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October 21, 1992

MEMO

TO: Sherry Robinson, Board Chair and WCCAO Board of Directors

FROM: Jerralynn Ness, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Request for Board Action on Ballot Measure 9.

Seldom are ballot measures brought before the Board of Directors to take a position on for the organization. I am compelled, however, to seek Board action to oppose Ballot Measure 9.

Last June, the Board reaffirmed their commitment to a set of organization values to guide staff and Board in carrying out our mission. Ballot Measure 9 flies in the face of at least two of these values: 1) Uphold the dignity of all people and 2) Honor diversity in all forms.

We cannot uphold the dignity of all people and condone the passage of a law which would deny rights that are now shared by all to a defined group of people. We cannot honor diversity in all forms and condone the passage of a law which encourages fear, disgust and hate for people who may be different.

I respectfully request that the WCCAO Board of Directors take action to put this organization on record in opposition to Ballot Measure 9. Thank you.

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b. **Ballot Measure No. 9**

Jerralynn Ness read a memo she prepared for the Board, in which she was requesting Board action to put WCCAO on record in opposition to Ballot Measure 9.

Extensive discussion followed. Gene Mitchell questioned whether the Ballot Measures should be brought to the Board.

Russ Wilkinson suggested taking the vote and let the majority of votes stand.

MOTION: Commissioner Linda Peters moved and Russ Wilkinson seconded to oppose Ballot Measure 9.

Opposed: Griselda Flores-Siglin and Gene Mitchell.

Motion carried

c. **TVFC Update**

Jerralynn Ness reported that the Oregon Food Bank Board fully supported moving to take over the operations of TVFC, but felt the complete transition might take two years.

d. **NACAA Board of Directors**

Jerralynn Ness reported that she has been nominated to represent Region X on the NACCA Board of Directors. Four meetings are held annually.

e. **Service to farm workers**

Oregon Human Development Corporation and CADO have been discussing how services to farm workers in Oregon can best be delivered. The outcome of this discussions will impact the allocation of funds to Washington County.

f. **Oregon Human Investment Conference**

The Executive Director, and a number of WCCAO staff attended our State training conference which was held in Eugene. It was very well done.

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February 25, 1993

MEMO

TO: Sherry Robinson, Chair
Shirley Huffman, Vice Chair

FROM: Jerralynn

SUBJECT: Board Action on OCA City Initiatives

At our February meeting, the Board requested a copy of the OCA's City Initiatives. I've attached a copy to this memo along with:

1. Memo to Board on Ballot Measure 9
2. Minutes regarding Board action on Ballot Measure 9
3. Letter from WCCAO staff on OCA initiatives
4. Minutes regarding Board direction on OCA initiatives

If, prior to taking a public stand, the Board requires consensus on the specific OCA issue but is unable to achieve it, I would like to offer an alternative for Board consideration. I would suggest that the WCCAO Board of Directors instead take a strong stand against discrimination and hate crimes. And further, that the Board denounce discrimination in all forms, including age, gender, disability, economic status, marital status, sexual orientation, religion, race, language and country of origin. The very people who need WCCAO's services are often the victims of discrimination and humiliating treatment. Much of what these individuals and families struggle with to achieve economic and social self sufficiency is a significant loss of self esteem. WCCAO should strongly affirm its support to all members of our community and its belief that healthy communities are those which are tolerant of differences, honor diversity, inclusive in their community culture and free of discrimination and hate crimes.

WCCAO is a part of this community and should expect to be a full fledged member. We contribute over \$3 million back to the economy and we serve thousands of the neediest who live among us. We have an obligation to be part of our community culture by contributing our values and social conscience.

If you are open to an alternative as I've described, I would be willing to draft a resolution for Board consideration. Thank you.

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Attach.

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451 S. First Ave., Suite 700, Hillsboro, OR 97123

January 27, 1993

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Jerralynn Ness, Executive Director
Washington County Community Action Organization
451 S. 1st
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Dear Jerralynn,

We, the undersigned WCCAO employees, would like to express our deep concern about the initiative that is due to come before the cities of Hillsboro, Cornelius and Forest Grove in the coming months, and request that WCCAO take a public stand against it.

The initiative in question, often referred to as "the son of Measure 9," encourages discrimination against gays and lesbians by making it illegal to protect their rights--such as fair housing and equal employment--guaranteed under the constitution. This is a hateful, divisive issue, and it is fully within WCCAO's mission and goals to oppose it. It is not merely an issue of homosexual rights, it is an issue of human rights. If it becomes acceptable to discriminate against one group, who's to say another group won't be next? WCCAO, as a voice of the least powerful, is obligated to take a stand against this frightening wave sweeping our state.

All eyes are on Washington County, not just across the state but across the nation. We are requesting that the organization take an official stand against this initiative by means of a resolution of the Board of Directors as well as some form of public statement, such as letters to the editors of the local newspapers.

We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Denise Hartman
Carrie Sheward
Pamela Brown Wilkinson
Pilar C. Klees
Joan Swanson
Lulu Kamping
Mary L. Billings
Dana Adams
Cathy [unclear]
Nicholas [unclear]
Jacob [unclear]
Ruby Bracken
Deane Ross
Cheryl Hebert
Nancy Shelton

WCCAO BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1993
5:30-7:30 p.m.
451 S. FIRST AVE., SUITE 600
HILLSBORO OFFICE

6. Executive Committee Report- Sherry Robinson
Sherry Robinson reported that the Executive Committee reviewed a letter sent to Jerralynn by WCCAO's staff which asked the agency to take a position against the OCA City Initiatives.

The Executive Committee recommended that the Board send a letter to the local newspapers, the City of Hillsboro, Cornelius and Forest Grove opposing the issue as a civil right concern.

Gene Mitchell read to the Board the letter that staff sent to Jerralynn.

Discussion followed, but the Board was unable to reach consensus. The Board requested that a copy of the initiative be sent to them to review prior to taking a position.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pilar C. Kleier
Administrative Assistant

*** Minutes to be approved by the Board
on March 17, 1993.***

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE

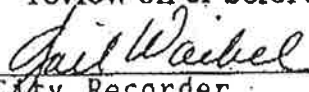
Notice is hereby given that a ballot title for an initiative petition has been filed with the City Recorder of the City of Hillsboro. The ballot title does meet the requirements of Section 1 (2) (d), Article IV of the Oregon Constitution.

CAPTION: City charter amendment to prohibit minority status for homosexuals.

QUESTION: Shall City be prohibited from adopting and enforcing laws extending minority status to homosexuals or expending funds to promote homosexuality?

SUMMARY: Amends City Charter. Prohibits City from extending minority status based on homosexuality, sexual orientation or preference and from enforcing such laws. Prohibits City spending to promote or approve homosexuality. Does not deny City services based on lawful sexual practices. Does not forbid public library materials for adults. Does not nullify civil rights based on race, religion, color, sex, marital status, familial status, national origin, age or disability. Does not limit constitutional rights. Allows laws which prohibit employment decisions based on non-work related reasons.

Any registered voter dissatisfied with the ballot title or single subject determination may petition the Washington County Circuit Court for review on or before 5:00 p.m. on February 3, 1993.



City Recorder