

# Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument

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Election Date: November 2020  Amended Statement

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Measure # 26 219 Order # Q-1

**"This information furnished by"** (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet) *Name of person required ORS 251.355(2)*

Name of person: (required) Floy Jones Organization Name: (if applicable) Friends of the Reservoirs

### Argument paid for or petition provided by:

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

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### Contact information for authorized changes:

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Name of person authorized to make changes to 'Measure Argument'

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- (If applicable) JCVP-02 Statement of Endorsement(s) #: \_\_\_\_\_.
- Word Count (325 MAX).

By signing this document, I (we) hereby state I (we) am (are) responsible for the content of this argument, (ORS 251.415)

Organization name person(s) is (are) authorized to represent, if applicable: Floy Jones

<u>Floy Jones</u>		<u>September 4, 2020</u>
Printed name of person furnishing argument	Signature of person furnishing argument	Date

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 Receipt #: 244376  
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## VOTE NO TO PREVENT MORE WATER SPENDING ABUSE

This significant change to the City Charter would allow water ratepayer funds to be used for projects unrelated to the provision of water service.

Portland's Charter currently restricts the use of water funds to uses "reasonably related" to the water system, in order to protect water customers like you.

Portland's skyrocketing water rates should not be used for unrelated projects.

## A NO VOTE PROTECTS WATER CUSTOMERS & RENTERS

The Portland Water Bureau has been a terrible steward of ratepayer dollars, as evidenced by:

- The billing system fiasco which cost over \$30 million!
- Millions in cost overruns at the Washington Park historic reservoirs, currently 300% over budget!
- The Willamette River Crossing project, currently more than 200% over budget!
- The infamous "Water House," sold at a huge loss

Water rates will rise annually for decades to finance the \$16 million wasted on an Ultraviolet water treatment facility that was never built. Your water bill will also be going up to pay for unnecessarily adding tons of chemicals to pristine Bull Run water, associated with the now One BILLION dollar filtration plant project. Hidden piping costs doubled the overall cost of this project, earning Portland national attention. The Portland Water Bureau was even mocked in an AARP newsletter. This chemical-adding filtration project should be stopped.

Three years ago a Multnomah County Circuit judge rebuked the Portland Water Bureau for abusing ratepayer dollars on several more projects, including the construction of a million dollar home occupied by a Powell Butte park caretaker, refurbishing Clackamas County's Dodge Park to be used as a Water Bureau party site, and remodeling the Rose Festival building.

**None of these Water Bureau pet projects had anything to do with providing you water service**

WATER IS ESSENTIAL TO LIFE AND SHOULD BE AFFORDABLE FOR ALL

**PLEASE VOTE NO!**

**Send the Water Bureau a message: you are not their piggy bank!**

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Measure # 26 - 219 Order # 0-2

"This information furnished by" (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet) Name of person required ORS 251.355(2)

Name of person: (required) Dee White Organization Name: (if applicable) Portland Advocates for Lead-free Drinking Water

### Argument paid for or petition provided by:

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Name of person authorized to make changes to 'Measure Argument'

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<u>Dee White</u>	<u>Dee White</u>	<u>Sept 8, 2020</u>
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**VOTE NO on 26-219.**

**Costly water bills should pay for lead-safe drinking water, NOT pet projects.**

It's a decades-long pattern that has got to stop. Portland water officials want to amend the city charter to give themselves unchecked spending authority over customer water funds - from your skyrocketing water bill, and from renters via increased rent.

**Let's not give the water bureau more misspending opportunities.**

In October 2019, your water bill bought an \$800,000 6-bedroom mansion. Also last fall, their proposed \$350M filtration facility failed to include \$500M in pipes. Now that project is up to \$1.2 billion, and would include an employee gym and a posh visitor center. This year, PWB engaged in "fragmenting", illegal procurement for expensive equipment. The list of misspending goes far beyond one year's shenanigans.

**We want safe water, not mansions and secretive spending!**

For decades, Portland Water Bureau officials have (rightfully) praised our pristine Bull Run water but conflated source water with drinking water, delivering improperly treated water to your tap.

The result? **Portland's water lead levels are now THREE TIMES HIGHER THAN FLINT'S** and SIX times higher than Seattle's. Numbers don't lie. Here are the inconvenient facts: PWB **exceeded the maximum legal limit** for lead in drinking water in 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2007, 2014, 2016, and 2018.

In 2016, EPA told PWB to expeditiously get their act together on lead, a potent, cumulative neurotoxin. The fix is relatively simple, with tools in PWB's current toolbox. But PWB is decades behind.

Water providers with similar corrosive water have swiftly and significantly reduced lead, as required by federal law. Even so, a future temporary corrosion control facility - years away - is only a half-measure that won't protect public health.

Portland Water Bureau wants to ensure your dollars can build pet projects NOT related to our drinking water.

**Keep clever political stunts away from our local Constitution!**

**Please Vote NO on 26-219.**

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Measure # 26 - 219 Order # 0-3

"This information furnished by" (as it should appear in the Voters' Pamphlet) Name of person required ORS 261.355(2)

Name of person: (required) Eric Fruits, Ph.D. Organization Name: (if applicable)

### Argument paid for or petition provided by:

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### Contact information for authorized changes:

Eric Fruits Email: eric.fruits@gmail.com

Name of person authorized to make changes to 'Measure Argument'

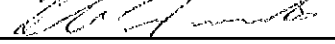
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Organization name person(s) is (are) authorized to represent, if applicable: Citizens for Water Accountability, Trust and Reform (WATR)

<u>Eric Fruits</u>		<u>September 7, 2020</u>
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**Vote No on 26-219**

**"MEASURE WOULD ALLOW COUNCIL TO RAISE WATER RATES"**

Could it get any clearer?

This measure will lead to higher water rates. That's right, your water bill—**already one of the highest in the nation**—will go up even more. Why? To pay for "incidental uses." That's code for City Hall pet projects.

Three years ago, a **Multnomah County judge declared such expenditures from the Water Fund illegal**. They remain illegal today. This measure is asking you to make currently illegal and unauthorized expenditures legal. Doing so will permanently destroy any last protections ratepayers have in the City Charter, lead to higher water bills, and **give the Water Bureau a blank check** to spend your money on their pet projects.

Portland's water bills are already higher than those in the desert city of Phoenix, Arizona. Let's not make Portland even more unaffordable.

**Please Vote NO!** to:

**\*\*Retain ratepayers protections in the City Charter\*\***

**\*\*Prevent illegal expenditures from being authorized\*\***

**\*\*Stop new Water Bureau pet projects\*\***

**\*\*Keep water bills in check\*\***

**Please Vote NO on 26-219!**

Submitted by Citizens for Water Accountability, Trust & Reform

Eric Fruits, Ph.D.  
Treasurer