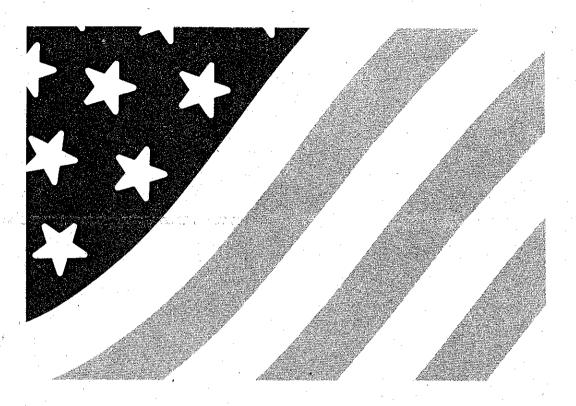
# MULTNOMAH COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET



**VOTE-BY-ELECTION - MAY 16, 1995** 

#### Dear Multnomah County Voter:

For your convenience, we have included this voters' pamphlet with your ballot. By doing so, there is also cost savings for the election. The voters' pamphlet contains measure information for several districts, but your BALLOT will have only those measures for the area where you live.

- Voted ballots MUST be in our Office by 8:00 P.M. May 16th to be counted.
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### Vicki K. Ervin, Director of Elections

Multnomah County Elections 1040 S.E. Morrison Street Portland, Oregon 97214-2495



## MULTNOMAH COUNTY - SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION

#### **County Sheriff**



JOHN BLIMMELL

OCCUPATION: Sheriff, Multnomah County.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: With Multnomah County Sheriff's Office; Chiel Deputy, Corrections Division; Chief Deputy, Services Branch; Commander, Inspections Unit; Commander, Civil and Law Enforcement Records Units; Commander, Multi-Agency Drug Task Force; Unit Supervisor, Narcotics and Vice; Uniformed Patrol.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: B.S., Oregon State University, 1968; Metro Police Academy, 1969; Board of Police Standards end Training, Supervision Certificate, 1973, Advanced Certificate 1975; FBI National Academy, 1991.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Oregon National Guard, 41st Brigede, 1967-1973.

ONLY JOHN BUNNELL HAS THE EXPERIENCE

John Bunnell has direct experience in each of the Sheriff's Office law enforcement responsibilities. He is the only candidate with experience in corrections.

His opponent has absolutely no corrections experience!

"If you are looking for intelligent, responsible corrections policy end management, John Bunnell is the only choice for Multnomah County Sheriff."

State Rep. Veral Tamo, Chair

## House Judiciary Subcommittee on Corrections JOHN BUNNELL: THE LEADER FOR CHANGE

While others talk about meking change, John Bunnell does it. In his first 100 days as Sheriff, he has moved to increase jail capacity, reduce releases, instituted a model sexual harassment policy and aggressive work programs.

#### JOHN BUNNELL HAS OVERWHELMING LAW ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT

Here are <u>just some</u> of John Bunnell's law enforcement endorse-

Former Multnomah County Sheriffs Bob Skipper & Fred Pearce • Chiefs of Police of Gresham, Troutdale, Milwaukie end Beeverton • 22 Oregon Sherilfs • Multnomah County Deputy Sheriff's Association • Multnomah County Command Officer's Association • Multnomah County Corrections Officer's Association

#### JOHN BUNNELL HAS OUR COMMUNITY'S SUPPORT

He has been endorsed by: Multnomah County Commissioner Sharron Kelley • Gresham Mayor Gussie McRobert • Troutdele Mayor Paul Thalhofer • Wood Village Mayor Don Robertson • Maywood Park Mayor Greg Steffen • State Senetor John Lim • State Representative Lonnie Roberts • The Gresham Outlook • The Clackamas County Review

And John Bunneli has been endorsed by Governor John Kitzhaberi

JOHN BUNNELL

THE <u>CLEAR</u> CHOICE FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF

(This information furnished by John Bunnell)

County Sheriff



DAN NOELLE

OCCUPATION: Assistant Chief, Portland Police Bureau, 1993-Present.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland Police Bureau: Top management, 14 years; Deputy Chief; Commander of Detectives; Commander of Central Precinct and Commander of East Precinct; Public Information Officer, 3 years; street officer end detective, 12 years.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Bachelor's, Administration of Justice, Portland State, 1975. Master's, Public Administration, Portland, State, 1978.

PRIOR GOVERNMENȚAL EXPERIENCE: Portland Police Bureau, 29 years.

<u>The Oregonian</u>, on March 13, 1995, endoraed Den Noelle for Sheriff:

"The law-enforcement experience, management skills, straight telk end broad community reech of Deputy Chief Dan Noelle of the Portland Police Bureau make him the person most likely to deliver the needed change...

"Noelle has honed his budgetary, policy-making and management skills in 14 yeers es a top commander in the Portland bureau. He'll give the public full and clear answers to hard questions about how the department spends tax dollars...

"Noelle is the candidate most likely to successfully move the sheriffs office to a new corrections emphasis...."

Multnomah County Diatrict Attorney MIKE SCHRUNK on why we should elect Den Noelle Sheriff:

- "We need a change in the Sheriff's office. We need Dan Noelle's leedership ability, commitment end integrity eo the Sheriff will be a major contributor to meintaining public eefety."
- "Dan Noelle is the only candidate for Sheriff with 14 years experience as top manager of a law enforcement agency."
- "I'm voting for Den Noelle because he will make a difference in keeping dangerous criminels off the streete."

Den Noelle save:

- "I will focue the Sheriff'e office on its primery miselon: providing the epace to keep dengerous criminels in jell, so we cen ell feel sefe on the streete end in our homee."
- "We must provide more jeil beds immediately end make the most cost-effective use of every crime-fighting dollar."

Dan Noelle has been endorsed by District Attorney Mike Schrunk, *The Oregonian*, County Commissioner Tanya Collier, former City Commissioner Mildred Schwab, former Police Chiefs Dick Walker and Ron Still, the Portland Police Association.

(This information furnished by Dan Noelie for Sheriff)

## COMPLETE BALLOT TITLE FOR STATE MEASURES

## Measure No. 21

## Measure No. 22

Referred to the people by the Legislative Assembly. BALLOT TITLE

DEDICATION OF LOTTERY FUNDS TO EDUCA-TION

QUESTION: Shall state lottery dollars be used for financing education, in addition to creating jobs and furthering economic development?

SUMMARY: Constitutional amendment allows profits from state lottery to be used for financing public education as well as for creating jobs and furthering economic development. Requires creation of Education Endowment Fund that receives 15 percent of lottery profits after July 1, 1997, and any other moneys appropriated by the Legislative Assembly. Investment earnings of endowment fund will be used to support public education. Investments may be in common stocks as provided by law. Requires Legislative Assembly to allocate lottery moneys for bond payments before allocations for other purposes.

estimate of Financial Impact: This measure will allow State Lottery proceeds to be used to finance public education. Currently, these proceeds may be used only for creating jobs and furthering economic development. The moneys available in 1995-1996 are estimated to be \$290 million.

In addition, this measure establishes an education endowment fund, Fifteen percent of net lottery proceeds, or approximately \$50 million, will be invested in the fund annually beginning in 1997-1998. The interest earnings generated by the moneys are estimated to be \$2.5 million in 1997-1998 and will grow as more lottery proceeds are deposited each year. Earnings may be retained in the fund or expended for public education.

Referred to the people by the Legislative Assembly. BALLOT TITLE

INHABITANCY IN STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

**QUESTION:** Shall appointees to legislature be inhabitants of district one year before appointment and shall district inhabitancy be required for legislators?

SUMMARY: Constitutional amendment requires person appointed to fill vacancy in office of state Senator or state Representative to be an inhabitant of the legislative district the person is appointed to represent at least one year before the date of the appointment. Constitutional amendment also requires that state Senators and state Representatives continue to be inhabitants of their legislative districts during their terms of office. The amendment also provides exceptions in each case following reapportionment of the state legislature every 10 years.

ESTIMATE OF FINANCIAL IMPACT: No financial effect on state or local government expenditures or revenues.

See the State Voters' Pamphlet for Explanatory Statements and Measure Arguments.

# Measure No. 26-26

### **BALLOT TITLE**

BONDS TO PRESERVE OPEN SPACE, PARKS; PROTECT STREAMS, FISH, WILDLIFE.

QUESTION: Shall Metro preserve open space for parks, trails, wildlife; protect streams for fish; issue \$135.6 million in general obligation bonds? If bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property ownership that are not subject to the limits of section 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: Buys specified open space in the region. Approved bonds will:

- Preserve local lands for parks and trails.
- Maintain water quality in rivers and streams.
- Protect salmon, trout, steelhead.
- Provide areas for walking, picnicking and other outdoor recreation.

Buying open spaces for public use will balance private development in the region. Bonds mature in not more than 30 years. Bond cost estimate is about 22 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value per year. Typical home pays \$1.91 per month.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

If approved by the voters this measure will allow Metro and local parks providers to acquire and protect regionally significant land for open space, parks, and trails in 14 targeted areas and five corridors. Local parks providers of the region will be able to fund 90 locally significant acquisitions and public improvement projects. The measure will help implement the Metropolitan Greenspaces Master Plan. This Plan is a growth management strategy which provides for acquiring, improving, maintaining and operating a regional, linked system of parks, natural areas, open spaces, trails, greenways and wildlife habitat.

The Plan describes means by which identified resource lands can be preserved. The proposed bond measure would provide funds to acquire and protect some of this land for future public use and enjoyment. The measure will protect open space and streams for recreation and wildlife. Stream protection will help preserve water quality and save habitat for salmon, steelhead, and trout. Property owners will receive market value for their land.

Included among the regionally targeted areas and corridors are the following:

Rock Creek (Hillsboro/Bethany)
Willamette Greenway (Multnomah & Clackamas counties)
Newell Creek Canyon (Oregon City)
Forest Park additions (Northwest Portland)
Columbia River shoreline (East Multnomah County)
Cooper Mountain (Beaverton vicinity)
Volcanic Buttes (Gresham/Boring/Sunnyside/Southeast Portland)
Sandy River Gorge (East Multnomah County)

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Tonquin Geological Area (Tualatin/Wilsonville/Sherwood)
Jackson Bottom additions linking McKay Creek/Dairy Creek
(Hillsboro/Cornelius)

Tualatin River Greenway (Clackamas and Washington counties) Clear Creek Canyon (Clackamas County, south of Carver) Gales Creek (Forest Grove)

Tryon Creek linkages (Southwest Portland/Lake Oswego)
Fanno Creek Greenway (Tigard/Beaverton/Southwest Portland)

Peninsula Crossing Trail (North Portland) Sauvies Island to Beaverton/Hillsboro Trail Clackamas River Greenway (Gladstone to Carver) Beavercreek Greenway (Troutdale/Gresham)

The specific parcels purchased for the system will be determined by the actual cost and availability of parcels in each location balanced against the open space values to be protected.

The measure authorizes Metro to issue \$135.6 million in General Obligation bonds. It is estimated to increase the property tax rate in the first year by 22.5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value (\$22.50 for a \$100,000 home). The rate will decline annually to a low of about 10 cents assuming a 4 percent annual growth in assessed value. The average annual rate of the 20-year life of the bond issue is estimated to be 15 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Up to \$25 million of the bond proceeds will be distributed to local governments that are providing park services. These funds will be available for 90 locally-determined acquisitions and public use improvement projects. The specific projects proposed by local governments are described in the measure.

No portion of the bond funds can be used for any operations and maintenance. Bond funds will be used for costs incidental to land acquisition. Existing Metro funds have been committed for landbanking costs. New funding will be needed for maintenance of future public use improvements.

Submitted by Daniel B. Cooper, Metro General Counsel

Additional information on this measure can be obtained by calling: 797-1700

No arguments OPPOSING this measure were filed.

### **METRO**

# Measure No. 26-26

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Protect Open Space, Parks and Streams YES ON MEASURE 26-26

Our region's parks, trails, streams and open spaces are a vital part of our communities. They offer us a quality of life that is only a memory in other cities. But in the next twenty years over 500,000 new residents are coming to this region. Unless we protect some natural areas now, we will certainly lose them forever.

Measure 26-26 is the best way we can save our natural heritage and honor our Oregon values. It will:

- Protect some of our most critical and threatened open space, rivers and streams, wildlife and fish habitat.
- Restore, improve or acquire 111 individual site throughout Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties.
- Balance our need to grow with our need to preserve our quality of life. Measure 26-26 is endorsed by both the Homebuilders Association and Portland Audubon Society!

That is why Measure 26-26 is so important. Here is what it will do:

- Increase Recreation Improve parks, trails and river access for walking, hiking, biking, jogging, fishing, picnicking and other activities.
- Protect Water Quality Reduce threats to watersheds, rivers, streams and creeks.
- Preserve Fish and Wildlife Protect vital salmon, trout, steelhead and wildlife habitat.
- Pass On A Legacy Our parents and grandparents have left us one of the most beautiful places in the world to live and work. By passing Measure 26-26, we can do the same for our children and grandchildren.

Measure 26-26's 111 sites represent some of the most important, treasured open spaces parks, streams and natural areas throughout the tri-county area. This may be our last chance to protect them forever.

MEASURE 26-26: OUR CHANCE TO PASS IT ON!

(This information furnished by Liz Kaufman, Campaign for Open Space, Parks & Streams)

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### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR**

#### A MESSAGE FROM MRS. TOM McCALL

Dear Friends.

For those of use who have spent a lifetime calling Oregon our home, one word describes why this is one of the last, great places: vision.

I hope that is what people saw in Tom as Governor and throughout his life. He saw Oregon as something beyond a piece of land, or a collection of buildings, or even a group of people. Tom McCall saw it as an irreplaceable legacy. That is one reason that his caring for our state and our community was a very personal matter. That legacy has been entrusted to us by those who came before. Protecting it is a debt we owe to our children and grandchildren.

Over the years, we have taken many actions which once seemed visionary, but today are an indispensable part of our quality of life. Things like the public beach law, the bottle bill, cleaning the Willamette River and creating Waterfront Park, have distinguished Oregonians as people who care about their home.

That is why I am asking you to act in the finest tradition of Oregon and Tom McCail: help pass Measure 26-26.

Measure 26-26, which will protect open space, parks and streams, is in that tradition. It will preserve fish and wildlife habitat, protect our rivers and streams and create recreational opportunities for all of us. It will help safeguard the quality of life that makes Oregon special.

We're growing awfully fast, faster than I ever thought I would see in our lifetime. This may be our last chance to save these priceless pieces of the Oregon we love. I hope you will join me in supporting Measure 26-26.

Tom would like that.

Sincerely, Audrey McCall

(This information furnished by Audrey McCall)

### **METRO**

## Measure No. 26-26

#### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

## WHO WINS IF MEASURE 26-26 PASSES? MULTNOMAH COUNTY'S FAMILIESI

Multnomah County has a lot to offer its families. But we are short of natural ereas, especially considering how fast we are growing. Measure 26-26 will protect and improve open space, parks and streams for hiking, walking, biking, fishing, wildlife viewing and other activities for children, families and seniors. Here's just a sample:

- Fairview: Fairview Creek Area Enhance wetland for fishing, hiking, viewing wildlife
- Gresham: Fairview Creek Headwaters Improve park for public recreation, plonics, treil use
- Gresham: Kelly Creek Greenway Acquire land; build softsurface trails for walking, jogging
- Gresham area: East Buttes Purchase and preserve natural areas to balence development as region grows
- Gresham: Hogan Cedars Preserve Johnson Creekfront natural habitat
- North Portland: Mock's Crest (Willamette Bluff) Protect natural areas in Overlook neighborhood; protect wildlife habitat, ravines; preserve buffer between industrial and residential areas
- North Portland: Peninsula Crossing Trail Create 3 mile trail/bikeway from Smith, Bybee Lakes to Willamette
- North Portland: Willamette Cove Protect one of last natural coves on Willamette; trail; river access
- Northeast Portland: Whitaker Ponds Preserve park land along Columbia Slough; improve fishing
- Portland: Forest Park Expansion Acquire 320 acres adjacent to and within the park to maintain park integrity end habitat; improve Wildwood Trail
- Portland: Powell Butte Acquire and preserve land along the north slope
- Portland: Terwilliger/Marquam Natural Area Praserve threatened upland forest along historic Terwilliger Blvd.
- Southeast Portland: Johnson Creek Corridor Protect creekside naturel area for water quality, fish and flood retention
- Southeast Portland: OMSI to Springwater corndor Create 7 mile trail along Willamette River from OMSI to Milwaukie for hiking, biking, viewing wildlife
- Southwest Portland: Tryon Creek Protect 20 threatened acres in the Tryon Creek State Park area
- Troutdale: Columbia River Shoreline Preserve Cottonwood forest and wetlands
- Troutdale: Sandy River Gorge Acquire and preserve 808 threatened acres for fish, wildlife and water quality protection

## PROTECT OPEN SPACE, PARKS AND STREAMS FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

(This information furnished by John Sherman, Friends of Forest Park and Keith Jensen, Friends of The Sandy River)

## REYNOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT #7

## Measure No. 26-30

### **BALLOT TITLE** -

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7 (REYNOLDS) GENERAL OBLIGA-TION BOND AUTHORIZATION

QUESTION: Shall the District be authorized to contract a general obligation bonded indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$29,500,000? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of Article XI, Section 11b of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: This measure, if approved, would authorize the District to issue general obligation bond in an amount not to exceed \$29,500,000 for capital construction and improvements. Bond proceeds will be used to acquire land for a new school, construct a new middle school and a new elementary school and to construct, modify, replace, and repair school facilities, including the installation of equipment, furnishings and materials related thereto and pay all costs incidental thereto. The bonds would mature over a period not to exceed 20 years.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Reynolds School District is facing an imminent problem with the overcrowding of schools and classrooms as a result of continuing growth in student population. Some of its older facilities doe not meet existing code requirements for fire and life safety and electrical and heating systems. Older roofs have deteriorated; improved access for disabled students and patrons has been mandated (Americans with Disabilities Act).

This measure will allow the school district to sell bonds totaling \$29,500,000 to:

- · Acquire land and construct a 600-student middle school
- · Construct a 500-student elementary school
- Provide roof replacement or repair for all 13 facilities that operate classrooms (12 school buildings and the administration building)
- Make fire and life safety improvements to meet existing code requirements at Alder, Fairview, Glenfair, Hartley, Troutdale, Wilkes Elementary Schools, Lee and Reynolds Middle Schools and Reynolds High School.
- Structural repairs and heating and ventilating repairs at all 13 existing facilities
- Upgrades to meet electrical code requirements at all 13 facilities
- Upgrade technology (wiring, instructional computers)
- · Five classrooms, cafetorium added to high school
- · Improved access (ADA mandate) at all 13 facilities
- Sewer connection (mandated improvement) at Alder

Estimated cost of this bond will be 66 cents per \$1,000 assessed value.

Submitted by:

Hudson F. Lasher, Superintendent Reynolds School District

No arguments OPPOSING this measure were filed.

### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR**

Educating our Children is the KEY to our Future, Vote YES for Reynolds Schools. Our community continues to grow—District enrollment is up 20 percent in five years, more increases coming.

Some patrons are seeing their great-grandchildren attend the same school they did. Roof repairs, fire, safety, structural and electrical improvements top the priorities listed by our citizen's committee. The committee researched our 12 schools and recommended a bond measure to provide:

Addition of NEW Middle and Elementary School
Additional Classrooms at the High School
Needed repair to all roofs and structures in the district
Fire and life safety improvements to meet standards
Access for disabled students and patrons
Electrical improvements to meet current codes
Technology upgrades to all facilities

In order to maintain quality neighborhoods and education we must provide schools with adequate classroom space, and buildings which are safe and sound. As residents, we know that deteriorating buildings lead to deteriorated neighborhoods.

Our present facilities do not accommodate the growth we are seeing. Our middle schools and many of our elementary schools are already well over capacity. This bond measure would provide much-needed repairs to our facilities, as well as the space needed to educate our children now and in the years ahead.

Based on Ballot Measure 5, the tax rate in our district will continue to drop, even with the approval of this \$29.5M Bond. The average 66 cents per thousand assessed valuation will be more than offset by the \$2.50 per thousand Measure 5 reduction.

NOW is a critical time to support our neighborhoods and schools. Protect our children and our investment in the future, we urge a YES vote for Reynolds Schools.

(This information furnished by Julie Beliel, Chairperson, Reynolds Neighbors for KIDS)

## Measure No. 26-29

### **BALLOT TITLE**

#### GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AUTHORIZATION

QUESTION: Shall the District issue \$3,200,000 in general obligation bonds to finance land and facilities to allow an expanded program? If the Bonds are approved they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of Section 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**SUMMARY:** The District is proposing to expand the program offerings of the District to allow the education of students in grades Kthrough 12. Bonds authorized by this vote will be used to acquire land and construct, install, remodel, renovate and equip school facilities to serve the District's expanded program. The Bonds will mature over a period of not more than twenty-one (21) years.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Sauvie Island School District is requesting authorization to issue general obligation bonds in the amount of 3.2 million dollars. The purposes of the bond sale are to acquire land and to construct, install, remodel, and equip new and existing buildings to accommodate an educational program for students in grades K-12. Presently students in grades 8-12 are tuitioned to Portland or Scappoose schools.

A 1991 law requires the Sauvie Island School District to offer educational programs at all grades K-12 or merge with either Portland or Scappoose School Districts. Continuing to tuition our students does not meet the requirement of offering an educational program according to the Department of Education. The Sauvie Island School Board in response to recommendations from district patrons by way of a survey, public meetings and joint visitations to small schools has decided to not merge with an adjoining school district but to have the Sauvie Island School District offer a K-12 educational program. Continuing to be a small but separate school district would maintain local control of the district to include its governance, curriculum and facilities.

Upon passage of the bond authorization the district would construct a new building, separate from the existing school, of approximately 25,000 square feet. The new facility would be designed to serve up to 150 students in 6 classrooms, 2 special classrooms (science and educational technology), a library-media-computer complex, a physical education gymnasium with locker and rest room facilities, and the required support areas such as mechanical, storage, office and hall and entrance ways. Ground improvements include the required parking space and driveways and outside physical education/sports facilities. The levy authorization covers expenses associated with bond sales, legal services, obtaining permits and inspections, and equipping the new school.

- Passage of the bond measure will continue the local control of the school district
- Passage of the bond measure will provide educational facilities for approximately 20 students at each grade level

- The building will accommodate a middle and high school education program that exceeds the quality of small school programs in this state.
- Seattle Northwest Securities Corporation estimates that the bonds will sell on the average for 6.291% and that over a pay back from 1996 to 2013 the projected levy rate per \$1,000 assessed value would range from \$1.97 to \$2.00.
- Current enrollment in grades K-7 at Sauvie Island School is 94 students with an average of 13 students per grade level.

Submitted by
Sauvie Island School Board
Aaron Brown, Chair
Andy Karamanos, Vice Chair
Scott Clement
Mark Hepner
Bob Workman

# Measure No. 26-29

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

I summarized in **The Sauvie Island Outlook** (February '95) the reasons why the K-12 solution to the SB 917 mandate made sense to me. The issues are:

· Cost to the taxpayer

There are economic reasons for forming a K-12 school district.

Bond levies of a consolidated district would be shared disproportionately by Island property holders.

· Quality of education

There is no reason to believe that our district is less able to provide quality education than another district

- · Local control of the school building
- · Local control of education
- Support of the community
- · Community independence

The option of consolidation has far too many trade-offs. These include:

- · Probable eventual closure of the school
- Loss of significant ability to influence school policy or curriculum
- · Loss of ability to influence bond levies (for or against).
- Uncertain policies about use of the school facility by the community in the future

The school is one part of the community. There are other elements in the community that need your support. The Measure 5 impacts on the Sauvie Island Drainage District have produced a shortfall for their operations. Recent efforts to resolve this through developing a taxing authority have not yet been successful. This will need to be revisited with hopefully more success. Perhaps there can be influence on the taxing authority to cover the expenses engendered by the Drainage District operations. Return of some of our taxes to Sauvie Island seems only reasonable. Additionally there needs to remain a strong commitment to support the Sauvie Island Fire Department. Mention of the Sauvie Island Drainage District and Sauvie Island Fire Department is intended to highlight the importance of community cooperation. The same issue is at stake in the arena of education.

The quality of life in the Sauvie Island community is excellent. We need to preserve this. A vote for the school district is a vote for the community.

(This information furnished by Rob Norvich)

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### **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR**

#### TAXPAYERS:

The cost of creating a K-12 district is a major concern to all of us. The fact is, a yes vote on this issue will obligate our district tax-payers for \$3.2 million; a no vote and subsequent consolidation will obligate us to pay a disproportionate share of another district's building, furnishing, and maintenance programs without the control we have now. Studies conducted by our School Board have revealed that within the next 10 years, growth alone in Scappoose will require bond funding by Island taxpayers that approaches the amount requested here.

The Scappoose Board is wrestling with the difficult issues not only of growth, but a very dated Petersen school that according to their structural engineer "has structural inadequacies", and recommended demolition "of the whole thing". (minutes, Special Board Meeting, February 23, 1995). When these growth and replacement costs are combined, the capital costs for the Scappoose District over the same period as our bond levy considers, are not even comparable.

Local control means responsible spending. The school facilities planned for Sauvie Island will not be elaborate, the furnishings and fixtures will not be extravagant. It will be a facility of which we can be proud, adequate to provide our children with all the requirements of a quality high school education, including sports and other extracurricular programs. This bond will fund a complete facility, adequate to serve our needs for the next 20 years.

#### **VOTE YES FOR LOCAL CONTROL**

(This information furnished by Robert Workman)

# Measure No. 26-29

## **ARGUMENT IN FAVOR**

Dear Neighbor:

The vote you are about to cast will change the nature of our community. The Sauvie Island School is not only a place where we educate our children, it is our meeting place, and in many ways, the heart of our community.

With passage of SB 917, we face two options. We can create a K-12 school, or consolidate with an adjoining K-12 district. If we form our own district, we will establish independence, create an educational environment we can control, and will insure the continued use of school facilities by the community. If we consolidate, we immediately hand over the ownership of the school building, its furnishings and all cash reserves held by the district. Our School Board will be abolished and with it, local control of our children's education.

Our School Board has spent the last 3 years studying these options and with considerable input from Island residents has concluded that the creation of a K-12 district is the best alternative. The Board has visited several small K-12 districts that are thriving and have students who excel both academically and socially. Anyone who doubts we can achieve the same result need only visit one of these schools and then reflect on the strengths of our community.

It has been pointed out that some Island students have prospered from the move to a larger school environment. We believe ours will be a unique public school, free from many of the distractions which currently plague neighboring districts. These positive factors should create demand for enrollment adequate to allow the transfer of any student who may not thrive in the small school environment. With local control we can insure that our School Board continues to focus on the best interests of individual students.

A YES vote will provide our community a facility we will always own and control, and will insure our children a quality education in a safe environment.

Bill Driver

(This information furnished by Bill Driver)

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## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Dear Community,

As a concerned parent, I am writing this letter in order to urge you to vote yes to save our school and community center.

I currently have two children who attend the Sauvie Island School. For my younger child, I want most to keep her close to home, safe and secure. I want her to continue to benefit from small classes and develop positive roots to this community. I don't want to risk the very real possibility of our elementary school closure if this measure is defeated. Some people say that won't happen but, our community won't be making that decision. A 'no vote' will turn OUR school over to another district to control and no other district has indicated they will commit to keep our school open. Parents would face sending their young children off to some distant school.

My seventh grader was thrilled to learn he could continue at Sauvie Island this year. Some have said by including upper grades at Sauvie Island we would be sheltering them from the "real world". Well, he has already experienced education in a large school district that provided no cushion from some of today's more unpleasant social problems. There were children bringing guns to school, there was significant behavioral problems during class, warnings to parents about questionable characters hanging around school and large class size. He has matured in the Sauvie Island School, has been able to focus on studies, has a fantastic group of classmates and a motivating teacher. I think we have the foundation to build an excellent high school program. We have an excellent environment with which to attract the very best teachers. An extracurricular program with sports programs has been initiated this year. With our community in control, we can provide a challenging and exciting educational experience.

A Yes vote will guarantee that OUR school stays open, thrives and offers the very best to our future community members, our children!

(This information furnished by Leslie M. Clement)

## Measure No. 26-29

### ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Not so many years ago, the community of Sauvie Island stood by helplessly and watched as their school burned to the ground. Out of those ashes rose the Sauvie Island Volunteer Fire Department. It is a strange twist of fate that the Fire Department should now have to defend itself to the School Board.

In the School Board's effort to expand, the land upon which the Fire Department sits was considered as suitable for the massive new athletic complex. All the Fire Department requested was to be provided a pole building in which to park the fire engines. For this, the Department has been labeled arrogant. Rumors have abounded how the tremendous demands of this fire station pushed the School Bond levy to over \$2 million. The Levy is currently at \$3.2 million, and without notification, the School Board dropped any consideration of the Fire Department. From week to week, the plans and goals of the new high school have been changed es often as the diapers on e newborn infant. Initially at over \$1.0 million, the cost has steadily risen. Is \$3.2 million enough? Whereas the Sauvie Island Fire Department has made every effort to be good community neighbors and provide for the welfare of the entire Island, its attitude of good will and community spirit was met with the threat of a buildozer blade. The concern of the fire fighters is your safety. Don't let that be taken away.

Citizens For a Safe Community

(This information furnished by Torn Herem)

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The preparation of a student for the adult world includes many learning processes', including a varied school curriculum, career path establishment, vocational training opportunities and diverse social development. These opportunities are available in the larger "full service school districts". Sauvie Island School by reason of it's small size and limited student population will not be able to provide a competitive and diverse education program in the expanded K-12 format.

A student attending a high school where the student population is less than 50 students cannot receive the variety of educational opportunities that are available in a "full service school district". It simply is not financially feasible for the school district to provide a full spectrum of electives when there are not enough students to justify the expense of a teacher to educate the 4 or 5 students who may choose the elective. This would limit the number of elective opportunities available to Sauvie Island students thus making them less prepared for their future career path or continuing to further their education at college.

The School Board has <u>not</u> conducted open, "public meetings" to determine a majority interest in the expansion of the school to K-12. They surveyed mostly people sympathetic to expansion and concluded there was sufficient interest to launch a survey which included hiring a paid consultant and traveling to small school districts to develop a plan for expansion, all at tax payer's expense.

The goal of the school board is to preserve control of the school, the curriculum and the facilities, thus maintaining their jobs, <u>at all costs</u>. Those costs are not just monetary but will come at the expense of our student's futures.

Consolidation with Portland or Scappoose school districts is the only responsible alternative to provide diverse educational and social development for our students. Vote NO on the School Bond, It will cost our citizens and their children more than just dollars, the reel cost is our children's future educational development.

(This information furnished by Dan Cyr and Kent Meyer, Citizens for Responsible Education)

## Measure No. 26-29

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The proposal to build e K-12 school on Sauvie Island was recently brought to my ettention. This proposal brings ebout many concerns I would like to share with you. I ettended Sauvie Island grade school and upon completion of the 6th grade; moved on to the Scappoose school system.

I found the Island school to provide a superb education with many advantages bestowed upon a primary student because of it's size. The move to the 7th grade was en eye opening experience due to the diversity and number of students. However, I soon found that this change offered many opportunities not available in a small school. Organized men and women sport teams competed with rival league schools. That first year, I was on five different sport teams. A full sized band and choir were electives along with wood shop, drama, drafting, the list goes on. The high school doubled the available clubs and extracurricular activities and who can forget the Home Coming games and their Senior Prom?

In grade school, the core curriculum gives the child the building blocks to start their education and to further build their knowledge. As the child grows into a responsible adult, the curriculum must also grow in diversity to fit the changing needs of each individual.

I do not feel a high school on Sauvie Island is in the best interest of our <u>students</u>. The limited number of students would only restrict the school in its ability to support educational diversity and social interactions. These student opportunities are crucial in developing e competitive college student or employee in todays society. We must not put the importance of having a community center and control of the school system as the prime consideration for expansion of the school. Instead, place the curriculum, education and the personal development, which is only evailable in a <u>full service school district</u>, as the <u>most</u> important factor when considering the future of Sauvie Island students.

(This information furnished by Captain Kreg W. Lukens, U.S.A.F.)

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The Sauvie Island School Board held a meeting with several members of the S.I. Grange in mid November. At that time the School Board stated that they would need 20 students per class in order to make K-12 a vlable project. The plan as outlined by the School Board was to seek 100 to 120 tuition students from other districts in order to obtain these numbers. In checking with the superintendent of the Scappoose School District and also with Mary Thrienen of Enrollment Services for the Portland School District, both individuals stated they would not ellow any transfers from their districts to the Sauvie Island District, as this would mean a loss of funds to their respective districts.

If the Sauvie Island School District is unable to get the required number of students to produce enough revenue and income to operate a K-12 facility, the state would then step in and mandate a consolidation with an adjoining district. In any event, we would be left to pay off the bond indebtedness of 3.2 million in addition to any present indebtedness.

In addition, the estimated levy rate of \$1.97 to \$2.00 per \$1,000.00 assessed value could increase substantially due to pending changes contemplated by members of the Oregon State Legislature.

It would appear that consolidation with an adjoining school oistrict would be a far better alternative for Sauvie Island and for the educational requirements of our students.

For the students sake, vote no on the School Bond.

(This information furnished by Kent M. Meyer)