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# STATEMENT 1 - Opening

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### Portland is ready for positive change.

Measure 26-228 will upgrade our outdated city government to a more responsive and efficient structure that will better deliver city services.

Changing our city charter will give everyone more voice and more choice — including communities of color, women, workers, small businesses, and East Portlanders.

#### Measure 26-228 will:

- Balance power between the Mayor and City Council
- Change City Council's duties to setting policy and solving big problems rather than managing day-to-day city services
- Allow voters to rank candidates in order of preference
- Increase the size of City Council to 12
- Create four geographic districts electing three City Council members each
- Implement a professional City Administrator who will manage all city bureaus.

This thoughtful, comprehensive measure will get Portland working for the people again.

## Measure 26-228 is supported by a broad coalition, including:

- League of Women Voters of Portland
- Business for a Better Portland
- ACLU of Oregon
- Oregon Food Bank
- NAACP Portland Branch
- Coalition of Communities of Color

- Portland Association of Teachers
- Basic Rights Oregon
- SEIU Local 49
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- Northwest Health Foundation
- City Club of Portland
- Urban League of Portland
- Native American Youth And Family Center
- Latino Network
- Hacienda Community Development Corporation
- Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)
- Unite Oregon
- OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon
- Next Up Oregon
- Multnomah County Democrats
- Sightline Institute
- Portland: Neighbors Welcome
- East County Rising
- Living Cully

#### Community leaders say YES on Measure 26-228:

- -Secretary of State Phil Kiesling (vote-by-mail champion)
- Small business owners Debbie & Jim Kitchin, Chris Nelson, Hope Beraka, and Nat West (Rev Nat's Cider)
- State Senators Michael Dembrow, Kayse Jama, and Akasha Lawrence Spence
- State Representatives Khanh Pham, Maxine Dexter, and Andrea Valderrama
- Multnomah County Commissioner Susheela Jayapal
- Metro Councilors Duncan Hwang and Shirley Craddick
- Metro Councilor-Elect Ashton Simpson

It's time to make Portland the city that works for *everyone*.

Vote YES on Measure 26-228!

View more information and a complete list of supporters at PortlandUnitedForChange.com

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## Changing Portland's Government Frequently Asked Questions

#### Why change, why now?

- Portland hasn't updated its government in over 100 years.
- Our population has tripled since then, yet we still have just 5 City Councilors for a city of over 650,000.
- Portland is the last city in America where City Council directly oversees day-to-day operations.
- Portland cannot afford to delay this change: From housing and homelessness to public safety, climate change, and infrastructure the challenges we face require us to be functioning at our best.

#### How much will this cost?

- Very little. At most, ongoing costs are estimated at just 0.14% of the City's total budget.
- Examples of cost savings: City Councilors collaborating on constituent services and not being paid for managing city bureaus. Public campaign financing for only one general election (no primary).

#### Why three city councilors per district?

- Multi-member districts will give Portlanders better representation at City Hall.
- In each district, all candidates will run for the three seats at once and the top three become lawmakers who all represent the district.
- Multi-member districts encourage cooperation,
   discourage negative campaigning, and ensure the vast majority of voters gets at least one of their top choices.

### What is ranked choice voting?

- Allowing voters to rank candidates in order of preference.

- You can rank some candidates, all of them, or just one.
- If your first choice comes in last, that candidate is eliminated and your ballot will be counted for your second choice. That process repeats until one candidate has a majority.
- In single-member ranked choice elections, the candidate wins with 50% of the vote.
- In three-member ranked choice elections, each candidate needs at least 25% to win one of the three seats.

## Who else uses ranked choice to elect multiple winners?

Minneapolis, St. Paul, Cambridge, MA, Eastpointe, MI, Albany, CA, Ireland, Scotland, Australia, & New Zealand.

NYC, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Boulder, CO, Alaska, Benton County, OR and many others use single-winner ranked-choice.

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## League of Women Voters of Portland Urges a YES vote on Measure 26-228

Based on League studies, we believe this measure's interdependent elements will make Portland government and elections more effective, accountable, responsive, and representative.

#### **Effective and Accountable**

- City Council no longer manages city bureaus and can focus on policy and constituent services.
- Professional city administrator manages bureaus. Mayor supervises city administrator, so an elected official is accountable.
- Mayor has tie-breaking vote on non-emergency ordinances, preventing gridlock. Emergency ordinances require supermajority vote.
- Ends current practice of Council setting its own salaries. Independent Salary Commission will set salaries of city elected officials.

#### **Responsive and Representative**

- Council grows from five to twelve members, allowing greater responsiveness to constituents.
- Electing three councilors from four districts provides better representation than electing them citywide or from smaller single-member districts. Councilors elected from smaller districts are more likely to make "I just care about my district" policy decisions.
- District boundaries based on population are drawn by Independent District Commission, not politicians.

#### More Voice, More Choice

- Ranked choice voting (RCV) provides more choices for voters who are allowed to rank candidates from most to least favorite. Portlanders can vote their conscience.
- RCV gives voters more power to elect candidates they prefer. If a voter's first choice doesn't win, their vote counts for their next-highest choice.
- The ranking process enables just one election in November, when turnout is higher and voters more accurately reflect Portland's diversity.
- Electing Councilors via RCV in multi-seat districts provides both geographic and proportional representation.
- Proportional representation means groups of significant size such as the working class, people of color, young people, renters, and seniors have a greater opportunity to elect a Councilor who understands their concerns.
- RCV is successful and increasingly used across the United States. Portlanders are as smart as folks in those communities and will understand how RCV works.

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Vote YES for Portland Charter Reform, for:

More democratic, accessible, local representation by trusted neighbors who share our experiences/issues, bringing more depth/breadth for local solutions, and reducing outsiders' corrupting donations.

Clarity, accountability, responsiveness to Portlanders.

Reducing conflicts of interest, incompetency, distrust.

More efficient services per city funds.

Saving Portlanders/businesses money/time.

Keeping excellent city workers.

Reducing campaign costs/delays so we get more diversity and improved leadership.

Supporting citizen engagement/power and stronger communities.

Being kinder, reducing violence/trauma; serving Portlanders' needs, addressing root causes of national problems of gun and interpersonal violence, addiction, suicide, unsafe/unfair work, educational injustice, poverty, houselessness, soaring mental illness, and polarizing fear/contempt.

Increasing resilience with global problems (climate change, pandemics, inflation/recession/unemployment, robbing social services to fund corporate welfare and militarization/prisons, worsening disempowerment/fascism, gaps between rich and poor, houselessness, police-prison brutality and protests, despair) addressed through Portlanders having more voice/choice with solutions to make Portland safer, healthier, with secure water/food, housing, transportation safety/equity, energy justice, etc.

Nurturing more joy working together to make our city governed by mutual caring respect/justice, attracting and bringing out the best in each of us, so Portland can inspire and lead the world for a better future for all.

Portland Gray Panthers commit to correcting ageism against youth and elders, and nurturing social justice now and for our great, great grandchildren.. Vote yes so Portlanders can succeed learning, working, raising families, and aging within a caring, just Portland.

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#### Local business owners say YES to Measure 26-228

Small businesses are the lifeblood of Portland's culture and our economy. For our economy to prosper and work for all of us, Portland's government needs a big, positive change.

## That change is Measure 26-228, and the time is now.

"Imagine entrepreneurs who will have a smoother pathway to local permitting and small business support as well as three local council members in their district to choose from in voicing a concern or need.

"We cannot delay progress any longer: the risks of continued dysfunction and divestment are too great."

--Debbie Kitchin, co-owner, Interworks, LLC; and Andrew Speer,, Portland Business Journal 7-21-2022

"Small business owners deserve both a better-functioning city government and greater representation. Measure 26-228 delivers both, improving both Portland's desirability for new businesses to locate and stay here as well as our ability to cultivate new entrepreneurs. This measure is a step in the right direction, and as business leaders we look forward to continuing to work with city government to ensure these reforms are implemented thoughtfully and effectively. Join us in supporting the charter reform campaign."

Karin Power
 Executive Director, Business for a Better Portland

"Historically, Portland's famed quality of life has attracted top talent. Today, this reputation is being undermined by our city's outdated and ineffective form of government. This is bad for business, bad for our most vulnerable — bad for nearly everyone. For businesses like mine to succeed, we need our city to succeed. That's why I'm voting Yes for charter reform."

-William Henderson CEO, Ride Report Cofounder, Business for a Better Portland

## Local business leaders supporting Charter Reform:

Stan Amy, Co-founder, New Seasons Market
Bridgid Blackburn, Owner, Cargo Inc.
Stephen B. Green, founder, PitchBlack
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Jim Kelly, Founder, Rejuvenation
Chris Nelson, Principal of Capstone Partners
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# STATEMENT 5 Political Science and Democracy Experts

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## POLITICAL SCIENCE EXPERTS: VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-228

We are political scientists from the Portland metropolitan area who have come together to support Measure 26-228 to reform Portland's democracy.

We work at numerous institutions of higher learning in the area and are well-versed in questions of governance and elections. We believe the component parts of this ballot measure can improve Portland's governance, widen representation, diversify our elected officials, and increase voter engagement.

The city needs a change to the charter now. This measure is the change we need.

As scholars who study different aspects of the changes in this measure, we know the governance rules being considered here are familiar in many other US cities and internationally. Components such as the hiring of a city administrator and clarifying the separate roles of the mayor and council are embedded in urban politics around the

US. Increasing the size of the council and creating districts are standard reforms of the late 20<sup>th</sup> and early 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. Ranked choice voting and multi-member districts are newer electoral reforms that increase the number of voices heard and the diversity of their perspectives. NYC recently joined numerous other cities using ranked-choice voting; surveys are demonstrating that citizens are very happy with it.

All of Portland is helped by these reforms.

We are not just academic experts on these matters. We are voters, too – and we hope you will join us in supporting Measure 26-228.

Mark Stephan, PhD, Associate Professor, WSU Anne Santiago, PhD, Associate Professor, University of Portland Paul Gronke, PhD, Professor, Reed College Paul Manson, PhD, Visiting Assistant Professor, Reed College Jack Miller, PhD, Senior Instructor, PSU Charlie White, PhD, Professor Emeritus, PSU Chris Shortell, PhD, Association Professor, PSU

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## STATEMENT 6 -ACLU of Oregon (submitted)

Information Furnished By: Sandy Chung, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Oregon

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## The ACLU of Oregon urges you to vote YES on Measure 26-228

At a time when democracy is under attack in America, Portland can model a better way forward for the nation.

By changing our city government, we can give all Portlanders — women, people of color, working class folks, people with disabilities, renters, and immigrants — a fair shot and a seat at the table.

Measure 26-228 is the result of 18 months of intentional research, discussion, and public participation on how Portland can serve all residents with meaningful representation and quality city services.

The measure will allow voters to use ranked choice voting, create four City Council districts with three representatives each, and move the day-to-day management of bureaus from Clty Council to a professional city administrator.

The goal of these changes? To make the City Council reflective of and responsive to our diverse communities. To encourage City leaders and agencies to spend more time listening to constituents, collaborating with each other and communities, and solving problems.

Oregon has a legacy of leading the nation on democracy reform. We were the first state to adopt vote-by-mall statewide, an innovation that helped save American democracy in 2020. Oregon also passed automatic voter registration in 2015, enfranchising hundreds of thousands of Oregonians.

Yet even with these wins, Portland remains the only major U.S. city still using an outdated commission system. Now, with Measure 26-228, voters have a chance to make the city's first update in over 100 years.

There is no reason to delay this much-needed change. **We know this works:** satisfaction is higher in communities that use ranked choice voting and multi-member districts. Many Portlanders do not feel seen or heard by our elected leaders, and we cannot afford to kick the can down the road.

Communities are ready to build the future of our city together. Measure 26-228 will help us build It.

Vote YES on changing the City of Portland's charter.

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## STATEMENT 8 -Racial Justice Groups and Leaders

Information Furnished By: Jenny Lee, Coalition of Communities of Color Word Count: 319 Text begins below:

## Racial Justice Leaders Say YES on Measure 26-228

Whether we're young or old, renter or homeowner, Black, white, or brown, every Portlander has the right to vote for leaders who represent our values and communities.

Measure 26-228 is the change we need in order for our city government to serve all of us well.

Racial justice leaders who support changing our city government include:

- NAACP Portland Branch
- Urban League of Portland
- Latino Network
- Native American Youth And Family Center
- Coalition of Communities of Color
- Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)
- OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon
- Unite Oregon
- Verde
- Next Up Oregon
- Hacienda Community Development Corporation
- Oregon Futures Lab
- Color PAC

Since 1995, 75% of Portland City Council members have been white men and less than 4% have been people of color. Communities of color make up 25% of

the population in Portland and have been underrepresented for most of our city's history.

The leaders of color who have made it to Portland City Council today have had to overcome enormous odds to serve in public office. And they face far more vitriol than their white counterparts.

Representation matters, and too many Portlanders are still waiting to see someone on City Council who looks like them.

Communities of color are also more likely to live in North, Northeast, and East Portland neighborhoods that lack basic infrastructure like sidewalks and street lights.

Ranked choice voting, multi-member districts, and a professional city administrator will help Portland take a huge step towards racial equity and justice:

- Cities with ranked choice multi-winner elections see more consistent representation of communities of color.
- Districts will help call attention to the needs of currently-overlooked neighborhoods.
- City Council will no longer oversee day-to-day services and Instead focus on solving larger challenges and meeting their constituents' diverse needs.

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# STATEMENT 9 - Civic Institutions

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## <u>Civic Institutions support a YES vote on Measure</u> <u>26-228 to change our city charter:</u>

- League of Women Voters of Portland
- City Club of Portland
- Sightline Institute
- NAACP Portland Branch
- Next Up Oregon
- North Star Action Center
- Common Cause Oregon
- Multnomah County Democrats
- East County Rising
- Our Revolution Oregon
- Portland-Metro People's Coalition
- Mt. Scott-Arleta Neighborhood Association
- Vernon Neighborhood Association
- Living Cully
- Portland: Neighbors Welcome
- Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility
- Oregon Ranked Choice Voting Advocates

For too long, Portland's been held back by an inefficient and outdated commission form of government that leads to siloed and uncoordinated city services.

City Commissioners are assigned bureaus to oversee despite not necessarily knowing how to manage large agency budgets and personnel. Bureaus can be reassigned at any time, making it difficult for Portland to achieve long-term goals.

Portland experiences a persistent lack of diversity in who represents voters on City Council. Since 1995, three-quarters of City Council seats have been held by white men; almost all City Commissioners have lived on the city's west side or inner eastside. Only two City

Councilmembers have ever lived east of 82nd Avenue, where over 25% of Portland's population lives.

Measure 26-228 will make a huge difference in fixing these issues and will set Portland on a better path.

Communities of color, women, and working class Portlanders will have a fair shot with this change to our city charter.

Portland's independent Charter Review Commission was appointed in 2020 by each member of City Council. They spent 18 months researching and hearing from thousands of Portlanders about the change our city needs. The commission voted 17 out of 20 (85%) to send Measure 26-228 to voters. The measure is designed to respond to Portlanders' clear call for a responsive, effective, and accountable city government that represents all of Portland's diverse communities.

Portland cannot afford to wait any longer. The time is now for a better government that represents everyone well.

Vote YES on Measure 26-228.

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## STATEMENT 10 -LABOR

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Teachers, healthcare workers, laborers, and service workers encourage a YES vote on Measure 26-228 - Portland Charter Reform

It's time to make Portland "The City that Works" for everyone.

## Organized labor unions in support of Measure 26-228 to amend Portland's charter:

- Portland Association of Teachers
- Laborers International Union of North America (LiUNA) Local 737
- Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 49

### Teachers say YES on charter reform:

- Our school children deserve quality city services delivered quickly and efficiently.
- It's empowering for students to see local leaders from the district they live in.
- Teachers who are better supported by a well-run city government will have greater job satisfaction and quality of life.

#### Laborers say YES on charter reform:

 Uncoordinated city bureaus bring delays and unforced errors on infrastructure projects, slowing the growth of family wage jobs. Charter reform will streamline city permitting, encouraging more job growth while also easing pressure on the construction industry. With all bureaus managed by a single City
 Administrator overseen by the Mayor, Measure
 26-228 means working families can count on
 consistent, accountable governance and
 leadership

## Healthcare and service workers say YES on charter reform:

- A healthy city requires a healthy democracy.
- Working class voters deserve more voice and more choice in selecting their representation in City Hall.

For a full list of the latest endorsements of Portland Charter Reform, visit PortlandUnitedforChange.com/endorsements

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# STATEMENT 11 - Envi/Transpo

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Portland's Environmental, Climate, and Transportation leaders support charter reform - Vote YES on Measure 26-228

Portland City Council and its bureaus make decisions with significant consequences to our streets, our community, our environment and our planet.

Portland's disappearing tree canopy and increasing heat islands are becoming increasingly urgent for the city to address as climate change makes summers hotter and heat waves more frequent. City government can and should be doing more to make commuting by bus and active transportation easier, safer, and more accessible for every Portlander, regardless of their neighborhood or zip code. As the climate crisis looms and brings more extreme weather, Portland must be a proactive national leader in investing in disaster preparedness and climate mitigation.

As advocacy organizations, we are proud of our accomplishments to encourage City Hall to reflect Portlander's values and fight for clean air, safer streets and climate action. Unfortunately, too often the size and impact of our successes has been constrained by structural limitations inherent in Portland's outdated form of government.

In order to make progress towards these environmental, climate, and transportation goals, we need a better form of government that empowers everyday Portlanders to demand progress on climate and transportation from City Hall.

Passing Measure 26-228 will advance environmental and transportation justice initiatives:

- District-based elections means oft-neglected neighborhoods like East Portland will have guaranteed representation in City Hall
- Greater efficiency and accountability within city bureaus leads to better governance and better outcomes for everything from sidewalk construction to expansion of Portland's tree canopy
- Charter Reform mitigates against frequent Commissioner/bureau turnover

That's why environmental, conservation and transportation organizations endorse the Charter Reform.

Measure 26-228 is the change we need for a cleaner, greener, brighter future.

### Vote YES on Measure 26-228!

- Verde
- Getting There Together Coalition
- Sunrise Movement PDX
- 350PDX
- BikeLoudPDX
- Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility
- OPAL Environmental Justice
- Conservation leaders Bob Sallinger, Jim Labbe

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# STATEMENT 12 - Housing & social services

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Housing Advocates & Social Services Providers urge YES on Measure 26-228 to Change our City Charter

- Community Alliance of Tenants
- Hacienda Community Development Corporation
- Portland: Neighbors Welcome
- Living Cully
- Sanda Cornstuck, Executive Director, Hygiene 4 All

Our housing crisis is still ongoing and the COVID-19 pandemic has made conditions worse for many. This year, those living outside in our city have had to face the hottest average summer temperatures on record in the same year as a record-breaking April snowstorm.

At the same time, we are making progress towards both keeping people housed and expanding housing options for people living unsheltered.

Make no mistake: using an improved form of government will dramatically improve our ability to push city hall to tackle our housing crisis. That is why we enthusiastically encourage a <u>YES on Measure 26-228</u> to bring Portland's city services into alignment with each other.

Too often Portland's city government operates without coordination, and a professional city administrator running all of the city's bureaus would go a long way towards eliminating unnecessary obstacles that block or slow people from accessing services or housing.

Furthermore, research shows that Measure 26-228's plans for proportional representation empowers

neighborhoods to plan for expected growth and new housing.

Streamlining the permitting process across city bureaus for construction projects is reason enough to vote YES on Measure 26-228. We need to clear every logjam that prevents getting people into stable homes and shelters, and changing our city charter will only make it easier to build enough housing and shelter so that every Portlander has a safe and warm place to call home.

Measure 26-228 is our best shot at improving our government so that Portland can truly tackle our housing affordability crisis.

Join us in voting YES for affordable housing.

Join us in voting YES for the Portland Charter Reform.

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# STATEMENT 13 - Civic Leaders

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## Join us in voting YES on Measure 26-228:

#### Elected officials:

Phil Keisling (Former Secretary of State of Oregon, vote-by-mail champion)
State Senator Michael Dembrow (East Portland - Senate District 23)
State Senator Kayse Jama (East Portland - Senate District 24)
State Senator Akasha Lawrence Spence (Southwest Portland - Senate District 18)
State Representative Khanh Pham (East Portland - House District 46)
State Representative Maxine Dexter (Northwest Portland - House District 33)
State Representative Andrea Valderrama (East Portland - House District 47)
Mark Gamba, Democratic Party primary winner (Southeast Portland - House District 41)
Metro Councilor Duncan Hwang (Southwest and Southeast Portland - District 6)
Metro Councilor-Elect Ashton Simpson (East Portland - District 1)
Susheela Jayapal, Multnomah County Commissioner (North and Northeast Portland - District 2)

#### Community leaders:

Mike Alfoni, Oregon Center for Voting and Elections
Stan Amy, Co-Founder, New Seasons Market
Sophia Asghar, Founder and CEO, True Measure
Caitlin Baggott Davis, CEO, North Star Civic Foundation
Jesse Beason, President & CEO, Northwest Health Foundation
Hope Beraka, Owner, Think Real Estate
Stephen Bozzone, Director, Bozz Media
Marissa Cade, small business leader, Pregame
Danny Cage, youth climate justice activist
Colin Cole, Policy Director, More Equitable Democracy
Christy Eugenis, New Villages Group Ltd. F.
Sharon Gary-Smith, President, NAACP Portland Branch
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Stephen B. Green, entrepreneur, founder, *PitchBlack* Luke Kanies, founder of *Puppet* and *Clickety* software Jim Kelly, founder of *Rejuvenation*Pamela Kisłak, COO, *LEVER Architecture*Jim Labbe, *Participatory Budgeting Oregon*AJ McCreary, co-founder of *Equitable Giving Circle* William Miller, Executive Director, *NAYA Action Fund*Marcus Mundy, Executive Director, *Coalition of Communities of Color*Chris Nelson, principal, *Capstone Partners*Mac Prichard, founder of *Mac's List*Bob Sallinger, environmental conservationist
Hank Schottland, Downtown Portland resident
Chris Smith, former *Planning and Sustainability Commissioner* 

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# STATEMENT 14 - Closers

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#### Dear Portland,

We are the 17 out of 20 Charter Commissioners who voted to refer Measure 26-228 to you, the voters. We came together from all walks of life and pored over public comments, survey responses, and community workshop data for 18 months. We took seriously our task to understand what Portlanders are struggling with and how to build a better future for all of us.

When was the last time that you were in a room of Portlanders where 85% enthusiastically agreed on something?

One of the great honors of this work has been coming to consensus around our unified approach to the change that Portlanders told us our city needs. We were appointed by different City Commissioners and yet all of us found common ground in making Portland's government more effective, responsive, and representative —especially for those who have been historically left out.

We wholeheartedly believe that, based on what we learned from Portlanders through months of civic engagement and close scrutiny of city government models, the measure before you gives us the best chance at building a brighter future for our city together.

Proportional representation (multi-member council districts with ranked choice voting) is one of the best models of democracy for giving everyone a meaningful voice at City Hall.

Streamlined oversight of the bureaus by a professional city administrator overseen by the Mayor will give us the effective government that we need to address the challenges our city faces.

As private citizens who love the City of Portland and all that it can live up to, We hope you will vote YES on Measure 26-228 and help make Portland "the City that Works" for everyone.

## Portland Charter Commissioners and proud residents of Portland:

Candace Avalos

Melanie Billings-Yun

Anthony Castaneda

Salomé Chimuku

Gloria Cruz

Dave Galat

Yasmin Ibarra

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Debbie Kitchin

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#### **RESEARCH: CHARTER CHANGES ARE BEST-IN-CLASS**

As an independent, nonprofit public policy think tank serving the Pacific Northwest for nearly 30 years, Sightline Institute is proud to endorse Measure 26-228 and its proposed changes to Portland's city charter. Our democracy research team has studied elections systems for over a decade. This includes indepth analysis of the best systems to elect more representative and effective officeholders and extensive analysis of Portland's proposed charter changes. A Yes vote on Measure 26-228 is an opportunity to make Portland's government and elections more responsive and representative in serving all residents. Highlights from Sightline's research:

- Ranked choice voting with multi-member districts would help women, people of color, renters, young people, residents of East Portland, and working-class Portlanders achieve more fair representation on City Council. Since 1995, three-quarters of councilors have been white men and less than four percent have been people of color, while over a quarter of Portlanders in that period were people of color.
- Multi-member districts resist gerrymandering, give more Portlanders a councilor that represents their interests, and provide geographic representation for areas like East Portland.
- Ranked choice voting is a reliable, **road-tested method** that **better represents voters' preferences**, and voters find it **easy to understand and use**. In Alaska's recent ranked choice election, polling indicated that 85 percent of voters found it simple.
- A 12-member city council will better align Portland with recommended representative-to-population ratios and offer residents more avenues for engagement.
- Eliminating the need for primaries ensures an electorate that is significantly larger, younger, and more racially diverse. Of the past 15 City Council elections, only 5 were decided in the November general election, when about twice as many voters turn out. The rest ended in the primary, when voters are less representative of the city's communities.

Our full research can be found at sightline.org/portland-charter.

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Hey everyone. So, a couple comments on the ranked choice voting (RCV) part of measure 26-228.

First, if you want to know how RCV elections are counted, I urge you to watch these two YouTube videos from when Minneapolis started using RCV in 2009. They're really short, easy to follow, and include some details that other videos tend to leave out. RCV is called "instant runoff" in these videos.

Watch this one first:
(1:26) Single-winner RCV for PDX mayor & auditor tinyurl.com/RCV-MPR-1

**(2:42) Proportional RCV** for PDX city council tinyurl.com/RCV-MPR-2

Second, if you don't like gerrymandering, for goodness' sake vote yes on measure 26-228 and support proportional RCV anywhere else it comes up.

Why? Because in a lot of elections in the US, roughly half of the voters lose: They're not represented by someone they personally voted for.

And it turns out that having lots of voters lose is **necessary** for gerrymandering to be fully effective. That's because gerrymandering consists of drawing the district lines in a way that **decides in advance which voters will lose.** The more voters win, the less well gerrymandering works. And with proportional RCV, more voters win; you can see that in the second video above.

My third comment isn't actually specific to RCV or even to this particular measure. I just wanted to say, if there's a ballot measure you mostly like but have a few concerns about, please try to have realistic standards. People are amazingly diverse, and writing a ballot measure involves lots of compromises! So unless you wrote the measure yourself, it'll be easy to find what you consider imperfections. And voting against it probably wouldn't lead to a measure you liked more.

Would you rather live in a world in which the measure passed, or in the status quo world?

Thanks.

Vote YES!
Portland measure 26-228
Multnomah County measure 26-232