

Dear Clark County Voters

In Clark County the last three odd-numbered year primaries (when non-partisan offices are filled) were conducted exclusively with mail ballots. This year's primary will also be conducted exclusively with mail ballots. In addition, for all future elections all registered voters will receive their ballot by mail. In order to be able to vote you do not need to reregister or make any changes with the Elections Office. We will mail every registered voter a ballot for each election that they are entitled to participate.

To make sure you receive your ballot, it is very important that you keep your address current with the Elections Office. The U.S. Postal Service does not forward ballots. If you need to update your address, locate a "mail-in" voter registration form that is available at public schools, the library, fire stations, and auto license agencies around the county. You may also call the Elections Office to change your address. If you will be temporarily away during an election, please use the absentee ballot application on page 3 or give us a call.

While we will no longer establish polling places, voters may deliver their ballot to one of the 30 secure, staffed ballot drop-off boxes that will be located throughout the county. The location of these ballot drop-off boxes is on page 16 of this voters' pamphlet and the locations of those that are closest to your residence will be included with your ballot. In addition to the ballot drop-off boxes, there is a "drive up" ballot collection box located in downtown Vancouver, one block east of Franklin Street in the center of 14th Street, approximately one block from the Elections Department.

There is a primary being conducted for the cities of Vancouver and Woodland; the town of Yacolt; and the school districts of Vancouver and Camas. In addition, Battle Ground and Woodland school districts have bond issues, and C-Tran has a tax issue on the primary ballot. Voters who do not reside within the boundaries of these jurisdictions do not have any races/issues on which to vote and will not receive a ballot. If you are eligible to vote in September, you will receive a ballot by mail.

This September, I hope you'll join me in voting and exercising one of the most precious rights we have as Americans – the right to vote.



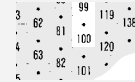
Sincerely,
Greg Kimsey
Clark County Auditor

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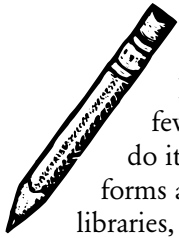
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A reminder to vote: It's really simple



Registering to vote

Registering takes only a few minutes, and you can do it by mail. Registration forms are available at public libraries, schools when they are open, city and town halls, and the County Elections Department.

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

Beginning with this election, and for all future elections, the voters in Clark County will receive their

ballot by mail. This spring the state legislature passed legislation allowing any county to become an all-mail ballot county if this change was approved by that county's Board of Commissioners. In Clark County, the commissioners, at the request of the county Auditor's Office, approved the change to all-mail ballot voting.

You do not need to reregister or make any changes with our office to be able to vote. We will mail you a ballot for every election in which you are entitled to participate.

To receive your ballot, it is very important that you keep your address current with the Elections Office, because the U.S. Postal Service does not forward ballots.

When you change your address, you can contact the Elections Office by telephone to provide us with the new address.

If you will be away before an election, you can fill out the form below and send it to the county Elections Office, or you can call the Elections Office and have your mail ballot sent to a temporary address.

If you lose your ballot, you can obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Elections Office:

Phone: (360) 397-2345

E-mail: elections@clark.wa.gov

Mailing address: PO Box 8815, Vancouver, WA 98666-8815

Street address: 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver

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 2005 General

X
Signature

Street (Temporary mail address)

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. 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 vote-by-mail 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.

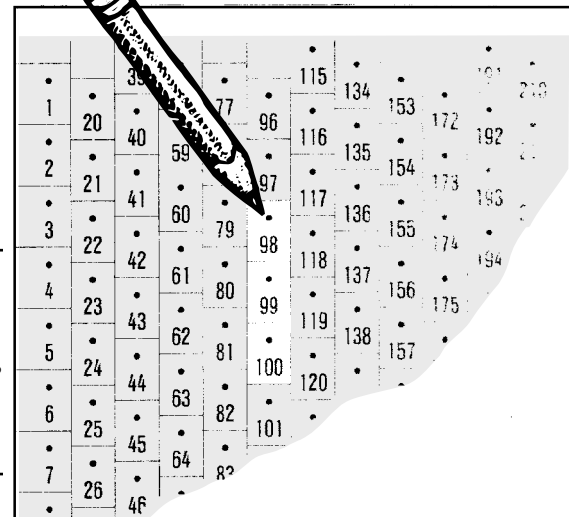
Figure 1. Ballot guide

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 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 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 “ballot drop” locations listed on page 16, 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 ballot drop locations.



Candidate statements

City of Vancouver - Mayor

David E. Kallstrom

Non-partisan



I will continue to emphasize the transportation issue. The city must be pedestrian and bicycle friendly. Again, I ask my fellow citizens to support our transit system and to consider reducing their use of the automobile. Transit use, walking, bicycling, car pooling, and proximity of activity to residence are possible considerations.

I support extending Tri-Met's light rail system into Clark County. Determining its exact route will take much discussion and careful planning.

A sense of community is important. The community's responsibility to the individual and the individual's responsibility to the community. "One for all and all for one!"

Address: 621 Broadway Street #303, Vancouver 98660; *Telephone:* (360) 607-8875; *E-mail:* davidekallstrom@excite.com; *Web site:* www.geocities.com/davidekallstrom/mayor

Royce E. Pollard

Non-partisan



I'm asking for your support for another term as Mayor of America's Vancouver. I care deeply about our community. Working with officials in Olympia and Washington, DC to help secure financial assistance for municipal projects, I've also lobbied locally to secure private funding for building such projects as the Firstenburg Community Center opening in East Vancouver this year. I champion police and fire services, jobs, neighborhoods, parks, recreation, economic development and responsiveness to citizens. Together we've made a positive difference. Please apply my energy, passion and experience to drive forward the improvement of America's Vancouver for another four years.

Charles P. Stemper

Non-partisan



As your mayor my goal will be to listen to every taxpaying citizen in Vancouver. Our local government needs a *common sense* approach to governing. We need to maintain the basic services of the police, fire departments and better roads to ensure safety and security in the neighborhoods. As a new candidate it will be my pleasure to cut down on waste and look for innovative ways to save taxpayer money. I'll be for you, the taxpayer.

Address: Charles P. Stemper for Mayor, 1108 NE 101st Court, Vancouver 98664; *Telephone:* (360) 254-0010; *E-mail:* CharlesStemper@Nuvoice.com; *Web site:* www.nuvoice.com

City of Vancouver – Council Position No. 2

Eric Olmsted
Non-partisan



A fiscally responsible small business owner, father, and U.S. Army veteran, Eric Olmsted believes Vancouver can create jobs and provide economic stability by providing emerging businesses with better assistance while encouraging existing businesses to thrive. Through collaboration among city officials and the community, growth can be managed sensibly, maintaining a vibrant economy while keeping our city livable, minimizing impact to the environment while keeping pace with our city's resources. Eric supports efficiency in city operations, downtown revitalization, solutions to transportation issues, and combating crime. "Just like you, I am committed to a better Vancouver, and I ask for your vote."

Address: Committee to Elect Eric Olmsted, 15912 NE 41st Street, Vancouver 98682; Telephone: (360) 816-0089; E-Mail: eric@voteeric.org; Web site: www.voteeric.org

Jeanne E. Stewart
Non-partisan



"Of the people, for the people" was the promise I made in 2001. I kept that promise. I would like to continue working for you: maintaining open and eager communication with citizens; protecting neighborhoods from crime, over development and overcrowded schools; ensuring adequacy of police and fire protection; protecting the drinking water and air from pollutants; controlling taxes; requiring disciplined spending of city funds; working toward development of a third all purpose bridge without tolls; making more effective use of roads by synchronizing traffic signals; sustaining the public trust by persistently and vigorously representing the interest of the citizens.

Address: Stewart for City Council, PO Box 383, Vancouver 98666; Telephone: (360) 695-5154; E-mail: stwejevanc@aol.com

Mike Heywood
Non-partisan



Mike Heywood wants to join the Vancouver City Council in helping make Vancouver the best place anywhere to live and work. It is a great place now, but tens of thousands of us have to spend hours every week fighting congested traffic across the river to work and pay Oregon income taxes. We need more choices to work where we live, which means better support for home-grown industry that pays real family-wage jobs. At the same time, the city cannot slack on providing excellent service for the thousands of new residents who move here or join the city by annexation.

Address: 110 W 28th Street, Vancouver 98660; Telephone: (360) 693-8809; E-mail: mikewrit@hotmail.com

Town of Yacolt - Mayor

Pilar (Kit) Raanes
Non-partisan



Retired: banking; business proprietor background. Main objectives: to obtain the needs of our community; maintain the charm; continuity; and preserve the history of Yacolt. I will have an open door policy, as to encourage all citizens with concerns, so we can further enhance our lives for the future and benefit to all.

Campaign Contact: Wendy Haynes; E-mail: haynesws@aol.com

Joe Warren
Non-partisan



As a father, husband and member of our community, I feel that I have a considerable stake in our town; and I am proud to call Yacolt my home.

I am currently a member of town council. During my time in this position, I've worked hard to be a positive voice for our citizens, looking out for current needs while balancing a healthy vision of the town's future.

I, Joe Warren, am asking to be your next mayor so I can continue to work hard for you, the citizens of Yacolt.

Vote Joe Warren and see what the future holds.

Thom Holyk
Non-partisan



I am 64 years old and retired; will be working as your full time Mayor if elected. I have been a resident of Clark Co. for 50+ years; last 12 years in Yacolt. I believe in small towns and I will work to improve the country atmosphere. We all have to work together in the community to keep our town of Yacolt safe. I would appreciate your vote for Mayor. Sincerely, Thom Holyk, USN Retired.

Telephone: (360) 686-3984; E-mail: thombolyk@hotmail.com

Vancouver School District No. 37

Mark F. Stoker
Non-partisan



As a graduate of the Vancouver School District, a father of twin daughters who graduated from Columbia River High School, and a son who is a junior there now, I believe public education is a viable and vital public resource. Every child, whether from poverty or privilege, must have the equal opportunity to take advantage of this resource. There is no greater asset to our community than a well educated child. I want to ensure that the Vancouver School District continues to deliver a quality education to our children. I ask for your vote.

Address: 8318 NW 14th Court, Vancouver 98665; Telephone: (360) 750-7547 or (360) 573-5133; E-mail: mfs@bpl-law.com

Roger K. Smith
Non-partisan



Our lifetime award is to ensure the future of our children. To protect the interest of children in an amicable environment while maintaining reverence and accountability to your school board, it is my intention to serve you and our district in the implementation of current policy while championing educational improvements to the Board's vision and direction while implementing decisions and future policy.

Your vote for me will be a vote of confidence to ensure the future of our children's education and the legacy they leave their children.

Thank you.

Edri Geiger
Non-partisan



Motivated by the belief that all students can succeed, Edri will be a dedicated, knowledgeable and strong director, working for quality education that allows all students to reach their potential. She was Vancouver's 1994 Teacher of the Year and was one of the first 175 teachers in the US certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. She has developed and implemented programs and partnerships focused on education excellence. As an education consultant and adjunct university instructor she continues her work promoting quality education. Edri has vision, expertise, dedication and passion to address needs, find solutions and assure results.

Address: 5401 SE Scenic Lane #105, Vancouver 98661; Telephone: (360) 254-4811; E-mail: edri@onemain.com

Camas School District No. 117

Doug Quinn
Non-partisan



I have passion for educating kids. A Camas resident for 15 years my three children are products of Camas schools. Academic excellence is the gift we leave our children, and I'm dedicated to improving the quality of education. I bring skills that are essential to this position including: experience in state and local government, fiscal planning, community outreach and consensus building. I'm committed to using the available resources to provide our children the best education possible. Appointed to the school board, I've help make positive changes in student health, ensuring that nutritious foods are available for students. Please vote Quinn!

Address: 1200 NW Klickitat Lane, Camas 98607; Telephone: (360)834-5124

Donna Roberge
Non-partisan

No photo or statement was submitted

John Svilarich
Non-partisan



Camas schools have an enviable track record but one facing many challenges. Having two children currently in Camas Schools and serving as Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee – Camas School Board has given me much insight into what we face. As a business man, I successfully deal with these same types of challenges everyday.

I am the only candidate who has recent experience with other Washington districts, giving me a unique perspective. I am *not* a politician or an insider. What I am is someone who is passionate about our schools being the best they can be for *all*.

*Address: 3904 NW 8th Circle, Camas 98607; Telephone: (360) 833-2678;
E-mail: johnsforcamas@comcast.net*



Ballot measures

Proposition No. 1 CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT AREA AUTHORITY (C-TRAN)

C-TRAN, Clark County Public Transportation Benefit Area Authority, in adopting Resolution #BR-05-021, authorizes a proposition to increase the sales and use tax by 0.2 percent, or two cents on a \$10.00 purchase, to preserve C-Tran local fixed route, commuter, and demand response service (C-VAN and the Camas Connector) in the City of Vancouver and its urban growth boundary, and the city limits only of Camas, Washougal, and Battle Ground; and to restore service to the cities of La Center and Ridgefield, the Town of Yacolt, and the WSU - Vancouver campus.

Should this proposition be:

APPROVED ...

REJECTED

Statement for:

A good public transportation system is an important part of every world class community. For nearly 25 years, C-TRAN has filled that role for our citizens.

Broad Community Support

The Committee to Save C-TRAN is a coalition of Republicans, Democrats, and independent voters who want to preserve public transportation in Clark County. While it may be true that Democrats and Republicans generally don't agree on many issues, C-TRAN's role as a provider of essential public transportation in Clark County is an issue that they can agree on.

A Small, But Wise Investment

For just 2 pennies on a \$10 dollar taxable purchase, voters will have the opportunity to preserve and restore – *not expand* – C-TRAN service. With a simple majority vote, this would be the first tax increase in the agency's history, and their sales tax rate will still be lower than every other urban transit system in Washington. Without the additional funding, C-TRAN must cut back service to make up for the 40% loss in funding when the legislature eliminated matching funds in 2000.

Get The Facts

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact the Save C-TRAN campaign at 713-8705 or visit our web page at www.savectran.org. Also, C-TRAN has information about what exactly happens should the measure pass or fail. You may contact them at 695-0123 or visit www.c-tran.com.

Vote Yes!

Please join us in voting yes for the preservation of C-TRAN!

Written by:
Michael C. Worthy, Committee Chair;
1518 NW 79th Circle, Vancouver 98665
Don Carlson
Craig Pridemore

Rebuttal of statement against:

The proposition has nothing to do with light rail. It has everything to do with preserving and restoring C-TRAN's bus service, period.

C-TRAN represents all cities. Emphasizing other people's interest in light rail is an attempt to distract voters from the real issue, which is preserving essential bus service to all our communities. Voters are smart enough to distinguish the truth.

Get the facts and vote *yes* to preserve and restore C-TRAN's existing bus service.

C-TRAN explanatory statement:

C-TRAN seeks authority to increase the sales and use tax by 0.2 percent to preserve C-TRAN's existing service (local fixed route, commuter, and demand response that includes C-VAN for disabled and Connector) within the City of Vancouver and its urban growth boundary, and the cities of Camas, Washougal, and Battle Ground; and to restore service to the cities of La Center, Ridgefield, Yacolt, and WSU-Vancouver.

Currently, C-TRAN collects a 0.3 percent tax (three cents on a \$10.00 purchase). If approved, C-TRAN will have authority to collect up to 0.5 percent sales and use tax (five cents on a \$10.00 purchase).

Statement against:

The tax game truth, the whole truth and nothing but the tax game truth.

"Vancouver police and the sheriff's office say they have too few officers to handle growth in the population," Oregonian, 7/13/05, yet C-Tran complains about its \$26,337,483 income that serves approximately 4% of the population. Police, sheriff and fire departments work with a lot less while serving 100% of the Clark County population.

Stop the shameful service cut threats and intimidation toward vulnerable passengers. Special C-Tran vans should be available for special needs passengers requiring public transportation to their jobs; while tax money for purchasing expensive properties and support of I-5 HOVs should cease.

Every year over \$100 million tax dollars go into the Oregon treasury from Washington commuters. Where is the money spent? Tri-Met charges C-Tran approximately \$180,000 yearly for the privilege of allowing C-Tran's Commuter Express bus service into downtown Portland. At any time Tri-Met can refuse C-Tran this privileged access into Portland and force Washington commuters onto the MAX light rail.

April 2003 Mayor Pollard stated "Light rail is the way for the future." May 2005 city council approved Vancouver Housing Authority developing 4th Plain Blvd. as an "urban center." This area is designated as a possible route for light rail connections to the MAX Expo and Portland PDX lines. Light rail into Washington is being implemented by several small seemingly innocent baby steps; this tax increase for C-Tran serving 4% of SW Washington's population is one of them. Don't buy it.

Written by:

No on C-Tran's September 2005 Tax Levy Committee

Larry Martin, Chair; (360) 573-6298

Frances Rutherford (360) 896-2283

Jeanne Lipton (360) 737-3676

Rebuttal of statement for:

Taxpayers Beware

"All we're doing is sticking our finger in the dike." commented Mayor Pollard about 2005 City tax increases: Vancouver City 1% property tax; 14.5-16% storm water fees, higher trash rates, etc. State gas tax increase: 29¢ to 37.5¢ a gallon by 2008; Port of Vancouver doubling property tax share 2007; Upcoming levies: library, fire, schools.

VHA "Urban Center" leader "Audit finds flaws in VHA financial reports." Portland consultant leads I-5 bridge solution team.

Proposition No. 1
BATTLE GROUND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119
NEW NORTH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BONDS

The Board of Directors of Battle Ground School District No. 119 adopted Resolution No. M-05, concerning a proposition to finance and construct a new high school. This proposition would authorize the District to relieve overcrowding by constructing a new North County High School that will include science and technology labs, library, performing arts center, gym, track and practice fields, and other capital improvements; issue no more than \$20,390,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. M-05.

Should this proposition be:

APPROVED ...

REJECTED

Statement for:

We support the Battle Ground School District bond measure for the following reasons:

To reduce overcrowding at high schools;

Community Schools – students to attend schools close to home, access to extra-curricular activities;

Prepare for future growth;

Shorter bus rides – save transportation dollars, more flexibility on weather-related school closures;

2006 tax rate is estimated at 1.26, new tax rate (if bond passes) old and new = total of 1.30 per \$1,000 of assessed value;

To better serve all students of Battle Ground School District equally.

Written by:

Gilda Ciraulo, Monty Anderson

**Battle Ground School District
No. 119 explanatory statement:**

Battle Ground School District No. 119 seeks voter approval to issue general obligation bonds. If the voters approve this ballot proposition the District will be able to issue \$20,390,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within twenty-one (21) years, to fund the construction of a new high school. The general obligation bonds will be repaid through an additional annual excess property tax levy.

No statement against was submitted

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 September 20 primary.

Read all about it.

■ The Columbian.

Web site: www.columbian.com.

■ The Oregonian.

Web site: www.oregonlive.com/elections/oregonian/clarkcounty.

■ The Camas/Washougal Post Record.

Web site: www.camaspstrecord.com.

■ The Reflector.

Web site: www.thereflector.com.

League of Women Voters

For a schedule of events or



candidate forums, see their Web site at www.washingtonvoter.org or call 693-9966.

Cable TV

CVTV Clark-Vancouver Television on Comcast cable channel 23. Election coverage will include candidate forums and interviews of candidates in various races. See TV listings in The Columbian, cable channel 2, and the CVTV Web site, www.cvtv.org or call 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.



Surf the Internet.



■ Election coverage can be found on the Clark County Elections Department Web site: <http://elections.clark.wa.gov>.

■ The Fort Vancouver Regional Library has computers with Internet connections available for public use.

Join Clark County residents on election night.

On election night at approximately 7 P.M. gather at Gaiser Hall at Clark College to hear and see election results. The college is located at 1800 East McLoughlin Blvd., Vancouver.

Complete text of local measures

C-TRAN BOARD RESOLUTION BR-05-016

A RESOLUTION establishing governance of the CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT AREA AUTHORITY as defined on March 29, 2005 by the Public Transportation Improvement Conference of January 2005 (PTIC).

WHEREAS, the PTIC was formed by a resolution of the C-TRAN Board of Directors for the purpose of establishing a new Public Transportation Benefit Area, which defines new C-TRAN's geographic boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the PTIC defined the Clark County Public Transportation Benefit Area boundaries on March 29, 2005 to include only the City of Vancouver and its Urban Growth Boundary (VUGB), all of election precincts 915, 960, and 646 (located in the area connecting the Vancouver UGB and the City of Camas) and the city limits only of Camas, Washougal, Battle Ground, Ridgefield, La Center, and the Town of Yacolt; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2005, the PTIC established the governing body for the Clark County Public Transportation Benefit Area as defined on March 29, 2005, which board will be constituted as follows: the elected officials of the Board of Clark County Commissioners; three elected officials of the Vancouver City Council; one elected official representing from either Battle

Ground or Yacolt, who will represent both entities; one elected official from either Ridgefield or La Center, who will represent both entities; and one elected official from either Camas or Washougal, who will represent both entities, for a total of nine governing Board Members; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clark County Public Transportation Benefit Area Authority (C-TRAN) as defined on March 29, 2005, shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on June 1, 2005.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th day of May 2005.

Ayes: Marc Boldt, Jeanne Harris, James Weldon Alternate for Bill Ganley, Gladys Doriot Alternate for Jim Irish, Tim Leavitt, Stacey Sellers, Jeanne Stewart, Steve Stuart, Vice Chair Betty Sue Morris Signed Betty Sue Morris, Vice Chair
ATTEST: June I. Berry, Clerk of the Board
Seal

C-TRAN BOARD RESOLUTION BR-05-021

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING the Clark County Auditor to place on the September 20, 2005 primary ballot, a proposition which authorizes the imposition of up to an additional 0.2 percent of the sales and use tax available to the Clark County Public Transportation Benefit Area (C-TRAN) for

the purpose of funding a Service Preservation Plan.

WHEREAS, at the November 1980 election, the voters of the Clark County Public Transportation Benefit Area Authority (PTBA) district approved a 0.3 percent sales and use tax which was matched by the state of Washington's motor vehicle excise tax (MVET) to fund public transit; and

WHEREAS, C-TRAN acquired assets and implemented service, including 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 throughout the 1990s; and

WHEREAS, at the November 1999 General Election, the voters of Washington State passed Initiative 695 which resulted in the state of Washington eliminating MVET matching funds to all state transit systems, 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 service, reduced costs, raised fares three times since 2000, diverted capital reserve funds to subsidize operations, pursued additional revenue sources, and reduced the service and taxing boundary of the Public Transportation Benefit Area through the convening of a Public

Transportation Improvement Conference; and

WHEREAS, the new transit district, comprised of the city of Vancouver and its urban growth boundary and the city limits only of the cities of Camas, Washougal, La Center, Ridgefield, and Battle Ground, and the Town of Yacolt, requires adequate funding to provide service; and

WHEREAS, the C-TRAN Board of Directors has approved a Service Preservation Plan that preserves current service levels and restores innovative services to areas that lost service in 2000 including the cities of La Center and Ridgefield, the Town of Yacolt, and the Washington State University Vancouver campus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the C-TRAN Board of Directors that a proposition be placed on the September 20, 2005 primary ballot, authorizing the imposition of up to an additional 0.2 percent sales and use tax for the purpose of funding C-TRAN's Service Preservation Plan, which preserves current service levels and restores innovative services to areas that lost service in 2000, including the cities of La Center and Ridgefield, Town of Yacolt, and the Washington State University Vancouver campus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the C-TRAN Board of Directors that the Clark County Auditor consider the following ballot language, subject to the County Auditor's own approval process:

C-TRAN, Clark County Public Transportation Benefit Area Authority, in adopting Resolution #BR-05-021, authorizes a proposition to increase the sales and use tax by 0.2 percent, or two cents on a \$10.00 purchase, to preserve C-TRAN local fixed route, commuter, and demand response service (C-VAN and the Camas Connector) in the City of Vancouver and its urban growth boundary, and the city limits only of Camas, Washougal, and Battle Ground; and to restore service to the cities of La Center and Ridgefield, the Town of Yacolt, and the WSU - Vancouver campus.

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 that describes the services included in the Service Preservation Plan, which preserves current transit service and restores services lost to areas in 2000, and information about the Service Reduction Plan that has been approved by the Board for implementation on September 25, 2005, should voters reject the proposition.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED THIS 14th day of June, 2005.

Ayes: Jeanne Harris, Jim Irish, Betty Sue Morris, Stacey Sellers, Jeanne Stewart, Chair Bill Ganley.

Nays: Tim Leavitt, Steve Stuart

Absents: Marc Boldt

Signed William J. Ganley, Chair

ATTEST: June I. Berry, Clerk of the Board

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**BATTLE GROUND SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 119
RESOLUTION NO. M-05**

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Battle Ground School District No. 119, Clark County, Washington, providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a special election to be held therein on September 20, 2005, in conjunction with the State primary election to be held on the same date, of a proposition authorizing the District to issue general obligation bonds in the principal amount of no more than \$20,390,000 (or such lesser maximum amount as may be legally issued under the laws governing the limitation of indebtedness), for the purpose of paying costs of constructing and equipping a new North County High School, the principal of and interest on such bonds to be payable from annual property tax levies to be made in excess of regular property tax levies; designating the Secretary of the Board to receive notice of the ballot title from the Auditor of Clark County, Washington; authorizing a request for a Certificate of Eligibility from the State Treasurer pursuant to chapter 39.98 RCW; and designating the Secretary to the Board as the District official authorized to file with the State Treasurer, on behalf of the District, the request for a Certificate of Eligibility.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Battle Ground School District No. 119, Clark County, Washington (the "District"), hereby makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) Overcrowding (which is due to increasing enrollment demands, the existing condition of school facilities and the institution of new educational programs) requires that the District construct and equip a new North County High School, all as more particularly defined and described in Section 3 herein (the "Project").

(b) The District lacks sufficient money with which to pay costs of the Project, which is urgently required to correct the existing conditions.

(c) To pay costs of the Project, the Board hereby deems it necessary and advisable that the District issue and sell unlimited tax general obligation bonds in the principal amount of no more than \$20,390,000 (the "Bonds") (or such lesser maximum amount as may be legally issued under the laws governing the limitation of indebtedness).

(d) The District is authorized pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(b) of the Washington Constitution and laws of the State of Washington (including RCW 28A.530.010, RCW 28A.530.020 and RCW 84.52.056) to submit to the District's voters at a special election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether or not the District shall issue the Bonds to pay costs of the Project and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire the Bonds.

Section 2. The Board hereby finds and declares that the best interests of the District's students and other inhabitants require the District to carry out and accomplish the Project as hereinafter provided.

Section 3. The Board hereby finds and declares that the Project to be paid for with proceeds of the Bonds is more particularly defined and described as follows:

(a) Construct and equip a new North County High School that will include, but not be limited to, classrooms, science and technology labs, library, performing arts center, gym, track and practice fields, and other capital improvements deemed necessary and advisable by the Board.

(b) Acquire and install all necessary equipment, fixtures and appurtenances in the foregoing, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board.

(c) Pay incidental costs incurred in connection with carrying out and accomplishing the foregoing pursuant to RCW 39.46.070. Such costs include, but are not limited to, costs related to the sale, issuance and delivery of the Bonds; payments for fiscal and legal expenses; obtaining ratings and bond insurance; printing, advertising, establishing and funding accounts; necessary and related engineering, architectural, planning, consulting, inspection and testing costs; administrative and relocation expenses; site improvement; demolition; on and off-site utilities; and other similar activities or purposes, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board.

The Project, or any portion or portions thereof, shall be acquired or made insofar as is practicable with available money and in such order of time as shall be deemed necessary and advisable by the Board. The Board shall determine the application of available money between the various parts of the Project so as to accomplish, as near as may be, all of the Project. The Board shall determine the exact order, extent and specifications for the Project. The Project is to be more fully described in the plans and specifications to be prepared by the District's architects and engineers and to be filed with the District.

Section 4. It is found and declared by the Board that an emergency exists requiring the calling of a special election and the Auditor of Clark County, Washington, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections (the "Auditor"), is requested to find and declare the existence of an emergency. The Auditor further is requested to call and conduct a special election in the District, in the manner provided by law, to be held therein on September 20, 2005, in conjunction with the State primary election to be held on the same date, for the purpose of submitting to the District's voters, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether or not the District shall issue the Bonds to pay costs of the Project and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire the Bonds.

If such proposition is approved by the requisite number of voters, the District will be authorized to issue and sell the Bonds in the manner described in this resolution, spend the proceeds thereof to pay costs of the Project, and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire the Bonds. The money derived from the sale of the Bonds shall be used, either with or without additional money now available or hereafter available to the District, for capital purposes only, as permitted by law, which shall not include the replacement of equipment.

Section 5. The Bonds authorized may be issued as a single issue, as a part of a combined issue with other authorized bonds, or in more than one series, as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board and as permitted by law. The Bonds shall be

fully registered bonds; shall bear interest payable as permitted by law; shall mature within 21 years from the date of issue (but may mature at an earlier date or dates as fixed by the Board); shall be paid by annual property tax levies sufficient in amount to pay both principal and interest when due, which annual property tax levies shall be made in excess of regular property tax levies without limitation as to rate or amount but only in amounts sufficient to meet such payments of principal and interest as they come due; and shall be issued and sold in such manner, at such times and in such amounts as shall be required for the purpose for which the Bonds are to be issued, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board and as permitted by law. The exact date, for, terms, option of prior redemption, price, interest rate or rates and maturities of the Bonds shall be hereafter fixed by resolution of the Board. Pending the issuance of the Bonds, the District may issue short-term obligations pursuant to chapter 39.50 RCW.

The Board declares that to the extent, prior to the date the Bonds or other short-term obligations are issued to pay costs of the Project, the District shall make capital expenditures for the Project from money that is not (and is not reasonably expected to be) reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside by the District under its existing and reasonably foreseeable budgetary and financial circumstances to pay costs of the Project, those capital expenditures are intended to be reimbursed out of proceeds of the Bonds or other short-term obligations issued in an amount not to exceed the principal amount of the Bonds provided by this resolution.

Section 6. If available money from the proceeds of Bonds is more than sufficient to pay costs of the Project, or should state or local circumstances require any alteration in the Project, the District may acquire, construct, equip and make other capital improvements to the District's facilities, or retire and/or defease a portion of the Bonds, all as the Board may determine by resolution, after holding a public hearing thereon pursuant to RCW 28A.530.020.

If the Board shall determine that it has become impractical to accomplish the Project or portions thereof by reason of state or local circumstances, including, but not limited to, changed conditions or needs, regulatory considerations, incompatible development or costs substantially in excess of those estimated, the District shall not be required to accomplish such Project and may apply the Bond proceeds or any portion thereof to other portions of the Project, to other capital purposes of the District, or to retire and/or defease a portion of the Bonds, all as the Board may determine by resolution after holding a public hearing thereon pursuant to RCW 28A.530.020. In the event that the proceeds of sale of the Bonds, plus any other money of the District legally available therefore, are insufficient to accomplish all of the Project, the District shall use the available money for paying the cost of that portion of the Project that is deemed by the Board most necessary and in the best interest of the District.

It is anticipated that the District may receive some money from the State of Washington as

state financing assistance under chapter 28A.525 RCW with respect to the Project. Such money shall be used, when and in such amounts as it may become available, to accomplish and carry out the Project. If state financing assistance remains after completion of the Project, such money may be used to acquire, construct, equip and make other capital improvements to the District's facilities, or retire and/or defease a portion of the Bonds, or for such other purposes, all as the Board may determine by resolution after holding a public hearing thereon pursuant to RCW 28A.530.020.

Section 7. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION 1
BATTLE GROUND SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 119
NEW NORTH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
CONSTRUCTION BONDS

The Board of Directors of Battle Ground School District No. 119 adopted Resolution No. M-05, concerning a proposition to finance and construct a new high school. This proposition would authorize the District to relieve overcrowding by constructing a new North County High School that will include science and technology labs, library, performing arts center, gym, track and practice fields, and other capital improvements; issue no more than \$20,390,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. M-05. Should this proposition be:

Approved...[] Rejected....[]

Section 8. The Secretary of the Board or her designee is directed to (a) present a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditor at least 45 days prior to the date of such special election, and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District's voters at the aforesaid special election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether or not the District shall issue Bonds to pay costs of the Project and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire the Bonds.

Section 9. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates the Secretary to the Board as the individual to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice.

Section 10. If the District receives voter approval to issue the Bonds in the manner described in this resolution, the Board hereby finds and determines that it will be in the best interests of the District's taxpayers to request the State of Washington's guaranty for payment of the Bonds under chapter 39.98 RCW, the Washington State School District Credit Enhancement Program. Accordingly, the Board hereby requests the State Treasurer to issue a Certificate of Eligibility to the District pledging the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the State of Washington to guarantee the payment, when due, of the principal of and interest on the Bonds pursuant to chapter 39.98 RCW and the rules promulgated thereunder by the State Finance

Committee. The Board designates the Secretary of the Board as District official authorized to file with the State Treasurer, on behalf of the District, the request for a Certificate of Eligibility.

Section 11. If any provision of this resolution shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution, of the Bonds or of the levy or collection of the taxes pledged to pay and retire the Bonds.

Section 12. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Battle Ground School District No. 119, Clark County, Washington, at a special open public meeting thereof, of which due notice was given as provided by law, held this 2nd day of August, 2005, the following Directors being present and voting in favor of the resolution.

BATTLE GROUND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

F.H. Striker, President and Director; Mark Pelletier, Vice President and Director; David Sonntag, Director; Sam Kim, Director; Karen J. Lehman, Director

ATTEST: Shonny Bria, Secretary to the Board

CERTIFICATION

I, Shonny Bria, Secretary to the Board of Directors of Battle Ground School District No. 119, Clark County, Washington (the "District"), hereby certify as follows:

1. The foregoing Resolution No. M-05 (the "Resolution") is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the "Board") held at the regular meeting place thereof on August 2, 2005, as that Resolution appears on the minute book of the District, and the Resolution is now in full force and effect;

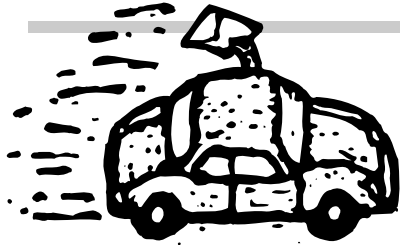
2. Written notice specifying the time and place of the special meeting and noting the business to be transacted was given to all members of the Board by mail or by personal delivery at least 24 hours prior to the special meeting, a true and complete copy of which notice is attached hereto as Appendix 1;

3. Written notice of the special meeting was given to each local radio or television station and to each newspaper of general circulation that has on file with the District a written request to be notified of special meetings and to any others to which such notices are customarily given by the District; and

4. A quorum of the members of the Board was present throughout the meeting and a sufficient number of members of the Board present voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 2nd day of August, 2005.

BATTLE GROUND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON
Shonny Bria, Secretary to the Board of Directors



Ballot drop locations

This election is being conducted totally by mail. For your ballot to be counted, it must be postmarked not later than the day of the election (September 20, 2005) or delivered to the Elections Office not later than 8 P.M. on Election Day. The Clark County Elections Office is located at 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver. It is open from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M., Monday through Friday, until Election Day. On Election Day only the Elections Office will be open from 7 A.M. until 8 P.M.

The usual polling places will not be open on Election Day. However, if you would like to return your ballot in person, you have several options. You can deliver it to the Elections Office on or before Election Day, September 20, 2005. Or on Election Day *only*, you may also deliver it to one of these “ballot drop” locations which will be open from 7 A.M. until 8 P.M.

Battle Ground High School
300 W Main Street, Battle Ground

Burton Elementary School
14015 NE 28th Street, Vancouver

Chinook Elementary School
1900 NW Bliss Road, Vancouver

Crestline Elementary School
13003 SE 7th Street, Vancouver

Dorothy Fox Elementary School
2623 NW Sierra Street, Camas

Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School
2921 Falk Road, Vancouver

Felida Elementary School
2700 NW 119th Street, Vancouver

Fisher’s Landing Elementary School
3800 SE Hiddenbrook Drive, Vancouver

Glenwood Heights Primary School
9716 NE 134th Street, Vancouver

Grace Foursquare Gospel Church
717 SE Everett Road, Camas

Hazel Dell Elementary School
511 NE Anderson Road, Vancouver

Helen Baller Elementary School
1954 NE Garfield Street, Camas

Image Elementary School
4400 NE 122nd Avenue, Vancouver

La Center Community Center
1000 E 4th Street, La Center

Lincoln Elementary School
4200 Daniels Street, Vancouver

Martin Luther King Elementary School
4801 Idaho Street, Vancouver

Mill Plain Elementary School
400 SE 164th Avenue, Vancouver

Minnehaha Elementary School
2800 NE 54th Street, Vancouver

Pleasant Valley School
14320 NE 50th Avenue, Vancouver

Ridgefield Nazarene Church
747 Pioneer Avenue, Ridgefield

Riverview Elementary School
12601 SE Riveridge Drive, Vancouver

Salmon Creek Elementary School
1601 NE 129th Street, Vancouver

Sarah J. Anderson Elementary School
2215 NE 104th Street, Vancouver

Sifton Elementary School
7301 NE 137th Avenue, Vancouver

Sunset Elementary School
9001 NE 95th Street, Vancouver


Vancouver Early Childhood Center (Lieser School)
301 S Lieser Road, Vancouver

Vancouver School of Arts and Academics
3101 Main Street, Vancouver

Walnut Grove Elementary School
6103 NE 72nd Avenue, Vancouver

Washougal Community Center
1681 C Street, Washougal

Yacolt Primary School
406 W Yacolt Road, Yacolt

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