

Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet

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

Measure No.: 26-141
 Argument in Favor
 Argument in Opposition

This Information Furnished By (as it should appear in the county voters' pamphlet):

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Original Argument

Amended Argument

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

9/7/2012
Date signed

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**Join your fellow Gresham citizens
Vote YES on Measure 26-141
Mayor Elected at Large;
Councilors by District**

Measure 26-141 is a grassroots, citizen's initiative to change how the Gresham City Council members are elected. Currently, the Mayor and all city Councilors are elected in city-wide, "at large" elections. A majority of councilors can all come from the same neighborhood.

Measure 26-141 would require the establishment of six voting districts throughout the City of Gresham; each District with equal population. **The voters of each District would elect one Councilor who lives within their District.**

**Some reasons to support electing
Councilors by District:**

- Citizen in every neighborhood of Gresham will have a voice.
- Citizens will know which Councilor to contact for help solving District and City problems.
- Councilors will be accountable to citizens in their District.
- Citizens who know their District well, will be encouraged to run for City Council.
- Increase ethnic, economic, demographic diversity and geographic representation on Council.

**Vote YES for equal representation in
Gresham City government!**

District representation is the way we elect our Metro, County Commissioners, State, and Federal representatives. District representation gives each citizen an equal voice in the democratic process. In current "at-large" elections a majority of Councilors can and do come from the same neighborhood resulting in unequal representation.

Councilors by District:

- Ends Councilor concentration in one city area
- Provides direct representation and accountability
- Eliminates costly city-wide campaigns
- Encourages fewer unopposed contests

**Vote for Change!
Vote YES on Measure 26-141!
Vote YES for equal representation!**

For more information please visit our web site: www.Gresham6Districts.org

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Richard A. Strathern, Gresham

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Measure No.: 26-141 Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition

Original Argument Amended Argument

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To Our Gresham Neighbors:

It is a privilege for us to serve you as Gresham City Councilors. Like you, we want to have a great place to live, work and enjoy recreational opportunities with our families, friends, and visitors. We volunteer to do our best to make wise policy decisions that affect our community, not only today, but for decades to come.

That is why we **strongly endorse re-establishing Districts**. At 107,500 residents, Gresham is a large community, growing by 2000 residents per year. The larger and more diverse we have grown, the more difficult it is for City Councilors to identify with the concerns of every area of the city. Requiring City Councilors to live in the neighborhoods they represent is really a simple concept, but it has far-reaching and profound effects.

District representation is not divisive. In fact, electing Councilors by District creates a city council that is transparent and accountable to its neighborhoods. Councilors master the skills of consensus-building and compromise. District representation requires our Mayor and City Councilors to have a balanced conversation regarding critical issues that affect, not only the entire city, but each of us wherever we live.

Would you like to know your City Councilor? Would you feel better represented if you knew who to approach with concerns about: city finances, parks and recreation, city roads and sidewalks, street lighting, natural resources, sustainability, code violations, on-going and future development and public safety? While all of these might affect the entire city, sooner than later they could affect only you and your neighborhood.

Re-establishing Districts provides an advocacy for each citizen that is currently missing. Electing Councilors by District balances representation throughout the City and opens the door of opportunity for the next generation of leaders.

Measure 26-141, Mayor at Large; Councilors by District is the right measure at the right time for the City of Gresham. Vote YES on Measure 26-141.

Respectfully,
John H. Kilian, Gresham Councilor
Paul Warr-King, Gresham Councilor