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Oregon Vote-by-Mail Special Election | **November 3, 2015**

Measure **15-136** City of Gold Hill

Ballot Title

15-136

Public Safety Five Year Local Option Tax

Question: Shall Gold Hill impose \$2.64 per \$1000 assessed value for criminal justice and public safety for five years beginning 2016?

This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: Gold Hill has no full time police officers. The city currently contracts with Jackson County for a part-time Community Service Officer (CSO). The CSO is not a patrol officer and has limited authority. The proceeds of this local option tax would be used to fund a contract with Jackson County to provide the equivalent of one full-time Sheriff's Deputy to serve as the police officer in Gold Hill.

The revenue from this measure would be used exclusively for the purpose of funding a contract for police services for the city.

At \$2.64 per \$1000 of assessed valuation, for every \$100,000 of a property's assessed value, the annual tax would be \$264 per year, or approximately \$22.00 per month. On property with an assessed value of \$150,000 the annual tax would be \$396 per year, or approximately \$33.00 per month. The proposed rate will raise approximately \$162,196 in 2016; \$167,061 in 2017; \$172,073 in 2018; \$177,236 in 2019; and \$182,553 in 2020.

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY, based on the best information available at this time.

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The local option tax in this measure would extend for five years, beginning in 2016.

(This information furnished by Rick Hohnbaum, City Manager, City of Gold Hill.)

Explanatory Statement

The City of Gold Hill currently has no police department. The city has a contract with Jackson County that provides the city with a part-time Community Service Officer. The Community Service Officer has limited authority. For police emergency services, the city depends on the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, but the Sheriff's Office does not provide regular police patrol service inside the city limits. The revenue from this proposed measure would be dedicated to funding and administering a contract with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office to provide the equivalent of one full-time police officer whose time would be dedicated to regular police patrol services in the city.

The equivalent of a full-time police officer under contract would not provide 24-hour patrols, but the measure would provide police patrol and enforcement services that the city does not currently have. The contract deputy would enforce state law and local ordinances during his or her on-duty hours and would be available for call-out when needed.

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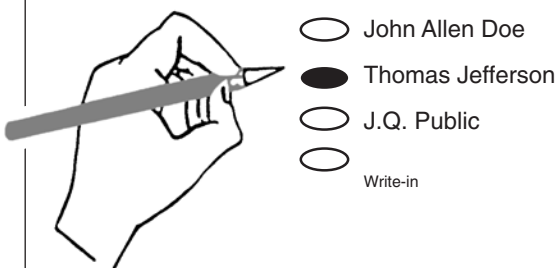
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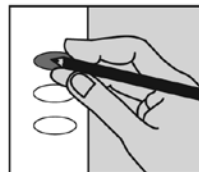
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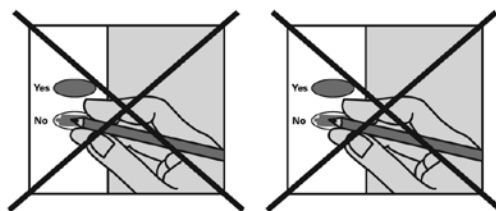
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Measure 15-137 Rogue River Fire District No. 1

Ballot Title

15-137

Renewal of Five-Year Local Option Tax for General Operations

Question: Shall the District impose \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for general operations for five years beginning 2016-2017? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: This measure would authorize the renewal of the expiring local option levy for general district operations at the current rate of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value on real property located within the Rogue River Fire District #1 (District) beginning FY 2016-17. Accordingly, it will not increase the total assessment rates currently imposed on property within the District. The District will use the tax revenue from this measure to continue to operate the District at its present level of service. Without this additional revenue, the District must cut services by an amount equal to 13% of the general fund budget. The proposed rate will raise approximately:

\$291,881 in 2016-17

\$300,637 in 2017-18

\$309,656 in 2018-19

\$318,946 in 2019-20

\$328,514 in 2020-21 for a total of \$1,549,634.

- The District is the sole provider of emergency ambulance care and transport for Jackson County Ambulance Service Area #1 and one of only two fire departments providing ambulance services in Jackson County.

(This information furnished by James H. Price, Fire Chief, Rogue River Fire District #1.)

Explanatory Statement

Rogue River Fire District #1 (District) provides firefighting, emergency medical care and ambulance transportation, rescue and fire prevention services. The District serves residents and businesses in the city and unincorporated areas of Rogue River, the unincorporated areas of Gold Hill and the unincorporated areas of Grants Pass encompassed in Jackson County.

If approved, this levy will renew the existing local option operations tax that expires in 2015-16. It will raise approximately \$1,549,634 of additional District revenue over a period of five years to continue District operations and services at their current levels. If the levy is approved, it will not increase the assessment rates currently imposed by the District. Failure of the levy will decrease the District's operating revenues by 13%, requiring a reduction in the staffing and services the District provides.

Facts:

- The District has had a local option operations levy in place, and renewed it every five years, since 2000.
- The revenue generated by the levy provides 13% of the District's operating revenue.
- Personnel costs account for 75% of our operating expenses.
- Without the revenue generated by this levy, the District will have to cut up to three firefighting/EMS positions.

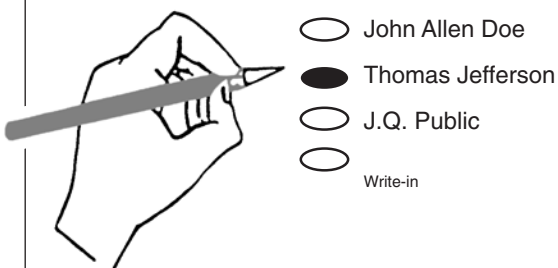
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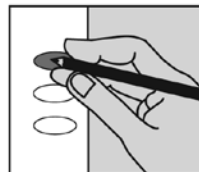
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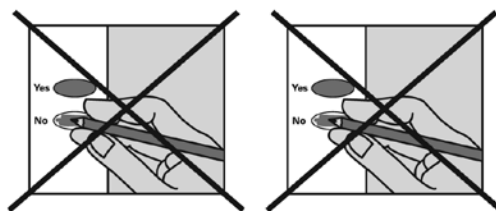
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Measure 15-138 City of Phoenix

Ballot Title

15-138

Enacting a new City Charter

Question: Charter Amendments Submitted to the Voters by the City Council. Shall the City of Phoenix adopt a new Charter?

Summary: This measure is submitted to the voters by Phoenix City Council to enact a new charter. The purpose of the measure is to condense various revisions to the existing charter by enacting a new charter. The new charter revises various provisions that have become obsolete and/or are no longer needed, adjusts council voting requirements when needed for quorum purposes, and incorporates state and federal law into an oath to faithfully support the laws of the City of Phoenix.

Explanatory Statement

This measure, if adopted, would adopt a new Charter for Phoenix. The charter is the governing document providing for how a city government functions—it is basically like a constitution. The City's current charter was adopted by the voters in 2009. Some of the provisions and some of the language in the charter are outdated and/or obsolete. The City Council established a committee to review those provisions and directed recommended draft revisions to be made to the charter, with input from the review committee, staff, and the public. Based on the number of changes and revisions recommended, it was determined to be more cost effective and efficient to consolidate the revisions and updates into a single new charter. The City Council approved the proposed new charter to be referred to the voters.

The proposed new charter would keep many of the same basic provisions as the existing charter. Changes include the following:

- Revises various provisions and sections that have become obsolete.
- Revises council voting requirements to allow a vote by the Mayor when needed for quorum purposes due to an absence.
- Ensures elected officials' compliance with federal, state and local law by requiring an oath to faithfully support the laws of the City of Phoenix when an officer assumes public office.
- Clarifies the process for legislative, administrative and quasi-judicial actions.
- Revises the outdated employee and official designations to reflect their current titles and inserts gender neutral language.
- Clarifies the role of the City Manager to eliminate ambiguity.

In sum, the proposed new charter uses simplified language with the intention of making the Charter more understandable and city management more efficient. If approved, the new Charter would take effect thirty days after approval.

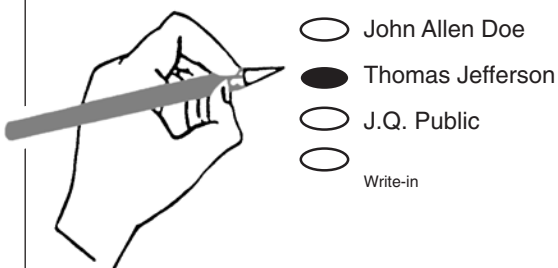
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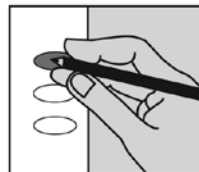
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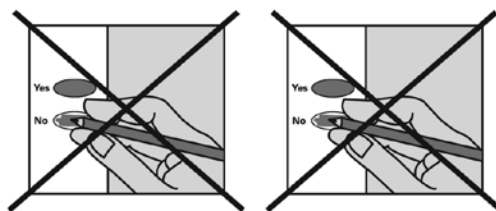
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