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Measure 26-219

Vote YES! To Affirm Your Support for Even Higher Water Bills!

Vote YES! To Give the Water Bureau More Spending Power!

Vote YES! To Gut the Last Remaining Ratepayer Protections in the City Charter!

Vote YES! To Spend Your Water Bill Money on Things That Have Nothing to Do with Water Service!

Vote YES! So the Water Bureau Can Dish Out More "Grants" To Its Political Cronies

Vote YES! To Give a BLANK CHECK From Your Account Made Out to the Portland Water Bureau!

Don't be fooled by this "simple housekeeping measure." It is much more significant than that.

Measure 26-219 <u>permanently changes the City Charter</u>—Portland's Constitution. The measure will remove the last remaining protection for water ratepayers. It will allow the Water Bureau to siphon money from your water bill for projects unrelated to providing water service. That's right, <u>a YES vote turns your water bill into a new cash register for City Hall</u>!

Vote YES to let the Water Bureau get away with it. They think you're stupid and will blindly support whatever they tell you is good for you. If that's true, then by all means:

VOTE YES! ON 26-219 TO KILL RATEPAYER PROTECTIONS IN THE CITY CHARTER

Submitted by Kent Craford, 20-year ratepayer advocate and President, Citizens for Water Accountability, Trust & Reform

P.S. Some of the groups submitting YES statements in support of Measure 26-219 may receive funding from The City of Portland and Portland Water Bureau. We encourage you to research grant recipient conflicts of interest. We are an all-volunteer organization that receives no funding from City Hall.

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The people of Portland and the Water Bureau's ratepayers should choose the appropriate uses of Water Bureau lands and funds, not affluent lawyers nor individual City Commissioners.

This measure authorizes the elected City Council to make decisions on appropriate uses of publicly-owned Water Bureau properties. Your YES vote affirms that you want to allow the general public to be able to use Water Bureau properties outside the Bull Run Closure Area for uses such as community gardens, greenspaces and picnics, after a public process to define which incidental uses are allowed and set them in City Code.

In the past, individual City Commissioners chose to spend ratepayer dollars on expenses many Portlanders opposed, with no public process. This measure would change that to require the City Council rather than the Commissioner-in-Charge to approve spending to support appropriate public use of Water Bureau properties.

Your YES vote would allow ratepayer dollars to be invested on federallymandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements, so that all Portlanders can equitably access and enjoy public lands open for public use.

Currently, if a Water Bureau property is fenced off from public access then ratepayer dollars pay for maintenance such as mowing the grass. If the fence is removed and a picnic bench placed on the grass, the General Fund must pay to mow – and for ADA retrofits.

The General Fund is needed for housing and campsite cleanup, parks and community services. **This measure won't raise your taxes or your utility bill.** If the measure passes, Binding City Policy requires a public process to approve incidental uses to be set in Code, and an annual report of all Water Fund expenditures to the Portland Utility Board and City Council. It will protect the General Fund from inappropriate expenses related to public use of Water Bureau lands.

Please join me in affirming that Portlanders and ratepayers should choose how to use Water Bureau properties and funds. Vote YES.

Commissioner Amanda Fritz

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As a former City Commissioner for 17 years and the Water Commissioner for a good spell, I support the amendment to the City Charter. I believe that there are opportunities to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods by utilizing Water Bureau funds for small projects such as community gardens and neighborhood green spaces on Water Bureau land.

I was also the Parks Commissioner for many years, and I know how Portlanders cherish our neighborhood open spaces and relaxation opportunities. Water Bureau properties with essential water infrastructure such as water towers and pump stations can also provide greenspaces in parks-deficient neighborhoods, give our children safe and accessible places to play, build community, and increase food security. The Portland Parks bureau is desperately in need of funding. Allowing Water Bureau funds to be used for public use of Water Bureau properties would ensure that they are safe and compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and that more General Funds can be invested in Parks properties.

For decades, Water Bureau lands sat unused behind tall fences in our neighborhoods. Today they are being converted to thriving community sites. Please vote YES to ensure that the Portland Water Bureau can use its infrastructure sites to increase community health, environmental health, food security, and equity in our neighborhoods.

This measure reflects a common sense approach for City Government. Any incidental use of Water Bureau properties and funds would have to go through a public process to ensure public support, and get approved by the City Council. Also there would be an annual report of these incidental uses sent to the City Council and the Portland Utility Board, providing accountability and transparency.

Please join me in voting YES.

Mike Lindberg, Portland City Commissioner (1979 – 1996)

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Please vote YES to ensure that the Portland Water Bureau can better use its infrastructure sites to increase community health, environmental health, and equitable access to nature in our neighborhoods.

Measure 26-219 would allow the Portland Water Bureau to better use its properties located outside of the Bull Run Watershed for secondary uses that benefit the local community such as parks, community gardens, play areas, and natural resource restoration. Water Bureau properties that house water towers and pump stations often contain significant amounts of unused land and are located in residential areas. Historically these sites have been fenced and unavailable to the public, but measure 26-219 would amend the City Charter to formally allow the Water Bureau to invest rates to maintain and improve them for public use and ensure they are safe and compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

This common sense measure codifies a highly successful program and gives the Portland Water Bureau the ability to expand and improve it with public input and upon City Council approval. Picnic tables, community gardens, park benches, play equipment, naturescaped areas, and other amenities will remain in place and accessible to communities instead of fenced-off, mostly empty lots. It will green our city, give our children a safe place to play, build community, and increase the accessibility to greenspaces in underserved neighborhoods.

Please vote **YES on 26-219** to ensure that the Portland Water Bureau can use and improve its infrastructure sites to increase community health, environmental health, and equitable access to nature in our neighborhoods!

Join these leading conservation and grassroots community organizations in voting Yes on 26-219!

Audubon Society of Portland Access Recreation Columbia Riverkeeper Depave East Portland Parks Coalition Friends of Hazelwood Hydropark Human Access Project Onward Oregon Oregon League of Conservation Voters Portland Harbor Community Coalition Portland Parks Foundation Sierra Club, Oregon Chapter The Humane Society of the United States Urban Greenspaces Institute