



## Josephine County Republican Party

### JOSEPHINE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY RESOLUTION IN **OPPOSITION** TO BALLOT MEASURE 17-79 PROPERTY TAX INCREASE (Library Levy)

WHEREAS, Measure 17-79, a proposed \$0.39 per thousand assessed property value tax increase has been submitted by the Josephine County Board of Commissioners for placement on the May 16th 2017 Special Election ballot in Josephine County Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the Josephine County Republican Party (JCRP) has closely analyzed Measure 17-79 and estimates it will generate \$1.3 million dollars in new county tax revenue annually in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, JCRP analysis concludes this will have a negative economic impact on citizens and business in Josephine County, regressively burdening Oregonians least able to afford those higher property taxes; and

WHEREAS, Josephine County Charter, Section 14.5 states "The Board shall provide for the support and maintenance of the main library and library branches" Establishing a Library District will be in conflict with the Josephine County Charter. Measure 17-79 is contrary to the Oregon Republican Party platform of "No new taxes".

NOW, THEREFORE, THE JOSEPHINE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY  
CONVENED THIS DAY of APRIL 23, 2017, RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. We believe that the economic consequences of ballot Measure 17-79's passage would do harm to Southern Oregon's economy and the citizens of Josephine County; and
2. We oppose the passage of ballot Measure 17-79 as it is in conflict with the Josephine County Charter; and
3. We urge all Josephine County Oregon voters to cast a NO vote on this costly ballot Measure.

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