

September 20, 2005 Special Election Voter Pamphlet

24-150: City of Mt. Angel

CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR VOTER APPROVAL OF ANNEXATIONS

QUESTION: Shall City of Mt. Angel Charter require voter approval for all non-mandated annexations to take effect?

SUMMARY: This measure would amend the Mt. Angel City Charter. It would add a requirement of City voter approval before annexations could take effect. Under state law the City Council may now approve annexations to the City. This measure would not apply to annexations required by state law such as those for public health reasons.

No arguments in favor of or opposed to this measure were filed.

24-151: North Santiam School District

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO CONSTRUCT CLASSROOM SPACE, UPGRADE SCHOOLS

QUESTION: Shall North Santiam School District 29J issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$38,300,000 to expand and improve its facilities?

If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: This measure may be passed only at an election with at least a 50 percent voter turnout.

If approved, this measure would:

- Acquire land and construct, equip and furnish one new elementary school in Stayton.
- Construct new classroom space at Sublimity, Stayton High and Mari-Linn schools.
- Construct and/or remodel media and cafeteria space at Stayton Elementary, Mari-Linn and Stayton High schools.
- Construct and remodel auditorium space at Stayton High School.
- Construct a new gym and cafeteria space at Sublimity School.
- Add restroom space to buildings throughout the District.
- Replace leaking roofs, outdated heating, ventilation, fire alarm, plumbing systems as well as gutters, down spouts and soffits; remove dry rot and make other health, safety, seismic, and asbestos improvements throughout the District.
- Remodel locker room space at Stayton High to address Title IX and the Americans with Disability Act.
- Pay all associated building and bond issuance costs.

Bonds will mature in 21 years or less from issuance date and may be issued in one or more series.

Explanatory Statement:

Proceeds from this bond measure would enable North Santiam Schools to:

- Keep pace with rapidly increasing enrollment,
- Help to maintain educational standards for the District's 2,421 students and
- Continue the community's investment in its schools.

Voter approval of the bond measure would permit North Santiam Schools to create additional classroom space:

- Build one new elementary school.
- Add additional classrooms and related educational space at Sublimity, Stayton, Mari-Linn Elementary schools and Stayton High School to keep pace with increasing enrollment and help to maintain educational standards for the District.
- Acquire land in Stayton for elementary school site.

Continue the community's investment in North Santiam schools

- Repair, renovate, expand the District's existing elementary, middle and high schools and other facilities. These

improvements would replace leaking roofs; upgrade security and fire alarm systems, electrical wiring, lighting, heating and ventilation systems and parking; make other health, safety and seismic improvements and meet Americans with Disability Act requirements.

- Replace or upgrade existing portable buildings and support facilities to provide permanent structures for the delivery of the District's educational programs.

Keep pace with growth

North Santiam School District is one of the fastest growing school districts in Marion County. Its growth rate equals more than one classroom each year. Build more classrooms to keep pace with this student enrollment growth.

This bond measure would build one new elementary school to house 450 students and create additional classroom space at Stayton Elementary and Stayton Middle School.

This bond measure would add classrooms and related education facility improvements at existing buildings. These improvements would include computer and science labs, library space, new multipurpose gym, new auditorium space and cafeteria space.

The principal amount of the bond issue would not exceed \$38,300,000. The term of the bond would not exceed 21 years from the date of issue and may be issued in more than one series.

The initial tax rate is estimated to not exceed 94 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value or \$94 per year for property with an assessed value of \$100,000. This will increase over the life of the bond to a projected tax rate of approximately \$2.67 per \$1,000 of assessed value or \$267 per year for property with an assessed value of \$100,000. While tax rates may vary depending on interest rates and the growth in the District's total assessed value, the District anticipates the tax rate will decrease over the life of the bonds from the projected tax rate of \$2.67 per \$1,000.

Submitted by, B.J. Hollensteiner, Superintendent

Argument in Favor:

Your **YES** vote will provide for **student safety** at Stayton High School, Sublimity and Mari-Linn Schools; alleviate **overcrowding** in Stayton schools; increase student access to **technology**; and **protect the community's investment** in the North Santiam School District: Mari-Linn, Stayton, and Sublimity.

SAFETY

The middle school building, cafeteria, and gym at Sublimity and parts of Mari-Linn school have been declared unsafe given seismic activity or earthquakes. A new wing at the present elementary building in Sublimity and a new wing at Mari-Linn will be added to remove students from unsafe structures. The entrance at Stayton High School must be redesigned to allow for proper supervision of visitors and guard against unwelcome intruders.

OVERCROWDING

An additional elementary school is needed in Stayton because all Fourth and Fifth grade students are now forced to attend Stayton Middle School due to lack of room at the existing school. Another school will allow these students to attend a K-5 neighborhood school (decreasing the enrollment at the middle school), and provide enough classroom space for 450 students in each building for projected needs through 2019 (25 students per classroom). Additional classrooms are necessary at the high school to accommodate the current enrollment and provide space for projected growth through 2023 (at 2% growth annually). A larger high school cafeteria, stage and auditorium for the performing arts are necessary, as are improved locker rooms for physical education and athletics.

TECHNOLOGY

Our elementary and middle school students must have access to adequate technology. Additional classroom space in the schools will be properly wired and prepared for computers and other learning technology.

COMMUNITY'S INVESTMENT

Necessary repairs will be made at all school buildings in the district to protect our citizens' investment, provide space for growth, and improve educational opportunities for all students in the North Santiam School District.

(This information provided by Tom Anderson, Citizens for North Santiam Schools)

No arguments opposed to this measure were filed.