

# Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument

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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 # A-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) David Ripma Organization Name: (if applicable)

### Argument paid for or petition provided by:

David Ripma Email: dave@ripma.com

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### Contact information for authorized changes:

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

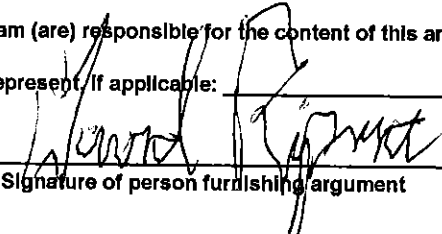
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### Filer Checklist for Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet (VP)

- 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:

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| <u>David Ripma</u>                         |  | <u>September 2, 2020</u> |
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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.

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MEASURE ARGUMENT ACCOMPANYING JCVP-03 FOR MULTNOMAH  
COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

**ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION TO MEASURE 26-212**

NAME OF PERSON SUBMITTING:            DAVID RIPMA

**I am Troutdale Councilor David Ripma and I oppose measure 26-212, which amends Troutdale's Charter. It changes the way Councilors are elected. It would adopt what I call "Multiple Seat Voting," also called "Top Three Voting." All candidates that file would run against all other candidates for all open positions. Voters would cast votes for as many candidates as there are positions to fill, selecting from all candidates that filed.**

**Troutdale's current system (adopted 44 years ago), calls for candidates to run for specific positions, against an incumbent councilor, or whoever else files, or if the position is vacant, no one. Citizens cast separate votes for each position.**

**The disadvantages of Multiple Seat voting are:**

- **Multiple seat voting increases the cost of running; each candidate is seeking to win a popularity contest.**
- **Because of the higher cost to run, "multiple seat" favors dominant, well-funded slates of candidates. Troutdale would be the loser with fewer choices and minority or new candidates less likely to run.**

- **“Multiple seat” voting makes councilors less accountable to the voters. Troutdale’s current system lets someone who disagrees with a particular councilor run a targeted campaign for that councilor’s position. That cannot be done with “multiple seat” voting.**

**Beware of any amendment that makes your elected councilors less accountable.**

- A majority of the Troutdale Council put this measure on the ballot but took no position either favoring or opposing it. The Troutdale Citizens Advisory Committee studied it and voted to oppose referring it.

**This charter amendment fixes a problem Troutdale does not have. In 2020 there are contested races for every position. When, in some elections, a position is uncontested (only one candidate running), I contend it is because the incumbent is doing a good job, or there are not enough people interested in running.**

**The “fix” of adopting “multiple seat” voting is worse than an occasional uncontested race.**

**Vote NO on Measure 26-212**