# Joint County Voters' Pamphlet
## Measure Argument

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**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: November 3, 2020 ☐ Amended Statement

☒ Argument in Favor ☐ Argument in Opposition

Measure #26 212 Order # 1

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

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**Filer 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:** _____

| Printed name of person furnishing argument | Signature of person furnishing argument | Date |
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| Paul J. Wilcox | Paul J. Wilcox | August 10, 2020 |
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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:**

County: Mult. Required Info? ☒ Yes ☐ No Word Count (325 max):
Receipt #: 24423 Signed? ☒ Yes ☐ No Providing digital copy? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Check #: 1674 Endorsements? ☐ Yes # ____ ☒ No Received digital copy? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Petition #: _____ Intake Staff Initials: LA Review Staff Initials: A

Enhance voter choice. Vote YES on Measure 26-212!

The current system of elect-by-position of City Councilors is the result of a Council-submitted Charter Amendment placed on the ballot in November 1976. Prior to that, Councilors were elected as proposed in this Measure, as part of a field of all candidates. The major argument in favor of elect-by-position was that "if a candidate wanted to challenge the councilman holding position number 2 he would file for that position. Each council position would be elected separately."

From a voter perspective, the downside of this method was immediately apparent. The 1978 election saw a candidate distribution of 2/2/1, meaning one candidate ran unopposed. In 1980, the candidate distribution was 1/2/1, with two unopposed candidates. Over the last forty years, on average, there has been one Position on the ballot where there was only one candidate. In 2010, there were a total of eight candidates for the three Positions, yet because of the candidate distribution of 2/1/5, there was still an unopposed candidate. 2018 saw 1/1/3. The model of two candidates for each of the three Positions has not held true overall.

The other major downside is that voter choice is severely restricted. Voters have no say as to who runs against whom for each individual Position Number. The candidates themselves determine that. This creates a situation where on one hand, you might be forced to choose between two, or more, candidates that you like running for the same Position Number, or on the other hand, choose "the lesser of two, or more, evils" running for another Position Number. With "Top Three" you have the opportunity to vote for your three favorites from among all the candidates.

- Elect-by-position: maximizes the potential for unopposed candidates; severely limits choice.
- Top three: eliminates unopposed candidates in most cases; expands voter choice significantly.

Vote YES on Measure 26-212 for greater voter choice!