

# Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet

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Order # F-1  Argument in Favor  Argument in Opposition

"This information furnished by" (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

Yes for Affordable Homes

Argument paid for by:

Yes for Affordable Homes E-Mail: Christine@yesforaffordablehomes.com

Name of person or organization paying for argument

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Christine Lewis E-Mail: Christine@yesforaffordablehomes.com

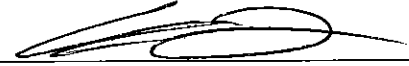
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## **Join the Welcome Home Coalition in Voting Yes for Affordable Homes**

Every night an estimated 4400 Portlanders sleep outside or in our shelters. Increasingly these are families, people of color, people with disabilities and seniors.

Every day, our social service agencies help families and people experiencing homelessness and prevent homelessness for those at risk. We work to address medical, mental health, addiction, employment and other needs. **But these services can not address the fundamental root cause of this crisis: a lack of affordable homes in Portland.**

10 years ago, we could help people in a housing crisis with immediate access to shelter or rent assistance, and access to affordable housing opportunities in one to six months. **Now we have only waitlists to offer these families. Today in Portland, accessing a shelter can take two to eight months, while waiting for permanent affordable housing requires one to three years.**

Here is what that means in our city:

- While families wait for shelter and permanent homes, their kids don't get the sleep they need and can't get to school on time or regularly.
- Parents struggle to keep employment necessary to get back into housing – difficult while also trying to keeping their families safe.
- Seniors suffer with medical conditions worsened by stress, lack of sleep, inconsistent diets, prolonged standing, and limited access to medication.
- While Portlanders with disabilities wait, many have nowhere to turn for help except emergency rooms.

**Those of us on the front lines know the only solution to homelessness is more affordable homes for Portlanders with very low incomes.**

**Voting Yes on Measure 26-179 will create urgently needed permanent and affordable homes for 3000 Portlanders today, and tens of thousands of Portlanders over the lives of these new apartment buildings. This is the right and necessary step for Portland to take now, to ensure our city is safe and accessible for all Portlanders.**

Welcome Home is a coalition of over 140 member organizations.  
[welcomehomecoalition.org](http://welcomehomecoalition.org)

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## **MEASURE 26-179 WILL HELP FAMILIES LIKE MINE**

My name is Richard Edwards. A few years ago, I was renting a house for my family. It was a great place for my wife Linda and I to raise our two kids, Kevin and Tatianna. I was working at OHSU, making good money, and paying my rent on time. Then the house we were renting went into foreclosure, and we were on the streets with little notice.

We had nowhere to go. We slept in the car, just to stay together as a family. My wife is disabled, and uses a wheelchair; We hid it near the car each night.

**Homelessness was very scary for my family, especially my kids.**

And we're one of the lucky families. Thanks to JOIN, we found an affordable apartment at Stevens Creek Crossing, a Home Forward property. I have the stability of a five-year lease, and a new job that allows me time to be my wife's caregiver. After paying rent, there's enough in my family's budget for groceries, medical expenses—even savings. I'm working toward buying a house.

**Most importantly, my kids are safe now.** They're content, going to good schools, and their grades went up. I'm so proud of them.

But none of that would have happened if we hadn't found a safe, stable, affordable home.

There are still a lot of homeless families out there, and they need help. Families are forced to move every year because of rent increases, and sometimes more than once; many need to switch their kids' school, putting them behind.

Measure 26-179, the affordable housing bond, would build at least 1,300 more affordable apartment homes—with more than half of those big enough for families. These homes will make a huge difference in the lives of 3,000 people—people like me, and kids like mine.

**Everyone deserves a safe and affordable place to live and raise their family. Please vote yes.**

Richard Van Edwards

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Wendy Collie, New Seasons Market

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Name of person or organization paying for argument

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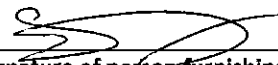
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VOTER PAMPHLET STATEMENT

August 25, 2016

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**New Seasons Market says YES! to Affordable Homes**

There's not enough affordable housing in Portland—we need 25,000 more affordable homes than we currently have. At the same time, housing costs continue to rise. In 2015 alone, average monthly rents increased by \$128 citywide. As a result, thousands of families can't find a home they can afford, and many are finding themselves forced to leave the city or become homeless.

The housing affordability crisis threatens the resiliency of our communities and the vibrancy of our city. **It's a problem that touches all of us—and that we need to solve together.**

We are proud to support Measure 26-179 and say YES! to affordable homes. At New Seasons Market, we believe that our employees should be able to live and thrive in the neighborhoods where they work, and that customers should be able to afford healthy food and other necessities. Affordable housing is critical to realizing these deeply held values—for our employees and customers, and for all Portlanders.

Measure 26's historic investment in affordable housing will create homes that are permanently affordable, reducing the financial strain on low-income families, one-quarter of whom spend more than half of their incomes on rent. It will also address homelessness by dedicating funding to people who are homeless or living on fixed incomes, including seniors and people with disabilities.

Yes on 26 means 1,300 new affordable homes that will house tens of thousands of our fellow Portlanders in the coming years.

**Please join us and vote YES for affordable homes!**

Wendy Collie

President & CEO

New Seasons Market

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Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon

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Organization name person(s) is(are) authorized to represent, if applicable: Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon

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## Argument Statement

### YES for Our Families, Our Homes

投票 是的 给我们的家庭, 我们的家

### Bỏ phiếu Có cho Gia Đình Của Chúng Ta, Nhà Của Chúng Ta

Our Asian and Pacific Islander communities in Portland have grown substantially over the last decade to nearly 50,000 people.

APANO supports Yes for Affordable Homes because we believe Portland should remain a place where our communities can live, work, play and pray. Too many of our neighborhoods are at risk of displacement, including the Jade District and other centers of the API community.

"身为工作上的父母, 我投票 是的 给可支付得起的家措施26-179, 因为我看到我们社区的房租价格飞涨, 明白到有足够钱支付家庭食品杂货和基本需求的困难。" Rosaline Hui 家长和翡翠区指导员

Là chủ của một doanh nghiệp nhỏ, tôi lo ngại về giá tiền mướn nhà tăng lên một cách chóng mặt vì điều đó đẩy những người mướn nhà lâu năm ra khỏi khu vực kinh doanh của họ. Tôi bỏ phiếu CÓ cho Dự Luật Nhà Trong Khả Năng Chi Trả 26-179 bởi vì điều đó mang đến sự ổn định cho những thanh thiếu niên và các cụ lớn tuổi, là những người mà tôi đã phục vụ trong suốt 21 năm qua." Tiến Sĩ Thuy Tran, Chủ của Rose City Vision Care và Hội Đồng Giám Đốc của Main Street Alliance of Oregon

"As a student with a part-time job, I want to find housing close to where my family is. I'm voting YES on Measure 26-179 to be able to stay connected to my culture and my extended family." - Hong Yu, Portland State Student and ALLY Leader

"APANO and a broad coalition of communities of color, immigrants and refugees, are leading the fight against displacement. This measure is a real solution that will have a concrete benefit for our families." - Rev. Joseph Santos-Lyons, APANO Executive Director

APANO urges you to vote YES on Measure 26-179.

Visit [www.apano.org/voterguide2016](http://www.apano.org/voterguide2016) for more information.

更多有关咨询请游览我们投票人指南 [www.apano.org/voterguide2016](http://www.apano.org/voterguide2016)

Xin vào trang [www.apano.org/voterguide2016](http://www.apano.org/voterguide2016) để cập nhập thêm thông tin về cảm nang hướng dẫn cử tri.

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**RENTS IN PORTLAND CONTINUE TO SKYROCKET  
MEASURE 26-179 WILL CREATE NEW SAFE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Every month, local headlines confirm the severity of Portland's housing crisis:

**"Median rent for a Portland one-bedroom apartment climbed 3.8 percent in June to \$1,360 a month. Portland continues to be the 15th most expensive rental market in the nation."** (*Willamette Week*, August 1, 2016)

**"Rents in Seattle (\$2k) and Portland (\$1,764) are fastest growing in nation"**  
(*Oregonian*, July 24, 2016)

**"Portland continues to have some [of] the highest rents in the country"** (*Portland Tribune*, May 31, 2016)

**"Rents in the Portland area rose 13 percent over the past year – far above a national rate that is closer to 4 percent"** (*Oregonian*, April 26, 2016)

Many Portlanders don't need to read the news to know that rental rates continue to skyrocket: With rents up 15% from last year—an average increase of \$108 a month—they feel the crunch with every rent check. For some, the increase is even higher—so high it forces them to find a new place to live, often in a new neighborhood or even a different city.

Studies show that Portland has a shortage of about 24,000 homes and apartments that are truly affordable for families and seniors making less than \$37,000 per year.

Our families and communities of color face disproportionate housing cost burdens, often spending more than 30% or even 50% of their income on housing.

Funding from Measure 26-179, the affordable housing bond, would help fill this gap, creating safe, affordable housing for people who live and work in our communities.

Working parents and seniors should be able to afford housing, and still have enough money for groceries and necessities – but our community's skyrocketing rents are making that impossible for too many.

VOTE YES on Measure 26-179 to create more safe, stable, and affordable housing for people who are rapidly being priced out of Portland.

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League of Women Voters of Portland

Argument paid for by:

League of Women Voters of Portland E-Mail: info@lwvpdx.org

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**The League of Women Voters of Portland Urges a  
YES vote on Measure 26-179  
Portland's Affordable Housing Bond**

The League has long advocated for decent, safe, and affordable homes for everyone, with an emphasis on those most in need.

**Families, Seniors, Veterans, and People with Disabilities  
Need Safe and Affordable Homes.**

The League supports the measure because:

- Portland has a shortage of over 23,000 rental homes and apartments truly affordable to our lowest income individuals and families (annual incomes below \$15,400 for individuals or below \$24,300 for families of four). This bond funding is an important first step in filling the gap.
- Nearly half of the 1,300 homes created will be large enough for families with children, and all of the units will be affordable to people with low and extremely low incomes, including seniors and veterans who are homeless or at risk of having no place to call home.
- Portland is experiencing a housing crisis with approximately 4,000 people living on the streets or in shelters on any given night. Spending \$75 per year for a typical single-family homeowner (based on the average assessed value of \$178,230) is a reasonable price to pay so that people in our community have a safe place to live.
- The homes created by this bond measure will be permanently affordable, serving tens of thousands community members over the life of the housing.
- Placing families and individuals quickly and permanently into affordable homes will free up space in our shelters, making shelters available for true emergencies, not long-term housing.

**Measure 26-179 is Prudent and Accountable.**

- Administrative costs are capped at seven percent.
- A five-member community oversight committee will review expenditures and report annually to the public.

**The League of Women Voters of Portland Urges You to Vote  
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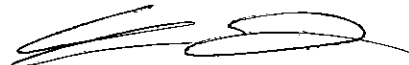
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**Veterans were there for us when we needed them.  
Now, they need us.**

There are many ways to serve our community and their nation, and Portlanders do more than most. But very few actually lay their lives on the line. We owe our military veterans the same kind of commitment and support that they have given us.

I served in the Navy for over 11 years as a medic and operations specialist. My return to civilian life was a good one. But too many of my brothers and sisters in arms have not been so fortunate, often struggling once they come home.

Most sadly, we can all see some of these struggles on our streets.

**According to the last snapshot of homelessness in our community, 12% were veterans – that came to more than 450 people.**

One of the most frustrating parts of this: the red-hot real-estate market and skyrocketing rents mean that even when they have access to veterans' benefits, there is not enough affordable housing for homeless vets to find a place to live. And for those who struggle with medical or mental health issues, a safe, stable place to live is one of the most important elements of being able to get their life back on track

**That is why Measure 26-179 is so important for our veterans.**

The housing bond will build and rehabilitate the kind of housing Portland really needs and the market is not creating: over 1300 rental units that are permanent, safe and affordable. It will mean that over the life of the buildings built by the bond, 58,000 people who would otherwise not be able to find a place to live in our community will have a home – including the veterans to whom we owe so much.

Please join me in voting YES on Measure 26-179.

Gregg GA Griffin, Navy Petty Officer Second Class

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"This information furnished by" (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet):

Oregon Food Bank

Argument paid for by:

Oregon Food Bank E-Mail: nforbes@oregonfoodbank.org  
 Name of person or organization paying for argument

Phone: Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: (503) 282-0555 Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information for authorized changes:

Nicole Forbes E-Mail: nforbes@oregonfoodbank.org  
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## **Oregon Food Bank supports Measure 26-179**

Rent or food? Our clients face tough choices like this every day. In Multnomah County, Oregon Food Bank serves an average of 63,200 Oregonians each month, and we hear stories like the ones below every month.

“I have to pay my rent and electricity. The money goes so quickly. Sometimes it just isn’t enough, so the food box helps us a lot.”

“I make a list of what needs to be bought no matter what. Then I cross things off of the grocery list. I couldn’t afford milk, I couldn’t afford this or that — it got really difficult. It’s always food I cut back on.... At some point the grocery list just got too short.”

Oregon Food Bank supports Measure 26-179 because far too many of our neighbors cannot afford food and housing. Every day people tell us they need food assistance because housing costs too much or is simply not available.

Oregon Food Bank holds people experiencing hunger at the center of all we do. More and more we hear that the cost of housing drives many of our neighbors to experience hunger. Each story is unique and each shares the connection between housing and hunger.

Parents miss meals so they can put a roof over their family. Seniors’ fixed incomes do not keep pace with rapidly rising rents. Working people with full-time jobs pay more than half their income in housing. And they all turn to their local food pantry for food assistance.

As a community we cannot accept this. As a community we must do better.

Measure 26-179 will provide much-needed safe and affordable housing for Portland families. It will be an important step forward for our community to address issues of housing and hunger.

Oregon Food Bank urges you to vote yes on Measure 26-179.

Susannah Morgan, CEO Oregon Food Bank

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Yes for Affordable Homes

Argument paid for by:

Yes for Affordable Homes

E-Mail: Christine@yesforaffordablehomes.com

Name of person or organization paying for argument

Phone: Cell: 503-319-1986

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Contact information for authorized changes:

Christine Lewis

E-Mail: Christine@yesforaffordablehomes.com

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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM ELDERS IN ACTION

**Voting YES on Measure 26-179 is Especially Important for Seniors**

Homelessness and our community's urgent lack of affordable housing is a critical issue for people of all ages. But there is one group of Portlanders that may be less visible, but is particularly vulnerable: the elderly.

Older people living on fixed incomes – often just what they receive in Social Security – are among the least able to deal with Portland's skyrocketing rents. Here are some statistics:

**There are 61% more Oregon seniors living in poverty today than just a decade ago.**

**Between 2013 and 2015 there was a 23% increase in the number of people aged 55 and older that were homeless.**

**Over that same period, there was a 10% increase in the number of people 55 and older that were completely unsheltered.**

A principle cause: a lack of permanent, affordable rental housing in Portland that has become dramatically worse as the real estate market has driven the average rent of new apartments past \$1,900 a month.

Measure 26-179 will construct and renovate the kind of permanent, affordable rental housing that seniors on fixed incomes urgently need, including those who are disabled or have limited mobility. This bond measure is a critical piece of the puzzle we need to address Portland's overall housing crisis.

There are many reasons to vote yes on 26-179. Please consider the needs of our older neighbors as one of them.

*Elders in Action is a nonprofit organization that advocates for older adults, provides meaningful volunteer opportunities and works to build an age-friendly community.*

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City Club of Portland

Argument paid for by:

City Club of Portland E-Mail: jeannemarie@pdxcityclub.org

Name of person or organization paying for argument

Phone: Cell: (541) 233-6207 Work: (503) 228-7231 Home:

Contact information for authorized changes:

Jeannemarie C. Halleck E-Mail: jeannemarie@pdxcityclub.org

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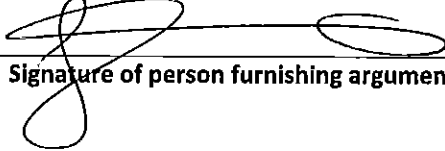
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## **CITY CLUB OF PORTLAND SUPPORTS AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND MEASURE**

**City Club of Portland** recognizes that the current housing crisis is real. Most new rental units being built are priced at market rates and above, unattainable to the more than 72,000 Portland renters who earn less than 60 percent of the area median income (just under \$44,000 for a family of four).

In 2016, City Club member-volunteers conducted an exhaustive research study on Housing Affordability in Portland. The report, approved by members with 87% support, included the following recommendations:

- Portland City Council should dedicate additional funding to build subsidized affordable units, with funding from sources including a **general obligation bond**. A bond measure referred to voters, such as Measure 26-179, has the advantage of requiring public support and will create new tax revenue to pay down debt.
  
- As demand to live in Portland increases, **the city should strategically acquire properties to encourage development and preservation of affordable housing**. The city currently lacks reserve funds to act when attractive properties become available.

City Club members agree that the crisis in housing affordability requires immediate action through existing funding mechanisms, such as a property tax. City Club strongly supports a general obligation bond for affordable housing and will remain vigilant in advancing other reasonable funding sources in the future.

Given the ongoing need for more affordable housing units in Portland and City Club research that supports more dedicated public funding to address this need, **City Club of Portland strongly recommends a "YES" vote on Ballot Measure 26-179.**

Visit [pdxcityclub.org/housingaffordability](http://pdxcityclub.org/housingaffordability) to read our report, "Housing Affordability in Portland." City Club is a non-profit, non-partisan education- and research-based civic organization. Through citizen-based research and advocacy, City Club examines issues of importance to the Portland Metropolitan Region, the state and society as a whole.

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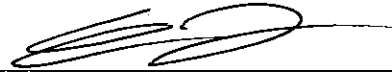
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## **VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-179 TO HELP OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

The permanently affordable housing created by Measure 26-179 would help people across our community.

According to the last "point-in-time" count— a comprehensive survey of people who are sleeping on our streets or in shelter on a given night—3,801 people in Multnomah County were unsheltered, sleeping in emergency shelters, or in transitional housing.

The bond would create 1,300 homes that can house approximately 3,000 people.

### **MEASURE 26-179 WILL HELP SENIORS**

- The number of people over the age of 55 experiencing homelessness increased by 23% – from 571 to 704 – from 2013 to 2015.
- Many seniors rely on social security income, which averages \$900 a month, about 20% of median family income. About half of the housing built by Measure 26-179 will be affordable to people making less than 30% of median family income.

### **MEASURE 26-179 WILL HELP FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN**

- 374 children under 18 were identified as homeless; Nearly all were in families, and a growing percentage were in families sleeping outside or in their car.
- About half of the housing built by Measure 26-179 would be two or three bedroom apartment homes, large enough for families with children.

### **MEASURE 26-179 WILL HELP PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

- 57% of people experiencing homelessness had a disability
- Many people with a disability rely on social security income, which averages \$900 a month, about 20% of median family income. About half of the housing built by Measure 26-179 will be affordable to people making less than 30% of median family income.

### ***Vota "Si" "en Vivienda este 8 de Noviembre!***

*Las familias trabajadoras de Portland y las personas mayores, deben tener la posibilidad de costear un hogar en donde vivir y todavía tener suficiente dinero para comprar alimentos y otros artículos necesarios. Juntos podemos hacer de Portland un lugar al que todos podemos llamarle casa.*

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**ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS FROM EVERY WALK OF LIFE AND EVERY PART OF PORTLAND URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON 26-179.**

1000 Friends of Oregon  
AFSCME CN 75  
AFSCME Local 189  
APANO  
Bicycle Transportation Alliance  
Boly: Welch  
The Bus Project  
Cascade Aids Project  
Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare  
Catholic Charities/ Caritas Housing  
Central City Concern  
Coalition of Communities of Color  
Coalition of Community Health Clinics  
Community Alliance of Tenants  
East Portland Action Plan Housing Subcommittee  
Elders in Action  
Portland City Commissioner Nick Fish  
Portland City Commissioner Amanda Fritz  
Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East  
Hacienda Community Development Corporation  
Mayor Charlie Hales  
Housing Development Center  
Housing Land Advocates  
Human Solutions, Inc.  
Innovative Housing, Inc.  
JOIN  
Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury  
Living Cully  
Northwest Housing Alternatives  
Northwest Pilot Project  
Portland City Commissioner Steve Novick  
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Oregon Environmental Council  
Oregon League of Conservation Voters  
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Oregon Working Families Party  
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Portland Independent Chamber of Commerce  
REACH Community Development

Right to Dream Too  
ROSE Community Development  
Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman  
SEIU  
Sierra Club, Oregon Chapter  
Sisters of The Road  
Street Roots  
Transition Projects  
UFCW Local 555  
Ted Wheeler, Portland Mayor-Elect