

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 03-010

Supporting Ballot Measure 28

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

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- b. Local governments are major providers of these services for the State of Oregon, including services in 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- d. Oregon's poor economy and outdated tax system have resulted in sharp declines in revenue for all public services and inadequate resources for these same services after recent legislative action.
- e. The Oregon Legislature has already made drastic and across-the-board-cuts in state spending, totaling over \$500 million.
- f. The Oregon Legislature has identified \$310 million in additional cuts to state spending should Ballot Measure 28 not pass, plus a significant corresponding loss of the ability to leverage federal funds.
- g. It is assumed that the newly elected Oregon Legislature and Governor will follow through with the current resource allocations as outlined in Oregon Law, or similar reductions should Ballot Measure 28 not pass.
- h. Cuts resulting from failure of Ballot Measure 28 could leave Oregonians more vulnerable to communicable disease, and with inadequate systems to intervene in cases of substance abuse, mental illness, and crime.

- i. Cuts resulting from failure of Ballot Measure 28 could eliminate many prevention and treatment services resulting in less effective and more costly responses to disease, addictions, and mental illness through such inappropriate settings as hospital emergency rooms and jails.
- j. While passage of Ballot Measure 28 would increase the tax burden on Oregon families by approximately \$9.50 per month, this increase is necessary to provide Oregonians with critically needed services.
- k. Multnomah County Board of Commissioners supports the opinion that keeping vital services intact is essential in helping our economy recover.

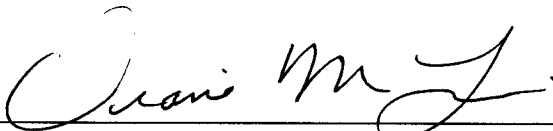
The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners does hereby support passage of Ballot Measure 28, a proposed temporary income tax surcharge, in order to keep vital public services functioning, including services in public safety, human services, and support for community development.

ADOPTED this 9th day of January, 2003.

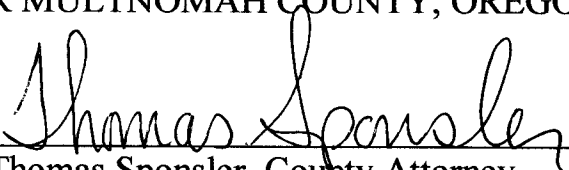


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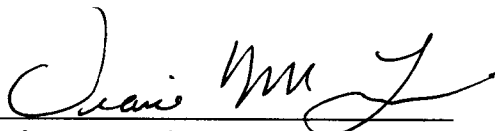
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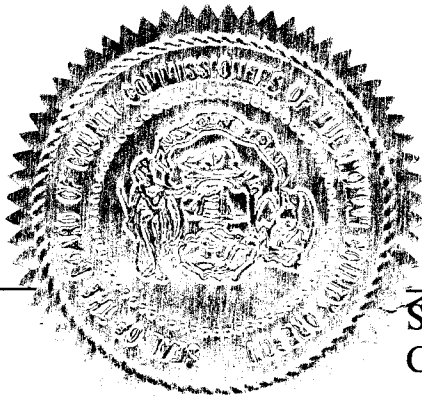
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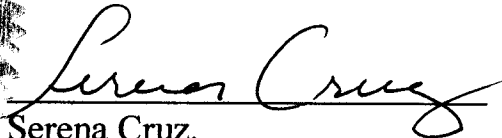
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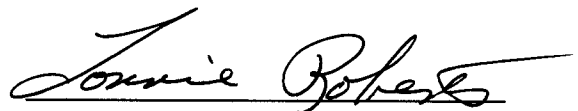

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