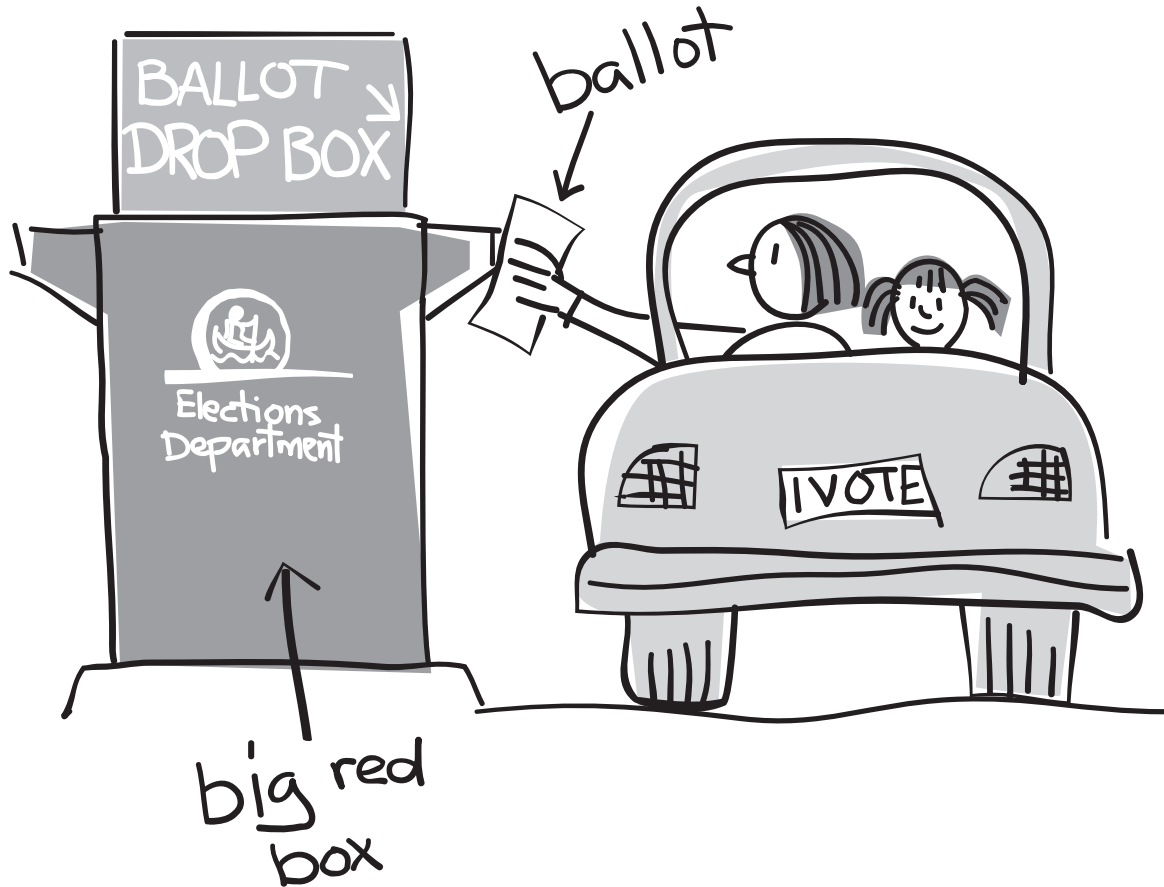
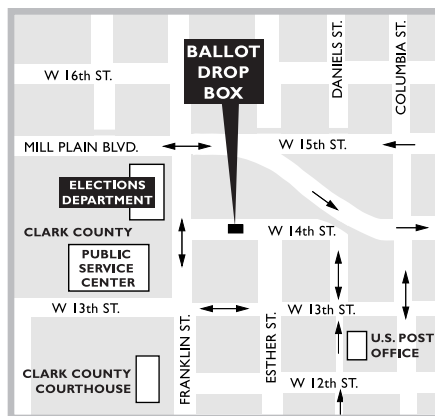


OFFICIAL LOCAL VOTERS' PAMPHLET for CLARK COUNTY

General election November 2, 2004



Voting just got easier. New drive-up ballot drop box. Enjoy.



Dear Clark County Voters

Thank you for taking the time to read our Local Voters' Pamphlet. For many voters this pamphlet is one of their most important sources of information about candidates and issues, and we take that responsibility seriously. We are very fortunate that the Clark County Board of Commissioners have provided funding for this pamphlet. Without their support we would not be able to continue an almost twenty year tradition of mailing voters' pamphlets for General Elections to each household in the county.

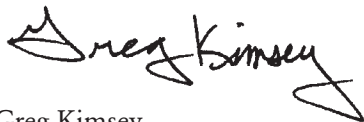
We are very pleased with the recent installation of a "drive-up" Absentee Ballot Collection Box. This box was built in response to the concerns of voters who want to bring their absentee ballot to the county's Elections Department but found that doing so at our new location was inconvenient, and at times almost dangerous. The Absentee Ballot Collection Box is located one block east of Franklin in the center of 14th Street, approximately one block from the Elections Department. While of course you can deliver your absentee ballot to us through the U.S. Mail (remember it has to be postmarked no later than the day of the election, November 2 this year), or you can take it to any of the 67 polling places in the county that will be open from 7A.M. to 8P.M. If you wish to bring your ballot directly to the Elections Department we think you will find this box easy, and safe, to use.

Space constraints for this letter prevent me from expressing my appreciation to all of the many people who helped with the design and installation of the Absentee Ballot Collection Box. However I would like to recognize the special contributions of Ali Eghtedari, Roger Waters and Jeff Easterly in the City of Vancouver's Transportation Engineering Department. Without their creativity and dedication to this project it would not have happened. Thanks guys!

At all levels of government the successful candidates from this election will make decisions that will affect you and future generations. You will also find on your ballot several initiatives and, depending on where you live, local issues which if passed will have a direct and immediate impact on citizens, our community and state. The privilege and responsibility of voters in our system of self government are humbling in their power.

Thank you for participating in this election and contributing to the collective wisdom of the voters. By casting a ballot you honor the sacrifices of those who fought, and are fighting, to protect our way of life.

Sincerely,



Greg Kimsey

Clark County auditor

Office: (360) 397-2078 E-mail: greg.kimsey@clark.wa.gov

Participating jurisdictions:

Clark County, C-Tran, city of Vancouver, city of Ridgefield, Fire District No. 10, and Clark Public Utilities

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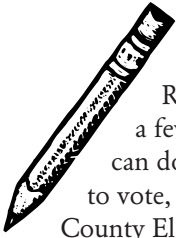
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A reminder to vote: It's really simple



Registering to vote

Registering takes only a few minutes and you can do it by mail. To register to vote, please call the Clark County Elections Department at (360) 397-2345.

Who is eligible to vote

The requirements for registering to vote are simple. You must be a United States citizen, 18 years or older, and live in Clark County 30 days prior to the election.

How to vote

At the polls

The actual voting process is easy. Upon registration, the Elections Department issues each registered voter a card that states his or her precinct number and place to vote. With few exceptions, most of the

polls are located in area schools. Arriving at the polls – they open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m. – you'll be asked to sign the registration book. In Clark County, voting is done by punch card. Just punch in your choices. The entire process takes only a few minutes.

By absentee ballot

If you're voting by absentee ballot, you just drop your ballot in the mail or at the Elections Department.

A word about the general election

Assigned polling places will be open throughout the county. See your voter registration card or the Web site <http://elections.clark.wa.gov> for information on your precinct and poll location. The location of the polling places are also on page 92. You will need to go to your poll-

ing place to vote, unless you are an absentee voter (*see below*). Permanent absentee voters will still receive their ballot by mail.

Absentee ballots

To obtain an absentee ballot, please call the Elections Department at (360) 397-2345. Or you can fill out the form below, cut it out, and either mail it to the Elections Department or drop it by. Our *new* address is 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver. Mail to PO Box 8815, Vancouver WA 98666-8815.

Permanent absentee ballots

You can vote by absentee ballot on a permanent basis. Any voter is eligible to receive an absentee ballot by mail for every election. If you would like a permanent absentee ballot, please mark the appropriate box on the form below.

Absentee ballot application

I hereby declare that I am a registered voter

Print name: Last First Middle initial

Residence address as registered

City or town State Zip code

Birth date Phone number

This application is being made for an Absentee Ballot for the

2004 General Permanent absentee ballot

X
Signature

Street

City or town State Zip code

OFFICE USE ONLY

Reg# _____

Precinct _____

Code _____

Date issued _____

Date returned _____

Voted

or Taken by _____

Format _____

To be valid, your written signature must be included.

Fill in address where you wish absentee ballot to be sent.

Directions:

1. Fill out your name and address as you are registered.
2. Be sure to print your name on the appropriate line.
3. Sign your name at the 'X'.
4. If you wish to have your ballot sent to an address other than where you are registered, indicate that address below your signature.
5. Mail to: Greg Kimsey, Clark County Auditor, Elections Department, P.O. Box 8815, Vancouver WA 98666-8815.

Filling in your absentee ballot is easy

Use the ballot guide to choose the candidate or issue you wish to vote for. Match the number of your choice to the number on the punch-card ballot.

Example:

1 Looking at the sample ballot guide (figure 1) you decide to vote for George Washington. The number of this choice is 98.

2 You place the punch-card ballot (figure 2) on a hard, flat surface. Taking your pencil or pen, you press straight down on the black dot directly above the corresponding number on the ballot. (Note: The grey areas indicate choices that are not relevant to that particular ballot.)

3 While holding the pencil down, you lift the punch-card ballot until the entire rectangular "punch" comes out.

Remember:

Be sure to remove the punch completely. To make sure you've voted correctly, check to see that the number of the selection you want to make matches on both the punch-card and the ballot guide.

Questions? Please call the Elections Office at (360) 397-2345.

To return by mail

- Place your completed ballot in the enclosed yellow "secrecy" envelope and seal it.
- Place the yellow envelope in the enclosed white (with green edge) return "affidavit" envelope addressed to the County Auditor and seal it.
- Read, then sign and date the affidavit on the outside of the return "affidavit" envelope. ***This must be done or your ballot will not be counted.***
- Attach sufficient first-class postage

Figure 1. Ballot guide

ANYBODY'S PARTY		
CHIEF	GEORGE WASHINGTON	98
EXECUTIVE	THOMAS JEFFERSON	99
Vote For One	ABRAHAM LINCOLN	100

Figure 2. Punch-card ballot

2 Push down to punch out the hole

Made a mistake?
Don't worry! Punch out the number you do want and write "X" through the choice you do not want.

to the return envelope (37 cents) and mail it so that it will be postmarked the day of the election or sooner.

To return in person

- If you choose not to mail your ballot, you may deliver it to the County Elections Office. On Election Day ***only***, you may deliver your

ballot to one of the poll locations listed on pages 92 and 93, before 8 p.m.

- It is very important that you use the ballot that you received by mail or obtained from the County Elections Office (1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver). Additional ballots will ***not*** be available at the poll locations.



Poll locations

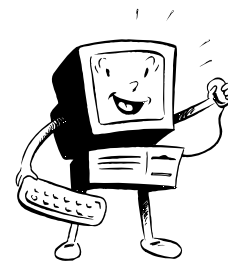
Unless you vote absentee, you must vote at the polling place assigned to your precinct. If you're not sure about the location of your polling place or what your precinct number is, you will find the information on your voter registration card. Your precinct number is the last three digits of the number printed under "precinct" on your card. You can also contact the Clark County Elections Department at 397-2345 to obtain this and other voting information over the phone. You may access our web site at <http://elections.clark.wa.gov> and click on "Voter Information - District Locator" to find your voter information.

Polling Place	Address	Precinct Name/#
All Saints Episcopal Church	2100 NW 99th St, Vancouver	451, 455
Amboy Middle School	22115 NE Chelatchie Rd, Amboy	535, 537
Battle Ground High School	300 W Main (E Gym), Battle Ground	583, 584, 585, 586
Ben Franklin Elem. School	5206 Franklin St, Vancouver	050, 055
Burnt Bridge Creek Elem. School	14619-A NE 49th St, Vancouver	654, 656, 688, 692
Burton Elem. School	14015 NE 28th St, Vancouver	662, 685, 689
Camas Police Station	2100 NE 3rd Ave, Camas	985
Captain Strong Elem. School	1002 NW 6th Ave, Battle Ground	592, 593
Cascade Park Church of Nazarene	2202 SE Bella Vista Rd, Vancouver	668, 680, 697
Chinook Elem. School	1900 NW Bliss Rd, Vancouver	445, 446
Crestline Elem. School	13003 SE 7th St, Vancouver	679, 681
Dorothy Fox Elem. School	2623 NW Sierra St, Camas	915, 960, 963, 964, 965
Eisenhower Elem. School	9201 NW 9th Ave, Vancouver	415, 420
Eleanor Roosevelt Elem. School	2921 Falk Rd, Vancouver	170, 175, 180
Ellsworth Elem. School	512 SE Ellsworth Ave, Vancouver	670, 675
Fircrest Elem. School	12001 NE 9th St, Vancouver	682, 683
Fire Station No. 11	21609 NE 72nd Ave, Battle Ground	543, 545
Fishers Landing Elem. School	3800 SE Hiddenbrook Dr, Vancouver	631, 696
Fruit Valley Elem. School	3401 Fruit Valley Rd, Vancouver	090
Gaiser Middle School	3000 NE 99th St, Vancouver	370, 425
Gause Intermediate School	1100 34th St, Washougal	935, 940, 947
Glenwood Heights Primary School	9716 NE 134th St, Vancouver	570, 571, 573
Grace Foursquare Church	717 SE Everett Rd (& SE 8th), Camas	917, 920, 925, 930
Green Mountain School	13105 NE Grinnel Rd, Woodland	530
Harmony Elem. School	17404-A NE 18th St, Vancouver	646, 649, 695, 698
Harney Elem. School	3212 E Evergreen Blvd, Vancouver	190, 200
Hazel Dell Elem. School	511 NE Anderson Rd, Vancouver	390, 395, 400, 410
Hearthwood Elem. School	801 NE Hearthwood Blvd, Vancouver	658, 659
Helen Baller Early Childhood Cen.	1954 NE Garfield, Camas	950, 980
Hockinson Hts. Intermediate School	19912 NE 164th St, Brush Prairie	610, 613
Hockinson Middle School	15916 NE 182nd Ave, Brush Prairie	615, 617, 620
Hough Elem. School	1900 Daniels St, Vancouver	110, 120
Illahee Elem. School	19401 SE 1st St, Vancouver	644, 645, 648
Image Elem. School	4400 NE 122nd Ave, Vancouver	652, 653, 687, 691

Polling Place	Address	Precinct Name / #
Jefferson Middle School	3000 NW 199th Steet, Vancouver	447, 448, 450
La Center Community Center	1000 E 4th St, La Center	515, 520, 525, 528
Lakeshore Elem. School	9300 NW 21st Ave, Vancouver	460, 470
Lewisville Middle School	406 NW 5th Ave, Battle Ground	540, 580, 595
Lincoln Elem. School	4200 Daniels St, Vancouver	060, 070
Maple Grove Middle/Pri. School	12500 NE 199th St, Battle Ground	577, 590
Marrion Elem. School	10119 NE 14th St, Vancouver	650, 651, 660, 663
Martin Luther King Elem. School	4801 Idaho St, Vancouver	220, 225
McLoughlin Middle School	5802 MacArthur Blvd, Vancouver	240, 245, 255
Mill Plain Elem. School	400 SE 164th Ave, Vancouver	664, 694
Minnehaha Elem School	2800 NE 54th St, Vancouver	147, 153, 360
Orchards Methodist Church	11000 NE 4th Plain Rd, Vancouver	633, 640
Peter S. Ogden Elem. School	8100 NE 28th St, Vancouver	257, 290, 639
Pioneer Elem. School	7212 NE 166th Ave, Vancouver	624, 625
Pleasant Valley Elem. School	14320 NE 50th Ave, Vancouver	550, 555, 560, 563, 565
Pleasant View Nazarene Church	801 NE 194th St, Ridgefield	480, 483, 485
Ridgefield Church of Nazarene	747 Pioneer Ave, Ridgefield	490, 500, 505
Riverview Elem. School	12601 SE Riveridge Dr, Vancouver	669, 677, 678
Sacajawea Elem. School	700 NE 112th St, Vancouver	430, 452, 453
Salmon Creek Elem. School	1601 NE 129th St, Vancouver	434, 435, 440, 441, 444
Sarah J. Anderson Elem. School	2215 NE 104th St, Vancouver	424, 426
Sifton Elem. School	7301 NE 137th Ave, Vancouver	626, 627, 628, 629, 634, 693
Silver Star Elem. School	10500 NE 86th St, Vancouver	630, 635, 636
Sunset Elem. School	9001 NE 95th St, Vancouver	638, 642, 643
Truman Elem. School	4505 NE 42nd Ave, Vancouver	335, 340, 350
Van. Early Childhood Cen. (Lieser)	301 S Lieser Rd, Vancouver	250
Van. Mall Retirement Community	7808 NE 51st St, Vancouver	294, 296
Van. School of Arts & Academics	3101 Main St, Vancouver	100, 130
Walnut Grove Elem. School	6103 NE 72nd Ave, Vancouver	325, 330
Washington Elem. School	2908 'S' St, Vancouver	150, 160
Washougal Community Center	1681 'C' Street, Washougal	900, 905, 910, 914
Woodland Mobile Park	6307 NW Pacific Hwy, Woodland	510
Yacolt Primary School	406 W Yacolt Rd, Yacolt	600, 605, 606

Be an informed voter. Here's how.

There are many sources of information for citizens wishing to know more about candidates, issues and coverage of the upcoming November 2 general election



THE INTERNET

■ **Clark County Elections Department** Web site: <http://elections.clark.wa.gov>.

Election results, news releases, information for voters. The site includes links to other on-line resources.

■ **Secretary of State**
Web site: <http://vote.wa.gov>

■ **The Fort Vancouver Regional Library** has computers with internet access.

JOIN CLARK COUNTY RESIDENTS ON ELECTION NIGHT

On November 2, at approximately 8 P.M., gather in Gaiser Hall at Clark College to see election results. Gaiser Hall is located at 1800 E. McLoughlin Street.



NEWSPAPERS

■ **The Columbian**
Web site: www.columbian.com

■ **The Oregonian**
Web site: www.oregonlive.com/elections/

■ **The Camas/Washougal Post Record**
Web site: www.camaspostrerecord.com

■ **The Reflector**
Web site: www.thereflector.com

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

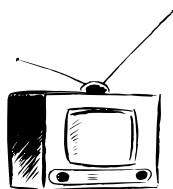
For a schedule of candidate forums and other events, see their Web site, www.lwvwa.org/clark/ or call (360) 693-9966.

On October 13, 6:30 to 10 P.M., the League of Women Voters and Forum at the Library will hold a General Election Candidates' Night forum in a moderated format in Gaiser Hall at Clark College.



FORT VANCOUVER REGIONAL LIBRARY

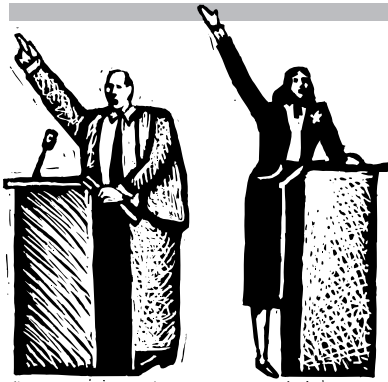
Look for candidates' brochures and flyers at any of the community library branches in Clark County. The library has computers with internet access.



CABLE TV

■ **CVTV Clark – Vancouver Television** on Comcast cable channels 23 and 21. Election coverage will include interviews, candidate forums, video voters guide and debates of candidates in selected local races. Election night coverage will be aired on the evening of November 2. See TV listings in The Columbian and the CVTV Web site, www.cvtv.org, or call (360) 696-8233. If you do not have cable TV you can obtain video tapes of any program at any Fort Vancouver Regional Library branch or from CVTV.

■ **TVW** on cable channel 22 will air video voters guides for state-wide races. For program schedule see the TVW Web site, www.tvw.org or call the Programming Hotline at (360) 664-4TVW.



Candidate statements

Commissioner District No.1 – County Commissioner

Betty Sue Morris
Democrat



A former Washington State Legislator, incumbent Betty Sue Morris is respected for thoroughness, intelligence, leadership and achievement. During her tenure, the county built more parks and roads than under any other board. A fiscal conservative she's held the county financially stable despite revenue cutbacks. She's a recognized statewide leader in salmon recovery.

In her next term Morris will champion jobs, parks, ball fields, law enforcement and affordable housing. She holds a Master's degree and is a former teacher, newspaper reporter and hospital communications director. A wife and mother of two grown children, Betty Sue is a 32 year Felida resident.

*Telephone: (360) 576-9119; E-mail: Morriscampaign@aol.com;
Web site: www.BettySueMorris.com*

Tom Mielke
Republican



Tom Mielke, a father and grandfather, former small businessman and four-term state representative, is running for county commissioner. A decorated Vietnam veteran, Tom resides in Battle Ground.

He's owned a business and met a payroll. Tom is dismayed by the over-regulation and business-strangling county fee structure. Tom knows we need jobs here in Clark County now. Tom will focus on economic development every day he's in office without waiting 8 years first.

He will protect your private property rights. Tom will pledge to end intrusive county government practices.

He has a proven record of service. He's asking for your vote.

*Address: PO Box 2503, Battle Ground 98604; Telephone: (360) 687-1106;
E-mail: tomforcom@cs.com*

Commissioner District No.2 - County Commissioner

Jeanne Harris
Democrat



For eight years I have served you in local government, while running my own business, to improve our community through collaboration and partnerships to provide services while holding the line on budgets and taxes. I'm fiscally conservative, socially responsible and offer pro-active, common sense leadership. I will work to protect our families and our quality of life with managed growth, respecting rural as well as urban, assuring we have jobs, affordable housing, parks, ball fields, a healthy environment, public transit and a criminal justice system that puts offenders in jail and offers alternative programs that save lives, families and money.

Address: People for Jeanne Harris, 14511 NE 49th Circle, Vancouver 98682; Telephone: (360) 896-0422; E-mail: jeanne@jeanneharris.com; Campaign Coordinator: barb.sheldon@comcast.net; Web site: www.jeanneharris.com

Marc Boldt
Republican



Common sense and credible leadership through sincere service has been my driving force for the past ten years as your State Representative. As a lifelong county resident, I want my children to enjoy the benefits of our wonderful community.

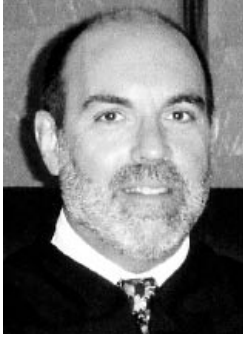
My top priorities include keeping our community safe, creating a balanced budget and addressing the county's transportation and infrastructure needs.

Taxpayers will know I am their advocate in county government by my commitment to providing the most effective and efficient services possible. This starts with a strong, top down leadership philosophy that your government works for you. Please vote for me.

Address: 19405 NE 112th Street, Brush Prairie 98606; Telephone: (360) 256-9025; E-mail: Marc@ElectMarcBoldt.com; Web site: www.ElectMarcBoldt.com

Judge of the District Court - Position No. 5

Rich Melnick
Nonpartisan



Judge Rich Melnick is dedicated to serving the public. He is the best qualified and only experienced candidate. With over twenty-four years as a judge and prosecutor, Judge Melnick has demonstrated high integrity, strong work ethics, and organizational skills. He is fully knowledgeable about court operations. Judge Melnick is a recognized legal scholar.

Judge Melnick, his wife Lori and their children, Zack and Ben, are active community volunteers. He coaches and assists with youth and athletic programs.

“I promise to provide fair and equal justice to Clark County and to always remember my decisions have real impact on people’s lives.”

Address: Committee to Retain Rich Melnick, 712 W Evergreen Boulevard, Vancouver, 98660; E-mail: rmelnick@ispllc.net

Clark Public Utility District - Commissioner District No. 2

Nancy Barnes
Nonpartisan



Clark Public Utilities has earned the approval and respect of its customer-owners for excellent reliability, outstanding customer service and low, stable rates. I have proven to be your effective representative by encouraging constant improvement and public accountability. Responsive, knowledgeable and experienced, working together we can continue to have one of the best utilities in the west. I need your vote for Nancy Barnes. Thank you.

E-mail: Nancy@Barnescpa.com



Ballot measures

Proposition No. 1

CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT AREA AUTHORITY (C-TRAN)

The Clark County Public Transportation Benefit Area Authority adopted Resolution #BR-04-002 concerning a proposition to increase the sales and use tax. The proposition would increase the sales and use tax within the district by an amount not-to-exceed 0.3 percent for the purpose of maintaining and enhancing public transit services.

Should this proposition be:

APPROVED ...

REJECTED

Statement for:

Since 1981, C-TRAN has provided transportation to the people of Clark County. C-TRAN also provides door-to-door C-VAN service for people with severe disabilities. In 2003, C-TRAN provided 6.91 million trips for its riders. From the beginning, C-TRAN has received 3 cents of the sales tax on every \$10.00 spent in Clark County. C-TRAN carefully managed these tax dollars in its reserve fund, never having to borrow money for capital improvements such as new buses and Park & Rides.

With the passage of Initiative 695 in 1999, C-TRAN lost 40% of its operating revenue when vehicle excise taxes were eliminated. C-TRAN responded by raising fares twice, increasing ridership by 12%, selling advertising space and diverting reserves designated for capital projects to subsidize services. It was not enough. Reserve funds have steadily dwindled and will be reaching minimum levels by 2005, according to current projections.

Our community is faced with a choice of how C-TRAN will balance its budget and continue operating: Cut services by 46% beginning January 2005, or voters must approve Proposition #1, a request for an additional 3¢ in sales tax per \$10.00 purchase. This combined revenue, which would total six tenths of a penny in taxes per dollar spent, would enable C-TRAN to maintain and expand upon current services to fulfill its critical mission of service to Clark County. Please vote *yes* and support our vital transit system.

For more information, go to www.c-tranroadmap.com or call C-TRAN at 695-0123 and request a copy of the Fact Piece.

Written by: David Cooper, Chair, Proponent Committee, PO Box 2608, Vancouver 98668, (360) 254-1562; Mike Worthy, 1518 NW 79th Circle, Vancouver 98665, (360) 993-2265; John Idsinga, 109 SW 1st Street, 2nd floor, Battle Ground 98604, (360) 342-5000.

Contact: (360) 608-7996; www.yes4c-tran.com; yesforc-tran@arcocofclarkcounty.org.

Rebuttal of statement against:

The Facts: Available reserves will dwindle to \$1.7 million by 12/2005; 96% of trips cost \$2.96; no C-TRAN funds were expended on HOV lanes; and opponents overstate projected surpluses by 460%.

In 2000, service was significantly reduced, 78 jobs eliminated, fares were raised. No funds have been spent on light rail in nearly a decade. This would be the first tax increase ever for C-TRAN.

For the truth call (360)608-7996 or go to www.yes4c-tran.com

Written by: David Cooper, Chair; Mike Worthy; John Idsinga

C-TRAN explanatory statement:

In 1980, voters within the C-TRAN boundaries approved a 0.3% sales and use tax levy. These funds were previously matched by an equal amount of motor vehicle excise tax (MVET) which was repealed by voters in 1999. Tax revenues pay a portion of the costs of providing transit services. Passage of the ballot measure would increase the sales and use taxes by an additional amount not-to-exceed 0.3% (an additional 3¢ on every taxable \$10 purchase). Increased tax revenues would enable C-TRAN to balance its budget, improve existing service, and provide service to smaller cities and adjacent areas.

Statement against:

Should taxpayers put more taxes into C-Tran's \$70,000,000 retained earnings account? Taxpayers pay about \$22 for each passenger ride. *Federal* taxes pay about 90% of new buses and transit centers' building costs.

I-695 reduced exorbitant licensing fees; C-Tran cried "foul" while holding \$96,000,000 in retained earnings reserves. Each of Washington's 25 transit agencies holds a surplus account. This totals hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars held hostage while asking taxpayers for more and more taxes.

C-Tran continually threatens layoffs/service cuts; having to "scrape" up dollars; misleads taxpayers about its "scant" surplus/earnings.

Increasing sales tax from .3% to .6% doubles C-TRAN's income and will provide C-Tran with a yearly \$8,000,000 surplus.

Added to each \$1.00 you spend on goods and services your sales tax will be: La Center 8.2¢, Battle Ground 8.2¢, Ridgefield 8.2¢, Vancouver 8¢, Camas 8¢, Washougal 7.8¢, Unincorporated 8.1¢.

C-Tran's planning wastes millions of tax dollars building, dismantling and/or relocating transit centers.

C-Tran contributed \$3,000,000 out of the \$65,000,000 cost for I-5 HOV lanes. Now Clark County Commissioners can ask taxpayers to raise car license fees for additional tax dollars; possibly paving the way for light rail.

C-Tran paid over \$3,000,000 for light rail studies. Portland owns the MAX gravity train. Washington taxpayers will pay a percentage of Tri-Met's total transit costs even if only one inch of light rail crosses the river; more Clark County taxation without representation!

C-Tran needs a "true cost" not a "what I want budget." Stop the Waste, vote "no."

Written by: Frances Rutherford, Chair - No on C-Tran's November 2004
Tax Levy Committee (360) 896-2283; Jeanne Lipton (360) 737-3676,
jlipton@pacifier.com; Larry Martin (360) 573-6298

Rebuttal of statement for:

Is there something wrong with this picture? In 2000 Vancouver Fire and Police yearly budgets were about \$17,000,000 each. In 2000 C-Tran's reserve was \$95,000,000; revenues were \$33,186,132. C-Tran doesn't have to borrow revenue for new buses or Park & Rides because federal grants pay 90% of these costs.

Passing this tax provides C-Tran with a surplus starting at \$8,000,000 per year and continues to grow perhaps surpassing the \$96,000,000 reserves it previously amassed.

Written by: Frances Rutherford,
Chair; Jeanne Lipton; Larry Martin

City of Vancouver
PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 1

Shall City Charter Section 2.01 be amended to increase the term of mayor from two to four years?

YES ...

NO ...

Statement for:

After 40 years of voting for Vancouver's mayor every two years, it is time for voters to change the charter to give the city's chief political executive four years to do an increasingly complicated job.

The designers of the present system provided the chance for the voters to change the council's majority, direction and emphasis at every biennial municipal election. That opportunity for radical change has never been found necessary by anything close to a substantial minority of the voters. It is increasingly a potential liability rather than a theoretical asset.

Vancouver is a fast-paced, increasingly metropolitan city. As such it requires strong and steady leadership to continue its economic and social growth. In order for a good leader to set into motion, promote and then accomplish needed changes, that leader must have opportunity and the time to implement those changes.

Each of us votes for a candidate for mayor for different reasons, but for the most part we vote for the candidate we believe has a vision for a better, stronger, more vibrant Vancouver. We believe in their vision, their policies and their ability to accomplish their agenda.

It is time that we, as citizens of Vancouver, give our mayors the time to accomplish their goals, to do what we elect them to do.

We provide every other member of the City Council a four-year term of office so they will have a sufficient amount of time to accomplish their objectives. We should do the same for our Mayor.

Written by: David Michael Heywood, Scott Harris, Robert Stewart

Rebuttal of statement against:

No rebuttal statement was submitted

PROPOSED CITY CHARTER ADMENDMENT NO. 1

Resolution M-3462: “A RESOLUTION and proposal to amend City Charter Section 2.01 to increase the term of mayor from two to four years.”

Explanatory Statement:

Current Law: The term for mayor in the City of Vancouver is currently two (2) years, resulting in an election for mayor in every municipal general election (i.e. every odd numbered year).

Results of passage: The proposed amendment would increase the term of the mayor from two (2) years to four (4) years, commencing with the municipal general election in 2005. The election for mayor would take place every four (4) years after that.

Statement against:

Vancouver’s mayoral term lasts for two years and is on the ballot in every odd-year election. The reasons for a two-year mayoral term are all centered on increasing the responsiveness of city government to the citizens of Vancouver. The Mayor is the most influential elected official both in policy making and administrative oversight. Providing the citizens the use of the ballot box to express endorsement or displeasure of someone’s leadership every two years keeps the Mayor more attuned to their constituents. The ballot is a safety valve that often prevents confrontational expressions of democracy such as recall efforts and citizen protests.

There are seven members of the Vancouver City Council: the Mayor and six at large Councilors. Three council seats are up for election every two years. With the mayor’s seat also up for election every two years, citizens have the opportunity to elect a new four person majority each municipal election. Again, this strengthens representative democracy by increasing elected officials responsiveness to the electorate.

Finally, a two year term is far from uncommon in electoral politics. Both federal and state representatives serve two year terms.

Written by: Matt Lewis, Gayle Rothrock

Rebuttal of statement for:

No rebuttal statement was submitted

City of Vancouver
PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 2

Shall initiative and referendum provisions of Vancouver City Charter Title X be amended to prohibit petitions on subjects contrary to state law; provide for the form of petitions, approval of petitions as to form, circulators' affidavits to be under penalty of perjury, the county auditor to verify signatures, public readings and hearing on measures, and for thirty days to collect referendum signatures; and update outmoded references to "electors," "paper ballots" and "voting machines?"

YES ...

NO ...

Statement for:

The 1889 State Constitution authorizes Vancouver to establish its own Charter. In 1952 Vancouver approved a Charter including an Initiative & Referendum (I&R) provision. A 1986 amendment requires petitioners be registered voters. Our Charter I&R provision establishes a means for citizens to directly influence city policies. The Charter Review process allows citizens to look after Vancouver's future by evaluating our existing City Charter.

Lessons learned over the last few years displayed our existing Charter's I&R procedures are confusing to our citizens, and, they subject us to un-necessary administrative expense and increased litigation risk. These proposed changes make Vancouver's I&R process easier for citizens to understand, simplify the process for filing, and assure consistent staff administration. The changes will also reduce administrative costs, lower litigation risk and ensure the credibility of our Charter I&R process.

Vancouver is a caring, proactive, energetic community that progresses through insight, action, and change. Your Charter Review Committee is asking citizens to step into this new century by updating the Charter I&R provision for the benefit of the entire community.

A *yes* vote will ensure that:

1. The I&R process is clear and understandable to citizens;
2. The city will administer the process consistently;
3. Administrative costs will be reduced;
4. Risk and potential for litigation will be lowered;
5. The provision remains consistent with its intent and the growing needs of

Vancouver.

Join your Charter Review Committee—made up of citizens like you—in its recommendation to City Council for improving this important Charter provision!

Mark Maggiora: Pro Statement Committee Chair, 992-9969, Fax: 992-5880, mark@grouppnw.net; Norwood Brown: 750-0475, norwoodart@integrity.com; VaNessa Duplessie, 750-7302, balancedjw@earthlink.net
Current City Charter: www.ci.vancouver.wa.us/charter/charter.htm
Charter Review Committee Minutes: <http://www.ci.vancouver.wa.us/CharterReview/default.asp>

Rebuttal of statement against:

These proposed Charter changes received full and careful consideration by a citizen committee. Only after Council assessment and affirmation were they referred to voters.

Resolving problematic language with the I&R process was not taken lightly. Requiring an Affidavit is prudent considering petition signing abuses that can occur. This amendment assures good governance far beyond "housekeeping."

Vancouver deserves assurance that citizen generated Initiatives and Referendums are subject to the highest level of integrity and accountability.

Written by:

Mark Maggiora, Chair; Pro Statement Committee

PROPOSED CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 2

Explanatory statement:

Resolution M-3463: "A RESOLUTION and proposal to amend City Charter Sections 10.01, 10.02, 10.03, 10.04, 10.05, 10.06, 10.07, 10.08, 10.09, 10.10, and 10.11 to clarify the process for initiative and referendum."

Current law: The Charter is silent on which subjects are ineligible for initiative and referendum under state law; does not provide for pre-circulation review of petitions; does not explicitly state circulator's affidavits must be signed under penalty of perjury or that petitions go to city council for readings and hearing before action; is ambiguous on the time for circulating referendum petitions; contains outmoded references to the city clerk, not the county auditor, verifying petition signatures; and makes outmoded references to "electors," "paper ballots" and "voting machines."

Result of passage: The amendments would clarify these points and delete the outmoded references.

Statement against:

Initiative and Referendum No. 2 proposed by the City Charter Committee is being billed as a "housekeeping" amendment to clarify multiple sections of the City Charter. Initiative and Referendum No. 2 will change wording in Section 10 of the City Charter from *electors to registered voters of the city* to clarify who is qualified to sign a petition. The resolution also attempts to align the City Charter with State law.

However, on closer inspection, it should be noted that changes to Sections 10.03 and 10.04 of the City Charter indicate that an affidavit "sworn or affirmed under penalty of perjury" will be required by the circulator of a petition. It will also invalidate any petition without such a sworn affidavit attached. While on the surface it may appear to be a "housekeeping" matter, it must be recognized that a "penalty of perjury" has been added that is not found in the current City Charter.

It is a matter of opinion as to whether the addition of a penalty not found previously in the charter sections is indeed "housekeeping" or constitutes a "change in the charter". It is however, at best, misleading to voters to propose a "housekeeping" measure which does indeed change the process by adding a penalty not before contained.

By voting *no* on this proposed amendment you would send a message that the voters of Vancouver need to be fully and fairly informed of the true nature of a proposed amendment.

Written by: Paula M. Martin

Rebuttal of statement for:

No rebuttal statement was submitted

**PROPOSITION NO. 1
CITY OF RIDGEFIELD
Proposition Authorizing Increase of Existing
Property Tax Levies**

The City of Ridgefield adopted Resolution No. 271 concerning this proposition. The proposition would authorize the City of Ridgefield to set its regular property tax levy to an amount not to exceed \$1.60 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. (This shall not be construed to authorize an excess levy and shall be subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.)

Should this proposition be enacted into law?

YES ...

NO ...

**City of Ridgefield explanatory
statement:**

The City of Ridgefield seeks voter approval as provided by the limitations set forth in RCW 84.55 to authorize the City to increase its regular property tax levy to an amount not to exceed \$1.60 per thousand dollars of assessed value of property in the City.

No statement for or against was submitted

**PROPOSITION NO. 1
CLARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 10
Board of Fire Commissioners
Proposition Authorizing Increase of Existing
Property Tax Levies**

The Board of Fire Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 09-16-2004 concerning this proposition. The proposition will authorize the Board of Fire Commissioners of the District to set its regular property tax levy to an amount not to exceed \$1.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation. (This shall not be construed to authorize an excess levy and shall be subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.)

Should this proposition be enacted into law?

YES ...

NO ...

**Fire Protection District No. 10
explanatory statement:**

Clark County Fire Protection District No. 10 seeks voter approval as provided by the limitations set forth in RCW 84.55 to authorize the Board of Fire District Commissioners to increase its regular property tax levy to an amount not to exceed \$1.10 per thousand dollars of assessed value of property in the District.

Statement for:

Clark County Fire District 10 would like to ask the voters of the District to approve a Levy Lid Lift to \$1.10 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. This is the first time since 1961 that we have gone to the voters to ask for an increase in property taxes. The number of emergency responses has tripled since 1993. We need to increase our revenues for several reasons. First, as a result of the approval of Initiative 747 in 2001, our revenues no longer keep pace with the growth in call volume and inflation. Second, several Engines are over 30 years old, and need to be replaced to improve reliability. Third, as our stations age they require more maintenance than our current budget allows, and improvements to provide a safe working environment.

We believe that we have demonstrated a very conservative approach to spending the money that the residents of our District have given us. We strive to make sure that we provide the best service possible for the dollars you invest. We thank you for your continued support.

Written by: Sam Arola, President, Gordon Brooks, Rick Johnson
Amboy Volunteer Firefighters Association

No statement against was submitted

Complete text of local measures

C-TRAN BOARD RESOLUTION BR-04-002

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING the Clark County Auditor place on the November 2, 2004, ballot a measure which authorizes the imposition of up to an additional 0.3 percent of the sales and use tax for the purposes of partially funding the selected C-TRAN service and financial plan.

WHEREAS, at the November 1981 election, the voters of the Clark County Public Transportation Benefit Area Authority (PTBA) district approved a 0.3 percent sales and use tax which matched the motor vehicle excise tax (MVET) to fund public transit; and

WHEREAS, C-TRAN acquired assets and implemented service. Such services included local fixed route bus, express commuter bus, demand response service for persons with disabilities (C-VAN), vanpool, and general purpose dial-a-ride (Connector); and

WHEREAS, such services were well received by the citizens of Clark County as shown by a steadily increasing number of trips per capita; and

WHEREAS, at the November 1999 election, the voters of Washington State passed Initiative 695 which resulted in the elimination of 40 percent of C-TRAN's revenue and 50 percent of its tax support; and

WHEREAS, to respond to this revenue loss, C-TRAN eliminated some services, reduced other costs, raised fares, and obtained other revenue, and diverted capital reserve funds to finance operations; and

WHEREAS, projections indicate C-TRAN must have a balanced budget by 2006; and

WHEREAS, to obtain a balanced budget, there are two options:

1. Reduce services by approximately 40 percent, or
2. Seek additional sales and use tax authority; and

WHEREAS, the C-TRAN Board of Directors authorized the development of a 20-Year Transit Development Plan with alternatives and engaged the public to share their vision of transit in Clark County; and

WHEREAS, after considering the public participation and comments, the

C-TRAN Board of Directors adopted Alternative #2 which provides for maintaining current service levels with enhancements targeted to high usage routes and communities; and

WHEREAS, the reduced service level of Alternative #1, which balances the budget with current revenues, does not meet the needs of a growing Clark County and should not be implemented without first consulting with the voters if they wish to maintain and improve the transit system they funded in 1980;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the C-TRAN Board of Directors that a proposition be placed on the November 2, 2004, ballot authorizing the imposition of up to an additional 0.3 percent sales and use tax for the purpose of partially funding Alternative #2 which maintains and enhances public transit services throughout the C-TRAN district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the C-TRAN Board of Directors suggests that the ballot title shall be as follows:

The Clark County Public Transportation Benefit Area Authority adopted Resolution #BR-04-002 concerning a proposition to increase the sales and use tax. The proposition would increase the sales and use tax within the district by an amount not-to-exceed 0.3 percent for the purpose of maintaining and enhancing public transit services.

Should this proposition be:

APPROVED [] REJECTED []

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the C-TRAN Board of Directors hereby directs staff to provide to the citizens of Clark County a document which describes the selected alternative that maintains and enhances public transit and the alternative which reduces transit services to the level the current tax revenue can support.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED THIS 9th day of March 2004.

Ayes: Jim Irish, Tim Leavitt, Betty Sue Morris, Craig Pridemore, Stacey Sellers, Judie Stanton, Jeanne Stewart, Vice Chair Bill Ganley

Nays:

Absent: Chair Jeanne Harris
William J. Ganley, Vice Chair

ATTEST: June I. Berry, Clerk of the Board
Seal

City of Vancouver Mayoral Term RESOLUTION NO. M-3462

A RESOLUTION and proposal to amend City Charter Section 2.01 to increase the term of mayor from two to four years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF VANCOUVER:

Section 1. That as recommended by the 2004 Charter Review Committee, it is hereby proposed that Section 2.01 of the City Charter be amended to read as follows:

Section 2.01 Number, Terms: The council shall have seven members, including a mayor, nominated and elected from the city at large in the manner hereinafter provided: Commencing in the 1971 municipal election, three persons shall be elected to four-year terms as councilmembers at each biennial municipal election and; provided further, commencing in the 2005 biennial municipal election, one person shall be elected to a two-year four-year term as mayor at each such biennial election.

The person elected mayor shall have the powers of the mayor as provided in this charter and also all powers of a city councilmember. All incumbent councilmembers shall continue to serve until their successors are elected and qualified. In the event of a tie vote, the election shall be decided by lot.

ADOPTED at regular session of the Council of the City of Vancouver, this 2nd day of August, 2004.

Royce E. Pollard, Mayor
ATTEST: Paul Lewis, City Clerk
APPROVED AS TO FORM: Ted H. Gathe

City of Vancouver Initiative and Referendum RESOLUTION NO. M-3463

A RESOLUTION and proposal to amend City Charter Sections 10.01, 10.02, 10.03, 10.04, 10.05, 10.06, 10.07, 10.08, 10.09, 10.10 and 10.11 to clarify the process for initiative and referendum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF VANCOUVER:

Section 1. That as recommended by the Charter Review Committee in its report SR07-04, it is hereby proposed that Sections 10.01 of the City Charter be amended to read as follows:

Section 10.01 Initiative: The electors registered voters of the city shall have power to propose any ordinance and to adopt or reject the same at the polls, except an ordinance appropriating money, or authorizing the levy of taxes, or on any subject where such action is contrary to the general laws of the state of Washington and to adopt or reject the same at the polls. Any initiated ordinance may be submitted to the city council by a petition signed by registered voters of the city equal in number to at least fifteen per centum of the number of votes cast at the last preceding municipal general election. No initiated ordinance shall embrace more than one subject, and that shall be expressed in the title. The proposed ordinance shall be stated in clear and unambiguous language and so that its entire effect is apparent on its face.

Section 2. That as further recommended by the Charter Review Committee in its report SR097-04, it is hereby proposed that Section 10.02 of the City Charter be amended to read as follows:

Section 10.02 Referendum: The electors registered voters of the city shall have power to approve or disapprove at the polls any ordinance passed by the city council, or submitted by the city council to a vote of the electors registered voters of the city, except such ordinances as may be necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or for the support of the city government and its existing public institutions, or providing for the approval of local improvement assessment rolls, or for the issuance of local improvement bonds or on any subject where such action is contrary to the general laws of the state of Washington. Within thirty days after the enactment by the city council of any ordinance which is subject to a referendum, a petition signed by registered voters of the city equal in number to at least ten per centum of the number of votes cast at the last preceding municipal general election may be filed with the city clerk requesting that any such ordinance be

either repealed or submitted to a vote of the electors registered voters of the city.

Section 3. That as further recommended by the Charter Review Committee in its report SR097-04, it is hereby proposed that Section 10.03 of the City Charter be amended to read as follows:

Section 10.03 Petitions and Committees: All petition papers circulated for the purposes of an initiative or referendum shall be uniform in size and style. Initiative petition papers shall contain the full text of the proposed ordinance. Petitions shall be in a form prescribed by the City Clerk, and may be approved in advance as to form by the City Attorney. The signatures to initiative or referendum petitions need not all be appended to one paper, but to each separate petition there shall be attached a statement of the circulator thereof as provided by this section. Each signer of any such petition paper shall sign in ink or indelible pencil and shall indicate after such signer's name, the signer's place of residence by street and number, or other description sufficient to identify the place. On each petition shall appear the names and addresses of the same five electors registered voters of the city, who, as a committee of the petitioners, shall be regarded as responsible for the circulation and filing of the petition. Attached to each separate petition paper there shall be an affidavit of the circulator thereof, sworn or affirmed under penalty of perjury, that said circulator personally circulated the foregoing paper, that it bears a stated number of signatures, that all the signatures appended thereto were made in the circulator's presence, and that the circulator believes them to be the genuine signatures of the person whose names they purport to be.

Section 4. That as further recommended by the Charter Review Committee in its report SR097-04, it is hereby proposed that Section 10.04 of the City Charter be amended to read as follows:

Section 10.04 Filing and Certifying: All petition papers comprising an initiative or referendum petition shall be assembled and filed with the city clerk as one instrument. Within twenty days after a petition is filed, the city clerk shall determine whether each paper of the petition has a proper statement of the circulator and whether the petition is signed by a sufficient number of

registered voters shall convey the signed petition to the officer responsible for the verification of the sufficiency of the signatures to the petition under state law for such verification. The city clerk shall declare any petition paper entirely invalid which does not have attached thereto an affidavit sworn or affirmed under penalty of perjury and signed by the circulator thereof. If a petition paper is found to be signed by more persons than the number of signatures certified by the circulator, the last signatures in excess of the number certified shall be disregarded. If a petition paper is found to be signed by fewer persons than the number certified, the signatures shall be accepted unless void on other grounds. After completing examination of the petition, and after receiving verification of the sufficiency of such petition signatures from the officer responsible for verification of the sufficiency of signatures under state law, the city clerk shall certify the result thereof to the city council at its next regular meeting. If the clerk certifies that the petition is invalid or has insufficient signatures, the clerk shall set forth in a certificate the particulars in which it is defective and shall at once notify the committee of the petitioners of such findings.

Section 5. That as further recommended by the Charter Review Committee in its report SR097-04, it is hereby proposed that Section 10.05 of the City Charter be amended to read as follows:

Section 10.05 Amendment of Initiative Petitions: An initiative or referendum petition may be amended at any time within twenty days after the notification of insufficiency has been sent by the city clerk by filing a supplementary petition upon additional papers signed and filed as provided in case of an original petition. The city clerk shall, within five days after such an amendment is filed, convey the amended petition to the officer responsible for the verification of the sufficiency of the signatures to the original and amended petition under state law for such verification. and, (1)f, after receiving verification of the sufficiency of such original and amended petition signatures from the officer responsible for verification of the sufficiency of signatures under state law, the petition be still insufficient, the clerk shall file a certificate to that effect and notify the committee of the petitioners

of the findings and no further action shall be had on such insufficient petition. The finding of the insufficiency of a petition shall not prejudice the filing of a new petition for the same purpose.

Section 6. That as further recommended by the Charter Review Committee in its report SR097-04, it is hereby proposed that Section 10.06 of the City Charter be amended to read as follows:

Section 10.06 Effect of Certifying a Referendum Petition: When a referendum petition, ~~or amended petition as defined in the preceding section;~~ has been certified as sufficient by the city clerk, the ordinance specified in the petition shall not go into effect, or further action thereunder shall be suspended if it shall have gone into effect, until and unless approved by the electors registered voters of the city, as hereinafter provided.

Section 7. That as further recommended by the Charter Review Committee in its report SR097-04, it is hereby proposed that Section 10.07 of the City Charter be amended to read as follows:

Section 10.07 Consideration by Council: Whenever the city council receives a certified initiative or referendum petition from the city clerk, it shall proceed at once to consider such petition. A proposed initiative ordinance or referred ordinance shall be given a first reading, and provision shall be made for publication, second reading and public hearing upon the proposed ordinance. The city council shall take final action on the ordinance not later than sixty days after the date on which such ordinance was submitted to the city council by the city clerk. A referred ordinance shall be reconsidered by the city council and its final vote upon such reconsideration shall be upon the question: "Shall the ordinance specified in the referendum petition be repealed?"

Section 8. That as further recommended by the Charter Review Committee in its report SR097-04, it is hereby proposed that Section 10.08 of the City Charter be amended to read as follows:

Section 10.08 Submission to Electors Registered Voters of the City: If the city council shall fail to pass an ordinance proposed by initiative petition or if the city council fails to repeal a referred ordinance within

thirty days after the receipt thereof, the proposed or referred ordinance shall be submitted to the electors registered voters of the city at the next municipal general election provided such election shall occur sixty days or more after the city council takes its final vote thereon. If the city council shall pass a proposed initiative ordinance in a different form, it shall likewise submit the proposed ordinance in its original form, if, and only if, an additional petition signed by not less than five per centum of the number of votes cast at the last regular city election, requesting such submission, shall be circulated, signed, and filed in the same manner as the original petition and within ten days of the date of adoption of the amended ordinance. The city council may provide for a special election if, in its judgment, an emergency exists.

Section 9. That as further recommended by the Charter Review Committee in its report SR097-04, it is hereby proposed that Section 10.09 of the City Charter be amended to read as follows:

Section 10.09 Form of Ballot: Ordinances submitted to vote of the electors registered voters of the city in accordance with the initiative and referendum provisions of this charter shall be submitted by ballot title, which shall be prepared in all cases by the city attorney. The ballot title may be different from the legal title of any such initiated or referred ordinance and shall be a clear, concise statement, without argument or prejudice, descriptive of the substance of such ordinance. The ballot used in voting upon any ordinance, ~~if a paper ballot,~~ shall have below the ballot title the following proposition, one above the other, in the order indicated: "FOR THE ORDINANCE" and "AGAINST THE ORDINANCE." ~~Immediately at the left of each proposition, there shall be a square in which by making a cross (X);~~ The voting system used shall have a means whereby the elector voter may vote for or against the ordinance. Any number of ordinances may be voted on at the same election and may be submitted on the same ballot. ~~If voting machines are used~~ Regardless of the voting system used, the ballot title of any ordinance shall have below it the same two propositions, one above the other or one preceding the other in the order indicated, and the elector voter shall be given an

opportunity to vote for either of the two propositions and thereby to vote for or against the ordinance.

Section 10. That as further recommended by the Charter Review Committee in its report SR097-04, it is hereby proposed that Section 10.10 of the City Charter be amended to read as follows:

Section 10.10 Results of Election: If a majority of the electors registered voters of the city voting on a proposed initiative ordinance shall vote in favor thereof, it shall thereupon be an ordinance of the city. A referred ordinance which is not approved by a majority of the electors registered voters of the city voting thereon shall thereupon be deemed repealed. If conflicting ordinances are approved by the electors registered voters of the city at the same election, the one receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall prevail to the extent of such conflict.

Section 11. That as further recommended by the Charter Review Committee in its report SR097-04, it is hereby proposed that Section 10.11 of the City Charter be amended to read as follows:

Section 10.11 Publication and Repeal: Initiative and referendum ordinances adopted or approved by the electors registered voters of the city shall be published at least once and may be amended or repealed by the city council, as in the case of other ordinances only after a period of one year has elapsed after their enactment.

Section 12. Sections 1 through 11 of this Charter amendment shall become effective immediately upon approval their approval in accordance with Section 10.10 of the City Charter.

ADOPTED at regular session of the Council of the City of Vancouver, this 2nd day of August, 2004.

Royce E. Pollard, Mayor
ATTEST: Paul Lewis, City Clerk
APPROVED AS TO FORM: Ted H. Gathe, City Attorney

**City of Ridgefield
RESOLUTION NO. 271**

A RESOLUTION OF THE
CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, CLARK
COUNTY, WASHINGTON,
REQUESTING THAT THE CLARK
COUNTY AUDITOR PLACE
ON THE GENERAL ELECTION

FOR CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSITION TO INCREASE THE CITY'S REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE.

WHEREAS, the City's current regular property tax levy rate is approximately \$1.45 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation; and

WHEREAS, the statutory limit for regular property tax levy rate is \$1.60; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that it is necessary to increase the City's levy rate to the statutory limit of \$1.60 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, thereby necessitating voter approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON DO HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050 and RCW 29.13.020, the City Council hereby requests that the Clark County Auditor place on the general election for consideration of a proposition to increase the City of Ridgefield's regular property tax rate for collection commencing in 2005 to \$1.60 per \$1,000.00 assessed valuation, with such rate thereafter to be subject to otherwise-applicable statutory limits.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON THIS 24 DAY OF JUNE, 2004.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

Gladys Doriot, Mayor

ATTEST: Barbara Charbonneau,
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Michael
Wynne, City Attorney

**CLARK COUNTY
FIRE DISTRICT #10
RESOLUTION #09-16-2004**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF CLARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO.10, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 2, 2004, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING A LEVY OF A PROPERTY TAX NOT TO EXCEED \$1.10 PER \$1,000.00 OF TRUE AND ASSESSED VALUATION SUBJECT TO OTHERWISE

APPLICABLE LIMITATIONS.

Background: WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the District that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District that fire and emergency medical services be provided by the District. The accelerated demands for and increasing costs of providing these services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations, and equipment in excess of those which can be provided by the District's regular tax revenue levied at the current rate per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District as limited by the 101% limitation.

Resolution: NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Clark County Fire Protection District No. 10, Clark County, Washington as follows:

Section 1: In order to provide fire protection, prevention, and emergency medical services in the District, it is necessary for the District to obtain, operate and maintain emergency fire and medical vehicles and facilities staffed by properly trained personnel equipped with suitable firefighting and emergency medical equipment.

Section 2: In order to provide the revenue adequate to pay the costs of providing adequate life protection services and facilities as described in Section 1 and to assure the continuation of such services, the District shall, in accordance with RCW 84.55.05, remove the limitation on regular property taxes imposed by RCW 84.55.010, and Initiative 747 and levy beginning in 2004 and collect beginning in 2005, pursuant to RCW 52.16.130 and RCW 52.16.140, a general tax on taxable property within the District at a rate of \$1.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.

Section 3: There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at a special election on September 14, 2004 the question of whether or not the regular property tax levy of the District should be set at \$1.10 per \$1,000.00 of true and assessed valuation, subject to otherwise applicable statutory limitations. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the Auditor of Clark County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, to declare that

an emergency exists and to call such election, and to submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
CLARK COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT NO.10
Board of Fire Commissioners
Proposition Authorizing Increase of
Existing Property Tax Levies

The proposition will authorize the Board of Fire Commissioners of the District to set its regular property tax levy to an amount not to exceed \$1.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation. (This shall not be construed to authorize an excess levy and shall be subject to otherwise applicable statutory limits.)

Should this proposition be enacted into law?

YES ___ NO ___

Adoption: ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Clark County Fire District No. 10, on this 16th day of September, 2004 the following Commissioners being present and voting: Howard L. Cook, Richard L. Johnson; Cheryl Vincent, Secretary



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