

**CITY OF NEWBERG  
MEASURE 36-149 ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT**

Oregon Constitution "Section 1. Natural rights ... all power is inherent in the people, and all free governments are founded on their authority, ... they have at all times a right to alter, ... the government...".

Vote YES on Measure 36-149! It gives us the OPTION TO VOTE on any tax, fee or charge passed by the city council.

Improve your government and your life. Take back the power to set spending at an affordable level and to influence spending priorities. It's YOUR money!

Measure 36-149 does NOT inhibit our elected officials from establishing new taxes or fees but it does prevent their taking our money without our consent.

Measure 36-149 does NOT automatically send a council revenue act to the ballot. At least five registered Newberg voters MUST submit a written request to refer a revenue act to the ballot.

Measure 36-149 does allow taxpayers to refer to the ballot revenue acts passed since January 1, 2009. In September 2009, your elected officials rejected the petition and delayed this measure. But we won in court!

The Newberg annual budget is already \$70 million but they want more and will just take it! But if the city provides adequate justification for new taxes, probably none would object.

For example, at the Aug.1 council work session, the city manager proposed new revenue from a GAS tax or a transportation impact fee assessed against your house or business and placed on the water bill.

Many of us are out of work, face foreclosure or eviction, and can't afford new fees. Yet without Measure 36-149, we cannot stop these fees since NO number of taxpayers can refer a tax to the ballot when the tax is renamed a "fee".

Without Measure 36-149 we are helpless to enforce our authority under the Oregon Constitution. **Take back control of your hard-earned money.**

Vote YES on Measure 36-149  
**It's "The Taxpayer's Choice"**

Information furnished by Hank Grum, Taxpayer of City of Newberg,  
Yes on Measure 36-149

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**SUPPORT A STRONG LOCAL COMMUNITY  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE urges you to vote NO  
on MEASURE 36-149**

The Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce has worked continuously to improve the local business community, and the community at-large, by partnering with city government in goals of economic development. By creating jobs and a strong infrastructure, the city has remaining on a path of steady and healthy growth.

But this vital partnership could be jeopardized by Measure 36-149. **Money wasted on special elections and lawsuits will drain taxpayer funds away from important community projects.**

Furthermore, there is already a system in place that allows community participation without compromising the stability and efficiency of our government: 10% of the city can challenge any legislation and the issue will go to a special election.

Only 5 electors out of more than 10,000 registered voters can force an election to approve over the smallest of fee, charge or tax increase with each election can cost taxpayers \$10,000 or more dollars.

The Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce is made up of over 400 local businesses. We urge you to ensure a strong environment for businesses to grow and for our community to prosper.

**VOTE NO ON MEASURE 36-149**  
**Chehalem Valley Chamber of Commerce:**

Allen Holstein, Argyle Winery  
John Bridges, Brown, Tarlow, Bridges, Palmer and Stone PC  
Evangeline Pattison  
Terry Emery, Want & Emery CPA's  
Teri Council, A-dec Inc.  
Lynn Weygandt  
Jeff Lane, Newberg Steel  
Michael Sherwood  
Andrew Becker

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**DON'T HURT ECONOMIC GROWTH IN  
OUR COMMUNITY**

**Local Businesses urge you to VOTE NO  
on Measure 36-149**

Newberg's revitalized downtown has drawn new businesses to the area and allowed for established businesses to grow. The advances we have made in community infrastructure can be attributed to the well-functioning dynamic between the City of Newberg and our engaged citizens.

Measure 36-149 will change Newberg's charter to allow an unelected minority of just five people to obstruct our City government and undermine a voter-approved process that has been successful for decades.

As business owners and managers we obviously do not want to increase our tax burden, however: allowing challenges to municipal legislation passed and implemented since January 1, 2009 could disrupt many current projects and unnecessarily delay critically important improvements to the City's infrastructure.

Measure 36-149 will hurt development of countless businesses throughout Newberg and slow job creation.

Vote to keep Newberg a business friendly community!

**VOTE NO ON MEASURE 36-149**

Larry Moore, The UPS Store  
James A. Hirte, Colamette Construction  
Truman A. Stone, Attorney  
Stephen C. Palmer, Attorney  
Jose Marin, Today's Vision Clinic LLC  
Sally L. Dallas, Masterpiece Framing & Newberg Gallery Online  
James M. Snell, Realtor, Prudential NW Properties

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**Newberg City Library Supporters urge you to VOTE NO  
on MEASURE 36-149.**

Hundreds of people access our local library every day to get their questions answered, find books to read and to learn. But the library is not just a place to check out books.

- Children are encouraged to read and write
- Local private schools and homeschooling families depend on the library to support their teaching
- Citizens use the computers to search for jobs, file their taxes, make airline reservations and communicate with friends and family
- Homebound senior citizens receive books delivered by volunteers
- Community members access the library's web site to search their family history, study for the GED, figure out how to repair Mom's 1985 Honda and more

**If Measure 36-149 passes, it would lead to thousands of dollars wasted on special elections and lawsuits.** Passage would jeopardize funding for library programs and services many families and residents depend on.

Our library already operates on the fewest hours in the state for libraries of our size – 37 hours a week compared to 55 hours a week. Funds that maintain our book collections, programs and hours of operation would be jeopardized if the city is forced to redirect revenue to pay for special elections and lawsuits.

Our library is a vital community resource. Please join us in voting **NO ON MEASURE 36-149.**

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| Stanley D. Kern, MD  | Katherine Tri        |
| Glenn Nickolas Tri   | Roger Beed           |
| Elizabeth Beed       | Michael Launder      |
| Andrew Launder       | Robert Launder       |
| Geoff Godfrey        | Marilyn Godfrey      |
| Lesley Woodruff      | Anne Marie Bracco    |
| Sharon Kae Bowman    | Shannon E. Peters    |
| Mike Espana-McGeelon | Leah Rupp            |
| Bryan Rupp           | Joshua W.D. Smith    |
| Geary Linhart        | Kathleen Marie Jones |
| David B. Jones       | Bruce J. Schuchardt  |
| Peter Matteson       | Jennifer Matteson    |
| Janet I. Andrew      | Robert E. Andrew     |
| Dawn Roney           | Robert P. McCombs    |
| Sandra Schmidt       | Roger W. Stichman    |
| Pat Landis           | Patricia R. Peyton   |

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**PRESERVE NEWBERGS'  
REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY**

**Newberg's previous Mayors request you to  
'NO' vote on MEASURE 36-149**

For a representative democracy to work, those individuals selected by the community must be able to be held accountable for their actions which affect the general community.

In the City of Newberg, Mayor, Council Members, all citizen boards and committees, serve only on behalf of the City. Thousands of hours are contributed annually without any remuneration from the City. The decisions and actions made by these individuals while working for the City are always open to public scrutiny. They are fully accountable and their tenure is subject to the majority vote of Newberg's citizens.

We support careful and cautious review and public critique of any proposed increase of a City tax or fee. We cannot support Measure 36-149 because:

- It enables a tiny, unelected minority (0.02%) to have the same influence as City Council
- It would lead to thousands of dollars wasted on special elections and lawsuits
- There is already a working system: Tax increases can be challenged by a petition of 10% of the city, AND
- A 7-person Citizen Rate Review Committee reviews all increases in fees and makes public recommendations to the City Council.
- The current system provides a system of balanced government and individual participation -- Measure 36-149 would be costly and disruptive.

Please protect Newberg's Representative Democracy, join us in voting no on Measure 36-149.

Elvern Hall  
Donna Proctor  
Charles Cox  
Bob Stewart

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Newberg's Future

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**KEEP A SYSTEM THAT WORKS**

**The Chehalem Park and Recreation District Board of Directors  
urges you to VOTE NO on MEASURE 36-149.**

The Chehalem Park and Recreation District Board of Directors values its commitment to provide beautiful parks, natural resources and educational opportunities for the citizens of the City of Newberg. **Measure 36-149 could jeopardize important community development projects** that have already undergone a fair and thorough citizen review process.

We have a system of governance that takes everyone's voice into account. It is a well-functioning process through which citizen concerns are heard – concerns that represent a breadth of citizens, **not just those with the loudest voices.**

We have been successful in building the future of our community together. **Don't give a few power over the majority.**

Vote for common sense. Keep a system of community-based governance that works.

**Measure 36-149 is a bad idea!**

**VOTE NO ON MEASURE 36-149**

The Chehalem Park and Recreation District Board of Directors

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**YOUR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ALL AGREE:  
VOTE NO ON 36-149!**

**MEASURE 36-149 disrupts Newberg's  
current citizen review process**

As your elected city representatives we welcome and encourage citizen involvement. Because of this belief, Newberg has set up a process to review proposed tax and fee increases.

Any proposed increase is reviewed publically and evaluated by a seven-member Citizen Rate Review Committee and public recommendations are given to the City Council for further review and deliberation.

If citizens of Newberg are not happy with the decisions of the 7 member citizen review panel and the vote of the 7 members of the City Council, then, as provided in Oregon law, 10% of the city can challenge any legislation and that issue will go to a special election.

**Newberg's current process works.** Newberg's City Charter (Newberg's Constitution), was passed by 7 out of 10 voters.

This measure would undermine a citizen driven process that is open to the public and is fiscally responsible.

36-149 would allow as few as five people to prompt a special election. Special elections are expensive. It can **cost tax payers \$10,000** - - just to print, mail, and count the ballots.

Additionally, there are **other costs** as well: litigation to resolve conflicts in the initiative with state law and the possibility of damage to the city's credit rating resulting in higher interest rates on city projects.

It is our fear that if 36-149 were to pass, **money would be wasted on special elections and lawsuits** rather than going towards necessary infrastructure projects.

In the city of Sheridan, where they passed a similar measure, it has **cost them \$30,000 just in lawsuits alone.**

Vote **NO** to protect our citizen review panel and to prevent money from being wasted on special elections and lawsuits.

**VOTE NO ON MEASURE 36-149**

Sincerely,

**Mayor Bob Andrews, Councilor Denise Bacon, Councilor Ryan Howard, Councilor Stephen McKinney, Councilor Bart Rierson, Councilor Marc Shelton, Councilor Wade Witherspoon**

*Information furnished by Bob Andrews, Mayor of Newberg  
Bob Andrews for Mayor*

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**VOTE TO PROTECT OUR POLICE**

**The Newberg-Dundee Public Safety Association urges you to  
VOTE NO on MEASURE 36-149**

Besides being well below the state's average, Newberg's **crime rate has been steadily declining** in recent years due in part to the widespread community support for both volunteer and hired police officers in the City.

Measure 36-149 would cut critical funding from police programs that keep you safe in order to **pay for tens of thousands of dollars in unnecessary special elections and lawsuits** over non-controversial legislation.

In order for us to do our job well, we need boots on the ground, gas for our patrol cars, and equipment for our volunteer officers who dedicate their time to protect you and your family. **Measure 36-149 would allow for any five people to hinder us from keeping up our efforts to lower our community's crime rate.**

**It is our pleasure to serve and protect you and we hope that you will protect us by voting against Measure 36-149.**

**VOTE NO ON MEASURE 36-149**

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Newberg's Future*

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**PROTECT WHAT WE CHERISH IN OUR TOWN**

**Concerned Citizen urges you to VOTE NO  
on MEASURE 36-149**

Newberg is a place where families, individuals, and retired people proudly call home because of our many success and community achievements.

- Our historic downtown truly embodies the values of small town America
- We are admired for our ability to retain the close-knit and down to earth qualities of our community while keeping up with the fast paced development that keeps our economy healthy
- Our local students are widely recognized for their achievements in academics, music, athletics, and the vocational areas
- We are home to George Fox University, drawing students from many states who are eager to be a part of one of the nation's top Christian universities
- We have the community spirit and know how to work together to build our future

**Measure 36-149 will jeopardize many of the great things that we cherish in our community.**

Your opinion matters. That is why many opportunities for you and your neighbors to publicly voice your concerns to your city leaders. **These community advisory opportunities have been proven successful and save us from having to spend thousands of dollars** to fund special election campaigns and lawsuits over issues that we can all work out together.

**PLEASE JOIN ME IN VOTING NO ON  
MEASURE 36-149**

*Information furnished by Robin Baker, President, George Fox University  
Newberg's Future*

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**Measure 36-149 doesn't add up.**

Consider the facts:

- \$200,000 - the amount the City has already had to reduce its budget to maintain services this year.
- \$29,000 - the amount of taxpayer funds the City of Newberg has already spent in legal costs to validate this measure for election
- \$10,000 - the approximate cost for the City of Newberg to hold a special election
- Seven - the number of citizens already serving on the Rate Review Committee to evaluate all proposed fee increases and make recommendations to the City Council before decisions are made
- Five - the number of people required to force special city elections if this measure passes

You do the math.

Please join us in voting NO on Measure 36-149. It just doesn't add up.

Newberg educators opposed to wasting money on special elections and lawsuits.

Donald Johnston  
Diane Williams  
Larry Hampton  
Lesley Carsley  
Ken Carsley  
Jillian Risher  
Bill Rogers  
Marilyn Jackson  
Terry McElligott

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**VOTE TO PROTECT OUR FIRE FIGHTERS**

**The Fire Fighters of Newberg urge you to VOTE NO  
on MEASURE 36-149**

The Newberg Fire Department is **committed to providing the best Fire and EMS service possible** to the citizens of Newberg, as evidenced by our ability to exceed Yamhill County Fire and Emergency Medical Standards year after year.

**Measure 36-149 could jeopardize our public safety funding and compromise our ability to provide the same exceptional level of service** by instead funding expensive and unnecessary special elections and lawsuits. More money spent on special elections and lawsuits means less money for fire trucks, self contained breathing apparatus, and other safety equipment to keep us safe while we keep you safe.

Not only are future Fire Department budgets vulnerable to the potential disruptions that could be caused by Measure 36-149, but **necessary resources that have been approved since January 1, 2009 are also at risk.** Now more than ever we need to ensure that the men and women fighting fires and saving lives in our community are provided with the proper supplies and safety equipment that they need to keep you safe.

Measure 36-149 is a bad idea that puts our City's fire fighters at risk.

**Vote to protect the men and women saving lives in Newberg each day.**

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**SENIOR CITIZENS RESPONSE TO BALLOT MEASURE 36-149  
(The Tax and Fee Responsibility Amendment))**

The citizens of Newberg need to look closely at Measure 36-149 because it will change Newberg and how we conduct business as a city. This measure can require us to hold special elections on every little increase in taxes, fees and other charges, even the ordinary things most people never even think about.

Currently, in addition to electing our city officials to review needed changes, we have a, **Citizen Rate Review Committee**, selected from Newberg residents, to review any proposed city fees and make recommendations to the city council. The public always has input in these reviews and the recommendations are on the public record so elected official can be held responsible.

Today, If 10% of Newberg citizens are concerned over a measure passed by the city council, they can petition the city to hold a special election. If 10% don't support the petition, it probably would not pass anyway.

**Passage of Measure 36-146 will allow any 5 people in the city of Newberg to force an election, and the entire community will will have to pay for the cost.**

Special elections are important but they should be reserved for important issues that concern the overall community. We can't afford an election for every minor fee adjustment. **These elections will cost us thousands of dollars and need to be reserved for major decisions.**

**"If it's not broke, don't fix it,"** are words people live by, and now is a good time to remember them.

Chuck & Darlene Zickefoose  
Gene & Betty Comfort  
Hawkin Au  
Bill & Myrlene Rourke  
Sam & Dorothy Farmer

*Sam & Dorothy Farmer  
Information furnished by Sam Farmer, Newberg's Future*

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