

**RESOLUTION DECLARING LEAGUE OPPOSITION TO FOUR
TAX BALLOT MEASURES**

WHEREAS, The November, 1986 general election will place four tax measures before the voter, each of which adversely impacts the ability of local government to deliver essential services to the people and will seriously impair economic growth and development; and

WHEREAS, These measures are number 7, the state 5% sales tax; number 9, the 1 1/2% property tax limit; number 11, the homeowner's \$25,000 assessed value homesteaded exemption; and number 12, increased state income tax; and

WHEREAS, All these measures artificially, arbitrarily and inconsistently alter the property tax system without a comprehensive or coordinated consideration of their impacts on other parts of the system; and

WHEREAS, Measures 7 and 9 arbitrarily restrict the amount of taxes levied by cities without regard to the level of services desired and particular characteristics of the community; and

WHEREAS, Measure 7, the state 5% sales tax including a 1 1/2% property tax limit, would dedicate a larger share of state and local resources to local education districts yet restrict the ability of other local governments to fund basic services and economic development; and

WHEREAS, Measure 7 eliminates the right of local voters to adjust taxes to pay for services desired within their city; and

WHEREAS, Measure 9, the 1 1/2% property tax limit, will result in average reductions of 20% in property tax revenues in 1987-88 and 40% in 1988-89; and

WHEREAS, Measure 9 will produce drastic revenue reductions which guarantee that services will not be preserved and will continue to enlarge the funding gap between revenues and the services needed to accommodate growth and economic development; and

WHEREAS, Measure 9 artificially limits the growth of assessed value and effectively distorts market equity so that the potential revenue growth will fail to keep pace with the growth in the economy; and

WHEREAS, Measure 9 will put the Legislature in the role of deciding the tax rate among local taxing districts, with the likely result that disproportionate cuts will be made among local

districts; and

WHEREAS, Measure 11, the homestead exemption shifts the burden of the tax to non-homestead sources, with the result that it seriously damages the ability of the state to attract new business and industry; and

WHEREAS, Measure 12 increases average personal and corporate income tax rates and adversely impacts economic development;

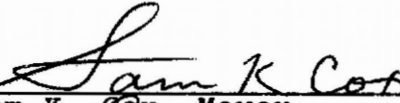
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the member cities of the League of Oregon Cities oppose the four tax ballot measures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the League oppose these and other tax restrictions which restrain the flexibility of local government to furnish adequate levels of services and programs or which substitute state decisions for local voter control; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all cities take steps to analyze the measures and share the facts on the impact of these measures with the citizens of the community.

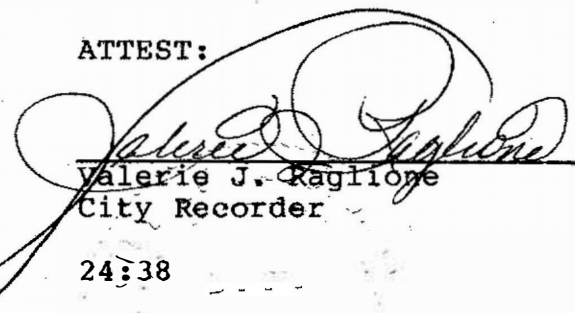
ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1986.

YEAS: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSTAINED: 0



Sam K. Cox, Mayor
Dated: October 29, 1986

ATTEST:



Valerie J. Raglione
City Recorder

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