

BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE
METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING)
OPPOSITION TO BALLOT MEASURE TWO)
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RESOLUTION NO. 84-504
Introduced by
Presiding Officer Kirkpatrick
Deputy Presiding Officer Bonner

WHEREAS, A property tax limitation measure has been placed on the
November 1984 ballot as Measure Two: Constitutional Real Property Tax Limit; and

WHEREAS, said measure calls for a reduction in property taxes to \$15 per
\$1000 of assessed value on any piece of real property; and

WHEREAS, the Multnomah County Tax Supervising & Conservation Commission
estimates a 40% loss of approved property tax revenue for the Washington Park
Zoo for the first year if Ballot Measure Two passes; and

WHEREAS, Legislative Revenue estimates do not include service districts
in the statewide formula so approval of Ballot Measure Two could cause a loss
of \$5 million of approved property tax revenue to the Washington Park Zoo in
FY 1986-87; and

WHEREAS, the loss of property tax revenue will severely restrict planned
capital projects at the Washington Park Zoo and could lead to severe operating
reductions; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Measure Two places unreasonable restrictions of voter
approval of future tax measures; and

WHEREAS, Ballot Measure Two passage would make it difficult for local
governments to support the regional cooperative transportation planning program
and data services program through the payment of local dues because of the
severe losses of local revenue; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

1. That the Metropolitan Service District Council finds that Ballot
Measure Two will be harmful to the orderly and effective provision of local
and regional services.

2. That the Metropolitan Service District Council opposes passage of
Ballot Measure Two.

3. That the Metropolitan Service District Councilors shall assist the
Oregon Committee in informing Oregon taxpayers of the numerous and actual
impacts this measure will have on regional services.

4. However, the Metropolitan Service District Council recognizes a need
for property tax reform and encourages further efforts to spread the tax burden
equitably.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District this
11th day of October. 1984.



Presiding Officer