



Stop Out-Sourcing Clackamas County Jobs— Support Ballot Measure #3-388

As Oregon's economy slowly recovers from the worst recession in our nation's history, unemployment in Clackamas County remains at an alarming 8 ½ percent, or one of every twelve working adults. In human terms, this means 18,386 of our neighbors and residents who want to work, are still not able to find a job.

Even more remarkable, only 41 percent of our residents who are fortunate enough to have jobs, are able to work here in Clackamas County. Everyone else—three of every five working adults—must leave their homes in Clackamas County, and travel to jobs in nine neighboring counties.

It doesn't have to be this way.

Economic development agencies need every resource at their disposal to attract and retain businesses here in Clackamas County. Jobs bring higher incomes and create the tax base needed to pay for schools, roads, police and fire protection, water and sewer lines that benefit us all.

The formation of urban renewal districts allows cities and local governments to use the property tax revenue

created by new investments and developments that might not otherwise happen in these areas to pay for the public services and vital infrastructure needed to serve these areas.

Among dozens of urban renewal districts in Oregon, one of the most successful is the Ronler Acres campus in Washington

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County. The City of Hillsboro designated a blighted housing subdivision as an urban renewal district, and re-zoned it for industrial use.

In the past 15 years, private sector businesses have invested \$12 billion at Ronler Acres, and are currently spending \$3 billion more to build the largest industrial expansion in our state's history. The site is home to Oregon's largest private employer, anchors our state's manufacturing sector, and provides some of the highest salaries and benefits found anywhere.

Clackamas County residents deserve similar economic development opportunities, and Westside Economic Alliance urges voters to support Ballot Measure #3-388.

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