

MULTNOMAH COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET **SPECIAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 6, 2007**

The November 6, 2007 Special Election is here, and there are a few things you should know:

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- If you have any questions you may contact our office at: 503-988-3720 or fax 503-988-3719.

John Kauffman, Director of Elections Multnomah County, Oregon

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Measure 26-93

BALLOT TITLE

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

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

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

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

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

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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

Background

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

What does the measure do?

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

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

Submitted by

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

No arguments AGAINST this measure were filed.

Measure 26-93

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

YES on 26-93: It's the right thing to do for our public safety officers.

Portland firefighters and police officers put their lives and health on the line everyday to protect the safety and well-being of Portlanders – they deserve reasonable and equitable protections for injuries they receive in the line of duty.

When most workers in the state of Oregon sustain an on-thejob injury, the worker is reimbursed for reasonable medical and hospital expenses related to that on-the-job injury before and after the worker retires. However, under the City of Portland Fire and Police Disability and Retirement System (FPD&R) not all of our firefighters and police officers are granted medical coverage after they retire for injuries they sustained in the line of duty.

Currently, only those firefighters and police officers who never return to work after being injured in the line of duty receive reimbursement for their injuries when they retire. Firefighters and police officers who do return to work have to pay their own hospital and medical expenses for their line of duty injuries after they retire. This creates a disincentive for many injured officers to return to work, and is fundamentally unfair.

This measure would make City of Portland firefighters and police officers eligible for same duration of medical coverage all other workers in Oregon have.

Last year, Portland voters approved significant reforms to the FPD&R system, ensuring independent experts make disability claims decisions and a new citizen dominated Board of Trustees oversees the system. This measure keeps the 2006 voter-reforms intact, and was approved by the new oversight Board of the FPD&R system.

Please join us in voting YES on 26-93.

Mayor Tom Potter Commissioner Sam Adams Commissioner Randy Leonard Commissioner Erik Sten Commissioner Dan Saltzman

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Didn't we just vote on this?

Measure 26-93 does not undo the Reforms you voted on last year. It simply fixes a problem to provide health care for injuries in the line of duty.

In Nov. of 2006, the citizens of Portland voted to overhaul the Fire and Police Disability and Retirement Fund. The reforms were extensive, including restructuring retirement benefits to provide the Fund with long term financial stability and disability claims being decided by professional claims administrators.

In the process that ultimately designed the changes, other areas of improvement were also identified but were not included in the ballot measure. One of these was the need to return injured police officers and firefighters to work instead of leaving them on disability, which increases costs to the Fund.

However, under the existing Charter language those employees who did return to work would lose their eligibility for continued medical coverage for their injuries after leaving the service of the City.

In all other Oregon disability systems, a workers injury is covered for reasonable medical expenses that are related to the approved injury as long as it is medically necessary. This provides the mechanism and incentive for injured workers to return to employment.

Measure 26-93 would change Charter language making it possible for Portland firefighters and police officers to leave the disability roles and return to their careers knowing they will have the medical care they need and deserve.

That's good for those who return to work, and it's good for taxpayers.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-39

(This information furnished by Ed Hall)

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(This information furnished Ed Hall, Portland Firefighters Assoc.)

Measure 26-93

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

PORTLAND'S POLICE OFFICERS ASK YOU TO VOTE YES ON 26-39

Portland Police Officers work every day to support a safe community. We are asking our community to support us this November by voting Yes on Measure 26-93.

26-93 provides for reimbursement of injury-related medical expenses for officers and firefighters after they have retired, if they have been injured in the line of duty. Not all officers are granted coverage under the current charter language. If you are injured so severely you cannot return to work then the current Charter language provides for granting coverage. If however, you are injured and can and do return to work then no coverage is granted. As officers we want to return to work and usually do leaving us without coverage in retirement. We believe that's unfair.

All other officers and fire fighters in the state covered by Workers compensation have this coverage. We think this is an administrative adjustment that brings our plan in line with the coverage provided throughout the state.

When we are injured protecting the families of Portland we need a safety net in place to protect our own families in retirement. As officers we would ask the Citizens of our community support this administrative adjustment to the charter to help give us and our family's financial stability we need in retirement.

Thankfully the City Council voted unanimously in support of this charter amendment and it was approved by the new oversight board of the FPD&R system. The police officers and fire fighters of Portland worked with the council and community last year to pass FPD&R reforms that make our system credible and efficient. This amendment does not undo any reforms passed by voters last November. Instead it modifies the charter to provide a benefit everyone believes is fair and equitable given the important role police officers and fire fighters play in our community. Thank you for you support.

Robert J. King President, Portland Police Association

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

ONE POLICE OFFICER'S STORY

My name is Chris Barker. For as long as I can remember I wanted to become a Police Officer when I grew up! I am very proud that I became a Portland Police Officer, and work hard to lead by example and do the right thing. But along with the job's great satisfaction, there are great risks.

On July 9th, 2001 I was dispatched to a routine call in SE Portland. I approached a door of a house and was ambushed by a disturbed man. He wanted to kill a Police Officer. He came out the door with a pistol aimed directly at me and began firing.

I sustained a bullet wound that caused severe damage to my right hand and arm. The bullet entered my right hand, then tumbled into my palm, traversed through my forearm, and came to rest in my upper bicep. My wife and family were told I might lose my arm via amputation below the elbow. At the least, they were told I would never regain the use of my right hand!

I had a great surgeon. After twenty months of recovery and physical therapy, I overcame the odds and returned to duty. I am very grateful, but I will suffer from pain and nerve damage for the rest of my life. Because I returned to serve the people of Portland, I will have no medical coverage for issues related to the gunshot wound I sustained in the line of duty. It is inevitable I will need regular visits and possibly continued physical therapy after retirement. I have no idea how we will pay for it.

Measure 26-93 will solve this problem, giving me the same rights as other injured workers in Oregon. I have been honored to protect and serve you as a police officer. I am hoping I can count on you as well. Please vote Yes on 26-93.

Thank You, Chris Barker

(This information furnished by Robert J. King, Portland Police Association)

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Measure 26-93

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

PORTLAND'S FIRE FIGHTERS SUPPORT MEASURE 26-93

Fair to Firefighters. Fair to Taxpayers.

The Portland Fire Fighters Association strongly endorses Measure 26-93 because it treats firefighters and police officers fairly and strengthens oversight of the claims process for long term disability benefits.

It is the mission of the men and women of the PFFA to aggressively and safely protect life and property. It is, in fact, our sworn duty and a service in which we take great pride in providing to the people of Portland.

Through training and research we are constantly improving our abilities to work more efficiently and safely. But firefighting and rescue operations are inherently dangerous and the risk of injury is high.

Often our injuries are relatively minor and we are able to return to work without long term affects. But there are times when the injuries are substantial leaving the individual with medical complications that continue long after returning to work and even after their years of service are completed.

Under the current system medical expenses for such long-term injuries are only covered when the firefighter stays on disability until he or she has reached 30 years of service and is then medically retired.

That is the right thing to do for those who are totally and permanently disabled. But the current rules leave out an important group of fire fighters: those who can and do return to work even though they still suffer from their injury.

Because these dedicated people choose to continue to serve the public, they lose medical coverage for their injuries in the line of duty – unlike firefighters and police in the rest of Oregon.

A yes vote on Measure 26-93 will leave intact the reforms approved by the voters in 2006 but will improve FPD&R from a system that encourages disability to a system that returns its firefighters and police officers to work.

Please Vote YES on Measure 26-93

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Measure 26-93 Keeps Faith with Voters

I was a member of the committee that designed the reforms that led to last November's charter changes to the Portland Police and Fire Disability and Retirement Fund. The primary reason for this process was that the system had a large and growing "unfunded liability" that threatened the future financial stability of the City of Portland.

Through the efforts of many citizens, a package of changes was developed which provided for more consistent claims management and a gradual reduction in the pension cost liability. This solved the most urgent problems, and was overwhelmingly approved by voters in November 2006.

During our study of the system several other problems were identified. It was decided to tackle the major reforms in one election and deal with other issues later. This charter change will solve one of these problems – one that is especially important to firefighters and police officers who are injured in the line of duty.

Both police work and firefighting are extremely hazardous professions. The sworn members of the Portland Police and Fire Bureaus face the possibility of serious injury or death on a daily basis. There is also a cumulative effect of exposure to stress, infectious disease and the wear and tear of a thirty-year career. If a member is injured in the line of duty, their injuries can last a lifetime. Under the current system, medical coverage for these duty-related injuries can end at retirement. This ballot measure ensures medical coverage for all work-related injuries, regardless of the work status of the member at retirement. It will provide equality of treatment for all members while mandating oversight to guarantee proper claim management.

Your yes vote will help the men and women of the Portland Police and Fire Bureaus who are injured performing their duties of protecting the citizens of the City of Portland. It will also keep intact the important reforms Portlanders approved last year.

(This information furnished by Ed Hall, Portland Firefighters Association)

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(This information furnished Bob Lemon)

Measure 3-269

BALLOT TITLE

REQUIRES ELECTIONS FOR CITY REAL PROPERTY PURCHASES EXCEEDING \$2 MILLION

QUESTION: Should the Lake Oswego City Charter require elections for city property purchases exceeding \$2 million, retroactive to April 1, 2006?

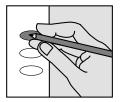
SUMMARY: Amends the Lake Oswego City Charter to prevent the city from purchasing real property interests for more than \$2 million without voter approval. Exempts purchases made to address direct threats to health or safety. Purchases could not exceed voter-approved costs, including price, administrative costs, legal expenses and closing costs. The city could not accept property awarded by courts in condemnation cases for more than 20% over voter-approved costs. Requires property purchased after April 1, 2006 for more than \$2 million to be submitted for voter approval at the first available election date. Purchases not approved at that election must be placed for public sale within 180 days. Amounts paid for adjoining lots purchased separately during a two-year period would be combined to determine if \$2 million is exceeded. Requires elections for adoption of, or changes to, urban renewal plans that permit property purchases exceeding \$2 million. Otherwise applies city purchase restrictions, and election requirements, to any urban renewal agency. Allows \$2 million threshold to be increased per U.S. Consumer Price Index.

Submitted by

Robyn Christie City Recorder City of Lake Oswego

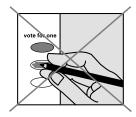
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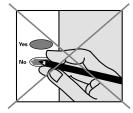
Make sure you have completely filled in the oval next to your choices.



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

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





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

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NO EXPLANATORY STATEMENT WAS SUBMITTED

Measure 3-269

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Frequently Asked Questions about Measure 3-269

What will this measure do?

It requires the City to obtain voter approval before purchasing large, non-essential properties.

Does this have anything to do with Safeco?

Yes. The decision to buy Safeco without community support was reckless. This amendment requires voter approval for Safeco and for future purchases of non-essential property.

Are there exceptions to the voter approval requirement?

Yes, three exceptions:

- 1) Purchases to address health or safety concerns
- 2) Purchases below \$2 million (inflation-adjustable)
- 3) Purchases through voter-approved urban renewal plans

Will this Charter Amendment "hamstring" the City or lead to frequent elections?

No. Only one City purchase in the last decade (Safeco) would have required a vote under the guidelines.

Do other cities have voter approval requirements in their Charters?

Yes. For example, just in our vicinity, Tigard, Beaverton, and Wilsonville all have voter approval requirements.

Would this amendment impede economic development?

No. This amendment does nothing to restrict economic development beyond requiring voter approval for non-essential property purchases.

How does the measure affect urban renewal (LORA)?

LORA is the City's urban renewal agency. LORA uses property tax funds that are drawn away from normal public uses (schools, police, fire, etc.) for urban renewal purposes. This amendment only affects portions of urban renewal plans that have not received voter approval.

Would this measure have prevented Millennium Park Plaza? No, unless you assume that voters would reject the entire urban renewal plan used to make the Millennium Park purchases.

How will this positively affect all Lake Oswegans?

The measure will go a long way toward restoring trust in City government. By keeping voters in the loop we ensure community support exists for big-ticket projects while maintaining the means to curb unwise spending decisions.

For more information visit www.AskLakeO.com

Vote YES on Measure 3-269!

(This information furnished by John Surrett, Ask Me First PAC)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

A "YES" VOTE ON MEASURE 3-269 WILL RESTORE OUR COMMUNITY'S SPENDING PRIORITIES AND PROTECT LIVABILITY

Lake Oswego is currently servicing about \$60 million dollars of debt. However, enormous liabilities loom on the horizon. In coming years this debt will quadruple just to maintain our core services: \$100mil+ for sewer improvements, \$100mil+ for water and storm drain upgrades; \$13mil+ estimated for a new City Hall plus undetermined amounts for a fire station. Many millions more could be designated for Lake Grove and Foothills redevelopment; another \$30-40 million for streetcar services...

Focusing on essential projects should be the top priority for City officials—passing Measure 3-269 will ensure it. Over the last 18 months, the City Council spent \$23mil+ on its non-essential Safeco "Community Center" project—without taxpayers' input or discussion in context with L.O.'s greater priorities. On July 24, the City Council approved a plan that, if implemented, would drive the cost of its project to over \$105 million. For a homeowner, this is like buying a Jacuzzi while ignoring a leaky roof and cracked foundation.

Lake Oswego is a unique, vibrant community, blessed with multi-generational residents. Lake Oswegans have consistently approved property tax increases ensuring our schools, libraries, public safety and parks remain topflight. But our "over 55" residents living on fixed incomes and the younger families that populate our schools must not be overlooked. ADDED DEBT MEANS HIGHER PROPERTY TAXES. Non-essential, discretionary, big-ticket spending schemes must be carefully scrutinized to safeguard all L.O. residents. The voters are entitled to be heard.

Our City Council's mandate is to protect our Community and not allow livability to be threatened by out-of-control spending and tax increases. This Charter Amendment is essential to ensure that vulnerable Lake Oswegans are not priced out of their homes.

VOTE "YES" ON 3-269

Endorsed by: Molly Mikolaitis Kenneth Montgomery Bettirae Willis Mary Franklin Christina West

Tom Moir Wesley Spellman Mark Henry Bob Furrer John Van Bodegom

(This information furnished by Michael Harper)

Measure 3-269

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

OUR CITY, OUR FUTURE

VOTE NO ON MEASURE 3-269. KEEP LAKE OSWEGO LIVABLE

Our City has changed a lot in the last few years. Besides our thriving downtown business district, Lake Oswegans are proud to have beautiful, outdoor spaces to gather with family and friends as a community. Much of that progress has occurred because we have had the opportunity to purchase properties for the enjoyment and benefit of all our citizens.

Do you enjoy **Millennium Plaza Park?** Do you value the Farmers' Market? The Antique Faire? The music events? The many special events?

Millennium Park was purchased, in 1997, for over \$2m from available funds through Urban Renewal.

Have you and your friends visited our beautiful **Foothills Park** and looked forward to the day that the pathway will extend along the Willamette River, through George Rogers Park, all the way to West Linn?

Aren't you glad the City purchased the properties for **Open Spaces in the Stafford area** to preserve for our enjoyment of Parks, Pathways and Open Spaces?

Today each of these properties is worth more than \$2million.

Under the proposed charter amendment, if they were purchased today, the voters would be required to vote on each of them – after the City had negotiated a sales price and had the legal costs and closing costs for EACH specific piece of property.

What seller would wait months for the next election and an uncertain outcome??

And – the open spaces in Stafford? Under this charter amendment, for each property worth more than \$2million, (or an aggregate of properties purchased within a two-year period) a separate vote on each lot would need to occur – EVEN THOUGH THE VOTERS HAD ALREADY PASSED A BOND MEASURE FOR THE MONEY!

PROTECT OUR FUTURE: VOTE NO ON MEASURE 3-269

Mayor Judie Hammerstad, City of Lake Oswego

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

JOIN US IN VOTING NO ON 3-269

We strongly oppose the Charter amendment, which places an unrealistic limit on the City's ability to negotiate and secure important acquisitions of open space and developed properties for the future benefit of our community.

VIRGINIA ADELSHEIM STEPHEN AGRITELLEY RICHARD AKERMAN JOHN BAINES BOB&KATY BARMAN TERESA&CRAIG BARNARD COLLEEN&JOE BENNETT GEORGE BENSON MICHAEL BUCK LIANE CABOT HAROLD&VIRGINIA CAMPBELL CORINNA CAMPBELL-SACK ERIC&DIANNE CARLSON MARY BETH COFFEY CHARLES COLLINS MARYLOU COLVER JAN COULTON KATHERINE COWAN DEBBIE&DAVE CRAIG CONNIE CROW DEE DENTON NINA DECONCINI STEPHAN DODDS DAN DUTTON STEVE EICHENBERGER DENNIS&LEILA ELLIOTT KEN&SHIRLEY FARIS Matt Finnigan NORMA FREITAS DENISE&ROBERT FRISBEE BILL GAAR PETER&CYNDIE GLAZER PAUL&TERI GRAHAM JOHN HAMMERSTAD KATHLEEN HANSON MIKE&SANDY HARMAN NANCY HEADLEE JOHN HENINGER JACK&AGNES HOFFMAN JACQULINE HURLBERT KAREN JACOBSON ANDY JORDAN ANN&DAVID JORLING LINDA&JON KERL KATHLEEN KIRKENDALL

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(This information furnished by Judie Hammerstad, Lake Oswego City Council)

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(This information furnished by Debbie Craig, Our City Our Future)

Measure 3-269

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Measure 3-269 is bad for Lake Oswego and

It is bad for business

VOTE NO ON MEASURE 3-269

This revision to the city's Charter could significantly impede future economic development in Lake Oswego, and interferes with the smooth working of city government on behalf of its constituents.

If Millennium Park and many other projects presently enjoyed by citizens and visitors were being contemplated today, they wouldn't be developed with this measure in effect. With the City's hands tied to a community vote for any purchase of \$2 million, what seller or developer would be interested in pursuing a deal that would depend on a decision possibly months in the future with no guarantee of a positive result?

We have a democratic process and have elected six City Councilors and a Mayor whose job it is to research the facts, look at all the options and then act in the best interests of the entire community. We need to let them do their job. We should not tie the hands of our present and future city councilors as they attempt to do the jobs they were elected to do.

Government cannot be effectively run by the sort of citizen interference suggested in Measure 3-269.

The Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce

urges you to Vote NO on 3-269.

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Let Our Council Govern

For more than 15 years a group of Lake Grove business people known as the Lake Grove Business Association (LGBA) have come together in times of need to help City Council make good decisions insofar as they relate to life and business along Boones Ferry Road. Its board members and representatives from adjacent neighborhoods participated in the 3 year long project of planning our future on Boones Ferry Road and its surrounding residential neighborhoods.

Most members of the LGBA, as well as the other unpaid citizen, volunteer planners on the Lake Grove Village Center Advisory Committee supported the purchase of the Safeco site when made, and probably still do. But that support is not central to the position that the Lake Grove Business Association is advances with respect to Ballot Measure 3-269.

The point LGBA would make is that municipal decision making for community growth and prosperity should happen through the hard working vehicles presently in place – the professionals in City Hall who develop projects, the members of the volunteer citizen boards who give countless hours to reviewing the planning professionals' ideas, and ultimately the City Councilors who are elected to lead all of Lake Oswego into the future. The passage of Ballot Measure 3-269 would turn city governance into a divisive free-for-all of angry letters back and forth in the newspaper, tearing at the fabric of civil decision making, leading to expensive elections, if decision making on property acquisition was possible at all. It is unlikely that owners of property suitable for municipal purposes would wait out the "democratic" process.

Our elected representatives have led well in the past, and we urge voters to let elected councilors and the professionals and volunteers they hire and engage to lead into the future. The Lake Grove Business Association urges citizens to Vote No on Ballot Measure 3-269

Mike Buck, President Lake Grove Business Association

(This information furnished by Jerry L. Wheeler Sr., Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce)

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(This information furnished by Mike Buck, President LGBA, Lake Grove Business Association)

Measure 3-269

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Preserve our Open Space, Trail & Park Options

VOTE NO ON MEASURE 3-269

Lake Oswego is known for our beautiful open spaces, accessible parks, well used pathways, and community gardens. No matter our age or income, we all use and love these spaces. One of the consequences of Measure 3-269 is the severe restriction on the thoughtful additions to our park properties.

This charter amendment will require a vote of all the people before we can purchase any property that is more than \$2 million. It would also require a vote on each lot if adjoining properties were purchased over a two-year period and the total aggregate costs were more than \$2 million.

Realistically, it will make it nearly impossible to acquire potential sites in the future. Even if we had passed a Park Bond Measure to acquire property, as we have done in the past, we would still need to vote on specific pieces of property.

This unduly restricts the thoughtful and planned additions to our park and open space properties.

Vote NO on Charter Amendment 3-269

Debbie and Dave Craig	Lu Beck
Stephanie and Frederick Wagner	Jane Cronlund

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Sports and Fields are Positive Features in Lake Oswego

Keeping our kids fit and busy and our adults physically active contributes to the health of our community. The well-planned and much needed addition of sports fields to our community has benefited us all.

Measure 3-269 will require that all citizens must vote every time a new field is contemplated which might cost more than \$2 million. This is unworkable. The time and expense for holding an election to determine if our kids or active adult citizens should have a new venue is bad policy.

We urge you to vote NO on charter amendment 3-269.

Rosalie Anderson Debbie Craig Stephan Dodds Cindy Dungey Dennis Elliott Dee Grothe Jay Hamachek Brad Nantz

Duane and Kerri Oertell Skip O'Neill Marlo Schwarz Trina and Vic Soder Kathy Taylor Blair and Diane Troutman Gordon and Jill Viggiano

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Retain Representative Government

Vote No on Ballot Measure 3-269

Lake Oswego has a representative form of government. Voters elect City Councilors. Councilors hire professional staff and appoint volunteer citizens to advisory boards such as the Planning Commission. Over my 30 years in Lake Oswego these hard working, unpaid volunteers have generally made the good decisions making Lake Oswego the thriving, attractive town that it is.

City Council believed it was forward looking when it acquired the Safeco site for municipal purposes. Some citizens have disagreed. Two measures on this ballot reflect that disagreement. Ask Lake Oswegans has advances Ballot Measure 3-269, which would retroactively force the sale of the Safeco site, and then require any future acquisition costing \$2 million to go to a popular vote. City Council submitted Ballot Measure 3-273 which gives the citizens an opportunity for an up or down vote on the Safeco acquisition.

If you want to retain our representative form of government, vote No on 3-269. Its passage would make it impossible for city government to efficiently negotiate and acquire property needed for government purposes and citizen enjoyment. If citizens don't like acquisition decisions they should replace or, if necessary, recall the deciders. If citizens are opposed to a specific acquisition decision they should focus their attention on reversing the particular acquisition.

If Ballot Measure 3-269 passes it will be difficult, if not impossible, to get volunteer citizens to stand for election to City Council knowing they will be without the tools to govern efficiently. Let councilors continue to host the debate and make decisions in public, and to be personally responsible to the voters if they make a poor decision.

Think about what is best for Lake Oswego, and make a thoughtful decision in your vote on Ballot Measure 3-273 relating to the Safeco acquisition. And Vote No on Ballot Measure 3-269.

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(This information furnished by John Lundeen)

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MAKING IT EASY TO VOTE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY

- Elections Office staff are trained to help citizens with disabilities access voting services.
 - Independent Living Resources provides audio tapes of this Voters' Pamphlet to those who are sightimpaired or blind. Call 503-232-7411 (Voice) or 503-232-8408 (TTY).
- All public entrances to the Elections Office have power assist.
- An opening in the north window by the front door allows 24 hour ballot deposit by pedestrians.
- Voter Assistance Team (two staff persons who are not members of same political party)
 - In Elections Office, curbside, private home, care facility, hospital, or at voter's chosen location
 - Please call ahead to make arrangements: 503-988-3720 or 1-800-735-2900 (TTY)
- Language Assistance, including sign language, is available. Please call ahead to make arrangements for the language you need: 503-988-3720 or 1-800-735-2900 (TTY). Or provide us with written notice of your specific need, your availability, and your telephone number. Mail your request to Multnomah County Elections, 1040 SE Morrison Street, Portland OR 97214.
- Speech to Speech Relay Service 1-877-735-7525 is also available for those with speech disabilities who have difficulty being understood. Provide the Multnomah County Elections telephone number of 503-988-3720 to this Relay Service so telephone contact may be made with the voter.
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- The Helen Walton Conference Room at the Elections Office is available for voters who wish to vote privately and independently in a quiet setting. An elevator makes this room accessible.
- A portable Video Magnifier for voters with visual disabilities (up to 26x) is available at the Elections Office.
- Tactile envelopes help voters with visual difficulties "tell" when their official ballot arrives in the mail. Additional tactile envelopes "tell" these voters where to sign on the return envelope.
- 24 Hour Ballot Drop Boxes are accessible in almost all locations from the driver's seat of your vehicle. (The Pioneer Courthouse Square location is pedestrian only.)
- If the voter is unable to sign the Return Identification Envelope, a signature stamp may be used. This is only considered a valid signature if the voter has submitted a Signature Stamp Attestation Form to the Elections Office. This Signature Stamp Attestation Form is available at the Elections Office or www. mcelections.org.
- Telephone assistance for the hearing impaired to call the Elections Office is 1-800-735-2900 (TTY)

Measure 3-273

BALLOT TITLE

VOTE ON RETAINING CITY OWNERSHIP OF THE FORMER SAFECO PROPERTY

QUESTION: Should the former Safeco Insurance property (4101 Kruse Way, Lake Oswego, OR) be retained in City ownership?

SUMMARY: On July 7, 2006 the City of Lake Oswego purchased the former Safeco Insurance property at 4101 Kruse Way, Lake Oswego, OR, consisting of 14.08 acres with improvements including an 88,872 square foot office building. The purchase price was \$20 million. Closing costs and fees totaled \$684. The final determination of how the property will be used has not yet occurred. Potential uses could include combined public and private uses. If the purchase is refinanced through general obligation bonds (which would require voter approval at a future election), it is estimated that property taxes would increase by \$105 per year for a home having the average 2006/2007 Lake Oswego assessed value (not market value) of \$300,000. A "yes" vote on this measure directs that the property should be retained by the City, rather than being sold. A "yes" vote does not endorse any particular use for the property. A "no" vote directs the Lake Oswego City Council to sell the property.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The measure asks voters whether the property located at 4101 Kruse Way, Lake Oswego, Oregon (formerly the offices of the Safeco Insurance Company) should be retained in City ownership. The property is now known as the West End Building.

The property was purchased by the City of Lake Oswego for \$20 million on July 7, 2006. Closing costs and fees totaled \$684. The property consists of 14.08 acres, including an 88,872 square foot building.

Portions of the building are currently being used for Parks and Recreation Department offices and activity rooms. It also has been available for community meetings and events. However, the determination of the permanent use of the property has not yet occurred. In addition to an entirely-public use, it is possible that the permanent use could include a combined public and private use, or that improvement of the property could involve a partnership between the City and a private entity.

By the time that the permanent use is determined, a permanent financing mechanism will also be determined. If the entire purchase price were to be refinanced through general obligation bonds, it is estimated that property taxes would increase by \$105 per year for a home having the average 2006/2007 Lake Oswego assessed value (not A vote on this measure does not endorse any particular use of the property or any method of financing the purchase or the future development of the property.

A vote on this measure addresses only whether the property should be retained by the city pending the determination of the permanent use and financing.

A "yes" vote directs that the property should be retained by the City of Lake Oswego, rather than being sold. A "no" vote directs the City of Lake Oswego to sell the property.

Submitted by

David Powell City Attorney City of Lake Oswego

Measure 3-273

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

PROTECT OUR FUTURE: VOTE YES ON MEASURE 3-273

IT'S A WISE INVESTMENT

It is extremely rare that a city will have the opportunity to purchase a significant piece of property at their population center. When the Safeco property on Kruse way came up for sale, it was a **CHANCE OF A LIFETIME** to secure this 14 acres for use by the public – for now and for the future.

Your Council held a number of public forums to discuss the possibility of a Community Center on the site, and the people attending these meetings were very enthusiastic about that prospect. We thought that a vote in Nov. 2006, to finance the property would be a good idea, but we were persuaded, through listening to our residents, that it would be better to identify the uses first. So we formed a steering committee to help us do that. We appointed 20 members from around Lake Oswego to develop a plan. With a lot of hard work and thought, that plan was developed.

Even though we still think that a community center is a good idea, because of other priorities, it will have to wait for the next few years. In the meantime we can use the property, or we can lease it to a private party. We could have a library presence at the west end of our city. We could move our emergency services out of City Hall and into the building that is seismically sound, or we can do a combination of uses that would serve our public.

In the meantime, THE 14 ACRES AT THE FORMER SAFECO SITE IS A SOUND INVESTMENT. THIS OPPORTUNITY WILLNEVER COME AGAIN.

VOTE YES ON 3-273 FOR THE FUTURE OF LAKE OSWEGO.

Mayor Judie Hammerstad, City of Lake Oswego

(This information furnished by Judie Hammerstad, Lake Oswego City Council)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 3-273

IT'S ANOTHER WISE INVESTMENT FOR LAKE OSWEGO

The opportunity to purchase 14 acres in the population center of a city is rare and a <u>ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY</u>. We support the retention of the former Safeco site to provide real opportunities for the citizens and families of Lake Oswego for now and in the future.

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(This information furnished by Debbie Craig, Our City Our Future)

Measure 3-273

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

In October 2005, the Lake Oswego City Council decided, without voter approval, to purchase the Safeco property. This measure seeks to validate that unilateral decision. It is flawed and self-serving because:

- It makes no commitments and gives no assurances regarding any intended use for the site, or related costs.
- It fails to disclose possible uses that are under consideration, such as the favored \$105 million community center project.
- It fails to inform that \$22,276,000 has already been spent, including the approximately \$300,000 cost of moving the Parks & Recreation Dept. to the site.
- It fails to disclose ongoing annual expenses of \$300,000 for operations and maintenance costs.
- It shows the approximate cost to taxpayers of borrowing \$20 million for **only one year.** It fails to explain that this is a twenty-year obligation.
- It fails to inform the taxpayer of additional costs to modify or add to the building for its ultimate purpose.
- It fails to put this purchase in the context of the City's current debt load and all its impending (necessary) taxpayer indebtedness.
- It is only an advisory vote, which is not binding on the Council.

The City Council has decided to offer taxpayers no commitments, representations, or assurances regarding the property's eventual use or attendant costs. You are asked to blindly approve the first \$20 million for public ownership of a property whose future use is vague at best.

This advisor question is open-ended; this is only the tip of the iceberg. Agreeing to keep the Safeco property without more information will open the door to undesirable possibilities. Buyer Beware! A "yes" vote is a blank check.

Please vote NO on measure 3-273

This statement endorsed by John Surrett and Mary Olson, ASK ME FIRST PAC

(This information furnished by John Surrett, ASK ME FIRST PAC)

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CLACKAMAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1

Measure 3-278

BALLOT TITLE

MEASURE APPROVING ANNEXATION OF CITY OF OREGON CITY TO DISTRICT

QUESTION: Shall Clackamas County Fire District No. 1 annex all of the territory of the City of Oregon City?

SUMMARY: If annexation is approved by both District and Oregon City electors, all property within the City would become part of Clackamas County Fire District No. 1. The District currently provides fire and emergency medical services to the City under a contract with the City. The City Commission of Oregon City has requested that the District annex the property within the City for the purpose of providing fire and emergency services to the City. City territory would be subject to District property taxes at District tax rates to pay for fire and emergency medical services. City property would be subject to tax to pay any District bonds and other liabilities on the same basis as other property in the District. City electors would be eligible to vote in District elections. The District Board has approved the annexation, subject to approval of the electors of the City of Oregon City and the District. Annexation would be effective on order of the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, as of July 1, 2008.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure would expand the boundaries of Clackamas County Fire District No. 1 to include all of the territory within the City of Oregon City, Oregon. The annexation would also require the approval by the electors of the City of Oregon City of a similar measure. The City Commission of Oregon City initiated the proposed annexation, and the proposal has also been approved by the Board of Directors of the District. If the measure is approved by the electors of both the District and the City, the Board of County Commissioners would formally approve the annexation effective July 1, 2008.

For many years, the City of Oregon City maintained its own fire department. On October 2, 2002, the City and the District entered into an agreement under which the District agreed to provide fire protection and emergency medical services throughout the City. The City pays the District a fee for those services in an amount agreed upon each year. The City fire protection and emergency medical personnel have been transferred to the District. The City has made its fire protection and emergency medical facilities and equipment available for District use, and the District has been replacing that equipment under agreements with the City as replacement is necessary.

At present, the City pays an agreed amount for fire protection and emergency medical services. Although the agreement is for a period of ten years, either the City or the District may terminate the agreement on June 30 of any year. City residents have no direct obligation to pay taxes to the District, or to pay for bonds for purchase and construction of District facilities and equipment. City residents may not vote for District directors or on District measures. Approval of the measure by the voters would mean that the territory in the City of Oregon City would be permanently annexed to the District.

District annexation of the Oregon City territory would mean that all of the territory within the City would be subject to ad valorem property tax at the same rate as that paid by taxpayers within the District. Property within the City would be subject to taxation for payment of any bonds of the District on the same basis as other property in the District. District property owners would have no liability for any City bonds, except the City would continue to levy taxes on property within the City, including taxes for any bonded indebtedness. The annexation would make electors within Oregon City electors of the District.

Submitted by John W. Osburn Attorney Clackamas County Fire District No. 1

No arguments FOR or AGAINST this measure were filed.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP SITES

MULTNOMAH COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE

1040 SE Morrison, Portland, Oregon Phone: 503-988-3720 / Fax: 503-988-3719 / 1-800-735-2900 (TTY) Office hours are 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Monday through Friday 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Monday, November 5 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM Tuesday, November 6

24-HOUR OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP BOXES

A-BOY SUPPLY 7365 SW Barbur Boulevard

GOODWILL STORE

3134 North Lombard Street

MULTNOMAH COUNTY ELECTIONS

1040 SE Morrison Street Drop Box located on the East Side of SE 11th between SE Morrison and SE Belmont and Drop Box located on the North Side of SE Belmont between SE 10th and SE 11th.

GRESHAM BRANCH LIBRARY

385 NW Miller Avenue, Gresham

MIDLAND BRANCH LIBRARY

805 SE 122nd Avenue

PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE

700 block of SW Broadway (next to Starbucks and across from Nordstrom)

Please note the U.S. Bank Ballot Drop Box located on NE 39th and Tillamook is no longer available, due to construction. Please use the drop box inside the Hollywood Library or Multhomah County Elections 24-Hour Drop Boxes at 1040 SE Morrison Street.

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