

RESOLUTION NO. 1458

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING BALLOT MEASURE 53 AND URGING WILSONVILLE VOTERS TO VOTE "YES" IN THE MAY 19, 1998 PRIMARY ELECTION.

WHEREAS, in November 1996, Oregon voters approved Ballot Measure 47, which limited the growth of property taxes but which also contained a provision requiring that local money measures must be approved in a general election in an even numbered year or in any other election in which at least 50% of the registered voters of a taxing district cast a ballot; and

WHEREAS, in that same November 1996 election voters rejected, by an 88%-12% margin, Ballot Measure 46, which contained a similar "double majority" provision; and

WHEREAS, voters in the November 1996 election were clearly indicating that they wanted property tax relief but not the "double majority"; and

WHEREAS, in May 1997, voters approved Ballot Measure 50, which revised and replaced the property tax limitations of Measure 47 but which also contained the "double majority" provision of Measure 47; and

WHEREAS, the "double majority" requirement rewards those citizens who choose not to vote, essentially giving them the same power as concerned, informed, and motivated voters, thereby eroding the power of democracy; and

WHEREAS, in a democracy, issues should be decided by those who participate in the election, not by those who choose to not be involved; and

WHEREAS, the 1997 session of the Oregon Legislature referred to the voters in the May 19, 1998, primary election Ballot Measure 53, which would amend the Oregon Constitution by repealing the double majority requirement of Ballot Measure 50;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

The City Council of the City of Wilsonville endorses Ballot Measure 53 and urges all Wilsonville voters to vote "yes" on this measure in the May 19, 1998, primary election.

ADOPTED by the Wilsonville City Council at a regular meeting thereof this 20th day of April, 1998, and filed with the Wilsonville City Recorder this date.


CHARLOTTE LEHAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:


Sandra C. King, CMC, City Recorder

SUMMARY OF VOTES:

Mayor Lehan	Yes
Councilor Helser	Yes
Councilor Barton	Yes
Councilor Luper	Abstain
Councilor Kirk	Yes