

# Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument

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Measure # 26-219 Order # F-1

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Name of person: (required) KENT CRAFTORD Organization Name: (if applicable) CITIZENS FOR WATER

Argument paid for or petition provided by: ACCOUNTABILITY, TRUST AND REFORM

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### Contact information for authorized changes:

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- (If applicable) JCVP-02 Statement of Endorsement(s) #: \_\_\_\_\_.
- Word Count (325 MAX).

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Organization name person(s) is (are) authorized to represent, if applicable: CITIZENS FOR WATER ACCOUNTABILITY, TRUST AND REFORM

KENT CRAFTORD [Signature] 09-08-2020  
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Receipt #: 24476 Signed?  Yes  No Providing digital copy?  Yes  No

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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 permanently changes the City Charter—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, a YES vote turns your water bill into a new cash register for City Hall!

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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Measure # 26 219 Order # F-2

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

Name of person: Amanda Fritz Organization Name: (if applicable)

### Argument paid for or petition provided by:

Amanda Fritz Email: AmandaFritzRN@aol.com

Name of person/organization paying or submitting petition for 'Measure Argument'

Phone: Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: 503-244-9958

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Organization name person(s) is (are) authorized to represent, if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Amanda Fritz</u>	<u>Amanda Fritz</u>	<u>9/15/20</u>
Printed name of person furnishing argument	Signature of person furnishing argument	Date
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 TERRY R. HANCOCK

**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 federally-mandated 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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Name of person: (required) Mike Lindberg Organization Name: (if applicable)

### Argument paid for or petition provided by:

Amanda Fritz Email: AmandaFritzRN@aol.com

Name of person/organization paying or submitting petition for 'Measure Argument'

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Mike Lindberg  
Printed name of person furnishing argument

Mike Lindberg  
Signature of person furnishing argument

9-3-2020  
Date

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Review Staff Initials:

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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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Name of person: (required) Micah Meskel Organization Name: (if applicable) Audubon Society of Portland

### Argument paid for or petition provided by:

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Micah Meskel [Signature] 9/7/2020  
Printed name of person furnishing argument Signature of person furnishing argument Date

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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, natureescaped 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