

Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument

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Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition

Measure # 26 225 Order # 0-1

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VOTE NO ON 26-225—NO NEW METRO TAXES

Metro is asking for a new tax levy even though it already has sufficient funds to operate all its parks.

Metro's budgets show over the past 10 years:

- **Property tax collections have increased 169%** from \$39 million to more than \$105 million a year.
- **Spending on its parks and nature program has grown by nearly 175%** from \$48 million to \$117 million a year.

Unfortunately, much of this money is not even being used to improve public access to Metro's parks. **In fact, most of Metro's 18,000 acres of parklands are not open to use by taxpayers.**

NO NEW METRO TAXES

In 2016, Metro imposed **\$81 million in property taxes** for parks and nature.

In 2019, Metro imposed another **\$475 million in property taxes** for parks and nature.

In 2020, Metro imposed **TWO new income taxes** amounting to **\$250 million a year** for "supportive housing services."

Again, in 2020, Metro tried to impose **another \$250 million a year in payroll taxes** to build light rail to Bridgeport Village. **By then, voters had enough and voted NO.**

It's time to VOTE NO again.

Many Metro parks properties are **gated and locked**; most have inadequate signage so no one can find them. Many are far outside the urban growth boundary. Some are miles away from public transit.

Even if you are lucky enough to find a Metro park, **don't even think about bringing your dog**. Metro prohibits dogs and other pets on virtually all its parklands. But, if you're rich enough to own a horse or mountain bike, **Metro's newest park has 10 miles of trails for horseback riding** and mountain biking.

Metro's parks program is awash in tax money. **There is no justification for this property tax levy**, regardless of its stated purpose.

TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION OF OREGON URGES A NO VOTE ON 26-225

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Measure # 26 225 Order # 0-2

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VOTE NO ON 26-225: METRO HAS ENOUGH PARKS MONEY

Metro says they need more of your tax money for their parks and nature program.

They don't need the money because Metro's parks and nature program is already **sitting on \$450 million of taxpayer money** from the 2019 parks and nature bond measure.

Now, only three years later, they're asking for **\$98 million more**. They always want more.

Where does all that money go?

VOTE NO ON BUREAUCRATIC BLOAT

A huge chunk of the money goes into a black hole of bureaucratic bloat. Metro's own oversight committee reports that over the past three years, 30% of parks and nature spending has been on "administration."

Last year, Metro spent more than **twice as much on administration as it did on park improvements and operations**.

YOU PAY THE TAXES, BUT YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED ON THE LAND

More than 80% of the land bought by Metro is completely off-limits to the region's residents and taxpayers. Metro won't even show them on a map because they don't want you to know where they are.

Most of the land Metro buys is outside of the region's urban growth boundary. Many of these parcels are zoned farm or forest land and there are no plans to expand the UGB in that direction. These lands don't need any protecting.

NO NEW METRO TAXES

Metro already taxes your home. Metro already taxes your garbage and recycling. Metro already taxes your personal income. Metro already taxes your business income. **Everywhere you turn, Metro is reaching into your pocket for more of your money.**

Metro's pushing hard to impose tolling and congestion pricing on everyone in the Portland region. And, they want to tax you to make traffic jams worse.

Metro wants to tax every dollar you earn and every mile you drive. Tell Metro enough is enough. **Vote no on Metro's latest tax grab.**

VOTE NO ON 26-225