FULL TEXT OF BALLOT TITLES—GENERAL ELECTION—NOVEMBER 2, 2010 MULTNOMAH COUNTY • STATE OF OREGON

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REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

70 Amends Constitution: Expands availability of home ownership loans for Oregon veterans through Oregon War Veterans' Fund.

Result of "yes" vote: "Yes" vote extends home loan program for Oregon veterans to lifetime benefit and increases eligibility for non-combat veterans, National Guard veterans and veterans who served after 9/11.

Result of "no" vote: "No" vote retains current law: Some combat veterans who completed service within past 30 years are eligible for loans; other veterans honorably discharged and some National Guard veterans remain ineligible.

Summary: The Oregon Constitution currently provides that Oregon combat veterans may receive low-interest home loans from the Oregon War Veterans' Fund. Veterans must have received an honorable discharge and must have served for more than 210 consecutive days or been released because of injury or disability. Veterans must apply for loans within 30 years after release from service and must show ability to repay the loans. This measure amends the Oregon Constitution to make loans available to more veterans, including National Guard veterans, others who have honorably served overseas and veterans who have not seen combat. This measure would make lowinterest home loans a lifetime benefit and would increase the number of honorably discharged veterans and surviving spouses who are eligible for the low-interest loan program.

Estimate of financial impact: There is no direct financial effect on either state or local government expenditures or revenues.

71 Amends Constitution: Requires legislature to meet annually; limits length of legislative sessions; provides exceptions.

Result of "yes" vote: "Yes" vote requires Legislative Assembly to meet each year, limits regular sessions to 160 days in odd-numbered years and 35 days in even-numbered years, and allows five-day extensions by two-thirds

Result of "no" vote: "No" vote retains current law, requiring regular sessions of Legislative Assembly only in odd-numbered years, with no limit on length of sessions.

Summary: The Oregon Constitution currently requires legislative sessions to be held biennially. Current law permits the Legislative Assembly to meet without a limit on the length of session. This measure requires the Legislative Assembly to meet each year, limits regular sessions to 160 calendar days in odd-numbered years and 35 calendar days in even-numbered years, and allows regular session to be extended by five days with an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of each chamber.

Estimate of financial impact: The direct effect of the measure on state or local government expenditures or revenues will not exceed \$100,000.

72 Amends Constitution: Authorizes exception to \$50,000 state borrowing limit for state's real and personal property projects

Result of "yes" vote: "Yes" vote authorizes exception to \$50,000 state borrowing limit for state to issue lowest-cost bonds to finance state real and personal property projects. Prohibits property tax for repayment. Limits amount borrowed.

Result of "no" vote: "No" vote retains state borrowing limit prohibiting state from issuing lowest-cost general obligation bonds except for certain purposes.

Summary: Currently, the state constitution forbids lending the state's credit or borrowing in excess of \$50,000, with some exceptions. The measure would amend the state constitution to add a new exception to allow the state to issue general obligation bonds to finance acquisition, construction, remodeling, repair, equipping or furnishing of state owned or operated property. General obligation bonds are the cheapest method of borrowing the state may use and would cost less than the certificates of participation the state currently uses. The bonds would save an estimated \$5 million on interest costs for each \$100 million issued. The measure does not authorize any specific bonds, but authorizes the Legislative Assembly to enact implementing legislation. The measure prohibits the levy of property taxes to repay the bonds and limits the amount of outstanding bonds to one percent of the real market value of property

Estimate of financial impact: Measure 72 has no direct financial effect on state or local government expenditures or revenues. General obligation indebtedness authorized by this measure typically provides the lowest-cost method of financing. If the State of Oregon uses this authority to issue general obligation indebtedness or refinance current debt, the state should experience lower financing costs.

PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

73 Requires increased minimum sentences for certain repeated sex crimes, incarceration for repeated driving under influence

Result of "yes" vote: "Yes" vote increases minimum sentences for certain repeated sex crimes (300 months), imposes minimum incarceration sentence for certain repeated driving under influence convictions (90 days).

Result of "no" vote: "No" vote retains mandatory-minimum sentences of 70 to 100 months for certain sex crimes, provides no mandatory-minimum incarceration sentence for driving under influence.

Summary: Current law imposes mandatoryminimum sentences of 70 to 100 months for certain sex crimes; no mandatory-minimum incarceration sentence for driving under influence of intoxicants (DUII). Measure imposes mandatory-minimum sentence of 300 months for person convicted of "major felony sex crime" if previously convicted of major felony sex crime; defines "major felony sex crime" as first-degree rape, first-degree sodomy, first-degree unlawful sexual penetration, using child in sexually explicit display; previous conviction includes statutory counterpart in another jurisdiction, and separate criminal episode in same sentencing proceeding. Measure makes DUII a class C felony if defendant previously convicted of DUII, or statutory counterpart, at least twice in prior 10 years; imposes mandatory-minimum sentence of 90 days, at state expense. Other provisions.

Estimate of financial impact: The measure will require additional state spending of \$1.4 million in the first year, \$11.4 million to \$14.6 million in the second year \$13.9 million to \$21.0 million in the third year, \$16.7 million to \$26.6 million in the fourth year and \$18.1 million to \$29.1 million each year after that.

The measure does not require additional local government spending. The measure directly reduces expenditures for local government by \$0.4 million in the first year and \$3.2 million to \$4.6 million each year after that, primarily by shifting costs to the state.

The measure does not increase the amount of funds collected for state or local government.

74 Establishes medical marijuana supply system and assistance and research programs; allows limited selling of marijuana

Result of "yes" vote: "Yes" vote establishes supply system, low income assistance program for medical marijuana cardholders; establishes research program; grants limited state regulation authority; allows limited marijuana sales.

Result of "no" vote: "No" vote retains current law without: supply or assistance programs for medical marijuana cardholders; or authorization for state organized scientific program; or medical marijuana sales.

Summary: Current law allows specified individuals to become registered growers of medical marijuana by meeting criteria; does not allow marijuana sales or state assistance to cardholders in obtaining marijuana; limits growers to six mature plants and 24 ounces of useable marijuana for each cardholder; limits certain growers to growing for four cardholders; limits growers' reimbursements. Measure creates medical marijuana supply system composed of licensed dispensaries and producers. Establishes licensing guidelines. Producers and dispensaries can possess 24 plants and 96 ounces of marijuana. Allows limited sales (by expanding cost categories currently not reimbursable). Exempts dispensaries, dispensary employees, and producers from most marijuana criminal statutes. Establishes low income cardholders' assistance program. Allows state to conduct or fund research of cardholders' marijuana use. Retains grow registration system. Other

Estimate of financial impact: The measure will require estimated state expenditures between \$400,000 and \$600,000 each year beginning in 2012. These costs are to be paid only from program fees required by the measure.

The exact amount by which the measure will increase state revenues cannot be determined. Potential additional state revenue could range from a minimum of \$400,000 to a maximum of between \$3 million and \$20 million in the first year. The amount of revenue will be affected by the number of dispensaries, number of participants, pricing and costs of production.

The measure has no direct effect on local government spending or revenues.

75 Authorizes Multnomah County casino; casino to contribute monthly revenue percentage to state for specified purposes

Result of "yes" vote: "Yes" vote authorizes a single privately-owned casino in Multnomah County; requires casino to give percentage of monthly revenue to State Lottery for specified purposes.

Result of "no" vote: "No" vote maintains the current state of the law, which does not authorize any privately-owned casino or casinos anywhere in the State of Oregon.

Summary: Currently, Oregon Constitution prohibits establishing casinos within state. Under measure, State Lottery shall issue renewable 15-year lease permitting owner of former Multnomah Kennel Club in Multnomah County to operate gaming devices, table games, keno, other games of chance at that site. Measure would become operative only if constitution is amended to permit casino or casinos within state. Casino operator shall pay 25% of adjusted gross revenues each month to State Lottery. Lottery shall deposit money into a Job Growth, Education and Communities Fund (separate from general fund), annually shall apportion half of fund for classroom instruction expenditures, 30% to counties. Casino operator initially shall pay \$1 million, subsequently shall pay \$2 million annually, to Lottery to administer measure. Other provisions.

Estimate of financial impact: To implement the measure, state government would be required to spend approximately \$1 million in the first year. If a casino is licensed, state government would be required to spend between \$4 million and \$6 million in the following two-year period; and between \$4 million and \$8 million in each two year period after that. These costs will not be incurred unless a state constitutional amendment, separate from this measure, authorizes implementation of this measure.

The measure would not require any local government spending. The measure, alone, will have no direct effect on state or local revenues. If a casino is licensed, state and local revenues would be increased between \$13 million and \$68 million each year. However, the measure would result in a shift of funds from the state to local governments which would leave the state with a gain of no more than \$1.8 million and a possible loss of \$26.2 million.

76 Amends Constitution: Continues lottery funding for parks, beaches, wildlife habitat, watershed protection beyond 2014; modifies funding process

Result of "yes" vote: "Yes" vote continues constitutional dedication of 15 percent of lottery proceeds for parks, beaches, wildlife habitat, and watershed protection beyond 2014. Modifies funding process, allocations.

Result of "no" vote: "No" vote retains current constitutional provision dedicating 15 percent of lottery proceeds to parks, beaches, wildlife, and watershed protection through 2014.

Continuation requires voter approval.

Summary: Under current constitutional provision, 15 percent of net lottery proceeds are placed in a Parks and Natural Resources Fund, half for state parks, beaches, historic sites and recreation areas, and half for restoration and protection of natural resources, including fish and wildlife habitat and protection of watersheds. Currently, funding ends after 2014 unless voters approve continuation beyond that date. The proposed measure continues 15 percent funding for the same purposes beyond 2014. State agencies receiving monies from the Fund are required to use the money only for the specified purposes.

grant recipients and establishes minimum allocation levels of grant funding for local and regional park projects that protect and restore fish and wildlife habitats, and protect watersheds. Other provisions.

Estimate of financial impact: The measure makes permanent the dedication of 15% of state lottery proceeds each year to parks and natural resources. For the year 2011 this amount is estimated to be \$87 million.

The measure dedicates a minimum amount of funds for local parks.

The measure does not produce additional revenue for state government.

The measure does not require additional state or local government spending, but would require adjusting spending between programs or funding sources.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

26-109 County Term Limits

Question: Shall County Charter limit on voters' right to elect a person to more than two four-year terms be repealed?

Summary: The Charter limits public service in county elective offices. No person can serve more than two consecutive four-year terms. Voters do not have the right to keep a person in office. The measure repeals Charter Section 4.20(2). It takes effect on November 3, 2010.

26-110 Multnomah County Official Running for Office Midterm

Question: Shall County elected officials be allowed to run for another elective office in midterm?

Summary: The measure amends the Charter. It allows county elected officials to file for another office without ending their current term of office. The Charter now treats filing as a resignation resulting in ending county elected terms, creating office vacancies and causing more elections to fill offices. The measure takes effect on November 3, 2010

26-111 Salary Commission

Question: Should the Salary Commission set Sheriff's salary and District Attorney supplemental salary?

Summary: The Charter now requires that the Board fix the Sheriff's salary and the Salary Commission set the chair and commissioner salaries. The auditor appoints the five-member Salary Commission. This measure amends the Charter to require the Salary Commission to set the county Sheriff and DA supplemental salary. It takes effect on November 3,2010.

26-112 Vacancy in Office

Question: Should ceasing to reside in the district cause a vacancy in the office of county commissioner?

Summary: The Charter now requires that candidates or appointees to a county commissioner position reside in the district for a year and a half immediately before becoming such a commissioner. A vacancy occurs in an elective office when the incumbent ceases to reside within Multnomah County. This measure amends the Charter to cause a vacancy in a county commissioner position upon the incumbent's ceasing to reside in the commissioner's district. It takes effect on November 3,2010.

26-113 Multnomah County Election to Fill

Question: Shall election dates for vacancies be limited to the May and November elections?

Summary: The measure amends the Charter. Currently an election must be held at the next available election date to fill a vacancy of a year or more in a county elective office. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the Board must call a special runoff election. The primary and general election dates in even-numbered years normally have multiple issues and jurisdictions that share the cost of the election. If the Board calls for an election on a date when no other matters are on the ballot, it must pay the entire cost of the election. This measure amends the Charter to limit the election dates for vacancies to the May or November elections. The measure takes effect on November 3, 2010.

26-114 Multnomah County Library District

Question: Should the County Charter allow the Board of County Commissioners to form a county library district by voter approval?

Summary: This measure amends the Charter to allow the County to form a library district with requirements specific to the County. The library district would have the powers granted to districts and public libraries by state law and by the Charter, including imposing ad valorum property taxes to support its services. The Board of County Commissioners would be the governing body of the library district. The amendment would provide the method of forming the library district, its organization and management, and the process for giving voters notice and hearing. A separate election would be required to form the district. This district would be different from those formed by the two methods available under state law. It takes effect on November 3, 2010.

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY, Continued

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26-118 Five-Year Levy: Oregon Historical Society Library, Museum, educational programs

Question: Shall County support history library, museum, educational programs: 5-year levy, \$.05 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, beginning 2011, with oversight?

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

Summary: The Oregon Historical Society (OHS) houses and preserves Oregon's collection of historical documents, photos, books, maps and artifacts. The OHS Library and Museum provide public access for school field trips, for individuals and families to view changing exhibits, and to research all of Oregon's history.

The State of Oregon has cut funding to OHS. OHS has greatly reduced hours open to the public. Without additional funds, OHS facilities will close to the public beginning in spring, 2011.

This measure enacts a five-year local option levy of \$.05 per \$1,000 assessed property value to keep the Oregon History Library and Museum open to the public. It funds:

- Restoration of hours open to the public for the Oregon History Museum and Library;
- Free admission for all schoolchildren, and all Multnomah County residents, to Museum and Library.

An independent citizen oversight committee will ensure tax dollars are spent as promised. Annual audits will be conducted and made public. A home assessed by the county at \$200,000 pays \$10 a year for this levy.

The levy will raise an estimated \$2.24 million for fiscal year 2011-2012; \$2.31 million for fiscal year 2012-13; \$2.41 million for fiscal year 2013-2014; \$2.50 million for fiscal year 2014-2015; and \$2.59 million for fiscal year 2015-2016.

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate.

CITY OF PORTLAND

26-108 Continues City public campaign financing for Mayoral, Commissioner, Auditor candidates

Question: Shall Portland provide public campaign financing to City candidates who meet qualifying requirements and are subject to additional regulatory oversight?

Summary: Measure would amend City code to continue Portland's public campaign financing program that otherwise ends after November 2010 election. Under program administered by City Auditor, candidates for Mayor, Commissioner, and Auditor would continue to be eligible to seek certification to receive public funds in primary, general, or special elections by collecting a certain number of \$5.00 qualifying contributions and meeting other requirements. Public funds available to certified candidates would continue at these spending limits: \$200,000 for Mayor, \$150,000 for Commissioner and Auditor in primary elections; \$250,000 for Mayor, \$200,000 for Commissioner and Auditor in general elections. Certified candidates would continue to be eligible for limited matching funds if other candidates' contributions or expenditures exceed certain thresholds. All City candidates would continue having more frequent campaign disclosure requirements. Program costs would depend on factors including the number of certified candidates. City would continue to limit the annual impact of the program on City funds to 0.2% without raising new taxes or fees. Would continue authorization of penalties for

CITY OF PORTLAND, Continued

26-117 General obligation bonds for fire vehicles and emergency response infrastructure

Question: Shall Portland issue bonds for \$72,400,000 for fire vehicles, emergency radio system, fire and emergency response facilities; require audits?

If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: This measure would allow Portland to issue \$72,400,000 in general obligation bonds and use the proceeds to finance the acquisition of fire engines and other emergency response vehicles that are needed to maintain existing service levels and replace aging vehicles, provide funds for replacement of the City's obsolete public safety emergency radio system, finance the construction of a fire station and related facilities and finance the construction of an emergency response center. The bond proceeds would be restricted to capital construction, improvements and costs, and would not be used for day-to-day operations. Use of the bond proceeds would be audited to determine whether approved public purposes are achieved. Bonds would be exempt from city charter debt limitation. Bonds could be issued in one or more series; before issuance of bonds subsequent to the first offering, the City's Chief Administrative Officer would be required to report to Council on bond expenditures and cost savings. A five member citizen committee would be established to review the use of the bond expenditures and provide annual reports.

CITY OF TROUTDALE

26-115 Troutdale Charter Amendments to define Mayor's functions and Manager's duties

Question: Shall Troutdale amend Home Rule Charter to define Mayor's functions and Manager's duties?

Summary: This measure would amend three sections and delete one section of the current City Charter. The City Council approved this measure for submission to City voters.

The Oregon Constitution gives City voters the right to adopt and amend charters. Charters grant legal authority to cities and assign duties to city officials. Troutdale voters adopted the current charter in 1994.

The Charter amendments are based on the 2004 League of Oregon Cities Model Charter. Amended section 18 defines the role and functions of the Mayor. Amended section 21 defines the office of City Manager and lists its duties. Section 20 of the current Charter relating to Mayor executive authority is deleted.

If approved by the voters, these Charter amendments take effect January 1, 2011.

26-116 City of Troutdale, Oregon Police Facility General Obligation Bonds Authorization

Question: Shall the City of Troutdale issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$7,540,000 for police facilities? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: If approved, this measure would finance construction, furnishing, and equipping of a new police facility on property currently owned by the City at SW 2nd Street and Kendall Avenue, site improvements and pay bond costs. Specifically, this measure is expected to:

*Construct, furnish and equip a new police facility

*Make site improvements for new police facility.

*Demolish existing police facility and make site improvements.

*Pay fees associated with issuing the bonds.

The Bonds would mature in twenty one(21) years or less from issuance date and may be issued in one or more series.

TRIMET

26-119 Authorize bonds to improve transit, particularly for elderly and disabled.

Question: Shall TriMet issue \$125 million bonds to improve transit services and access for elderly riders and people with disabilities?

If bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property of property ownership that are not subject to the limits of Section 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: In 1990, voters approved a \$125 million TriMet bond measure. Those bonds will be retired in 2012. If approved, the estimated levy rate for the new bonds is not expected to exceed the levy rate for the old bonds and remain at approximately 8 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. The bonds may be issued in multiple series; each series will mature in 21 years or less

Proceeds from the bonds will be used to fund improvements to transit services, including projects that make transit more accessible for elderly and people with disabilities, such as:

- Improving safety and security at bus stops and shelters used by elderly and disabled
- Replacing 20+ year old and high stair buses, which are more difficult for some riders to get on and off, with low floor buses.
- Updating technology for LIFT vans that would make service more efficient and reduce waiting times for elderly and people with disabilities.

TriMet will provide an independent financial audit and a citizens' oversight committee will monitor expenditures.

BEAVERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

34-184 Elimination of Local School Committees

Question: Shall the Beaverton School District eliminate Local School Committees and the cost of electing them.

Summary: The Beaverton School District was recently notified by the Washington County Elections Office that the cost of elections will increase from a flat rate to a per contest rate. This will increase the cost of electing Local School Committees in the Beaverton School District service area from \$36,000 to an estimated \$125,000.

If this measure is approved by voters, elected Local School Committees would be eliminated and the District would not incur these increased election costs.

The District would replace its elected Local School Committees with advisory committees of parent and community representatives chosen at the local school level.

CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT

26-121 Five Year Operating Levy for Class-Size Maintenance/Program Retention

Question: Shall the District impose \$600,000.00 per year for five years, beginning in 2011-2012, to maintain class-sizes and programs? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: The total amount to be raised by this levy is \$3,000,000.00, which will be imposed over five years at \$600,000.00 each year. Although the levy imposes \$600,000.00 per year the Corbett School District No. 39 anticipates it will collect only \$500,000.00 per year based upon compression rates and other factors. The taxes will be used exclusively by the Corbett School District to maintain class size in Corbett School and to retain programs in Corbett School such as music, band, intervention, and other during and after school programs. These dollars will be used to avoid cutting staff and programs across all grade levels. These funds support approximately six teacher FTE out of 29 teacher FTE. It is estimated that the proposed tax levy will result in a tax rate of \$1.8301 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2011-2012 and be slightly less in each of the remaining four years. The estimated tax costs for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based upon the best information available for the county assessor at the time of the estimate.

RIVERDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT

26-120 Five-year Local Option Tax for General Operations

Question: Shall the District levy \$1.07 per \$1,000 assessed value for each year of five years beginning 2011-2012 for operations? This measure renews current local option tax rate.

Summary: This measure authorizes Riverdale School District No. 51J, Multnomah and Clackamas Counties, Oregon, to levy a property tax in the amount of \$1.07 per \$1000 of assessed value each year for five years. The taxes would be used to help finance District operations. Without additional revenue, the district would have to reduce staff and services.

An estimate of the total amount to be raised each fiscal year is: \$544,000 in 2011-2012; \$555,000 in 2012-2013; \$566,000 in 2013-2014; \$577,000 in 2014-2015; and \$589,000 in 2015-2016.

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate.

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Make sure you have completely filled in the ovals next to your choices.



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If you vote for more candidates than allowed, or if you vote **both** Yes **and** No on a measure, it is called an overvote.

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