

Thursday, May 14, 2019

To: Senate Committee On Business and General Government

Senator Chuck Riley, Senator Fred Girod, Senator Michael Dembrow, Senator Mark Hass, Senator Alan Olsen

- **Speaking against passing HB 3099** and for Honoring the Process to Keep our years of investments in NCPRD **Whole, and Fair**, and for the rights of other persons having an interest in the process.

MEASURE NO. 3-1 (1990)

PARKS: North Clackamas has few parks and is growing rapidly. This measure will **preserve open space for the future**. The district will build parks, walking trails, two indoor pools, bike paths, and playgrounds. It will also provide recreation programs, natural areas, softball and soccer fields. The district will maintain new and existing parks.

SENIOR SERVICES: The district will maintain and fund the Milwaukie Center. It will also offer more senior programs.

AREA: This district will serve unincorporated areas east of the Willamette River, north of the Clackamas River, west of the urban growth boundary, and south of the Multnomah County limit. **It includes the City of Milwaukie.**

Passage of this measure will preserve open space, stabilize senior programs, and expand recreation in North Clackamas

Clackamas County Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 9 - OPEN SPACE, PARKS, AND HISTORIC SITES, Last Amended 5/3/01

OPEN SPACE The **preservation of open space is a necessity if the quality of life, particularly in the northwest urban area, is to be maintained and enhanced.**

The following goals and policies supplement those found in the Land Use Chapter.

GOALS

- **Protect the open space resources of Clackamas County.**

The vast majority of the voters who voted for and pay/paid for NCPRD, **voted to preserve open space for the future in the face of anticipated rapid growth!**

In 1990, **Ballot Measure 3-1** passes to form North Clackamas Parks and Rec for our urbanized area east of the Willamette River. Happy Valley had less than 5,000 residents. The unincorporated area of North Clackamas was around 50k. Milwaukie was less than 20k & Happy Valley was less than 5k.

In 2006, when Happy Valley joined our North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District **at no cost**, they joined our planned *economies of scale and efficiencies*, paid for by our already 15 years of District property taxes –PAID MOSTLY by the 80k residents of the North Clackamas unincorporated urban area.

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 – which leaves
- \$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 urban community system and their actions directly impact the 122,000 residents throughout the District. That is why the existing ORS 198 withdrawal process potentially includes a vote of **ALL District residents.**

It is unfair to ALL affected stakeholders and future stakeholders for the Oregon 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 current 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 **all District residents.** I have nearly 100 signatures supporting this position from local NCPRD residents.

PLEASE honor the process, agreements, and **vote of the vast majority** of taxpayers by which this NCPRD was formed - Don't change the rules **after the fact.**

Let all District Stakeholders VOTE their own future. –

Thank you for listening.

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How is this an EMERGENCY Preservation of the public peace, health, and safety?