

Ballot Measure
September 8, 2001

EXPLANATION OF THE BALLOT ISSUE

SENIOR/DISABLED DISCOUNT PROPOSAL

In February 2001, the HMC membership approved a six-month pilot project (March-Sept 2001), which would allow eligible HMC Seniors (defined as 65 and older) and Disabled members (possessing a Washington state, or other state, disabled verification) to purchase a special 20 trip pass for the commuter cost of \$66.25 (\$3.31 trip). This represents a discount of \$1.09 per trip compared to ticket price. The estimated annual impact on revenue was projected to be \$2,500. The Finance Committee has been monitoring utilization and financial impact of the program on a monthly basis.

As of Aug. 1, 70 passes have been sold to 38 eligible households. Of these, 10 passes were sold to members who would typically purchase commuter passes anyway. The financial impact of the program to date is approximately \$1308. Considering that we are well into the heavier summer travel season, the Treasurer and the Finance Committee feel confident that the annual financial impact of the program will be less than \$2,500 originally projected. The Board recommends passage of this program based on the Treasurer's report, the relatively small impact on HMC finances, and the savings to seniors and disabled, who, in most cases, are on fixed incomes.

If the membership votes to continue the program, rules as originally established would remain in effect. The discount applies to driver/car only, and is not transferable. Eligible members must purchase passes through the HMC office and show proof of eligibility. The discount program would coincide with the fiscal year and could be used any time between **October 1** and **September 30**. There are no refunds for unused trips.

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Should the Senior /Disabled Ferry Discount Program be continued as detailed above?

Yes

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No

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Voting Instructions

- Mark your ballots. Do not put your name on the ballot.
- Place the ballot in the small envelope marked "Ballot".
- Place the small envelope in the large envelope marked "OFFICIAL BALLOT".
- Be sure your name and address are legible **AND YOU HAVE SIGNED THE LARGE ENVELOPE. YOUR VOTE WILL NOT BE COUNTED WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION & A SIGNATURE.**
- Please mail in time to reach the Lakebay Post Office by Friday, September 7th, or bring to the HMC office by 10:00 AM Saturday, September 8th.

Ballot Results
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BALLOT RESULTS

**The final tally was
111, yes and 26, no.**

**The Senior/Disabled Ferry Discount Program
giving our seniors and disabled members to purchase
a special 20-trip pass for the commuter pass cost
\$88.26 (\$3.31 per trip) passed overwhelmingly.
Thank you to everyone who turned in a ballot.
We were not able to count 3 ballots because one
came in with no information on the outer envelope and
one came in with no signature.**