

Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet

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Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition Order # A-1

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Check #: 3160 Endorsements? Yes # _____ No

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This measure is unconstitutional censorship. Voting for this measure is voting to waste taxpayer money on lawyers.

A nearly identical measure was passed in 2016 as Measure 26-184, a Multnomah County Charter amendment. The Multnomah County Circuit Court recently ruled that that measure's contribution and expenditure limits were unconstitutional (case no. 17CV18006).

Also recently, the Oregon Supreme Court reaffirmed that political contributions are constitutionally protected. Quoting *Markley/Lutz v. Rosenblum*, 362 Or 531, 413 P3d 966 (2018):

Article I, section 8, of the Oregon Constitution prohibits laws "restraining the free expression of opinion, or restricting the right to speak, write, or print free[ly] on any subject whatever." See *State v. Robertson*, 293 Or 402, 649 P2d 569 (1982) (interpreting Article I, section 8). This court held in *Vannatta v. Keisling*, 324 Or 514, 931 P2d 770 (1997) (*Vannatta I*), that making contributions to candidates is protected expression and that laws limiting the amount of contributions that a person, corporation, or union makes to candidates or political committees violate Article I, section 8. 324 Or at 537-39; see *Vannatta v. Oregon Government Ethics Comm.*, 347 Or 449, 222 P3d 1077 (2009) (*clarifying Vannatta I*).

This measure has no chance of surviving a court challenge. Adopting this would merely cause another round of litigation, a complete waste of resources for a foregone conclusion.

This measure is invasive and limits the ability of ordinary people to get involved in politics. Section 3-302(c)(1):

An Individual may make aggregate Independent Expenditures of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

This makes it *illegal* to spend "too much" of your own money on your own communications to support or oppose a candidate. You could not do things (e.g. send direct mail) that political organizations still could – but organizations aren't supposed to have more rights than people!

This measure even limits how much of a candidate's own money they can spend on their campaign. Muzzling the candidate themselves is the pinnacle of censorship.

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No on Measure 26-200

26-200 makes it harder for ordinary citizens to run as candidates,

26-200 protects the 95% re-election rate of politicians.

The re-election rate of politicians nationwide has been 95%.

Arbitrary money limits like 26-200 hurt ordinary citizen challenger candidates TWICE as hard than sitting politicians already in office.

Incumbent Politicians have all the basic money they need because you and I taxpayers pay for their offices, websites, salaries and public relations staff. They get endless free press from the media anytime they want.

Simply put, politicians start every election race far ahead of challengers.

Measure 26-200 blocks ordinary citizens from raising funds necessary to create a level playing field.

Imagine if you were a candidate. Could you produce a TV ad and raise a million dollars through small donations as Measure 26-200 requires? You can't! The voice of ordinary candidates will vanish under Measure 26-200.

Sitting politician don't need million dollar TV ads. They can get free continuous media attention anytime they want because of the office they hold.

Measure 26-200 handicaps ordinary citizens running for office.

The current 95% re-election rate is proof the system is unfair. Measure 26-200 makes it more unfair by punishing ordinary citizen candidates.

Vote No on Measure 26-200

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Jason Williams **Signature redacted** 9/10/18
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No on Measure 26-200

If you ran for elected office and your grandma donated \$505 she would be breaking the law under Measure 26-200.

Does that makes sense to you?

Turning grandma into a criminal won't make things better.

Restricting free speech and blocking people from participating in democracy won't make things better either.

The key problem isn't corporations giving money to politicians. The bigger problem is politicians giving money to corporations. Look at Oregon's shameful corporate welfare.

- \$5 million in taxpayer resources being used to build private luxury hotels in Portland (The Nines hotel, Portland Convention Center Hyatt). Maybe these luxury hotels should house our homeless as thanking us taxpayers for their privileged government support?
- \$19 million in Oregon tax dollars are lavished on Hollywood-style film companies to do movies here. Since the City won't fix your pothole, maybe you should hire a Hollywood film crew to do it for you while you cash in your government rebates.
- Over \$1.9 billion in state government contracts went to corporations of whom these same corporations donated \$826,000 back to the very statewide office holders who awarded the contracts. This is illegal in other states! It should be illegal in Oregon. (Forbes 2-13-17)

Cleaning up politics begins with outlawing corporate welfare not making outlaws out of ordinary citizens as Measure 26-100 does.

Please...

- Don't censor free speech as Measure 26-100 does.
- Don't limit people participating in politics
- Don't criminalize grandma for giving a simple \$505 donation
- Don't perpetuate the politicians' 95% re-election rate by handicapping challengers

The Taxpayer Association urges No on 26-100

-- Follow our popular Oregon tax and political news website at OregonWatchdog.com -- updated daily for 17 years.

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DANIEL MEEK [Redacted Signature] 9/10/18
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OREGON ELECTIONS ARE RIGGED BY BIG MONEY

LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY!

VOTE NO ON 26-200

With Oregon's unlimited political campaign contributions and spending (unlike 44 other states), candidate who raise and spend the most money wins over 91% of the time (almost always the incumbent).

Portland city races now cost upwards of \$1 million, sometimes almost \$2 million.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE -- THE BEST PEOPLE

Most of that money comes in huge contributions from property developers, landlords, executives of multinational corporations, construction companies, financial moguls, timber companies, rail contractors, hedge fund operators, and corporations wanting government to pay more of the \$1 billion+ tab for the Portland Harbor Superfund cleanup.

These funders are truly the elite leaders of America. They have the best educations, the nicest houses, and the biggest yachts. **They know best who should serve in public office.** Elected officials should indeed listen to them do what they say.

The next best thing to having a rich person in public office
is a public officer beholden to rich people.

THE BEST PEOPLE ARE THE ONES WITH THE MOST MONEY

As our President, Donald Trump, said:

"As a businessman and a very substantial donor to very important people, when you give, they do whatever the hell you want them to do." (July 29, 2015)

"I gave to many people, before this, before two months ago, I was a businessman. I give to everybody. When they call, I give. And do you know what? When I need something from them two years later, three years later, I call them, they are there for me." (August 6, 2015)

"**When I call, they kiss my ass.**" (January 9, 2016)

Talking Points Memo, September 6, 2016

<http://talkingpointsmemo.com/trump-bondi-contributions>.

MONEY IS SPEECH - THE BEST SPEECH

DON'T LET VOTERS SPOIL OUR RIGGED SYSTEM!

All of the statements in favor of Measure 26-200 are fake news.

Committee of the Best People with the Best Words

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Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition Order # A-5

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Dan Meek **Signature redacted** 9/10/18

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Committee to Welcome Michael Cohen to Oregon Opposes Measure 26-200

We extend a hearty welcome to Michael Cohen and urge him to relocate to Oregon, where his skills at financial and political manipulation will be appreciated -- and legal!

Michael Cohen pleaded guilty to making an in-kind contribution to the presidential campaign of Donald Trump that was larger than allowed by federal law. His contribution was the \$130,000 paid to Stormy Daniels to silence her before the 2016 election. Federal law allowed him to contribute only \$2,700 to the Trump Campaign. His violation was a felony, punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000 and even jail time. Disgusting!

If Michael Cohen had contributed that \$130,000 to a candidate for state or local office in Oregon, it would have been perfectly legal. Oregon politicians often receive contributions far larger than \$130,000. Phil Knight recently contributed \$1.5 million to the Knute Buehler (R) campaign for Governor. In 2014 he contributed \$250,000 to the John Kitzhaber (D) campaign for Governor. Oregon's timber executives contribute \$200,000 to \$400,000 at a pop.

Michael Cohen would fit right in here in Oregon.

Also, Oregon law has a great loophole that exempts all campaign contributions from the law against bribery of public officials. ORS 162.015 defines bribery as giving "any pecuniary benefit upon a public servant with the intent to influence the public servant's vote, opinion, judgment, action, decision, or exercise of discretion in an official capacity." But ORS 162.005 specifies that "pecuniary benefit" "does not include a political campaign contribution." Fantastic!

**So, in Oregon, bribery with campaign contributions is legal.
Are you listening, Michael Cohen?**

Portland Measure 26-200 would prevent Michael Cohen (and anyone else) from political bribery of City officials or candidates. Sad! It would also be a model for all of Oregon, which would entirely derail Michael's new career in Oregon. Treason?

Vote No on Measure 26-200. Welcome, Michael Cohen!

Committee to Welcome Michael Cohen to Oregon
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