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Washington County voters' pamphlet

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This is your county voters' pamphlet. All information contained in this pamphlet has been assembled and printed by Rich Hobernicht, County Clerk-Ex Officio, Director Washington County Assessment & Taxation.

Dear Voter:

This pamphlet contains information for several districts and there may be measures included that are not on your ballot. If you have any questions, call 503-846-5800.

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Registering to Vote

To vote in Oregon you need to be registered in the county where you reside.

You can register if you can answer yes to these three questions:

- Are you a resident of Oregon?
- Are you a US citizen?
- Are you at least 17 years of age?

If you are 17 years of age, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.

How to register

You can register to vote online at www.oregonvotes.org or you can get a voter registration card at any of the following places:

- any County Elections Office
- the Secretary of State's Office
- some state agencies such as the Division of Motor Vehicles
- a voter registration drive

You can fill the card out in person or send it in by US mail. You can also print out a registration card online at: www.oregonvotes.org

What information is required to register?

To complete your registration you will provide your:

- Full legal name
- Home address
- · Date of birth
- Signature
- Valid identification

What are the identification requirements?

 If you have a current, valid Driver's License, Permit or ID number issued by the State of Oregon Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), you must provide it in the boxes on the card.

A suspended Driver's License is still valid; a revoked Driver's License is NOT valid.

- If you do not have a current, valid Driver's License, Permit or ID number issued by the State of Oregon Division of Motor Vehicles, you must affirm this on the card by marking the appropriate circle and you must then provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number.
- If you do not have a Social Security number, you must affirm this on the card by marking the circle in indicating you do not have a valid Driver's License or Social Security number.
- 4. If you do not have a Driver's License, Permit, ID number, or a Social Security number, and you are registering by mail, you must provide a copy of one of the following which shows the voter's name and current address:
 - valid photo identification
 - a paycheck stub
 - a utility bill
 - a bank statement
 - a government document
 - proof of eligibility under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) or the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act (VAEH)

If you do not provide valid identification, you will not be eligible to vote for Federal races. You will, however, still be eligible to vote for state and local contests.

Selecting a political party

You may want to select a political party when you register but it is not required.

Major political parties require you to be registered as a member of their party in order to vote for their candidates in the Primary Election.

Updating your voter registration

Once you have registered, you are responsible for keeping your information up to date. You can do this online at www.oregonvotes.org or by completing and returning a voter registration card with the new information. You should update your registration if you do any of the following:

- change your home address
- change your mailing address
- change your name
- change your signature
- want to change or select a political party
- will be away from home on election day

City of Banks

Measure No. 34-194

Ballot Title

Levy for Contract with Washington County for Law Enforcement Services

Question: Shall City levy \$2.35 per assessed thousand for five years beginning fiscal year 2012 for renewal of law enforcement services?

This measure may cause property taxes to raise more than 3%.

Summary: The City Council voted to recommend to voters that this measure be place upon the November Ballot. If this measure is approved, the City will levy \$2.35 per assessed thousand (\$1,000) each year for five (5) years beginning in tax year 2012 to continue a contract with the Washington County Sheriff's Department for local police services. If this levy fails the City will be without police services. Services include but are not limited to prompt response to 911 calls, crime prevention, work with youth and school programs, investigate criminal activity, traffic enforcement, domestic violence, neighborhood nuisances, identity theft, enforcement of city ordinances, court bailiff services, and other City specific policy duties. The City has contracted with Washington County since 2006 for Police services and this levy is to continue funding of a contract for those services. The funding will not add any additional police services or personnel but merely renew the current contract.

The estimate of the total amount raised each year is:

2012 - \$226,531.76

2013 - \$226,531.76

2014 - \$226.531.76

2015 - \$226.531.76

2016 - \$226.531.76

The potential total amount of the five (5) year levy is \$1,132,658.80. For a home with an assessed value of \$100,000.00 the annual tax cost estimate would be \$235.00. The estimated tax revenue the City will receive is an ESTIMATE ONLY. This is based on the best information available from the County Assessor at the time of the estimate.

Explanatory Statement

Why is this levy proposed?

The City needs funding to renew its current contract for law enforcement services provided by the Washington County Sheriff's department as the current contract funding is due to expire. The current contract expires on June 30, 2012. The City will have no police services without this contract renewal. These levy funds will be used to renew the contract with the Washington County Sheriff's Department for local police services, as well as normal required administrative expenses such as utility, audit, liability insurance, 911 dispatch and materials expenses. The reason for the increased cost of the contract with Washington County Sheriff's Department is that the Sheriff's Department has had an increase in its costs over the last five years. The funds provided by the levy do not provide for any new services or personnel, it is merely to maintain current law enforcement services for the next five years. The services that the Washington County Sheriff's Department provides include but are not limited to 50 hours of police patrols specifically in the City of Banks as well as crime

scene investigation, any public awareness programs offered by Washington County, access to national crime databases, traffic enforcement sweeps, municipal court bailiff services, crime prevention, etc. Without funding by this levy, the City will be unable to continue provide any local police patrol. Should this levy fail, this City will only have law enforcement responses for emergency calls, i.e., high priority 911 calls, etc. with an officer that is shared with the entire west side of Washington County. There would be no services available for other types of police issues. This levy is necessary to prevent the amount, and effects, of crime to the residents of Banks, students of the Banks School System, and those who visit and do business in Banks.

Who is served by the City's law enforcement service?

If you received this ballot, the law enforcement services would serve you.

What impact would the levy have on a homeowner's property tax?

The replacement levy is estimated to average \$2.35 per \$1,000 assessed value. If approved, owners of a home would see the following estimated annual impact:

\$100,000 assessed home \$2.35 x \$100,000 = \$235 \$150,000 assessed home \$2.35 x \$150,000 = \$352.50

The existing levy has an annual impact of \$189.00 and \$283.50, respectively; thus the new levy represents an overall annual increase of \$46 for a \$100,000 assessed home and \$69 for a \$150,000 accessed home.

When would this levy first appear on property tax bills?

The property tax bill due in November 2012 would include this levy.

This measure may cause property tax to raise more than 3%

Respectfully submitted,

John Kinsky Mayor

Submitted by: Jolynn Becker City of Banks

City of Sherwood

Measure No. 34-190

Ballot Title

Revisions to City of Sherwood Home Rule Charter

Question: Shall the City of Sherwood adopt certain revisions to update the city home rule charter?

Summary: This measure would update the current city charter to remove obsolete provisions, clarify other provisions and reflect standard municipal organization and practices. The city council believes the charter revisions will improve city government.

The Oregon Constitution gives city voters the right to adopt, amend and revise a charter. The charter grants legal authority to the city and sets duties. Sherwood voters adopted the current charter in 2005.

The proposed revision authorizes the mayor to appoint members of certain boards and commissions with council approval; deletes the requirement that the council be elected by position; deletes the mayor's authority to veto city legislation; requires the mayor's signature on city council decisions; establishes a four-year term for the mayor; prohibits mayor and councilors from holding another elected office; clarifies process for filling council vacancy; requires municipal court judge to be a member of Oregon State bar; deletes obsolete provision regarding personnel rules and compensation; deletes obsolete provision regarding use of Willamette River water; takes effect January 1, 2012. The proposed revision retains provisions unique to Sherwood including voter approval for annexation.

Explanatory Statement

The Oregon Constitution gives city voters the right to adopt, amend and revise the city charter. Sherwood voters adopted the current city charter in 2005. It has not been amended or revised since then. The proposed revision was approved by the Sherwood City Council and referred to the ballot on August 2, 2011

This measure would update the city charter to delete obsolete provisions, clarify some of the responsibilities of the mayor and city council; establish a four-year mayoral term; and modify other administrative provisions to reflect current municipal organizational practices. The proposed changes include:

- Authorizing the mayor to appoint members of certain boards and commissions with the consent of the City Council and specifying that the members serve at the pleasure of the council.
- Deleting the mayor's authority to veto city legislation.
- Requiring the mayor's signature on all City Council decisions.
- Establishing a four-year term for the mayor beginning with the next general election in November 2012.
- Establishing a two-year term for the council president beginning with the next general election in November 2012.
- Prohibiting the mayor and city councilors from holding another elected office at the same time.
- Clarifying the process for filling vacancies on the City
 Council
- Specifying that the City's municipal court judge must be a member of Oregon State bar.
- Deleting obsolete provisions regarding personnel rules and compensation.

 Deleting an obsolete provision regarding use of Willamette River water

Significantly, the proposed revision retains a number of existing charter provisions that are unique to Sherwood, including voter approval for all annexations and the requirement that City Councilors are elected by position.

If approved by the voters, the revisions will take effect on January 1, 2012.

Submitted by: Sylvia Murphy, City Elections Official, City Recorder City of Sherwood

City of Sherwood

Measure No. 34-191

Ballot Title

Proposal to Annex 258 Acres to City

Question: Should 258 acres on the southern boundary of the City of Sherwood be annexed to the City of Sherwood?

Summary: Approval of this ballot measure will annex 258 acres to the city, consisting of approximately 66 separate lots and parcels. The area to be annexed lies generally south of the current city boundary, north of Brookman Road, east of Highway 99W and west of Ladd Hill, with 10 parcels east and south of Brookman Road where is curves north toward Ladd Hill and 5 parcels directly east of Ladd Hill Road also included within the plan area. The area is subject to the Brookman Concept Plan that was approved by the City Council on June 2, 2009. Under the Brookman Concept Plan, the area will be zoned for a mix of uses including Medium Density Residential low, Medium Density Residential High, High Density Residential, Office Commercial, Neighborhood Commercial, Light Industrial and Institutional Public. Following annexation, city taxes will be phased in over a period of 10 years. If approved by the voters of Sherwood, the Area may be annexed following approval by a majority of voters or property owners in the Brookman Area.

Explanatory Statement

The Oregon Constitution gives city voters the right to adopt a city charter to govern matters of local concern. The current city charter requires Sherwood voters to approve the annexation

of any new territory to the city. This measure proposing annexation of the Brookman Road Area was approved by the Sherwood City Council on August 16, 2011, and referred to the ballot for approval by city voters.

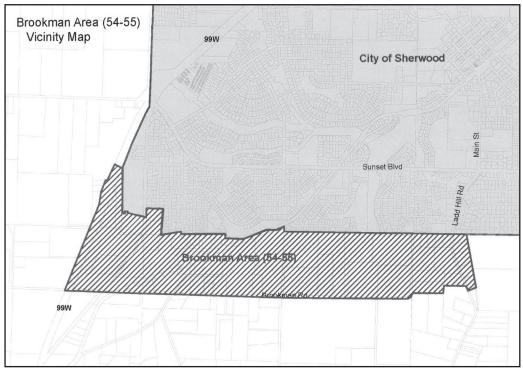
The Brookman Road Area consists of approximately 258 acres, including approximately 66 separate lots and parcels. The area lies generally south of the current city boundary, north of Brookman Road, east of Highway 99W and west of Ladd Hill. It also includes five parcels located directly east of Ladd Hill Road. The area was added to the Metro urban growth boundary in 2004.

The area is the subject of the Brookman Concept Plan that was approved by the City Council on June 2, 2009. The Brookman Concept Plan is the result of a five-year public process that included multiple public hearings before the Sherwood Planning Commission and City Council. Under the Concept Plan, the area will be zoned for a mix of uses including Medium Density Residential Low, Medium Density Residential High, High Density Residential, Office Commercial, Neighborhood Commercial, Light Industrial and Institutional Public. It also includes a large area of open space.

Following annexation, city taxes will be phased in over a period of 10 years. This is intended to reflect the expected rate of development in and the extension of city services to the area. If approved by the voters of Sherwood, the Area may be annexed following approval by a majority of voters or property owners in the Brookman Road Area. Accordingly, the annexation will become effective following approval by a majority of Sherwood voters and a majority of voters or property owners in the Brookman Road Area.

Submitted by

Sylvia Murphy, City Elections Official, City Recorder City of Sherwood





City of Beaverton

Measure No. 34-192

Ballot Title

Approves Central Beaverton Urban Renewal Plan Referred by City Council

Question: Shall an Urban Renewal Plan be approved to improve public infrastructure and attract property development, financed by incremental property taxes?

Summary: This vote approves the Central Beaverton Urban Renewal Plan, which creates an Urban Renewal District encompassing historic Old Town, the central Beaverton office and commercial area, and the employment area east of Highway 217.

Approving the Urban Renewal Plan does not impose new taxes. The Plan uses property taxes resulting from projected increased property values within the District to pay for projects. Funding the Plan depends on public and private investment and projects to increase property values. The taxes assessed on the higher values are used to repay debt incurred for public investment under the Plan, up to \$150 million over 30 years. The funds are not for new public buildings but to improve property values:

Improved streets and utilities to aid development and reduce congestion to improve pedestrian and public safety (fire and police response times);

Financial incentives and partnerships to rehabilitate and preserve property and encourage private investment;

Entryways, directional signs and Beaverton Creek enhancements to attract new patrons, businesses and investors.

Substantial amendments to the Plan must be approved by Beaverton voters.

Explanatory Statement

This measure would initiate the Central Beaverton Urban Renewal Plan. It would create an Urban Renewal District to include historic Old Town, a transit-oriented area, a central office and commercial area, and a central employment area east of Highway 217. The District would include 997 acres and about \$777,000,000 in assessed value.

Some projects under the Plan would use "tax increment" financing ("TIF"), up to \$150,000,000 over 30 years. Property owners within the district would continue to pay taxes at the same rates as other property in the city. The City, county, school, fire and park districts would receive the same amount of property taxes from within the District as they would receive in tax year 2012. The Beaverton Urban Redevelopment Agency would then receive any incremental or greater taxes from those properties if and when those properties increase in value while the Plan was in effect.

The TIF funds would be dedicated to projects and programs within the urban renewal boundary that are authorized by the Plan. No funds would be spent to construct or acquire public buildings. The Plan, referred to voters by City Council Resolution 4081, would propose these project types and percentages of total costs:

 Transportation and infrastructure projects would include improvements to streets and utilities intended to aid development, reduce traffic congestion and increase connectivity, and accessibility, 48.01% of projected program costs;

- Joint Investment Programs would include financial incentives to encourage rehabilitation, preservation, development or redevelopment that would support the goals of the Plan, 33.24% of projected program costs;
- Business Incentive Programs would include financial and technical assistance to upgrade existing structures and encourage additional investment in the district, 7.39% of projected program costs;
- Debt Service and Oversight, 7.67% of projected program costs;
- Community Identity Projects would include way-finding signage, upgrades to streets and public spaces, 3.69% of projected program costs.

Any bonds or other debt that the Beaverton Urban Redevelopment Agency issues to raise money to pay for these projects and programs would be paid off with TIF funds collected over the 30 years of the Plan. At year 20, prior to the issuance of any new debt, the Beaverton Urban Redevelopment Agency Board would conduct a financial assessment to review the ability to cease collecting TIF funds by year 30.

The Plan as adopted may be amended by the Beaverton Urban Redevelopment Agency Board. Changes or amendments to the Plan adding land to the district which would total more than one percent of the existing area; or, would increase the maximum indebtedness that could be issued under the Plan; or, would add public buildings to the Plan, other than parking garages, restrooms, urban plazas and gathering spaces would be presented to the city's voters at a May or November election

As required by state law, the City Council referred the proposed Plan to the Beaverton School District, Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue and Washington County for their review prior to referring the Plan to the voters.

Submitted by: Mayor Denny Doyle and City Councilors City of Beaverton

Measure No. 34-193

Ballot Title

Beaverton Schools Local Option Levy for Teachers and Educational Programs

Question: Shall District protect class sizes, teaching positions; levy \$1.00 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years beginning 2012; require oversight?

This Measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: The recession has caused the Oregon Legislature to reduce basic operating funds for K-12 schools. In the last four years, the Beaverton School District has reduced its budget by \$105 million.

The Local Option Levy would help to:

- Maintain basic academic programs
- Protect class sizes and teaching positions

The Local Option Levy could raise approximately \$14 million per year. Over a five-year period, the levy could generate an estimated \$70 million for the Beaverton School District. This Measure authorizes Beaverton School District in Washington and Multnomah Counties, Oregon to levy a property tax in the amount of \$1.00 per \$1000 of assessed value each year for five years.

An estimate of the total amount to be raised each fiscal year is:

2012-2013 \$14,000,000 2013-2014 \$13,000,000 2014-2015 \$12,500,000 2015-2016 \$13,000,000 2016-2017 \$14,000,000

100% of levy proceeds would be spent in classrooms for teachers and programs. An independent audit committee would review expenditures so funds are used as approved by voters.

Explanatory Statement

The Beaverton School District Board is proposing a 5-year Local Option Levy that could provide the District with additional operating funds to help offset teacher and educational program reductions. The Local Option Levy could raise approximately \$14 million per year, generating an estimated \$70 million over five years. 100% percent of levy proceeds would be spent in classrooms for teachers and programs.

The recession has caused the Oregon Legislature to reduce the State School Fund that provides operating funds for K-12 schools statewide. In the last four years, the Beaverton School District has reduced its budget by \$105 million, raising class sizes, and cutting educational programs.

For the 2012-13 school year, the District is projecting a funding shortfall of approximately \$24-37 million, the equivalent of at least 300 teachers, or 24 school days. The Beaverton School District is anticipating that there will be several more years of state revenue shortfalls.

The Beaverton community has helped to create an education system that prepares students for college and careers and consistently achieves academic excellence. Beaverton students

outperform their Oregon peers on several measures including statewide tests, SAT and ACT exams. The Local Option Levy would provide revenue to maintain teaching positions and basic educational programs.

Fiscal Accountability

The Beaverton School District has reduced costs and become more efficient by:

- Negotiating agreements with employees to forgo costof-living increases, take pay freezes and several unpaid furlough days;
- Managing employee health care costs through plan management, negotiations with carriers, maintaining a cap on the District's contribution that has not changed in three years; and in the 2010-11 fiscal year, the District's costs were \$5.6 million less expensive than the state run health insurance pool;
- Employees paying 6% of their salary toward their public employee retirement plans; and
- Reducing utility costs through energy conservation and facility retrofits. Beaverton's energy performance is among the top 11% nationally of all school districts as rated by the Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star Leader Award.

After voters passed a three-year local option levy in 2003 to pay for teachers and to prevent lay-offs, the District received more money than expected due to an improving economy. Instead of spending the money, the District returned it to local taxpayers, canceling the second year of the tax.

Taxpayer Oversight

An independent audit committee would review expenditures so funds are used as approved by voters.

What is a Local Option Levy?

Funding for schools in Oregon is primarily controlled by the state Legislature. In 1999, the Oregon Legislature signed into law the local option, a funding mechanism that allows communities to make some local funding decisions for their schools. All local option funds would stay in the Beaverton School District, none go to Salem.

Calculate Your Costs

The authorized levy would be \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value per year for five years. The actual property taxes collected would vary from property to property. To estimate your tax, please go to www.beaverton.k12.or.us and click on Local Option Levy.

Submitted by: Jeff Rose Superintendent

Measure No. 34-193

Argument in Favor

Protect a Quality Education in Beaverton's Public Schools Vote Yes on the Local Option levy

Our public schools are the best investment for our future. Good schools:

- Ensure students graduate ready for college and a career, so they can compete in a worldwide economy;
- Are the foundation of our local economy and give us the ability to create jobs;
- Create a better quality of life in our community.

Our Schools Face a Serious Financial Shortfall

Over the last 4 years, the Beaverton School District has reduced its budget by \$105 million. Because of the recession, state funding for our local schools has been cut even further, with a projected shortfall of approximately \$24-37 million. That is the equivalent of at least 300 teachers, or 24 school days.

Protect Class sizes, Academic Programs and Retain Quality Teachers

The Beaverton Schools Local Option Levy will help protect the basics of a quality education:

- · Prevent significant increases in class sizes;
- Preserve academic programs;
- Retain qualified teachers.

Accountability and Oversight

100% of levy proceeds will be spent in the classroom to provide students with a well-rounded education. No money will be spent on administration and no money is sent to Salem. An independent audit committee will review all expenditures of levy funds to ensure they are used as voters approved.

Vote YES for our Local Schools It's the best investment for our future.

Learn more at <u>www.supportbeavertonschools.org</u> or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SupportBeavertonSchools

This Information Furnished By: Karen Cunningham Citizens for School Support

Argument in Favor

A message from our local classroom teachers

Measure 34-193 Protects Reasonable Class Sizes and Access to a Strong Basic Education

As teachers, we spend every day in the classroom with one goal – to give our students the education they need to become successful adults and productive citizens. There are many elements in a good education, but two of them are absolutely indispensable: reasonable class sizes and a strong basic education.

Measure 34-193 saves the most important parts of a good education.

CLASS SIZES AND INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION

For us, a basic quality education requires that teachers spend individual time with their students in the classroom. Students need attention at every part of the educational spectrum, whether they need extra help because they are struggling or they want to forge ahead towards further challenges.

When class sizes become so large that teaching becomes an exercise in traffic control, it is impossible to give children the attention they need to learn. Measure 34-193 will protect current class sizes.

PROTECTING A BASIC EDUCATION

Students only get one chance at a good education, meaning they need access to a variety of courses that will serve them in college and the workplace. Without basic funding, courses that our students need – like PE, art, music, and even some of the advanced core classes like Advanced Placement classes – are cancelled or eliminated. Measure 34-193 provides funds for teaching positions that will allow basic and advanced courses to remain accessible to our students across the district.

Strong schools support students, our neighborhoods, and our economy by protecting the basics of a sound education. So will Measure 34-193.

PLEASE VOTE YES ON MEASURE 34-193!

Andy Whitten, Meadow Park Middle School Science Teacher Vince Jones, Health & Science School Humanities Teacher Michael Hellis, Elmonica Elementary School Grade 5 Teacher Rebecca Hall, Rachel Carson Environmental Middle School Science Teacher

Jon Gottshall, Arts & Communication Magnet Academy Photography Teacher

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Measure No. 34-193

Argument in Favor

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE BEAVERTON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:

If You Care About Local Jobs
Please Vote Yes for Our Local Schools

As our community's local employers, we are responsible for providing thousands of direct jobs in the Beaverton area. We are very proud to be able to play a significant role in our local economy, especially in these challenging economic times.

One of the most important foundations of the success of our businesses is the strength and quality of the Beaverton Public Schools.

For us to succeed, we must attract the best and the brightest employees. The quality of our schools is one of the most important factors for families considering moving to our community.

It is also a real advantage for us to be able to hire local – we need a well-educated and well-trained workforce to do that.

That is why we are active supporters of the Beaverton Public Schools. But the bottom line is that for our schools to succeed, they require the basics: good teachers, reasonable class sizes and a varied, modern curriculum.

The Beaverton School District has done a good job of navigating tough budgets, cutting \$105 million over the last 4 years while preserving educational quality. The latest round of state budget cuts, however, is stretching our schools to the breaking point.

From a business perspective, Measure 34-193 is the responsible response to these devastating budget cuts. The levy has built-in accountability measures, such as annual audits. It also requires that 100% of the money raised must be spent on the classroom, not on administrative overhead.

Measure 34-193 is essential to protecting the schools that contribute to our businesses and our community. It will help retain teachers, preserve programs, and keep class sizes lower. It will ensure students get the basic tools they need to help them – and us –succeed in the global economy.

Please Vote Yes on Measure 34-193

Lorraine Clarno, Beaverton Area Chamber President

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Argument in Favor

GIVE OUR CHILDREN THE OPPORTUNITY THEY DESERVE VOTE YES ON 34-193!

As parents, we want the best for our children. These days, when we see what's happening in our schools, we worry about our children's future.

State budget cuts have forced \$105 million in cuts the last four years – that's 25% of the classroom budget. Our children feel the effect those cuts have – larger class sizes, fewer electives – in short, less opportunity.

Luckily, there is something we can do. By voting Yes on Measure 34-193, we can protect a basic quality education for our children. 34-193 will protect class size and provide more individual attention for each child in every classroom.

Passing the Local Option would Protect 225 Teaching Positions

Without the levy, we will lose hundreds of teachers, which will stretch class sizes past the breaking point. It means some students won't get extra help they need to succeed.

Losing 225 teachers would also mean losing programs. Our children want to go to good colleges, and without this Local Option, our schools will be missing classes and programs that colleges look for.

The equivalent of 2-3 teachers in every Elementary School and 5-10 in each High School would be cut if this levy does not pass.

Parents have a responsibility to do everything they can to make the future bright for their children. 34-193 is an opportunity to give our schools the basic resources they need to help every child succeed.

Please vote Yes on Measure 34-193 For our kids and for our community.

Diane Gibson, Parent of Aloha High school student Tori Pontrelli, Parent of Scholls Heights Elementary & Southridge High School students Bill Plapinger, parent Linden Jeffers, Parent

Katie Quillin LeTracia Rose, Parent at Mckinley Elementary Debbie Williams, Parent at Cedar Park Middle David Harrison

Cathy Manor, BSD Parent, Hiteon Elementary LSC member Jane Roché, Mckinley Elementary Parent Wendy Koebke, Barnes K-5 Dana Reames, Whitford Middle & Beaverton High Parent

Dana Reames, Whitford Middle & Beaverton High Par Susan Greenberg

This Information Furnished By: Karen Cunningham Citizens for School Support

Measure No. 34-193

Argument in Favor

Vote Yes for 34-193 We need good schools to have a strong economy!

As Realtors in the Beaverton area, we talk to people about our community every day. For families considering moving here, the number one question is "how are the schools?"

The question about schools comes up so frequently that we often list neighborhood schools with other essential information about the home. We value Beaverton School District schools because it makes homes more desirable and easier to sell.

People want a quality education for their children, and many families have moved to Beaverton because of the great schools. This community gives every child a terrific education; that's a very good thing for our children, our economy, and our property values.

Beaverton schools have a great reputation. Budget cuts put that all at risk.

Now, because of budget cuts forced on the schools from Salem, the basic quality education our schools have provided is at risk. For our kids, that means crowded classrooms and fewer opportunities

Budget cuts not only hurt our children, but also our local economy. Families new to the area may look to other school districts and businesses might choose different communities to build their headquarters.

If our schools can't provide a basic education, it means our community might not have the quality jobs it needs to get out of this recession.

Times are tough – we need to be smart about our investments. Good schools are a sure bet when it comes to the positive impact they have on our economy, our property values, and our future.

Help make our economy and community strong. Vote Yes on 34-193!

Cary Perkins, Broker, Windemere
Kristin Rader, Real Estate Broker, Keller Williams

This Information Furnished By: Karen Cunningham Citizens for School Support

Argument in Favor

Vote Yes on Measure 34-193
We all have a stake in our schools – even if
we don't have children in them today.

It has been a long time since we have had any children in our public schools, but we are voting yes on the Beaverton Schools Local Option Levy and are asking you to join us.

This measure isn't just about kids, or schools: it is about the community we all live in. Good schools mean a strong community.

- They support the local economy that pays for essential services and our quality of life.
- Good schools support property values at a time when home prices are under pressure (for many older people it's our largest asset).
- They prepare young people to be successful adults and good citizens, keeping them on the right path and out of trouble.

This measure isn't about frills – it will preserve the basics of a good education: teachers, class sizes, and a well-rounded <u>curriculum</u>. In the face of continued state budget cuts, this funding is absolutely critical.

We also appreciate the Beaverton Public Schools' strong track record of financial accountability. Over the last 4 years they have found \$105 million in economies and cuts, while working hard to preserve quality education. But the latest round of state funding reductions means it's up to us to protect all that our schools provide to our community. Every penny of this levy will go directly into the classroom – none will be used for administration.

As we have said, we don't have any children in the schools today. But we still count on them. All of us do. Vote yes on Measure 34-193.

Don Dunbar, retired school administrator Kenneth M Weidkamp, Beaverton Age 83 John Leeper, retired Former Washington County Commissioner Sally Bunnell, retired former school board member Rod Bunnell, retired

George Russell, retired school administrator
Ted Calouri, retired, former state legislator/school board member
Sherie Calouri, retired former school board member

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Measure No. 34-193

Argument in Favor

Strong Schools = Strong Community Vote Yes for the Local Option Levy

As Beaverton School Board members, we ask for your help in supporting our schools and our community. The severe recession and decreased state funding are threatening the education our children need.

Over the last four years we have reduced \$105 million from the school budget. We have cut in every area; we've increased class sizes in every school, raised fees, and removed important student programs.

Our children are achieving at levels above the state average, but it is clear that state budget cuts are stretching our schools to the breaking point.

If the local option does not pass now, Our students will lose teachers, school days and critical programs

Measure 34-193 will provide approximately \$14 million for our Beaverton Public Schools in the next school year, to help make up for cuts in state funding.

If the Local Option Levy does not pass, we could:

- Lose 180 teachers
- Increase average class size by over 3 students
- Lose almost three weeks in the school year
- · Cut the entire athletics and activities budget

The actual cuts likely would be a combination of these areas, but it is clear that if the Local Option Levy does not pass, our students and our community will suffer enormous damage. As a community, we need to join together to protect our schools.

Measure 34-193 is essential to protecting the schools that make our community strong

It will help us retain teachers, preserve programs and keep class sizes lower during the next five school years. It will allow us to provide our students the education they need to be ready for their futures.

Please Vote Yes on Measure 34-193

Beaverton School Board Members

LeeAnn Larsen, Chair Lisa Shultz, Vice-Chair Karen Cunningham Jeff Hicks Tom Quillin Sarah Smith Mary VanderWeele

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Argument in Favor

Beaverton Small Businesses Support the Local Option Levy for Beaverton's Schools Vote Yes on Measure 34-193

We all count on our public schools – our kids, our families and especially our local economy.

As local small business owners, we especially have a stake in a strong system of public education:

- We rely on our schools to help provide an educated, well-trained workforce. We need good employees to succeed, and we need strong schools to provide them.
- Good public schools also are important for our bottom line. As local businesses, we need a good customer base. People want to live, work and shop in a community with good schools; they create a better quality of life.
 We do not want our potential customers to decide to go elsewhere.

Because of state budget cuts driven by the recession, our schools are under threat. Measure 34-193 will:

- Retain the quality teachers our Beaverton Schools are known for.
- Prevent damaging increases in class sizes so kids can still get the attention they need.
- Preserve educational programs and offerings that are essential to a well-rounded education.

100 percent of levy proceeds will be spent in the classroom. No money raised will be spent on administration.

Local small businesses support local schools because good local schools support our small businesses.

Please Join Us in Voting Yes on Measure 34-193.

Michael D. Holcomb, owner, Holcomb Computers Scott Burgess, Rivermark Credit Union Patrick Wheeler, Principal, Management Contract Services, Life time member Beaverton Area of Commerce Jim McCreight, Chair, Oregon Technology Business Center, Beaverton, OR

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BALLOT DROPSITES

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24-hour dropsites

Public Services Building

155 N 1st Ave Hillsboro

Rear entrance of building (1st & Main)

Banks Library 111 Market St

Hillsboro Library Main Branch

2850 NE Brookwood Pkwy

King City - City Hall 15300 SW 116th Ave

Sherwood City Hall 22560 SW Pine St

Tualatin City Offices Council Building 18880 SW Martinazzi Ave **Service Center East Building**

3700 SW Murray Blvd Beaverton Front lobby drop slot (Murray & Millikan Way)

Cornelius City Hall 1355 N Barlow St

Forest Grove 2114 Pacific Ave (Pacific Ave & Birch St)

North Plains City Hall 31360 NW Commercial St

Tigard City Hall 13125 SW Hall Blvd

indoor dropboxes (call to confirm hours)

Beaverton Library 12375 SW 5th St 503-644-2197

Garden Home Library 7475 SW Oleson Rd 503-245-9932

West Slope Library 3678 SW 78th Ave 503-292-6416

Cedar Mill Library 12505 NW Cornell Rd 503-644-0043

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