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Notice of Measure Election

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City

Notice

Date of Notice

9/3/2024

Name of City or Cities

City of Gresham

Date of Election

11/5/2024

Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the city's voters. The ballot title notice has been published and the ballot title challenge process has been completed.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Amends Gresham Charter; urban renewal actions consistent with state law.

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall the City Charter be amended to make Urban Renewal actions consistent with existing state law; requires no new taxes?

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

The Gresham Charter, adopted in 1978 and last amended in 2012, is the constitution of the City of Gresham.

If approved, this measure would amend the Charter to be consistent with existing state law, allowing the City Council, as the governing body charged with the powers authorized by state law, to perform any act or carry out any function to approve Urban Renewal Plans and substantial changes to Urban Renewal Plans.

Amending the Charter allows Gresham to be more efficient and responsive to:

- o Job creation opportunities
- o Public safety Investments
- o Investments in public Infrastructure
- o Changes in the economy
- o Changes in community needs and priorities

State law assures voters are involved with Urban Renewal Plan decisions. City is required to conduct public outreach and hold a public hearing before approving a new plan or making substantial changes to an existing plan.

Urban Renewal is not a new or additional tax. This amendment does not authorize the creation of a new tax.

Additional information is available at GreshamOregon.gov/Urban-Renewal

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Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be drafted and attached to this form for:

- any measure referred by the city governing body; or
- any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached? Yes No

Authorized City Official Not required to be notarized.

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By signing this document:

- I hereby state that I am authorized by the city to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and
- I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.

Rachael Gangelhoff

9/3/2024

Signature

Date Signed

A Yes Vote amends the Charter so that the City Council shall have the powers to perform or carry out any Urban Renewal act or function authorized or permitted by state law (ORS 457), as it now exists or may hereafter be amended, to approve Urban Renewal Plans and substantial changes to Urban Renewal Plans.

This proposed amendment will allow for more efficient and effective administration of Urban Renewal programs by the City of Gresham.

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A Yes vote will not raise taxes; does not authorize the creation of a new tax.

A No Vote retains existing Charter language limiting Gresham's ability to respond quickly to meet evolving community needs related to job creation opportunities, public safety investments or investments in public infrastructure.

A No vote will not lower taxes.

Urban Renewal is not a new or additional tax.

Why is the City asking voters to amend the Charter?

Urban Renewal plans are created and governed by state law (ORS 457). Gresham's current Urban Renewal Charter language differs from state law, and that of other cities, and has been found to disadvantage the city from creating a more livable community, attracting development that benefits residents, and appealing to businesses to create jobs.

The City is restrained in its ability to be responsive and nimble on economic development projects and to conduct community outreach and seek input. Amending Charter Section 36(A) to conform with ORS 457 would allow the City Council, as the governing body, to respond quickly to opportunities that benefit the residents of Gresham. Changing the Charter to comply with ORS 457 maintains Gresham voter and resident involvement in urban renewal plan decisions.

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- Public safety investments
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