

CITY OF WOOD VILLAGE

Measure 26-142

BALLOT TITLE

AUTHORIZES DEVELOPMENT OF CASINO & ENTERTAINMENT CENTER IN WOOD VILLAGE

QUESTION: Shall a Casino & Entertainment Center Consistent with State Ballot Measures be developed at the former Multnomah Kennel Club?

SUMMARY: In November 2012, Oregonians vote on two measures that would permit the location of a privately-owned casino in Wood Village. If the state measures are approved, the operators would be required to invest at least \$250 million developing an entertainment and casino complex at the former Multnomah County Kennel Club site, and to pay 25% of adjusted gross revenues to the state for the purposes of fostering job growth, educational achievement, vibrant communities, protecting and improving natural environment, and supporting Oregon Indian tribes. Some of these funds would be paid to Wood Village, adjacent communities, and other programs, including law enforcement and problem gambling. The state measures and current state law also require the City's voters to separately approve the siting of a casino within the City. This ballot measure asks the City's voters to decide whether a casino complex consistent with the state ballot measures may be sited at the former Multnomah Kennel Club. The complex will also be required to obtain all necessary city permits, including land use approvals.

For the purposes of this measure, a "casino" is a facility in which casino games are played for the purposes of gambling.

This measure is limited to approval or denial of the casino and entertainment center as described in and regulated by Statewide Measures 82 and 83.

Submitted by
Jeffrey Condit
City Attorney
City of Wood Village

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

At the November 2012 election, Oregonians vote on two statewide ballot measures, Ballot Measures 82 and 83, that would permit the location of a privately-owned casino in the City of Wood Village. If the state measures are approved, the operators would be required to invest at least \$250 million developing an entertainment and casino complex at the former Multnomah County Kennel Club site. The Ballot Measures would also require payment of 25% of adjusted gross revenues to the state for the purposes of fostering job growth, educational achievement, vibrant communities, protecting and improving natural environment, and supporting Oregon Indian tribes. Some of these funds would be paid to City of Wood Village, adjacent communities, and other programs, including those for law enforcement and problem gambling.

The Measures and current state law (ORS 227.172) also require the City's voters to independently approve the siting of a casino within the city limits. This statute requires the city council to refer the question of siting the casino prior to approval of land use permits for any use that would include a casino. The City Council of the city of Wood Village has therefore referred this measure to City voters.

Even if the voters approve both the State and City measures, the applicants will have to obtain approval of land use permits to site an entertainment center and casino on the Multnomah Kennel Club property. The applicants will have to demonstrate that the proposed facility will comply with all applicable requirements of the City's Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and other applicable City land use regulations. Such permits would be subject to the City's requirements for notice, hearing, and the opportunity for appeal. Approval of this measure or of Ballot Measure 82 and 83 would not prevent the City from denying a permit for an entertainment center and casino if the applicant fails to demonstrate that the facility will comply with all applicable City code requirements.

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

WANTED: OREGON'S BEST

It's not often that Wood Village has the chance to secure \$300 million in private investment into our city. But that's exactly what Measure 26-142 does. Large private investments create jobs, generates revenue for cities, and builds stronger communities. That is what The Grange and Measure 26-142 are all about.

CONSIDER THE ECONOMIC FACTS:

- \$300 million of new private investment in Wood Village
- \$4 million of gaming revenue goes directly to the City of Wood Village
- 3,000 jobs created for union construction of The Grange, with a two-year payroll of \$82 million
- 2,000 jobs created to run The Grange, with an annual payroll of \$70 million
- \$50 million in new revenues generated each year to support Oregon schools
- No special tax breaks or insider deals from any politician or government agency

JOIN OREGON'S BEST TODAY

As Oregonians who have been working to develop this project for several years, we want Oregon workers and businesses to benefit first.

That's why we have adopted an "Oregon's First" policy — seeking out Oregonians who can help build, operate, and supply The Grange. Learn more about the types of jobs that will be needed at The Grange, and see the lists of suppliers and vendors that will be needed at www.TheGrangeOregon.com.

At the end of the day, these measures are about finding an innovative way to create good jobs and generate funding at a time when Oregon needs it most.

Matt Rossman and Bruce Studer
Chief Co-Petitioners of Measure 26-142

**THE GRANGE: FUN FOR YOU. GOOD FOR OREGON.
YES ON Measure 26-142**

(This information furnished by Bruce Studer)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Dear Voter,

The Grange is committed to being a good neighbor in Wood Village. This includes making sure that traffic flows well and that there is no increase in crime in the area. We are eager to work with the residents and surrounding businesses to ensure that these concerns are heard and addressed.

The Grange will ensure public safety with a 100 person security staff dedicated to the safety and security of the facilities and the area around development. In addition, revenue from The Grange will go directly to the Multnomah County Sheriff and the Oregon State Police.

On traffic, The Grange developers will be required to submit a traffic impact analysis to the City of Wood Village. This evaluation would also be reviewed by the State of Oregon, METRO and Multnomah County to ensure that it's realistic and accurate. The City of Wood Village will also require that all of The Grange facilities meet the projected traffic volumes. The Grange will be responsible for improving or altering the proposed development as necessary required by the city.

The Grange must meet these standards or we won't be able to move through Oregon's land use process.

We look forward to demonstrating our commitment to the community by creating a safe, fun experience for Oregonians and others to enjoy.

Bruce Studer
Chief Co-Petitioner

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WOOD VILLAGE MAYOR ASKS YOU TO VOTE YES ON 26-142

As mayor of Wood Village, I ask you to vote Yes on Measure 26-142 to help make the entertainment destination/casino happen.

The project would be at the site of the old Multnomah Kennel Club, an abandoned dog racing track with easy access to I-84. Years ago, this racetrack provided jobs for East Multnomah County and entertainment for locals and visitors. Now it sits empty and useless, doing nothing for our state or our community.

The community-oriented entertainment center and casino, will bring new life to our town. It would provide jobs with health insurance for our citizens. It would spread tourism to each of the cities around us, while also providing them with another source of revenue on a yearly basis. It could become a gathering place for community events and conventions from out of state. The rewards to our city alone would enable us to benefit our citizens in many ways.

The casino will be a good neighbor in Wood Village and surrounding cities. Funds from the casino will be dedicated to law enforcement, schools and other cities for their infrastructure and other needs.

This measure provides resources for Wood Village and our neighbors to cover any costs associated with the facility.

We will also have an understanding with the backers as to build out time lines, traffic studies, environmental studies, etc. before any steps can be taken to start construction. We will ensure that everything is in place to make this a benefit to our whole region and to our citizens.

Look at the facts before making your decision. There will be much false advertising on this issue. Don't be influenced by claims that just aren't true. Seek out specifics and comparables and do some research before you vote. Help us make this a win-win for East County.

Thank you,
Patricia Smith
Mayor of Wood Village

(This information furnished by Patricia A. Smith)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Investing in Oregon Vote Yes on Measure 26-142

As one of the major investors for the The Grange casino and entertainment destination in Wood Village, and a proud Canadian, I'm delighted to have the opportunity to be a part of a project that **invests in the people of Wood Village and the citizens of Oregon.** We look forward to joining the many other out-of-state organizations who have chosen to invest in the state.

Those who put their money into a development project hope for a financial return. My company, Clairvest is no exception. We invest in many jurisdictions outside of Canada and our history and track record show our commitment to building great companies that **contribute to their communities through good jobs** and giving back. That is why we have our **Oregon First** program for jobs and supplies to build and operate the business.

It's important to us to be a positive part of the community. We've made sure that this project will have an area for a **farmer's market, a performing arts space and community meeting rooms** with access to the public. In addition, the casino will give 25% of gross gaming revenue for schools and vital services, including law enforcement and community infrastructure. We believe in being good neighbors.

This entertainment destination will reinvent East Multnomah County and the community of Wood Village. It's a bigger, bolder, and more fun project than the previous gaming proposal with a community plaza, locally sourced restaurants and several entertainment options. We have engaged local design and architectural firms to ensure we create a uniquely Oregon development.

Please vote yes on Measure 26-142 to make this plan a reality. For all of us.

Jeff Parr
Clairvest Group

(This information furnished by Jeff Parr)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

SAY YES TO MEASURE 26-142

For many years, the Multnomah Kennel Club in Wood Village was home to dog racing. Generations of Oregonians fondly remember the dog track – the racing, the betting, and the fun. But the track closed in 2004, leaving a hole that created economic hardships. The entertainment destination will change all that.

I believe that that The Grange is the greatest economic development opportunity that we could ever hope for.

- The Grange will bring \$300 million in private investment into our communities and state
- The Grange will create thousands of jobs and generate millions for schools and services
- The Grange will build an entertainment destination – a family and community project that includes a hotel, a casino, local restaurants and pubs, a bowling alley, a cinema, even a new public plaza for events

Measure 26-142 doesn't raise taxes or risk taxpayer money.

The Grange is Good for Wood Village and Oregon. That's why I support Measure 26-142 and I urge you to support it too.

When complete, The Grange will become a destination for Oregonians and visitors alike. It will be built to the highest design standards, consistent with Oregon values.

Even if you don't gamble or never plan to visit, **please support Measure 26-142.**

Sheila Ritz
Former Wood Village City Administrator 1987-2011.

(This information furnished by Sheila Ritz, Former Wood Village City Administrator 1987-2011)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

As a resident of Wood Village, I'm extremely worried about the lack of tax base for our city and schools. I'm also very concerned about the economy both here in our town and across the state. **That's LIUNA LOCAL 296 and I am supporting Measure 26-142.**

The past few years have been tough on my family and on this community. Jobs are scarce in East Portland, and each year our public schools have to make difficult choices with fewer and fewer resources. Here in Wood Village we support The Grange. We know it will bring many desperately needed jobs along with an overall economic boost.

It will be a place that our whole community can feel proud of; I know my family will want to spend time there. The water park, bowling alley, concert hall, shopping and restaurants will be places that everyone can enjoy. I can't wait to feed my family fresh Oregon produce from the farmer's market and to attend festivals and outdoor concerts at the community plaza. But do you know what I'm most excited about? Good wages, healthcare, and other benefits for the people of East County. Not only that, but it puts money into every school district and every county in the state, including ours. Wood Village and Oregon schools have had a hard time for long enough. This is an opportunity to start turning education funding around.

My community and my kids deserve this, and so do yours.
Vote yes with me and with LIUNA LOCAL 296 on 26-142.

Gary Lee Moore, Jr
Wood Village
LIUNA LOCAL 296

(This information furnished by Gary Lee Moore Jr, LIUNA Local 296)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Residents of Wood Village urge you to VOTE YES on Measure 26-142

As residents of Wood Village, we support Measure 26-142, which approves building of The Grange, a casino and family entertainment destination in Wood Village. The Grange would be built on the site of the former Multnomah Kennel Club, which now sits derelict and unused.

The Grange will provide a needed boost to Wood Village's economy. Revenue from the project will go directly to the City of Wood Village, in addition to all local taxes. Over 3000 construction jobs will be needed to build the resort. Once opened, at least 2000 jobs will be created to run it, with an annual payroll of \$70 million.

This is a tremendous investment for our community and for our state.

We the undersigned strongly urge a **YES vote on Measure 26-142. YES for our community.**

Don Robertson
Shirley Robertson
Majesira Osmanobic
Jusuf Osmanobic
Roseanna Feeney

(This information furnished by Don Robertson)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Benefiting East Multnomah County

I am the former Mayor of Gresham. Our city is adjacent to Wood Village, where the proposed entertainment center will be located. I ask you to **vote "yes" on Measure 26-142.**

East County has long been in an economic slump. This new employer - a tax-paying company - will start our economy moving forward again by injecting millions of new dollars into our cities. Jobs created by this project will bring new consumers to small businesses and stores in our communities, which will in turn need to hire new employees to keep up with demand. The resulting economic boost will help revitalize our region—and all these benefits will occur without the developers receiving a single tax break.

Since the economy took a nose dive, our cities, like cities all over the state, have been forced to slash our budgets. We have struggled to maintain adequate funding for vital services. Wood Village will receive \$4 million every year. Revenue will be dedicated to supporting the surrounding communities, including Gresham, Troutdale, and Fairview. That's \$3 million for each city.

Why now? This project in Wood Village will be a local business, with local investors using Oregon products and services. Once this project is underway, thousands of construction jobs will be available. Upon completion, thousands more jobs with health care and benefits will be here, in East County, for our residents.

Charles Becker
Former Gresham Mayor

(This information furnished by Charles J. Becker, Former Mayor, City of Gresham)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Good Things for East County Vote YES on Measure 26-142

It's time to get East Multnomah County's economy moving again. The Grange will put millions of new dollars into our cities. Thousands of new jobs will be created by this project: Good jobs that pay well and include health care and benefits.

It will also be a fun and exciting place that the region can be proud of.

We the undersigned urge the residents of Wood Village to vote YES on Measure 26-142

Joel Bruner
Tom Washburn
Kelli Washburn

(This information furnished by Joel Bruner)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

I used to work at the Multnomah Kennel Club. It was the number one tourist destination in the State and the social hub of Wood Village for over 50 years.

On race days, people came from near and far to enjoy the races and the atmosphere. The track was groomed, the lawn was manicured, and the grounds were packed with excitement. The track was not just an entertainment and gaming facility; it was a source of employment, where many young people had their first jobs and others worked until retirement. The track was a great part of the community.

The dog races ended eight years ago and now my wife and I live as caretakers, looking over what once was. Ever since then the building has faded right along with the excitement. The park has become overgrown, the building is falling apart, and the facility has become a target for vandalism and crime.

Wood Village needs a project to revitalize the community and bring back the excitement, the entertainment, and the jobs to this historic location. The Grange will be a space for the community to gather and a destination for visitors once again.

The jobs created by the project, in the short term and long term, are needed in Wood Village and East County, and the revenue created by the casino is vital for all of Oregon during these tough economic times. The development will encompass the spirit of the Multnomah Kennel Club and carry on the tradition of family-friendly entertainment in the void left when the races ended.

Please vote yes on Measure 26-142 to help make this a special place that Wood Village can be proud of once more.

John Thomas
Caretaker, former Multnomah Kennel Club site
Wood Village

(This information furnished by John Thomas)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

"Yes" on Measure 26-142

Dear Voter,

I run a small business here in Wood Village. Since the closure of the Multnomah Kennel Club in 2004, it's been much harder for businesses in Wood Village to get by. As a business person, I'm very aware of the need for more economic activity in East Multnomah County. This development project is committed to local sourcing of materials, supplies and labor. It's a potential shot in the arm for my business.

"Yes" on Measure 26-142 is a vote to support the new entertainment destination in Wood Village. It will be home to an upscale, smoke-free casino; restaurants featuring local chefs and locally produced food and wine; a four-star hotel with a family-friendly water playground; and an outdoor public plaza open to the community for festivals and farmers markets.

Good for Oregon

The development's boost for the local economy is clear. But equally important are its benefits to our public schools. Each year, The Grange will generate \$100 million in revenue to fund schools and other vital state services. At a time when schools are laying off teachers and cutting days out of the school year, this represents a new, dedicated source of funding without adding any additional tax burden onto our already struggling businesses. The businesses we represent are just as concerned about a healthy school system for educating our workforce as they are about new economic development opportunities. With The Grange, we get both.

The Grange: Good for Oregon businesses. Good for schools.

Dino Bektas, owner
Picoberry, LLC

(This information furnished by Dino Bektas, Picoberry LLC)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Two years ago a big foreign-owned gambling conglomerate asked you give them a private gambling monopoly by approving a casino here in Wood Village.

Wood Village said NO. Emphatically.

Now the big gambling corporations are back, trying to convince you to change your minds.

Bad for Wood Village

Measure 26-142 is part of a package deal set up by a foreign corporation and 2 guys from Lake Oswego looking to get rich quick. They want to change the focus of gambling in Oregon from public good, to private profits—amending the constitution just to benefit themselves, all the while pretending they are doing it for the common good.

Measure 26-142 is asking voters to approve a Vegas-style mega-casino in Wood Village, within a mile of elementary schools, churches, parks and playgrounds, bringing gambling and all the things that come with it--increased drug use, prostitution, drinking, crime--closer to our children.

This new casino will be bigger than anything even in Las Vegas and it will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

No traffic study has been done by the City of Wood Village or the casino developers to see if it's even possible to safely add that many additional visitors on a regular basis.

Local law enforcement officials are already overburdened and underfunded. If this measure passes, law enforcement will have to deal with more crime, more alcohol and drug abuse and more traffic problems as a result.

Bad for the local economy

When something sounds too good to be true, it usually is. And that is certainly the case with Measure 26-142.

The backers of this measure make a lot of big promises, but the truth is that if this measure passes it will rig the system to hurt small businesses in Wood Village and the surrounding areas. Any local business in the hospitality or entertainment industry is going to take a big hit.

Vote No on Measure 26-142

(This information furnished by Justin Martin, It's Still A Bad Idea Committee)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

I'm your neighbor and the retired Gresham Police Chief and I'd like to talk with you about Measure 26-142, the proposed casino project at the old dog track.

First, since the hey day of the dog track our community has changed. The is now in a heavily populated community, surrounded by neighborhoods, churches, schools, playgrounds and parks. There are 23 preschool, elementary and middle schools within a two-mile radius of the location.

We already have significant traffic congestion and safety issues in the area. The proposed casino would bring thousands of additional car trips onto our neighborhood streets every day. We lack the resources to handle what we have already, much less absorb the increase.

And, let's talk about crime. It goes up around large gambling facilities. And this one is going to be massive, larger than anything even on the Las Vegas strip.

One of the companies that will own and operate the casino recently completed a similar project in Illinois. In one year that casino generated over 1,400 police and 200 fire calls and it's only 1/3 the size of the casino they want to build here. As a Wood Village resident, think about that. All of Wood Village had only 300 reported crimes last year.

Public safety in East County, simply won't be able to keep up.

Do you believe the Multnomah County Sheriff's office will be able to keep up? I know they won't. MCSO is already overburdened and understaffed. Sheriff's deputies have been cut to the bone and some crimes that used to result in serious jail time aren't even being investigated.

If Measure 26-142 passes, your town, mine, and those around us will be overwhelmed with more crime, more alcohol and drug abuse and more traffic problems.

You can Protect Wood Village and your larger community. Vote No on Measure 26-142.

Carla Piluso, Gresham Police Chief, Retired

(This information furnished by Paige Richardson, Still A Bad Idea Comm.)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Measures 26-142 won't help our schools, and it sends the wrong message to our kids.

As a retired teacher, I'm committed to stable school funding for our public schools but Measure 26-142 is not the answer.

Yes, the foreign-owned gambling conglomerate pushing these measures makes big promises about how their casino will solve education funding. But that's all it is: a self-serving promise from a company that has a rotten track record elsewhere of promising big and not delivering.

We teach our kids that if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. The slick corporate spin coming from this company – which got caught in a bribery and influence-peddling scandal in New York when its executives promised jobs and campaign contributions to legislators for approving a casino – is simply not credible.

Most of the public revenue generated by this mega-casino will actually be eaten up in increased law enforcement and social costs, and from lost revenue to small businesses and rural communities devastated by this change.

We can do better than funding our children's education through gaming losses. We can find better, more sustainable ways to pay for education and public services. Ways that don't say to our kids that we are addicted to short cuts and quick fixes to solve our problems.

You don't need to be an educator to know that the foreign company putting up millions to back this casino is not interested in education, or in our kids. They don't care about protecting our unique culture and quality of life.

All that really matters to them is separating us from our money at their casino.

Don't believe the hype. Vote No on Measure 26-142.

Virginia Leffall-Husak, Retired Teacher

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

As parents we are acutely aware that the decisions we make as a society today can have serious negative impacts on the future of our children and grandchildren.

Like all parents, we want the best possible for our children and grandchildren: good communities, safe neighborhoods, a strong economy and a society based on strong community values.

Measures 26-142 will open the door to a massive expansion of gambling—allowing a mega-casino in near schools and playgrounds, increasing problem gambling and overwhelming local law enforcement--sending a terrible message to our children about our Oregon values.

This is a bad idea for our children and for our communities.

A major casino and the problems that come with it--increased drug use, drinking and crime -- have no place where our children play. Opening one major Vegas-style casino here in Wood Village, as Measure 26-142 proposes, is a bad enough idea.

But even more concerning, Measure 26-142 is just one step the foreign casino corporation is taking. They want to amend the Oregon constitution to allow them to build casinos all over Oregon.

That might be good for them, but it is not good for us.

Let's face it. Relying on privately run, Las Vegas-style casino gambling to solve our economic problems is wrong and sends the wrong message to our kids. If our best idea to create a brighter economic future is to build casinos and sell ourselves out to gambling, then we have given up—on ourselves, on our communities and on our children.

We can do better. Vote NO on measures 82 and 83.

Renaye Delano
Francisco Holdman

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

I'm the manager of Grampy's Deli. We are a deli and lottery retailer in Wood Village that many of you know.

I am not exaggerating when I say, if Measure 26-142 passes and the casino is built, my business will go under. We simply can't compete with a huge complex of that size either for gaming dollars or restaurant business.

There are many other local businesses just like ours that will suffer and go out of business if these big corporate gambling companies get their way.

Don't be fooled by their fancy advertising and big promises. They don't really care about our community. They care about making huge profits. And if local businesses and local residents suffer that's just to cost of doing business for them.

And the backers of the casinos aren't playing fair.

They've written a loophole into the measures that exempts them from paying taxes on their 3500 gaming machines. Local mom and pop restaurants like mine have to pay that tax—meaning this one casino would get a special exemption worth over \$500,000 per year that Oregon's struggling small businesses don't get.

That isn't the Oregon way, and it isn't fair to small businesses. And you can do something about it. You can Vote No on Measure 26-142.

The Vegas style, massive casino is a great deal for the developers but it's a bad deal for Wood Village. Many of us won't survive, and hundreds of jobs will be lost.

Please don't be fooled, Vote No on Measure 26-142, it's a bad deal for Wood Village.

Angela Allen

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As neighbors here in East County, we live here for a reason. Things are more affordable, quieter and safer. We love our family-friendly neighborhoods. We are connected to our neighbors, our schools and our small businesses.

We've seen the slick commercials and heard all the promises that this project will only bring good things to our community. When something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Think of the impact of a massive new casino plopped down on the site of the old Multnomah Kennel Club. Our community has changed in the last decade. There are 23 schools within 2 miles of that site.

Measure 26-142 will bring increased traffic, drug and alcohol abuse and crime that goes hand in hand with operating big casinos in metro areas right onto our neighborhood streets.

If it's such a great deal for our community why didn't the Lake Oswego businessmen who are leading the project fight to put it in their neighborhood?

Our small entertainment and food and beverage businesses will suffer or go out of business all together. We'll worry about walking our kids to and from school or letting them play in our neighborhoods and parks because casino traffic will be racing through our streets 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

And people need to know that the foreign-owned gambling companies bankrolling Measure 26-142 have a bad track record. Their projects increase crime in the areas where they open casinos.

The foreign-owned company has been linked to a bribery and influence peddling scandal in New York, has a documented history of labor disputes and sticking taxpayers with the tab to upgrade safety in their casinos.

Please don't risk our quality of life just so a foreign corporation and two corporate executives from Lake Oswego can make a fast buck.

Say NO to Measure 26-142.

Teresa Bright
 Steven Prom, DC
 Shiletha Kennedy
 Kenneth Husak
 Kathleen Schwabe
 Michael K. Elston, CIR Panelist (No) 17-7

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Measures 26-142 will hurt Oregon Tribes

If this measure passes, the massive private casino owned by an out-of-state gambling conglomerate, will seriously disrupt the economic engine that supports all of Oregon's Indian tribes.

We have worked hard to become self-sufficient, and by supporting our members we have also been able to lessen the burden on local and state government.

Now our people have jobs rather than relying on welfare.

The tribal casinos, the jobs they provide, and the revenue they generate, have brought our people back from the brink.

We are now able to provide basic health care for tribal members AND members of the local community as well.

Our agreement with the state created that opportunity, but we did not stop there.

Along with other tribes, we felt a responsibility to the people of Oregon. Together we volunteered to pay the equivalent of the corporate income tax – more than \$100 million so far -- into a fund that supports charities across Oregon. And we are also committed to buying local – 75% of our purchases come from Oregon vendors, large and small.

That's part of our mutual promise with the people of Oregon to work together for the benefit of all of us. That shared commitment has been working well for years.

Please do not let outsiders and wealthy corporate interests convince you to break that promise.

The future of Oregon's Indian Tribes depends on it.

Please vote no on Measures 26-142

Tribal Council Members, The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon

Cheryle A. Kennedy

(This information furnished by Cheryle A. Kennedy, The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon recommends a NO vote on Measure 26-142.

Our state already allows more gambling than most other states — a wide variety of lottery games, video poker and line games in local taverns and restaurants, card rooms and tribal casinos. Simply put, we've got more than enough gambling opportunities in this state. Do we really need to start adding Las Vegas-size casinos to our communities?

Casinos hurt individuals, families and communities.

We have 70,000 adult problem gamblers in Oregon already? Research has consistently found that casino gambling, like state lotteries, largely depends on the high levels of gambling among problem gamblers to provide a significant share of their overall revenue. The damage caused to families and communities by an activity that is inherently addicting for some individuals outweighs whatever limited benefits promised by casino investors.

Casinos Never Deliver the Promised Economic Benefits

Economists who have studied the impact of casinos on economic development in surrounding communities find that the jobs provided by a casino are usually offset by a loss of jobs at nearby restaurants and other local businesses. Studies have also found that crime rates, rates of gambling addiction and personal bankruptcy filings increase within 50 miles of a new casino.

Voters already soundly defeated this Casino proposal in 2010.

This measure is a slightly repackaged version of a 2010 measure that voters overwhelmingly rejected. Since this measure would, if passed, amend the constitution and authorize the first non-tribal casino in Oregon, passage would establish a dangerous precedent and would open the door to subsequent proposals to authorize additional casinos in other Oregon communities.

For Oregon's Families and Communities,

Join with Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and Vote NO on Measure 26-142.

(This information furnished by Kevin Finney, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon)

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