

MAR 23 2020 Measure 26-210

Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument

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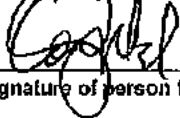
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**HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS
URGE EVERYONE TO VOTE YES
ON MEASURE 26-210**

Imagine having to tell someone there is no warm bed for them to sleep in that night. That it will be at least two years before their family can move into a safe home. That there is no laundry detergent, even though the shelter has a washer. There is no toilet paper to be used, even though the shelter has a bathroom. That the hot meals provided that day are all gone. That your case is number 100 or higher on a case manager's desk.

We, as service providers, have these conversations with our clients every single day. In the tri-county area, we serve thousands of people experiencing homelessness each month, and we do not have the resources to help the thousands more in need.

As human beings, we cannot accept this state of affairs. As a community, we must do better.

We KNOW what solves people's homelessness. Housing first, and then the flexible supportive services necessary to meet the needs of each individual experiencing homelessness. Some people may need mental and physical healthcare; some may need addiction treatment services. Some people may need job training; others may need help claiming benefits for a steady income.

We MUST have the resources needed to scale up our efforts to provide the supportive services necessary to ensure those without homes are sheltered.

We urge you to vote. It will provide the much-needed supportive services for people of color, seniors, youth, women escaping domestic violence, LGBTQIA+ community members, and veterans, among others, experiencing or at risk of experiencing chronic and episodic homelessness across the Metro region.

"People on the street age 20 years faster than their housed counterparts. We can, and must, do better to support the health and well-being of everyone in our community." - Dr. Rachel Solotaroff, President and CEO, Central City Concern

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**HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS URGE EVERYONE TO VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-210,
continued**

Adelante Mujeres	JOIN
Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon	Latino Network
ASSIST Disability Program	Living Cully
Boys & Girls Aid	Love INC of Clackamas County
Bradley Angle	LoveOne
CareOregon	Luke-Dorf
CASA of Oregon	Metropolitan Alliance for the Common Good
Cascade AIDS Project	Nathan Teske, Executive Director, Bienestar
Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare	National Alliance on Mental Illness, Clackamas
Catholic Charities of Oregon	Native American Youth and Family Center
Central City Concern	New Avenues for Youth
Centro Cultural	Northwest Family Services
Clackamas Service Center	Northwest Housing Alternatives
Clackamas Women's Services	Northwest Pilot Project
Coalition of Communities of Color	Operation Nightwatch
ColumbiaCare Services	Oregon Energy Fund
Community Action, Washington County	Oregon Food Bank
Community Alliance of Tenants	Outside In
Community Housing Fund	Outside the Frame
Community Partners for Affordable Housing	p:ear
DoGood Multnomah	Portland Homeless Family Solutions
Domestic Violence Resource Center	Prism Health
Easterseals Oregon	Project Homeless Connect
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon	Proud Ground
El Programa Hispano Católico	REACH Community Development
Hacienda Community Development Corp.	ROSE Community Development
Healthshare of Oregon	Self Enhancement Inc.
Homeless Solutions Coalition of Clackamas County	Sequoia Mental Health
HomePlate Youth Services	St. Mary's Home for Boys
HOPE Food Pantry @ 1st Baptist Church	Stone Soup PDX
Housing Oregon	Street Roots
Human Solutions	The Father's Heart
Immigrant Refugee & Community Organization	The Rosewood Initiative
Impact NW	Transition Projects
Innovative Housing	Unite Oregon
Interfaith Alliance on Poverty	Volunteers of America: Oregon
	Welcome Home Coalition
	Winter Shelter of Forest Grove and Cornelius
	YWCA of Greater Portland

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**VOTING YES ON MEASURE 26-210 FOR
SUPPORTIVE HOMELESS SERVICES
WILL HELP PEOPLE LIKE ME**

I became homeless because my partner shot me.

The services we need funded right now are vital. I know because they saved my life

I was born and raised in Portland. Growing up here, I never imagined that I would see so many people living in tents in our neighborhoods, or that I myself would face homelessness due to domestic violence.

No one teaches you to prepare for homelessness. And I promise no one chooses it over better alternatives.

I can say with experience that facing housing insecurity is as traumatic as getting shot in the chest by someone you love and trust. When I was shot, my support network was lacking due to the trauma of domestic violence. So not only was I recovering from a gunshot wound, but I was also dealing with the shame that I could not house myself in the city where the African American side of my family had managed to be homeowners for 4 generations. Together, this created my recipe for disaster.

The organizations providing the services needed for those dealing with housing insecurity are broke, but it is not a broken system. We need the funding to support the services we know work in combating our homeless disaster. People not experiencing housing insecurity call it a crisis. Those that have lived experience know it's a disaster. It is time for us as a community to **help our vulnerable neighbors rebuild their lives.**

It took four years to rebuild my life, thanks to the supportive services available. I am now a certified Peer Specialist, having volunteered nearly 500 hours in the shelter I once lived in. Please VOTE YES on Measure 26-210 to continue funding the lifesaving work of the organizations that helped prevent ME from living on the streets of Portland.

Jennifer Langston, Portland

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Measure 26-210 - Here Together JCVP-03

Statement 3 - Amended

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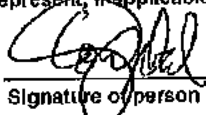
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Review Staff (Risk)

Measure 26-210 - Here Together
Statement 3 Amended

**Homelessness is solvable. We know what to do.
We just need your help.**

There's no greater prescription for the health of the individual and our community than having safe and secure housing.

As healthcare providers, we understand that everything we do to try to secure or repair health challenges is dependent on having a stable home. Nowhere has this become more clear than in the coronavirus challenge. **There are many in our community who are left with literally no place to shelter safely.** People with disabilities and existing medical conditions are disproportionately represented among them; people without severe medical conditions who experience homelessness soon develop them.

Measure 26-210 will ensure increased access and critical services needed for people currently experiencing homelessness, and will help prevent people with existing medical concerns - such as veterans, seniors, and people with disabilities - from experiencing homelessness due to their age and condition.

"Too many people are forced to choose between rent, groceries, or medicine. And the truth is, these needs are all inter-related.

Once someone is safely housed, they are more likely able to put food in their bodies several times a day, get restful sleep, and take medications correctly. Shelter, food, and water are foundational basic needs." - Imelda Dacones, MD, President and CEO Northwest Permanente, on behalf of Kaiser Permanente Northwest

"We believe the recovery process begins with a safe, affordable, and healthy place to live. With this foundation, individuals can focus on their health, connect with families and friends, and move forward in shaping a productive and meaningful life." - Dr. Derald Walker, President & CEO, Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare

We urge you to vote yes by May 19.

Care Oregon
Cascade AIDS Project
Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare
Central City Concern
Healthshare of Oregon
Kaiser Permanente
Legacy Health
Luke-Dorf
Outside In

Prism Health
Providence Health & Services - Oregon
Sequoia Mental Health

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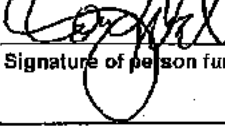
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Building a Stronger Community

The affordable housing crisis in the Portland metro region is pushing low-income families to the financial brink. Sometimes the only option is unsafe or over-crowded housing conditions that put everyone at risk of eviction; **they even end up homeless.**

Every night in our community, thousands of people are sleeping on the streets; thousands more are in shelters or their cars. While we do our best to provide affordable housing opportunities for people to stay safely housed and to transition back into housing, **every day more and more people experience homelessness for the first time.**

Our community did the right thing by passing affordable housing construction bonds. We need to do the right thing again. Measure 26-210 will allow us to maximize the success of low-income housing dollars and help more families get the supportive services they need to transition from the trauma and instability of being unhoused to the stable life of having a place to call home.

We are committed to engaging underrepresented communities and building strong community partnerships that promote equitable public policies. Measure 26-210 does both of these things to provide essential supportive services for people to successfully stay in their homes.

Please join us in voting YES by May 19 on Measure 26-210.

Catholic Charities of Oregon
Central City Concern
Community Development Partners
Community Partners for Affordable Housing
Hacienda Community Development Corporation
Housing Oregon
Human Solutions
Innovative Housing
Nathan Teske, Executive Director, Bienestar
Northwest Housing Alternatives
Proud Ground
REACH Community Development
ROSE Community Development
Transition Projects

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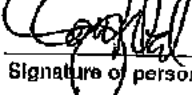
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Here Together
26-210 Statement 5

Oregon Business Leaders say
YES to Regional Homeless Services
VOTE YES on Measure 26-210

Homelessness is the number one concern of businesses throughout the region, as we understand that the Portland metro region is currently experiencing both an affordability and a homelessness crisis.

Everyone in the community suffers when people experience homelessness. We are proud to be part of the community, as individuals and as business leaders, supporting this measure that will provide the solutions for ending people's homelessness.

The 1% tax on local profits from large businesses is a reasonable and fair approach—and the need is undeniable. That is why, as business owners in our region, we urge voters to join us in saying yes to Measure 26-210

“Like so many in the local business community, the Portland Thorns and Timbers deeply understand that those two words — business, and community — are intertwined,” says Mike Golub, Portland Timbers and Thorns. “Supporting the HereTogether measure is a critical step toward making a major difference in the lives of tens of thousands of our neighbors.”

Avenue Agency
Blackbird Benefits Collective
Bozz Media
Business for a Better Portland
CareOregon
Cascadia Partners
Community Development Partners
Downtown Development Group
Ear Trumpet Labs
Eickhof Creative Shop
Foundation
Fubonn Shopping Center
Fuze7 Marketing
Gard Communications
Health Share of Oregon
Holst Architecture
Kaiser Permanente
Lara Media Services
Legacy Health
Love Portland Group, Realtors
Marigold Coffee
Neighbors Realty
Neil Kelly Co
Pixelspoke
Portland Business Alliance
Portland Timbers and Thorns

Providence Health & Services - Oregon
Reichard and Associates
Ride Report
Rosenbaum Financial
Russell Fellows Properties
Salazar Architect
Smith + Connors
Sentia Wellness
Swire CocaCola
Titan Freight Systems
TMT Development
Worksystems

Individuals

Brett Schulz, Architect PC
Chris Bonner, Principal Realtor Broker
Dick Clark, CEO of The Portland Clinic
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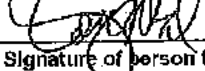
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Intake Staff Initials: _____

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Review Staff Initials: _____

**OREGON EDUCATORS AND TEACHERS ARE VOTING YES
ON MEASURE 26-210**

Oregon has the highest number of children experiencing homelessness in the nation.

The untold secret of Oregon's homeless children is that they're the least likely to be seen on the streets. Their families are living in shelters, in their vehicles, or doubled-up with others; still in locations where parents do not control the roof over the heads of their children; still in insecure and unsafe environments.

Across the metro region, over 7,000 students experience homelessness every school year. Portland Public Schools and the Beaverton School District have the greatest number of homeless students, with more than 1,500 in each district, and one in ten students in the Reynolds district has experienced homelessness.

Many of our students come to school worried about where their family will sleep that night. Children are especially vulnerable to the lifelong impacts of housing instability.

It is crucial that families and children experiencing homelessness receive the services and supports they need to stay housed and to transition from homelessness to housing as soon as possible.

We must support our community's most vulnerable members - the future leaders of our community - so that the strain of simply surviving is no longer at the forefront of their mind. Instead, children are allowed to be children, to be students, and to focus on simply growing up to be their best selves.

**Vote YES for supportive homeless services.
Vote YES on Measure 26-210.**

**Portland Association of Teachers
Beaverton Education Association
Hillsboro Classified United, American Federation of Teachers Local 4871**

**Andrea Valderrama, Chair, David Douglas School Board
Carla C. Piluso, Member, Gresham-Barlow School Board
Mitzi Bauer, Member, North Clackamas School Board
Kathy Wai, North Clackamas School Board
Martha Spiers, Member, Oregon City School Board
Elizabeth Durant, Member, Parkrose School Board
Ricki Ruiz, Reynolds School Board
Michelle DePass, Director, Portland Public Schools Board
Ruth Adkins, former member, Portland Public Schools Board
Pam Knowles, former member, Portland Public Schools board
David Wynde, former member, Portland Public Schools board**

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ORS 251.335

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JCVP-03

Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument

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Measure # 26 - 210 Order # F-8

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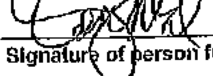
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Required info? Yes No
Signed? Yes No
Endorsement(s)? Yes # _____ No
Intake Staff Initials: _____

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Received digital copy? Yes No
Review Staff Initials: _____

JOIN US IN VOTING YES ON MEASURE 26-210

Adelante Mujeres
Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)
Centro Cultural
Coalition of Communities of Color
El Programa Hispano Católico
Hacienda Community Development Corporation
Immigrant Refugee & Community Organization
Latino Network
Living Cully
Native American Youth and Family Center
Nathan Teske, Executive Director of Bienestar
Unite Oregon

"This measure will pair proven solutions and community based expertise with the affordable housing necessary to change the lived reality of our neighbors experiencing homelessness, ensuring enough care and resources are there to support communities of color and other historically marginalized communities in this time of need."

- Marcus C. Mundy, Executive Director, Coalition of Communities of Color

People of color have historically been targeted by systemic injustices and discriminatory policies, leading African and African American, Asian and Asian American, Hispanic and Latinx, Indigenous and Native American, Middle Eastern, Pacific Islander, refugee, and immigrant people to be disproportionately represented in the metro region's homeless population.

For people of color, the recent coronavirus only reinforced our understanding that we are both disproportionately represented among the very poorest and homeless and among the frontline service providers that our entire society depends upon.

Communities of color have also historically come together to create **strong, resilient communities** in the face of such systemic injustices. **We will do so again now**, as a health crisis and an affordability crisis is causing an excessive number of our community's members to experience homelessness.

Measure 26-210 will increase access to case managers and social workers, mental and physical health professionals, addiction treatment, job training, and other services necessary for ensuring our siblings, children, and families of color living on the street, in their car, or doubled-up with people already struggling financially are successfully living stable and productive lives again.

Please join us and vote YES for Measure 26-210 by May 19.

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Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument

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Measure # 26 210 Order # F-9

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**METRO REGION FAITH LEADERS SAY VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-210
TO HELP OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

As leaders in our faith communities, we follow our religious teachings of kindness, compassion, and loving our neighbors as ourselves. Some of our neighbors need specific supports, like food, clothing, and shelter, which we provide through food pantries, homeless shelters, and clothing drives. Unfortunately, the number of our neighbors in need of help too often exceeds our capacity for doing so.

Over 5,000 people are sleeping on our streets every night. Up to 30,000 people are sleeping on the streets, in cars, or doubled-up in places not meant for sleeping. And 56,000 households are one missed paycheck away from slipping into homelessness too, many of them for the very first time.

Now more than ever, the coronavirus highlights the need and opportunity for us to live our values. It is not for us to understand why everything happens, but it is important to understand that how we respond says everything about who we are and the strength of our faith and community.

There is something we all can do to make sure that so many people are not again placed in such a precarious and vulnerable position in the first place. We hope you will join us in not only supporting this measure but making sure none of our friends and neighbors turn their backs on the homeless community, especially now.

Join us in our support of Measure 26-210, and show your faith in humanity by voting YES.

**Ainsworth United Church of Christ
Augustana Lutheran Church
Catholic Charities of Oregon
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
First Unitarian Church Committee on
Hunger and Homelessness
Havurah Shalom
Interfaith Alliance on Poverty
Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good
Portsmouth Union Church**

**Rev. Dr. Chuck Currie
Rev. Adam Ericksen
Rev. Dr. W. J. Mark Knutson
Rabbi Debra Kolodny
Rev. Heather Riggs
Rev. M. Lynne Smouse**

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Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument

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Measure # 26 210 Order # T-10

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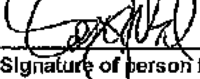
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Here Together 26-210
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**We must ensure that hard-working people can meet their basic necessities,
both while housed and should they be experiencing homelessness.**

Vote YES on Measure 26-210

If you are gainfully employed, you should never have to choose between paying rent, buying food, and accessing medical care, and yet for far too long, the hardworking families of the Portland metro area have been forced to do just that.

Our unions represent more than 60,000 members across the metro area who work in both the public and private sector. Our members provide the essential services that make our communities work. We are teachers, nurses, janitors, bus drivers, social workers, retail clerks, public servants, and other people in service industries.

As more and more families pay more than half of their income to rent, bills pile up, stomachs are hungry, vehicle problems can't be fixed, school supplies go unpurchased - families slip into homelessness. We must have more supportive services to keep this situation from occurring, and if it does, to ensure that families stay together and have the resources they need to get back on their feet as soon as possible.

This measure will provide:

- **More case managers** for individual service to help people navigate the systems of services efficiently and for maximum assistance
- **Increased mental, physical, and addiction health services** for individuals and families in need of such care
- **Programs such as job training, rent assistance, and other prevention and transitional services** that help people stay stably housed and improve their economic situation

We support Measure 26-210 and ask that you vote YES by May 19.

**AFSCME Local 3580
Beaverton Education Association
Hillsboro Classified United, American Federation of Teachers Local 4671
Portland Association of Teachers
United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555**

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Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument

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Measure # 26 210 Order # F-11

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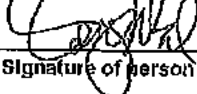
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Our Region's Health Care Providers Support Measure 26-210

As leading nonprofit health care providers in the Portland metro region, we know that housing is health.

Without a safe, stable place to call home, it's nearly impossible for our patients to focus on basic health and medical needs, and for our doctors and nurses to keep them healthy.

Patients who are homeless have a higher rate of hospital admissions and emergency room visits, while also suffering from poorer health outcomes and higher mortality rates. **This disparity is even more devastating during the COVID-19 public health crisis we are confronting.**

While some of us are business competitors, we are all in the business of keeping people healthy. That's why we support Measure 26-210 - **we are all in this together, to serve people experiencing homelessness in our community.**

In Oregon and across America, we and other health care organizations are investing in housing development, supportive services, safety-net clinics, community health workers, and much more.

Here in the metro region, we are working collaboratively with government and nonprofit partners to address a key driver of health - housing instability and homelessness - to improve the health and well-being of the communities we serve.

As major health care systems, we won't back down from our commitment to helping house and care for vulnerable people in our community. But with thousands of families and individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness across the region, we know our efforts cannot meet the entire need. We urge a Yes vote on Measure 26-210 so that together, our region can make a historic investment in the health and well-being of the entire community.

CareOregon
Health Share of Oregon
Kaiser Permanente
Legacy Health
Providence Health & Services - Oregon

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Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument

Statement 11 - Multnomah County

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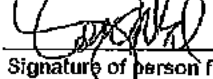
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Petition #: _____	Intake Staff Initials: _____	Review Staff Initials: _____

**MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS VOTING YES ON MEASURE 26-210 FOR SUPPORTIVE
HOMELESS SERVICES**

HereTogether 26-210
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Everyone in our community is affected by the homelessness crisis. **Especially here in Multnomah County, the impact of homelessness is present around us every single day.**

Please join us in voting YES on Measure 26-210 by May 19. Together, we can support our most vulnerable Multnomah County community members with the supportive services they need to transition into safe and stable homes, or stay in their safe and stable homes, and keep our community healthy here, together.

Governor Kate Brown
U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley
Congressman Earl Blumenauer
Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici
State Treasurer Tobias Read

State Legislators:

House Speaker Tina Kotek
Senator Shemia Fagan
Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer
Representative Rob Nosse
Representative Carla C. Piluso
Former Senator Chip Shields

Mult Co Commission:

Chair Deborah Kafoury
Commissioner Susheela Jayapal
Commissioner Sharon Meieran
Commissioner Lori Stegmann
Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson

City Electeds:

Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler
Portland City Commissioner Chloe Eudaly
Wood Village Mayor T. Scott Harden
Gresham City Councilor Eddy Moralez

School Board Members:

Michelle Depass, Portland Public
Andrea Valderrama, David Douglas
Ricki Ruiz, Reynolds

Organizations:

Bradley Angle
Business for a Better Portland
CareOregon
Cascade AIDS Project

Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare
Central City Concern
DoGood Multnomah
Downtown Development Group
Fubonn Shopping Center
Hacienda CDC
Health Share of Oregon
Human Solutions, Inc.
Immigrant and Refugee Community
Organization
Impact NW
Interfaith Alliance on Poverty
JOIN
Kaiser Permanente
Latino Network
Legacy Health
Living Cully
Love Portland Group
Native American Youth and Family Center
New Avenues for Youth
Northwest Pilot Project
Operation Nightwatch Portland
Oregon Food Bank
Outside In
pear
Portland Association of Teachers
Portland Business Alliance
Portland Homeless Family Solutions
Portland: Neighbors Welcome
Portland Timbers and Thorns
Providence Health & Services - Oregon
Street Roots
The Rosewood Initiative
Transition Projects, Inc.
Unite Oregon
Welcome Home Coalition
YWCA of Greater Portland

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Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument

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Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition

Measure # 26-210 Order # 1-13

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<u>Douglas C. Walta</u>	<u>Douglas C Walta</u>	<u>3-19-20</u>
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**Schell, Gould and Walta
Statement of Support for Metro's
Supportive Housing Services Ballot Measure**

It is essential to vote YES on Measure 26-210 to address the Portland metro area's homelessness crisis with concrete solutions.

As professionals with medical and administrative law experience, we have spent three years independently studying the homelessness situation in the Portland metro area and statewide. We recently published a report with our 22 recommendations as a result of our study, for what can be done to address the homelessness crisis, all of which can be found at homelessnessoregon.com.

One of the key recommendations in our report is for voters to approve Measure 26-210. This measure would raise about \$250 million a year for ten years, to be divided among the three counties, to increase supportive services that are essential for addressing the Portland metro area's homelessness problem.

We support Measure 26-210. All of our independent research suggests that voting YES on Measure 26-210 by May 19 is the most effective way we can all come together to fund the solutions necessary for solving people's homelessness in our community as soon as possible.

Dr. Douglas Walta, MD
John W. Gould, JD
Steven R. Schell, JD

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Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition

Measure # 26 210 Order # F-14

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Name of person: (required) Cole Merkel Organization Name: (if applicable) HereTogether

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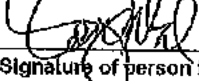
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JOIN US IN VOTING YES ON MEASURE 26-210

We are HereTogether.

HereTogether is a coalition of more than 150 organizations, including nonprofit service providers, people of color, people with lived experience of homelessness, elected officials, faith communities, business leaders, and other members of our community. We have been working for more than a year to structure an effective measure that will enable real, impactful solutions for our region's homelessness crisis.

Measure 26-210 will provide the services necessary to support our neighbors, siblings, children, and families experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Please join us and vote YES for Measure 26-210 by May 19.

State/Federal Elected Leaders

Governor Kate Brown
U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley
U.S. Congressman Earl Blumenauer
U.S. Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici
State Treasurer Tobias Read

City Leaders

Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler
Portland City Commissioner Chloe Eudaly
Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle
Forest Grove Mayor Peter Truax
Gresham City Councilor Eddy Morales
Happy Valley Council President Brett Sherman
Lake Oswego City Councilor Theresa Kohlhoff
Wood Village Mayor T. Scott Harden

Clackamas County Commissioners

Chair Jim Bernard
Commissioner Sonya Fischer
Commissioner Ken Humberston
River Water Commissioner Naomi Angier

Metro Councilors

President Lynn Peterson
Councilor Bob Stacey
Councilor Christine Lewis
Councilor Craig Dirksen
Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez
Councilor Sam Chase
Councilor Shirley Craddick

Milwaukie City Councilors

Mayor Mark Gamba
Council President Angel Falconer
Councilor Kathy Hyzy
Councilor Lisa Batey
Councilor Wilda Parks

Multnomah County Commissioners

Chair Deborah Kafoury
Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson
Commissioner Lori Stegmann
Commissioner Sharon Meieran
Commissioner Susheela Jayapal

State Legislators

House Speaker Tina Kotek
Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer
Representative Rob Nosse
Representative Carla Piluso
Senator Shemia Fagan
Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward
Senator Michael Dembrow
Dave McTeague, Former State Representative
Chip Shields, Former State Senator

Washington County Commissioners

Kathryn Harrington, Washington County
Commission Chair
Commissioner Dick Schouten

West Linn City Councilors

Council President Teri Cummings
Councilor Richard Sakelik

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Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition

Measure # 26 210 Order # F-15

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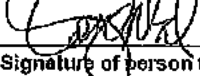
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HereTogether Coalition Endorsers, cont.

Education

Portland Association of Teachers
Beaverton Education Association
Hillsboro Classified United, American Federation of Teachers Local 4671
Andrea Valderrama, Chair, David Douglas School Board
Carla C. Piluso, Member, Gresham-Barlow School Board
Mitzi Bauer, Member, North Clackamas School Board
Kathy Wai, Member, North Clackamas School Board
Martha Spiers, Member, Oregon City School Board
Elizabeth Durant, Member, Parkrose School Board
Michelle DePass, Director Board of Education, Portland Public Schools
Ruth Adkins, Former Member, Portland Public School Board
Pamela Knowles, Former Member, Portland Public Schools Board
David Wynde, Former Member, Portland Public Schools Board
Ricki Ruiz, Member, Reynolds School Board
Jamie McLeod-Skinner, Member, Jefferson County Education Service District

Faith Leaders

Interfaith Alliance on Poverty
Catholic Charities of Oregon
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
First Unitarian Church Committee on Hunger and Homelessness
Ainsworth United Church of Christ
Augustana Lutheran Church
Havurah Shalom
Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good
Portsmouth Union Church
Rabbi Debra Kolodny
Rev. Adam Ericksen
Rev. Dr. Chuck Currie
Rev. Dr. W. J. Mark Knutson
Rev. Heather Riggs
Rev. M. Lynne Smouse López

Other Endorsing Organizations

Adelante Mujeres	Community Action, Washington County
AFSCME Local 3580	Community Alliance of Tenants
Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon	Community Development Partners
Assist Program	Community Partners for Affordable Housing
Avenue Agency	Creative Arts Recovery
Blackbird Benefits Collective	Dick Clark, CEO of The Portland Clinic
Bradley Angle	DoGood Multnomah
Brett Schulz, Architect PC	Downtown Development Group
Business For A Better Portland	Dr. Ben Ware
CareOregon	Dr. Douglas Walta
CASA of Oregon	Ear Trumpet Labs
Cascadia Partners LLC	Easterseals Oregon
Cascade AIDS Project	Eickhof Creative Shop
Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare	El Programa Hispano Católico
Central City Concern	Evan King, LCSW, Realtor
Centro Cultural	Foundation
Chris Bonner, Principal Broker, Hasson	Fubonn Shopping Center
Clackamas Service Center	
Clackamas Women's Services	
Coalition of Communities of Color	
ColumbiaCare Services	

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Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition

Measure # 26 - 210 Order # F-16

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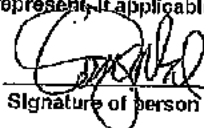
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Cole Merkel
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Signature of person furnishing argument

3/21/2020
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HereTogether Coalition Endorsers, cont:

Fuze7 Marketing
Gun Denhart, Founder, Hanna Andersson
Hacienda Community Development Corporation
Healthshare of Oregon
Holst Architecture
HomePlate Youth Services
Homeless Solutions Coalition of Clackamas
Housing Oregon
Human Solutions
Immigrant and Refugee Community
Organization
Impact NW
Innovative Housing
JOIN
Kaiser Permanente
Kate McNulty LCSW
Lady Dutchman Leathers
Lara Media Services
Latino Network
Legacy Health
Living Cully
Liz Fuller, PBA Board Member
Love INC of Clackamas County
Love Portland Group
LoveOne
Luke-Dorf
Marigold Coffee
Maxwell Pratt, Realtor
Mitchell Hornecker, Former PBA Board Chair
Nathan Teske, Executive Director, Bienestar
National Alliance on Mental Illness, Clackamas
Native American Youth and Family Center
Neighbors Realty
Neil Kelly Company
New Avenues for Youth
Northwest Family Services
Northwest Housing Alternatives
Northwest Pilot Project
Operation Nightwatch Portland
Oregon Energy Fund
Oregon Food Bank
Oregon Trails Coalition
Oregon Working Families Party
Outside In
Outside the Frame
pear
PixelSpoke
Portland Business Alliance
Portland Gray Panthers
Portland Homeless Family Solutions
Portland Timbers & Thorns
Portland: Neighbors Welcome
Prism Health
Project Homeless Connect
Proud Ground
Providence Health & Services - Oregon
REACH Community Development
Reichard & Associates
Ride Report
ROSE Community Development
Rosenbaum Financial
Ross Lienhart
Russell Fellows Properties
Salazar Architect
Sequoia Mental Health
Smith + Connors
St. Mary's Home for Boys
Bozz Media
Steve Rudman
Stone Soup PDX
Street Roots
The Father's Heart
The Rosewood Initiative
TITAN Freight Systems
Transition Projects
Unite Oregon
United Food and Commercial Workers Local
555
Welcome Home Coalition
Winter Shelter of Forest Grove and Cornelius
Worksystems, the Portland Metro Workforce
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Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition

Measure # 26 210 Order # F-17

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Name of person: (required) Chloe Eudaly Organization Name: (if applicable)

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Organization name person(s) is (are) authorized to represent, if applicable: Chloe for Portland

Chloe Eudaly Chloe Eudaly March 22, 2020
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A YES vote on Measure 26-210 will provide housing stability to thousands of vulnerable community members.

----- Portland Voters: -----
MEASURE 26-210 and COMMISSIONER CHLOE EUDALY:
For safe, stable, and affordable housing!

"Housing is a basic need and a human right, but due to unaffordability, it's out of reach for thousands of people across our region. Supply is only part of the equation. We must stabilize people in their existing homes and provide necessary supports to ensure they stay housed, in addition to increasing the affordable housing supply."

-Commissioner Chloe Eudaly

Measure 26-210 is a critical step toward ensuring vulnerable community members get housed and stay housed. Across the Metro region, over 5,000 people are sleeping outside or in shelters every night. Several thousand more, sleep in their cars or doubled up with friends and family. Oregon ranks #1 in the nation for unsheltered families with children. This is unacceptable. We can do better.

Our current housing crisis began in 2010. It's not just a Portland problem, it's an Oregon problem, and a national crisis. We must stem the tide of homelessness and human suffering across the Metro region.

Commissioner Eudaly has worked diligently on housing issues since her election:

- ✓ Passed **The Mandatory Rental Relocation Ordinance** (or "Relo"), stabilizing thousands of Portland renters and protecting them from price-gouging and unfair evictions.
- ✓ Passed **The Fair Access in Renting** (or "FAIR") Ordinance, lowering barriers to housing
- ✓ Serves as second chair on **Joint Office of Homelessness Services**

She also supported **\$1 billion for affordable housing construction** measures in 2016 and 2018 passed by Portland and through Metro. However, these measures alone are not enough. We need funding for the services and supports necessary to get and keep people housed.

See www.votechloe.com/housing for more on Chloe's housing platform.

Vote YES on Measure 26-210 and Vote Chloe Eudaly for Portland City Council for safe, stable, and affordable housing.

Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument

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Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition

Measure # 26 210 Order # J-18

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Name of person: (required) Britt Conroy, Public Policy Director Organization Name: (if applicable) Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon

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Britt Conroy *Britt E Conroy* 03/23/2020
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Check #: 1388 Endorsement(s)? Yes # _____ No

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Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon Urges YES Vote

We need to address Oregon's worst-in-the-nation rate of children and youth homelessness.

Far too often in our region, if a student experiencing homelessness asks her school's homelessness liaison for help, she will not receive a housing voucher, and she will not receive a bed at a shelter. Because of a lack of federal, state and local investment in housing supports, school staff will hand the student and her family one of these - a tent.

Nationally, at the state level and regionally, we have failed our children and youth. Last school year, in the

- Beaverton School District, over 1,900 students experienced homelessness;**
- In Portland Public Schools, that number was over 1,200 students;**
- In Reynolds School District, nearly 900 students experienced homelessness.**
- In fact, every school district in our region has similarly tragic numbers of houseless students.**

A survey conducted by the U.S. Conference of Mayors stated that "the most frequently cited reasons for family homelessness are a lack of affordable housing, poverty, and domestic violence."

The National Center on Family Homelessness reports that:

"Children without stable homes are more than twice as likely as others to repeat a school grade, be expelled or suspended, or drop out of high school. A quarter or more of homeless children have witnessed violence."

Nationally:

- Latinx youth have a 33% higher risk of reporting homelessness.**
- African American youth have an 83% higher risk of reporting homelessness.**
- LBGTQIA+ youth have a 120% higher risk of reporting homelessness.**

These inequities and terrible figures reflect the reality of far too many of our neighbors in this region.

In embrace of our responsibility for one another, EMO urges a YES vote on Metro Measure 26-210.

EMO is an association comprising of 15 denominations and over 150 congregations, organizations, and interfaith partners, connecting hundreds of thousands of diverse members of the faith community all across the state.