

**RESOLUTION NO. 756**

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE MARCH 27, 1990, TAX LEVY  
FOR CLACKAMAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

WHEREAS, on March 27, 1990, the Clackamas Community College will submit a request to voters for an operating tax levy at the rate of \$1.42 per \$1000 of assessed value; and

WHEREAS, the tax rate for operating the college has been \$1.32 since 1988; and

WHEREAS, the increase will enable Clackamas Community College to continue to operate and maintain the college for the next three years; and

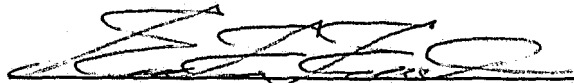
WHEREAS, Clackamas Community College has held annual budget growth to less than 2% despite substantial enrollment increases and managed 30% more students with less than 5% additional staff; and

WHEREAS, the college educates more than 26,000 county residents annually, including a third of the district's high school graduates who went on to college as well as more than 600 Wilsonville residents; and

WHEREAS, the college offers in-job training, job upgrading, job placement, aid to small businesses, remedial education, freshman and sophomore college courses; and community interest classes.

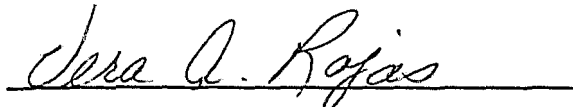
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Wilsonville endorses the Clackamas Community College rate-based tax levy supported by the Friends of Clackamas Community College.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Wilsonville at a regular meeting thereof this 16th day of January, 1990, and filed with the Wilsonville City Recorder this same date.



ELDON E. EDWARDS, Council President

ATTEST:



VERA A. ROJAS, City Recorder

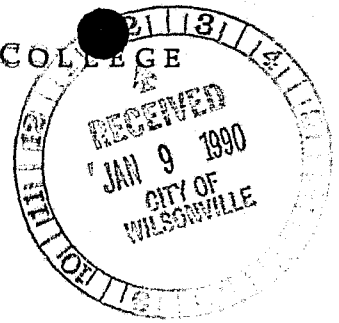
SUMMARY of Votes:

Mayor Ludlow	<u>ABSENT</u>
Councilor Edwards	<u>AYE</u>
Councilor Chandler	<u>AYE</u>
Councilor Clarke	<u>AYE</u>
Councilor Dant	<u>AYE</u>

FRIENDS OF CLACKAMAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

January 5, 1990

Pete Wall, Manager  
City of Wilsonville  
PO Box 220  
Wilsonville, OR 97070



Dear Pete:

The Friends of Clackamas Community College represent business and community leaders in Clackamas County who are committed to passage of the operating levy the college is seeking from district voters in March.

CCC has no tax base and is not protected by the "safety net." This rate-base levy of \$1.42 per \$1000 of assessed value will enable CCC to continue to operate and maintain the college for the next three years...to continue to work for and with the citizens and businesses of Clackamas County.

We ask that the City of Wilsonville join us in supporting Clackamas Community College by endorsing this operating levy. Endorsements from respected organizations such as yours will be a key factor in gaining public support.

CCC has continually worked to operate in a cost-efficient manner to keep pace with the educational needs of Clackamas County's citizens. It has worked to provide local businesses, both small and large, with the training that a productive work force needs. Clackamas Community College is truly working for and with all of us who live or do business in Clackamas County.

Although the election date is March 27 (mail ballots will go out March 9), we ask that you consider endorsing the levy election at your next meeting.

We have attached a fact sheet which provides "dollars and cents" information about the levy. A representative of the Friends will be in touch with you early in January to answer any questions you might have. Also, please feel free to contact CCC President John Keyser at 657-6958, ext. 405, with your questions.

Thank you for your help on an issue which is of importance to all of us!

Best regards,

Estle Harlan, Chair  
Friends of Clackamas Community College

Bill Brooks, Friends of CCC

Larry McIntyre, Friends of CCC

*More than 600 Wilsonville residents are currently enrolled at CCC. We hope the new Wilsonville Campus will provide more opportunities to our community!*

# FACTS

**Q. Why does Clackamas Community College need a new tax levy?**

A. CCC's current operating levy expires June 30. CCC has no tax base and is not protected by the "safety net." CCC must pass a new levy to continue operating.

**Q. Where does CCC's funding come from?**

A. More than half of CCC's funding (52%) comes from this operating levy. Other revenue sources include state reimbursement for enrollment (28%), student tuition and fees (17%), and other sources such as grants (3%).

**Q. What will the money be used for?**

A. This levy will fund operating and maintenance of the college only. It will not fund new construction. (New classroom construction scheduled to begin mid-1990 is funded by a \$9.5 million bond levy passed last March.)

**Q. When does the levy become effective?**

A. This is a three-year levy effective July 1, 1990, through June 30, 1993.

**Q. What is the amount of the levy?**

A. This is a rate-base levy of \$1.42 per \$1,000 assessed property value. This means the tax rate is fixed and cannot exceed \$1.42 for the next three years. The college estimates that this rate will produce \$9.8 million in 1990-91, \$10.1 million in 1991-92, and \$10.4 million in 1992-93.

**Q. How does this compare with the current levy?**

A. It is a 7.6% increase over the current operating rate of \$1.32/\$1,000 assessed.

**Q. What is the reason for the increase?**

A. CCC's enrollment has increased 30% in five years, while revenue to the college has stayed relatively flat. CCC cannot keep pace with the costs of rising enrollment on the old rate. CCC's Board of Education determined the amount of the new rate based on a commitment to 1) maintain the level and quality of college services, and 2) set the minimum rate required to see the college through the next three years.

**Q. How much will it cost me?**

A. It depends on the assessed value of your home. The table below shows the annual cost for three typical Clackamas County homes:

<i>Assessed Value</i>	<i>Annual Cost</i>	<i>Difference</i>
\$60,000 home	\$85 a year	+\$6 a year
\$80,000 home	\$114 a year	+\$8 a year
\$100,000 home	\$142 a year	+\$10 a year

**Q. How do my taxes compare to other community college districts?**

A. CCC has the fourth lowest tax rate (operating + bond levies) of Oregon's 14 community colleges, 50¢ less than the state average. Of your total property tax dollar, only a nickel goes to the community college.

**Q. What is CCC doing to hold the line on taxes?**

**A. Since 1985 CCC has:**

- Managed 30% more students with less than 5% additional staff.
- Held annual budget growth to less than 2% (adjusted for inflation) despite substantial enrollment increases.
- Reduced cost per student by 10% (while the average for all Oregon community colleges increased 18%).
- Increased revenue from non-tax sources, such as federal grants and user fees, by more than \$2 million – an increase 318% in five years.

**Q. Who benefits from CCC's services?**

- A. CCC educated 26,000 students last year, including a third of the district's high school graduates who went on to college. Most CCC students attend part-time and more than half are women. CCC students ranged in age last year from six to 95; most are in their mid-thirties. They come to CCC for low cost job training or job upgrading, freshman and sophomore college credit courses, basic education, business assistance, second language skills, and personal enrichment.**

**Q. How important is CCC to the local economy?**

**A. CCC plays a vital role in the economy of Clackamas County. Last year CCC:**

- Brought \$9.9 million in outside revenue to Clackamas County from sources such as grants, financial aid, and state reimbursement.
- Provided special employee training to the work force of the county's major employers, including Tektronix, G.I. Joe's, Payless Drugs, Fred Meyer, Precision Castparts, Safeway, Stanley Proto Tool, United Grocers, and Omark Industries.
- Provided start-up and management assistance to nearly 700 current and prospective small business owners.

**Q. How effective is a CCC education?**

**A. Follow-up surveys of former CCC students indicate that:**

- Nine out of ten 1988 graduates who entered the job market are now productively employed.
- Students transferring from CCC to a four-year school have gone on to some of the country's most prestigious institutions, including Johns Hopkins, Reed, UCLA, USC, University of Washington, and all public and private Oregon colleges and universities.
- Students completing CCC's new Oregon Transfer Degree program are now guaranteed junior status upon admission to any school in the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

**Q. When is the election?**

- A. This is a mail-in election. Ballots will be mailed to registered voters on March 9 and must be returned to the County Elections Office by March 27. In order to vote, you must be registered by March 6. For more information about voter registration, contact the Clackamas County Elections Office, 825 Portland Ave., Gladstone, OR 97027, or phone 655-8510.**

**Q. Where can I get more information about the levy?**

- A. If you have any questions about the college, the levy, or the election, please call President John Keyser at 657-6958, ext. 405.**

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