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TO: County Elections Officials
FROM: John Lindback, Director of Elections
DATE: June 11, 2008
RE: Official Notice of Statewide Automatic Recount for State Measure #53

The certified result for the May 20, 2008, Primary Election for State Measure 53 is as follows:

- Yes 489,592
- No 489,042

ORS 258.290 requires the Secretary of State to order a recount of the votes if the canvass of votes of the election reveals that the difference in the number of votes cast for or against any measure is not more than one-fifth of one percent of the total votes cast for and against the measure. The difference of 550 in the votes cast in this contest falls within the number requiring an automatic recount (1,957).

Therefore, you are directed to conduct a recount of all ballots in all precincts in your county for State Measure #53.

Monday, June 16, 2008 through Friday June 27, 2008

Each county may choose the date within this period to begin the recount. However, once the recount has begun in each county the recount must be conducted on sequential business days until it has been completed. All recounts must be scheduled so that they are completed no later than June 27, 2008.

As soon as possible after the recount is completed and no later than 5 p.m. Friday, June 27th, the county elections official shall deliver the abstracts of the votes recounted to the Secretary of State's office so that the results may be canvassed and certified.

If you decide to prepare the ballots for the recount before the first day of the recount, you must provide notice to the Secretary of State at least one business day before the day the seals will be broken on ballot containers. The notice must include the time, date and place of the breaking of the seals. The Secretary of State will provide public notice through the Elections Division website so that observers may attend.

Each elections official must notify the Secretary of State in writing of the date, time and place where the recount for Ballot Measure 53 will be conducted, as well as an estimate of the number of days it will take to conduct the recount. This information will be publicly available through the Elections Division's website. The elections official must also notify the Secretary of State immediately if there are any changes to this information.

Thank you!