

Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet

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Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition Order # A-1

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

Taxpayers Association of Oregon

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Jason Williams **Signature redacted** 9/10/18

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**Taxpayer Association of Oregon
No on 26-201**

**Millions of tax dollars are available for clean energy projects.
...but Portland keeps flushing it away!**

- \$58 million tax dollars wasted on the Portland Wapato jail that was built but never used (*Oregonian 6-6-18*)
- \$51,000 of tax dollars wasted on a Portland research project studying drunk birds. (*America's Most Wasted, Senate Report 2016*).
- \$136 million over-budget for the Portland Public School construction project. (*KATU-TV 5-8-17*)
- Portland homeless were put up in hotels costing taxpayers nearly 3x the cost of putting them in apartments. This needlessly attracted more to come to Portland, straining resources for homeless already here (*OPB 3-18-18*).
- \$15 million "path to nowhere" park project is 150% over-budget (*Oregonian 2-11-16*)
- \$3 million in completely unnecessary "exit bonuses" to City employees who've been fired or resigned. Example: Portland's former human resources director was given a \$195,000 exit bonus to resign. (*KGW-TV 5-16-18*)
- \$7.3 million to upgrade again the Morrison bridge after its last upgrade only lasted two years due to faulty work.
- \$139,000 to a Portland teacher for staying at home for 22 months because he was deemed too dangerous to be around students. He eventually was awarded \$19,000 to leave. (*Portland Tribune 11-9-17*)
- \$39 million wasted on over-budget costs for the Portland's emergency dispatch system and for the failed City payroll computing system upgrade (*Oregonian 3-5-2014*).

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**No New Taxes until Portland stops wasting what we give them.
Taxpayer Association of Oregon urges No on 26-201**

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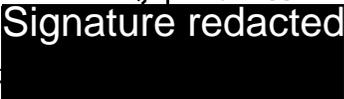
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6 reasons to oppose Measure 26-201
By the Taxpayer Association of Oregon

1. Portlanders already live in the top 10 highest taxed places in the nation.

2. Our Top 10 high tax rates are why Oregon's cost of living is growing TWICE as fast as our wages. Measure 26-201 further drives up Oregon's cost of living.

3. Portlanders already pay taxes that most other Oregonians don't pay...

- Portland Arts Income Tax (2013)
- 10-cent Portland Gas Tax (2016)
- Portland Landline Phone tax (2012)
- Portland Uber-Lyft tax (2016)
- \$35 per-car vehicle tax (2010)

...these "Portland-only" taxes are driving lower class people out of Portland. Measure 26-201 makes life even more unaffordable by raising costs of the goods we buy.

4. Portland already raised the local business tax 13-18% last May. Measure 26-201 hits businesses with a SECOND tax hike in a single year!

4. In 2018, the Oregon Legislature approved 560 fee increases which driving up the cost of living for the middle class. Measure 26-201 drives up prices further for the same middle class already struggling.

5. Reckless "clean energy" mis-spending. An official 2016 State Audit of Oregon's clean energy BETC project found that more than 25% of the clean energy funds were mis-spent. That's 25% funds mis-spent! Measure 26-201 appears to have less safeguards against fraud and abuse than the 2016 "clean energy" tax scandal that sent several Oregonians to jail.

6. More reckless "clean energy" mis-spending. In a completely different clean energy scandal, The Oregonian reports that a local Portland environmental businesses is accused of mis-spending \$8 million of tax dollars causing state officials to demand a refund (Oregonian 9-5-18). Measure 26-201 creates a clean energy slush fund with little oversight and run by unelected people which makes it ripe for abuse and scandal.

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Rebecca Tweed  09/10/18
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Portland Can't Afford Measure 26-201

Portland is becoming unaffordable for a lot of families – this tax will make that worse.

Measure 26-201 will be especially hard on Portland's poorest families because they pay a greater share of their income on basic living expenses. We shouldn't make life even more difficult for families struggling to get by.

We have higher priorities.

We should be focused on solving the housing crisis that is making the city unaffordable for a lot of people. With this tax, we would be paying a lot more, but problems like affordable housing, homelessness and traffic would still not be addressed.

This tax will be paid by consumers, not retailers.

Retailers will just pass it on to consumers in the form of higher prices for nearly everything we buy, which will mean more expensive grocery items, clothing, insurance, banking services, transportation, internet access, cell phone service and more.

Handing over this much money to special interests is not good government.

Measure 26-201 hands tens of millions of taxpayer dollars over to an unelected board, which is authorized to spend it with limited accountability. Portland politicians already did this once when they took money from the voter-approved arts tax and used it. It is time for Portland City Council to live within its means.

We share the goal of addressing climate change.

Every Portland business and household already pays a 6% fee/tax on their electricity bill to fund renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. This new surcharge simply makes businesses and families pay twice for projects they're already paying for.

We need relief, not higher costs.

This tax will only drive up the cost of everyday essentials, make housing more unaffordable and increase our costs of living. When so many are already struggling to make ends meet, we need more relief, not higher costs.

Vote NO on Measure 26-201 and Keep Portland Affordable

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Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition Order # A-4

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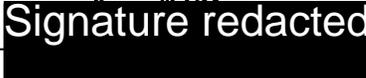
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As the cost of living in Portland has gone up,
our quality of life has gone down.

Measure 26-201 will only make that problem worse.

For too many people here, living in Portland is no longer affordable. The last thing we need is a ballot measure that will cost us more money when we buy essentials like gas, toothpaste, cell phone service, banking, and access to the internet.

Measure 26-201 will be especially hard on Portland's poorest families because they spend more of their income on basic living expenses. We shouldn't make life even more difficult for families struggling to get by.

Measure 26-201 creates a 1% tax on all sales made by certain Portland businesses to fund renewable energy and energy efficiency projects.

We all agree that we need to do more to address climate change. We all want to see more done to boost training and employment opportunities for disadvantaged communities. But 26-201 isn't the solution.

Why? Because 26-201 is a "gross receipts" tax, a tax on a business' sales, not its profits. Just like Measure 97, which Oregon voters overwhelmingly rejected two years ago, it's steeply regressive, putting the heaviest burden of the tax on those who earn the least. Sponsors would you like you to think only the large businesses targeted would pay. But economists know that such taxes on a business' sales are mostly paid by their customers in the form of higher prices.

Like many initiatives drafted by special interests, 26-201 is filled with flaws. For example, Measure 26-201 creates and empowers an unelected board that will spend tens of millions of dollars a year on new programs operated by community organizations with virtually no accountability. That's not good government. The tax can also be increased or changed by any future city council once the new gross receipts tax plan is in place. Let's not give them that opportunity.

Please join me in voting NO on Measure 26-201.

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Measure 26-201 Takes Portland in the Wrong Direction

Measure 26-201 asks you whether to create a 1% “gross receipts” tax on certain Portland businesses to fund climate change programs. The City would impose the new tax on businesses that have \$500,000 in annual Portland-based sales and \$1 billion in national sales.

There are four reasons why Portland voters should reject Measure 26-201:

Affected businesses will collect the tax, but Portland residents will pay it.

A gross receipts tax is a tax on a company’s gross sales—not its profits. It becomes another operating expense companies must factor into the price of their goods or services. The added expense will simply be passed on to consumers in the form of higher prices. City staff estimated last Spring this tax would raise \$50 million per year. But more recent estimates show it would be closer to \$80 million a year. Ultimately, most of that cost will be paid by consumers.

Small businesses will pay more for goods and services

Measure 26-201 will also tax business-to-business sales, not just consumer sales of goods and services. Small businesses will face the same higher costs as Portland residents because most shop at the same local or online retailers and service providers. For small businesses services – like real estate, banking, legal services, freight transportation, advertising, telecommunications, and office support services – are essential to their operations.

Portland businesses will become noncompetitive and will lose businesses and jobs to other communities.

Higher costs in Portland will push people to take their business to communities like Vancouver and the jobs will follow.

Portlanders already pay a 6% monthly fee to combat climate change

Portland businesses and households already pay for programs addressing climate change as part of their utility bills.

We should continue to fight climate change but Portlanders shouldn’t have to pay twice for such programs.

The cost of living is already unaffordable for so many.

Please vote NO on Measure 26-201.

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John Calhoun **Signature redacted** 9/10/18
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26-201 will make passing a statewide tax reform package harder. Vote NO.

This ballot initiative would impose a 1% gross receipts tax on sales by large businesses in Portland to fund efforts to combat climate change.

While we support the goals of the initiative, we believe that this proposal is flawed.

It could set back the possibility of a statewide tax reform package necessary to keep state services fully funded.

- Businesses covered by this initiative would be able to fairly claim double taxation by any statewide tax changes.

Businesses in Portland already pay a city and county income tax that surrounding cities do not pay.

- This additional tax could force national stores to close Portland locations damaging our downtown.

All activities and levels of government struggle with funding and this initiative does not address some of Portland's most pressing problems.

- Housing for low to middle income citizens is probably the single biggest issue facing the city today. We also have decades of funding needs for earthquake preparedness. The initiative does nothing to address those needs.

This Measure could take energy and political will from other significant climate initiatives, especially cap and invest/trade at the state level.

- Funds from this measure will have a much more limited impact than statewide measures. We can realistically only do so much at once and we should be putting our collective energy towards policies that will have the most impact. This is also where resources should be allocated to support minority and low income families reduce their energy use so that they are helped wherever they live in Oregon.

Portland ranks #4 in the country for energy efficiency among large cities. This Measure appears to put the climate far above the education of our children, where we rank bottom in the country, housing our citizens, or preparation for a seismic event.

Let's put our limited resources towards our biggest problems. VOTE NO on 26-201.

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Portland ranked 9th among “severely unaffordable” U.S. cities

“The 2017 International Housing Affordability Survey by the St. Louis-based public-policy consulting firm Demographia found Portland to be the ninth most unaffordable housing market in the country, tied with Seattle.” (*OregonLive* – 2/15/2018)

Measure 26-201 would make Portland’s affordability woes worse.

Measure 26-201 would impose a 1% “surcharge” on sales products and services on certain large businesses. In effect, it’s just a sales tax – estimated to raise nearly \$80 million per year. The bulk of the tax will be paid by consumers in higher prices for the goods and services they buy.

Independent research estimates that Measure 26-201 will increase living expenses for Portland families by \$180 per year. With so many Portland families already struggling to get by, they cannot afford to keep paying higher and higher prices on everyday essentials from clothes to internet access.

New taxes and high costs don’t only hurt struggling families, they hurt small businesses like mine. Increased costs eat into already slim profit margins and, should this tax pass, we will be facing higher costs on everything from our banking fees to our telephone line.

There are a lot of higher priorities in Portland than this. We should be focused on solving the housing crisis, our homeless problems and ever-increasing congestion – symptoms of being a city that’s become unaffordable for a lot of families.

Increasing the price of consumer goods and services will only make it more difficult to stay, work and live here.

Vote NO on Measure 26-201 and Keep Portland Affordable

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