

Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet

Primary Election 20____ General Election 20_12 Special Election _____ (date)

Measure No.: 26-142

Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition

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Argument order number A-1

Cash or Check Number 1008

Statement(s) of Endorsement? NO YES #

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Two years ago a big foreign-owned gambling conglomerate asked you give them a private gambling monopoly by approving a casino here in Wood Village.

Wood Village said NO. Emphatically.

Now the big gambling corporations are back, trying to convince you to change your minds.

Bad for Wood Village

Measure 26-142 is part of a package deal set up by a foreign corporation and 2 guys from Lake Oswego looking to get rich quick. They want to change the focus of gambling in Oregon from public good, to private profits—amending the constitution just to benefit themselves, all the while pretending they are doing it for the common good.

Measure 26-142 is asking voters to approve a Vegas-style mega-casino in Wood Village, within a mile of elementary schools, churches, parks and playgrounds, bringing gambling and all the things that come with it--increased drug use, prostitution, drinking, crime--closer to our children.

This new casino will be bigger than anything even in Las Vegas and it will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

No traffic study has been done by the City of Wood Village or the casino developers to see if it's even possible to safely add that many additional visitors on a regular basis.

Local law enforcement officials are already overburdened and underfunded. If this measure passes, law enforcement will have to deal with more crime, more alcohol and drug abuse and more traffic problems as a result.

Bad for the local economy

When something sounds too good to be true, it usually is. And that is certainly the case with Measure 26-142.

The backers of this measure make a lot of big promises, but the truth is that if this measure passes it will rig the system to hurt small businesses in Wood Village and the surrounding areas. Any local business in the hospitality or entertainment industry is going to take a big hit.

Vote No on Measure 26-142

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I'm your neighbor and the retired Gresham Police Chief and I'd like to talk with you about Measure 26-142, the proposed casino project at the old dog track.

First, since the hey day of the dog track our community has changed. The is now in a heavily populated community, surrounded by neighborhoods, churches, schools, playgrounds and parks. There are 23 preschool, elementary and middle schools within a two-mile radius of the location.

We already have significant traffic congestion and safety issues in the area. The proposed casino would bring thousands of additional car trips onto our neighborhood streets every day. We lack the resources to handle what we have already, much less absorb the increase.

And, let's talk about crime. It goes up around large gambling facilities. And this one is going to be massive, larger than anything even on the Las Vegas strip.

One of the companies that will own and operate the casino recently completed a similar project in Illinois. In one year that casino generated over 1,400 police and 200 fire calls and it's only 1/3 the size of the casino they want to build here. As a Wood Village resident, think about that. All of Wood Village had only 300 reported crimes last year.

Public safety in East County, simply won't be able to keep up.

Do you believe the Multnomah County Sheriff's office will be able to keep up? I know they won't. MCSO is already overburdened and understaffed. Sheriff's deputies have been cut to the bone and some crimes that used to result in serious jail time aren't even being investigated.

If Measure 26-142 passes, your town, mine, and those around us will be overwhelmed with more crime, more alcohol and drug abuse and more traffic problems.

You can Protect Wood Village and your larger community. Vote No on Measure 26-142.

Carla Piluso, Gresham Police Chief, Retired

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Measure 26-142 won't help our schools, and it sends the wrong message to our kids.

As a retired teacher, I'm committed to stable school funding for our public schools but Measure 26-142 is not the answer.

Yes, the foreign-owned gambling conglomerate pushing these measures makes big promises about how their casino will solve education funding. But that's all it is: a self-serving promise from a company that has a rotten track record elsewhere of promising big and not delivering.

We teach our kids that if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. The slick corporate spin coming from this company – which got caught in a bribery and influence-peddling scandal in New York when its executives promised jobs and campaign contributions to legislators for approving a casino – is simply not credible.

Most of the public revenue generated by this mega-casino will actually be eaten up in increased law enforcement and social costs, and from lost revenue to small businesses and rural communities devastated by this change.

We can do better than funding our children's education through gaming losses. We can find better, more sustainable ways to pay for education and public services. Ways that don't say to our kids that we are addicted to short cuts and quick fixes to solve our problems.

You don't need to be an educator to know that the foreign company putting up millions to back this casino is not interested in education, or in our kids. They don't care about protecting our unique culture and quality of life.

All that really matters to them is separating us from our money at their casino.

Don't believe the hype. Vote No on Measure 26-142

Virginia Leffall-Husak, Retired Teacher

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As parents we are acutely aware that the decisions we make as a society today can have serious negative impacts on the future of our children and grandchildren.

Like all parents, we want the best possible for our children and grandchildren: good communities, safe neighborhoods, a strong economy and a society based on strong community values.

Measures 26-142 will open the door to a massive expansion of gambling — allowing a mega-casino in near schools and playgrounds, increasing problem gambling and overwhelming local law enforcement--sending a terrible message to our children about our Oregon values.

This is a bad idea for our children and for our communities.

A major casino and the problems that come with it--increased drug use, drinking and crime -- have no place where our children play. Opening one major Vegas-style casino here in Wood Village, as Measure 26-142 proposes, is a bad enough idea.

But even more concerning, Measure 26-142 is just one step the foreign casino corporation is taking. They want to amend the Oregon constitution to allow them to build casinos all over Oregon.

That might be good for them, but it is not good for us.

Let's face it. Relying on privately run, Las Vegas-style casino gambling to solve our economic problems is wrong and sends the wrong message to our kids. If our best idea to create a brighter economic future is to build casinos and sell ourselves out to gambling, then we have given up—on ourselves, on our communities and on our children.

We can do better. Vote NO on measures 82 and 83.

Renaye Delano
Francisco Holdman

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I'm the manager of Grampy's Deli. We are a deli and lottery retailer in Wood Village that many of you know.

I am not exaggerating when I say, if Measure 26-142 passes and the casino is built, my business will go under. We simply can't compete with a huge complex of that size either for gaming dollars or restaurant business.

There are many other local businesses just like ours that will suffer and go out of business if these big corporate gambling companies get their way.

Don't be fooled by their fancy advertising and big promises. They don't really care about our community. They care about making huge profits. And if local businesses and local residents suffer that's just to cost of doing business for them.

And the backers of the casinos aren't playing fair.

They've written a loophole into the measures that exempts them from paying taxes on their 3500 gaming machines. Local mom and pop restaurants like mine have to pay that tax—meaning this one casino would get a special exemption worth over \$500,000 per year that Oregon's struggling small businesses don't get.

That isn't the Oregon way, and it isn't fair to small businesses. And you can do something about it. You can Vote No on Measure 26-142.

The Vegas style, massive casino is a great deal for the developers but it's a bad deal for Wood Village. Many of us won't survive, and hundreds of jobs will be lost.

Please don't be fooled, Vote No on Measure 26-142, it's a bad deal for Wood Village.

Angela Allen

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As neighbors here in East County, we live here for a reason. Things are more affordable, quieter and safer. We love our family-friendly neighborhoods. We are connected to our neighbors, our schools and our small businesses.

We've seen the slick commercials and heard all the promises that this project will only bring good things to our community. When something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Think of the impact of a massive new casino plopped down on the site of the old Multnomah Kennel Club. Our community has changed in the last decade. There are 23 schools within 2 miles of that site.

Measure 26-142 will bring increased traffic, drug and alcohol abuse and crime that goes hand in hand with operating big casinos in metro areas right onto our neighborhood streets.

If it's such a great deal for our community why didn't the Lake Oswego businessmen who are leading the project fight to put it in their neighborhood?

Our small entertainment and food and beverage businesses will suffer or go out of business all together. We'll worry about walking our kids to and from school or letting them play in our neighborhoods and parks because casino traffic will be racing through our streets 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

And people need to know that the foreign-owned gambling companies bankrolling Measure 26-142 have a bad track record. Their projects increase crime in the areas where they open casinos.

The foreign-owned company has been linked to a bribery and influence peddling scandal in New York, has a documented history of labor disputes and sticking taxpayers with the tab to upgrade safety in their casinos.

Please don't risk our quality of life just so a foreign corporation and two corporate executives from Lake Oswego can make a fast buck.

Say NO to Measure 26-142.

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Steven Prom, DC
Shiletha Kennedy
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Kathleen Schwabe
Michael K. Elston, CIR Panelist

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Cash or Check Number 1008

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Measures 26-142 will hurt Oregon Tribes

If this measure passes, the massive private casino owned by an out-of-state gambling conglomerate, will seriously disrupt the economic engine that supports all of Oregon's Indian tribes.

We have worked hard to become self-sufficient, and by supporting our members we have also been able to lessen the burden on local and state government.

Now our people have jobs rather than relying on welfare.

The tribal casinos, the jobs they provide, and the revenue they generate, have brought our people back from the brink.

We are now able to provide basic health care for tribal members AND members of the local community as well.

Our agreement with the state created that opportunity, but we did not stop there.

Along with other tribes, we felt a responsibility to the people of Oregon. Together we volunteered to pay the equivalent of the corporate income tax – more than \$100 million so far -- into a fund that supports charities across Oregon. And we are also committed to buying local – 75% of our purchases come from Oregon vendors, large and small.

That's part of our mutual promise with the people of Oregon to work together for the benefit of all of us. That shared commitment has been working well for years.

Please do not let outsiders and wealthy corporate interests convince you to break that promise.

The future of Oregon's Indian Tribes depends on it.

Please vote no on Measures 26-142

Tribal Council Members, The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon

~~Cheryle A. Kennedy, Tribal Council~~

~~Reyn Leno, Tribal Council~~

~~Kathleen Tom, Tribal Council~~

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Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon recommends a NO vote on Measure 26-142.

Our state already allows more gambling than most other states — a wide variety of lottery games, video poker and line games in local taverns and restaurants, card rooms and tribal casinos. Simply put, we've got more than enough gambling opportunities in this state. Do we really need to start adding Las Vegas-size casinos to our communities?

Casinos hurt individuals, families and communities.

We have 70,000 adult problem gamblers in Oregon already? Research has consistently found that casino gambling, like state lotteries, largely depends on the high levels of gambling among problem gamblers to provide a significant share of their overall revenue. The damage caused to families and communities by an activity that is inherently addicting for some individuals outweighs whatever limited benefits promised by casino investors.

Casinos Never Deliver the Promised Economic Benefits

Economists who have studied the impact of casinos on economic development in surrounding communities find that the jobs provided by a casino are usually offset by a loss of jobs at nearby restaurants and other local businesses. Studies have also found that crime rates, rates of gambling addiction and personal bankruptcy filings increase within 50 miles of a new casino.

Voters already soundly defeated this Casino proposal in 2010.

This measure is a slightly repackaged version of a 2010 measure that voters overwhelmingly rejected. Since this measure would, if passed, amend the constitution and authorize the first non-tribal casino in Oregon, passage would establish a dangerous precedent and would open the door to subsequent proposals to authorize additional casinos in other Oregon communities.

For Oregon's Families and Communities,

Join with Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and Vote NO on Measure 26-142.