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**PROPOSED  
LIGHT RAIL RESOLUTION 2013-07-17**

A resolution to create a policy of the Board of Commissioners to oppose every 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.

**Because** the Clark County Board of Commissioners, as representatives of the Citizens of Clark County, serve as members of various governing boards that may consider Light Rail transportation projects; and

**Because** C-Tran Proposition One funding for Light Rail operation and maintenance was rejected in the November 2012 General Election; and

**Because** the citizens of Clark County were not able to express their consent in an advisory vote before more than \$170 million was spent on the Columbia River Crossing project based on Light Rail, bridge tolls and billions of dollars in debt before the project was closed down as directed by Governors Kitzhaber and Inslee; and

**Because** the Board of Commissioners wish to seek and respect voter input in a county-wide advisory vote in advance of any board vote on any Light Rail transportation project before millions of dollars are spent on it; and

**Because** this matter was considered at a duly advertised public hearing, where the Board of County Commissioners concluded that adoption of this policy would be in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the Citizens, now therefore:

**BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLARK COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:**

It shall be the policy of the Clark County Board of Commissioners to clearly oppose every 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; and

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41 To uphold this policy as board members of C-Tran, the Southwest Washington Regional  
42 Transportation Council, the Metropolitan Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC), and the  
43 Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation (JPACT).

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45 **ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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Attest:

Board of Clark County Commissioners:

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Rebecca Tilton,  
Clerk to the Board

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Steve Stuart, Chair

Approved as to Form Only:  
ANTHONY GOLIK

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Tom Mielke, Commissioner

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Clark Co. Prosecuting Attorney  
By his Deputy, Lori L. Volkman

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David Madore, Commissioner

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**RESOLUTION 2013-07-18  
TO PLACE LIGHT RAIL RESOLUTION 2013-07-17 ON THE BALLOT**

**A Resolution** to place an advisory vote on the November 2013 General Election ballot to ask citizens for their position on a Light Rail policy as described in Proposed Resolution **2013-07-17**.

**Because** the Clark County Board of Commissioners, as representatives of the Citizens of Clark County, serve as members of various governing boards that may consider Light Rail transportation projects; and

**Because** the Clark County Board of Commissioners wishes to be informed of citizen support of a proposed Light Rail policy resolution; and

**Because** the Clark County Board of Commissioners wishes to respect and faithfully represent their constituents to the extent possible in advance of Light Rail board votes; and

**Because** the Clark County Board of Commissioners believes that the wishes of the electorate in this instance are best represented by a County-wide vote, which is referred to as an advisory vote; and

**Because** this matter was considered at a duly advertised public hearing, where the Board of County Commissioners concluded that placing the issue on the ballot for an advisory vote would be in the best interests of the public health, safety and welfare of the Citizens, now therefore:

**BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLARK COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:**

The Board requests that the Auditor of Clark County conduct an election on November 5, 2013 for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the County, for their approval or rejection, Resolution 2013-07-17 which opposes Light Rail; and

The Secretary of the Board is authorized and directed to certify, no later than August 6, 2013, to the Auditor a copy of said resolution and the proposition to be submitted at that election in the form of ballot title as follows:

41 Advisory Vote # 1  
42 LIGHT RAIL ADVISORY VOTE  
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44 Should the Clark County Board of Commissioners approve proposed Resolution 2013-  
45 07-17 which opposes any Light Rail project in Clark County unless it is first supported  
46 by a majority of the voters in a county-wide advisory vote of the people?  
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48  YES  NO  
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50 **Section 3. Authorization of Local Voters' Pamphlet.** The preparation and distribution  
51 of a local voters' pamphlet providing information on the foregoing ballot measure is hereby  
52 authorized. The pamphlet shall include an explanatory statement and arguments  
53 advocating approval and disapproval of the ballot measure. The preparation of the  
54 explanatory statement, the appointment of pro/con committees and the preparation of  
55 arguments advocating approval and disapproval of the ballot measures is authorized as  
56 provided in RCW Chapter 29A.32 and the rules and guidelines of the County Auditor. The  
57 names of the committee members appointed shall be provided to the Auditor by August 8,  
58 2013 and arguments for approval or disapproval of the ballot measure shall be provided to  
59 the Auditor by August 15, 2013. The explanatory statement shall be prepared by the  
60 Prosecuting Attorney and filed with the Auditor on or before August 16, 2013.  
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62 **Section 4. Effective Date.** This resolution shall be effective immediately after its  
63 adoption.  
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65 **ADOPTED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.

Attest:



Rebecca Tilton,  
Clerk to the Board

Board of Clark County Commissioners:



Steve Stuart, Chair

Approved as to Form Only:

ANTHONY GOLIK



Clark Co. Prosecuting Attorney  
By his Deputy, Lori L. Volkman

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