

Notice of District Measure Election

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Name of District Metro, a municipal government pursuant to ORS 268

Notice is hereby given on _____, 2008, that a measure election will be held in

name of county or counties Multnomah, Washington & Clackamas County, Oregon on date of election November 4, 2008

The following shall be the ballot title of the measure to be submitted to the district's voters on this date: _____, 20____

CAPTION 10 words

Bonds to protect animal health and safety; conserve, recycle water.

QUESTION 20 words

Shall Zoo protect animal health and safety; conserve, recycle water; issue \$125 million in general obligation bonds; require independent audits? 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 175 words

Measure will:

- Provide more humane care for animals: update four outdated and undersized enclosures with larger, more natural and safer spaces.
- Protect animal health and safety: modernize Zoo's substandard 45 year old animal clinic determined deficient by the American Zoo Association.
- Increase access to conservation education: provide more space for summer camps, classes and hands-on learning for kids, adults, and families.
- Improve water quality: replace the Zoo's 1950's sewer system, reducing pollution by separating sewage from storm water, harvesting runoff for reuse.
- Conserve, reuse water: install water recycling filtration systems; replace leaking, worn-out plumbing, irrigation systems, saving 11,000,000 gallons of water annually.

Improvements will meet sustainability standards.

Accountability requirements include:

- Internal audits
- Annual independent financial audit published in newspaper
- Citizens' oversight committee to monitor spending and recommend project modifications if needed

Bond cost estimate less than 9 cents per \$1,000 assessed value per year. The average home owner in the region pays \$1.40 a month. Bonds mature in 21 years or less.

↓ **signature**

The following authorized district official hereby certifies the above ballot title is true and complete.

signature of authorized district official *not required to be notarized*

date signed *mm/dd/yy*

Michael J. Jordan, Metro Chief Operating Officer

printed name of authorized district official

title

Oregon Zoo Bond Measure
Ballot Title's Explanatory Statement - Prepared by the Metro Attorney

The Oregon Zoo is committed to the conservation of endangered species and their habitats—both locally and around the globe—while at the same time providing adults and children with one-of-a kind recreational experiences and hands-on-learning about wildlife and conservation.

It is the oldest zoo west of the Mississippi; during its 50-year history at the current location, key parts of the Zoo have become old, out-of-date and worn out.

The Zoo bond measure will update and replace old exhibits and facilities, increase access to conservation education, and replace utility systems to reduce water and energy use and lower operating costs.

More Humane Conditions for Elephants

Outdoor space will increase from 1.5 to 6 acres, adding watering holes, shade structures, large trees, and boulders, providing more outside exercise and offering a more natural environment.

Protecting the Health of Polar Bears

Provide cooler temperatures and more humane conditions by removing concrete and adding land and pool space.

More Humane Enclosures for Apes and Monkeys

A renovated exhibit will replace the current cage-like conditions with larger indoor and outdoor areas, adding running water and more natural conditions.

Dedicated Space for Conservation Education

Replace two 12 year old modular trailers, a former storage space, a basement and leased off-site space with new presentation, classes and camp space for the over 100,000 children and adults attending annually.

Condors

Provide an on-site Condor exhibit.

Protect Animal Health & Safety

Replace the substandard 45-year old animal hospital and quarantine buildings with facilities meeting modern standards.

Save Water, Reduce Water Pollution, Improve Water Quality

Since most of the zoo's pipes, plumbing and irrigation systems also date back to the 1950s and '60s, many are outdated, leaking and well past their useful lives. The most expensive utility cost at the 55-acre zoo is water, and leaking pipes, run-off, inadequate filtration systems, and lack of water storage all contribute to wasting water and increasing costs. Replacing the sewer system and separating sewage from storm water will reduce pollution, improve water quality and save costs. Adding modern water filtration and recycling systems to the hippo and penguin pools will save over 11,000,000 gallons of water every year.

Cost of the Bonds

The \$125 million general obligation bond measure will cost taxpayers less than 9 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value per year. For the average home owner, the cost will be \$1.40 per month, \$16.80 per year. The bonds will be repaid in no more than 21 years.

Public Accountability Plan

A citizen oversight committee will be established to periodically review progress on project improvements, monitor spending, and consider and recommend project modifications to account for inflationary increases in construction costs. Internal audits and an independent financial audit performed annually and published in the local newspaper will maintain public accountability.