

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-006**

Supporting Ballot Measure 30

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- a. Vital services for Oregonians are most important in times of a poor economy, and we have created a system of care upon which some Oregonians depend.
- b. Local governments are major providers of these services for the State of Oregon, including public safety, human services, and support for community development.
- c. Oregon's county governments are the Mental Health Authorities and Public Health Authorities for their communities as defined in Oregon statute and provide the entry points – through county jails – for the entire state's corrections systems.
- d. The Oregon Legislature has enacted a balanced budget proposal to address the state funding shortfall and provide resources for fundamental, basic, public services.
- e. Elements of the balanced budget proposal have been referred to the voters and will appear as Measure 30 on the February 3, 2004 ballot.
- f. The Oregon Legislature has adopted House Bill 5077, cutting appropriations, that will go into effect if Ballot Measure 30 fails. HB 5077 outlines additional cuts to vital state funded programs and may result in a corresponding loss of the ability to leverage federal funds.
- g. Failure of Ballot Measure 30 would result in a significant reduction of state school funding.
- h. It is assumed that the newly elected Oregon Legislature and Governor will follow through with implementation of HB 5077 or will implement a revised funding and service cut approach.
- i. Cuts resulting from failure of Ballot Measure 30 could leave Oregonians with inadequate systems to intervene in cases of substance abuse, mental illness and crime and eliminate many prevention and treatment services.
- j. Passage of Ballot Measure 30 will allow Multnomah County to provide local tax relief to Multnomah County taxpayers. Multnomah County taxpayers could see their local tax obligation reduced by approximately 22 percent over the life of the three-year, temporary, personal income tax.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:**

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners supports passage of Ballot Measure 30, the State's balanced budget proposal, in order to keep vital public services functioning, including public safety and human services, to support community development and to reduce the local tax burden for Multnomah County tax payers.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of January, 2004.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Diane M. Linn, Chair

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