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May 2006 Primary Election **Voters' Pamphlet** Measure Argument Filing Information

To: Measure Argument Filers
From: Multnomah County Elections
Regarding: Voters' Pamphlet Filing Information

We hope this information will assist you in filing your measure argument Voters' Pamphlet statement for the May 2006 Primary Election. This information is also available on our website, www.mcelections.org.

Instructions for filing a statement are on page 4. Pages 2 & 3 are the filing form. You may use your own paper to type your argument. The only form required is page 2. Remember your endorsement form (page 5) if you are listing **ANY ENDORSEMENTS** from individuals or organizations in your measure argument.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- March 20, 2006 - **Voters' Pamphlet Deadline for all measures filed with Multnomah County Elections.**
- March 24, 2006 – Measure arguments become Public Record. Copies available at Elections Division, 1040 SE Morrison St.

Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet

Primary Election 20____ General Election 20__ Special Election _____
(date)

Measure No.: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Argument in Favor <input type="checkbox"/> Argument in Opposition	<p>This Information Furnished By (as it should appear in the county voters' pamphlet): Name of person:</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Original Argument		<p>Name of organization person is authorized to represent, if applicable:</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended Argument		
Name and Address of Contact Person (person who could authorize changes to argument)		<p>Argument Paid For By: (name and address)</p>
Telephone (home)	Telephone (work)	

ATTACHED IS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Measure Argument

Statement(s) of Endorsement, if applicable (number filed: _____)

Note: Language that violates any provision of ORS 251.405 or 251.415 may be excluded from the voters' pamphlet.

By signing this document, I hereby state I am responsible for the content of this argument. ORS 251.415 (2)

Signature of person furnishing argument Date signed
 (must be person listed in "This information furnished by" box above)

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Staff Initials _____ Argument order number _____

Cash or Check Number _____ Statement(s) of Endorsement? NO YES # _____

Receipt Number _____ Word/Number Count Total _____

MEASURE ARGUMENT FOR COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

It is not required to use this part of the form. An attached paper is acceptable.

Word/Number Total = 325 Words/Numbers maximum

[Empty box for writing the measure argument]

REQUIRED AND OPTIONAL INFORMATION WORD/NUMBER COUNT TOTAL (325 word/number limit) _____

Instructions for Submitting Measure Argument (MCED 011)

1. The "Measure Argument" may be typed or legibly printed in black ink.
2. The word/number total must not exceed 325 words/numbers.
3. If the "Measure Argument" exceeds the 325 word/number limit, the County Election Official shall edit the "Measure Argument".
4. The "Measure Argument" shall be signed by the person who is responsible for the content of the argument and shall include the name of the organization the person is authorized to represent, if applicable.
5. Quotes from published sources may be used. The quotation must have been disseminated to the public prior to its inclusion and it must be identified by its source and date (such as the name of the newspaper in which it appeared) and date of publication. The source and date information will be included in your overall word/number count. Examples for identifying the source of a quote are:

Ron Smith, *The Oregonian*, 1/22/01
Bob Franklin, *Mayor Franklin's website* 1/5/01

6. Any endorsement by a person or an organization may be included if the "Statement of Endorsement" (MCED 015) is attached. If a "Statement of Endorsement" is required but not received, such endorsement will be removed. (If applicable, see "Statement of Endorsement" MCED 015 for instructions.)
7. The County Election Official shall reject any statement which:
 - a. Contains any obscene, profane or defamatory language;
 - b. Incites or advocates hatred, abuse or violence toward any person or group; or,
 - c. Contains any language which may not legally be circulated through the mails.
8. Filing choices are by payment of a fee or by submission of a petition.
Fee:

a. Electoral district with registration less than 1,000 voters;	\$ 100.00
b. 1,000-9,999 voters;	\$ 200.00
c. 10,000-49,999 voters; or	\$ 350.00
d. 50,000 or more voters	\$ 400.00

Petition:

A petition shall contain 1,000 signatures or the signatures of at least four percent of the electors in the district, whichever is less. This number is computed on the registered voters of the district within Multnomah County. Signatures must be from registered voters of the district within Multnomah County. See MCED 004 and page 8 for more information.

9. Voters' pamphlets are prepared county by county. If the measure will be on the ballot in more than one county and you would like to have your "Measure Argument" in the voters' pamphlet for more than one county, you must submit a "Measure Argument" and filing fee with each county. Contact each county for information.
10. You may submit an amended argument until 5:00 p.m. on the filing deadline day. If you do so, you must submit a completed "Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet" (MCED 011) with the box "Amended Argument" marked.
11. Arguments are printed in the Voters' Pamphlet in the order they are filed. If you are filing multiple arguments, determine their preferred order prior to filing.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY STATEMENT OF ENDORSEMENT

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Election Date: _____

Statement of Endorsement for:

Measure Argument: _____

MEASURE NUMBER

I, _____, consent to the use of my name or the name
(printed name)

of the organization I am authorized to represent exactly as it appears in the box below.

In this box, type or print the name of person and/or organization person is authorized to represent exactly as it should appear in the voters' pamphlet statement or argument. An organization's name should be used only if the organization is endorsing the argument or statement. The person's title must also be listed if it is to appear in the voters' pamphlet statement/argument.

Signature of Individual

Date Signed

Note: Submitting a false signature on this statement is a violation of ORS 251.405

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING STATEMENT OF ENDORSEMENT (MCED 015)

If the name of a person or an organization is used in your Measure Argument (MCED 011) as endorsing the measure,

YOU MUST EITHER:

- File a Statement of Endorsement (MCED 015) **signed by the person**, stating that the person consents to the use of the name of the person in your Measure Argument (MCED 011);

OR

- File a Statement of Endorsement (MCED 015) **signed by an authorized person on behalf of the organization**, stating the organization consents to the use of the name of the organization in your Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument (MCED 011);

AND

- This Statement of Endorsement (MCED 015) should be filed with the Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument (MCED 011) it relates to, and must be filed no later than the filing deadline for the Measure Argument.
- Faxed copies of the Statement of Endorsement (MCED 015) are acceptable, but must be signed.

NOTE:

- If a Statement of Endorsement (MCED 015) is required and not received, the endorsement information will be removed from the Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument (MCED 011).
- The person or organization completing the Statement of Endorsement (MCED 015) must fill out the box in the statement exactly as it appears in the Voters' Pamphlet statement (MCED 011).
See example below:

"I, Former Mayor George Washington, endorse Abraham Lincoln for mayor." ← *Example of name endorsement in Voters' Pamphlet.*

Former Mayor George Washington

← *Name in box appears same as name statement example above.*

"ACME Organization endorses Mr. Lincoln for mayor." ← *Example of organization endorsement in Voters' Pamphlet.*

ACME Organization

← *Organization name in box same as statement example above.*

- Multnomah County Elections will accept the Secretary of State's SEL 400 form in lieu of MCED 015.

If you have any questions, call the Multnomah County Elections Division at 503-988-3720.

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Petition for Measure Argument Signature Sheet

(It is unlawful to sign a petition more than one time.)

Petition I.D. # _____

MEASURE #: _____ ARGUMENT "FOR" ARGUMENT "AGAINST"

THIS INFORMATION FURNISHED BY: (As it should appear in the voters' pamphlet.)

Name (Print): _____

Name of organization person is authorized to represent, if applicable: _____

TO MULTNOMAH COUNTY DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS: We, the undersigned voters, request the attached measure argument be printed in the county voters' pamphlet. We have read and agree with this measure argument and each of us is a registered voter in Multnomah County and eligible to vote on this measure. We have not previously signed a petition sheet for this measure argument.

SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED MO/DAY/YR	PRINT NAME	RESIDENCE ADDRESS STREET AND NUMBER	CITY AND ZIP CODE
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
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10.				

CIRCULATOR'S CERTIFICATION



THIS CERTIFICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE CIRCULATOR.

SHEET NUMBER _____

PETITION FOR MEASURE ARGUMENT

I, (print circulator's name) _____ hereby certify every person who signed this sheet did so in my presence and I believe each person is a qualified voter in Multnomah County and eligible to vote on this measure.

SIGNATURE OF CIRCULATOR _____

CIRCULATOR'S ADDRESS (street, city and zip code) _____

I hereby certify _____ signatures on this sheet are active registered voters in Multnomah County, Oregon and eligible to vote on the referenced measure.

SIGNATURE OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY DIRECTOR OF ELECTIONS _____

DATE CERTIFIED _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR “PETITION FOR MEASURE ARGUMENT SIGNATURE SHEET”

A petition shall contain 1,000 signatures or the signatures of at least four percent of the electors in the district, whichever is less. This number is computed on the registered voters of the district within Multnomah County. Signatures must be from registered voters of the district within Multnomah County.

1. OBTAIN (From the Multnomah County Elections Office):
 - “Petition for Measure Argument Signature Sheet” (MCED 004)
 - Measure Number
 - Petition Identification Number

2. COMPLETE the top portion of the “Petition for Measure Argument Signature Sheet” (MCED 004):
 - Petition I.D. # (Petition Identification Number)
 - Measure Number
 - Argument: “FOR” or “AGAINST” the measure
 - Printed name of person filing argument and, if applicable, name of organization person is authorized to represent

3. **BEFORE CIRCULATING** the “Petition for Measure Argument Signature Sheet”, file with the Multnomah County Elections Office
 - Copy of “Petition for Measure Argument Signature Sheet” (MCED 004) with the information listed from #2 above completed
 - Copy of the “Measure Argument”

4. **BEFORE CIRCULATING** the petition, attach a copy of the “Measure Argument” to **EACH** “Petition for Measure Argument Signature Sheet”

5. AFTER obtaining the signatures:
 - Sequentially number the signature sheets
 - Have the signatures verified by the Multnomah County Elections Office (ORS 249.008)
 - File the verified signatures and a “Measure Argument for County Voters’ Pamphlet” (MCED 011) no later than 5:00 p.m. on the filing deadline day

GUIDELINES FOR CIRCULATION OF PETITION

Petition circulator:

- Must sign the Circulator’s Certification section at the bottom of each “Petition for Measure Argument Signature Sheet”
- Circulator’s signature must be the circulator’s legal signature

Person who signs petition:

- Must be an active registered voter and eligible to vote on this measure