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# Yes on 26-197 Help Keep Portland's Kids Safe and Successful with The Portland Children's Levy

In 2002, Portland voters created the Portland Children's Levy, to make the needs of our community's children a higher priority. Over that time, the Children's Levy has invested in over 50 community organizations to provide programs in the following areas:

- Child abuse prevention and intervention: protecting children from terrible circumstances, which also addresses juvenile crime, school failure, drug and alcohol abuse and homeless youth.
- Early childhood programs: preparing children for success in school and making quality childcare more affordable. Ensuring that children arrive at school ready to learn also assists our schools and teachers.
- After school, summer and mentoring programs: promoting academic achievement, reducing the number of juveniles victimized by crime and increasing graduation rates.
- Children in foster care programs: giving foster children a better chance at success with educational support, mentoring and access to mental health services.
- Child hunger prevention: improving children's access to nutritious meals, leading to better
  physical and mental health, as well as academic success.

By voting YES on Measure 26-197, we can continue to ensure a better future for our kids and our community.

#### No Increase in Tax Rate

Measure 26-197 renews the Children's Levy at the same tax rate we are paying now.

#### **Effective and Accountable**

Measure 26-197 will continue the Children's Levy's strong accountability measures:

- Only supports programs that are cost-effective and proven to work
- Oversight by a citizens committee
- Administrative expenses are limited to 5% or less
- Annual independent audits

Renewing the Portland Children's Levy is an important way to say that in Portland, we care about our kids — and put those values into action every day.

PLEASE VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-197

Learn more at Voteyesforportlandschildren.org

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#### A Message from the Portland Children's Levy Citizens Oversight Committee

More than 15 years ago Portland voters made children a higher priority by creating the Portland Children's Levy.

Part of that passage in 2002, as well as the Levy's overwhelming renewals in 2008 and 2013, included a five-member citizens' oversight committee set up to ensure that the Levy:

- Makes sound investments
- Spends its money wisely
- Is fully accountable to the public

As the citizen members of the oversight committee, we meet publicly to make funding decisions and ensure that tax dollars go to proven and cost-effective investments that reap major benefits for Portland children and families, as well as the community in general.

We approve investments that improve the lives of thousands of children each year. The Levy's programs support children who might otherwise grow up without a healthy start and the positive influences that lead to success in school and beyond.

We review the programs that the Levy invests in, ensuring that Portland gets the biggest bang for its buck on its investment. Administrative costs for the Children's Levy are kept to 5 percent or less.

The Children's Levy invests in programs that:

- Prepare children so they arrive at kindergarten ready to learn
- Motivate students to stay in school, attain better grades and keep them safer after school
- Help children overcome the trauma of abuse and neglect
- Assist foster care children in beating the daunting odds they face now and in the future
- Provide healthy and nutritious food to children so they can concentrate on their learning

Over the life of the Levy, citizen oversight has helped keep the promise of effectiveness and accountability, investing over \$150 million to ensure that our next generation achieves a bright future and has the opportunity to succeed. Your YES vote on Measure 26-197 will make that happen.

Commissioner Dan Saltzman

Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury

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#### Why this Older Portlander is Voting Yes to Help Younger Portlanders

At first glance it may appear curious that an older Portlander is in support of a measure focused on young children. We all have a stake in the Portland Children's Levy because a community in which children are supported, nourished, and successful in and out of school is a healthier community for all of us.

The Portland Children's Levy increases opportunities for early learning and pre-school experiences. It supports after-school programs which bring children additional enrichment in opportunity for building friendships and mentoring. For every dollar we spend on early childhood education, we save \$17 in long-term cost. The Portland Children's Levy supports youth in foster care with skill building for transition into adulthood. Youth who are engaged in and after school are less likely to get into trouble. It costs taxpayers over \$59,000 a year to jail a juvenile offender.

The Portland Children's Levy strengthens families by helping them achieve early, positive parenting experiences. Building parenting skills keeps families united, provides permanency for children, and is one avenue of child abuse prevention.

The Portland Children's Levy keeps children nourished and ready to learn, play, and succeed. It increases access to food during summer and out-of-school time. The Levy has delivered hunger relief through school-based pantries.

Over the past 15 years, the Portland Children's Levy has effectively helped thousands. It has demonstrated positive measurable outcomes and is held accountable with strong citizen oversight. It has been very careful with the money voters have provided, spending less than 5% on administrative costs. There are few organizations, public or private, with a similar financial track record.

The Portland Children's Levy makes our community stronger. It's a good value and it supports my values. Voting Yes on 26-197 will not increase our current tax rate. I hope you will join me in voting Yes.

Donna Ching, Retired Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

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#### A Message from Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill

#### The Portland Children's Levy Keeps Our Kids and Our Community Safer

The best way to fight crime is to prevent it before it happens. That's just what the Portland Children's Levy does, by investing in programs that support vulnerable, at-risk children. That's why I ask you to join me by voting yes on Measure 26-197.

Every day as prosecutors, we see the result of what happens when children don't get the support they need to be safe and successful. We see the impacts of when a child goes down the wrong path: significant financial costs of public safety involvement and the impacts on our community together with the immeasurable impact on a young person's potential and opportunities. <u>Identifying and intervening</u> with at-risk children early in their lives costs far less.

Nowhere is the Children's Levy more important than in its work to prevent the tragedy of child abuse.

For those of us who work in law enforcement, there is nothing more devastating than being confronted by cases of the abuse and neglect of children. For 15 years the Levy has helped break the cycle of abuse by investing in cost-effective and proven child abuse prevention and intervention programs that have made a huge difference in the lives of vulnerable children and families.

By voting to renew the Portland Children's Levy, we will make our community a safer place, keep children on a productive path and save our community future costs. Voting yes also says something important about who we are as a community.

Please vote YES on Measure 26-197.

Sincerely,

Rod Underhill

Multnomah County District Attorney

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#### Oregon Food Bank urges you to vote YES on Measure 26-197

Kids can focus on learning not hunger with the help of The Portland Children's Levy

Older siblings asking for extra food to bring home to a hungry brother or sister. Parents skipping meals so their children can eat. Kids knowing that school-provided breakfast and lunch are the only meals guaranteed.

These stories are heartbreaking and are far too common in our community. One in five Oregon children currently experiences hunger. Approximately 33 percent of those eating food received from a local pantry are children.

Children who are hungry get sick more often and have trouble learning. Hunger negatively impacts a child's academic performance, cognitive development, growth and physical and psychological health. Without intervention, these impacts stay with a child throughout their entire life.

Yet childhood hunger is solvable. Food assistance programs and emergency food helps children successfully develop and thrive, increasing the likelihood they will grow up to be healthy, productive adults.

The Portland Children's Levy provides a significant resource in the fight against hunger. Last year, it provided emergency food for more than 12,000 children through Oregon Food Bank's School Pantry program. The Portland Children's Levy's effective and efficient investments in our community help ensure that no child goes to bed hungry.

Your YES vote on Measure 26-197 shows that Portland continues to care about its kids, and wants them to grow up to be healthy, safe, successful and fed.

Susannah Morgan, CEO Oregon Food Bank

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#### A Message from Portland's Business Community

#### Measure 26-197: A Smart Investment in Our Future

As business owners, we want a good return on the investments we make. We look for a proven track record so we can be confident in how our money is being spent.

For the last 15 years, the Portland Children's Levy has proven itself to be one of our community's very best investments. That's why we support Measure 26-197.

The health and vitality of Portland is linked to the well-being of our children and families. Unfortunately, many of our children face a host of challenges including poverty, hunger and child abuse.

By addressing these problems, the Portland Children's Levy strengthens the foundation of both our community and our economy. It makes our city safer, helps attract and retain families to our neighborhoods and creates a better-educated workforce. All of these things make Portland more attractive to individuals thinking about starting a business, or for companies thinking about investing or relocating here.

A Proven Success, Providing Real Results: The Portland Children's Levy has achieved significant and measurable results for our city. Its programs have improved academic achievement, increased school attendance, decreased behavioral problems in students, reduced the amount of child abuse in the city and have fed over 12,000 children in need.

Money Well-Spent and Carefully Tracked: The Portland Children's Levy uses independent audits, and citizen oversight to ensure that the money is spent effectively and on what we voted for. And it caps administrative expenses at 5% or less – a cap it has kept to for 15 years.

Renewing the Children's Levy makes Portland a better place to live and do business. This is an example of Portland doing good and doing it the right way.

The bottom line: Measure 26-197 is a smart investment. We ask that you please vote Yes.

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#### The Children's Levy is Helping Portland's Students, Schools and Teachers

We love being teachers. There is nothing more satisfying than being able to help a child reach their full potential. Teaching in an elementary and middle school as we do, however, you see very clearly that some children have much steeper hills to climb over the course of their education careers.

The Portland Children's Levy is there to help them climb those hills. That is why we are such enthusiastic supporters of the Portland Children's Levy, and hope that you will join us in voting to renew it.

A child coming to school healthy and ready to learn is absolutely critical to his or her chances of success. That is a challenge for too many children: hunger, abuse or neglect and the lack of early childhood education have a terrible cost to their future.

The Levy supports critical programs including early childhood development and education, child abuse and neglect intervention and prevention and support for kids in foster care. It also funds programs that feed hungry children in a state that has unacceptable rates of child hunger.

These programs are important for children, but they are important for teachers and schools as well. <u>In a time of stretched resources and crowded classrooms</u>, the Children's Levy provides support that means <u>less disruption in the classroom</u>, with fewer children facing a daunting gap to catch up with their <u>classmates</u>. This improves the quality of education for everyone in the classroom.

The Children's Levy is also important to students throughout their academic career, providing after-school and mentoring programs that keep kids safe and increase their odds for success.

Please join us in voting Yes on Measure 26-197 to continue the Portland Children's Levy. It strengthens our entire community and it's something we can all be very proud of.

Madeleine Allen, Marysville K-8

Erika Schneider, Peninsula Elementary School

Measure 26-197 has been endorsed by the Portland Association of Teachers