

Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Measure Argument

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Filing Information

Election Date: May PRIMARY 2020 Amended Statement

Argument in Favor Argument in Opposition

Measure # 26-209 Order # 0-~~2~~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) Jason Williams Organization Name: (if applicable) TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION of OREGON

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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).

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Organization name person(s) is (are) authorized to represent, if applicable: Taxpayers Association of Oregon

Jason Williams Signature of person furnishing argument 3/23/2020 Date

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County: Multnomah

Receipt #: 24357

Check #: 3351

Petition #: _____

Required info? Yes No

Signed? Yes No

Endorsements? Yes # _____ No

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Here is what you've been paying...

2009 6-cent gas-tax increase
2009 Car registration fee increase
2009 Auto title fee increase
2009 License plate increase
2009 New Multnomah car Fee
2015 14-cent gas cost increase LCFS est.
2016 10-cent Portland gas-tax increase
2017 New .5% car sales tax
2017 10-cent gas-tax increase
2017 New Transportation .1% payroll tax
2017 Auto registration fee increase
2017 Auto title fee increase
2017 25% truck mileage tax increase
2020 Employee payroll transit tax increase

Where are all the new highway lanes?

Where are all the new bridges to drive on?

Where are all the highway bypasses to relieve traffic?

After 11 years of continuous auto tax increases and after paying MORE in these taxes than the national state average, we have little to show for it compared with the massive amount of tax dollars spent.

Here's where your tax dollars are going:

• **\$175 million in tax \$\$\$ wasted on a bridge never built**

"Columbia River crossing managers spent more than \$175 million in public funds planning a bridge, highway, and light rail complex that won't be built...it burned money at prodigious rates."— *Oregonian* 7/4/13

• **Tax \$\$\$ wasted REMOVING lanes instead of building lanes**

Portland is spending millions of your tax \$\$\$ on the "Central City in Motion" project, which will be removing perfectly good driving lanes in your neighborhood and replacing them with bus- and bike-only lanes.

Vote no on 26-209.

NO NEW GAS TAXES

No more removing lanes

No more wasting local gas-tax funds

Taxpayer Association of Oregon Urges No on 26-210

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**5 reasons the current 10-cent gas tax
was full of broken promises and rampant misuse.**

A 2019 Audit report shows gross mismanagement of Portland's current gas tax.

1. Unknown how much the gas tax is going to what was promised

"It was difficult to determine if the Bureau maintained the spending split it promised."
(2019 City Auditor report, page 10)

2. Most projects ran behind schedule with cost delays

"...most were behind schedules that the Bureau set after the tax passed."
(2019 City Auditor report, page 3)

3. Inability to properly monitor how gas tax funds were spent

"...we found that the committee could not effectively fulfill its monitoring role..."
(5/19 City Auditor report, page 7)

4. Current 10-cent gas tax promised to increase safety. Ironically, safety decreased.

Portland traffic deaths in 2019 are the highest since the year 1997. (*Oregonian* 12/20/19)

5. Portlanders pay 20% more for gasoline than the U.S average.

We are not getting what we pay for. Our high gas prices cut into our cost of living and quality of life.

Vote no on 26-209 until Portland can fix the blatant mistakes of its first 10-cent gas-tax increase.

Don't reward failure. Don't perpetuate a flawed system. Don't double down on mistakes and broken promises.

**No New Gas Taxes
until they fix the problems they already have**

Taxpayer Association of Oregon urges No on 26-209

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