

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR MARCH 10, 1998 SPECIAL ELECTION

The only districts holding an election for March 10th are the Gervais School District No.1 and the City of Gates.

When you get your ballot packet in the mail, after February 23, immediately examine it to make certain it is complete. It should contain the following items:

- A printed ballot on which you may vote your choices;
- A secrecy envelope with voting instructions printed on it;
- A pre-addressed return envelope in which to return your ballot.
XXBrown return envelope for the Gervais School District.
XXBuff return envelope for the City of Gates.

If any items are missing contact Marion County Elections, 588-5041 (1-800-655-5388 if out of the local calling area) and a replacement ballot will be sent to you.

VOTING YOUR BALLOT

Follow the instructions printed on your Secrecy Envelope. To vote YES or NO on a measure, simply complete the arrow next to the vote of your choice. If you make an error on your ballot, spoil it in any way or lose it, you may obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Elections Office at 588-5041 (1-800-655-5388 if out of the local calling area).

RETURNING YOUR VOTED BALLOT

Follow the instructions on the Secrecy Envelope. Fold your ballot along the pre-scored folds and insert it into the Secrecy Envelope. Seal the Secrecy Envelope and insert it into the brown/buff pre-addressed Return Envelope. Seal the Return Envelope and sign the statement on the back of the envelope. Your ballot will not be counted if your envelope is not signed.

Place one 32 cent stamp on the Return Envelope, and mail it so that it is received in the Marion County Elections Office by 8:00 p.m. on March 10, 1998. **IMPORTANT: YOUR VOTE WILL NOT BE COUNTED IF IT IS NOT RECEIVED IN THE ELECTIONS OFFICE OR DEPOSITED AT AN OFFICIAL DROP SITE BY 8:00 P.M. ON MARCH 10, 1998.** Election Office hours on March 10, 1998 are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

If you would rather vote in person you may bring your ballot to the Marion County Elections Office, 4263 Commercial St. S.E. #300, Salem, where a voting booth and ballot box are provided, or you may drop your ballot at any of the sites listed on the ballot or the Voter Pamphlet Insert.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT VOTING CALL THE ELECTIONS OFFICE AT 588-5041 (1-800-655-5388 if out of the local calling area).

(Hearing impaired voters may use our TTY/TDD line at 588-5610.)

MEASURE NO. 24-99: City of Gates

Referred to The Voters by Initiative Petition

Amends City of Gates Charter

QUESTION: Shall the City of Gates Charter be amended to prohibit the city from contracting with Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments?

SUMMARY: Amends the City of Gates Charter to prohibit the city from entering into agreements for services or from conducting business with the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments. Beginning with the 1998 fiscal budget year, the city would be prohibited from expending city funds to or for the benefit of the Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments.

No Explanatory Statement was filed for this Initiative.

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

MEASURE NO. 24-01: City of Gates

Referred to The Voters by Initiative Petition

Amends City of Gates Charter

QUESTION: Shall the City of Gates Charter be amended to require voter approval before seeking monetary grants from government agencies?

SUMMARY: Amends the City of Gates Charter to require the city council to submit any proposed grant request from the state or federal government to the electors of the city for approval. The amendment would require a majority of the electors to approve a grant proposal before such a request could be made of the state or federal government. The amendment would restrict submission of a grant proposal to the electors to only elections held at the same time as elections for city officers.

No Explanatory Statement was filed for this Initiative.

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

MEASURE NO. 24-02: GERVAIS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

Submitted to the Voters by the District Board

GERVAIS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AUTHORIZATION

QUESTION: Shall the Gervais School District be authorized to issue general obligation bonds, totaling \$9,800,000, to improve and expand existing 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, the measure provides funds to:

Renovate and remodel existing school buildings;

- (1) Fire, safety, and handicapped access requirements - all schools;
- (2) New roof - Gervais High School, replace section of roof at Gervais Elementary;
- (3) Improvements to the Science and Technology classrooms, Library, and PE Locker rooms - Gervais High;
- (4) Improvements to classrooms - Gervais Elementary;
- (5) Remove west wing - Gervais Elementary;
- (6) Replace heating - North Howell, Pioneer;
- (7) Other needed improvements - Brooks, Eldriedge, Gervais Elementary, Gervais High School, Pioneer, North Howell.

Add and furnish classrooms at Gervais High School to address enrollment increases;
Purchase land, construct, and furnish a new elementary school and associated costs to address enrollment increases;

Pay bond issuance costs.

The bonds will mature over a period not exceeding 20 years from the issuance date.

Explanatory Statement:

During the past four years, the Gervais School District analyzed the district's immediate and long range needs. Through the work of a 25 member community task force, public meetings and staff input, the following proposal was developed to upgrade existing schools, build a new school, and add classrooms to meet the district's building needs. This proposal will address crowding and needs caused by old buildings.

Last May, the district submitted a bond to the voters to meet the long range needs of the district (10-15 years). There was a clear message from voters that \$18 million was too much of a tax burden at the present time. After analyzing ways to meet the district's building needs in two phases, a plan was developed to meet immediate needs (3-4 years) with the proposed \$9.8 million bond and then submit another bond in the future when the district has a better picture of student enrollment growth and some of

the current bonded debt has been paid off.

The proposal answers the immediate demands of aging buildings, some over 60 years old, with bad - roofs, windows and siding. It also looks to the near future with a 300-400 student (30-40%) enrollment increase from new subdivisions (250 homes) currently being built in the district. Presently, eighty (80) homes are occupied and 125 or half of all the lots have been sold. The district saw an increase of 93 students from May 1997 to September 1997, a 9.3% increase since last May. This proposal meets the immediate needs of the district.

The bond addresses three areas:

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| Fire, safety and handicapped | Some work at all schools
Handicapped parking at Eldriedge and North Howell |
| Protect current investment | Replace the roof at Gervais High School and the front section at Gervais Elementary
Replace the heating systems at North Howell and Pioneer, extending the life of these buildings
Replace siding at Brooks and North Howell
Replace windows at Eldriedge and North Howell |
| Prepare for growth | Remodel and add on to the Gervais High School to increase capacity and improve academic programs
Purchase a site for a new elementary
Build a new elementary
New classrooms will increase student capacity from 1210 to approximately 1560 students |

The bond attempts to offer a common sense approach to current building needs. The proposal will upgrade existing buildings and provide attractive, safe and low maintenance buildings similar to Eldriedge and Gervais High; it attempts to offer a practical approach to meet student educational needs by providing safe classrooms and adequate space to reduce overcrowding. Every year that we put this work off, inflation raises the total cost.

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