

RESOLUTION NO. 458

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING WASHINGTON COUNTY CITY-COUNTY
COOPERATION

WHEREAS, the current Washington County operating levy is expiring and essential county services are in jeopardy, and

WHEREAS, the support of all the cities in Washington County is essential to the continuation of the operating levy, and

WHEREAS, a means must be found to properly apportion the funding from such a levy between urban portions of the county and the cities in the county.

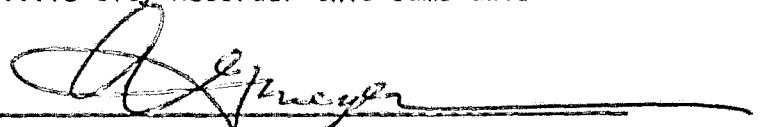
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Wilsonville:

Section 1. The City of Wilsonville does support the Washington County Serial Levy for essential county operations.

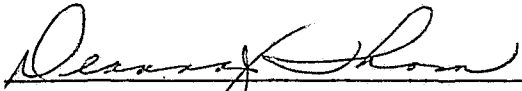
Section 2. The City of Wilsonville would desire to see a formula achieved to apportion the sums to be raised from such a operational levy to cities in Washington County as well as county urban places.

Section 3. The City agrees to inform its citizens as to the use of any funds which may be derived from such a shared operational levy.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Wilsonville at a regular meeting thereof this 19th day of February, 1985, and filed with the Wilsonville City Recorder this same date.


A. G. MEYER, Mayor

ATTEST:


Deanna J. Thom, City Recorder

CITY OF WILSONVILLE
MEMO

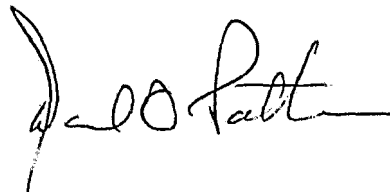
February 19, 1985

DATE

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Daniel O. Potter, City Administrator
SUBJECT: Washington County Operating Levy

Attached is a letter from John Cook, Mayor of Tigard, regarding city support of the Washington County Operating Serial Levy. I concur with Mayor Cook that support of an operating levy is important to assure passage of the levy. I am not sure I totally understand the methodology to assure cities some share of the levy. Further, I do not understand how the county could continue to function if a portion of the operating levy were to be shared with the cities.

I certainly believe we should support the operating levy, and indicate so by resolution.



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Attachments

January 29, 1985



Mayor Gregg Meyer
P.O. Box 220
30000 Town Center Loop E.
Wilsonville, OR 97070

Dear Mayor Meyer:

The Tigard City Council has asked me to contact each of the Mayors of Washington County regarding the upcoming County operating levy. Traditionally, cities have not commented on County measures, but the Tigard Council feels that recent events require that cities make their position known. We have passed the attached Resolution and offer it for your consideration.

We all need and want a strong Washington County capable of providing those essential County-wide services upon which each of our communities depend. The County's current tax base of \$4 million is woefully inadequate and the current \$9.9 million operating levy which makes up the needed difference expires this year. With the recent County tax base failures and without a new operating levy, major cuts will occur in programs important to all Washington County citizens, city and unincorporated alike.

The recently completed Portland State University Urban Services Study also documents the inequity and double-taxation of City residents that results whenever the County levies County-wide for services provided predominantly in urban unincorporated area. However, this situation is not necessary.

A City-County consensus on a County-wide levy with a share-back formula to the cities is a simple and equitable solution. The base of the levy for truly County-wide services can be used by the County for those programs. The balance of the levy then can be allocated proportionately from where it comes: funds from Aloha and other unincorporated urban areas can go to the Sheriff for neighborhood patrol and funds from each city can go back to each city, which in turn can use those revenue sharing funds to contract for Sheriff services from the County or apply to their own Police budgets.

The voters of Washington County have supported many such City-County cooperative agreements, and in fact have rejected most measures without some City-County consensus:

- o Unified Sewerage Agency;
- o Washington County Cooperative Library Service or levies
- o County Road Maintenance Levy; and also, the
- o Metropolitan Area Cable Commission.

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The County Commission is currently deliberating on several related levy measures. A work session is tentatively set for the week of February 5, 1985. The Tigard City Council feels it is essential that the County knows that cities are willing to help on county levies if we can correct for urban subsidy inequities by developing a share-back formula for County levies.

Yours truly,



John Cook
Mayor

(JC:BJ:bs/2409A)
CC: Wes Myllenbeck
Roy Rogers

CITY OF TIGARD, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 85- 05

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CITY-COUNTY COOPERATION AND CONTINUED REVENUE SHARING AGREEMENTS

WHEREAS, County-wide library and road levy programs with revenue share-back formulas for City shares have proven equitable and acceptable to the voters;

WHEREAS, the current County operating levy is expiring and essential services, especially Sheriff, are in jeopardy; and,

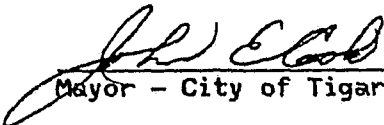
WHEREAS, City support is essential to passage of any new County-wide serial levy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Tigard City Council that:

Section 1. The City wishes to indicate its support of a County serial levy for essential operations providing that the City has an opportunity to comment on both the scope of the levy and the City share portion of the levy; and

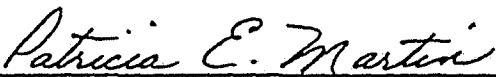
Section 2. The City agrees to inform its citizens as to its position on the fairness and equitability of the levy, and the use of City share funds from the levy.

PASSED: This 28 day of JANUARY, 1985.



Mayor - City of Tigard

ATTEST:



Deputy City Recorder - City of Tigard

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