

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet

Primary Election 20__ General Election 20__ Special Election November 6, 2007
(date)

Measure No.: 3-269 Argument in Favor
 Argument in Opposition

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Frequently Asked Questions about Measure 3-269

What will this measure do?

It requires the City to obtain voter approval before purchasing large, non-essential properties. 25

Does this have anything to do with Safeco?

Yes. The decision to buy Safeco without community support was reckless. This amendment requires voter approval for Safeco and for future purchases of non-essential property. 34

Are there exceptions to the voter approval requirement?

Yes, three exceptions: //

- 1) Purchases to address health or safety concerns
- 2) Purchases below \$2 million (inflation-adjustable)
- 3) Purchases through voter-approved urban renewal plans 20

Will this Charter Amendment "hamstring" the City or lead to frequent elections?

No. Only one City purchase in the last decade (Safeco) would have required a vote under the guidelines. 30

Do other cities have voter approval requirements in their Charters?

Yes. For example, just in our vicinity, Tigard, Beaverton, and Wilsonville all have voter approval requirements. 26

Would this amendment impede economic development?

No. This amendment does nothing to restrict economic development beyond requiring voter approval for non-essential property purchases. 24

How does the measure affect urban renewal (LORA)?

LORA is the City's urban renewal agency. LORA uses property tax funds that are drawn away from normal public uses (schools, police, fire, etc.) for urban renewal purposes. This amendment only affects portions of urban renewal plans that have not received voter approval. 57

Would this measure have prevented Millennium Park Plaza?

No, unless you assume that voters would reject the entire urban renewal plan used to make the Millennium Park purchases. 28

How will this positively affect all Lake Oswegans?

The measure will go a long way toward restoring trust in City government. 21/ By keeping voters in the loop we ensure community support exists for big-ticket projects while maintaining the means to curb unwise spending decisions. 24

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A "YES" VOTE ON MEASURE 3-269
WILL RESTORE OUR COMMUNITY'S
SPENDING PRIORITIES AND PROTECT LIVABILITY 15

Lake Oswego is currently servicing about \$60 million dollars of debt. However, enormous liabilities loom on the horizon. In ~~the~~ coming years this debt will quadruple just to maintain our core services: \$100mil+ for sewer improvements, \$100mil+ for water and storm drain upgrades; \$13mil+ estimated for a new City Hall plus undetermined amounts for a fire station. Many millions more could be designated for Lake Grove and Foothills redevelopment; another \$30-40 million for streetcar services... 75

Focusing on essential projects should be the top priority for City officials—passing Measure 3-269 will ensure it. Over the last 18 months, the City Council spent \$23mil+ on its non-essential Safeco "Community Center" project—without taxpayers' input or discussion in context with L.O.'s greater priorities. On July 24, the City Council approved a plan that, if implemented, would drive the cost of its project to over \$105 million. For a homeowner, this is like buying a Jacuzzi while ignoring a leaky roof and cracked foundation. 87

Lake Oswego is a unique, vibrant community, blessed with multi-generational residents. Lake Oswegans have consistently approved property tax increases ensuring our schools, libraries, public safety and parks remain topflight. But our "over 55" residents living on fixed incomes and the younger families that populate our schools must not be overlooked. ADDED DEBT MEANS HIGHER PROPERTY TAXES. Non-essential, discretionary, big-ticket spending schemes must be carefully scrutinized to safeguard all L.O. residents. ~~We are~~ voters, are entitled to be heard. 81
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Our City Council's mandate is to protect our Community and not allow livability to be threatened by out-of-control spending and tax increases. This Charter Amendment is essential to ensure that vulnerable Lake Oswegans are not priced out of their homes.

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