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Measure # 26 - 180 (Order # 1 )

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**YES ON 26-180:**

## **LOWER OVERALL RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA TAX**

### **DEDICATED FUNDS FOR DRUG/ALCOHOL EDUCATION & TREATMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY, & NEIGHBORHOOD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

In 2014, Portlanders passed Measure 91 with over 70% voting in favor of legalizing, regulating, and taxing recreational marijuana. Since then, the City Council has affirmed that the marijuana industry is welcome in Portland, with careful regulation. We've partnered with community and industry leaders to ensure the safety and livability of our neighborhoods through a balanced approach to supporting positive cannabis business development.

**Measure 26-180 fits into Portland's reasonable accommodation of recreational marijuana.**

The state's recreational cannabis tax is currently 25%. Next year, the state tax lowers to 17%, and the Legislature allows cities or counties to add a small 3% local tax if approved by voters.

**Medical marijuana is not currently taxed and will not be taxed under Measure 26-180.**

The total 20% tax will still result in recreational products costing less than today, and Portland will have additional resources for services like public safety and neighborhood economic development.

**Colorado's tax is 27% and Washington's is 35%. So if Portland voters approve Measure 26-180, we will still have the cheapest and (I'm told) best recreational marijuana in the country.**

Funds from the local tax will be dedicated to good uses that the people of Portland support.

The **estimated \$3 million in annual revenue** will go into a special fund that can only be used for:

- \* **Drug and alcohol education and treatment programs**, including services that increase access to these programs, and rehabilitation services;
- \* **Public safety investments**, such as police DUI training and enforcement, firefighter paramedics, and street infrastructure that improves safety;
- \* **Support for neighborhood small businesses**, especially women-owned and minority-owned businesses;
- \* **Economic opportunity and education** for communities disproportionately impacted by cannabis prohibition.

I appreciate your consideration of Measure 26-180. I ask you to join me in voting YES.

Commissioner Amanda Fritz

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Representative Lew Frederick

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Portland Friends and Neighbors,

No war is really over until the soldiers come home, casualties are healed and families are reunited. The war on drugs will be no different.

I'm proud of Oregon for acknowledging that the war on drugs created its own pain and loss in the community, without conquering the problems of addiction or crime. I'm proud that we are beginning the process of ending the war on drugs. But it's going to take a while.

Measure 26-180 on your City of Portland ballot would allow Portland to collect a 3% tax on recreational marijuana sales, but it's about more than collecting a tax. It's about addressing problems where the war on drugs failed. It's about supporting the hard work of healing the community.

This tax will not land in the City's general fund, but will direct a projected \$3 million into a dedicated fund for specific, community-healing purposes:

Drug and alcohol education and treatment programs, services to increase access to these programs, and rehabilitation.

Public safety investments including DUII training for police, DUII enforcement, paramedic training and street safety improvements.

Support for neighborhood small business, especially women and minority owned business.

Economic opportunity and education for communities disproportionately affected by cannabis prohibition.

The people enacted Measure 91, decriminalizing recreational marijuana, but the legislature had to navigate complex issues to design how to go about it. As part of that, the legislature provided a path for those with non-violent marijuana offenses on their records to get them cleared. But we didn't make it easy or cheap. Assistance for law-abiding citizens to clear their records would be a social and economic boon to communities disproportionately affected by prohibition. Please join me in voting Yes on Measure 26-180 to help make that a reality.

Representative Lew Frederick  
House District 43  
North and Northeast Portland

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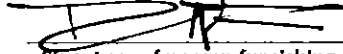
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## Portland Police Association and Fire Fighters Association Recommend YES Vote on Measure 26-180

Every day, the rank and file men and women of the Portland Police Bureau and the members of Portland Fire & Rescue dedicate themselves to keeping Portlanders safe.

That's why the **Portland Police Association**—representing the 850 rank and file members in the Police Bureau—and the **Portland Firefighters Association** are supporting **Measure 26-180**, which dedicates a portion of a City tax on recreational marijuana sales to drug and alcohol treatment programs and public safety investments:

¥ **Drug and alcohol education and treatment programs:** Measure 26-180 would fund treatment programs and services that increase access to these programs, plus rehabilitation services like the Service Coordination Team (SCT), a program that offers treatment and wraparound support to the City of Portland's most frequent drug and property crime offenders to address their drug and alcohol addictions. SCT has successfully graduated over one hundred former drug offenders from its treatment program, reducing recidivism among program graduates by 91%.

¥ **Police DUII training and enforcement:** According to the Portland Bureau of Transportation's 2015 Portland Traffic Safety Report, 54% of fatal crashes in Portland include at least one person who was under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and 30% of pedestrian fatalities involve either an intoxicated pedestrian or driver. Measure 26-180 would fund additional training that will help officers improve their ability to recognize impaired driving and enforce our existing laws, keeping our streets safer for everyone.

¥ **Firefighter paramedics:** Portland Fire & Rescue responds to calls for medical assistance. With additional funding from Measure 26-180, PF&R would be able to enhance staffing levels to respond to the community's needs.

Please join us in voting **YES on Measure 26-180** to fund these critical public safety investments.

Daryl Turner  
President  
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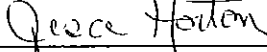
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## **VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-180 TO CREATE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES MOST IMPACTED BY CANNABIS PROHIBITION**

I am a cannabis business owner, proud to have co-founded Panacea, a Portland dispensary that gives back 10 percent of profits to social causes. I'm also co-founder and chairman of the Minority Cannabis Business Association, the first non-profit dedicated to creating equal access and economic opportunities for cannabis businesses, their patients and customers, and the communities most affected by the war on drugs. And I serve on numerous local committees dedicated to marijuana policy, including the City's Marijuana Policy Oversight Committee.

**I've seen first hand the opportunity the cannabis industry has to make positive change in our communities, and for that reason I'm a strong supporter of Measure 26-180.**

It's a modest local tax on recreational marijuana sales that will create **dedicated funding to support neighborhood small businesses**, especially women-owned and minority-owned businesses, and provide **economic opportunity and education to communities disproportionately impacted by cannabis prohibition.**

With Measure 26-180, we have the opportunity to be the **first city in the nation** that will dedicate funds from recreational marijuana sales toward correcting past inequities in the criminal justice system: When recreational marijuana was illegal in Oregon, people of color were 2.1 times more likely to be arrested for marijuana offenses, despite little difference in the rate of use.

Since voters approved Measure 91, legalizing the use of recreational marijuana, leaders in Oregon have been working to counteract these injustices—for example, creating a path for people to expunge their criminal marijuana record, making it easier to secure employment, student loans, and housing.

But we have more work to do. **Measure 26-180 will provide the resources we need to make a positive impact in Portland's communities**, including business incubator programs, management training, and job training opportunities.

**Please join me in voting YES on Measure 26-180 this November 8.**

-Jesce Horton