

WATER REVENUE BONDS FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

IF YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO CITY COUNCIL, PRINT YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND EMAIL.

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Parsons, Susan

From: Katie Neis [katien@friendsoftrees.org]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 9:15 AM
To: Parsons, Susan
Subject: NO to more water BONDS!

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Katie Neis
Neighborhood Trees Assistant
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www.FriendsofTrees.org

<http://www.Facebook.com/FriendsofTrees>
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Do you like talking to people about trees and want to see more in your neighborhood? Join us and become a Neighborhood Coordinator with Friends of Trees! For more information and to sign up for our July 12th training **[CLICK HERE!](#)**

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Parsons, Susan

From: Brus, Phil T [PBRUS@amfam.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2012 9:05 AM
To: Parsons, Susan
Subject: NO to more WATER BONDS!

Susan,

Please pass this along to city hall:

NO to more WATER BONDS!

Keep a safe, affordable, public Bull Run System!

Phil Brus

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Parsons, Susan**From:** Mark Wheeler [mark@rootsrealty.com]**Sent:** Wednesday, June 13, 2012 11:13 AM**To:** dan@ci.portland.or.us; Commissioner Fritz; Fish Commissioner; Parsons, Susan; Adams, Sam; Leonard, Randy**Subject:** Fwd:more water & money waste

Hello? Leaders? Why are we wasting more money & putting our water supply up as collateral? This is totally unacceptable. Backlash is coming. Please do the right thing & stop screwing this up. Thanks.

Begin forwarded message:

To: "SunnysideNeighborhood@yahoogroups.com Hotline"
<SunnysideNeighborhood@yahoogroups.com>

this just in...

- > Dear folks!
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- > Citizens for Portland's drinking water is contacting you to alert you of a critical vote concerning our public water system happening TODAY, Wednesday, June 13, at City Hall.
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- > City Hall will take out a \$75,000,000 loan from Goldman Sachs TODAY, to pay for the beginning of a huge, \$400,000,000 water project to be completed over the next five years.
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- > The interest on these loans will essentially DOUBLE the rate. If we default, our BULL RUN PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM is the collateral! In recent years, many communities around the US have had to privatize their water to pay for exorbitant water infrastructure.
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- > DON'T let the city put our public water system up for hock to pay for water projects we do not need! Bull Run water has safely delivered clean, safe, delicious water for over 100 years!
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- > Don't let our water bills DOUBLE, as they are projected to, over the next 10 years! This will kill many small businesses and literally, many of our city's most vulnerable, seniors and the poor, will not be able to afford water. (This is already happening in Detroit, Michigan, where thousands have no water because they can't pay their bills)!
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- > Please CALL TODAY! Say NO to more WATER BONDS! and read more below the phone numbers for more info:
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- > Commissioner Dan Saltzman; (503)823-4151
- > Commissioner Amanda Fritz: (503)823-3008
- > Commissioner Nick Fish: (503)823-3589
- > And city auditor: (503)823-4000
- > AND/OR email city clerk: Susan.parsons@portlandoregon.gov

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- > This almost BILLION dollar (with interest) water project:
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- > Lays miles of pipe which we don't need, but could be used in the future for blending Willamette
- > River water with Bull-Run water.
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- > Will drain Mt. Tabor and Washington Park reservoirs, leaving Portland with 170,000,000 fewer gallons of water per year in city limits.
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- > Will pay to build new covered reservoirs at Powell Butte and Kelly Butte, although we DON'T NEED NEW RESERVOIRS WHICH COLLECTIVELY WILL HOLD LESS WATER.
- > Also:
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- > Covered reservoirs can trap radon, which is found underground in various parts of Portland, in the water. There is radon in our COVERED Columbia South Shore Wells, which is our back-up water supply. Radon naturally vents into the air through our open reservoirs.
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- > Covered reservoirs create dark, warmer, still water conditions, more ideal for growing cryptosporidium, and more prone to nitrification, a build-up of nitrates and nitrites in our water. Los Angeles has had trouble with nitrification in their recently covered wells. Nitrites can be deadly to infants and the immuno-compromised. Open reservoirs are oxygenated by the sun, which stops nitrite build-up.
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- > Will not stop a determined terrorist! Our water comes from Mt. Hood and Bull Run watershed, both too big to cover. Let's spend a fraction of this money on better monitoring and watershed protection!
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- > Will not stop cryptosporidium:
- > Crypto are so tiny hundreds of thousands of them can fit on a grain of sand. The EPA has admitted we do NOT have a crypto problem. Only a small amount of these organisms have EVER been found in our water. And these few were not tested to see if they are a pathogenic species which could harm us- others will not. Bull-Run is oligotrophic, meaning low in nutrients, so it can not even support many organisms.
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- > Our very own UV plant in the sky helps to kill disease causing organisms! Water is cleaned and treated by photo catalysis, or sun-exposure, in communities around the globe! Even when the sun is not shining, UV rays are striking the Earth from our Sun! with no carbon footprint!
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- > In 2011, President Obama mandated all federal agencies review and remove if possible, onerous financial community burdens from regulations. In response, EPA head Lisa

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Jackson has waived a billion dollar covered reservoir project in New York. Our governor, senators, reps and city officials could ask for the same waiver, BUT they REFUSE! Instead they are giving up and saying, oh well, we don't need this billion dollar water project, but we are just going to have to do it anyway!

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> The Fact is: the EPA is VERY likely to grant us a waiver, as we have the hungriest state in the nation, 9.2% unemployment rates, and we already some of the highest water/sewer rates in the nation!

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> What is at stake? Small businesses everywhere. Seniors, the poor, going without a home water supply. Middle income families being priced out of Portland. And our very own public water supply, Bull-Run, which consistently has provided some of the best quality water in the nation.

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> Information from Community groups and an alliance of beekeepers, scientists, gardeners, chefs and eaters to save our bees

> For more information please visit:

> FriendsOfTheReservoirs.org and citizensforportlandswater.org

Please visit the neighborhood website
at <http://sunnysideneighborhood.com>.

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From: rightinthemiddle [rightinthemiddle@comcast.net]

Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 8:57 PM

To: Parsons, Susan

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Subject: Please tell the commissioners....

..... No more water bonds. Get that waiver.

**Valerie Curry
East Portland**

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Parsons, Susan

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From: Mary Saunders [swirlingtheuniverse@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 8:45 PM
To: Parsons, Susan
Cc: citizens-for-portlands-water@googlegroups.com; Portland Occupier
Subject: Debt to degrade water is odious debt

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Please convey notice that many of us are paying attention to increases in debt that we will classify as odious.

Over twenty groups and many individuals have testified over and over against sequestering fresh water in concrete tombs. It is my understanding that one insider was able to say our water is at risk if not entombed.

Citizensforportlandswater.org and many other groups disagree with this, and there are enough of us that the issue is not going to go away.

When people with power vote to cloud title to public collateral, in ways that the people have made clear are unreasonable and unsupportable, that debt may be rejected by a vote of the people, if they can get agreement from other levels of authority that the debt is unjustified and odious.

There have been a number of examples on the world scene in recent times.

Ellen Brown has discussed this issue on the website, truthout.

For their own health and welfare, I believe city commissioners should be made aware of the risks to which they are subjecting citizens and investors.

Please place this letter in the record concerning further debt instruments to entomb water in concrete boxes.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Mary Saunders
NE Portland

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Parsons, Susan

From: Magi McCabe [magimccabe@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 10:26 PM
To: Parsons, Susan
Subject: Water Bond Vote

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Please...rely this message to all who have the power to vote in the bond issue:
we do not need a new system...ours is working well...please vote accordingly...
DO NOT pass any bonds/votes that move us in the direction of these unnecessary changes and
expenses.
Thank you for your time.
Sincerely,
Margaret McCabe (registered voter)

Moore-Love, Karla

From: Lawrence Hudetz [hudechrome@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2012 11:19 AM
To: Moore-Love, Karla
Subject: RoseMarie/emailed earlier was sent back will try again.
Attachments: City Council June 6th for the record..doc

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Karla,
I left this morning and had emailed it to the earlier city email, as it was returned, I checked further for your current email. If this can be put into the record, I would appreciate it. I can save my returned one for time if necessary.

Thank you.

RoseMarie Opp

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To City Council

Re: June 6th Council Item 660

I am very concerned that we are over extending with too many bonds and to serve our debt services.

We are in great economic turmoil throughout the world, and we should be prudent about any spending, any new bonds for capital projects or to pay for debt. Our water system needs only to be taken care of and maintenance has been deferred. New capital projects should be put on hold.

RoseMarie Opp