# Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument

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#### **Measure Argument Text**

Measure: 26-253

This Information furnished by: Earth Advantage, Inc.

Date: August 29th, 2024

Text submitted for the Multnomah County Voters' Pamphlet:

We encourage Portlanders to support **Measure 26-253**. The city charter is the wrong place for inflexible rules that hinder Portland's response to climate change. Portland's climate policies are developed through extensive public involvement and should not be limited by antiquated rules that pre-date our climate emergency. Removing restrictive language from the city charter ensures that Portlanders and their elected representatives have flexibility in responding to the impacts of climate change.

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### YES ON MEASURE 26-253: Weatherization for Healthier, Energy Efficient Homes

Building Power for Communities of Color Asks You to Vote YES on Measure 26-253

As an organization dedicated to racial equity, Building Power for Communities of Color believes that all Portlanders should be able to afford their energy bills and live in healthy, comfortable homes. As heat waves, wildfires, and cold snaps increase, it's more important than ever that buildings are resilient against extreme weather events. Weatherization is a key tool to do this. That's why we support a <u>YES</u> vote on Measure 26-253.

Weatherization **increases energy efficiency** by sealing homes to prevent cold air seeping inside during the winter and **improves indoor air quality** during wildfires.

Insulating and air sealing buildings will help make homes and buildings more comfortable, affordable, safer, cleaner, and more resilient to the impacts of climate change, like wildfire smoke and extreme heat. It is an energy-efficient strategy for reducing the cost of heating and cooling as well as the carbon emissions that come from using energy in buildings.

Our partner organizations have worked with BIPOC and low-income communities for years to support weatherization and energy efficiency. Weatherization provides benefits to our entire community, including low-income renters in older homes and apartments built before modern building codes. And increasing energy efficiency in buildings and homes is a key component to helping the City of Portland meet its 2030 and 2050 climate goals.

Our City urgently needs more options to keep energy costs down and make our homes and buildings more resilient to the most damaging impacts of the climate crisis. That's why Building Power for Communities of Color urges you to vote <u>YES</u> on Measure 26-253 to create a path for healthier, more energy-efficient homes for Portlanders.

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#### **CLIMATE CRISIS WARRANTS ENDING A 1980 CHARTER PROVISION**

League of Women Voters of Portland and Coalition of Communities of Color Say Vote "YES" on Measure 26-253

This measure removes a 44-year-old provision in the city charter requiring an automatic referral to voters of any ordinance mandating weatherization of structures built in Portland before 1979. Its adoption was triggered by an objective in a 1970s energy policy ordinance to begin mandating cost-effective weatherization in 1984. Back then, one concern was that automatic referral is an inefficient governmental process, especially since it was being applied to rules before they had even been developed. Nevertheless, this provision was added to the charter in 1980.

Removing this provision by voting "YES" on Measure 26-253 is based on League positions in support of efficient government and energy conservation.

Both the League and the Coalition firmly believe that energy efficiency has only become even more important since 1980 due to the climate crisis. Weatherization is a critical element in meeting Portland's 2030 and 2050 energy and climate goals.

Weatherization is a cost-effective strategy to increase energy efficiency by sealing homes to prevent cold air seeping inside during the winter and keep hot air out in the summer. It also improves indoor air quality during wildfires. Weatherization especially helps low-income renters in older homes and apartments built before modern building codes. Note, however, that any possible future weatherization rules would require Council action involving public participation.

Measure 26-253 would facilitate a path toward a **greener**, **more energy-efficient community** by giving City Council the flexibility to enact policies to reduce energy costs and make our homes and buildings more resilient to climate change-driven extreme weather events.

The League of Women Voters of Portland and the Coalition of Communities of Color urge you to vote **YES on Measure 26-253** for a more cost-effective, healthier, and energy-efficient future in Portland.