

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Adopting Explanatory  
Statements for Publication in the  
Voters' Pamphlet for the May 18, 1993  
Election (Serial Levies and General  
Obligation Bonds)

RESOLUTION  
93-78

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the public interest to place certain measures before the voters at the May 18, 1993 election; and

WHEREAS, the measures are (1) a three year serial levy for jail operations, to replace a levy expiring June 30, 1993, (2) a three year serial levy for library services, to replace a levy expiring June 30, 1993 and (3) general obligation bonds for the Downtown Central and Midland Branch libraries; and

WHEREAS, after public hearings and review by the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission, the Board placed the foregoing measures on the May 18, 1993 ballot; and

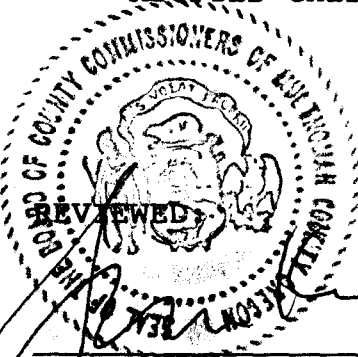
WHEREAS, the Board now wishes to adopt explanatory statements pertaining to the measures, for inclusion in the Voters Pamphlet for the May 18, 1993 election;

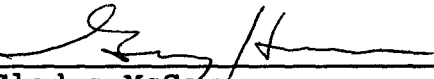
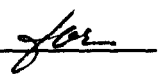
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED AND ORDERED;

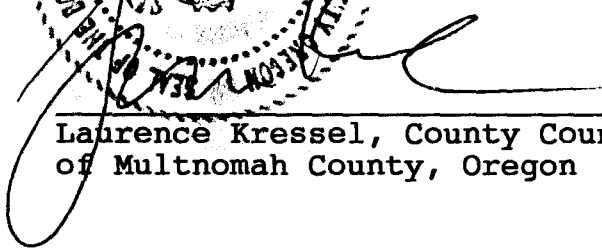
1. Attachments A (jail levy statement), B (library levy statement) and C (General Obligation Bonds statement) are adopted;
2. The Clerk of the Board shall immediately transmit the attachments and this Resolution to the Elections Director;
3. The Elections Director shall assure that the attachments are

published in the Voters Pamphlet for the May 18, 1993 election in accordance with law.

ADOPTED this 18th day of March. 1993.



By    
Gladys McCoy  
Multnomah County, Oregon

  
Laurence Kressel, County Counsel  
of Multnomah County, Oregon

## **EXHIBIT A**

### **MEASURE 26-2**

#### **Explanatory Statement**

**Measure 26-2 will renew the existing jail levy at the same tax rate you are now paying...53 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value on your home. Continuation of this 3 year jail levy will be dedicated to the operation of Multnomah County's 514-bed Inverness Jail facility. This jail levy will also continue funding for the community restitution program and 80 secure alcohol and drug treatment beds for prisoners.**

#### **WITHOUT THE 514 BEDS FUNDED BY THIS LEVY.....ESTIMATED INMATE RELEASES WOULD BE AN ADDITIONAL 1000 PER MONTH**

Multnomah County currently operates 1,331 jail beds. These beds are used to house newly booked offenders as well as unsentenced and sentenced inmates. Nine out of ten Multnomah County inmates are being held on felony charges. This jail levy is dedicated to operating the 514 bed Inverness Jail, which is 40% of Multnomah County's jail space.

The levy also supports the community restitution program operated by the Inverness Jail which provides inmate labor for work on government and non-profit agency projects throughout the community. In 1992, more than 70,000 hours of such work was provided by inmates under this program.

#### **THE LEVY ALSO FUNDS DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT BEDS FOR PRISONERS**

The substance abuse intervention program targets high risk felony offenders with a history of chronic drug problems. It supports two 40-bed residential centers (one for men and one for women) that function as both treatment and alternative sanction programs.

#### **IF THE INVERNESS JAIL IS CLOSED, MULTNOMAH COUNTY CAN LOSE 40% OF ITS JAIL SPACE**

The existing three-year levy for jails expires June 30, 1993. Measure 26-2 will provide continued support to keep all the current County jail beds operating.

The renewal of the jail levy will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home, \$52.88 per year, **the same tax rate the owner is paying now.**

#### **THIS CONTINUING LEVY IS WITHIN THE \$10 CAP APPROVED BY THE VOTERS WITH MEASURE 5.**

Submitted by Gladys McCoy, Chair  
representing the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners

## **EXHIBIT B**

### **MEASURE 26-1**

#### **Explanatory Statement**

**Measure 26-1 will renew the existing library levy at the same tax rate you are now paying....40 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value on your home. Continuation of this library levy will help operate downtown Central Library, Gresham Regional Library and 13 branch libraries. More than 40 percent of current library operating costs are funded by this levy.**

#### **WHO THE LIBRARY SERVES**

The Multnomah County Library serves the people of Multnomah County by providing books and other materials to meet their informational, educational, cultural, and recreational needs.

The County Library system provides services every year to over 438,000 library card holders. That is over 70% of the people who live in Multnomah County. In excess of 6.1 million books and materials are circulated and used each year. Library staff annually responds to more than 770,000 requests for information.

#### **WHAT THE LIBRARY LEVY DOES**

Approval of the library levy will continue:

- Operating and staffing downtown Central Library , Gresham Regional Library and 13 branch libraries located throughout Multnomah County.
- Providing library service to children, adults and senior citizens with special needs.
- 24-hour-a-day access to DYNA, the library's computerized card catalog and community resource and events calendar data base.
- Providing ongoing programs like "toddler story hours" and special library events such as the popular "Lunch and Learn" program.
- Providing informational and reference materials for student assignments, as well as to the general public.
- Offering bookmobile service to retirement centers and child care centers; Old Town Reading Room services to Old Town residents; Books-by-mail and large print Books-by-Mail; van services to the homebound; programs for adults on a variety of subjects; and materials to five jails and the juvenile detention home.

**This renewal library levy will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home, \$40.00 per year, the same rate that the owner is paying now.**

**THIS CONTINUING LEVY IS WITHIN THE \$10 CAP APPROVED BY THE  
VOTERS WITH MEASURE 5**

Submitted by Gladys McCoy, Chair  
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## EXHIBIT C

### MEASURE 26-3

#### Explanatory Statement

Measure 26-3 will authorize Multnomah County to sell up to \$31 million in General Obligation Bonds to repair the historic downtown library and reconstruct the Midland Branch Library.

#### **THE HISTORIC CENTRAL LIBRARY DOWNTOWN HAS BEEN DECLARED A "DANGEROUS BUILDING" BY CITY INSPECTORS.**

Interior walls of the Central Library downtown are shifting and could collapse due to accumulated damage from small earthquakes and a lack of internal structural supports. Until repairs can be made, large amounts of scaffolding have been installed to protect those using the library in case of a collapse.

In addition to repairing interior walls, bonds will provide funds for a five-year program to renovate the historic building and upgrade many of its systems.

- The electrical system is currently operating at 110 percent of rated capacity, so many copiers, computers, lights, etc. cannot be added unless the electrical system is expanded.
- Access will be improved for disabled citizens.
- Direct public access to the library collection will improve dramatically as well (*Today, less than a third of the library's total collection is available to the public for browsing. Most books and materials must be pulled from stacks by library staff when requested. Renovation will open 70 percent of the library collection to direct public access.*)
- The children's library will be expanded.
- Asbestos will be removed.
- Fire and security systems will be upgraded.
- Humidity and temperature controls will be added not only for physical comfort but also to protect the collection.
- Architectural features of one of Portland's most important historic structures will be preserved, and the building's use as a public library will be improved.

Bond revenues also will allow the County to reconstruct and possibly buy land for the Midland Branch library, located on S.E. 122nd near Stark. The Midland Branch is one of the County's busiest and is severely overcrowded .

This General Obligation Bond measure would cost owners of a \$100,000 home about \$10.20 per year.

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representing the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners