

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Declaring Multnomah County Board)	RESOLUTION
of Commissioners' Opposition to)	96-193
Ballot Measure No. 47)	

WHEREAS Ballot Measure No. 47, a property tax limitation measure appearing on the November 1996 general election, creates another layer of limitation within the property tax system of the State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS the property tax limitation measure will result in the loss of local control through the language of the measure that gives explicit authority to the State Legislature to determine the priorities for local spending between local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS if Ballot Measure No. 47 is passed, it will mean the loss of local control by giving the State Legislature authority to determine the priorities for local spending within agencies of a local jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS Ballot Measure No. 47, if passed and replacement revenue is not approved, will result in a reduction of at least 22% of property tax revenue for local jurisdictions, school districts, and community college districts; and

WHEREAS Ballot Measure No. 47 if approved, is estimated to result in a reduction of property tax revenue that ranges from a high of \$37.5 million to a low of \$31.6 million for Multnomah County; and

WHEREAS Ballot Measure No. 47, if approved, is estimated by the State Legislative Revenue Office to result in a reduction of \$18.3 million for Portland School District 1; \$1.1 million for Parkrose School District; \$1.9 million for Centennial School District; \$2.5 million for David Douglas School District; \$2.4 million for Multnomah Education Service District; and \$3.9 million for Portland Community College; and

WHEREAS the State of Oregon does not have to replace the revenues lost to education as it was required under Measure 5; and

WHEREAS provisions of the measure that cap property tax growth at 3% and limit the ability of local jurisdictions to increase fees will create future financial problems for local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners has determined that should Ballot Measure No. 47 be approved, the interests of Multnomah County citizens will not be well served because of the loss of local control

and the loss of revenue that supports basic services in such areas as public safety, corrections, senior services, human services and library services; and

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners find:

1. Ballot Measure, if approved, will cause substantial reductions in County property tax revenues previously authorized by its citizens that will result in reductions in basic services.
2. Ballot Measure No. 47, if approved, will transfer the authority to address local problems from Multnomah County to the State Legislature.
3. Ballot Measure No. 47, if approved, will adversely affect economic development activities by reducing the ability to deliver basic services and diminish the ability of public school systems to deliver quality education.
4. Ballot Measure No. 47, if approved, will adversely affect necessary public safety, corrections, senior services, human services and library services provided by Multnomah County; now therefore

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare its opposition to Ballot Measure No. 47 and urges all citizen to reject the measure at the November 5, 1996 election.

APPROVED this 31st day of October, 1996.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON


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