

## **Exhibit B**

### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

**Multnomah County Library serves the community through the Central Library and these 18 branches:**

Albina Library	Kenton Library
Belmont Library	Midland Library
Capitol Hill Library	North Portland Library
Fairview/Columbia Library	Northwest Library
Gregory Heights Library	Rockwood Library
Gresham Library	Sellwood-Moreland Library
Hillsdale Library	St. Johns Library
Holgate Library	Troutdale Library
Hollywood Library	Woodstock Library

#### **Facts about the local libraries:**

- Each day over 35,000 people visit the 19 libraries, in-person and online.
- An average of 32.8 books are checked out every year for every man, woman, and child in the county.
- Library staff answers over 800,000 reference questions a year.
- 98,000 kids participated in the Library's Summer Reading program in 2011, including over half of the county's elementary school children.
- Library outreach programs to schools make 120,000 contacts with students and teachers during the school year.
- Nearly 300,000 people attend library programs and events for children and teens each year.
- The library provides 24/7 online access to information, learning resources and the library catalog.

#### **RESULT OF A 'YES' VOTE ON Measure 26-\_\_**

Measure \_\_\_\_\_ renews the library levy at the current rate: **That means it will not increase taxes currently being paid for libraries by Multnomah County residents.** The levy will provide the majority of funds for libraries including hours of service, programs and reading materials.

#### **Library Services Include:**

- Programs for young and school-aged children – story hours for babies and toddlers, homework help for students, summer reading and more;
- All branches and Central Library open at least six days a week;
- Assistance to senior citizens including computer classes and book delivery for those who are homebound;

- Programs and resources for jobseekers, small business owners, and English language learners;
- New books, magazines and other library materials.

## **RESULT OF A ‘NO’ VOTE**

The library receives over 60% of its funding from the current voter-approved levy. If the library levy is not renewed, library services – including those for senior citizens, youth and children - will be greatly reduced: Most libraries will close, others will be open fewer hours and fewer books will be purchased.

### **Cost**

The library levy continues the current property tax of \$.89 per \$1,000 assessed property value. It is not a tax increase. According to the County Department of Assessment and Taxation, the typical single family home would continue to pay about \$13.24 a month for this library levy.

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