

# Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument

**Important!** Read all instructions before completing this form.

Use this form when filing a 'JCVP-03 Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument' with your County Elections office. Please note that each county produces a separate County Voters' Pamphlet. If the jurisdiction/district is located in more than one county, a separate JCVP-03 form must be filed with the appropriate fee or 'JCVP-04 certified petition' to each county where the 'Measure Argument' is to be printed.

### Filing Information

Election Date: General Nov. 2020  Amended Statement

Argument in Favor  Argument in Opposition

Measure # 26-213 Order # 0-1

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

Name of person: (required) Jason Williams Organization Name: (if applicable) Taxpayers Association of Oregon

### Argument paid for or petition provided by:

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

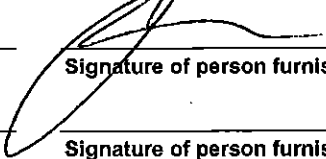
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### File Checklist for Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet (VP)

- Typewritten & signed JCVP-03 form and attached 'Measure Argument' for County VP.
- Fee or JCVP-04 certified petition (Petition ID # \_\_\_\_\_) provided.
- (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: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Jason Williams</u>		<u>9/8/20</u>
Printed name of person furnishing argument	Signature of person furnishing argument	Date
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Note: If this argument is not being filed by a registered Oregon Political Committee, you may be required to register as a political committee with the Secretary of State. Refer to the Campaign Finance Manual for further details.

### For Office Use Only:

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Taxpayers Association of Oregon urges

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Stop out-of-control park waste and mismanagement.

**Problem #1. They over-spend by 61% compared to other parks.**

According to the 2017 Trust for Public Land Report, Portland spends around 61% more (per-capita population adjusted) than 100 other city park budgets.

**Problem #2. They boosted pay by \$4 million knowing they couldn't afford it.**

In 2016, Portland City Council voted unanimously to unionize a bunch of positions in the Portland Parks Bureau. The move cost the city \$4.4 million in the following fiscal year. The city never solved the shortfall and has run at a deficit ever since. Simply put, they gave raises they knew they couldn't afford.

**Problem #3. They under-charge park users.**

KOIN-TV reports (1/23/19), "Portland parks facing \$7 million shortfall...More than a quarter of its revenues come from fees for programs, which the City Council has kept low to encourage public participation." Instead of charging a fair price for people who use park facilities, the Parks Dept. instead wishes to tax people who don't use the park to subsidize people who are under-paying.

**Problem #4. Unanswered questions.**

The measure promises to "restore recreation programs." But the ballot title doesn't explain why these programs must be restored. The short answer: Mismanagement. The city says this is only a 5-year levy. But, if Portland doesn't stop the mismanagement of its parks, they'll be back five years from now asking for even more.

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