

# Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument

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Election Date: November Election 2024

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Measure # 26-250 Order # lot 2

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Name of person: (required) Jason Williams

Organization Name: (if applicable) Taxpayers Association of Oregon

Argument paid for or petition provided by:

Taxpayers Association of Oregon Email: oregonwatchdog@gmail.com

Name of person/organization paying or submitting petition for Measure Argument

Phone Number: 503-643-1400

### Contact information for authorized changes:

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### Filer Checklist for Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet (VP)

- Typewritten & signed JCVP-03 form and attached Measure Argument for County VP.
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- (If applicable) JCVP-02 Statement of Endorsement(s) #: \_\_\_\_\_
- Word Count (325 MAX).

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Organization name person(s) is (are) authorized to represent, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

Jason Williams

9/6/2024

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## **DON'T HANDCUFF OUR NEW COUNCIL**

Don't be fooled by this sneaky attempt to reduce accountability in Portland's elections!

Measure 26-250 would cement the Elections Commission into our City Charter, making it nearly impossible to fix when things go wrong. Here's why we must reject this proposal:

1. **Handcuffing Our Democracy:** Right now, the Elections Commission can be changed by our elected officials when needed. If we lock it into the Charter, we're stuck with it – good or bad – unless we have another citywide vote. That's not progress, that's paralysis!
2. **Silencing Voters' Voices:** With this change, the new 12-member City Council we voted for in this election would lose the ability to quickly address issues with the Elections Commission. Why are we already undermining the reforms we just approved?
3. **A Trojan Horse for More Power:** The vague language about "other election or campaign finance-related law or program" is a recipe for disaster. It's an open invitation for the Commission to grab more authority without proper checks and balances.
4. **No Financial Upside:** Even the City Budget Office admits this does nothing to save money. So why are we even considering it?
5. **Gutting Accountability:** This move rips power away from our elected representatives and puts the power in the hands of an unelected Elections Commission. They have no duty or obligation to respond when voters have concerns about our election processes.

Remember, an ordinance—not the Charter—established Portland's public financing of elections. **We don't need to mess with the Charter to have fair elections!**

Don't let them lock our democracy into a rigid and unaccountable system we can't easily fix.

**VOTE NO ON MEASURE 26-250!**

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This is a reminder that the City of Portland and Elections Commission actually hand-out millions of our tax dollars to unsavory political candidates for which these candidates get to spend it on stuffing our mailbox with negative campaign ads and solicitations.

**At the same time, the City says it doesn't have enough money for trash pick-up, graffiti removal or a timely 911 emergency response ... they're unloading millions for political candidates -- which is not the proper function of our tax dollars.**

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