



Portland Voters Rejected Neighborhood Density TWICE - By a 2:1 then by a 3:1 margin!

In 2002, Citizens (Oregonians in Action) placed a charter amendment initiative on the Metro Regional Ballot to require Metro to stop forcing higher density in neighborhoods. Metro responded by placing a similar sounding measure that, in actuality, did NOTHING to stop density and would expire in just a few years.

Metro's density limit, 26-29, passed in Multnomah County with 65% of the vote - almost a 2:1 margin. (Of course Multnomah County is dominated by Portland and thus is a proxy for Portland voters.)

A provision of 26-29 required a re-vote in 2014 which resulted in over a 3:1 rejection of increasing neighborhood density

WHY ARE PLANNERES IGNORING US?

FACTS

2002 General Election

AMENDS CHARTER: PROHIBITS INCREASED DENSITY IN EXISTING NEIGHBORHOODS; REQUIRES REPORTS

QUESTION: Shall Metro Charter: Prohibit increased density in existing neighborhoods; require report to residents on proposed Urban Growth Boundary changes?

SUMMARY: Amends Metro Charter's regional planning provisions to prohibit Metro from requiring density increase in identified single-family neighborhoods. Requires report to residents on effects of certain proposed Urban Growth Boundary amendments on existing residential neighborhoods, including impacts on traffic and parks. Requires report be provided to residents within one mile of proposed Urban Growth Boundary amendments and to all cities and counties within Metro. Measure becomes effective instead of Ballot Measure 26-11 if it obtains more affirmative votes. Requires revote in 2014 to remain effective.

<https://multco.us/elections/may-21-2002-measure-26-29>

Final Official results - Measure No.26-29

Yes..... 91485 63.3%

NO..... 53022 36.7%

<https://multco.us/file/19554/download>

2014 General Election

Retain prohibition on Metro-required single-family neighborhood density increases

Question: Shall Metro Charter Provision Prohibiting Metro From Requiring Density Increases in Single-Family Neighborhoods Be Retained, with 16-Year Sunset?

Summary: Retains provision in Metro Charter prohibiting Metro from requiring local governments to increase density in identified existing single-family neighborhoods. Requires revote in 2030 to remain effective. This prohibition was approved by voters in 2002 and is required by Metro Charter to be voted on again at the November 2014 general election. A "yes" vote on this measure would retain the prohibition for 16 years; a "no" vote repeals the prohibition on June 30, 2015.

<https://multco.us/elections/may-2014-primary-election-multnomah-county-online-voters-guide>

Final Official results -

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26-160 Metro

Vote for 1

Yes 191,720 76.28%

No. 59,620 23.72%

<https://multco.us/elections/november-2014-general-election-results>