

# Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument

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Measure # 26 - 232 Order # F-1

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Endorsements?  Yes # \_\_\_\_\_  No  
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## **League of Women Voters of Portland Recommendations**

Based on League studies and member agreement, we support the following measures recommended by the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee.

### **Yes on Measure 26-232 – Ranked Choice Voting**

- Ranked choice voting (RCV) provides more choices for voters who may rank candidates from most to least favorite. People can vote their conscience.
- The ranking process allows for just one election in November when voter turnout is higher and the electorate more accurately reflects Multnomah County's diversity.
- RCV is successful and increasingly used across the United States. Multnomah County voters are as smart as folks in those communities and will understand how RCV works.
- RCV gives voters more power to elect the candidates they prefer. If a voter's first choice doesn't win, their vote counts for their next-highest choice.

### **Yes on Measure 26-230 – Gender Neutral Language**

- The League supports equal rights for all and respectful government communications, as demonstrated by gender neutral language.
- There should be consistency between the use of gender neutral language in both county code and the charter.

### **Yes on Measure 26-234 – Ombuds Position**

- An Ombuds position in the County Auditor's Office will facilitate governmental accountability.

### **Yes on Measure 26-235 – Auditor Access to Information**

- The Auditor's capacity to ensure accountable, transparent government through audits and reports requires timely access to information.

### **Yes on Measure 26-236 – Charter Review Effectiveness**

- Charter review by an independent committee is vital to keeping the county charter responsive to new issues or topics that were previously unanticipated.
- Charter Review Committee effectiveness requires adequate time, a reasonable budget, and an effective committee member selection process.

The measures proposed by the County Charter Committee not mentioned in this statement are neither supported nor opposed by LWV Portland due to the lack of a League study on which to base an endorsement decision.

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Jenny Lee [Signature] Sept. 10, 2022

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## **YES ON 26-232 FOR REAL CHOICES IN OUR DEMOCRACY**

Measure 26-232 will give Multnomah County voters a greater say in our county government and a stronger, more equitable democracy. Allowing voters to rank candidates, known as ranked choice voting, gives voters more meaningful choices, meaning everyone has more reason to vote. You can rank all the candidates, or just choose one.

### **Greater Representation**

When voters are able to rank their ballot in order of their first, second, and third choice and beyond, voters have the freedom to vote for the candidates they truly believe in.

Ranked choice voting allows voters to be a part of a process that uses their ballot to the fullest. If your first choice isn't elected, you can trust your vote will be counted for your next choice.

### **Ranked Choice Voting Works**

In Oregon, Benton County recently implemented ranked choice voting, and across the country from Alaska to New York City, communities are adopting this system to give voters more choice. Voters find these systems easy to use (recently, 85% of Alaskan voters said ranking candidates was "simple"). Other cities that have switched to ranked choice voting have saved voters time, saved tax dollars, and have elected officials who better represent the people as a result.

It's time to give voters real choices so we can see real representation in our county government.

**Join us in supporting Measure 26-232 for more voices and more choices in Multnomah County.**

### **Organizations**

- 350PDX
- Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon
- Coalition of Communities of Color
- Next Up
- North Star Action Center
- Oregon Food Bank
- Oregon Ranked Choice Voting
- Sightline Institute
- Verde

### **Political Scientists**

- Paul Gronke, Ph.D., Professor, Reed College
- Paul Manson, Ph.D., Visiting Assistant Professor, Reed College
- Jack Miller, Ph.D., Dept. of Political Science, PSU
- Anne Santiago, Ph.D., Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Portland
- Mark Stephan, Ph.D., Associate Professor, WSU-Vancouver
- Charlie White, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, PSU

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## **Vote YES on Ranked Choice Voting for Multnomah County**

Measure 26-232 is a dramatic improvement in the way we elect our leaders in Multnomah County.

The main difference between Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) and what we have now is that with RCV you can rank your candidates in order of preference instead of being limited to voting for just one.

**RCV gives voters more power, more voice, and more choices. It is a simple, but important, improvement in how we vote.**

**RCV reduces campaign attacks and improves political dialogue.**

**Voters find RCV easy to use.**

Studies show that voters really like RCV because they don't have to vote "strategically" and hold their nose while voting for their least favorite choice.

There are no "spoiler candidates" with RCV. Candidates run more positive campaigns and are encouraged to cooperate. RCV incentivizes candidates to reach out across the political spectrum to reach more voters.

RCV is also fairer and more representative because candidates get elected in November when turnout can be thirty to forty percentage points higher than in May.

RCV is well-known and used by more than 11 million Americans in cities, states, and counties around the United States. It already is being used in Oregon, in Benton County.

Research shows the many ways that RCV is better than what we use today:

- RCV creates more civil political dialogue and reduces negative campaigning and political polarization.
- RCV changes who runs, encouraging a more diverse candidate pool with more women and people of color not just running but also winning.
- RCV saves money because we don't have to run two separate elections to elect one person.

**Ranked Choice Voting will help create a more diverse and more representative democracy for Multnomah County.**

**Join me in voting YES on Measure 26-232.**

Paul Gronke, Ph.D.

Professor of Political Science, Reed College

Director of the Elections & Voting Information Center

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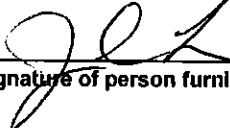
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## **VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-232 FOR AN EQUITABLE DEMOCRACY**

The Coalition of Communities of Color is an alliance of culturally-specific organizations dedicated to racial justice. An equitable democracy is the foundation for a strong and inclusive community, and ranked choice voting will help make all of our voices heard.

America's promise is that each of us, whether we're young or old, renter or homeowner, Black, white, or brown, has the right to vote for leaders who represent our communities. Allowing voters to rank candidates in order of preference, known as ranked choice voting, is a key strategy to advance representation, and should be adopted in Multnomah County.

### **Making all our voices count**

Ranking candidates will ensure all of our ballots matter. Oregon has long been a leader for increasing access to the ballot. As voters of color are being disenfranchised across the country, we can come together to build a more inclusive democracy at home in Multnomah County.

### **New and diverse voices in government**

Other cities that have passed reforms like these have seen new voices run for office and have elected new officials who represent the people—not special interests. This August in Alaska's first election using ranked choice voting, voters rejected divisive politics and sent the first Alaska Native woman to Congress.

### **Voting our values**

With ranked choice voting, you will have more choices and be able to pick candidates who truly represent your community and your values. When voters have more meaningful choices, they have more reasons to vote.

The Coalition of Communities of Color urges you to **vote YES on Measure 26-232** for elections where all of us, Black, brown, or white, have choice and a meaningful say in our democracy.



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## **More Voice, More Choice for Multnomah County Voters - Vote YES on Measure 26-232**

**Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) is a simple, proven upgrade to our elections that gives more voters a seat at the decision-making table.**

With RCV, Multnomah County voters will have the option to rank the candidates they like best—giving voters more choice and more power. Ranking candidates means no more wasted votes or feeling pressure to choose between a candidate you like and one that “can win.” You can still vote as you do now, but RCV gives you the option to rank candidates in order of preference—so if your favorite can’t win, your vote counts for your next choice instead.

With RCV, Multnomah County voters get:

**More Voices.** Young or old, renter or homeowner, Black, white, or brown, every voter in Multnomah County has the right to vote for leaders who represent our communities. RCV has helped elect more people of color, women, young people, and non-politicians.

**More Choices.** RCV reduces barriers to new candidates and brings new voices by allowing people to run without being “spoilers.” This means voters have more meaningful choices and more reasons to vote.

**Better Representation.** Every voter’s voice matters. RCV elects candidates that represent the whole county, and not just a few powerful neighborhoods.

**Positive, Issue-Driven Campaigns.** Voters want to support candidates who align with their values. RCV reduces incentives for candidates to attack their opponents and instead focus on civil, issue-oriented platforms that more fully represent the views and experiences of their constituents.

**Proven Success.** With RCV, more diverse candidates around the country have run for office, with local governments more reflective of the people they represent. RCV has been successful in Benton County, Oregon and in dozens of counties and cities ranging from small-town Utah to New York City.

**Vote YES Measure 23-262 to get more choice and more power as a voter in Multnomah County.**