by:
Marsden Smith

Argument in Favor

Our two sons grew up in the YMCA. Our whole family has been involved. The Y instills great values in our children, and all of us, and can and should be part of our City.

Tigard is way overdue to have our own YMCA. It serves all ages and creates a sense of community identity and belonging. Joe was born and raised in Tigard, and we raised our children here. There has never been a place for young people to go, a place to meet friends and hang out. Having a YMCA means our kids will finally have a safe place to go, where they will be supervised, receive guidance, and develop strong values.

Even with our children becoming young adults, we still have responsibilities as caregivers. Joe's mother is elderly, and the YMCA will provide us with a safe place to take her where she can participate in senior- friendly activities. But even more important, as Tigard's Community Center the YMCA will provide seniors with opportunities to socialize.

This is the true meaning of a Community Center. More than anything else, it is a place for people to gather and socialize. We can't stress enough how important it is Tigard people have a safe place to go.

Our Tigard YMCA will operate as a partnership with Tigard citizens. We will capitalize upon the 171 years of experience of the YMCA, while maintaining local control. What a wonderful way to better our community and unite us as residents of this great City.

We are glad to have this opportunity to help bring the YMCA to Tigard. We will use the YMCA after it is built, and whether you realize it now or not, we suspect most of you will, also.

Please join us in voting YES for the Tigard YMCA.

Heather and Joe Jackson

This information furnished by:
Heather and Joe Jackson

Argument in Favor

My name is Bob Carter and I am a 12 year resident of Tigard. I

am writing this endorsement in support of the proposed Tigard YMCA. Through the years my wife, my four kids, and I have been heavily involved in our community schools, youth sports, and activities.

Living in Tigard and being involved in the community has been a great experience for us and we have benefited tremendously. We have played soccer, baseball, basketball and football at many Tigard venues, parks, and schools. At youth ages that are "younger" than Little League, Southside Soccer, and Tigard Youth Basketball we found that our children had few or no cost effective choices in Tigard. We chose to join groups based at the YMCA in Sherwood, the HOOP in Beaverton and other locations outside of Tigard.

Besides the organized leagues and schools there are not enough affordable indoor venues in our community today. If adults want to workout indoors or participate in a casual activity, there are few inexpensive choices in Tigard. Club Sport and LA Fitness are excellent businesses and facilities but these businesses do not fit everyone.

I believe adding a YMCA in or near our Tigard downtown area would be a great plus for our community. It would be another reason for people to stay in Tigard to workout, start additional athletic leagues, and connect with others from Tigard. We love our community and hope this YMCA is another step in building it for our families.

Sincerely,

Bob Carter

This information furnished by:
Bob Carter

Argument in Favor

Building a Community Recreation Center is long overdue. The City must be held to its promise to create a Downtown which will serve all Tigard citizens. This grassroots citizen campaign does just that, and FIXES major problems plaguing Downtown.

Citizens, business, and government are cooperating to create something our City has needed for 20 years. The Downtown Tigard YMCA will realize the City vision of a thriving Downtown for all.

The YMCA will activate our Downtown from 5 AM to 10 PM seven days a week. See for yourself our strong support for the YMCA. Drive down Main Street and look at all the big blue YMCA posters in store windows.

The YMCA is the best operator for our Community Center, and Burnham Street in Downtown Tigard is the best location. Burnham was completely rebuilt at a cost of \$5 Million. It is the best street in Tigard, but lacks an anchor or any reason for most Tigard people to use it.

Downtown is the safest area in our City. Would you rather your children walk down Burnham Street or 99W? There is great police protection, and the influx of so many Y members will only add to public visibility and safety.

Consider these benefits.

Trail Head for Tigard's Fanno Creek Trail System
- Hiking, Biking, Jogging
Prime Site for Walkability
Best Mass Transit Access in Tigard
350 Seat Catered Meeting Hall
Anchor Business for Downtown

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90,000 SF Building
175 Paying Jobs
200 Volunteer Positions
25,000 trips per month = More Business
500 off-street Parking Spaces
Makes Downtown a Destination
Creates a Thriving, Vibrant Downtown

Please join us and vote YES for the Downtown Tigard YMCA.

Downtown Tigard Business Owners:

This information furnished by:
Brian Bishop, Thomas In, Haibin Wang, Warren Reeser and
Friends of the Downtown YMCA

Argument in Favor

The YMCA operated, City of Tigard owned Community Recreation Center offers many benefits only available if built in the heart of Tigard, our Downtown City Center.

Much Needed Downtown Parking

This proposal adds 500 off-street parking spaces downtown. This ensures more than adequate parking for the YMCA, even when multiple events are occurring at the same time.

This space can also be used for activities like the Sunday Farmers Market, parades, community fairs, and other special events. They will make Downtown accessible to city residents.

350 Seat Catered Meeting Hall

Our Tigard Rotary Club currently meets in another city because there is no place in Tigard large enough to host them. Besides service groups like Rotary, this room will be available to individuals, families, corporations, Scouts, and any others needing a large indoor space.

It will be perfect for weddings and receptions, and family reunions. Combined with the YMCA's recreational facilities it will be the perfect location for our high school all-night graduation parties. And our large parking lots guarantee there won't be problems when special events overlap with regular YMCA activities.

Coffee Shop, Foyer and Walled Outdoor Patio

Our Downtown Tigard YMCA will house the largest coffee shop in the City, with the big indoor foyer and in adjacent outdoor patio accessible only from within the building. This is a key part of our Community Center. What a wonderful place for our community to gather and socialize. This truly will be Tigard's Community Center.

Tigard Celebrations

We will have a place for Tigard celebrations. This can be the new location for the Christmas Lighting Ceremony – moving from crowded and noisy 99W to our large Sequoia tree. You can even watch the lighting from inside the Foyer!

Please join us and vote YES for the Downtown Tigard YMCA.

Downtown Tigard Business Owners:

This information furnished by:
Janice Paris, Musi Hill, Darbie Mayberry

Argument in Favor

My support for this bond measure is based on the following:

Need for a Community Center

A community is a collection of households connected by a rich network of personal relationships. These relationships need places to develop and thrive. For the most part, Tigard lacks these places. Shopping centers are poor substitutes. This bond measure is an attempt to create a community center, a place that promotes these relationships. It is long overdue, especially for a town the size of Tigard.

Support for a Downtown Location

- The Mayor's Blue Ribbon Task Force has recommended that "a vibrant downtown with a community gathering place is important for connecting citizens to their community."
- The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board unanimously recommended that City Council put this bond measure on the November ballot.
- A recent study funded jointly by the City of Tigard, the YMCA, and Washington County shows strong voter support for a community center located in downtown Tigard and managed by the YMCA.

The YMCA – an Excellent Partner

YMCA has been one of the largest charitable non profits in the United States in terms of donations received from the general public (Forbes magazine). It exists as a national resource including about 2,700 separate local YMCA entities. The YMCA has a stellar record of partnering with thousands of communities across the country to provide opportunities for socializing, studying, family activities, and recreation.

Need for a Downtown Location

"The overarching objective of the Tigard Downtown Improvement Plan is to ensure that downtown Tigard will serve the community's needs for an active, mixed use 'urban village'". Siting a YMCA downtown will draw people from throughout Tigard. It will ensure that this "urban village" is not the privileged enclave of the immediate residents but rather a community center for all of us.

For more information, visit TigardYMCA.com.

Thomas C. Kerrigan

This information furnished by:
Thomas C Kerrigan

Argument in Favor

For many of you the YMCA Downtown Tigard Community Recreation Center on your ballot may appear to come out of the blue. Actually, this has been in development for decades.

The first steps of this grassroots effort to bring the YMCA to downtown Tigard began in 1998. In the following years support and participation have grown steadily. Volunteers walked door-

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to-door and attended hundreds of local meetings, speaking with thousands of people.

Then, using this citizen input as a baseline and working side-by-side with the YMCA, a group of Tigard professionals in development and construction - from engineers and builders to designers and financial experts - created the plans and budget upon which this ballot measure is based.

Remember: This was developed by the people of Tigard, not special interest groups and not the government.

Earlier this year a \$24,000 poll of Tigard property owners was conducted to determine the level of support for this YMCA bond measure. The poll was paid for by the City, the YMCA, and the Washington County Board of Commissioners. 500 Tigard taxpayers were interviewed. This is a big sampling which yielded very accurate results.

Not surprisingly, considering the decades of community involvement in developing all aspects of this proposal, poll results showed overwhelming support for the Tigard YMCA and a willingness by voters to pay for it. It also showed the strongest support was for placing the YMCA in Downtown Tigard.

After our Tigard City Council saw this level of support the majority chose to listen to the voice of the people and referred this back to us for a vote.

We have worked long and hard to get to this point. On November 3, let's take the final step and vote YES for the downtown Tigard YMCA.

Art Crino

This information furnished by:
Art Crino

Argument in Favor

All too often the youth in Tigard go unheard. I have seen, heard, and clearly understood the wants and needs of teenagers in Tigard. We need a safe place to gather after school, for recreation and to socialize. We need a central place in Tigard to build community and meet new people.

We need a YMCA In Downtown Tigard.

A YMCA operated Recreation and Community Center will serve our youth and demonstrate that our city cares about them. The YMCA is affordable for all, and offers discounts or even free membership to those with financial needs.

The envisioned YMCA would have an actual teen center, where teens from 12 to 18 can come to hang out or study, and socialize... with adult supervision. Best of all, membership in the teen center is free for every Tigard teenager.

Young people often get into trouble when they lack supervision or a safe place to go. Young people do not get into trouble at the YMCA. Everyone benefits, not just youth.

I am proud of the volunteer work I have done on this grassroots project to bring the YMCA to downtown Tigard. But I certainly was not alone. Literally thousands of people have been involved in some way.

This is a citizen inspired, citizen led effort. More than 1000 people signed petitions in support, and I have worked closely with many Tigard adults who donated their time, from builders and engineers to our own Tigard City Council.

I went door to door and spoke with many of you, and was inspired by your positive attitude and strong support for the Tigard YMCA.

Please join me in voting YES for the downtown Tigard YMCA.

Carter Kruze, THS Graduate
2015 Tigard High School Student Body President
2015 Tigard Youth Advisory Council President

This information furnished by:
Carter Kruze

Argument in Favor

Tigard can't survive without a downtown. No city can. Drive to the coast and you'll pass multiple little towns built right along 99W without a separate downtown. Today they're just parking lots, with traffic backed up for miles. We are fortunate to have a downtown not dissected by Hwy 99.

If we want to turn Downtown Tigard into a family-friendly destination spot, building the YMCA Community Recreation Center is the first step, probably the most important one.

The YMCA is the perfect choice to operate our Community Center. I speak from personal experience. My association with the Y dates back more than half a century. I became a certified lifeguard through the YMCA when I was 13 years old. Since then my children and their children continue to utilize the Y. It will be great to take my grandchildren to the Y in Tigard, instead of driving to Sherwood as we do now.

I like their emphasis on aquatic programs. Studies show fewer Americans can swim than ever before. Swimming is a skill which just might save your life someday. With its three swimming pools, the Tigard YMCA will provide aquatic training for all ages, from toddlers to seniors.

This 90,000 ft.² building offers many physical activities under one roof. Rain or shine, it will provide social and exercise opportunities year-round. Basketball, volleyball, exercise equipment, swimming and an indoor track guarantee something for everyone.

The YMCA is an inexpensive way to stay in shape. There's a lot to like about the Y. They are very safety conscious, there is ease-of-use, and the Y is not dedicated to the me-only generation. It's for everyone!

I'll be voting YES for the Downtown Tigard YMCA. It will be a refreshing change to cast a vote I can feel good about.

Marvin S. Gerr, Summerfield

This information furnished by:
Marvin S. Gerr

Argument in Favor

My name is Bob Gray and I'd like to answer your questions about the YMCA Community Recreation Center proposed to be built in the Downtown Tigard.

What are my qualifications? My company TS Gray Construction has built more than 50 tilt-up buildings in and around Tigard and Tualatin. We built the Tigard High School Football Stadium, using zero tax dollars.

I have been involved throughout the YMCA development

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process. Contrary to what you may have heard, this is not being rushed and there are not a lot of unanswered questions. This proposal has involved extensive input from engineers, architects, and other professionals. It is an impressive, comprehensive development strategy.

We are currently building a similar facility in Tigard for a private school. It is more complex than the proposed YMCA and we are coming in below the budget on which you are voting. Two other builders besides myself have submitted preliminary estimates for constructing the YMCA. These are typically within 10% of the final cost.

Building this 90,000 ft.² facility at the proposed location of the corner of Burnham and Ash streets in downtown Tigard is absolutely practical and doable.

Downtown is obviously the best location to serve the people of Tigard. The whole community can get to it easily. It's good for Tigard, it's good for downtown, and it will serve as a magnet to bring our community to the downtown area.

Downtown Tigard is the center of our community, but it is not a community center. Lack of parking and limited opportunities actually serve to keep people away. The Tigard YMCA Community Recreation Center changes this.

We should get going and do it now. Everything is continually going up in price. Now is the best time to build.

Bob Gray, TS Gray Construction

This information furnished by:
Bob Gray, TS Gray Construction

Argument in Favor

The YMCA has been building families and communities for 171 years, sometimes quite literally. 36 years ago we met at YMCA, fell in love, married, and raised our family.

We hope you will study carefully this proposal and see just how many benefits we receive from building the Downtown Tigard YMCA Community and Recreation Center.

The Genesis of this plan was simple: Tigard didn't have a Community Recreation Center. We realized the best thing we could do for Tigard is to have a Community Center in the middle of our city, to serve all our people.

The YMCA has a great reputation, and 171 years of experience. They have a fantastic management team highly experienced in operating this sort of Center. A partnership between the City of Tigard and the YMCA is the best way to go. The city puts up the money for the land of the building, and the YMCA takes care of everything else. This means we don't have to hire more public employees and the YMCA accepts all liability.

Throughout this long process we have been truly inspired by the Tigard Parks and Recreation Advisory Board – PRAB. This group of dedicated citizens are committed to having a Community Recreation Center. They voted unanimously to ask the Tigard City Council to place this on the November ballot.

A large team of professionals worked on every step of this proposal. You can have absolute confidence in the figures we are providing you. We also worked closely with the YMCA and Tigard citizens to design a Community Center which meets our needs.

We really tightened the budget to hold down costs while still delivering a great facility.

The YMCA is the best possible operator, and Downtown Tigard is the best possible location. Please vote YES.

Neal and Charlotte Brown

This information furnished by:
Neal Brown and Charlotte Brown

Argument in Opposition

Dear Fellow Tigard Voters:

I ask that you join me in VOTING NO against this Tigard Community and Recreation Center (TCRC) scheme.

The price tag is \$34.5 million tax dollars. That's right- more than twice the cost of our new Library.

The entire project was privately developed by vested interests and volunteers. City staff has not verified cost estimates or checked existing plans. The City Council was unfortunately badgered into a ballot measure resulting in a split 3-1-1 vote. This huge taxpayer burden has been placed on the ballot by the city without studied analysis.

Proponents demanded a November vote. The rush was purportedly necessary because "voter interest would fade before the next election". The real reason for haste is the 500 parking spaces. A large number of that total represent a separate, special project for downtown parking relief. It is not, in any way, related to the TCRC. This means all Tigard property owners will have to build, light and maintain the parking for downtown merchants. All other businesses must build and pay for their own parking. Residential property owners would also share in this unfair and discriminatory burden. If the downtown needs more spaces it can form a local improvement district. This is a grass roots effort gone awry. **Please vote NO!**

The site was even selected by proponents without city participation. The city does not own or have options on the selected site. Should this measure be approved a large value increase can be expected. This will likely incur another unnecessary taxpayer burden! Why?

The City Manager advised the Tigard City Council to not place this measure on this ballot.

I have lived in Tigard for more than 22 years. My professional experience includes more than 25 years of managerial and administrative positions in city and county government.

Please vote NO!

G.E. McAdams, MPA

This information furnished by:
G.E. McAdams

Argument in Opposition

Dear Tigard Voters;

Please vote NO!

This \$34.5 million General Obligation Bond Measure for the Tigard Community and Recreation Center (TCRC) needs to be stopped!

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Tigard Times readers plead for more than propaganda from proponents-- who insist on immediate, unsubstantiated approval for the project.

Proponents are ignoring all requests for factual elaboration.

No hard facts! Just approval! They continue to identify the project as the "Y" or "YMCA". (The official name is Tigard Community and Recreational Center- TCRC.)

Other reasons to vote NO!

- The cost is more than twice that of the new library.
- Only three of the four Councilors voted yes. The other voted no. The Mayor abstained. A 3-1-1 split vote for a \$34.5 million project?
- The Tigard City Manager recommended against placing this on the ballot.
- None of the cost estimates have been verified by the city! Imagine, a \$34.5 million project wherein the city has not verified estimated costs?
- All the volunteer professionals (architects, engineers, contractors etc.) were selected by the proponents.
- 500 parking spaces? A large number of these spots are set aside to fund more public parking on main street. These spaces have nothing to do with TCRC and are barely mentioned by advocates. (Main Street should build and maintain its own parking lot/lots- as does every other city merchant.)
- The lead proponent -a private, vested, realtor- chose the proposed site which is privately owned at this writing.
- The city does not own or have options on a suitable site!
- There is serious doubt as to the city's ability to procure a building permit for the parcel due to flood control regulations.

I urge you to join me in voting NO!

Cleo A. McLeod

This information furnished by:
Cleo A. McLeod

Argument in Opposition

Vote NO

- Who are the **real driving forces** for this bond levy?
- Why are YMCA supporters so adamant about a **DOWNTOWN** location?
- Why the necessity to pass this bond levy **now**?

"A community center was not deemed a priority at this time"

- MIG, Inc., Recreation Program Study - March 2015

In 2015 MIG, Inc. the nationally known consulting company who developed the 2009 City of Tigard Parks Master Plan completed a comprehensive Recreation Program Study to determine how to facilitate & fund recreational programming in the city of Tigard.

The recommendation was that the city move forward using existing resources.

The city chose to ignore this study. Instead, partnering with the YMCA (by using YMCA consulting company - Daxko T2).

Why was the MIG, Inc. Study BYPASSED?

Daxko T2 suggested the YMCA control a community center to be built in Tigard using an operating agreement similar to the Sherwood -YMCA model.

Sherwood and the YMCA are nearing the end of a 20 year contract (1998- 2018). In 2014 the city of Sherwood generated

a Review of the Operation Agreement to investigate the scope of the YMCA operation in relation to the original contract.

Sherwood could assume control of their city-owned building presently operated by the YMCA.
Sherwood would retain all operating revenue .
This would mean a dramatic drop in revenue for the YMCA.

Is this one of the reasons the YMCA supporters are pushing this bond levy in Tigard now?
What do you think?

The MIG, Inc. recommendations can be implemented NOW.
No Tigard Community Center is needed.
Tigard Parks Dept. can use existing resources for recreational programming.

DO NOT invest \$34.5 million tax dollars in a building our community is not allowed to operate.

Tigard should not enter into a long term contract that relinquishes control of future recreational revenue. It is not good business.

Vince Arditi
Director - Recreation at Your Service

This information furnished by:
Vince Arditi

City of Sherwood

Measure No. 34-242

Ballot Title

Proposal to Annex 101.79 Acres into the City of Sherwood

Question: Should 101.79 acres on the southern boundary of the City of Sherwood be annexed to the City of Sherwood?

Summary: Approval of this ballot measure will annex 101.79 acres to the city, consisting of approximately 13 separate lots and parcels. The request to annex was made on behalf of the majority of the owners in the area to be annexed. The area to be annexed lies generally south of the current city boundary, north of Brookman Road, east of Highway 99W and west of Ladd Hill Road, included within the Brookman plan area. The area is subject to the Brookman Concept Plan that was approved by the City Council on June 2, 2009. Under the Brookman Concept Plan, the area will be zoned for a mix of residential uses at densities consistent with the Medium Density Residential low and Medium Density Residential High zoning districts. If approved by the voters of Sherwood, the area will be annexed into the City of Sherwood.

Explanatory Statement

The Sherwood City Council has referred a measure to the voters that, if approved, would annex approximately 101.79 acres of land into the City for residential and open space development. This area was brought into the Urban Growth Boundary in 2002 in order to provide more housing opportunities for the City. The annexation of this land was initiated at the request of the majority of property owners who own a majority of the land area and a majority of the assessed value within the area to be annexed.

The proposed annexation area is within Sherwood's "Brookman Road Concept Plan" area. The concept plan area is located south of downtown Sherwood (running south from Main Street), east of Oregon Highway 99 and west of Ladd Hill Road. The City Council approved the concept plan in 2009 after public review.

The concept plan calls for residential development in the proposed annexation area. If the area is annexed, development in the annexation area will include, in addition to single family homes, public and private open space and trails, preservation of natural areas and environmental enhancements of Cedar Creek. Public utilities and roads can be extended to the annexation area.

If approved by the voters, the annexation will become effective after the election results are certified and adopted by the Sherwood City Council. Annexation will allow property owners in the annexation area to submit development applications to the City for public review and approval by the City. Any development plans must be consistent with the concept plan and all other City requirements.

Submitted by:
Sylvia Murphy, City Recorder/Elections Official
City of Sherwood

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

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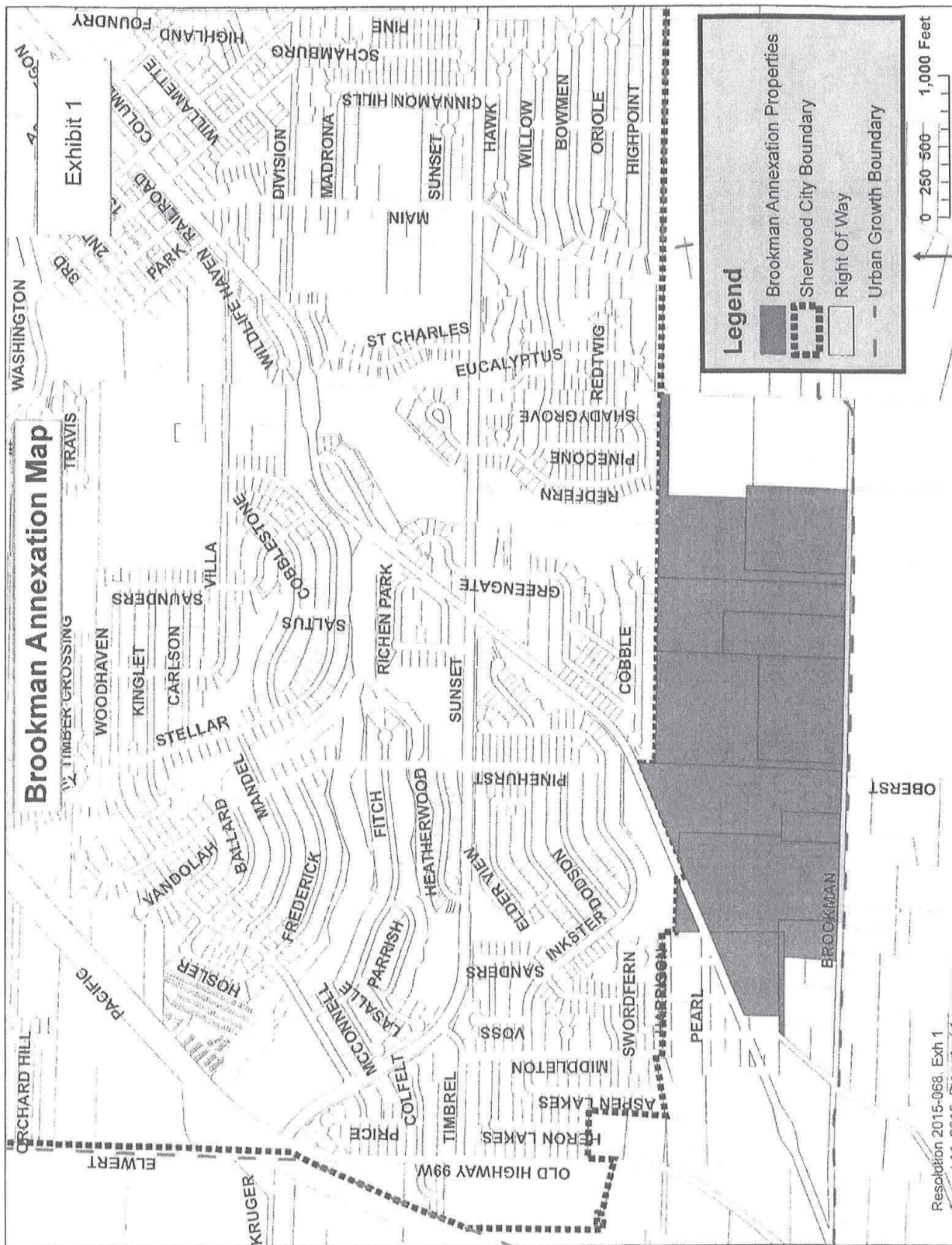
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Argument in Favor

Vote Yes on 34-242

A Yes vote on 34-242 will:

Protect Natural Areas

Sets aside more than twenty-four acres for natural areas, trails, and parks for Sherwood residents. Cedar Creek and other natural areas will be maintained and protected by city codes.

Support Quality Schools

Provides more money for schools and other public services at no additional cost to current residents.

Improve Roads and Public Services

Brookman Avenue will be improved and other roadway upgrades needed to mitigate congestion will be made and paid for by the construction as the new homes are built.

Create Local Jobs

Oregon-based builders will be used for construction.

Keep Sherwood Livable

Maintain the Sherwood community of comfortable and attractive family homes. Avoid overcrowding by preserving what we like best about our city.

Vote Yes for Sherwood, Yes on 34-242.

This information furnished by:
Yes for Sherwood Campaign

Argument in Favor

Dear Sherwood voters,

The Holt Group is proud to be a primary sponsor of **measure 34-242.**

Vote Yes for Sherwood.

The Holt Group has an exceptional track record for building high quality single-family homes and neighborhoods throughout the Metro Area.

Our commitment is to:

- Create livable neighborhoods
- Provide accessible and usable public open spaces
- Match the quality of surrounding neighborhoods
- Shoulder our share of infrastructure costs

Our plan is to provide the homes that Sherwood needs and wants. Here are just a few reasons to vote yes.

- We will build a neighborhood of **single-family homes** compatible with the design and quality of existing Sherwood residential areas – including high quality homes for families and empty nesters.
- At least 24 acres** will be reserved for public open space, walking paths and trails.
- Cedar Creek, trees and other natural areas will be protected** and preserved to a higher standard than is currently required by Washington County.
- The new homes **will add long-term revenues** to support the city, schools and other public services.
- The Annexation will not add unexpected students to Sherwood schools.** Sherwood School District planning has long included the Brookman area for its student growth projections.

Voting Yes on 34-242 will maintain Sherwood's livability and

keep it as one of the best places to live in the USA. We look forward to being part of the community.

Vote Yes for Sherwood, Yes on 34-242

Rian Tuttle, The Holt Group

This information furnished by:
Rian Tuttle, The Holt Group

Argument in Favor

KEEP SHERWOOD LIVABLE, KEEP SHERWOOD GREAT!

VOTE YES ON 34-242

The city of Sherwood has benefited from excellent land use planning and foresight. A YES vote on 34-242 will continue this tradition.

The Brookman Area has been part of our urban growth boundary for many years. Its designation was discussed and fully vetted by local citizens. Designating areas for future development under Oregon's land use laws helps communities grow while protecting other areas for long-term agricultural use and as natural areas for wildlife and forests.

Voting Yes on 34-242 will:

- Continue our track record of maintaining community values and vision for the future.
- Create a residential area of single-family detached homes similar to existing neighborhoods in Sherwood.
- Generate additional tax revenues to pay for local services.
- Help create new jobs for skilled Oregon-based construction workers.
- Add new open spaces and extended trails to our system of parks.
- Derail efforts by some with the state and/or county to allow this area to be developed outside the city and not to Sherwood standards.
- At least some population growth is very healthy for cities. No growth will cause long term, unintended problems for a city.

I encourage my fellow Sherwood citizens to vote yes on 34-242.

A yes vote is a vote for Sherwood.

Keith Mays,
Past President of the Chamber of Commerce and Former Sherwood Mayor

This information furnished by:
Keith Mays, Former Sherwood Mayor and Past President of the Chamber

Argument in Favor

34-242 GOOD FOR NATURAL AREAS

Sherwood residents should Vote Yes for 34-242 because it will increase accessible open space within the city and protect our natural areas, including Cedar Creek in the Brookman area.

- Approximately 25% of the annexed area will be designated for open space and recreation paths and trails.**

Homes will be built on part of the land but a significant

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amount of land will be reserved for public natural areas accessible to all Sherwood residents.

- **Banks along Cedar Creek will be improved and protected.**
Today the existing trees and wetlands have far less protection under Washington County's guidelines than they will have when they are subject to the City of Sherwood's more stringent environmental codes. Bringing the area into the city will provide more protection for natural reserve areas and wetlands.
- **Oregon's land use laws make sense for the environment and cities.**
Our region, like Brookman, designates areas for growth and protection of farmland and natural areas. Brookman was designated for growth in 2002. Its annexation protects us from sprawl and unplanned development.

For these reasons Sherwood voters should Vote Yes for 34-242.

This information furnished by:
Yes for Sherwood

Argument in Favor

More Funding for Schools

A yes vote for 34-242 is a yes vote for Sherwood schools

New homes in the Brookman area will be added to the tax roles and will increase funding for Sherwood schools.

The District has already factored into its long-term plan the modest increase in student population that will attend Sherwood schools as a result of new homes in the Brookman area.

Student-age children of Brookman residents will range from kindergarten to high school. The new students will not have an overwhelming impact on any one elementary school, middle school or the high school.

Without new homes in the Brookman area, Sherwood elementary school enrollment is expected to measurably decline. This would decrease funding for Sherwood schools and leave existing classrooms underutilized.

Sherwood residents should vote yes for 34-242, a yes vote is for schools.

- Bill Reid, Principal, PNW Economics

This information furnished by:
Bill Reid, Principal, PNW Economics

Argument in Favor

Brookman Area Property Owners Ask For Your Support

I am one of 14 people who own property in the Brookman area **who has asked to be annexed** into the City of Sherwood. I would like my property to be part of the city, **please Vote YES on 34-242.**

The annexation is the right thing to do.

- Most property owners in the area want the annexation.
- The property has been in the Urban Growth Boundary for over a decade.

- The concept plan for the area has been vetted by citizens in numerous public hearings and approved by the City of Sherwood.
- This is the type of land use changes Tom McCall and other visionaries had in mind forty years ago when they advocated for the nation's strongest land use laws.

Please consider voting **YES on 34-242.**

George Lorence, Brookman Area Property Owner

This information furnished by:
George Lorance, Property Owner

Argument in Favor

I'm Voting Yes and You Should Join Me

Measure 34-242 allows for annexation of the Brookman Area into the City of Sherwood. This is positive for the community in several ways:

Cedar Creek and natural areas will be protected by the city codes if the area is brought into the city.

Sherwood residents and visitors will enjoy new parks, paths and trails added in the Brookman area.

Schools and education funding will benefit from the increase in taxes collected from the new homes in the city boundaries.

The roads near the annexed area will be improved for safety and to alleviate congestion.

Sherwood will continue to grow. Measure 34-242 means well-planned and well-managed growth, sensitive to the environment while increasing tax collection and improving safety and traffic management.

Consider the facts: Measure 34-242 makes sense.

Jim Haynes,
Sherwood Chamber of Commerce Past President

This information furnished by:
Jim Haynes, Sherwood Chamber of Commerce Past President

Argument in Favor

Voting Yes for 34-242 is a vote for Sherwood's future.

I was part of the original committee that looked at annexing the Brookman area first as a City Councilor then as Mayor.

We spent years obtaining public input and realized that two things were critical:

1. When this develops, it cannot be a burden to the City;
2. The City must control its development or we could end up with it being developed outside of the City.

A yes vote for Measure 34-242 helps continue this process started many years ago and ensures our two goals are met.

Voting yes for 34-242 will enable the City to control the growth in an orderly, well-planned and thoughtful manner. A no vote may result in the County allowing it to be developed without our voices being heard.

Voting **Yes for 34-242** is the right thing to do for our

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community and I encourage my fellow Sherwood residents to vote yes.

Mark Cottle, Former Mayor of Sherwood

This information furnished by:
Mark Cottle, Former Mayor of Sherwood

Argument in Favor

Chances are we built the home you or your neighbors are living in today, Renaissance Homes has been part of the Sherwood community for many years.

I support Measure 34-242 because a yes vote will help preserve what you and I like best about this special community – its high quality of life.

Our region has chosen to manage growth by balancing the need for land for housing and business growth with our desire to preserve farm and forest lands. We know that growth will occur but we have chosen to carefully manage how and where it happens.

The Brookman annexation area has long been designated as new housing land inside Sherwood's urban growth boundary and in the city's concept plan. Voting yes will annex 101 acres into the city that will go through the normal permitting process where proposed plans will receive a full public review by the planning commission.

The concept plan includes improving or preserving approximately 25% of the area for natural space and public use. The new homes will be consistent with the rest of the city's housing and will likely include high quality homes for families and smaller single-family homes designed for empty nesters who want to continue to live in Sherwood. And of course, necessary extensions of water, sewer and roads will be covered.

Renaissance Homes intends to be a big part of this future.

Sherwood has a lot at stake in the upcoming vote. A city-sponsored study says Sherwood will be out of land for new housing in a few short years. This will create even more pressure for high-density development and infill in existing Sherwood neighborhoods.

Together we can help shape Sherwood's future to keep and strengthen the things resident value the most – a family friendly, high quality community with excellent schools and public services.

I encourage you to say Yes for Sherwood, and vote yes on 34-242 in November.

Randy Sebastian, Renaissance Homes President

This information furnished by:
Randy Sebastian, Renaissance Homes President

Argument in Favor

Five reasons to vote YES for Sherwood

There are many good reasons to **vote yes** on the ballot measure and annex the Brookman area into the city of Sherwood:

1. Increase funding for Sherwood schools and other public services. New homes increase property values providing more revenue to schools, the city and public services with no tax impact on existing homeowners.
2. Walking paths and open spaces will be an integral part of the Brookman area. All Sherwood residents will have access to the public parks and spaces.
3. Streamside remediation will stabilize and protect Cedar Creek.
4. Improvements to Brookman Road will enhance safety. Other roads will be upgraded to mitigate congestion. Road improvements will be partially funded through development fees.
5. The Brookman Area concept plan received extensive public review and input over a number of years. Maintaining Sherwood's livability is a core element of the adopted plan.

A yes vote on 34-242 benefits city residents, helps schools and protects natural areas. Keep these important benefits in mind when you vote this November.

A yes vote on 34-242 is a yes vote for Sherwood.

This information furnished by:
Yes for Sherwood

City of Wilsonville

Measure No. 3-468

Ballot Title

Vote on forming a Coffee Creek Urban Renewal District

Question: Shall Coffee Creek Tax Increment Financing (Urban Renewal) District be formed to fund the district's streets, utilities, and infrastructure improvements?

Summary: Forming Coffee Creek Urban Renewal District is intended to use tax increment financing to stimulate private investment in underdeveloped areas designated for industrial redevelopment for a projected assessed value increase of approximately \$728 million.

Tax increment financing is a financing tool which uses taxes paid on increased property values within the district to fund construction of streets and other public infrastructure. Tax increment revenues come primarily from the increase in the taxable value on new construction and equipment.

These revenues are used to repay debt that is secured to fund infrastructure to support redevelopment, including:

*Kinsman, Day, Ridder, Clutter, Garden Acres, Java, and Grahams Ferry Road projects

*Water, sewer and storm pipelines and storm detention associated with these road projects

*Fiber conduit

*Grahams Ferry Road rail undercrossing and storm outfall

If this measure passes, an urban renewal plan defining district boundaries and specific proposals will be prepared for review and approval by the Planning Commission before adoption by the City Council. If it fails, the district may not be formed.

Explanatory Statement

In 2002, Metro added the Coffee Creek Industrial Area into the Urban Growth Boundary with the designation of Regionally Significant Industrial Area (RSIA).

A master plan for the Coffee Creek Industrial Area was completed in 2007 that envisions development of a new employment center in North Wilsonville for approximately 1,800 jobs with an estimated annual payroll of \$55 million at build-out. New development is expected to serve general industrial, warehouse, flex, and research and development (R&D) functions.

Public infrastructure projects needed to redevelop this area, including inflationary and financing costs, are estimated at \$130 million. The urban renewal contribution, or needed maximum indebtedness, is \$67 million. Other funding sources may include developer contributions, system development charges, operational funds, and grants.

These public infrastructure projects are projected to result in private investment that will increase the assessed value of the proposed urban renewal district from approximately \$62 million to approximately \$790 million over the life of the district and increase property tax revenue for Wilsonville and other taxing agencies within the district after the debt is paid off and the district is retired.

Only projects located within the specific boundaries of an urban renewal district can be funded through urban renewal tax increment financing. The projects proposed for a Coffee Creek urban renewal area are intended to improve the transportation grid for freight mobility and industrial business development, and provide bike and pedestrian connections and needed utilities. These include:

- Kinsman, Day, Ridder, Clutter, Garden Acres, Java, and Grahams Ferry Road projects
- Water, sewer, and storm pipelines and storm detention associated with these road projects
- Fiber conduit
- Grahams Ferry Road rail undercrossing and storm outfall

The anticipated urban renewal district boundary measures approximately 264 acres and generally includes the area south of Day Road, east of Grahams Ferry Road, north of the Clackamas County/Washington County boundary, and west of 95th Avenue. This boundary may be modified slightly if and when an urban renewal plan is created. If this measure passes, the City Council intends to finalize the boundaries of the Coffee Creek Urban Renewal District, establish the final project list, and determine the maximum indebtedness amount for the urban renewal area. If the measure fails, the Council intends to forego the District's formation.

Urban renewal allows the increment portion of property taxes assessed and collected to pay for bonds to fund capital investments to support community and economic development efforts. Property taxes collected within the district above a base level are placed into an urban renewal fund instead of being divided among other taxing authorities. Debt is secured to fund urban renewal projects and is repaid from urban renewal tax increment.

The intended result of the new district is job creation and a stronger economic base for the community.

State law limits the amount of land and assessed value that can be placed within urban renewal districts to 25% of the total land acreage and 25% of the assessed value of property within the city.

Submitted by:
Bryan Cosgrove, City Manager
City of Wilsonville

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

Voter Registration Information

Registering to Vote

To vote in Oregon you need to be registered in the county where you reside.

You can register if you can answer yes to these three questions:

- Are you a resident of Oregon?
- Are you a US citizen?
- Are you at least 17 years of age?

If you are 17 years of age, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.

How to register

You can register to vote online at www.oregonvotes.org or you can get a voter registration card at any of the following places:

- Any County Elections Office
- The Secretary of State's Office
- Some state agencies such as the Division of Motor Vehicles
- A voter registration drive
- Some locations of the United States Postal Service

You can fill the card out in person or send it in by US mail.

You can also print out a registration card online at:

www.oregonvotes.gov

The deadline for new registrations or to make party changes is 21 days prior to Election Day.

What information is required to register?

To complete your registration you will provide your:

- Full legal name
- Home address
- Date of birth
- Signature
- Valid identification

What are the identification requirements?

1. If you have a current, valid Driver's License, Permit or ID number issued by the State of Oregon Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), you must provide it in the boxes on the card.

A suspended Driver's License is still valid; a revoked Driver's License is NOT valid.

2. If you do not have a current, valid Driver's License, Permit or ID number issued by the State of Oregon Division of Motor Vehicles, you must affirm this on the card by marking the appropriate circle and you must then provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number.

3. If you do not have a Social Security number, you must affirm this on the card by marking the circle in indicating you do not have a valid Driver's License or Social Security number.

4. If you do not have a Driver's License, Permit, ID number, or a Social Security number, and you are registering by mail, you must provide a copy of one of the following which shows the voter's name and current address:

- Valid photo identification
- A paycheck stub
- A utility bill
- A bank statement
- A government document
- Proof of eligibility under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) or the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act (VAEH)

If you do not provide valid identification, you will not be eligible to vote for Federal races. You will, however, still be eligible to vote for state and local contests.

Selecting a political party

You may want to select a political party when you register but it is not required.

Major political parties require you to be registered as a member of their party in order to vote for their candidates in the Primary Election.

Updating your voter registration

Once you have registered, you are responsible for keeping your information up to date. You can do this online at www.oregonvotes.org or by completing and returning a voter registration card with the new information. You should update your registration if you do any of the following:

- Change your home address
- Change your mailing address
- Change your name
- Change your signature
- Want to change or select a political party
- Will be away from home on election day

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