

# **APPENDIX**

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Presentation of Robert Liberty  
December 13, 2023

Legislative Coordinating Commission  

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Metropolitan Governance Task Force



- Metro home rule charter
- Voter's role in our home rule regional government
- The big picture – democracy in 21<sup>st</sup> 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

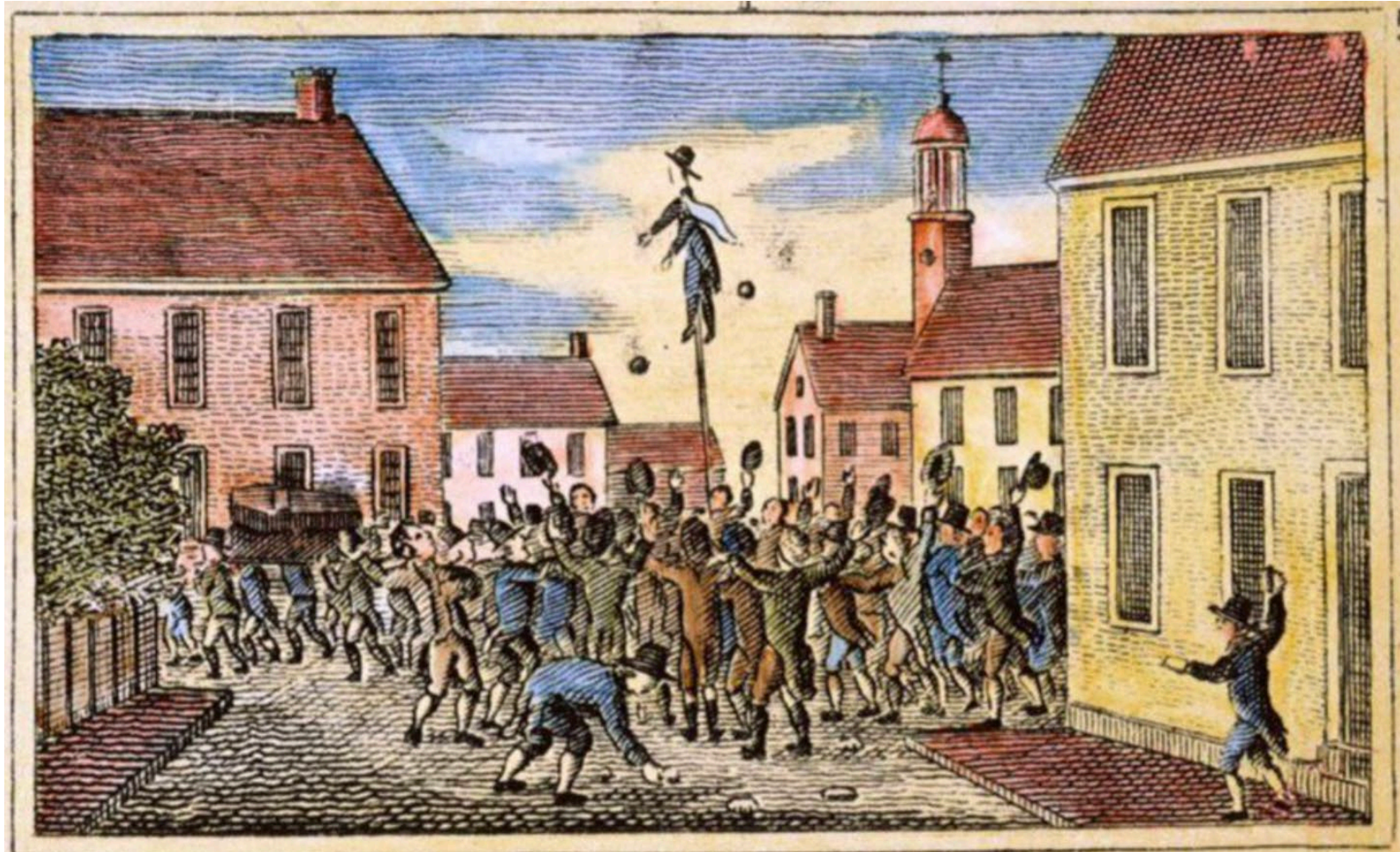
Lake Oswego  
Clackamas County  
(suburb)



# Multnomah County May 17, 2022 Primary Election

<b>Electoral Contest</b>	<b>Votes cast</b>

*No taxation without representation.*



*Stamp Master in Effigy*

# 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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