

## **Exhibit A**

### **BALLOT TITLE**

#### **Caption:**

Local library funding: continues local option levy at current rate

#### **Question:**

Shall county maintain open libraries, programs, services; renew levy of \$0.89 per \$1,000 assessed value for three years beginning 2012?

This measure renews current local option taxes.

#### **Summary:**

Multnomah County libraries serve every neighborhood across the county with 18 local branches and Central Library. Two thirds of library funding comes from a voter-approved levy. Renewal of the current levy will keep libraries open and maintain a majority of hours and services. If not renewed, most libraries will close, others will be open fewer hours, and library services will be greatly reduced.

Renewing the library levy will:

Continue programs such as: story hours for babies and toddlers, after-school homework help for school students; summer reading, programs for teens and more;

Help teachers and students use library resources; provide homework helpers to assist children with school work.

Update books and materials; maintain free access to information;

Continue book delivery to homebound senior citizens and retirement home residents.

Fund hours and services at Central and neighborhood libraries.

This levy does not raise property taxes. It continues the same rate of the previous library levy approved by voters. Estimated cost for the typical household will remain about \$13 per month for three years.

The levy raises approximately \$32.6 million in 2012-13; \$34.5 million in 2013-14; \$36.5 million in 2014-15. 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 estimate.