

RESOLUTION NO. 533

**A RESOLUTION DENOUNCING DISCRIMINATION AND DECLARING  
THE CANBY CITY COUNCIL'S OPPOSITION TO AMENDING THE CITY'S  
CHARTER BY INITIATIVE PETITION.**

**WHEREAS**, special interest groups have filed an initiative petition to amend the Canby City Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, said petition would put before Canby voters the following questions, "Shall City Charter be amended to prohibit minority status or other categorical provisions based on homosexuality?"; and

**WHEREAS**, the complete text of the proposed charter amendment contains eight (8) subsections and a total of approximately 375 words, which greatly expand upon the question proposed to be put before Canby's voters; and

**WHEREAS**, the OCA previously sponsored a statewide Constitutional amendment proposed to accomplish mostly the same objectives that was defeated by the voters of Oregon; and


**WHEREAS**, the proposal would place in Canby's Charter extraordinary language regarding the treatment of certain citizens, based on their sexual orientation, which has no relationship to any other provisions of the Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed language would prohibit certain activities and official action of the City that have never been contemplated or promoted by the city of Canby in the first place, therefore, rendering the proposed amendment superfluous and a waste of the public's time and energy; and

**WHEREAS**, if passed, the Charter amendment would place a distinction upon the Canby community that could be damaging to tourism, business recruitment efforts, and the community's reputation as one which places a high value on respect for all law-abiding individuals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Canby City Council that the citizens of Canby be encouraged to refrain from signing petitions or approving measures that 1) would promote discriminatory actions against any group of law-abiding citizens; 2) would impose upon our local government certain charter amendments which have not been carefully reviewed by a local appointed or elected body representative of community interest; and 3) would force upon the City of Canby requirements that have previously been rejected as amendments to the State Constitution.

**ADOPTED** by the Canby City Council at a regular meeting on this 7th day of April, 1993.

  
Scott Taylor  
Mayor

ATTEST:-

  
Marilyn K. Perkett  
City Recorder

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