

Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet

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Measure # 26 - 189 (Order #)

Maximum 325 words/numbers.

VOTE YES on Measure 26-189. We are three former elected Portland auditors who want more protections for the auditor's office. We join auditor Mary Hull Caballero to **VOTE YES on Measure 26-189.**

- Jewel Lansing
- Gary Blackmer
- LaVonne Griffin-Valade

Vote YES to strengthen the elected auditor's authority to manage the office without interference from city bureaus.

Portland's elected auditor can audit and investigate all city bureaus about their actions and how public dollars are spent. Yet several of these bureaus can also limit the auditor's ability to manage the office. This charter change allows the auditor to better meet the unique needs of the office.

Vote YES to allow the auditor to obtain independent legal advice regarding audits and investigations.

Currently, the auditor can only seek legal advice from the city attorney's office. But the city attorney's office also provides legal advice to every other city bureau, even when it involves a disagreement over an audit or investigation. The auditor must have the authority to seek counsel for legal advice that is independent and unbiased.

Vote YES to guarantee the auditor can present the office's budget request directly to city council.

The budget office recommends the size of the auditor's budget. Instead, the auditor should have the authority to present and justify the office's budget request directly to city council.

Vote YES to better protect the City Ombudsman's authority.

The ombudsman has operated as part of the auditor's office since 2001. The ombudsman receives complaints from community members and investigates bureau actions that may be unfair or wrong. The ombudsman works to resolve the complaints and push through changes to better serve the public. This charter change can help ensure the good work continues.

VOTE YES on Measure 26-189 to help the City Auditor promote open and accountable government.

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Order # F-2 Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition

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Measure # 26 - 189 (Order # _____)

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Vote Yes on Measure 26-189 to support an independent City Auditor who works only for Portlanders!

Portlanders want an elected City Auditor who works for them, and them alone.

Independence from those subject to the Auditor's oversight is the bedrock of the Auditor's ability to serve the public with reliable and credible audits and investigations.

Portlanders need to add safeguards in the City Charter to ensure the Auditor is independent of City offices the Auditor audits and investigates. The Auditor should report to Portlanders, and Portlanders alone!

Join the professional associations, civic organizations, and individuals who support Measure 26-189:

Former Oregon Secretary of State Jeanne Atkins

"Portlanders deserve and expect an independent watchdog."

Facebook, <http://tinyurl.com/joncrgm>, 12-28-2016

Association of Local Government Auditors

"We have followed the Portland City Auditor's effort to strengthen the independence of the office and wish to express our support for the proposed charter amendment."

Facebook, <http://tinyurl.com/joncrgm>, 1-20-2017

U.S. Ombudsman Association

"The Ombudsman provides a unique benefit to the community by safeguarding the rights of individuals and promoting fairness and justice in the provision of City services."

Facebook, <http://tinyurl.com/joncrgm>, 1-5-2017

We support accountable and transparent government and Measure 26-189:

League of Women Voters of Portland

National Lawyers Guild, Portland Chapter

We support a City Auditor independent of City bureaus subject to the Auditor's oversight:

Christopher Broderick

Allan Classen

Emily and David Decker

Betty and Richard Duvall

Robert and Mary McWilliams

Cecilia and Lionel Maldonado

Michael Mehaffy

Christine and Tom Neilsen

Elsa Porter

Maurice Rahming

Wendy and Richard Rahm

Vote Yes on Measure 26-189 to support an independent City Auditor who works only for Portlanders!

**Measure 26-189 will Strengthen
Accountability in City Hall**

Dear Neighbors,

As your City Commissioner, I know first-hand that we do our best work in the light of day, and that we can never take public trust for granted.

That's why I **strongly support** Measure 26-189.

It will protect the independence of our elected Auditor, and it will strengthen accountability in City Hall.

Measure 26-189 is supported by Auditor Mary Hull Caballero, three former elected Auditors, neighborhood leaders, and trusted good government organizations.

I urge you to join me in voting **YES on Measure 26-189**.

Thank you.

Nick Fish
Portland City Commissioner