



Presentation of Robert Liberty
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Legislative Coordinating Commission

Metropolitan Governance Task Force



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- The big picture – democracy in 21st Century America



Metro Charter

PREAMBLE

We, the people of the Portland area metropolitan service district, in order to establish *an elected, visible and accountable regional government that is responsive to the citizens of the region* and works cooperatively with our local governments;

that undertakes, as *its most important service, planning and policy making to preserve and enhance the quality of life and the environment for ourselves and future generations;* and that *provides regional services needed and desired by the citizens in an efficient and effective manner,* do ordain this charter for the Portland area metropolitan service district, to be known as Metro.



The first three Metro Council Presidents



2002-2010

Portland
Multnomah County
(central city)



2011-2018

Hillsboro
Washington County
(suburb)



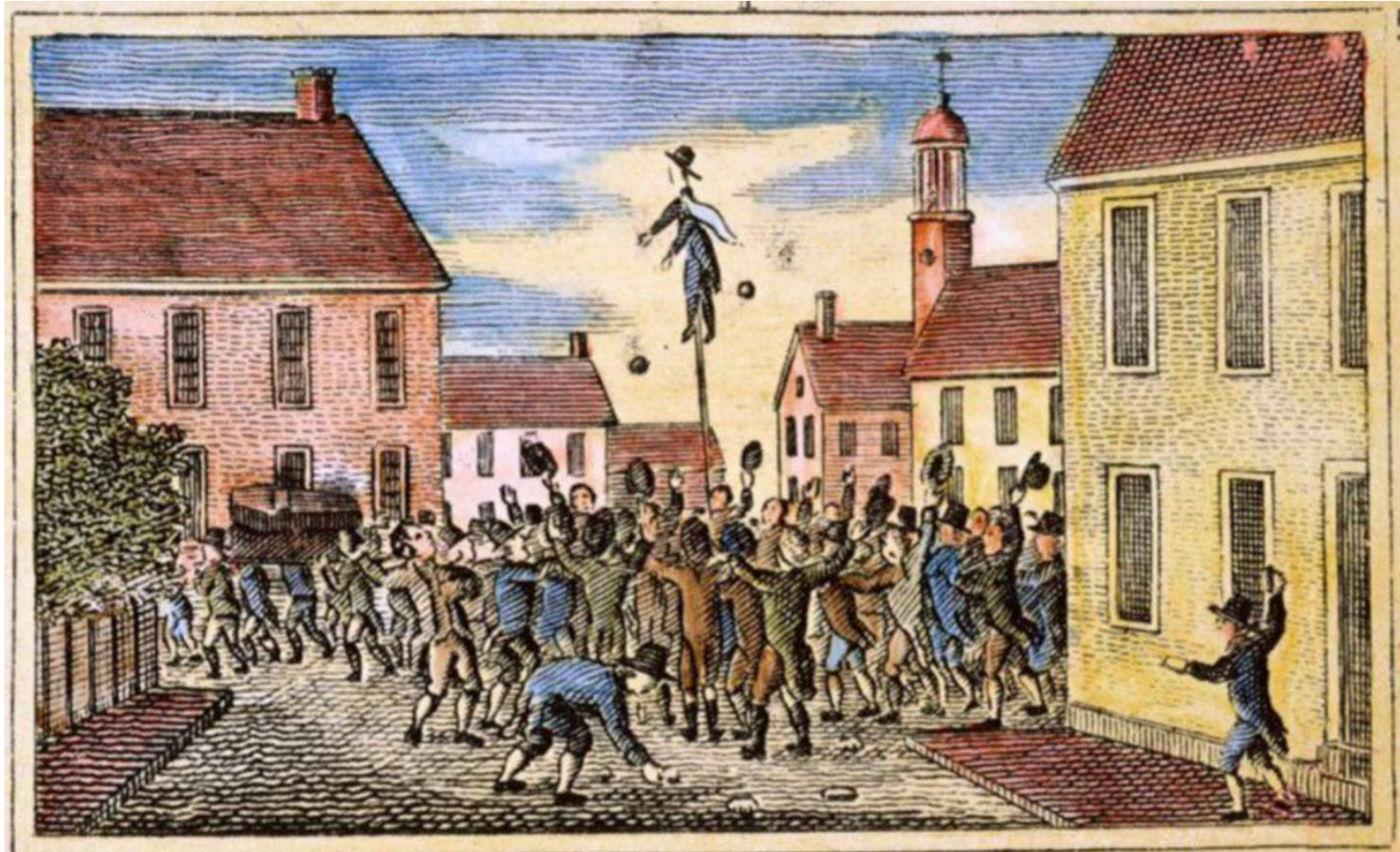
2019-present

Lake Oswego
Clackamas County
(suburb)

Multnomah County May 17, 2022 Primary Election

Electoral Contest	Votes cast

No taxation without representation.



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Taxation, Representation & Direct Democracy

Voters' Decisions on Metro Capital and Operating Funding Measures

2008 Zoo improvements	\$125 million	passed
2018 Affordable Housing	\$653 million	passed
2019 Parks & Open Space	\$475 million	passed
2020 Transportation funding	\$5 billion	rejected
2020 Homeless services	\$2.5 billion	passed

The big picture.





Home rule will bring
democracy's accountability
to your regional home.



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