

# CITY OF GRESHAM

## Measure 26-166

### BALLOT TITLE

#### **Citizen Control and Oversight of Compensation for the Gresham Mayor**

**Question:** Shall the volunteer Gresham Finance Citizen Advisory Committee oversee and approve compensation for the Mayor of the City of Gresham?

**Summary:** Gresham's Charter prohibits City Council from setting its own compensation; does not establish a method for citizen oversight and control of compensation. The 2011 Charter Review Committee recommended a special task force further research the issue of Council compensation.

The task force convened in 2015 and recommended a volunteer citizen advisory committee (the Finance Committee) provide oversight and control over, and establish and approve the compensation of the Mayor of the City of Gresham.

Any compensation approved by the volunteer Gresham Finance Committee would be used in the annual budget process. The budget process includes notice of public hearings before the Budget Committee and City Council. If amended, the Gresham Revised Code would read:

#### GRC 2.40.025 Compensation Board (Mayor)

The Gresham Finance Committee shall provide oversight and control over the Mayor's compensation and shall annually prepare and approve a compensation schedule for the Mayor of the City of Gresham. The salary shall not exceed 45% of the compensation paid to the Chair of the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners.  
(New text is underlined)

The meetings of the Finance Committee are open to the public. The compensation approved by the Finance Committee would be used in the annual budget process. The meetings of the Gresham Budget Committee are open to the public. The budget process also includes published notice of a public hearing before the Budget Committee and a second public hearing before the Gresham City Council prior to adoption of the budget.

If amended, Article 2.40, Finance Committee, of the Gresham Revised Code would read:

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Submitted by  
Susanjoy Baskoro  
City of Gresham

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Charter and Ordinances of the City of Gresham do not establish citizen input, oversight, or control mechanisms on compensation for the Mayor and City Council and are silent on the methodology for establishing and monitoring said compensation.

The 2011 Charter Review Committee, required to meet and consider any potential Charter issues facing the City of Gresham, noted this discrepancy and recommended a future task force further study the issue. This task force met in early 2015 and recommended that a volunteer citizen advisory committee (the Finance Committee) should provide oversight and control over, and establish and approve the compensation of the Mayor of the City of Gresham. The salary shall not exceed 45% of the compensation paid to the Chair of the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners. A separate measure was recommended for the compensation of Gresham City Councilors.

**NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

# CITY OF GRESHAM

## Measure 26-166

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Our Mayor and Councilors are unpaid volunteers. Measures 26-166 and 26-167 establish a PROCESS whereby our elected officials could be compensated with citizen input, oversight, control and monitoring of this process.

The Finance Committee, seven Gresham citizens who are actively involved in Gresham activities, are qualified to research compensation options. They oversee Gresham's annual \$450M budget; are financially astute as to reasonable compensation amounts and trends; oversee city employee compensation; and know the current business climate. They are well aware of the responsibilities and workload of the Mayor and Councilors.

This proposed Process contains safeguards that limit maximum compensation and requires annual review during the budget process. The Mayor's maximum compensation could not exceed 45% of the Multnomah County chair's; Councilor compensation could not exceed 45% of a Metro Councilor's. Public comment is welcomed at the monthly Finance Committee meetings and the annual Budget Committee (Finance and Council combined) meetings. Committee members are available to discuss any comments with citizens when these meetings conclude. These maximum limits put side rails on compensation and place control of local government in the hands of the people where it belongs.

Our Mayor's job has become a full-time position; Councilors are working a 15-20 hour week. They represent us at national, state, regional and county meetings as well as attending City Committee and neighborhood meetings plus participating in numerous community events. All of them are accessible.

This lack of compensation limits the pool of professional, well-educated, caring Council candidates who could commit their time and energy to meet our challenges, have time to research issues that face us, and effectively advocate at many levels for our collective benefit.

Voting YES on Measures 26-166 and 26-167 is the fiscally conservative thing to do. Please join us to establish a very public process so our elected leaders could be compensated.

Thank you.

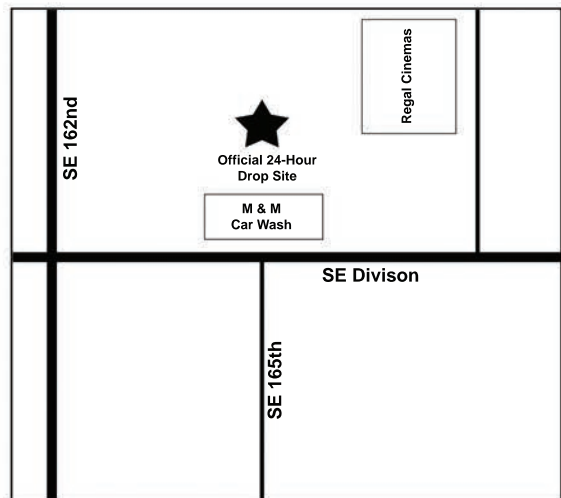
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*(This information furnished by Travis Stovall, Carol Nielsen-Hood, Joan Albertson)*

# New 24-Hour Drop Box



**New Official 24-Hour Drop Site location on SE Division St at SE 165th Ave. The official drop box is located in the Regal Cinemas parking lot, behind the M & M Car Wash.**



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# CITY OF GRESHAM

## Measure 26-167

### BALLOT TITLE

#### **Citizen Control and Oversight of Compensation for Gresham Councilors**

**Question:** Shall the volunteer Gresham Finance Citizen Advisory Committee oversee and approve any compensation for Councilors of the City of Gresham?

**Summary:** Gresham's Charter prohibits City Council from setting its own compensation; does not establish a method for citizen oversight and control of compensation. The 2011 Charter Review Committee recommended a special task force further research the issue of Council compensation.

The task force convened in 2015 and recommended a volunteer citizen advisory committee (the Finance Committee) provide oversight and control over, and establish and approve the compensation of Gresham Councilors.

Any compensation approved by the volunteer Gresham Finance Committee would be used in the annual budget process. The budget process includes notice of public hearings before the Budget Committee and City Council.

If amended, the Gresham Revised Code would read:

GRC 2.40.027 Compensation Board (City Councilors)

The Gresham Finance Committee shall provide oversight and control over the compensation of City Councilors and shall annually prepare and approve a compensation schedule for the elected councilors of the City of Gresham. The salary shall not exceed 45% of the compensation paid to an elected Metro councilor.

(New text is underlined)

The meetings of the Finance Committee are open to the public. The compensation approved by the Finance Committee would be used in the annual budget process. The meetings of the Gresham Budget Committee are open to the public. The budget process also includes published notice of a public hearing before the Budget Committee and a second public hearing before the Gresham City Council prior to adoption of the budget.

If amended, Article 2.40, Finance Committee, of the Gresham Revised Code would read:

GRC 2.40.027 Compensation Board (City Councilors)

The Gresham Finance Committee shall provide oversight and control over the compensation of the City Council and shall annually prepare and approve a compensation schedule for the elected councilors of the City of Gresham. The salary shall not exceed 45% of the compensation paid to an elected Metro councilor.  
(New text is underlined)

Submitted by

Susanjoy Baskoro  
City of Gresham

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Charter and Ordinances of the City of Gresham do not establish citizen input, oversight, or control mechanisms on compensation for the Mayor and City Council and are silent on the methodology for establishing and monitoring said compensation.

The 2011 Charter Review Committee, required to meet and consider any potential Charter issues facing the City of Gresham, noted this discrepancy and recommended a future task force further study the issue. This task force met in early 2015 and recommended that a volunteer citizen advisory committee (the Finance Committee) should provide oversight and control over, and establish and approve the compensation of the Gresham City Council. The salary shall not exceed 45% of the compensation paid to an elected Metro councilor. A separate measure was recommended for the compensation of the Mayor of the City of Gresham.

**NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OR OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

# CITY OF WOOD VILLAGE

## Measure 26-165

### BALLOT TITLE

#### **Charter Amendment To Update Procedures, Clarify Provisions.**

**Question:** Shall the Wood Village City Charter be amended to update and clarify certain procedural and administrative provisions?

**Summary:** This measure would make several housekeeping amendments to the Charter to update provisions and clarify terms. The amendments:

- Add a provision reserving initiative and referendum to the City voters as required by the Oregon Constitution.
- Clarify that the council adopts legislation by ordinance, administrative rules by resolution, and quasi-judicial decisions (for example permit appeals) by order, consistent with most cities.
- Revise language from the 1953 charter to eliminate inferences that the mayor or a councilor cannot attend a meeting electronically.
- Change the title of the chief executive officer from "city administrator" to "city manager" to reflect the duties of office approved by the city voters in 2002.
- Eliminate the requirement that an ordinance be read twice by title prior to enactment as long as the proposed ordinance is made available to the public at least a week in advance of the meeting.
- Eliminate provisions relating to elections now governed by state law.
- Revise language, correct grammar, and reorganize some provisions to improve clarity.

- Clarify that the council adopts legislation by ordinance, administrative rules and expressions of polity by resolution, and quasi-judicial decisions (for example permit decisions) by order. Currently the city council enacts legislation by ordinance and makes other official decisions by resolution. The amendment will bring Wood Village into conformance with standard practice and avoid unnecessary litigation over form of enactment.
- Revise language from the 1953 charter to eliminate inferences that the mayor or a councilor cannot attend a meeting electronically without being considered absent. This language does not take into account that the mayor or any councilor may attend meetings electronically under Public Meetings Law.
- Change the title of the city's chief executive officer from "city administrator" to "city manager." In 2002, the voters changed the powers and duties of the city administrator to that of a city manager, but did not change the title. The title "city manager" has a generally understood meaning in municipal government. Changing the title will eliminate potential external confusion as to the City's governance and could assist with recruitment of qualified individuals.
- Eliminate the requirement that an ordinance be read twice by title prior to enactment as long as the ordinance is made available to the public at least a week in advance of the meeting. The new language is from the Model Charter.
- Eliminate provisions in the Elections Chapter that are now governed by state law. The deleted provisions date to when cities ran their own elections. Now all local elections are run by the county elections office under the Oregon Secretary of State.
- revise language, correct grammar, and reorganize some provisions to improve clarity and readability. These changes include combining the two provision relating to the mayor into a single provision, moving ordinance enforcement into the ordinance chapter, editing improper capitalization, and replace less clear language relating to the city manager and city attorney and vacancies in office. The new language is from the model charter and generally does not make any substantive change to existing powers, duties, or roles.

Submitted by  
Jeffery Condit  
City Attorney  
City of Wood Village

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Wood Village Charter amendment is referred to the voters by the City Council. Under the Oregon Constitution, city voters are empowered to enact or amend a home rule charter for their city. The charter establishes the structure and functions of city government and the powers and duties of the elected and appointed city officers. The charter was first adopted in 1953.

The City Council periodically reviews the charter to determine whether updates should be referred to the voters. The last comprehensive update was in 2002. Since that time, state law has changed, the League of Oregon Cities has updated the Model Charter for Oregon Cities, and several interpretational questions have arisen under the existing language. If approved, the measure would:

- Add a provision reserving the powers of initiative and referendum to the City voters. City voters have this right under the Oregon Constitution, but that right has not been referenced in the charter.

**NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OR OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

# REYNOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Measure 26-164

### BALLOT TITLE

#### **Bonds to replace and upgrade schools, security and technology improvements**

**Question:** Shall Reynolds School District replace schools, add classrooms, make technology and security improvements by issuing \$125,000,000 in general obligation bonds? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**Summary:** If approved, this measure would provide funds for capital construction and improvements to schools and pay bond issuance costs, specifically:

- Constructing, furnishing and equipping new elementary school buildings on their present sites of Fairview, Troutdale and Wilkes, including demolition and related site improvements.
- Construction, renovation, furnishing and equipping the high school including but not limited to new classrooms, modernization of science classrooms and labs, student common areas and related site improvements.
- Improvements to all schools through renovation, construction and equipment to create safe and secure vestibule entry ways and related site improvements.
- Paying bond issuance costs.

Bonds would mature in a period not to exceed twenty-one years. The overall tax rate is not intended to increase over the 2014 rate of \$1.56 per \$1,000 of assessed property value or \$156 annually for a home with an assessed value of \$100,000. Actual rates paid may differ due to changes in interest rates and/or assessed value from assumptions.

The District would establish a citizen oversight committee to ensure bond proceeds are only used for purposes indicated.

The District plans to replace three of its oldest schools on their current properties. Fairview and Troutdale elementary schools are 88 years old and Wilkes is 101 years old. According to the facilities study, the high school is over student capacity by 750 students. Proceeds from the bond would add classroom space, renovate science labs, and make technology and security improvements at all schools.

Specifically, this bond measure would allow the District to pay for capital construction and improvements to schools:

- Constructing, furnishing and equipping new elementary school buildings on their present sites of Fairview, Troutdale and Wilkes, including demolition and related site improvements.
- Construction, renovation, furnishing and equipping the high school including but not limited to new classrooms, modernization of science classrooms and labs, student common areas and related site improvements.
- Improvements to all schools through renovation, construction and equipment to create safe and secure vestibule entry ways and related site improvements.
- Paying bond issuance costs.

Bonds would mature in a period not to exceed twenty-one years. The overall tax rate is not projected to increase over the 2014 rate of \$1.56 per \$1,000 of assessed property value or \$156 annually for a home with an assessed value of \$100,000. Actual rates paid may differ due to changes in interest rates and/or assessed value from assumptions.

The District would establish a citizen oversight committee to ensure bond proceeds are only used for purposes indicated.

Submitted by  
Dr. Linda Florence  
Superintendent  
Reynolds School District #7

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Reynolds School District serves 11,722 students in 17 schools.

After a year long facilities study, the facilities master plan was adopted in October 2014. A community task force then prioritized the projects. The bond measure will pay for \$125 million of the projects. The tax rate is estimated to be the same as the 2014 tax rate.

**NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

# REYNOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Measure 26-164

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Keep Kids Safe by Voting Yes on Measure 26-164

We want our kids to be safe at their schools.  
**This bond will make ALL OUR SCHOOLS safer.**

**“As a teacher in the Reynolds School District, I can testify that this bond is sorely needed to replace dangerous, crumbling school buildings, and to add much-needed security measures to all of our schools.” - Nicole Johnson, 2nd Grade Teacher at Margaret Scott**

#### KIDS GET MORE

Renewing the 2014 tax rate, kids will get:

- Replacement of Fairview, Troutdale and Wilkes Elementary Schools. We will no longer have to worry about our oldest buildings collapsing in an earthquake.
- All of our kids' schools will have a secure, controlled entry and automatic locking exterior doors and modern security lighting and cameras.
- Reynolds High School will be transformed. All the buildings will be attached by classroom hallways to the main school, adding 18 new classrooms, updated science labs and an enlarged commons to alleviate overcrowding.

**“Visit Reynolds High School and you’ll see how having 750 students too many makes our school crowded and makes it harder to learn. Vote Yes to give us more classrooms and space.” Conor Stewart, ASB President at Reynolds High School.**

#### Renew the Bond: It will cost the same

With this measure, we will keep our same 2014 property tax rate of \$1.56 per \$1,000 of assessed value, but give our kids safer schools. Unlike most bond measures, passage of measure 26-164 will not increase our property tax rate.

#### Sustainability for the Future

Building new energy efficient schools will significantly lower energy costs. The dollars saved can be used for additional capital improvement projects at other district schools.

A robust oversight committee that makes regular reports to public is required. Voters will be able to closely monitor project progress and financial accountability.

**Vote Yes on Measure 26-164 so kids can be safer at school.**

*(This information furnished by Keith & Kathy Kudrna)*

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Vote Yes on Measure 26-164 for Safe Schools

The Facility Master Planning Committee agreed that safety was a priority in selecting the projects.

Fairview and Troutdale Elementary Schools are 88 years old and Wilkes Elementary is 101 years old. All three **buildings would collapse** in the event of an earthquake of the magnitude we are expected to get in this region. These are multiple story buildings with cement foundations and were built before building codes and disabled access were required.

In schools without controlled access entryways, unauthorized persons are able to go into the school without checking in with an adult who would verify their reason and permission to be in the school. Installing **secure, controlled access entryways** would be an improved safety condition.

**Automatic exterior locking doors** assure that schools can be locked in the event of an emergency or external danger in the area. Relying on keys to lock doors takes valuable time.

Adding modern cameras and lighting would **help deter crime** and in the event of crime and vandalism, help us locate the responsible parties.

Enclosing all the buildings at Reynolds High School would

also be a major safety improvement. This would enable the school to have **fewer entrances/exits**. The students would all be under one roof and would not be leaving the main school building to get to classes in the Arts Center, shops or gym area. Adding space to Reynolds High School would ease crowding at the school with the most students and the most crowded conditions.

Please support the plan that adds security cameras, lighting, controlled access entrances, automatic locking doors and attaches all Reynolds High School buildings under one roof and adds 18 classrooms to ease crowding at the most crowded facility.

*(This information furnished by Citizens for Safe Reynolds Schools)*

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Join Your School Board in Voting Yes 26-164

As your elected governing body, we voted YES to refer Bond Measure 26-164 after more than a year's work by the Facilities Master Plan Committee. The bond addresses the district's most urgent facility needs.

#### Right Priorities

We have a responsibility to **provide a safe environment** for the children in our care. Goals such as learning and high achievement are best accomplished in safe, warm and dry places.

We will be **good stewards of the public assets** we manage.

#### Right Plan

We realize that times are tight. We are asking voters to renew the **same tax rate** paid in 2014. Bond dollars will be invested in our local communities through jobs and schools that last 75 or more years. We have committed to give preference to local labor.

This plan includes a robust **citizens oversight committee** which will ensure the funds are expended responsibly and only on capital expenditures.

Replacing schools is more cost efficient than renovating. New energy efficient schools would save tens of thousands of dollars per year in operating costs.

#### Right Time

**Managing these problems with a plan is more cost effective than responding to a crisis situation.** Should an earthquake or disaster strike, costs would be taken from the district's yearly budget, allowing significantly fewer resources to be spent on academics and programs that directly contribute to student learning and achievement.

Today's **historic low interest rates mean that patrons will never pay less** for capital construction.

#### Right Management

We have witnessed a transformation of our district under new leadership. The past three audits were clean. The District earned a meritorious budget award. The district is putting money towards its main goals of student achievement and fiscal responsibility. Progress is being made and this bond will contribute to increasing outcomes.

*(This information furnished by Bruce McCain, Reynolds Board Chair and Joe Teeny, Reynolds Vice Chair)*

# REYNOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Measure 26-164 – Continued

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### **Elected Officials Agree that Measure 26-164 is right for the Reynolds Community**

We endorse the Vote YES, Citizens for Safe Reynolds Schools Campaign.

#### **Our schools educate the future workforce**

Schools need your support so they can provide a great learning environment. Having desirable schools increases property values and helps retain residents in the neighborhood.

#### **Bond would provide jobs and investment in the community**

The approval of this measure would mean \$125 million in capital construction in local schools, local communities and in your local neighborhood for the next five years. The bond would allow the school district to replace three elementary schools (Fairview, Troutdale and Wilkes) and make significant upgrades to science labs, add 18 classrooms and connect all the buildings at Reynolds High School. These changes would save thousands in operating costs and make safety improvements.

#### **Renewing at the same tax rate gives students more**

Taxpayers will pay the same average bond tax rate they are currently paying for Reynolds Schools - the same rate which we have been paying for the past 15 years.

Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson, SD 25  
Senator Rod Monroe, SD 24  
Senator Chuck Thomsen, SD 26  
Rep. Chris Gorsek, House District 49  
Rep. Mark Johnson, House District 52  
Diane McKeel, Multnomah County Commissioner District 4  
Ted Tosterud, Fairview Mayor  
Brian Cooper, Fairview City Councilor  
Mario Palmero, Gresham City Councilor  
Patricia Smith, Wood Village Mayor  
T. Scott Harden, Wood Village City Councilor  
Tim Clark, Wood Village City Council President  
Doug Daoust, Troutdale Mayor

*(This information furnished by Doug Daoust)*

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### **Vote Yes on Measure 26-164 This bond is good for all residents.**

Supporting our schools is good for our community.

Having new, modern schools increases property values. Students who are educated make better citizens. Providing safe, warm and dry schools will increase student learning.

#### **Due to retiring bond debt, this bond measure will not increase existing school district property tax.**

**“Since the tragic school shooting in June, safety is more important than ever.”**

Doug Daoust, Troutdale Mayor

Please take some time to visit Fairview, Troutdale and Wilkes Elementary Schools, the three oldest schools, and see for yourself the structural issues, such as cracking foundations, depressions, and materials such as asbestos.

Visit Reynolds High School and you will see how having 750 students too many in a school is a safety and achievement issue. The bond will add 18 more classrooms and modernize science labs. All the buildings will be attached under one roof and as with all our schools automatic locking exterior doors and controlled access entrance will be installed for safety.

#### **The plan for our facilities is responsible, because the plan invests only in smart decisions.**

Because we are able to replace the three oldest elementary

schools on existing sites, there will not be any interruption in the instruction at those sites. Replacement will address structural and accessibility issues, safety and wire them for today's technology. The life expectancy of the schools will be reset to 75-100 years and will be built to current seismic and safety codes. Replacement will save thousands of dollars in operating costs with energy efficient systems and materials.

Investing in Reynolds High School by adding 18 classrooms, computer labs and modernized science classrooms will ease overcrowding and increase student achievement.

See the master plan at:

<https://www.reynolds.k12.or.us/district/fmpReport>

*(This information furnished by Claudette Naylor)*

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### **Please Join Us in Voting Yes for Reynolds Schools**

We are **Voting YES** because:

#### **Strong Programs Prepare Kids for Careers**

“Reynolds Schools have robust Career and Technical Education, offering woods, metals, automotive technology, graphics, culinary arts, early childhood and computer science. While other schools are scrambling to add these important hands-on programs, Reynolds leads the way in preparing kids for future careers today.

By supporting this bond, you are not only helping prepare our future workforce, but supporting the safety and security of our children, teachers, staff, and families today and for generations to come. Please vote YES on this important and needed measure.”

Darren Riordan, Owner, CustomSoft Technical Services

#### **Bond Dollars Help Our Community**

“The bond will spend over \$123 million over five years, boosting employment and the local economy. This is good for business and great for kids. This is a great opportunity to invest in our schools and children while still paying the same tax rate. It just makes sense.”

Keith Kudrna, Residential Home Designer and Reynolds parent

#### **Schools Affect Property Values**

“I believe that good schools have a definite positive impact on real estate values.

Ken Cahill, Realtor

#### **Renew, Replace, and Renovate with the Right Plan, Right Now**

“As a Reynolds alum, former Board Chair, parent of three, and member of the FACT Committee, I believe this plan to replace our oldest schools and renovate Reynolds High School is vital to the safety and education of our children. This is an important investment in our kids and community.”

Valerie Tewksbury, RHS Class of 1993, Reynolds parent, Former Reynolds School Board Chair

*(This information furnished by Valerie Tewksbury, Chair Citizens for Safe Reynolds Schools)*

# CLACKAMAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

## Measure 3-466

### BALLOT TITLE

#### General Obligation Bond to Improve Safety and Service Delivery

**Question:** Shall Fire District issue \$29,000,000 in general obligation bonds for capital costs of emergency apparatus, firefighting equipment and District facilities? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**Summary:** Clackamas County Fire District No. 1 is seeking voter approval to issue general obligation bonds to finance capital costs for improvements across the Fire District. Specifically, if approved, this measure would fund the construction and equipping of new facilities, purchase emergency apparatus and firefighting equipment, and improve Fire District facilities focusing on safety and service delivery. Projects include the following:

- Purchase emergency apparatus to replace aging fire engines, ladder trucks, water tenders, and other emergency response vehicles;
- Replace self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighter health and safety;
- Construct and equip new Fleet Maintenance Center to maintain, repair and service emergency apparatus and related projects;
- Redesign and construct Training Center to include community training sites;
- Upgrade and improve Fire District community fire stations, facilities, and infrastructure;
- Replace and upgrade communications equipment and infrastructure;
- Add and/or replace community fire station(s), including land acquisition;
- Pay the costs of issuing the bonds.

Bonds would mature in 16 years or less from issuance date and may be issued in one or more series.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Clackamas Fire District #1 is one of the largest fire protection districts in Oregon serving approximately 200,000 citizens within the cities of Damascus, Happy Valley, Johnson City, Milwaukie, Oregon City and the unincorporated areas of Carver, Beaver Creek, Carus, Central Point, Clarkes, Oak Lodge, Redland, South End, Sunnyside and Westwood.

The Fire District provides a wide range of services including fire suppression, advanced life support emergency medical care, fire prevention, swift water rescue, hazardous materials response, Community Emergency Response Teams, emergency management, community education and other programs. The Fire District responds to the communities' needs from 17 strategically located community fire stations with a workforce of approximately 240 employees and 100 community volunteers.

One of the Fire District's top priorities is to plan for the replacement of capital assets to include emergency fire apparatus, firefighting and communications equipment, replacement and construction of fleet maintenance and training center facilities, and to make needed improvements to community fire stations and facilities.

To manage these needs and address both safety and service delivery, Clackamas Fire District #1 is seeking voter authorization to issue general obligation bonds not to exceed \$29 million to fund certain capital projects.

The list of purchases and projects includes:

- Purchase emergency response apparatus to replace aging fire engines, ladder trucks, water tenders and other emergency response vehicles. Plans include replacing emergency response apparatus across the Fire District to meet safety standards for responders and increasing demands for service.
- Replace self-contained breathing apparatus for firefighter health and safety. Career and volunteer firefighters use breathing apparatus as respiratory protection during emergencies that are dangerous to life and health.
- Construct and equip a Fleet Maintenance Center to maintain, repair and service emergency apparatus. A new facility is needed for emergency repairs, preventative and annual inspections and vehicle maintenance of the Fire District's emergency response vehicles.
- Construct a new training center to include community training sites. The Fire District plans to replace its current training center classroom building, simulation warehouse and training tower, and make improvements to existing community training sites throughout the Fire District.
- Upgrade and improve Fire District community fire station(s), facilities and infrastructure. The Fire District plans to make seismic upgrades, improvements and major repairs to ensure a safe and productive work environment.
- Replace and upgrade communications equipment and infrastructure. Plans include upgrading and improving communications equipment firefighters use every day for emergency, non-emergency and training purposes.
- Addition and/or replacement of community fire stations to include land acquisition. The Fire District must prepare for growth to include increasing demands for service by replacing and or siting new facilities.

The proposed amount of the general obligation bonds may be issued in one or more series. The bonds will retire within 16 years of issuance of each series. The approximate levy rate is estimated to be \$.10 (ten cents) per \$1,000 of assessed value. The estimated cost per \$300,000 of assessed value would be \$2.50 per month or \$30 per year.

Submitted by  
Fred Charlton  
Fire Chief  
Clackamas County Fire District No. 1

**NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OR OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**