

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Submitting to the  
Voters in a Countywide Election a Three  
Year Rate Based Serial Levy to Fund Jail  
Operations

RESOLUTION  
93-52

WHEREAS, the current three-year jail space and drug treatment  
levy expires June 30, 1993; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Multnomah County  
(the "Board" herein) considers adequate funding of the criminal  
justice system to be necessary and in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that existing and anticipated County  
revenues for the three fiscal years commencing July 1, 1993, will  
be insufficient to provide adequate public safety services through  
jail capacity and drug and alcohol treatment programs, particularly  
after anticipated reductions of tax revenues required by Measure 5;  
and

WHEREAS, the Board determines that in order to provide  
adequate funding for such services it is necessary to continue the  
County's tax levies for three fiscal years commencing July 1, 1993,  
1994, and 1995, in excess of the amounts within the tax base.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that

1. An election is hereby called to be held on May 18, 1993,  
at which the measure described in Exhibit "A" (Ballot Title) shall  
be submitted to the electors of Multnomah County.

2. Exhibit "A" (Ballot Title) is hereby adopted and made a

1 part of this Resolution. The Ballot Title shall be printed  
2 substantially in the form set forth herein.

3 3. The Levy will be outside the 6% limitation of Article XI,  
4 Section 11, Oregon Constitution.

5 4. The foregoing election and election date are certified to  
6 the Director of the Multnomah County Division of Elections.

7 5. The measure is certified to comply with ORS 310.180 to  
8 310.188; the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission having  
9 held a tax coordination hearing on January 27, 1993.

10 6. The Clerk of the Board shall forthwith deliver certified  
11 copies of this resolution to the Director of the division of  
12 Elections and the Tax Supervision and Conservation Commission for  
13 their action as provided by law.

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15 ADOPTED this 18th day of February, 1993.

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By Gladys McCoy  
Gladys McCoy, Chair  
Multnomah County, Oregon

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Exhibit A (Jail Levy)

BALLOT TITLE

CAPTION: THREE-YEAR SERIAL LEVY TO CONTINUE JAIL OPERATIONS

QUESTION: Shall Multnomah County operate Jails with three-year levy of \$0.5288 per \$1,000 assessed valuation, outside tax base, beginning 1993-94?

EXPLANATION: This Measure continues the existing three-year serial levy approved by voters in 1990, at exactly the same rate that is now levied. The county would continue to collect approximately 53 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, about \$34.37 per year on a home assessed at \$65,000.

Approval of the levy would allow the county to continue:

- Operating the 514 secure beds at Inverness jail;
- Operating 80 secure residential Drug and Alcohol Treatment beds for offenders.

If the county is not able to operate Inverness jail, which provides about 40 percent of the county's total jail beds, additional offenders will have to be released. Estimated releases would total nearly 1,000 offenders per month.

This continuing levy is within the \$10 tax rate limit in Ballot Measure 5.

This serial levy will provide revenue estimated NOT TO EXCEED \$14,443,421 in 1993-94, \$15,454,460 in 1994-95, and \$16,536,272 in 1995-96 dedicated to jail operation.

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate.

The levy is subject to the \$10 limit in Section 11b, Article XI, Oregon Constitution, (1990 Measure 5). This Measure would reduce property tax collections for some other units of local government due to the \$10 rate limitation of the Oregon Constitution.