

Thursday, March 28, 2019

To: Rep. Brian Clem, Rep. Susan McLain, Rep. Bill Post, Rep Shelly Boshart Davis, Rep. Ken Helm, Rep David Brock Smith, Rep. Anna Williams.

- Speaking against passing HB 3099 and for Honoring the Process to Keep our investments in NCPRD Whole and Fair

In 2006, when Happy Valley joined our North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District at no cost, they joined our carefully planned economies of scale and efficiencies, paid for by our already 15 years of District property taxes.

Since then, those of us outside of Happy Valley have substantially helped pay for, and maintain, facilities for Happy Valley residents.

A total of \$123 million in property taxes have been collected, with only

- \$12 million (10%) from Happy Valley; and
- \$21 million (17%) from Milwaukie – leaving
- \$90 million (73%) that was paid by the 80,000 unincorporated residents in NCPRD.

Whether or not the City Council likes it, Happy Valley residents are part of a bigger community and their actions directly impact the 122,000 residents throughout the District. That's why the existing ORS 198 withdrawal process potentially includes a vote of all District residents.

Why would it be appropriate for the Oregon State Legislature to change the ORS-198 rules to give Happy Valley this 'special' exception to opt out of the NCPRD, when there already is a process, with which Happy Valley already agreed to in order to become part of the District?

To date, Happy Valley has not submitted any petition to withdraw from NCPRD, as outlined in ORS 198.

To allow any portion of the district to leave under this new, proposed legislation is not only premature, it is unfair and economically disadvantageous for myself, my friends and family, and all the other remaining District residents. I have signatures supporting this position from local residents.

PLEASE honor the process and agreements by which this NCPRD was formed.

Thank you for listening.

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