

Initiative or Referendum Petition

County: Multnomah

City:

District:

Ballot Title or Measure Title

→ Insert the final ballot title of the initiative or the title of the measure as enacted by the local governing body. If there is no title chief petitioners may supply one that must include the number of the ordinance/resolution being referred and the date the local governing body adopted the ordinance/resolution.

CAPTION: Establishes publicly funded "Universal Preschool Program," income tax above thresholds.

QUESTION: Should County establish tuition-free "Universal Preschool Program," funded by new 3.9 percent tax on residents' income above certain thresholds?

SUMMARY: Enacts Multnomah County ordinance establishing "Universal Preschool Program" providing two years of publicly funded, tuition-free, year-round preschool for age-eligible children in Multnomah County; eligibility not income based. First 12 to 18 months for planning, targeted implementation by 2022-2023 school year; countywide implementation by 2027-2028 school year. County may create administrative body or contract to administer program. Establishes requirements for providers to receive funding, including licensure, certification; programming options; mixed delivery model; staffing; wages (at least 145% of Portland minimum wage), benefits, professional development; union organizing code of conduct. Providers may charge for extended hours (in excess of six). Program funded by new tax on Multnomah County residents: 3.9% tax on taxable income under Oregon law (gross income minus deductions, other adjustments) over \$165,000 (individuals) and \$190,000 (joint filers). Requires dedicated fund for tax net revenue, including operations; reserve; planning, capital investment; and professional development subaccounts. Creates advisory committee of residents to make funding, other recommendations, evaluate effectiveness. County Auditor conducts annual financial audit, biennial performance audit. Other provisions.

Text Proposed charter or ordinance or text of ordinance as enacted by local governing body.

Available from Circulator

Included below

Chief Petitioners Names and Residence Addresses


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Instructions for Circulators

- 1 Only active registered voters of the county, city or district may sign the petition.
- 2 Have signers use a pen when signing petitions. Use a pen when you are certifying petitions.
- 3 Only one circulator may collect signatures on any one signature sheet of the petition.
- 4 You must personally witness all signatures you collect and you should not collect additional signatures on the petition sheet once you have signed and dated the circulator certification.
- 5 **It is against the law for circulators to:**
 - Circulate a petition containing a false signature.
 - Make false statements to any person who signs the petition or requests information about it.
 - Attempt to obtain the signature of a person who is not qualified to sign the petition.
 - Offer money or anything of value to another person to sign or not sign the petition.
 - Sell or offer to sell signature sheets.
 - Write, alter, correct, clarify or obscure any information about the signers unless the signer is disabled and requests assistance or the signer initials after the changes are made.
 - Accept compensation to circulate a petition that is based on the number of signatures obtained.

 **Warning** Violations of the circulator requirements may result in conviction of a felony with a fine of up to \$125,000 and/or prison for up to 5 years.

Instructions for Signers

- 1 Only active Oregon voters may sign the petition. Sign your full name, as you did when you registered to vote.
- 2 Fill in the date you signed the petition, your printed name and residence address in the spaces provided. Only you may complete your optional information.
- 3 Initial any changes the circulator makes to your printed name, residence address or date you signed the petition.
- 4 Use a pen when signing the petition.
- 5 **It is against the law for signers to:**
 - Sign another person's name under any circumstances.
 - Sign a petition more than one time.
 - Sign a petition when you are not qualified to sign it.