

# GLADSTONE



July 8, 1992

Metropolitan Service District  
Governmental Affairs Committee  
2000 S. W. First Avenue  
Portland, OR 97201-5398

RE: Metropolitan Service District Resolution No. 92-1650

The Gladstone City Council has carefully evaluated Resolution No. 92-1650 introduced by Rena Cusma, Executive Officer, and Councilor Tanya Collier of the Metropolitan Service District. As you know, the resolution calls for "submitting to the voters the question of whether legislation should be adopted to authorize the voters to abolish Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas Counties, the Metropolitan Service District, and Tri-Met, and create a single consolidated government."

Please note that the city of Gladstone's efficiency depends in part on providing services through extensive intergovernmental cooperation with Clackamas County. Consolidation of county government could significantly affect the city's ability to efficiently deliver services.

Only in response to our request did the city of Gladstone receive a copy of the resolution and a report nine days prior to this matter being considered by the Governmental Affairs Committee on July 16, 1992. Evidently this proposal was intended not to be widely distributed and subject to comment prior to its consideration by the Metro Council.

The resolution and brief report attempts to justify the proposal based generally on unsubstantiated comments regarding government consolidation. This proposal does not reflect substantive, objective and professional analysis. Such analysis may conclude that the public could benefit from consolidated government. However, the analysis could easily conclude that "bigger is not better" since smaller governmental units are closer to their constituents and therefore more capable of resolving discontent expressed through voter approval of Ballot Measure 5.

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