

RESOLUTION NO. 1901

A RESOLUTION URGING THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE TO APPROVE BALLOT MEASURE 3-152, A FIVE-YEAR CLACKAMAS COUNTY LIBRARY OPERATING LEVY OF 29 CENTS PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE:

WHEREAS, in 1990 the cities of Canby, Estacada, Gladstone, Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, Molalla, Oregon City, Sandy, West Linn, Wilsonville and Clackamas County agreed to continue to cooperate in an innovative county-wide library network and established the Library Network Intergovernmental Board; and

WHEREAS, use of library facilities and services in Clackamas County has more than doubled since 1994; and

WHEREAS, THE WILSONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY receives 63% of its funding from the Clackamas County cooperative library network; and

WHEREAS, effective Fiscal Year 2005-06, Clackamas County will continue to contribute only the base amount of the 1994 library levy (approximately \$6.3 million) for countywide services, thereby reducing funds available to local libraries by 20% or at the 1997-98 funding level; and

WHEREAS, since 1997-98 checkouts at the Wilsonville Public Library have increased 155%, reference questions have increased 270% and the library building itself has quadrupled in size with no increase in staffing levels; and

WHEREAS, supplemental funding may be required if the Wilsonville Public Library and others in the county library network are to continue to maintain desirable levels of service; and

WHEREAS, a recent intergovernmental study has shown that local jurisdictions are spending all they can on library operations, and the time is right to restore a stable and dedicated operating funding source for libraries to serve a growing population and ever-increasing library use.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF WILSONVILLE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:


1. That the City Council of the City of Wilsonville supports the proposed Clackamas County Library Levy in the November 2, 2004 general election and urges the voters of Wilsonville to pass Ballot Measure 3-152 to help restore library budgets and allow the Wilsonville Public Library to keep pace with increasing demands.
2. This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the Wilsonville City Council at a regular meeting thereof this 20th day of September, 2004 and filed with the Wilsonville City Recorder this date.



ALAN KIRK, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:


Starla J. Schur, CMC, Deputy City Recorder

SUMMARY OF VOTES:

Mayor Lehan	Excused
Councilor President Kirk	Yes
Councilor Scott-Tabb	Yes
Councilor Knapp	Yes
Councilor Holt	Yes