

Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument

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Measure # 26-250 Order # 1

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ELECTION REFORM ADVOCATES SUPPORT MEASURE 26-250

Our organizations work for healthier democracy, voter rights, getting big money out of politics, and holding powerful politicians accountable. We are non-partisan. All voters deserve free and fair elections.

Portland must reform how it oversees elections and campaigns.

Currently, enforcement of Portland's rules on political campaign funding and disclosures is split among various city offices, leading to confusion. And those offices are led by elected politicians, which is a conflict of interest: Those politicians make decisions that can affect which candidates win or lose.

Measure 26-250 would stop those conflicts of interest and end bureaucratic confusion. It would transfer implementation of the Small Donor Elections Program to a new Independent Portland Elections Commission (IPEC), with members representing different communities and free from conflicts of interest. It would allow for all the other election-related programs to be centralized into one efficient, easy-to-navigate department, led by the IPEC.

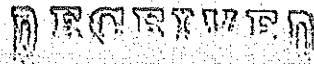
Portlanders overwhelmingly support getting big money out of candidate campaigns and shining a light on dark money. That is why 87% voted to limit campaign contributions and strengthen transparency laws in 2018. That law assigned enforcement to an elected official, the City Auditor. But the previous Auditor seemed reluctant to enforce the law that you supported. Meanwhile, the Small Donor Elections program—which matches small donations to candidates—has been shuffled between offices and is now ultimately overseen by the Mayor, who also campaigns for office. It is a conflict of interest if the people who run for office also implement the rules.

Portland needs one permanent home for all election-related programs that is efficient and free of potential conflicts of interest: the Independent Portland Elections Commission.

Our organizations stand up to big special interests and entrenched power. That is why we urge you to vote for a modern and trusted elections system.

Vote YES for Measure 26-250

Common Cause Oregon
Honest Elections Oregon
Portland Forward



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Signature of person furnishing argument: [Signature]
Date: 9/2/24

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**League of Women Voters of Portland Urges
"YES" on All Portland Measures**

Yes on Measure 26-250 – Independent Portland Elections Commission

This measure will end an inappropriate conflict of interest by transferring implementation of the Small Donor Elections program to an independent commission. This replaces current oversight by a city council member of this campaign finance reform program. This is a significant conflict of interest because these are elected officials who not only could use the program, but could also hinder its effective use by candidates running against them.

The new commission will be representative of our city and focus on the small donor emphasis of this program. The League firmly supports campaign finance reform and its effectiveness requires impartial administration. Measure 26-250 ends the current conflict of interest and achieves the vital goal of independent oversight for the small donor reform program.

Yes on Measure 26-249 – Utility franchise agreements

This measure will modernize the approval process for agreements that allow utilities to use city rights-of-way by eliminating unduly long, outdated and inefficient steps.

Yes on Measure 26-251 – Parks, sewers, stormwater

To clarify city authority, this measure will update and streamline language related to management of recreational and natural areas, sewers, and stormwater.

Yes on Measure 26-252 – Deletes vague, archaic, inconsistent Charter language

Effective, accountable, and responsive governments update language in their documents.

Yes on Measure 26-253 – Building weatherization

This measure ends a 44-year-old requirement for a citywide vote on energy weatherization mandates for pre-1979 buildings. Instead, weatherization policies would be enacted, with required public input, by city council. This facilitates efficient governmental action on energy policies that address climate change.

**League of Women Voters of Portland Says
Vote "Yes" for
Measures 26-249, 26-250, 26-251, 26-252, and 26-253**

Recommendations are based on member-approved positions supported by League studies.

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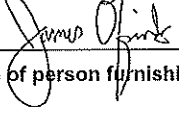
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Former Portland Charter Review Commission leaders urge a Yes vote for Measure 26-250.

We deserve a democracy for and by the people.

We were members of the last Charter Review Commission, which considered important changes to Portland's governing charter. As volunteers representing different communities, we engaged and listened to you about how our city government could work better for all Portlanders.

Along with other inclusive democracy reforms that we sent to the voters, we supported establishing an Independent Portland Elections Commission. Please vote YES to adopt this important democratic safeguard.

The City's elections and campaign finance programs are currently run by politicians. Our Small Donor Elections program is ultimately run by the Mayor, and other election programs are run by the Auditor. This is a conflict of interest, because those already in office get to control the laws and rules that apply to them and their opponents. We need independent oversight for our elections.

The Independent Portland Elections Commission would be made up of volunteers who are election experts and community leaders. Since their employment will not depend on which candidate wins, voters can trust that would fairly referee our democracy.

If passed by you, this Commission would oversee the Small Donor Elections program, which helps put everyday people at the center of our democracy instead of big donors. The Commission can also oversee any and all other election programs. A Yes vote means that our elections offices will be united under objective, accountable and transparent leadership.

This is a common-sense solution that the Charter Review Commission overwhelmingly recommended with a 15-1 vote.

Portlanders need to trust that our elections are fair and free of manipulation. Democracy should be safe from political interference. We ask you to protect our elections by voting Yes on 26-250.

Former Portland Charter Review Commissioners,
Amira Streeter
Salomé Chimuku
Robin Ye
Becca Uherbelau
Anthony Castaneda

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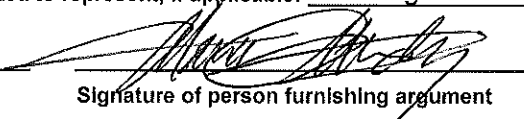
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<u>Marcus C. Mundy</u>		<u>September 5, 2024</u>
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MEASURE 26-250 BROADENS PORTLAND'S DEMOCRACY

Building Power for Communities of Color, East County Rising, and Next Up Action Fund ask you to vote Yes on Measure 26-250.

Our organizations represent Portlanders of color, young people, and those living in East Portland. To make our voices heard, we need elections that are fair and accessible to all.

Broadening who can participate in democracy is core to our organizations' missions. Young folks; Black, Indigenous, and people of color; immigrants; and residents who live in the eastern part of the city have always contributed to the strength of our city. But for too long, these Portlanders have been denied a seat at the table.

We need to simplify the bureaucracy so that more people can access their government and run for office. We need independent oversight in our elections. **We need to pass 26-250 and establish the Independent Portland Elections Commission.**

This commission, made up of diverse community members committed to a fair democracy, will oversee election-related programs to ensure they benefit all Portlanders—instead of any single candidate or powerful interest.

Currently, the public has to navigate a labyrinth of elections offices and programs, with different rules and processes. It requires expert advice to untangle, which is a barrier to access for first-time candidates and underrepresented communities. The Independent Portland Elections Commission simplifies this, by allowing for all elections programs to be centralized under one office.

Furthermore, the elected officials who are running for reelection get to influence the rules, presenting a conflict of interest. The Independent Portland Elections Commission resolves this by making sure that the people overseeing our elections are vetted and are experts in conducting fair elections.

Our voices can be heard when elections are trusted and accessible. Please join us in making the table big enough for everyone to have a seat. Vote **Yes on 26-250**.

Building Power for Communities of Color
East County Rising
Next Up Action Fund