

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Multnomah County)	
Endorsement of Metropolitan Service)	RESOLUTION
District Resolution No. 92-1650)	92-127

WHEREAS, Multnomah County in its budget and planning processes has taken steps to provide local government services more efficiently and effectively; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County has initiated steps to streamline interjurisdictional cooperation and coordination for the provision of more responsive, cost efficient and improved local government services; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County continues to be supportive of efforts to regionalize services which are currently provided by the metropolitan area counties and cities; and

WHEREAS, Multnomah County endorses steps toward regional solutions to local government operation which advance the long-term goal of insuring adequate levels of service and funding for schools, human services, corrections, libraries and other essential government services;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that Multnomah County endorses Metropolitan Service District Resolution 92-1650 calling for a November, 1992 advisory vote allowing

metropolitan area voters an opportunity to express their views on the issues of local government restructuring and long-term regional services to citizens.

APPROVED this 16th day of July, 1992.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON


Gladys McCoy, Multnomah County Chair

REVIEWED:
LAURENCE KRESSEL, COUNTY COUNSEL
for Multnomah County, Oregon

By 



BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO)	RESOLUTION NO. 92-1650
THE VOTERS THE QUESTION OF)	
WHETHER LEGISLATION SHOULD BE)	Introduced by Rena Cusma,
ADOPTED TO AUTHORIZE THE VOTERS)	Executive Officer, and
TO ABOLISH MULTNOMAH, WASHING-)	Councilor Tanya Collier
TON AND CLACKAMAS COUNTIES, THE)	
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT,)	
AND TRI-MET, AND CREATE A SINGLE)	
CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT)	

WHEREAS, In November of 1990 the voters of the state of Oregon, including a majority vote in the counties of Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas, passed Ballot Measure 5 limiting property taxes; and

WHEREAS, Throughout 1991 and 1992, the Oregonian, Business Journal, and Gresham Outlook have all editorialized about the need for government consolidation; and

WHEREAS, Locally-elected commissioners from Washington and Multnomah counties and the City of Portland have written and spoken about government consolidation; and

WHEREAS, The voters of the region have expressed their discontent with the cost of government through passage of Ballot Measure 5; and

WHEREAS, Politicians, academics, and civic leaders have expressed their opinion on government organization innumerable times; and

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WHEREAS, There has been no opportunity to hear directly from the voters of the region on their preference for metropolitan government form; and

WHEREAS, Abolishing Metro, Tri-Met, Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas counties and their replacement by a single government entity will provide for at least a 10 percent reduction in total expenditures; and

WHEREAS, Abolishing Metro, Tri-Met, Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas counties and their replacement by a single government entity would provide one elected government comprised of no more than nine full-time elected councilors and a separately-elected full-time executive to replace the existing four elected bodies and one appointed governing body consisting of 29 elected and seven appointed officials and, thus, make the new government both more accessible and more accountable to the persons it serves; and

WHEREAS, An advisory vote on abolishing existing governments and creating a consolidated entity would give metropolitan voters the opportunity to express their views on the issues; and

WHEREAS, Pending a vote on this matter, the Council and Executive Officer should jointly prepare implementing legislation for inclusion in the District's recommended legislative agenda for the 1993 General Session of the Oregon Legislature; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Council of the Metropolitan Service District hereby submits to the qualified voters of the District the question set forth in the attached Exhibit A.
2. That the measure shall be placed on the ballot for the General election held on the 3rd day of November, 1992.

Exhibit A

Caption: "Should Metro, Tri-Met, and Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas Counties be Abolished"

Question: "Should Voters be Authorized to Abolish Metro, Tri-Met, Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas Counties, and Create New County with 10 Percent Less Expenditures?"

Summary Statement: "Directs elected officials of region to obtain legislation to directly authorize voters to abolish Metro, Tri-Met, Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas Counties and create single county government. Vote to be held before January 1, 1994. Total expenditures for new body must be 10 percent less than existing in first fiscal year. County to have broad governmental powers with no more than nine legislators elected from districts and a separately-elected executive. All governments to continue to exist until new full-time officers elected. Courts may remain separate."

3. That the District shall cause this Resolution and the Ballot Title attached as Exhibit A to be submitted to the Elections Officer and the Secretary of State in a timely manner as required by law.
4. That the Executive Officer, working with the Council Governmental Affairs Committee, shall immediately commence preparation of implementing legislation for review and approval of the full Council to be transmitted to the 1993 General Session of the Oregon Legislature.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District this _____
day of _____, 1992.

Jim Gardner, Presiding Officer

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