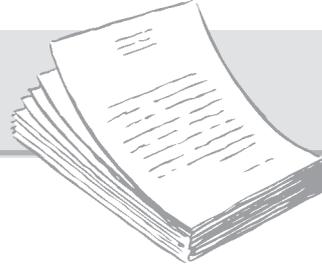


# Advisory measure



## Clark County

### Advisory Vote No. 1

#### LIGHT RAIL ADVISORY VOTE

Should the Clark County Board of Commissioners approve proposed Resolution 2013-07-17 which **opposes any Light Rail project in Clark County unless it is first supported by a majority of the voters in a county-wide advisory vote of the people?**

YES  NO

#### Statement for:

Voting 'yes' gives the people the right to decide.

For years, the Vancouver Mayor and council members have repeatedly prevented people from voting on light rail. To their credit, council members Turlay and Stewart have supported the people's right to a public vote.

Finally, people have the chance to be heard. That's what this vote is all about. It's simple: **Before government spends a billion taxpayer dollars for any light rail project, they must ask voters' permission first.** Voting 'yes' gives the voters the right to decide. Voting 'no' means you trust the politicians.

Citizens oppose spending a billion tax dollars on light rail without strong voter input, participation, and agreement. Voting 'yes' ensures an open, transparent, citizen-oriented process. Voting 'no' guarantees continued back-room dealing.

This advisory vote gives citizens the chance to decide.

Light rail is a costly, inflexible, and inefficient form of transit. This obsolete feature balloons the cost of the bridge sky high. Light rail's financial burden should not be placed on the backs of Clark County citizens through tolls. **A 'yes' vote will assure that never again will light rail be imposed on Clark County citizens without their consent.** Let's ensure that mistake is not repeated.

Whether you're for or against light rail doesn't matter – what matters is this question: Should the people who will have to pay dearly for light rail have a voice?

Let the people decide. Vote yes!

To learn more, see [www.ClarkCountyPropositions.info](http://www.ClarkCountyPropositions.info)

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#### Rebuttal of statement against:

Opponents aren't telling the truth – a "yes" vote doesn't prevent light rail or any other transportation option, it simply requires politicians to ask our permission first. Voting 'yes' lets the people decide and ensures that we, the people, are given the facts before billions of taxpayer dollars are spent.

We live in a community that believes in citizens having a voice and a choice – let's keep it that way.

Let the people decide: vote yes.

**Explanatory statement**

The Board of Clark County Commissioners (BOCC) are voting members of various regional transportation boards. The BOCC has proposed a Clark County policy to vote against all Light Rail-related transportation projects that do not first receive approval from the citizens via a county-wide election. If you want the Commissioners to adopt this policy, you should vote yes. If you do not want the Commissioners to adopt this policy, you should vote no. The results of this vote are advisory only.

**Statement against:**

Vote no on the Light Rail Advisory Vote. This confusing, non-binding measure decides nothing, settles nothing, and costs citizens a bundle.

Vote no to tell the politicians to stop wasting our time and money with this and future non-binding measures that would cost taxpayers as much as \$50,000 each.

Clark County will grow by more than 150,000 people over the next 30 years. We'll also get older, with 150% more people 60 and over. People with disabilities or who cannot afford cars also need mobility. We will need options to get around. Light rail helps, by carrying two to four times more people than buses and costing 35% less to operate than buses. By allowing a reliable option for more than 60,000 commuters, it leaves more highway capacity for freight and for those who choose to drive.

Light rail supports more people living downtown so those people don't crowd areas outside the city. It brings more businesses for us to shop or work in. Thus, it raises property values.

Let's bring our taxes home instead of sending them to another state. Money to match our Federal dollars can come from state and local taxes we already pay. To operate light rail, money from riders and savings from replacing bus service could cover the cost.

Don't let empty promises for future non-binding votes stop us from getting back some of the taxes we already paid, and putting them to work in Clark County. Vote no on this measure.

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**Rebuttal of statement for:**

A project that involves two counties and at least two cities in two states will not be affected by a non-binding "advisory" vote in one county. The election, however, would cost the taxpayer a lot of money, money that the county can't afford. Vote no on this expensive and useless resolution.