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Campaign Goal

 Gain funding to move Police Department from a cramped, poorly operating building into a properly sized and designed Police Station

Before the Campaign Starts

- Key Notes:
 - Your campaign starts long before you may think it does
 - You can't sell a bad product

Pre-Bond Campaign

- Facilities Plan Prepared by Architectural Firm
 September 2011
- Council Prioritizes Facility Improvements
 March 2012
- Due Diligence Report on Proposed Building (\$14,000)
 June 2012
- Contract Signed for Property
 - November 2012

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Why Take These Steps?

- Showed that the City had done its homework:
 - It established that the current Police Station was very deficient
 - It established that a new Police Station was its top
 - It showed with a high degree of certainty that the proposed building could be renovated to meet modern Police Station standards at a very reasonable cost

Use of City Resources

- City resources may be used prior to filing for election
- Use of City resources is highly limited after the ballot has been filed

Bond Campaign (before ballot filing)

- Preliminary Bond Levy Analysis Prepared
 Public Opinion Survey Completed (\$19,500)

 Key Finding:
 Projected 53% Yes Vote

 Key Messages Identified:
 Strong support for City and Police Department
 Expiration of Library Bond a major selling point
 Meets long-term needs of department
 Increased facility security a plus

 City Newsletter Articles On Bond Measure
 Community Group Presentations

- Community Group Presentations
 Police Station Open House

December 2012 January 2013

January-March 2013 January-February 2013 February 2013

Lessons Learned

- Map out your campaign in advance; precampaign steps are very important
- A well thought out project is an easier sell
- Abide by elections laws, but remember that a City does have the ability to advocate for their measure



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Common polling questions	
When to conduct a poll?	
How are polls conducted?	
How big of a sample is necessary?	
How much does a poll cost?	
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When are polls conducted?	
When are poils conducted:	
• Before campaigns – do you have chance?	
– 60/30 rule	
 Develop project list, measure price sensitivity, test 	
ballot title language	
 Guidance on election timing 	

When are polls conducted?

- Early in campaigns what's your game plan?
 - To determine which demographic groups are most and least supportive
 - To determine which demographic groups are "swing" or "persuadable" voters
 - To develop and test campaign messages

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When are polls conducted?

- Mid/late campaign to make tactical decisions
 - To get a current read on the race
 - To refine messages
 - To make decisions about specific demographic groups to target, including which media and messengers are most effective

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How are Polls Conducted

Common Data Collection Methods

- Telephone Surveys
 - Primarily rely on registered voter lists
 - Live interviewer surveys
 - Longer, more complicated surveys
 - Include cell phones
 - Interactive Voice Response (IVR)
 - Simple questions, short surveys, no open ends
 - Landlines only

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Common Data Collection Methods

- Telephone Surveys cell phones
 - Federal Trade Commission (FCC) prohibits autodialing cell phones
 - Reaching a cell phone costs 2-4 times more than a land line
 - At least 85+% of Oregon have cell phone, 40+% of homes are "cell phone only"
 - Cell phone only homes are more likely to be young, minority and lower income

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Common Data Collection Methods

- Online surveys
 - Becoming more common, but limited to larger communities
 - Rely on professional panels...of varying quality
 - Difficult to target likely voters
 - Can be excellent tool to test television, radio and print advertisements

Sampling???	

Sampling: It's necessary

- Not enough money in the world to talk to everyone
- Good news, we don't have to talk to everyone. Sampling works. Elections (mostly) prove it

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Sampling: How big? First some concepts...

- Margin of Error: the range in which we would expect the true population value to fall. The larger the sample size, the smaller the margin of error
- Confidence Interval: The level of confidence that the true population value falls within the margin of error
 - Political polls almost always use the 95% confidence interval

Sampling: How big? First some concepts...

- Example: Survey results show that 50% support for a GO Bond with a margin of error of 4% at the 95% confidence interval
 - That means that we are 95% confident that the true percentage of voters who support the GO Bond is somewhere between 46% and 54%

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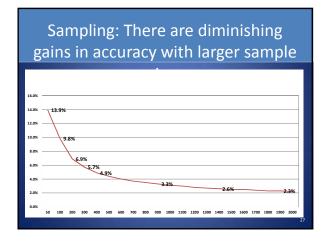
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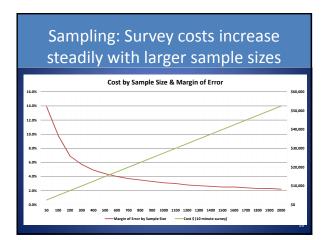
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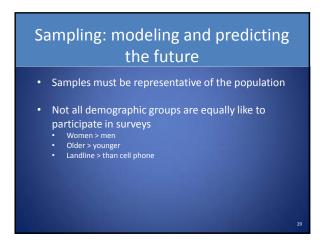
- The margin of error is affected by:
 - The size of the population from which the sample is drawn
 - The size of the sample
- But perhaps not as much as you think...

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Sampling: The population size has little effect on the margin of error Margin of Error by Population Size S.0% 4.9% 4.9% 4.90% 4.9







Sampling: modeling and predicting the future

- Polls have to predict the future!
- Set sample "quotas" to estimate the political/demographic profile of who will show up election day

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Sampling: Predicting the future and setting quotas

- Typically set quotas on
 - Age*
 - Gender
 - Political party*/political ideology
 - Vote history*
 - Area³
 - Less often, but also education, income

*Data available in Oregon sample files

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Sampling: Predicting the future and setting quotas

- Factors in estimating voter turnout
 - Past election turnout
 - Current registration statistics
 - General interests/excitement about election
 - What is on the ballot
 - Your smarts and your gut

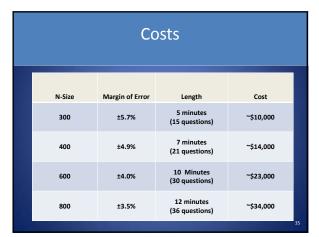
How Much do Polls Cost?

Costs

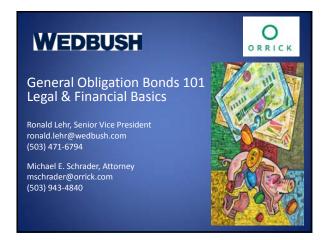
- What you're paying for:
 Questionnaire development
 Sample design
 Survey administration

 - Analysis
- Biggest cost drivers:Questionnaire length

 - Sample size









Overview of Municipal Bonds

- Securities
- Access to municipal market: exempt from registration
- Sold to the public or to a limited number of sophisticated investors, or placed privately
- Issued by state and local governments
- Ave. life of bonds ≤ useful life of the asset
- Taxable or tax-exempt; fixed or floating rates

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Schematic of Tax-Supported Securities Municipal Advisor (Issuer) Municipality (Issuer) Municipality (Issuer) Municipality (Issuer) Paying Agent (Collector and Distribution of Annual Decisions and Tax Opinion) Rating Agency (Third Party Valuation of Riak) Gredit Chalacomened (Guarantor of Principal & Interest) Underwifers Underwifers







- Implement policies
 - Sets terms of financing within Resolution
 - NOTE: Restrictions on ballot measure campaigning

Investors Weigh risk of default against reward of Return on Investment Highly rated securities from frequent issuers are often already vetted Clear, complete and concise disclosure is

Council Delegation to Staff

Financing Team – Who Are They?



- Issuer (City)
- Municipal Advisor
- Bond Counsel
- Underwriter
- Disclosure Counsel
- Fiscal Agent
- Rating Agency

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New: Municipal Advisor Rules



- Implementing the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act
- imposes a fiduciary duty on municipal advisors

Bond Counsel



- State law
- Securities law
- Federal Tax law

Ballot Title Legal Requirements

• Ballot Measure Resolution and SEL 803

Caption: 10 wordsQuestion: 20 wordsSummary: 175 words

• Explanatory Statement: 500 words

- File if county plans to circulate a voter's pamphlet

Underwriters



- Buys securities in an arm's length transaction
- Resells securities to investors
- May take securities into inventory
- Underwriter's counsel represents the underwriter

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Disclosure Counsel



- Prepares Official Statement
- Provides 10b-5 opinion
- Helps Issuer (City) prevent fraud
- Underwriter's Counsel or Bond Counsel may fill this role

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Official Statement

 A document prepared by an issuer of municipal securities that sets forth information concerning the terms of the proposed issue of securities, including financial information or operating data concerning such issuer and those other entities, enterprises, funds, accounts, and other persons material to an evaluation of the securities.



Rule 10b-5

Unlawful, in connection with the purchase or sale
of securities in interstate commerce, (a) to
employ any device, scheme, or artifice to
defraud, (b) to make any untrue statement of a
material fact or to omit to state a material fact
necessary in order to make the statements made,
in the light of the circumstances under which
they were made, not misleading, or (c) to engage
in any act, practice, or course of business which
operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit
upon any person.

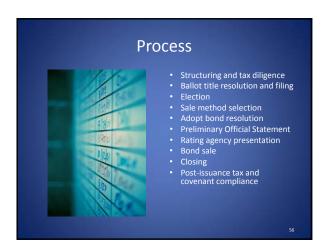
Materiality

- Substantial likelihood that, under all the circumstances, a fact would assume actual significance in the deliberations of a reasonable investor.
- SEC Enforcement Actions and Bond Investor Claims.











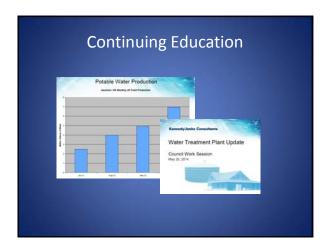












Monmouth Police Station Bond Campaign May 21, 2013 Ballot



Frequently asked questions and facts:

Where will the new Police Station be located?

The proposed site of the new Monmouth Police Station is the vacant Forest Capital Building (formerly Boise Cascade) located near the intersection of Hwy. 99W and Church St.

How much will it cost?

The property tax rate would be about .45 cents per thousand; or about \$81 per year for a home assessed at \$180,000. The current Monmouth Library Bond will be paid off before the Police Station Bond would be assessed. As a result, the *net* increase in property taxes would be about \$31 per year, or about \$2.58 per month on a home assessed at \$180,000.

Why is the City considering a used building?

According to cost estimates included in the Due Diligence Report prepared by Group Mackenzie, renovating the Forest Capital Building could save about \$1 million over building brand new. When it was rebuilt by Boise Cascade in 2000, it was constructed to high seismic and security specifications similar to those of a modern police facility.

Will space be adequate at the new Police Station?

Yes. All records and evidence that are currently stored at multiple locations will be consolidated and stored in a single secure location in the new building and in an on-site auxiliary building. The police cars and equipment currently stored at Volunteer Hall will also move to a secure parking lot at the new facility.

Will the new Police Station provide security for both employees and the public?

Yes. The new building will provide two temporary holding rooms and two private interview rooms that will keep suspects appropriately separate from staff and visitors. Additionally, suspects will be transferred in and out of the facility in a designated secure area, which is something the current facility is lacking.

How long will the new Police Station last?

The new Police Station should have enough space to meet the needs of police services for at least 25 years.

What will happen to the old police station if the bond passes?

The Monmouth City Council will determine the highest and best use for the old police station.

General Obligation Bonds Key Decisions and Tasks

Date	Task	
Prior to Election		
	Include project(s) in Capital Improvement Plan	
	Include project(s) in Annual Budget	
	Review financial policies and update, as appropriate	
	Conduct Public Hearing(s) on need for project(s)	
	Conduct Community Survey/Poll	
	Engage Municipal Advisor and/or Underwriter to run financing options	
	Determine financing parameters: structure, maximum principal and maturity	
	Engage Bond Counsel (draft ballot title, SEL 802 form and resolution)	
	City Council action to adopt Ballot Title Resolution	
	Hold meeting with staff on campaign restrictions for public employees	
	File SEL 802 form with county	
	File Explanatory Statement with county if a voter's pamphlet is to be circulated	
	Form Campaign Committee (outside parties)	
	After Election	
	Thank voters	
	After Successful Election	
	City Council action to accept vote tally	
	Request contractor bids	
	Determine sale method, number of series and timing for bond issue(s)	
	City Council action to adopt Authorizing Resolution	
	(NOTE: this Resolution delegates authority to key parties and may include language allowing reimbursement of city funds spent on the project prior to closing the bond sale.)	
	City staff works with the financing team to issue the bonds	
	Consider forming a citizen committee to monitor the use of bond proceeds	
	Confirm that procedures are in place for meeting on-going compliance requirements	