

MULTNOMAH COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

November 8, 2022 General Election

Dear Multnomah County Voter: This part of your Voters' Pamphlet is provided by Multnomah County Elections. It includes information about candidates and measures from local jurisdictions within the boundaries of the County. The State Pamphlet (on either side of this color bar portion) includes federal and state candidates and state measures. Here are a few things you should know:

- **Starting this year, postmarks now count to return your ballot. If your ballot is postmarked (and signed) by Election Day and received within 7 days after the election, your vote will be counted.**
- The ballot envelope has changed. The new design is larger, which allows for more information to be displayed on the envelope.
- Your ballot packet no longer includes a secrecy sleeve. A secrecy weave printed on the inside of the ballot return envelope provides the same privacy as a secrecy sleeve. This change, approved by the Secretary of State, allows the County to process ballots more efficiently without compromising voter privacy.
- You can view your registration status and update if necessary at oregonvotes.gov/myvote.
- Ballots will be mailed beginning on Wednesday, Oct. 19. If you do not receive your ballot by Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022, please call 503-988-VOTE (8683) or email elections@multco.us.

Voted ballots must be received at any County elections office in Oregon or Official Ballot Drop Site location by 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 8, or postmarked by November 8, to be counted. If you have any questions, you can contact our office at 503-988-VOTE (8683).

Sincerely,
Tim Scott, Multnomah County Director of Elections

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Facts to Know about Voting and Elections

Who can register to vote in Oregon?

- You must be a United States citizen,
- A resident of Oregon,
- And at least 16 years old. You will get your first ballot in the mail once you are at least 18 years old. You must register to vote at least 21 days before Election Day.

How can I register to vote?

- Online at oregonvotes.gov/register or
- On a paper Oregon Voter Registration Card that can be picked up at an elections office, DMV, public library, or post office.

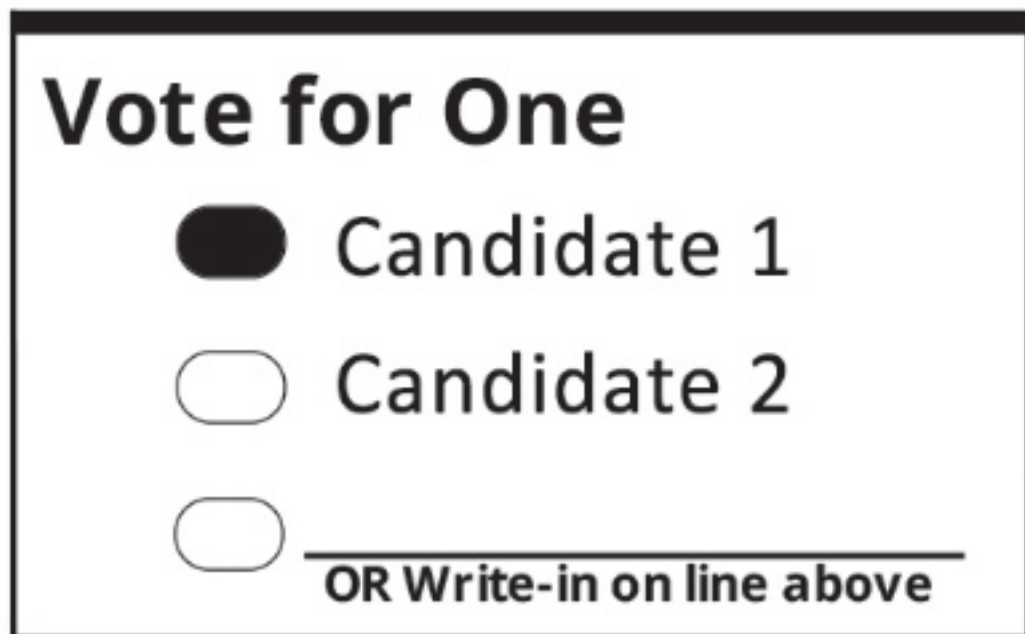
How does vote by mail work?

All elections in Oregon are conducted by the county elections office. The elections office mails ballots directly to voters. Voters complete their ballots, and then return them to the county elections office in the mail or by putting them into an Official Ballot Drop Box.

Vote by mail in a few simple steps:

- 1) Register to Vote
- 2) Receive a Voter Notification Card
- 3) Receive a Voters' Pamphlet
- 4) Receive Your Ballot
- 5) Vote Your Ballot
- 6) Return Your Ballot

How do I vote my ballot?



Find the candidate or measure response (YES or NO) of your choice. Completely darken the oval to the left of your choice with blue or black ink. Do not use felt tip markers.

Write-In Votes

Vote for One	
<input type="radio"/>	Candidate 1
<input type="radio"/>	Candidate 2
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<u>Candidate 3</u>
OR Write-in on line above	

To vote for a write-in candidate who does not appear on the ballot, completely darken the oval to the left of the line provided for the office and write the full name of the candidate on that line.

- Make sure you have correctly marked your choice for each contest.
- Your official ballot may have contests printed on both sides.
- Place the ballot in the return identification envelope.
- Read the Voter's Statement on the return envelope and sign in the signature box.
- Your ballot cannot be counted if you do not sign the return envelope.
- Every signature is checked against the registration signature on file. The signatures must match for the ballot to be counted. If you vote for more candidates than allowed for an office or if you vote both Yes and No on a measure, it is called an overvote and your vote will not count for that contest. If you make a mistake or change your mind while marking your ballot,
- You may correct it yourself. See example below.
- Make your choice obvious so that your intent is understood and your vote is counted correctly.

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No This one	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No Not this	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

- If you are unable to correct your ballot, you may request a replacement ballot from the elections office.

Return Your Ballot

Send us your ballot through the U.S. Mail. It must be postmarked on or before Election Day November 8, 2022. No postage necessary.



Drop your ballot at any Official Ballot Drop Site in Oregon by 8:00 p.m. on or before Election Day November 8, 2022.



24-Hour Official Ballot Drop Sites

Portland

North

- Rose Quarter – NEW - located on the south side of the Rose Quarter by the fountain & Rip City sign – Walk up Only
- St. Johns Library (Library Book Drop) – 7510 N Charleston Ave.
- North Portland Library (Library Book Drop) – 512 N Killingsworth St.
- Kenton Library (Library Book Drop) – 8226 N Denver Ave.
- Green Zebra Grocery – 3011 N Lombard St. (Official Ballot Drop Box located in rear parking lot off of N Curtis Ave.)
- McCoy Park – located on the southeast corner of McCoy Park near the intersection of N Trenton Street and N Newman Avenue. – Walk up Only)

Northeast

- Albina Library – (Official Ballot Drop Box) – 216 NE Knott St.
- Hollywood Library (Library Book Drop) – 4040 NE Tillamook St.
- McDonald's Restaurant – 2010 NE Cesar Chavez Blvd. - Official Ballot Drop Box located on west side of NE 40th Ave between NE Tillamook St and NE Hancock St and near the Hollywood Library.
- Gregory Heights Library (Library Book Drop) – 7921 NE Sandy Blvd.
- Parkrose Neighborhood – 4390 NE 102nd Ave. – Official Ballot Drop Box located in the east parking lot across the street from MHCC Maywood Park Center on NE 102nd Ave. and NE Prescott St.

Northwest

- Northwest Library (Library Book Drop) – 2300 NW Thurman St.

Southeast

- Multnomah County Elections – 1040 SE Morrison St.
 - o SE 11th Avenue – Official Ballot Drop Box located on the east side of SE 11th Ave. between SE Alder St. and SE Morrison St.
 - o SE Belmont Street – Official Ballot Drop Box located on north side of SE Belmont St. between SE 10th Ave. and SE 11th Ave.
 - o 1040 SE Morrison Street – Walk/bike-up Official Ballot Drop Site is a slot on the side of the building located at corner of SE 11th Ave. and SE Morrison St.

- Belmont Library (Library Book Drop) – 1038 SE César E. Chávez Blvd.
- Sellwood – Moreland Library (Library Book Drop) – 7860 SE 13th Ave.
- Woodstock Library (Library Book Drop) – 6008 SE 49th Ave.
- Holgate Library (Library Book Drop) – 7905 SE Holgate Blvd.
- Midland Library (Official Ballot Drop Box) – 805 SE 122nd Ave.
- Regal Cinemas Movie Theater / M & M Car Wash – SE Division St. & SE 165th Ave. – Official Ballot Drop Box located in Regal Cinemas parking lot behind M & M Car Wash
- Rockwood Library (Library Book Drop) – 17917 SE Stark St.

Southwest

- A–Boy Supply – 7365 SW Barbur Blvd.
- Capitol Hill Library (Library Book Drop) – 10723 SW Capitol Hwy.
- Hillsdale Library (Library Book Drop) – 1525 SW Sunset Blvd.
- Central Library – 801 SW 10th Ave. Drive-up Library Book Drop located on SW 11th Ave. between SW Yamhill St. and SW Taylor St.
- Pioneer Courthouse Square – 700 block of SW Broadway (next to Starbucks and across from Nordstrom – Walk-up Only)

Fairview

- Fairview – Columbia Library (Library Book Drop) – 1520 NE Village St. Gresham
- Gresham Library (Official Ballot Drop Box) – 385 NW Miller Ave.
- Voting Center Express – Limited Hours – Multnomah County East Building, 600 NE 8th St. – There is an Official Ballot Drop Box located inside the Voting Center Express on the first floor of the Multnomah County East Building. It is open only during voting center open hours. You will need to park and walk inside to deposit your ballot.

Troutdale

- Troutdale Library (Library Book Drop) – 2451 SW Cherry Park Rd.

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Multnomah County

Chair, Board of County Commissioners

Sharon Meieran

Occupation: Multnomah County Commissioner; Emergency Room Doctor

Occupational Background: Medical Director, Oregon Foundation for Reproductive Health; Doctor, Lawyer

Educational Background: UC Berkeley; Hastings Law School; UCSF Medical School

Prior Government Experience: Police Community Oversight Advisory Board

“MEIERAN IS THE CHANGE AGENT MULTNOMAH COUNTY NEEDS...

In a competitive race for county chair, Dr. Sharon Meieran brings a needed sense of urgency on the key issue of homelessness” Portland Tribune 5/5/2022

“The race for the next Multnomah County Chair boils down to this: Do voters want someone who will stay the course on the County’s approach to homelessness? Or do they want someone who will bring urgency and targeted strategies to confront the totality of the crisis?... Our endorsement goes to Meieran” Oregonian 4/20/2022

“The status quo is unacceptable. Only the Chair has the power to change the direction Multnomah County is heading. That’s why I’m running.”

Sharon Meieran, MD, JD Multnomah County Commissioner

WE NEED ACTION, NOT ENDLESS MEETINGS

Multnomah County is on life support. In the ER Sharon Meieran triages emergencies, stops the bleeding, and saves lives. This is what our County needs.

WE CAN'T AFFORD BUSINESS AS USUAL

“Others on the Board accept the status quo or make excuses. Sharon Meieran demands accountability.”

Steve March, former Multnomah County Auditor

WE NEED LESS TALKING, MORE DOING

“As Medical Director for the Oregon Foundation for Reproductive Health

Sharon championed reproductive justice. Every day in the ER she fights for every person and turns words into action.”

Michelle Berlin, MD OBGYN, former Director OHSU Center for Women’s Health (retired)

“WORDS WON’T SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS. LEADERSHIP WILL.
VOTE SHARON MEIERAN FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHAIR!”

Sharia Mayfield, former Multnomah County Chair candidate

Learn more, see my endorsements and read my plans:
VoteSharon.com

(This information furnished by Friends of Sharon Meieran)

Multnomah County

Chair, Board of County Commissioners

Jessica Vega Pederson

Occupation: Multnomah County Commissioner

Occupational Background: State Representative, Project Manager

Educational Background: Loyola University Chicago

Prior Governmental Experience: County Commissioner 2017-2022; State Representative 2013-2016; Democratic Precinct Committee Person 2006-2016

“Jessica Vega Pederson was the overwhelming choice of voters in the Primary because she is the only one with a record of bringing people together to get big things done at the state and local level. She’s the clear choice to lead Multnomah County.” —Former Governor Barbara Roberts

A Progressive Leader.

Delivering on What Matters.

As a mom, East Portland community leader, businesswoman, Oregon’s first Latina state representative, and County Commissioner, Jessica Vega Pederson has delivered on what matters for Multnomah County’s families.

Confronting the Crisis on Our Streets

Homelessness is complex, but that’s no excuse for not taking immediate action. Jessica will use her public and private sector experience to get results:

- Bring state and local governments together to clean up encampment trash.
- Expand shelter options with hygiene, mental health, and addiction

services.

- Deliver new affordable housing faster and more cost effectively.

See her plan: <https://www.jessicavegapederson.com/housing-and-houslessness>

Turning our Values into Results

Championed Preschool for All to provide free preschool for all 3- and 4-year-olds in Multnomah County.

Passed gun safety laws as State Representative and will expand efforts to reduce gun violence.

Put Oregon on the path to coal free electricity, clean fuels and 100% clean energy in Multnomah County.

Pro-Choice Champion

Her record of fighting for reproductive health and abortion rights is why Jessica is the only candidate endorsed by Pro-Choice Oregon.

Overwhelming Support from Trusted Leaders

Latino Network Action Fund

Mother PAC

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Street Trust Action PAC

Portland Firefighters Association Local 43

AFSCME Local 88

Teamsters No.37

NW Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Portland Association of Teachers

Working Families Party

Portland Commissioner Carmen Rubio

Metro President Lynn Peterson

Unite Oregon Action

East County Rising

Willamette Women Democrats

Basic Rights Oregon (Green Light)

...and many more.

www.jessicavegapederson.com

(This information furnished by Friends of Jessica Vega Pederson)

City of Fairview

Councilor, Position 4

Balwant Bhullar

Occupation: Small business owner from last 16 years in Fairview OR; Minit Mart (2002-2007); Big bear country market (2009-2013); Fairview Gas station and convenience store(2004- present)

Occupational Background: Owned a trucking company from 1993-1996(eighteen wheelers); other jobs in California; cashier in Convenience stores, farm worker, construction work in electrical field, security patrol; Residence and Business; Raising family and doing business in Fairview since 2002.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Punjab India, high school, diploma; ITI ,(electrical engineering, diploma); Criminal & justice, shy of a AA; (LASC community collage), law enforcement training, completed.(Excel security academy) Certified Fingerprint classifier.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: member of park committee; city councilor 2008; member of public safety advisory committee.

I will commit myself to keep a clean and friendly environment in the city of Fairview to keep schools, parks and streets in Fairview safe.

Public Safety:

- Enhance public safety at streets for children, seniors and the disabled. Develop a sidewalk plan so residents can walk safely on streets.
- I would like to see the city be more proactive on public safety issues instead of reacting to problems.
- I would like to see ongoing support for Neighborhood Watch type programs.

Development:

- Develop more side walks ramps where possible to seniors and the disabled.
- Clear brush near crossings so pedestrians are more visible.

Economic Development:

- City to promote and incentivize NE Halsey corridor
- City to approve vacant land as build ready.
- City to reduce development permit fees to make Fairview more competitive.
- City to reduce land development application steps to make Fairview more inviting.
- Economic Development is saying “yes” to businesses that provide more jobs and services.

(This information furnished by Balwant Bhullar)

City of Fairview

Councilor, Position 4

Jenni Weber

Occupation: Behavioral health clinician, contracted with Oregon Health Authority

Occupational Background: Social worker, Clackamas County; Parenting consultant, State of Oregon contractor; Head Start teacher, Mt. Hood Community College; Special education assistant, Portland Public Schools

Educational Background: Portland State University, BA, Social Science; University of Phoenix, MS, Psychology

Prior Government Experience: Vice chair, Fairview Public Safety Committee; Board member, PlayEast! recreation program for Fairview and Wood Village

I Will Build A City That's Safe, Healthy, and Welcoming for All

As a city resident for 11 years, and a mother who has sent her three kids to local schools, I am passionate about Fairview. I like my friendly neighbors, the parks and natural areas, the small-town feel, and the racial and economic diversity.

But I'm worried about our community. Theft, speeding, and vandalism have increased. Families are struggling financially – and so is our city. Mental health issues, drug addiction, and homeless are increasingly visible.

We need elected leaders who will take these problems head-on, and ensure Fairview is safe, healthy, and welcoming to everyone. If you vote for me, I will:

- Improve public safety by working with the community to find solutions, then find sustainable sources of funding to reduce crime and increase disaster preparedness
- Forge stronger relationships with all residents to bring new perspectives to policy decisions and increase citizen engagement and trust
- Build a sustainable city budget that meets our basic needs
- Create a multi-generational and multicultural community to ensure services and communications are equitable and inclusive

Listening, gathering facts, and working collaboratively and creatively is how I lead. As your city councilor, I promise I will ask for public input, invite public participation, and advocate for public services that meet the needs of as many residents and businesses as possible. Everyone in Fairview

deserves a voice – and meaningful participation in city decisions.

Find me on Facebook for more information and endorsements.

(This information furnished by Jenni Weber)

City of Fairview

Councilor, Position 5

Steve Owen

Occupation: Sr. Director Engineering, CDK Global

Occupational Background: Sr. Director Media Publications, CDK Global;
Controller, ADP Dealer Services Inc.

Educational Background: Western Business College, Accounting, Graduate

Prior Governmental Experience: Currently serving - Fairview City Councilor

May 2020 - present, Fairview City Councilor, 1997 – 2015; Fairview City
Council President; Fairview Planning Commission, Fairview Audit, Budget
and Public Safety Committees; Heslin House Historical Society Liaison;
BSA Fairview Troop 588.

I would like to share a few priorities based on feedback from members of
the community.

Public Safety– We are still dealing with the effects of eliminating the
Fairview Police department and contracting with Multnomah County Sheriff
to deal with our day-to-day public safety challenges. This was a decision
we are living with when the council was made up of other elected officials
including my opponent, Mike Weatherby. My area of focus is to make sure
our contract is fulfilled by Multnomah County and improve police presence
in the neighborhoods.

I am delighted all the existing sidewalks in the city have finally been
evaluated and repaired. This has been a multi-year project that is now
complete. This provides a safe use of the public right of way for all of us
including our senior and disabled community members.

Financial Health of the City – We have all experienced challenges over the
past few years especially since March 2020 when COVID changed how we
all did business. I support looking at how we provide services in Fairview.
There is opportunity for some synergizing of services between Troutdale
and Wood Village. We already contract with Gresham for Fire Services.
Economic Development – I am excited with the opening of the Fairview
Food Cart Plaza. This compliments the already established food and

beverage locations in Fairview. The Fairview Food Cart Plaza brings in many new business owners and supports diversity in the community. The continued work improving the Halsey corridor will provide additional funding to support the general fund. This provides amenities for the community while supporting public safety and infrastructure improvements. I appreciate your continued support while serving on the Fairview City Council.

Endorsements

Brian Cooper – Mayor City of Fairview

Steve Marker – Fairview City Councilor

“This election is about leadership and integrity. I know and have worked with both men. Please join me in voting for Steve Owen,” Ken Johnson – Retired Fairview Police Chief

Justin Hwang – Owner Joy Teriyaki

(This information furnished by Steve Owen)

City of Fairview

Councilor, Position 5

Mike Weatherby

Occupation: Retired, Parole Board member, State of Oregon

Occupational Background: Corrections hearings officer, Multnomah County; Juvenile court counselor, Multnomah County; Juvenile home unit supervisor, Multnomah County

Educational Background: University of Portland, master’s degree in education; Portland State University, bachelor’s degree in psychology

Prior Government Experience: Current City of Fairview budget committee member; Former City of Fairview mayor, 2002-2014; former City of Fairview planning commissioner and city councilor; former Reynolds School District board member; former Rockwood Public Utility Board member and chair

Building a Better Fairview for Everyone

I’ve lived in Fairview for almost 30 years and served my city most of this time as a mayor, city councilor, school board member, and planning commissioner.

I love my city, and proud to literally get it on the map. Years ago, when I was mayor, I convinced the county to change the name of 213th Avenue to Fairview Parkway, so that anyone driving along I-84 would know who we are. I created a monthly roundtable meeting for business owners, and held

community meetings at mobile home parks, apartment buildings, and our community center in Old Town. I also improved street lights and our parks, including leading the effort to build the gazebo at Park Cleone.

I'm running again for city council out of concern and with hope. I'm concerned about the lack of communication and collaboration at city hall and I'm hopeful I can bridge the gap between elected officials and the community they serve. I want everyone's hard-earned tax dollars to go towards projects that are needed to keep us safe and improve our quality of life.

If I am elected I will:

- Connect and communicate with the public by holding meetings out in the community
- Tackle the increase in crime by hiring an additional sheriff's deputy to patrol our streets
- Revisit priorities and rebuild the city budget to make the most of scarce resources

My opponent once quit his City of Fairview council service. I promise to never quit on you. I hope to have your vote and the privilege of working for and with you again.

(This information furnished by Mike Weatherby)

City of Fairview

Councilor, Position 6

Paul Copeland

Occupation: Reynolds School District

Occupational Background: Marketing, Sales, Customer Service, Warehouse, Driver

Educational Background: Mt. Hood Community College – Graphic Design – Associates Degree; Gresham High School – General Studies - Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Optional Information: As a lifelong resident of this area, I care to see some common-sense leadership, to help my hometown be a thriving, comfortable place to live.

(This information furnished by Paul Copeland)

City of Gresham

Mayor

Travis Stovall

Occupation: Business Owner

Occupational Background: Executive Director, East Metro Economic Alliance; Executive, Adventist Health; Consultant, Business Turnaround Expert

Educational Background: Union College, Bachelor's Business Administration; University of Nebraska, MBA

Prior Governmental Experience: Mayor, Gresham, Oregon, 2021-2022
Vice-President, TriMet Board (Chair, Finance and Audit Committee), 2012 –2020; Mt. Hood Community College Audit Committee, 2013 – present.

Dear Neighbor,

I am honored to have served as your Mayor since January 2021. Having stepped into this role in a time of substantial transition, I couldn't be prouder of how neighbors came together to support each other to work towards healing and moving forward. Your support has led to a number of key accomplishments, and I look forward to the great work that our community will do together. I am running for re-election so we can continue to make Gresham a place everyone in our community can live, work and play safely. Thank you for your vote.

- Travis

Our collective accomplishments since 2021:

- \$5.2 million invested in police and fire
- Launched Safe Gresham Initiative and Youth Services Department including a Youth Violence Prevention Program
- Initiated our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion program
- Invested \$1 million toward culturally responsive violence prevention, intervention, and collaboration partnerships
- Added funding and resources to our homeless services department
- Completed the Rockwood Market Hall and Rockwood Village, further enhancing the Rockwood/West Gresham Community
- Completed the 181st and Sandy road improvements
- Secured the extension of the Urban Renewal Area to secure the future of needed investments
- Awarded \$350,000 in ARPA grants to community organizations
- Awarded \$500K in ARPA assistance and grants to over 70 small businesses
- Broke ground on the Cascade Groundwater Project for better long-term

water rate structure for Gresham

- Purchased the iconic Shaull property for green space and park availability
- Secured over \$5 million in Federal and State funding for improvements to Gradin Sports Park

Leadership for Gresham and the Region – The Gresham Way

Learn why Gresham supports Travis: Greshamtogether.org

(This information furnished by Travis Stovall Committee)

City of Gresham

Councilor, Position 2

Eddy Morales

Occupation: Small Business Owner, Gresham City Council President

Occupational Background: Over 20 years advocating for community safety, housing, economic opportunity, climate action, and equity.

Educational Background: University of Oregon, Planning, Public Policy, and Management.

Prior Governmental Experience: Gresham City Council, Democratic Party of Oregon Treasurer.

Community Service: Planned Parenthood, visit website for a full list.

Re-Elect Eddy Morales: The Proven Leader We Need for Gresham

In my time on City Council I have prioritized building a stronger, more secure Gresham for all our residents - a resilient city where we can all live, work, and play.

A Safe, Vibrant, and Inclusive Gresham

- **Community Safety:** I know what it's like to lose family to senseless violence and to not feel safe in your neighborhood. As Council President I led the largest community safety investments in our city's history and created our Youth Violence Prevention Program.

- **Housing:** Under my leadership we were able to create over 374 high-quality units and will urgently work to expand homeownership programs, and workforce and family housing.

- **Homelessness:** In addition to increasing shelter and services immediately, we need to prioritize keeping people in their existing housing whenever possible. That's why I led the effort to find funding to keep over

400 Gresham residents facing eviction housed during the pandemic.
“Eddy has earned our trust and has had our community’s back. Eddy has been there for all of us, including securing additional funding to help with immediate community safety needs and advocating for long-term sustainable solutions.”

- Kevin Larson, President, Gresham Professional Firefighters Association
Trusted Leaders Support Eddy Morales!

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley

U.S. Congressman Earl Blumenauer

State Senator Chris Gorsek

State Representatives: Zach Hudson, Ricki Ruiz

Gresham City Councilors: Vince Jones-Dixon, Mario Palmero, Dina DiNucci

Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick

Pro-Choice Oregon

Color PAC

Oregon Futures Lab

East County Rising

Laborers’ International Union (LIUNA) Local 737

Joint Council of Teamsters #37

For a full list of supporters visit:

www.EddyMorales.com

(This information furnished by Eddy’s Community Power PAC)

City of Gresham

Councilor, Position 2

Cathy Vandehey Keathley

Occupation: Business Manager, St. Joseph Church; Vice President, Joseph P. Vandervelden Foundation

Occupational Background: Human Resource Analyst, Metro; Human Resource Analyst and Human Resource Manager, City of Gresham

Educational Background: Portland State University, Business Administration; Gresham High School

Prior Governmental Experience: Gresham City Councilor; current Gresham-Barlow School Board; Gresham Finance and Budget Committee; Chair, Gresham Fire Advisory Council

Community Service: 100+ Women Who Care East County Board; Gresham High School Principal’s Advisory Council, Fund-raising chair for many community nonprofits; Youth Leader, PTA President

Returning Gresham to What it Once Was—Safe & Stable

The unprecedented increase in crime and homelessness is affecting us all. Cathy is running for city council to make decisions that will hold criminals accountable and get us back to respecting the rule of law.

Cathy Pledges the Following Priorities:

Fully fund and staff Gresham Police.

Champion Gresham's Homeless Response program that's based on compassion and accountability. It will end the illegal tent and RV camping, violence, and property crimes.

Prioritize public safety, roads and balanced budgets.

Police department is #1 priority before new initiatives.

Collaborative Leadership Style

Cathy's leadership strengths are to listen, respectfully debate, and make thoughtful, evidence-based decisions. Cathy is committed to providing a welcoming, safe environment where all opinions are respected.

"Cathy is decisive, compassionate and not afraid to lead."

Lila Leathers

Safety First

Gresham's most urgent problem is crime and fear for our safety. Our city environment has become contentiously political. We are at a tipping point with the decisions the current council majority is making. It is time to make the change in leadership our community wants. Cathy will step-in and do what it takes to make our neighborhoods safe again.

Trusted Leader Endorsements:

Gresham Police Officer's Association

Bob Skipper, Retired Multnomah County Sheriff

Sue Piazza, Gresham City Councilor

East Metro Association of REALTORS

Greg Matthews, Gresham Fire Chief, Retired

Gresham Area Chamber

Justin Hwang, Bess Wills, Business Owners

Holly Riegelmann, Gresham-Barlow School Board

Karilynn Echols, former Gresham Mayor

www.VoteKeathley.com

(This information furnished by Friends for Cathy Keathley)

City of Gresham

Councilor, Position 2

Thomas Stanley

Occupation: Retired

Occupation Background: Retired Senior CMOS Integrated circuit designer & Project Manager

Educational Background: Oregon State University, BS Electrical Engineering

Prior Governmental Experience: Served on Neighborhood Association Board, and Church Board, Community Leader, Advocate for the Homeless and Supports Cultural Diversity.

If Thomas Stanley is elected to the Gresham City Council, I will:

- Help the Mayor & Council optimize revenues to balance the city's budget and grow the city.
- Work to create more revenue to support the Police & Fire departments. I feel that the more affluent neighborhoods, with the largest tree canopies, should pay more for Fire protections.
- Support Gresham City Water Project.
- Work to help Seniors stay in their homes, by changing the laws to freeze or reduce higher property taxes for Seniors and change the laws to keep predatory investors, building contractors, real estate agents and scammers from harassing them for their properties or assets.
- Help make Gresham, Sustainable, Eco-friendly, Diverse, Inclusive, and Equable Community for all.
- Help create a long-term sustainable Parks & Recreations Department to promote community involvement, family growth and child development.
- Work with the School Boards and the Community to bring back basic teaching of Reading, Writing, & Math and reduce unnecessary political correctness in the school teaching programs.
- Support the City of Gresham's Vision of Community Development and Urban Renewal projects.
- Support Gresham Business community in creating living wage jobs & thriving tourist industry.
- Support Housing Development projects to meet the needs of Gresham residents.

(This information furnished by Thomas Stanley)

City of Gresham

Councilor, Position 4

Mario Palmero

Occupation: Self Employed in assisting Oregon families in houseless and job development

Occupational Background: 6 years serving as Gresham City Councilor; 2 years of creating and directing a non profit, one year of direct outreach in assisting Oregonians suffering from houselessness, 12 years of assisting Oregonian families access emergency programs through services provided by DHS; 7 years of volunteering experience with AARP providing free tax preparations; also volunteered with SMART, Habitat for Humanity and Rockwood Weed and Seed

Educational Background: Portland State University, BA Political Science; Mt.Hood CC AA Political Science

Prior Governmental Experience: Gresham City Councilor 2012-present; Gresham's City council 1st Latino president; Vice chair of Gresham's redevelopment commission; Gresham's Natural Resources and Sustainability committee; Housing and Community Development committee; Gresham's Homelessness and Housing taskforce; Executive board member on Home for Everyone; Board member for Oregon Regional Water Consortium

PRIORITIES:

- Use community-based approach in addressing housing and homelessness issues in Gresham and creating new partnerships with nonprofit and business organizations
- Ensuring that the City of Gresham continues to support small businesses and provide the economic stability necessary for fostering this growth
- Continue to create and direct policies to end gun violence in our community
- Ensuring that police and fire departments have the resources and tools to best serve our growing and diverse community
- Support both after school programs and summer programs directed at supporting youth services and prevention

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- directed policies to help end gun violence in our community and increase safety for all community members through Gresham's Clean and safe program
- Directed policies that utilized Metro dollars to help fund and support new affordable housing in Gresham such as the Albertina Kerr and Rockwood 10 project

- Continued to collaborate with our School Districts, community non-profit and for profit agencies to support after school programs and summer programs for our children in EastCounty
- Directed ARPA resources to fully fund emergency services in Gresham including fully funding Gresham Police and Fire departments budgets.
- Assisted small business with ARPA funds to keep business open in Gresham during the early stages of the pandemic
- supported a moratorium on rent increases during COVID for both residents and small businesses

Keep Moving Gresham Forward
Vote for Mario Palmero For Gresham!

(This information furnished by Mario Palmero)

City of Gresham

Councilor, Position 4

Jerry Hinton

Occupation: Industry Consultant

Occupational Background: Automotive Executive 34 years

Educational Background: Executive Juris Doctorate, Purdue; MBA, National University; BS Finance, Brigham Young University

Prior Governmental Experience: Gresham City Councilor, Council

President, Committees: Budget and Finance, Planning Commission, East Multnomah County Transportation, Metro Policy Advisory, Citizen's Involvement

Community Service: Gresham's Green & Clean founder, My Father's House Community Shelter, Family of Friends Mentoring

Priorities:

Fully fund and staff the Gresham Police.

End the permissive attitude toward tent and RV camping, violence, and property crimes.

Support moratorium on local fee and tax increases.

Prioritize public safety, roads and balanced budgets.

No new initiatives until the police department is fully staffed.

Get Gresham Back on Track

As former Gresham City Councilor, Jerry put ordinances into place keeping Gresham safe, financially stable and clean – but the last two years of mismanagement, defunding the police, and ignoring the rule of law has plagued our great city reversing the previous direction. Jerry is running to put things right again.

Safety Over Politics

Our agency administration has become contentiously political rather than focusing on making our neighborhoods safe again.

Homelessness: Crisis on our Streets and Sidewalks

Rampant homelessness is a humanitarian, public health, and safety emergency. Gresham is a compassionate community that deserves safe streets and sidewalks. Homelessness compounded by drugs and mental health struggles require different solutions. Jerry supports proven programs that deal with the complex issues.

Endorsements:

Former Fire Chief Greg Matthews

Gresham Police Officers Association

Former Gresham Mayor Karylinn Echols

Troutdale Mayor Randy Lauer

Willie Chambers

Germaine Flentroy

Leslie Radke

Retired Multnomah County Sheriff Bob Skipper

Gresham City Councilors Sue Piazza, Janine Gladfelter

Sean Kerr

Vicki Moen

Former Police Chief Robin Sells

Business Owner Sue O'Halloran

Bess Wills

Shelly Brady

GBSD School Board Member Holly Riegelmann

East Metro Association of Realtors

Gresham Chamber of Commerce

“During my time as Police Chief, I knew I had Councilor Hinton’s unwavering support when it came to public safety and keeping the Gresham community safe.” Former Police Chief Craig Junginger

JerryforGresham.com

(This information furnished by JerryforGresham.com)

City of Gresham

Councilor, Position 6

Amanda Orozco-Beach

Occupation: Legislative Aide

Occupational Background: Service Industry, Business Management, and Political Organizing

Educational Background: Mount Hood Community College, MHCC

Forensics Speech and Debate Team; Portland State University

Prior Governmental Experience: Gresham-Barlow School Board Director (2019 – Present), Policy Review Committee (3 years), Superintendent Search Committee

Amanda Orozco-Beach: Your Voice on Gresham City Council

“We need Amanda for our constantly changing and diverse city that deserves leadership willing to tackle all challenges. As a new mom and wife of a decorated combat veteran, she knows we are a city with a wealth of potential and opportunities for all to thrive.”

- Ricki Ruiz, State Representative

My work and contributions include:

- Lobbied to help draft the Menstrual Dignity Act, ending period poverty for all Oregon students attending our public schools by providing free menstrual products in restrooms.
- Worked with local leaders to secure \$1.5 million from American Rescue Plan Act funding for a Student Based Health Center across from Gresham High School.
- Organized community feedback for repurposing the West Gresham Elementary building.

When elected, I pledge to tackle:

- Improving public safety now so our residents feel safe and investing in more funding for fire and emergency services that show up when we call for them.
- Find funding to ensure our most vulnerable have access to resources so they are fed, have a roof over their head, and AC units for homes during times of pandemic and climate change.

- Consistent funding for parks. Doing so will elevate the beauty of our landscape through parks while supporting youth activities, cultural events, and tourism.
- Keeping down cost-of-living for families so that Gresham can keep being a great city to work, live and raise our families in.

Our Local Community Leaders Support Amanda:

State Senator Chris Gorsek

State Representative Ricki Ruiz

State Representative Zach Hudson

Commissioner Lori Stegmann

Gresham-Barlow School Board Directors Mayra Gómez and Kris Howatt

Gresham City Councilors Eddy Morales, Mario Palmero, and Dina DiNucci

East County Rising

(This information furnished by Friends of Amanda Orozco-Beach)

City of Gresham

Councilor, Position 6

Janine Gladfelter

Occupation: Business Relationship Manager and Gresham City Councilmember

Occupational Background: Commercial & Consumer Banking, 18 years; Board Member for Downtown Business Association, Board Member Mount Hood Community Jazz Festival, Salvation Army Advisory Council - Portland Chapter

Educational Background: Lane Community College, University of Oregon

Prior Governmental Experience: Gresham City Councilor and Gresham Redevelopment Commissioner 2017-present; Gresham Budget Committee 2014-present; Finance Committee 2014-2017; Community Development Block Grant Committee 2014-2017; Council Leadership to Emergency Preparedness Task Force and Task Force on Housing

Personal Statement:

The City of Gresham and its community are dear to my heart. My passion for improving our beautiful city drives me to continue serving as a leader that will fight for safe neighborhoods, clean streets, and economic prosperity for all.

My Vision for Gresham

Public Safety

I support expansion of police staffing and support for mental health services as well as proper funding of our fire departments and first responders so that our community can sleep easier at night knowing that they'll be there when it matters most.

Homelessness

I believe we should address homelessness with compassion while keeping our streets and sidewalks clean and safe. That means partnering with the community and continuing to strengthen Gresham's homeless services team.

Economic Development

I will continue to serve as a strong voice for job creators and supporting policies that will strengthen and empower Gresham's small businesses to succeed.

We Strongly Support Janine Gladfelter for City Council:

Karylinn Echols, Former Mayor and City Councilor of Gresham

David Widmark, Former City Councilor of Gresham

Diane Mckeel, Former County Commissioner

Greg Matthews, Retired Gresham Fire Chief

Gresham Police Officers Association

Gresham Chamber of Commerce

East Metro Association of Realtors

Cathy Keathley, Gresham Barlow School Board Director

Jerry Hinton, Former Gresham City Councilor 2012-2020

Tom Slyter, Retired Undersheriff of Multnomah County

Rob Hendrickson, Rob Hendrickson State Farm

Vanessa Chambers

Joan Albertson

Shannon Chisom

Alyson Huntting

Jim Riegelmann

Natalia Baranova

Carol Nielson

Scott A. Terryah

Leslie Radke

Lon Shiiki

See all endorsements:

www.votejaninegladfelter.com

(This information furnished by Janine Gladfelter)

City of Lake Oswego

Councilor

Jeff Gudman

Occupation Businessperson: Investor

Occupational Background Financial Analyst: Hyster; Controller – Magnetech; Treasurer - Oregon Natural Gas Development; Treasurer - BioGas Technology

Educational Background: Pomona College, Pomona College, BA; Wharton School, Finance/Management, MBA

Prior Governmental Experience::Lake Oswego City Council 2011 - 2018 Chair, Lake Oswego Budget Committee

Volunteer Experience – Treasurer – Clackamas Volunteers in Medicine, Vice-Chair – Mary's Woods, Former Chair – NW Pilot Project (housing), Former Chair – Financial Executive International Portland Chapter.

Why I'm Running - I care about protecting Lake Oswego's quality of life. I want to work with each citizen to develop collaborative, financially sound decisions to the challenges the city faces. These challenges include maintaining and enhancing our basic infrastructure, converting the trolley line to a pedestrian/bike pathway, continuing the work of the Boones Ferry Plan, successfully implementing neighborhood and down-town plans, redevelopment of Foothills, and protecting the Stafford Hamlet.

A Record of Success – While previously serving as a Lake Oswego City Councilor, I established myself as a budget hawk. Under my fiscal leadership, we dramatically reduced our unfunded liability for road maintenance, rebuilt our operations and maintenance center and rebuilt city hall without asking taxpayers for an additional dime.

Independent Thinker and a Team Player – I work carefully to think through problems and follow the facts before making a decision. Once the decision is made, I will work tirelessly for its successful implementation.

Fiscal Responsibility – I understand that during all economic times, government should live within its means just as we all do. I bring a lifetime of business and financial experience with large and small companies as well as not-for-profit organizations.

Financial Leadership – I have the experience and leadership skills needed for Council. I understand we need effective leaders who will seek reasonable, common-sense solutions. Listening and being open to new ideas and different viewpoints and moving forward.

Experience – The last two years the council has lost institutional memory. My experience as a former councilor will bring much needed institutional memory and context to balance with newer councilor's ideas.

I'm asking for your vote.

(This information furnished by Jeff Gudman)

City of Lake Oswego

Councilor

Trudy Corrigan

Occupation: Retired Consultant, Community Volunteer;
Occupational Background: Employee Benefits Consulting;
Educational Background: University of Oregon, MBA; The American College, CLU, ChFC; Oregon State University, BS, Biology;
Prior Governmental Experience: Boones Ferry Road Improvements Project Advisory Committee; Lake Grove Urban Forest Committee; Lake Grove Urban Renewal Citizen Advisory Committee; Lake Oswego Zoning Simplification and Clear and Objective Standards Citizen Advisory Committee; Vice Chair, Lake Grove Neighborhood Association;

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Classroom Volunteer; Art Literacy Volunteer/Coordinator; High School Mock Interview Program Volunteer; Choir Coordinator, Portland Symphonic GirlChoir; Keep Oregon Well Street Team, Trillium Family Services

PERSONAL: Married to Kit for 30 years with 2 children
I work to make things better through volunteer roles. A longtime member of the community who raised a family here, my involvement began 20 years ago with successfully lobbying the city to build a pathway to keep kids safe.

ALL OF LAKE OSWEGO'S PARTS WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE IT REMARKABLE. I will ENGAGE and COLLABORATE for A Healthy Social Fabric –

By including people from all walks of life.

By ensuring our emergency responders and City employees are equipped to deal with emerging challenges

By supporting excellent educational and recreational opportunities

A Healthy Environment

By managing our Urban Forest for a sustainable future

By developing and maintaining parks, pathways and trails
By maintaining open spaces

A Vibrant Place for Business

By pursuing an economic development plan reflecting evolving business conditions
By effective transportation and infrastructure management
By being welcoming and supporting local business

A Strong Financial Position

By thinking long term about funding strategies for the city as a whole
By coordinating with Portland on sewage treatment
By planning ahead to manage Lake Oswego's growth

Trudy is endorsed by:

Lake Oswego Mayor Joe Buck
Lake Oswego City Councilor Jackie Manz
Lake Oswego City Councilor Daniel Nguyen
Lake Oswego City Councilor Rachel Verdick
Lake Oswego City Councilor Massene Mboup
Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County

www.Trudy4LO.org

(This information furnished by Trudy Corrigan)

City of Lake Oswego

Councilor

John Wendland

Occupation: Business owner, Portland Bindery Inc.

Occupational Background: Corporate Business Management.

Educational Background: BS in Commerce – Accounting, Santa Clara University.

Prior Governmental Experience: LO City Council 2019-2022 - Currently Council President, Lake Oswego School Board 2009 – 2017 (2 years Chair), Chair LO City Audit committee, LOSD Budget Advisory Committee.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Board Chair Reading Results, LO Chamber of Commerce, Neighborhood HOA, PTA President.

PERSONAL: Married to Lisa for 35 years. Two daughters.

City Councilor John Wendland – Leadership for Results

Progress Doesn't Just Happen

“Different viewpoints, dialogue and consensus achieve positive results”

John Wendland

- Full Police Department review added 4 new patrol officers and mental health specialist
- New City Hall & Boones Ferry Project complete. New Rec and Pool Center in progress, remodeling Golf Course
- Passed bond to add and improve our outstanding park system

“John brings people together to focus on what is best for our City.” Rachel Phillips, Mom, Small Business Owner.

LO Together

“Input from all stakeholders means well thought out policies” John

Wendland

- Navigated implementation of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion program for LO
- Added new safe pathways to schools
- Set policy to deal with new State housing mandates thus protecting our livability standards

“Councilor John understands what makes LO tick. He leads our can-do attitude.” Kasey Adler, Transportation Advisory Board.

A Vibrant Future

“A place to LIVE, WORK, & PLAY is not a slogan, it's the reality of our community.” John Wendland

- Developed robust partnerships with LO Chamber and economic development team to support businesses
- Maintained strong fiscal discipline to support public safety and infrastructure investments
- Developed and approved Climate and Sustainability action plan

“John's cohesive vision makes for an even greater city.” Molly Durrett, Lake Grove Elementary Teacher.

“John's knowledge and experience are needed again. His leadership and

focus are invaluable.” Mayor Joe Buck

“I ask for your vote. Be part of the future of LO.” John Wendland

Visit web site for partial list of Wendland supporters

www.wendlandLOcitycouncil.com

(This information furnished by John Wendland)

City of Lake Oswego

Councilor

Ali Afghan

Occupation: Industrial Engineering Director, Genentech; prior Intel

Occupational Background: Engineering, Community volunteer

Educational Background: Portland State University, BS, Mechanical Engineering

Prior Governmental Experience: LO Budget Committee, Current

Alternate; LO Development Review Committee, Prior Alternate; Old Town Neighborhood Association, Current Board Director; Partnered with Oregon Governor’s office to bring biotech industry to Oregon.

As your City Councilor, I will give voice to your priorities by employing decision-making processes that are transparent, utilize data, and foremost, are collaborative. My focus will be on all of our residents, our environment, our safety, and the needs of small business owners who are the lifeblood of our local economy. I believe planning is an essential strength of a well-run city and that consistent eye toward our future will help us through any of the challenges ahead.

Lake Oswego has been my home since 1990, and I’m fortunate to have resided in several neighborhoods, allowing me to interact with so many other residents who, like me, support our extraordinary school district and take pride in our parks, our excellent police and fire departments, and our growing array of local businesses. Together we can make LO an even more livable city for residents of all ages, income levels and backgrounds.

An effective City Councilor will foster engagement in local government by residents and business owners alike to maintain a healthy balance. Topics such as safety, homelessness, housing inclusiveness and density, our environment, sustainability, and the local economy are all factors in that balance. My 35 years of professional leadership managing people, budgets,

and deadlines has equipped me to bring people together to build stronger relationships, accelerate past stagnation, and plan for the future. Allow me to put this to work for Lake Oswego with your vote on November 8th.

ENDORSED BY:

State Senator Rob Wagner

Lake Oswego Mayor Joe Buck

Lake Oswego City Councilors:

Jackie Manz

Massene Mboup

Daniel Nguyen

Aaron Rapf

Rachel Verdick

Professional Fire Fighters of Clackamas County

www.AliForLakeO.com

(This information furnished by Ali Afghan)

City of Portland

Commissioner, Position 3

Rene Gonzalez

Occupation: Technology Business Owner

Occupational Background: Business Lawyer

Educational Background: Willamette University, BA, JD

Prior Government Experience: First Time Candidate

Community Service: President, UPDX Soccer Club; Board of Directors, The Library Foundation, Portland Children's Museum; ED 300.

Let's Restore Portland Together

We have a stark choice this election – more of the same, or a change for the bet-ter. I am running because we have a humanitarian crisis on our streets and crime that's out of control. Portland's livability has declined markedly during my opponent's term. We deserve better.

I'm a 5th generation Portlander and dad of three who will bring people together af-ter the divisiveness that's plagued our city in recent years. My father started life as a migrant worker and through hard work and education became a federal prosecutor and trial judge. That's the same kind of work ethic, determination, and backbone I will bring to the city council.

Unfortunately, my opponent chooses to frame local issues that should bring people together in polarizing national terms that drive them apart. I will work to stand up for ALL of Portland – no excuses, no scapegoats – from those who are suffering in un-housed encampments to our neighborhoods that are under siege but lack a voice at City Hall.

Homelessness

We have a crisis of addiction and mental illness on our streets, not just a lack of affordable housing. Taking a hands-off approach to homelessness isn't compassionate or progressive, it is dangerous and inhumane. Just look outside. We need more shelter and social services immediately.

Crime

Many of our neighborhoods have become too dangerous for our kids or seniors. I'll lead a data-driven approach to develop, attract, and retain more public safety re-sources, making our streets clean and safe again.

Join our broad coalition of supporters including unions, technology leaders, prominent women and healthcare providers:

www.ReneforPortland.com

(This information furnished by Rene Gonzalez)

City of Portland

Commissioner, Position 3

Jo Ann Hardesty

Occupation: Portland City Commissioner

Occupational Background: United States Navy; Small Business Owner; NAACP Portland; KBOO Radio.

Educational Background: Community College of Baltimore.

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative (North/Northeast Portland); Multnomah County Senior Policy Analyst.

**JO ANN STANDS WITH US
EXPERIENCED CHANGE MAKER**

“We elected Jo Ann to tackle tough challenges, which is exactly what she has done. We need her effective leadership for a safe and vibrant city.” - Representative Khanh Pham

Despite a global pandemic, we have worked together to achieve significant systems change.

- Tackling the crisis on our streets by investing in immediate shelter and services, securing long-term permanently affordable housing, and strengthening Portland Street Response, our newly trained mental health first responders.
- Expanding community safety by organizing neighborhood violence prevention programs, hiring mental health first responders, daylighting dangerous street corners, and freeing up police officers for more emergency calls and patrol.
- Ensuring police accountability and transparency, a strong Civilian Training Dean, meaningful community oversight, and data-driven decision-making.

As Portlanders, we need big changes in how our city works, and I am right there with you. You can count on me to lead the charge for change and work WITH YOU and FOR YOU.

Trusted Endorsements:

Pro-Choice Oregon

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

VoteVets

SEIU Oregon

United Food and Commercial Workers

Latino Network Action Fund

Portland Association of Teachers

Portland Community College Faculty Federation

International Longshore & Warehouse Union

Independent Party of Oregon

Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon

Safety & Justice Oregon

Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC

The Street Trust

Sierra Club of Oregon

SunrisePDX Movement

East County Rising PAC

Community Alliance of Tenants

Action Fund

Former Governor Barbara Roberts

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley

U.S. Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici

U.S. Congressman Earl Blumenauer
Portland Commissioner Carmen Rubio
Multnomah Commissioner Susheela Jayapal
Sen. Lew Frederick
Rep. Dacia Grayber, Firefighter
Rep. Travis Nelson, Nurse
Former Speaker Tina Kotek
Former Commissioner & Former Firefighter Association President Randy Leonard

Full list of endorsers, achievements, platform: www.joannforportland.com | #JH4PDX

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(This information was furnished by Jo Ann for Portland City Council)

City of Troutdale

Councilor

Nick Moon

Occupation: Business Owner

Occupational Background: N/A

Educational Background: Fullsail University, associate degree

Prior Governmental Experience: City Council Troutdale, 4 years

Statement:

My name is Nick Moon and I am running for a second term as your city councilor. I have learned much in my 4 years on council, and I am excited about continuing the vision, striving to move Troutdale in a clear and meaningful direction. I am particularly excited about continuing work on the Confluence site, a 20 acre waterfront site that Troutdale has been developing that will shape our city for decades.

I am also excited to continue work with Troutdales resource officer and MCSO to make safety a priority. I support the police and prosecuting criminals. I will not mince words and will strive to never talk like a politician. As a father of two and a small business owner I've certainly learned the value in communicating clearly. I think it is apparent that the direction Portland is going is not the direction Troutdale should go. I will continue to push to make Troutdale a clean and livable place. I hope to earn your vote as someone who cares about everyone and cares about our city.

(This information furnished by Nick Moon)

City of Troutdale

Councilor

GianPaolo Mammone

Occupation: City Planner

Occupational Background: Worked for more than 25 years in Local Government in Executive & Leadership positions: City Administrator/City Manager; Planning-Zoning Director; Economic Development Director; Community Development Director; Chamber of Commerce President-CEO.

Educational Background: Master of Urban Administration: Wright State University; Master of City & Regional Planning: The Ohio State University; B.S. Architecture: The Ohio State University.

Prior Governmental Experience: City of Troutdale Budget Committee; City of Troutdale Planning Commission; City Manager / City Administrator; Director of Community & Economic Development.

FOCUSED ON OUR FUTURE:

Partnership, Inclusion & Equity: Cities cannot afford to be islands today. We need to establish/rebuild strategic partnerships in order to generate a Regional Approach to Solutions and Development. We must become the Family of Troutdale (and the County): feeling one another's pain, sharing one another's blessings, reasonably, equitably, honestly, fairly, inclusively ... welcoming and embracing diversity.

Knowledge: We shall propose future developments based on sound principles, to respect the good features of our city and region and organizing those areas into a pattern that makes sense economically, socially, environmentally and aesthetically. Understanding the connection between planning and related disciplines such as economics, architecture, landscape architecture, engineering, transportation, and integrating them into successful plans.

Opportunities: We shall work towards our obligation to produce a government that excels at doing what it is supposed to do: Mastering the art of turning the impossible into the inevitable, on the way to improve the living-working conditions and opportunities of our citizens/community/region and in reaching our goals in Troutdale.

Livability, Economic Development: Create a sustainable and resilient Urban Fabric that works as an incentive to Economic Development and investments. It takes a dedicated team that involves the entire community (City staff, strategic partners, government agencies) and the broadest engagement of citizens in order to create the conditions necessary to

realize our aspirations in Troutdale.

I humbly ask for your vote.

With your support we can work together in shaping the present and creating a brighter future for Troutdale.

(This information furnished by GianPaolo Mammone)

City of Troutdale

Councilor

David Ripma

Occupation: Patent Lawyer

Occupational Background: Research Engineer

Educational Background: Georgetown University School of Law – JD;

University of Michigan – Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering

Prior Governmental Experience: Troutdale City Council; Troutdale Planning

Com-mission; Troutdale Parks Advisory Committee; Metro Policy Advisory

Committee; East Multnomah County Transportation Committee; Oregon

Energy Facility Siting Council & Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board (the last

two are governor-appointed state boards)

Troutdale faces important decisions affecting city finances and future livability. Citi-zens know I listen and am always guided by what's best for Troutdale. I have volun-teered on Troutdale's committees and council for over 25 years. That experience has taught me to ask questions and consider issues carefully.

My priorities:

- Ensuring public safety in Troutdale is my number one priority. The Multnomah County Sheriff's department is a diverse organization which treats everyone with respect – I will work to enhance community policing and services in Troutdale.
- Keeping local control of our parks and Municipal Court. Troutdale cannot re-ly on the county District Attorney to enforce our ordinances.
- Marketing Troutdale by attracting good development to our Urban Renewal Area and elsewhere, and encouraging high-quality housing.

Please join the following Troutdale leaders in saying "We need David Ripma on the Troutdale Council"

Glenn White – Troutdale City Councilor

Alison Caswell – Troutdale City Councilor

Zach Hudson, State Representative, HD 49

Tanney Staffenson – Chair, Troutdale Budget Committee & Chair, Troutdale Planning Commission

Marv Woidyla, member, Troutdale Planning Commission and President of Gorge Winds Aviation, Inc.

Jean Ice – Real Estate Broker

John Leamy, Troutdale Historic Landmarks Commission, Town Center Committee; Troutdale Planning Commission

VOTE DAVID RIPMA FOR TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL

(This information furnished by David Ripma)

City of Troutdale

Councilor

Geoffrey Wunn

Occupation: Pediatric and Neonatal Flight Nurse

Occupational Background: Registered Nurse

Educational Background: Linfield College, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Prior Governmental Experience: None

The opportunity to serve the community I have lived in my entire life would be an honor! My name is Geoffrey Wunn and I was born and raised in Troutdale. After finishing nursing school, I decided that it was also the perfect place to raise a family of my own. As my boys get older, I have realized that it is important for me to be involved in the growth and development of Troutdale. This is a city that I love and I believe that a fresh set of eyes on the city council would be beneficial to everyone. Two of my biggest goals are to see Troutdale become a place where businesses can grow and thrive, and where people and families can feel safe and welcomed. I want Troutdale to be a city that people want to live in and visit! Education is also highly important to me, so I will stand behind our schools and teachers. As a youth sports coach for the past 10 years, I also believe in access to sports for all children not only for their physical health but also for their mental health. While I would enter into this position with some ideas and goals of my own, I am also open and willing to hear ideas and concerns from citizens in this community. I would truly be here to represent you. I do not believe that a city is run by one person. I think it takes the minds, thoughts and ideas of a diverse group of people to make a city successful. I believe this can be the case for Troutdale by collaboratively working together with our fellow officials to mold it into the best city it can be!

(This information furnished by Geoffrey Wunn)

East Multnomah SWCD

Director, At Large, Position 2

Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky

Occupation: Communications and Outreach Associate, Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership

Occupational Background: Working Lands Engagement Coordinator, 1000 Friends of Oregon; Senior Organizer, Columbia Riverkeeper

Educational Background: Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit and Public Management, Portland State University; General Sciences University of Oregon; Emergency Medical Technician program, Columbia Gorge Community College

Prior Governmental Experience: East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District Director, At Large 2

Community Engagement

Volunteer Firefighter/EMT, Corbett Fire District; Secretary/Treasurer, Corbett Firefighters Association; Board member, Corbett Firewise; Member, Columbia Grange #267

The East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District provides urban and rural residents of East Multnomah County with incredible educational, technical, and financial assistance to care for soil and water.

In an era of increasingly chaotic weather, equitable actions to ensure access to clean water and healthy soil are essential to community resiliency.

As your At Large 2 director I voted to support the city of Gresham's effort to purchase the Shaul Woods, a future park near the headwaters of Fairview Creek in a community with one of the lowest rates of tree canopy cover in our district. I also support emerging initiatives that create opportunities for experienced farmers from historically marginalized communities to access farmland. These efforts, combined with the larger work of the district ensure that benefits of clean water and healthy soil – climate resiliency, strong salmon runs, access to local food, financial savings for farmers and land managers, and more – will be available for current and future generations.

Proudly endorsed by:

Michael Guebert, EMSWCD Director Zone 3

Laura Masterson, EMSWCD Director Zone 2

James Carlson, EMSWCD At Large Director 1

Joe Rossi, East Multnomah Soil and Water District Position #1

Representative Khanh Pham, House District 46
Councilor Eddy Morales, Gresham
East County Rising PAC

(This information furnished by Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky)

East Multnomah SWCD

Director, Zone 3

Michael Guebert

Occupation: Farmer/Owner Terra Farma, Corbett, OR 2001-present

Occupational Background: Environmental Specialist and Supervisor,
Metro, 2001-2021

Educational Background: Humboldt State University, Geology, Bachelor's;
Sierra College, Geology

Prior Governmental Experience: Associate Director, EMSWCD 2012-
2014; Director, Zone 3 EMSWCD 2015-present; Board Chair EMSWCD
2021-present

I am excited to continue my service to the residents of EMSWCD to continue turning my passion for this place we all call home into good policy that both improves soil and water health and the quality of life for the people we serve.

I've been a farmer in the district for two decades, practicing regenerative agriculture before that term was even coined, using my educational and occupational background as a scientist to continually improve pasture quality, water retention, and carbon sequestration. I take this same thought process with me to my board position to evaluate continuous improvement to our programs and policies.

Board members must also practice good governance, which means enacting fair internal policies, practicing fiscal responsibility, program evaluation, and ensuring that our services are available to all that live in our district. I am proud of my work towards all of those in my 10 years on the EMSWCD board.

We are currently in the midst of our strategic planning process, which will guide the work of the district for the next five years and beyond. I hope that you will re-elect me so I can complete that process and implement the outcome.

My goals are:

- Continue our work to protect farmland and provide access to the next

generation of farmers

- Support our grants program to fund conservation partners
- Ensure our internal and external operations are equitably focused
- Promote practices that increase: soil carbon, water retention, and tree canopy
- Modeling a workplace culture where people want to work

Endorsed by:

Laura Masterson, EMSWCD Board Member

Jim Carlson, EMSWCD Board Member

Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky, EMSWCD Board Member

(This information furnished by Michael Guebert)

East Multnomah SWCD

Director, Zone 3

Jake Kerslake

Occupation: Manager/Operator for Kerslake Farms in Corbett; Volunteer Firefighter for Corbett Fire Department #14

Prior Occupational Background: None

Educational Background: Sam Barlow High School; Mt. Hood Community College

Prior Government Experience: None

Optional Information:

I am excited to bring my experiences as a farmer to the EMCSWCD and to provide a fresh, young, new voice to the board. As a fourth generation farmer on my family's farm in Corbett, I have a deep understanding of land management and the conservation practices that are a part of it, and I hope to bring my experience to the board. I am currently attending MHCC pursuing a degree in anthropology. As a future archaeologist I have an understanding and love for our local history, and as a member of the board I would like to use my historical knowledge to further develop and modernize the agri-cultural techniques that have worked in Multnomah County for generations.

Endorsed by Joe Rossi, East Multnomah County Soil and Water District, Position #1

(This information furnished by Jake Kerslake)

West Multnomah SWCD

Director, Zone 4

Brian Lightcap

Occupation: Retired from US Army Corps of Engineers. I still own and operate “Forest Farm” just outside Forest Park. My family helped plant trees, improve pastures and manage sheep when we began in earnest in 1982. There now is a diverse forest where once there were only eroding pastures. We selectively harvest specialty hardwood trees and mill into lumber.

Occupational Background: I joined the US Army Corps of Engineers in 1977 and served as an ecologist as their wetland program leader for 10 years. In another capacity, did wetland restoration research on the Columbia River.

Educational Background: Graduate of Iowa State University. Has a MS in Forestry from Southern Illinois University.

Prior Government Experience: I have served the conservation district as chair for over 20 years and served as board chair for over 10 years. I also was elected by my conservation peers to serve as vice president on the Oregon Association of Conservation Districts executive board. I have been on that executive board for four years. My most noteworthy claim to fame is my advocacy for the restoration of Sturgeon Lake, 3000 acres, on Sauvie Island. This took only 20 years. The project was completed in 2020 and brings river flows back into the lake ecosystem. I look forward to continuing my service as your elected director.

(This information furnished by Brian Lightcap)

MULTNOMAH COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Measure 26-230 / Multnomah County

Referred to the People by the Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee

Ballot Title

Amends charter: replaces gender binary pronouns with gender neutral terms

Question: Should county charter be amended to replace gender binary pronouns (including he, she, his, and her) with gender neutral terms?

Summary: The existing county charter uses gender binary pronouns including he, she, his, and her, throughout the document in sections 4.10 (Qualifications), 4.20 (Terms Of Office; Successive Terms; Running For Office In Midterm), 4.40 (Vacancies – Causes), 6.10 (Chair Of The Board), 6.50 (Sheriff), and 7.20 (Civil Service Commission). In addition, existing charter section 7.40(4) provides that references to the masculine gender in that chapter of the charter refer to the masculine, feminine, neuter, or applicable noun.

This charter amendment would replace gender binary pronouns throughout the charter with gender neutral terms appropriate to the context. For example, use of the pronouns “he or she” in section 6.50 to refer to the sheriff would be replaced with the term “the sheriff.”

This amendment also would remove existing charter section 7.40(4) because that section would no longer be necessary after removal of all references to gender.

Explanatory Statement

Existing county charter uses gender binary pronouns in charter sections 4.10 (Qualifications), 4.20 (Terms Of Office; Successive Terms; Running For Office In Midterm), 4.40 (Vacancies – Causes), 6.10 (Chair Of The Board), 6.50 (Sheriff), and 7.20 (Civil Service Commission). In addition, existing charter section 7.40(4) provides that references to the masculine gender in that chapter of the charter refer to the masculine, feminine, neuter, or applicable noun.

In 2019, Multnomah County updated its County Code to include a statement that the Code is gender inclusive and to replace gender binary pronouns with gender neutral pronouns. Similar changes have not yet been made to the charter.

This charter amendment recommended by the Charter Review Committee would replace gender binary pronouns in the charter, including he, she, his, and her, with gender neutral terms. The amendment would replace gender binary pronouns throughout the charter (in sections 4.10, 4.20, 4.40, 6.10, 6.50, and 7.20) with gender neutral terms appropriate to the context.

For example, use of the pronouns “he or she” in section 6.50 to refer to the sheriff would be replaced with the term “the sheriff.” Existing charter section 6.50 provides, “The people of Multnomah County shall elect a county sheriff for the function of said office as prescribed by state law and he or she shall have sole administration of all county jails and correctional institutions located in Multnomah County.” As amended, charter section 6.50 would provide, “The people of Multnomah County shall elect a county sheriff for the function of said office as prescribed by state law and the sheriff shall have sole administration of all county jails and correctional institutions located in Multnomah County.”

As another example, existing charter section 4.10(2) provides, in part, “Before the electee or appointee to an elective office takes the office he or she shall be eligible to be bonded.” As amended, charter section 4.10(2) would provide, “Before the electee or appointee to an elective office takes the office the electee or appointee shall be eligible to be bonded.”

This amendment also would remove existing charter section 7.40(4) because that section would no longer be necessary after removal of all references to gender.

Submitted by:
Jenny Madkour, County Attorney
Multnomah County

No arguments in Favor or Opposition to this Measure were filed.

Measure 26-231 / Multnomah County

Referred to the People by the Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee

Ballot Title

Amends charter: voting rights to be extended as legally allowed

Question: Should charter require county to extend the right to vote, including to noncitizens, to the fullest extent allowed by law?

Summary: State law provides that county residents who are United States citizens 18 years of age or older are eligible to register to vote. Registered voters can vote in local, state, and federal elections, with limited exceptions (for example, under state law a person sentenced to a term of incarceration for a felony is not eligible to vote during the term of incarceration). Current county charter does not address voter registration or qualifications for elections for county officers and on county measures.

This charter amendment recommended by the Charter Review Committee requires the county to extend the right to vote, including to noncitizens, to the fullest extent allowed by law. This amendment would apply to the right to vote in elections for county officers (chair, commissioner, sheriff, and auditor) and on county measures (initiatives, referenda, and referrals of county ordinances or charter amendments).

This amendment would not immediately change existing voting rights in county elections, but directs the county to take action to extend the right to vote as allowed by law.

Explanatory Statement

State law provides that county residents who are United States citizens 18 years of age or older are eligible to register to vote. Registered voters can vote in local, state, and federal elections, with some limited exceptions (for example, state law provides that a person sentenced to a term of incarceration for a felony is not eligible to vote during the term of incarceration). Current county charter does not address voter registration or voter qualifications for elections for county officers and on county measures.

This amendment recommended by the Charter Review Committee would add a provision to the county charter requiring the county to extend the right to vote, including to noncitizens, to the fullest extent allowed by law. This amendment would apply only to the right to vote in elections for county officers (chair, commissioner, sheriff, and auditor) and on county

measures (initiatives, referenda, or referrals of county ordinances or charter amendments). This amendment would not immediately change existing voting rights in county elections, but directs the county to take action to extend the right to vote as allowed by law. If this amendment is adopted by voters, the county first would determine whether and to what extent the law allows the county to extend the right to vote to additional individuals, and the county then would take steps to extend the right to vote if and to the extent allowed by law.

Submitted by:

Jenny Madkour, County Attorney
Multnomah County

No arguments in Opposition to this Measure were filed.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

YES ON MEASURE 26-231 FOR AN INCLUSIVE DEMOCRACY

We urge you to vote YES to extend voting rights to noncitizens in Multnomah County elections. No matter where we come from, we can shape our futures together. Voting is an important aspect of this and this measure is a major step forward for a welcoming, inclusive community with greater representation in our democracy.

More representation, stronger community

Voting is a key way to engage with our democracy. Community members who are not citizens bring a diversity of perspectives and experiences that will help us address our challenges and find solutions that work for all of us. We all want the best for our families and our futures, and voting is a path to create a stronger county. Immigrants who live here, send their children to school here, and work and own businesses here should all have a say in our futures.

Moving towards inclusion

Voting rights for noncitizens has precedent here in Oregon and across the country, with over 40 states having some form of noncitizen voting during this country's history. Now, jurisdictions around the country are adopting this policy because they recognize the need to welcome new voters. Let's join them in moving towards inclusion, here and elsewhere.

Voting YES on this measure means saying YES to equitable representation for all members of our community. It means YES to creating a future together.

Join us in voting YES on Measure 26-231.

- Adelante Mujeres
- APANO (Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon)
- Center for Migration, Gender, and Justice
- Coalition of Communities of Color
- Latino Network
- Next Up
- Oregon Food Bank
- Oregon Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice
- Verde

(This information furnished by Jenny Lee, Coalition for Communities of Color)

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Measure 26-232 / Multnomah County

Referred to the People by the Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee

Ballot Title

Amends Charter: County officials elected using ranked choice voting; runoff elections eliminated.

Question: Should elections for county offices give voters option of ranking candidates in preferred order, with instant-runoff vote-counting process determining results?

Summary: Currently, candidates for county offices appear on the May primary election ballot. Voters may vote for one candidate per office; any candidate receiving a majority (more than fifty percent) of votes is elected. If no candidate receives a majority, the top two candidates compete in a runoff election in the November general election. Vacancies during a term of office are filled at the next regular election or a special election.

Under the Charter Review Committee's recommended amendment, county officials (Chair, Commissioners, Auditor, Sheriff) would be elected in one election using an "instant runoff ranked choice voting" process. This process gives voters the option of ranking multiple candidates in order of preference instead of casting a single vote for each office. Votes are counted in rounds, starting with all voters' highest ranked candidate. If no candidate receives a majority in the first round, the candidate receiving the fewest votes is eliminated, and that candidate's votes are reassigned to those voter's next-highest ranked candidate. The process continues until there is a majority winner. Runoff elections are eliminated. but directs the county to take action to extend the right to vote as allowed by law.

Explanatory Statement

MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Multnomah County Charter Review Committee recommends amending the county charter to adopt an "instant runoff ranked choice voting" process for elections to county offices (Chair, Commissioners, Auditor and Sheriff). This process gives voters the option to rank multiple candidates in order of preference, with votes instantly tallied in rounds until a candidate receives a majority of votes cast. County officials are elected in a single election, eliminating the need for separate primary and runoff elections.

HOW COUNTY OFFICERS ARE CURRENTLY ELECTED

Currently, candidates for elected county offices appear on the primary election ballot. Voters may vote for one candidate for each office. A candidate who receives a majority (more than fifty percent) of the votes cast is elected. If no candidate receives a majority, the two candidates that received the highest number of votes compete in a runoff at the next general election. The candidate who receives a majority at the runoff election is elected. Elections to fill a vacancy that has more than one year remaining in the term of office are held at the next May or November election. If no candidate receives a majority, the two candidates receiving the most votes compete in a special runoff election called by the board.

HOW INSTANT RUNOFF RANKED CHOICE VOTING WORKS

Under the charter amendment recommended by the Charter Review Committee, elections for county offices will use an "instant runoff ranked choice voting" process beginning in 2026.

This process gives voters the option of ranking multiple candidates in order of preference. Votes are counted in rounds. If no candidate receives more than fifty percent of the 1st choice votes in the first round, the candidate receiving fewest votes is eliminated. Ballots that had been counted as votes for the eliminated candidate are instead counted as votes for the candidate who is ranked next on those ballots. The process of eliminating candidates and transferring votes to the next-ranked candidates on those ballots repeats for as many rounds as necessary until a candidate wins by receiving more than fifty percent of the votes for that office.

Because the instant runoff ranked choice voting process results in the election of each county official in a single election, separate primary and runoff elections to fill these offices would be unnecessary. Instead, candidates for county offices would run in one election with the winner chosen using the instant runoff ranked choice voting process. A similar process would be used to fill a vacancy that has more than one year remaining in the term of office. The replacement to serve the remainder of the term would be elected at the next May or November election using the instant runoff ranked choice voting process, so a separate special runoff election would not be necessary.

TIMING

The current system of electing county officers and filling vacancies would remain in place until instant runoff ranked choice voting is implemented in 2026.

Submitted by:

Jenny Madkour, County Attorney
Multnomah County

No arguments in Opposition to this Measure were filed.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

League of Women Voters of Portland Recommendations

Based on League studies and member agreement, we support the following measures recommended by the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee.

Yes on Measure 26-232 – Ranked Choice Voting

- Ranked choice voting (RCV) provides more choices for voters who may rank candidates from most to least favorite. People can vote their conscience.
- The ranking process allows for just one election in November when voter turnout is higher and the electorate more accurately reflects Multnomah County's diversity.
- RCV is successful and increasingly used across the United States. Multnomah County voters are as smart as folks in those communities and will understand how RCV works.
- RCV gives voters more power to elect the candidates they prefer. If a voter's first choice doesn't win, their vote counts for their next-highest choice.

Yes on Measure 26-230 – Gender Neutral Language

- The League supports equal rights for all and respectful government communications, as demonstrated by gender neutral language.
- There should be consistency between the use of gender neutral language in both county code and the charter.

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Yes on Measure 26-234 – Ombuds Position

- An Ombuds position in the County Auditor’s Office will facilitate governmental accountability.

Yes on Measure 26-235 – Auditor Access to Information

- The Auditor’s capacity to ensure accountable, transparent government through audits and reports requires timely access to information.

Yes on Measure 26-236 – Charter Review Effectiveness

- Charter review by an independent committee is vital to keeping the county charter responsive to new issues or topics that were previously unanticipated.
- Charter Review Committee effectiveness requires adequate time, a reasonable budget, and an effective committee member selection process.

The measures proposed by the County Charter Committee not mentioned in this statement are neither supported nor opposed by LWV Portland due to the lack of a League study on which to base an endorsement decision.

(This information is furnished by Debbie Kaye, League of Women Voters of Portland)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

YES ON 26-232 FOR REAL CHOICES IN OUR DEMOCRACY

Measure 26-232 will give Multnomah County voters a greater say in our county government and a stronger, more equitable democracy. Allowing voters to rank candidates, known as ranked choice voting, gives voters more meaningful choices, meaning everyone has more reason to vote. You can rank all the candidates, or just choose one.

Greater Representation

When voters are able to rank their ballot in order of their first, second, and third choice and beyond, voters have the freedom to vote for the candidates they truly believe in.

Ranked choice voting allows voters to be a part of a process that uses their ballot to the fullest. If your first choice isn’t elected, you can trust your vote will be counted for your next choice.

Ranked Choice Voting Works

In Oregon, Benton County recently implemented ranked choice voting, and across the country from Alaska to New York City, communities are adopting this system to give voters more choice. Voters find these systems easy to use (recently, 85% of Alaskan voters said ranking candidates was “simple”). Other cities that have switched to ranked choice voting have saved voters time, saved tax dollars, and have elected officials who better represent the people as a result.

It’s time to give voters real choices so we can see real representation in our county government.

Join us in supporting Measure 26-232 for more voices and more choices in Multnomah County.

Organizations

- 350PDX
- Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon
- Coalition of Communities of Color
- Next Up
- North Star Action Center
- Oregon Food Bank
- Oregon Ranked Choice Voting
- Sightline Institute
- Verde

Political Scientists

- Paul Gronke, Ph.D., Professor, Reed College
- Paul Manson, Ph.D., Visiting Assistant Professor, Reed College
- Jack Miller, Ph.D., Dept. of Political Science, PSU
- Anne Santiago, Ph.D., Chair, Department of Political Science, University of Portland
- Mark Stephan, Ph.D., Associate Professor, WSU-Vancouver
- Charlie White, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, PSU

(This information furnished by Jenny Lee, Coalition of Communities of Color)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Vote YES on Ranked Choice Voting for Multnomah County

Measure 26-232 is a dramatic improvement in the way we elect our leaders in Multnomah County.

The main difference between Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) and what we have now is that with RCV you can rank your candidates in order of preference instead of being limited to voting for just one.

RCV gives voters more power, more voice, and more choices. It is a simple, but important, improvement in how we vote.

RCV reduces campaign attacks and improves political dialogue.

Voters find RCV easy to use.

Studies show that voters really like RCV because they don't have to vote "strategically" and hold their nose while voting for their least favorite choice.

There are no "spoiler candidates" with RCV. Candidates run more positive campaigns and are encouraged to cooperate. RCV incentivizes candidates to reach out across the political spectrum to reach more voters.

RCV is also fairer and more representative because candidates get elected in November when turnout can be thirty to forty percentage points higher than in May.

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RCV is well-known and used by more than 11 million Americans in cities, states, and counties around the United States. It already is being used in Oregon, in Benton County.

Research shows the many ways that RCV is better than what we use today:

- RCV creates more civil political dialogue and reduces negative campaigning and political polarization.
- RCV changes who runs, encouraging a more diverse candidate pool with more women and people of color not just running but also winning.
- RCV saves money because we don't have to run two separate elections to elect one person.

Ranked Choice Voting will help create a more diverse and more representative democracy for Multnomah County.

Join me in voting YES on Measure 26-232.

Paul Gronke, Ph.D.
Professor of Political Science, Reed College
Director of the Elections & Voting Information Center

(This information furnished by Paul Gronke)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-232 FOR AN EQUITABLE DEMOCRACY

The Coalition of Communities of Color is an alliance of culturally-specific organizations dedicated to racial justice. An equitable democracy is the foundation for a strong and inclusive community, and ranked choice voting will help make all of our voices heard.

America's promise is that each of us, whether we're young or old, renter or homeowner, Black, white, or brown, has the right to vote for leaders who represent our communities. Allowing voters to rank candidates in order of preference, known as ranked choice voting, is a key strategy to advance representation, and should be adopted in Multnomah County.

Making all our voices count

Ranking candidates will ensure all of our ballots matter. Oregon has long been a leader for increasing access to the ballot. As voters of color are being disenfranchised across the country, we can come together to build a more inclusive democracy at home in Multnomah County.

New and diverse voices in government

Other cities that have passed reforms like these have seen new voices run for office and have elected new officials who represent the people—not special interests. This August in Alaska's first election using ranked choice voting, voters rejected divisive politics and sent the first Alaska Native woman to Congress.

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Voting our values

With ranked choice voting, you will have more choices and be able to pick candidates who truly represent your community and your values. When voters have more meaningful choices, they have more reasons to vote.

The Coalition of Communities of Color urges you to vote YES on Measure 26-232 for elections where all of us, Black, brown, or white, have choice and a meaningful say in our democracy.

(This information furnished by Jenny Lee, Coalition of Communities of Color)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

More Voice, More Choice for Multnomah County Voters - Vote YES on Measure 26-232

Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) is a simple, proven upgrade to our elections that gives more voters a seat at the decision-making table.

With RCV, Multnomah County voters will have the option to rank the candidates they like best—giving voters more choice and more power. Ranking candidates means no more wasted votes or feeling pressure to choose between a candidate you like and one that “can win.” You can still vote as you do now, but RCV gives you the option to rank candidates in order of preference—so if your favorite can’t win, your vote counts for your next choice instead.

With RCV, Multnomah County voters get:

More Voices. Young or old, renter or homeowner, Black, white, or brown, every voter in Multnomah County has the right to vote for leaders who represent our communities. RCV has helped elect more people of color, women, young people, and non-politicians.
More Choices. RCV reduces barriers to new candidates and brings new voices by allowing people to run without being “spoilers.” This means voters have more meaningful choices and more reasons to vote.

Better Representation. Every voter’s voice matters. RCV elects candidates that represent the whole county, and not just a few powerful neighborhoods.

Positive, Issue-Driven Campaigns. Voters want to support candidates who align with their values. RCV reduces incentives for candidates to attack their opponents and instead focus on civil, issue-oriented platforms that more fully represent the views and experiences of their constituents.

Proven Success. With RCV, more diverse candidates around the country have run for office, with local governments more reflective of the people they represent. RCV has been successful in Benton County, Oregon and in dozens of counties and cities ranging from small-town Utah to New York City.

Vote YES Measure 23-262 to get more choice and more power as a voter in Multnomah County.

(This information furnished by Mike Alfoni, Oregon Ranked Choice Voting Advocates)

Measure 26-233 / Multnomah County

Referred to the People by the Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee

Ballot Title

Amends Charter: annual jail inspections by commissioners with volunteers, reporting.

Question: Should charter require county commissioners, with selected volunteers, inspect county jails annually, with interviews, record review, unannounced access, public reports?

Summary: State law requires the board of county commissioners to visit county operated local correctional facilities at least once each regular term to fully examine the facilities, including health and discipline of people in custody and cleanliness.

This charter amendment recommended by the Charter Review Committee would require county commissioners to conduct at least one additional inspection of county jails and correctional institutions administered by the sheriff per calendar year to ensure transparency and oversight. Commissioners would use application process to select at least one volunteer member of the public to participate in inspections, with preference for individuals who live in, work in, or have demonstrated connections to county. Volunteers would be independent of county auditor and facilities inspected and provided reasonable stipends and administrative support.

Subject to reasonable measures to ensure safety and security, the sheriff would provide access for the county commissioner and volunteer to any part of inspected facilities any time without prior notice; for confidential interviews with consenting individuals; to records related to facilities. Volunteers would issue public reports with findings, recommendations.

Explanatory Statement

State law (ORS 169.040) provides that the board of county commissioners is the inspector of local correctional facilities in the county. For purposes of state law, Multnomah County currently has two local correctional facilities: Multnomah County Inverness Jail (Inverness) and Multnomah County Detention Center (MCDC). State law requires the board to visit local correctional facilities operated by the county at least once in each regular term to examine the facilities fully, including the health and discipline of the persons confined and the cleanliness of the facilities. As a result, the board visits Inverness and MCDC at least once a year.

This charter amendment recommended by the Charter Review Committee would require county commissioners to make at least one additional visit per calendar year to county jails and correctional institutions administered by the sheriff under section 6.50 of the Charter (Sheriff) to ensure transparency and oversight.

County commissioners would be required to select at least one volunteer member of the public to participate in inspections. Volunteers would be selected using an application process, with preference given to those who live or work in the county or have a demonstrated connection to the county. Volunteers would be required to be independent of the county auditor and the facility or facilities being inspected. The county would provide volunteers with reasonable stipends and administrative support.

To facilitate inspections, and subject to reasonable measures to ensure safety and security,

the sheriff would be required to provide access for the county commissioner and volunteer to any part of a county jail or correctional institution being inspected at any time without prior notice; for confidential interviews with consenting individuals, including adults in custody; and to records related to the facility being inspected. Volunteers would issue public reports with findings and recommendations.

Submitted by:

Jenny Madkour, County Attorney

Multnomah County

No arguments in Favor or Opposition to this Measure were filed.

Measure 26-234 / Multnomah County

Referred to the People by the Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee

Ballot Title

Amends Charter: establishes ombudsperson function in county auditor's office.

Question: Should charter establish ombudsperson function in auditor's office to impartially investigate complaints about county administrative actions, make reports requiring response?

Summary: Under current charter, the county auditor conducts performance audits, makes reports; may conduct studies to measure, improve county performance; assists with redistricting; appoints salary commission.

This charter amendment recommended by the Charter Review Committee would expand the auditor's duties by establishing an ombudsperson function in the auditor's office. The ombudsperson would, under auditor direction, be available to the public as an impartial resource to receive and investigate complaints and make related reports about administrative actions of the county. Goal of ombudsperson is safeguarding rights of the public and promoting high standards of fairness, competency, efficiency and justice in provision of county services. Responsible elected officials would be required to respond in writing to ombudsperson reports.

The ombudsperson would not be authorized to investigate acts of an elected official or an elected official's personal staff, matters currently in litigation, matters subject to collective bargaining agreement grievance procedures, violations of county personnel rules, or discrimination complaints from employees or applicants for employment. The ombudsperson would be guided by generally accepted standards for governmental ombudsmen serving the public.

Explanatory Statement

Under the current county charter, the county auditor conducts performance audits of all county operations and financial affairs and makes reports about those audits to the board of county commissioners. The auditor may conduct studies intended to measure or improve the performance of county efforts. In addition, the auditor's duties include a role in redistricting, including determining the population distribution among the commissioner districts after the federal decennial census and, if needed, preparing and presenting to the board of county commissioners a plan for modifying the boundaries of commissioner districts. The auditor also appoints a salary commission.

This charter amendment recommended by the Charter Review Committee would expand the auditor's duties to include an ombudsperson function in the office of county auditor. Under the auditor's direction, the ombudsperson would be available to the public as an impartial resource authorized to receive and investigate complaints and make related reports about administrative actions of the county. The goal of the ombudsperson would be to safeguard the rights of the public and promote high standards of fairness, competency, efficiency and justice in the provision of county services.

Similar to county audit reports, the chair of the board of county commissioners or the responsible elected official would be required to respond in writing to all ombudsperson reports stating what actions had been or would be taken to address the findings in the report. The written response would be given to the board and the auditor in a manner and time frame requested by the auditor.

The ombudsperson would not be authorized to investigate the acts of an elected official or the elected official's personal staff, matters currently in litigation, matters subject to collective bargaining agreement grievance procedures, violations of county personnel rules, or discrimination complaints from an employee or applicant for employment.

In carrying out its functions, the ombudsperson would be guided by generally accepted standards for governmental ombudsmen serving the public.

Submitted by:

Jenny Madkour, County Attorney

Multnomah County

No arguments in Opposition to this Measure were filed.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Yes on Measure 26-234 to establish an ombudsperson for Multnomah County!

What is an ombudsperson?

An ombudsperson is an independent, impartial advocate for a just, fair, and equitable county government.

Ombudspersons investigate complaints by community members about specific government decisions, policies, and other actions. An ombudsperson resolves problems, can recommend changes in policy, and issues public reports.

Who will the ombudsperson work for?

The ombudsperson will work for the public, under the direction of the County Auditor, who is independently elected and accountable to the people of Multnomah County. This means the ombudsperson will have the independence they need from county departments and management to effectively investigate government actions.

Why does Multnomah County need an ombudsperson?

Multnomah County provides critical safety net services to historically under-resourced community members, including people who have been incarcerated, experiencing houselessness, or receiving behavioral and physical health services. People also connect with county government through bridges and roads, libraries, and many other general services.

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Even the best governments can make mistakes, treat people unfairly, craft policies that have disparate impacts, or simply reach the wrong decision. When that happens, people can contact the ombudsperson, who will take their complaint seriously. The Office of Ombudsperson will advocate for solutions that safeguard people’s rights and promote high standards of public service.

“Through independent, impartial investigations, the ombudsperson will seek solutions for people who have been treated unjustly, recommend steps to eliminate inequities, and improve people’s trust in government.” - Multnomah County Auditor Jennifer McGuirk

Vote Yes on Measure 26-234 to create the critical, impartial office of ombudsperson.

We support creating an Office of Ombudsperson for the people of Multnomah County:

Kristine Adams-Wannberg, Washington County Auditor-Elect

Gary Blackmer, Former Auditor for Portland, Multnomah County, & State of Oregon

Derek Collier, Multnomah County Auditor’s Community Advisory Committee

Brian Evans, Metro Auditor

LaVonne Griffin-Valade, Former Auditor of Portland & Multnomah County

Amanda Noble, Chair, Advocacy Committee, Association of Local Government Auditors

(This information furnished by Jennifer McGuirk)

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Measure 26-235 / Multnomah County

Referred to the People by the Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee

Ballot Title

Amends Charter: auditor unrestricted access to information, requires “right-to-audit” clause.

Question: Should charter provide county auditor timely, unrestricted access to employees, information, records, and require “right-to-audit” clause in county contracts?

Summary: Under current charter, the county auditor conducts performance audits and makes reports according to generally accepted government auditing standards; may conduct studies to measure and improve county performance; assists with redistricting; appoints salary commission. Other than the reference to generally accepted government auditing standards, the charter does not expressly address or limit the method or means of conducting audits, including the auditor’s access to employees, information, or records.

Under this amendment recommended by the Charter Review Committee, the charter would require that the auditor be provided with unrestricted, timely access to county employees, information, and records required to perform auditor duties. The county and the auditor would determine how to provide and manage confidential or limited-access records or property consistent with any legal obligations.

The amendment would require all county contracts with outside contractors and subcontractors to contain a “right-to-audit” clause. Contracts would also be required to provide for auditor access to the contractor’s employees and to all financial and performance related records, property, and equipment purchased in whole or in part with county funds.

Explanatory Statement

Under the current county charter, the county auditor conducts performance audits of all county operations and financial affairs and makes reports about those audits to the board of county commissioners according to generally accepted government auditing standards. The auditor may conduct studies intended to measure or improve the performance of county efforts. In addition, the auditor's duties include a role in redistricting, including determining the population distribution among the commissioner districts after the federal decennial census and, if needed, preparing and presenting to the board of county commissioners a plan for modifying the boundaries of commissioner districts. The auditor also appoints a salary commission. Other than the reference to generally accepted government auditing standards, the charter does not expressly address or limit the method or means of conducting audits or performing other duties of the auditor. In particular, current charter does not expressly address or limit the auditor's access to employees, information, or records.

Under this amendment recommended by the Charter Review Committee, the charter would require that the auditor be provided with unrestricted, timely access to county employees, information, and records required to perform duties of the auditor. The county and the auditor would determine how to provide and manage confidential or limited-access records or property consistent with any legal obligations.

The amendment would require all county contracts with outside contractors and subcontractors to contain a "right-to-audit" clause. Contracts with outside contractors and subcontractors also would be required to provide for auditor access to the contractor's employees and to all financial and performance related records, property, and equipment purchased in whole or in part with county funds.

Submitted by:

Jenny Madkour, County Attorney
Multnomah County

No arguments in Opposition to this Measure were filed.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Vote Yes on Measure 26-235!

Your Multnomah County Auditor's job is to hold government accountable and make sure it spends your tax dollars efficiently, effectively, and equitably.

The County Auditor cannot work for you effectively if county information is withheld or restricted from the Auditor. Vote Yes on 26-235 so the County Auditor will have unrestricted, timely access to county employees, information, and records.

"Clarifying language in the Multnomah County Charter about the Auditor's access to information would provide a needed safeguard and improve transparency about the Auditor's information access." - Amanda Noble, Chair, Advocacy Committee, Association of Local Government Auditors, <https://tinyurl.com/2p86vpvk>, 5/20/2022

While most county programs respond quickly to the County Auditor's information requests, that's not always the case. Delays have included:

- Delayed access to data already reported to another agency. In early 2022, a county department did not provide the Auditor with timely access to data that it already reports to a

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federal agency.

- Delayed access to county information. In early 2019, the county launched a new system for financial and human resources data. The Auditor started advocating for system access in 2017 - well before the launch. It wasn't until the end of 2019 that the Auditor got adequate access to this data source used in nearly every audit.
- Restricted and delayed access. During a 2018 Animal Services follow-up audit, the director placed restrictions on the Auditor's access to the shelter and delayed access to data needed to complete the audit.

Vote Yes on Measure 26-235 to ensure the County Auditor's Office can access the information it needs to hold your government accountable.

"I support this measure. It strengthens government auditing carried out in the public interest."
– Kristine Adams-Wannberg, Washington County Auditor-Elect

We support Measure 26-235:

Gary Blackmer, Former Auditor for Portland, Multnomah County, & State of Oregon

Derek Collier, Multnomah County Auditor's Community Advisory Committee

Brian Evans, Metro Auditor

LaVonne Griffin-Valade, Former Auditor of Portland & Multnomah County

(This information furnished by Jennifer McGuirk)

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Measure 26-236 / Multnomah County

Referred to the People by the Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee

Ballot Title

Amends Charter Review Committee qualifications, appointment, length; requires public engagement

Question: Should charter require county board to appoint Charter Review Committee by commissioner district for 18 month process with public engagement?

Summary: Under current charter, state legislators appoint Charter Review Committee after application process with timelines, with two electors appointed from each senatorial district with majority of voters in county, and one elector appointed from each senatorial district with less than majority of voters in county. Appointees from same district cannot be registered in same political party. Committee can meet from September to August (up to 11 months). Committee chooses chairperson.

Under amendment recommended by Charter Review Committee, timeline for application and appointment would be removed. After application process, county board would appoint four electors from each commissioner district (16 members) and endeavor to appoint committee that represents diverse communities in the county. Removes restriction on appointee political party; appointee moving between districts after appointment could continue to serve. Committee could meet from March to August of the following year (up to 18 months). Committee to choose leadership. Office of Citizen Involvement could fill vacancies and would be required to staff committee and conduct public education, outreach, engagement that aligns with county's equity and inclusion values.

Explanatory Statement

Every six years, Multnomah County convenes a Charter Review Committee to make a comprehensive study of the County's home rule charter, and, if it chooses, the committee can recommend amendments to the charter to be submitted to the voters.

Under current charter, the Charter Review Committee is composed of two electors appointed from each senatorial district having the majority of its voters within the county, and one elector appointed from each senatorial district having less than a majority of its voters within the county. The committee is appointed by the state senator and two state representatives who represent residents in each state senate district located in the county. The Office of Citizen Involvement begins accepting applications in January of the year that the committee convenes, and forwards those applications to the state senator who represents each applicant. The state legislators appoint committee members in August of that same year. Appointees from the same district cannot be registered in the same political party. The current charter does not address how vacancies are filled or whether a committee member can continue to serve if they move out of the district they were appointed to represent. The charter provides that the committee will choose a chairperson. Under current charter, the committee convenes in September and must make its final report by the following August, allowing up to 11 months for the committee to study the charter and determine whether to make recommendations.

This charter amendment recommended by the current Charter Review Committee would change the Charter Review Committee member qualifications and appointment process. It would also extend the length of the time during which the committee could meet and would require the process to include public engagement.

In particular, this amendment removes the application and appointment timeline. The Office of Citizen Involvement would continue to administer the committee application and evaluation process, but appointments would be by the county chair with the approval of the board of county commissioners. Appointments would be by county commissioner district, rather than senate district, with four electors appointed per district, for a 16 member committee. There would be no requirement that appointees from the same district be from different political parties. The amendment would require the board to endeavor to appoint a committee that represents the diverse communities in the county. The committee would choose its own leadership structure.

The committee would convene in March of the year before it is required to make its final report, allowing up to 18 months for the committee to study the charter and determine whether to make recommendations.

The amendment would clarify that an appointee who moves between commissioner districts can continue to serve on the committee and would allow the Office of Citizen Involvement to fill vacancies.

The amendment would require the Office of Citizen Involvement to staff the committee and include public education, outreach, and engagement that aligns with the county's equity and inclusion values as part of the committee process, including as part of the application process.

Submitted by:
Jenny Madkour, County Attorney
Multnomah County

No arguments in Favor or Opposition to this Measure were filed.

Measure 26-228 / City of Portland

Referred to the People by the Charter Commission

Ballot Title

Amends Charter: Changes Portland's government structure and process for electing city officials

Question: Should Administrator manage city government, 12-member Council (three from each district) make laws, voters elect officials using ranked choice process?

Summary: Charter Commission's proposal to change structure of Portland city government.

Currently, City Council includes one Mayor and four Commissioners elected citywide. Council makes laws; Mayor and Commissioners directly manage bureaus. Voters choose one candidate per office in citywide primary elections with runoff elections if necessary.

If measure is approved:

- City Administrator, supervised by Mayor, manages daily operations, including hiring, firing, and supervising bureau directors
- Council expanded to twelve members; City divided into four geographic districts created by Independent District Commission; three Councilors elected to represent each district
- Council makes laws. Mayor may introduce laws, vote to break ties on non-emergency ordinances
- Independent Salary Commission sets elected officials' salaries
- City elections use "ranked choice voting" process that allows voters to rank candidates in order of preference instead of casting a single vote; primary elections eliminated. For citywide offices (Mayor, Auditor), votes tallied in rounds until single candidate receives majority. For Councilors, votes tallied and reallocated in rounds until three candidates in each district meet election threshold.
- Cost estimate: \$900,000 to \$8.7 million annually
- Includes other provisions

Explanatory Statement

The Portland Charter Commission recommends amending the City Charter to reform the structure and operation of city government. The recommendations, made after months of study and community engagement, are supported by seventeen of the twenty Charter Commission members.

The measure includes three interdependent reforms:

(1) City Administrator, supervised by Mayor, manages City

Currently: City Council, consisting of Mayor and four Commissioners, exercises legislative and executive powers. Executive power includes managing city bureaus.

If measure is approved: City Council continues to exercise legislative power to make laws. A City Administrator hired by Mayor and confirmed by Council exercises executive power to implement laws and manage city bureaus. City Administrator hires, fires, and supervises bureau directors. Mayor is not a member of City Council but may introduce laws and break tie votes on non-emergency ordinances. An Independent Salary Commission of human

resource professionals sets elected officials' salaries.

(2) City Council expanded to 12; three from each of four new geographic districts

Currently: City Council consists of five members—one Mayor and four Commissioners—elected citywide.

If measure is approved: City Council expands to 12 members, elected from four new geographic districts, with three Councilors representing each district. An Independent District Commission draws district boundary lines, to be adjusted every decade beginning in 2030 based on census population data.

(3) City officials to be elected using “ranked choice voting” process

Currently: Qualified Portland voters cast one vote for each candidate for each office in citywide election for Mayor, Auditor, City Council members. If no candidate for an office receives more than 50% of votes at May primary, the top two candidates compete in November runoff election.

If measure is approved: Voters may rank candidates in order of preference, with votes tallied in rounds until there is a winner. Ranked choice voting results in one general election, eliminating primary elections.

Ballot tallying methods depend on the office. For officials chosen at a citywide election—Mayor and Auditor—an “instant runoff” process is used to count ballots in rounds. If no candidate receives over 50% of the votes in the first round, the candidate receiving fewest votes is eliminated, and that candidate’s votes are transferred to each voter’s next-highest ranked candidate. The process continues for as many rounds as necessary until a candidate exceeds a 50% majority. For City Council seats, a “single transferrable vote” method is used. Candidates win when they exceed a threshold set by the number of available positions. Ballots are counted in rounds; any candidate exceeding the threshold is elected, and that candidate’s votes above the threshold are proportionally transferred to other candidates based on voters’ preference. The candidate receiving the fewest votes each round is eliminated, and that candidate’s votes are transferred to other candidates based on voters’ preferences. The process continues for as many rounds as necessary until all positions are filled.

The City Budget Office estimates the cost of implementing the measure is about \$900,000 to \$8.7 million annually, representing about 0.1 to 1.4% of Portland’s discretionary funding.

This information furnished by:
Mary Hull Caballero, City Auditor
City of Portland

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Portland is ready for positive change.

Measure 26-228 will upgrade our outdated city government to a more responsive and efficient structure that will better deliver city service

Changing our city charter will give everyone more voice and more choice — including communities of color, women, workers, small businesses, and East Portlanders.

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Measure 26-228 will:

- Balance power between the Mayor and City Council
- Change City Council's duties to setting policy and solving big problems rather than managing day-to-day city services
- Allow voters to rank candidates in order of preference
- Increase the size of City Council to 12
- Create four geographic districts electing three City Council members each
- Implement a professional City Administrator who will manage all city bureaus.

This thoughtful, comprehensive measure will get Portland working for the people again.

Measure 26-228 is supported by a broad coalition, including:

- League of Women Voters of Portland
- Business for a Better Portland
- ACLU of Oregon
- Oregon Food Bank
- NAACP Portland Branch
- Coalition of Communities of Color
- Portland Association of Teachers
- Basic Rights Oregon
- SEIU Local 49
- LiUNA Local 737
- Northwest Health Foundation
- City Club of Portland
- Urban League of Portland
- Native American Youth And Family Center
- Latino Network
- Hacienda Community Development Corporation
- Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)
- Unite Oregon
- OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon
- Next Up Oregon
- Multnomah County Democrats
- Sightline Institute
- Portland: Neighbors Welcome
- East County Rising
- Living Cully

Community leaders say YES on Measure 26-228:

- Secretary of State Phil Kiesling (vote-by-mail champion)
- Small business owners Debbie & Jim Kitchin, Chris Nelson, Hope Beraka, and Nat West (Rev Nat's Cider)
- State Senators Michael Dembrow, Kayse Jama, and Akasha Lawrence Spence
- State Representatives Khanh Pham, Maxine Dexter, and Andrea Valderrama
- Multnomah County Commissioner Susheela Jayapal
- Metro Councilors Duncan Hwang and Shirley Craddick
- Metro Councilor-Elect Ashton Simpson

It's time to make Portland the city that works for everyone. Vote YES on Measure 26-228!
View more information and a complete list of supporters at PortlandUnitedForChange.com

(This information furnished by Marisol Mora, Portland United for Change)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Changing Portland's Government Frequently Asked Questions

Why change, why now?

- Portland hasn't updated its government in over 100 years.
- Our population has tripled since then, yet we still have just 5 City Councilors for a city of over 650,000.
- Portland is the last city in America where City Council directly oversees day-to-day operations.
- Portland cannot afford to delay this change: From housing and homelessness to public safety, climate change, and infrastructure — the challenges we face require us to be functioning at our best.

How much will this cost?

- Very little. At most, ongoing costs are estimated at just 0.14% of the City's total budget.
- Examples of cost savings: City Councilors collaborating on constituent services and not being paid for managing city bureaus. Public campaign financing for only one general election (no primary).

Why three city councilors per district?

- Multi-member districts will give Portlanders better representation at City Hall.
- In each district, all candidates will run for the three seats at once and the top three become lawmakers who all represent the district.
- Multi-member districts encourage cooperation, discourage negative campaigning, and ensure the vast majority of voters gets at least one of their top choices.

What is ranked choice voting?

- Allowing voters to rank candidates in order of preference.
- You can rank some candidates, all of them, or just one.
- If your first choice comes in last, that candidate is eliminated and your ballot will be counted for your second choice. That process repeats until one candidate has a majority.
- In single-member ranked choice elections, the candidate wins with 50% of the vote.
- In three-member ranked choice elections, each candidate needs at least 25% to win one of the three seats.

Who else uses ranked choice to elect multiple winners?

Minneapolis, St. Paul, Cambridge, MA, Eastpointe, MI, Albany, CA, Ireland, Scotland, Australia, & New Zealand.

NYC, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Boulder, CO, Alaska, Benton County, OR and many others use single-winner ranked-choice.

PortlandUnitedForChange.com

(This information furnished by Damon Motz-Storey, Portland United for Change)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

League of Women Voters of Portland Urges a YES vote on Measure 26-228

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Based on League studies, we believe this measure's interdependent elements will make Portland government and elections more effective, accountable, responsive, and representative.

Effective and Accountable

- City Council no longer manages city bureaus and can focus on policy and constituent services.
- Professional city administrator manages bureaus. Mayor supervises city administrator, so an elected official is accountable.
- Mayor has tie-breaking vote on non-emergency ordinances, preventing gridlock. Emergency ordinances require supermajority vote.
- Ends current practice of Council setting its own salaries. Independent Salary Commission will set salaries of city elected officials.

Responsive and Representative

- Council grows from five to twelve members, allowing greater responsiveness to constituents.
- Electing three councilors from four districts provides better representation than electing them citywide or from smaller single-member districts. Councilors elected from smaller districts are more likely to make "I just care about my district" policy decisions.
- District boundaries based on population are drawn by Independent District Commission, not politicians.

More Voice, More Choice

- Ranked choice voting (RCV) provides more choices for voters who are allowed to rank candidates from most to least favorite. Portlanders can vote their conscience.
- RCV gives voters more power to elect candidates they prefer. If a voter's first choice doesn't win, their vote counts for their next-highest choice.
- The ranking process enables just one election in November, when turnout is higher and voters more accurately reflect Portland's diversity.
- Electing Councilors via RCV in multi-seat districts provides both geographic and proportional representation.
- Proportional representation means groups of significant size such as the working class, people of color, young people, renters, and seniors have a greater opportunity to elect a Councilor who understands their concerns.
- RCV is successful and increasingly used across the United States. Portlanders are as smart as folks in those communities and will understand how RCV works.

YES on Measure 26-228

(This information furnished by Debbie Kaye, League of Women Voters of Portland)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**Vote YES for Portland Charter Reform, for:
More democratic, accessible, local representation by trusted neighbors who share our**

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experiences/issues, bringing more depth/breadth for local solutions, and reducing outsiders' corrupting donations.

Clarity, accountability, responsiveness to Portlanders.

Reducing conflicts of interest, incompetency, distrust.

More efficient services per city funds.

Saving Portlanders/businesses money/time.

Keeping excellent city workers.

Reducing campaign costs/delays so we get more diversity and improved leadership.

Supporting citizen engagement/power and stronger communities.

Being kinder, reducing violence/trauma; serving Portlanders' needs, addressing root causes of national problems of gun and interpersonal violence, addiction, suicide, unsafe/unfair work, educational injustice, poverty, houselessness, soaring mental illness, and polarizing fear/contempt.

Increasing resilience with global problems (climate change, pandemics, inflation/recession/ unemployment, robbing social services to fund corporate welfare and militarization/prisons, worsening disempowerment/fascism, gaps between rich and poor, houselessness, police-prison brutality and protests, despair) addressed through Portlanders having more voice/choice with solutions to make Portland safer, healthier, with secure water/food, housing, transportation safety/equity, energy justice, etc.

Nurturing more joy working together to make our city governed by mutual caring respect/justice, attracting and bringing out the best in each of us, so Portland can inspire and lead the world for a better future for all.

Portland Gray Panthers commit to correcting ageism against youth and elders, and nurturing social justice now and for our great, great grandchildren.. Vote yes so Portlanders can succeed learning, working, raising families, and aging within a caring, just Portland.

(This information furnished by Lew Church, Portland Gray Panthers)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Local business owners say YES to Measure 26-228

Small businesses are the lifeblood of Portland's culture and our economy. For our economy to prosper and work for all of us, Portland's government needs a big, positive change.

That change is Measure 26-228, and the time is now.

"Imagine entrepreneurs who will have a smoother pathway to local permitting and small business support as well as three local council members in their district to choose from in voicing a concern or need.

"We cannot delay progress any longer: the risks of continued dysfunction and divestment are too great."

– Debbie Kitchin, co-owner, Interworks, LLC; and Andrew Speer, Portland Business Journal 7-21-2022

"Small business owners deserve both a better-functioning city government and greater

representation. **Measure 26-228 delivers both**, improving both Portland’s desirability for new businesses to locate and stay here as well as our ability to cultivate new entrepreneurs. This measure is a step in the right direction, and as business leaders we look forward to continuing to work with city government to ensure these reforms are implemented thoughtfully and effectively. **Join us in supporting the charter reform campaign.**”

- Karin Power

Executive Director, Business for a Better Portland

“Historically, Portland’s famed quality of life has attracted top talent. Today, this reputation is being undermined by our city’s outdated and ineffective form of government. This is bad for business, bad for our most vulnerable — bad for nearly everyone. For businesses like mine to succeed, we need our city to succeed. That’s why I’m voting Yes for charter reform.”

-William Henderson

CEO, Ride Report Cofounder, Business for a Better Portland

Local business leaders supporting Charter Reform:

Stan Amy, Co-founder, New Seasons Market

Bridgid Blackburn, Owner, Cargo Inc.

Stephen B. Green, founder, PitchBlack

Anyeley Hallova, founder, Adre

Jim Kelly, Founder, Rejuvenation

Chris Nelson, Principal of Capstone Partners

Mac Prichard, founder, Mac’s List

Eli Spevak, Orange Splot LLC

Bryan Steelman, Owner, ¿Por Que No?

Nat West, Founder, Reverend Nat’s Hard Cider

(This information furnished by Aaron Brown, Portland United for Change)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

POLITICAL SCIENCE EXPERTS: VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-228

We are political scientists from the Portland metropolitan area who have come together to support Measure 26-228 to reform Portland’s democracy.

We work at numerous institutions of higher learning in the area and are well-versed in questions of governance and elections. We believe the component parts of this ballot measure can improve Portland’s governance, widen representation, diversify our elected officials, and increase voter engagement.

The city needs a change to the charter now. This measure is the change we need. As scholars who study different aspects of the changes in this measure, we know the governance rules being considered here are familiar in many other US cities and internationally. Components such as the hiring of a city administrator and clarifying the separate roles of the mayor and council are embedded in urban politics around the US. Increasing the size of the council and creating districts are standard reforms of the late 20th and early 21st centuries. Ranked choice voting and multi-member districts are newer electoral reforms that increase the number of voices heard and the diversity of their perspectives. NYC recently joined numerous other cities using ranked-choice voting; surveys are demonstrating that citizens are very happy with it.

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All of Portland is helped by these reforms.

We are not just academic experts on these matters. We are voters, too – and we hope you will join us in supporting Measure 26-228.

Mark Stephan, PhD, Associate Professor, WSU

Anne Santiago, PhD, Associate Professor, University of Portland

Paul Gronke, PhD, Professor, Reed College

Paul Manson, PhD, Visiting Assistant Professor, Reed College

Jack Miller, PhD, Senior Instructor, PSU

Charlie White, PhD, Professor Emeritus, PSU

Chris Shortell, PhD, Association Professor, PSU

All views are solely the views of those participating and are not meant to reflect the perspectives of their universities.

(This information furnished by Paul Gronke)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The ACLU of Oregon urges you to vote YES on Measure 26-228

At a time when democracy is under attack in America, Portland can model a better way forward for the nation.

By changing our city government, we can give all Portlanders — women, people of color, working class folks, people with disabilities, renters, and immigrants — a fair shot and a seat at the table.

Measure 26-228 is the result of 18 months of intentional research, discussion, and public participation on how Portland can serve all residents with meaningful representation and quality city services.

The measure will allow voters to use ranked choice voting, create four City Council districts with three representatives each, and move the day-to-day management of bureaus from City Council to a professional city administrator.

The goal of these changes? To make the City Council reflective of and responsive to our diverse communities. To encourage City leaders and agencies to spend more time listening to constituents, collaborating with each other and communities, and solving problems.

Oregon has a legacy of leading the nation on democracy reform. We were the first state to adopt vote-by-mail statewide, an innovation that helped save American democracy in 2020. Oregon also passed automatic voter registration in 2015, enfranchising hundreds of thousands of Oregonians.

Yet even with these wins, Portland remains the only major U.S. city still using an outdated commission system. **Now, with Measure 26-228, voters have a chance to make the city's first update in over 100 years.**

There is no reason to delay this much-needed change. We know this works: satisfaction is higher in communities that use ranked choice voting and multi-member districts. Many Portlanders do not feel seen or heard by our elected leaders, and we cannot afford to kick the can down the road.

Communities are ready to build the future of our city together. Measure 26-228 will help us build it.

Vote YES on changing the City of Portland's charter.

(This information furnished by Sandy Chung, American Civil Liberties Union ACLU)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Racial Justice Leaders Say YES on Measure 26-228

Whether we're young or old, renter or homeowner, Black, white, or brown, every Portlander has the right to vote for leaders who represent our values and communities.

Measure 26-228 is the change we need in order for our city government to serve all of us well.

Racial justice leaders who support changing our city government include:

- NAACP Portland Branch
- Latino Network
- Native American Youth And Family Center
- Coalition of Communities of Color
- Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)
- OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon
- Unite Oregon
- Verde
- Next Up Oregon
- Hacienda Community Development Corporation
- Oregon Futures Lab
- Color PAC

Since 1995, 75% of Portland City Council members have been white men and less than 4% have been people of color. Communities of color make up 25% of the population in Portland and have been underrepresented for most of our city's history.

The leaders of color who have made it to Portland City Council today have had to overcome enormous odds to serve in public office. And they face far more vitriol than their white counterparts.

Representation matters, and too many Portlanders are still waiting to see someone on City Council who looks like them.

Communities of color are also more likely to live in North, Northeast, and East Portland neighborhoods that lack basic infrastructure like sidewalks and street lights.

Ranked choice voting, multi-member districts, and a professional city administrator will help Portland take a huge step towards racial equity and justice:

- Cities with ranked choice multi-winner elections see more consistent representation of communities of color.
- Districts will help call attention to the needs of currently-overlooked neighborhoods.
- City Council will no longer oversee day-to-day services and instead focus on solving larger challenges and meeting their constituents' diverse needs.

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We have waited for too long and we must not delay any further. **Vote YES on Measure 26-228.**

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(This information furnished by Jenny Lee, Coalition of Communities of Color)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Civic institutions support a YES vote on Measure 26-228 to change our city charter:

- League of Women Voters of Portland
- City Club of Portland
- Sightline Institute
- NAACP Portland Branch
- Next Up Oregon
- North Star Action Center
- Common Cause Oregon
- Multnomah County Democrats
- East County Rising
- Our Revolution Oregon
- Portland-Metro People's Coalition
- Mt. Scott-Arleta Neighborhood Association
- Vernon Neighborhood Association
- Living Cully
- Portland: Neighbors Welcome
- Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility
- Oregon Ranked Choice Voting Advocates

For too long, Portland's been held back by an inefficient and outdated commission form of government that leads to siloed and uncoordinated city services.

City Commissioners are assigned bureaus to oversee despite not necessarily knowing how to manage large agency budgets and personnel. Bureaus can be reassigned at any time, making it difficult for Portland to achieve long-term goals.

Portland experiences a persistent lack of diversity in who represents voters on City Council. Since 1995, three-quarters of City Council seats have been held by white men; almost all City Commissioners have lived on the city's west side or inner eastside. Only two City Councilmembers have ever lived east of 82nd Avenue, where over 25% of Portland's population lives.

Measure 26-228 will make a huge difference in fixing these issues and will set Portland on a better path. **Communities of color, women, and working class Portlanders will have a fair shot with this change to our city charter.**

Portland's independent Charter Review Commission was appointed in 2020 by each member of City Council. They spent 18 months researching and hearing from thousands of Portlanders about the change our city needs. The commission voted 17 out of 20 (85%) to send Measure 26-228 to voters. The measure is designed to respond to Portlanders' clear call for a responsive, effective, and accountable city government that represents all of Portland's diverse communities.

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Portland cannot afford to wait any longer. The time is now for a better government that represents everyone well.

Vote YES on Measure 26-228.

(This information furnished by Damon Motz-Storey, Portland United for Change)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Teachers, healthcare workers, laborers, and service workers encourage a YES vote on Measure 26-228 - Portland Charter Reform

It's time to make Portland "The City that Works" for everyone.

Organized labor unions in support of Measure 26-228 to amend Portland's charter:

- Portland Association of Teachers
- Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA) Local 737
- Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 49

Teachers say YES on charter reform:

- Our school children deserve quality city services delivered quickly and efficiently.
- It's empowering for students to see local leaders from the district they live in.
- Teachers who are better supported by a well-run city government will have greater job satisfaction and quality of life.

Laborers say YES on charter reform:

- Uncoordinated city bureaus bring delays and unforced errors on infrastructure projects, slowing the growth of family wage jobs. Charter reform will streamline city permitting, encouraging more job growth while also easing pressure on the construction industry.
- With all bureaus managed by a single City Administrator overseen by the Mayor, Measure 26-228 means working families can count on consistent, accountable governance and leadership

Healthcare and service workers say YES on charter reform:

- A healthy city requires a healthy democracy.
- Working class voters deserve more voice and more choice in selecting their representation in City Hall.

For a full list of the latest endorsements of Portland Charter Reform, visit PortlandUnitedforChange.com/endorsements

(This information furnished by Jenny Lee, Coalition of Communities of Color)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Portland's Environmental, Climate, and Transportation leaders support charter reform - Vote YES on Measure 26-228

Portland City Council and its bureaus make decisions with significant consequences to our

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streets, our community, our environment and our planet.

Portland's disappearing tree canopy and increasing heat islands are becoming increasingly urgent for the city to address as climate change makes summers hotter and heat waves more frequent. City government can and should be doing more to make commuting by bus and active transportation easier, safer, and more accessible for every Portlander, regardless of their neighborhood or zip code. As the climate crisis looms and brings more extreme weather, Portland must be a proactive national leader in investing in disaster preparedness and climate mitigation.

As advocacy organizations, we are proud of our accomplishments to encourage City Hall to reflect Portlander's values and fight for clean air, safer streets and climate action. Unfortunately, too often the size and impact of our successes has been constrained by structural limitations inherent in Portland's outdated form of government.

In order to make progress towards these environmental, climate, and transportation goals, **we need a better form of government that empowers everyday Portlanders to demand progress on climate and transportation from City Hall.**

Passing Measure 26-228 will advance environmental and transportation justice initiatives:

- District-based elections means oft-neglected neighborhoods like East Portland will have guaranteed representation in City Hall
- Greater efficiency and accountability within city bureaus leads to better governance and better outcomes for everything from sidewalk construction to expansion of Portland's tree canopy
- Charter Reform mitigates against frequent Commissioner/bureau turnover

That's why environmental, conservation and transportation organizations endorse the Charter Reform.

Measure 26-228 is the change we need for a cleaner, greener, brighter future.

Vote YES on Measure 26-228!

- Verde
- Getting There Together Coalition
- Sunrise Movement PDX
- 350PDX
- BikeLoudPDX
- Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility
- OPAL Environmental Justice
- Conservation leaders Bob Sallinger, Jim Labbe

PortlandUnitedForChange.com/endorsements

(This information furnished by Aaron Brown, Portland United for Change)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Housing Advocates & Social Services Providers urge YES on Measure 26-228 to Change our City Charter

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- Community Alliance of Tenants
- Hacienda Community Development Corporation
- Portland: Neighbors Welcome
- Living Cully
- Sandra Comstock, Executive Director, Hygiene 4 All

Our housing crisis is still ongoing and the COVID-19 pandemic has made conditions worse for many. This year, those living outside in our city have had to face the hottest average summer temperatures on record in the same year as a record-breaking April snowstorm.

At the same time, we are making progress towards both keeping people housed and expanding housing options for people living unsheltered.

Make no mistake: using an improved form of government will dramatically improve our ability to push city hall to tackle our housing crisis. That is why we enthusiastically encourage a **YES on Measure 26-228** to bring Portland's city services into alignment with each other.

Too often Portland's city government operates without coordination, and a professional city administrator running all of the city's bureaus would go a long way towards eliminating unnecessary obstacles that block or slow people from accessing services or housing.

Furthermore, research shows that Measure 26-228's plans for proportional representation empowers neighborhoods to plan for expected growth and new housing.

Streamlining the permitting process across city bureaus for construction projects is reason enough to vote YES on Measure 26-228. We need to clear every logjam that prevents getting people into stable homes and shelters, and changing our city charter will only make it easier to build enough housing and shelter so that every Portlander has a safe and warm place to call home.

Measure 26-228 is our best shot at improving our government so that Portland can truly tackle our housing affordability crisis.

Join us in voting **YES for affordable housing.**
 Join us in voting **YES for the Portland Charter Reform.**
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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Join us in voting YES on Measure 26-228:

Elected officials:

Phil Keisling (Former Secretary of State of Oregon, vote-by-mail champion)
 State Senator Michael Dembrow (East Portland - Senate District 23)
 State Senator Kayse Jama (East Portland - Senate District 24)
 State Senator Akasha Lawrence Spence (Southwest Portland - Senate District 18)
 State Representative Khanh Pham (East Portland - House District 46)
 State Representative Maxine Dexter (Northwest Portland - House District 33)

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State Representative Andrea Valderrama (East Portland - House District 47)
Mark Gamba, Democratic Party primary winner (Southeast Portland - House District 41)
Metro Councilor Duncan Hwang (Southwest and Southeast Portland - District 6)
Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick (East Portland - District 1)
Susheela Jayapal, Multnomah County Commissioner (North and Northeast Portland - District 2)

Community leaders:

Mike Alfoni, Oregon Center for Voting and Elections
Stan Amy, Co-Founder, New Seasons Market
Sophia Asghar, Founder and CEO, True Measure
Caitlin Baggott Davis, CEO, North Star Civic Foundation
Jesse Beason, President & CEO, Northwest Health Foundation
Hope Beraka, Owner, Think Real Estate
Stephen Bozzone, Director, Bozz Media
Marissa Cade, small business leader, Pregame
Danny Cage, youth climate justice activist
Colin Cole, Policy Director, More Equitable Democracy
Sharon Gary-Smith, President, NAACP Portland Branch 1120
Stephen B. Green, entrepreneur, founder, PitchBlack
Luke Kanies, founder of Puppet and Clickety software
Jim Kelly, founder of Rejuvenation
Pamela Kislak, COO, LEVER Architecture
Jim Labbe, Participatory Budgeting Oregon
William Miller, Executive Director, NAYA Action Fund
Marcus Mundy, Executive Director, Coalition of Communities of Color
Chris Nelson, principal, Capstone Partners
Mac Prichard, founder of Mac's List
Bob Sallinger, environmental conservationist
Hank Schottland, Downtown Portland resident
Chris Smith, former Planning and Sustainability Commissioner

(This information furnished by Marisol Mora, Portland United for Change)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Dear Portland,

We are the 17 out of 20 Charter Commissioners who voted to refer Measure 26-228 to you, the voters. We came together from all walks of life and pored over public comments, survey responses, and community workshop data for 18 months. We took seriously our task to understand what Portlanders are struggling with and how to build a better future for all of us. When was the last time that you were in a room of Portlanders where 85% enthusiastically agreed on something?

One of the great honors of this work has been coming to consensus around our unified approach to the change that Portlanders told us our city needs. We were appointed by different City Commissioners and yet all of us found common ground in making Portland's government more effective, responsive, and representative —especially for those who have been historically left out.

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We wholeheartedly believe that, based on what we learned from Portlanders through months of civic engagement and close scrutiny of city government models, **the measure before you gives us the best chance at building a brighter future for our city together.**

Proportional representation (multi-member council districts with ranked choice voting) is one of the best models of democracy for giving everyone a meaningful voice at City Hall.

Streamlined oversight of the bureaus by a professional city administrator overseen by the Mayor will give us the effective government that we need to address the challenges our city faces.

As private citizens who love the City of Portland and all that it can live up to, We hope you will vote YES on Measure 26-228 and help make Portland “the City that Works” for everyone.

Portland Charter Commissioners and proud residents of Portland:

Candace Avalos
Melanie Billings-Yun
Anthony Castaneda
Salomé Chimuku
Gloria Cruz
Dave Galat
Yasmin Ibarra
Brenda Ketah
Debbie Kitchin
Bryan Lewis
Hanna Osman
Debra Porta
Raahi Reddy
Andrew Speer
Amira Streeter
Becca Uherbelau
Robin Ye

(This information furnished by Robin Ye, Portland United for Change)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

RESEARCH: CHARTER CHANGES ARE BEST-IN-CLASS

As an independent, nonprofit public policy think tank serving the Pacific Northwest for nearly 30 years, Sightline Institute is proud to **endorse Measure 26-228** and its proposed changes to Portland’s city charter. Our democracy research team has studied elections systems for over a decade. This includes in-depth analysis of the best systems to elect more representative and effective officeholders and extensive analysis of Portland’s proposed charter changes. A **Yes vote on Measure 26-228** is an opportunity to make Portland’s government and elections **more responsive and representative in serving all residents.** Highlights from Sightline’s research:

- Ranked choice voting with multi-member districts would **help women, people of color, renters, young people, residents of East Portland, and working-class Portlanders**

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achieve more fair representation on City Council. Since 1995, three-quarters of councilors have been white men and less than four percent have been people of color, while over a quarter of Portlanders in that period were people of color.

- Multi-member districts **resist gerrymandering**, give more Portlanders a councilor that represents their interests, and provide geographic representation for areas like East Portland.
- Ranked choice voting is a reliable, **road-tested method that better represents voters' preferences**, and voters find it **easy to understand and use**. In Alaska's recent ranked choice election, polling indicated that 85 percent of voters found it simple.
- **A 12-member city council** will better align Portland with recommended representative-to-population ratios and offer residents **more avenues for engagement**.
- Eliminating the need for primaries ensures an **electorate that is significantly larger, younger, and more racially diverse**. Of the past 15 City Council elections, only 5 were decided in the November general election, when about twice as many voters turn out. The rest ended in the primary, when voters are less representative of the city's communities.

Our full research can be found at sightline.org/portland-charter.

(This information furnished by Jay Lee, Sightline Institute)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Hey everyone. So, a couple comments on the ranked choice voting (RCV) part of measure 26-228.

First, **if you want to know how RCV elections are counted**, I urge you to watch these two YouTube videos from when Minneapolis started using RCV in 2009. They're really short, easy to follow, and include some details that other videos tend to leave out. RCV is called "instant runoff" in these videos.

Watch this one first:

(1:26) Single-winner RCV for PDX mayor & auditor

tinyurl.com/RCV-MPR-1

(2:42) Proportional RCV for PDX city council

tinyurl.com/RCV-MPR-2

Second, if you don't like gerrymandering, for goodness' sake vote yes on measure 26-228 and support proportional RCV anywhere else it comes up.

Why? Because in a lot of elections in the US, roughly half of the voters lose: They're not represented by someone they personally voted for.

And it turns out that having lots of voters lose is necessary for gerrymandering to be fully effective. That's because gerrymandering consists of drawing the district lines in a way that decides in advance which voters will lose. The more voters win, the less well gerrymandering works. And with proportional RCV, more voters win; you can see that in the

second video above.

My third comment isn't actually specific to RCV or even to this particular measure. I just wanted to say, if there's a ballot measure you mostly like but have a few concerns about, please try to have realistic standards. People are amazingly diverse, and writing a ballot measure involves lots of compromises! So unless you wrote the measure yourself, it'll be easy to find what you consider imperfections. And voting against it probably wouldn't lead to a measure you liked more.

Would you rather live in a world in which the measure passed, or in the status quo world?
Thanks.

Vote YES!

Portland measure 26-228

Multnomah County measure 26-232

(This information furnished by Fillard Spring-Rhyne)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Vote NO on Measure 26-228 to Get to a Better YES

We DO NOT have to wait 10 years for another charter commission review. Changing our city charter is absolutely needed, but with a proposal that is more democratic, fiscally responsible and transparent. **We can have an alternative proposal.** This critically important decision must be done right. We need a government structure that is proven to work in order to face our serious issues of homelessness, public safety and mental health and drug addiction.

FIRST NO

As community leaders that have worked in government, we know that accountability is necessary to solve problems. The current proposal will only make our city government less accountable and it will be even harder to hold leaders responsible for solutions. Portland is facing a critical moment. We can't afford to try a new experiment in managing our city. We must not go from a government structure that no one uses to one that has never been used before.

THEN A BETTER YES

The first step in drafting a better proposal is to defeat this measure. As soon as it is defeated, City Council can begin to draft a better measure to send to the voters at the next available election.

A majority of the city council can put a proposal on the ballot at any time. Commissioner Mingus Mapps said that he will bring forward an alternative proposal if this current proposal is defeated. The better proposal can include a city administrator to improve efficiency and outcomes, districts to increase representation, and single-members from each district to increase accountability to our residents. This is a government model used widely across the country and proven to work.

Portland deserves a common-sense alternative. **VOTE NO.**

Partnership for Common Sense Government

Stephen Kafoury
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Maria Rojo de Steffey
Vadim Mozyrsky
Charles Duffy
Steve Moskowitz
Patrick LaCrosse
Alisa Pyszka
Bob Weinstein

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

FORMER PORTLAND CITY COMMISSIONERS SAY VOTE NO ON #26-228

Lacks Accountability

The proposal calls for three Councilors per district, 12 in all. You will never know who can help you, or whether they deserve your vote at the next election. Under this proposal, no one is elected to the Council with a citywide point of view, so only the most narrow interests will be at the heart of city policy discussions. In the name of “separation of powers”, there is no interaction with, or oversight for, the Mayor and City Manager. Simply put, like never before, you and your neighborhood will be on your own.

Creates Chaos

This proposal provides no clear way for disagreements between the Mayor and the council to be resolved. Further, by relegating the Mayor to a “ceremonial” role, it will be impossible for other partners, public and private, to ever know who speaks for the City.

Confusing

This proposal would put in place not one but two separate processes for elections, one for the Council and one for the Mayor and Auditor. It also enables Council candidates to win by losing, requiring only 25% of the turnout plus one within each district to become elected. Gone will be the days when winning an election meant getting a majority of the voters to agree with you. In fact, the Council election process is so confusing that you’ll never know who “won” and why.

City government needs to change. This proposal is not the change we all need and deserve. None of the challenges we face are addressed by this measure. Don’t let Portland go from a “City of Neighborhoods” to a “City of self-appointed special interests.”

Vote NO. We can do better!

Amanda Fritz
Randy Leonard
Mike Lindberg
Margaret Strachan

(This information furnished by Mike Lindberg)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

VOTE “NO” on #26-228 AND MAKE PORTLAND A CITY OF VISION, NOT DIVISION

Portland has acquired an international reputation for both innovation and sustainability. This Portland “brand” exists because unlike other places, Portland has been willing to envision itself, the entire city, as a different kind of place. For example, while other cities:

- Built freeways on their waterfronts, Portland took one out.
- Rushed to compete with their suburbs by turning themselves over to the automobile, Portland chose to reimagine itself as a place for bikes and pedestrians, and to convert a 2-story parking structure into what we now know as Pioneer Square.
- Doubled down on their use of fossil fuels, Portland worked to conserve energy, encourage solar power, and expand transit use citywide.
- Sprawled to the horizon, Portland worked with its regional and statewide partners to corral sprawl and create an intelligent urbanism with nature at its heart.

All of these landmark efforts came about because Portland was willing to rethink itself as a whole, rather than as a disconnected “kit of parts.” The current Charter change proposal threatens to make visionary, citywide thinking a thing of the past. No member of the proposed Council will:

- Be elected with a citywide point of view.
- Represent citywide interests or aims in Portland policymaking.
- Be expected to envision a better city for all of us.

Changes in how we govern ourselves here in Portland are needed, but what has been proposed does more damage than good. Vote no because Portland deserves a much more thoughtful path to securing a better future.

We should expect no less.

Ethan Seltzer

(This information furnished by Ethan Seltzer)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

FORMER CONGRESSMAN LES AUCCOIN SAYS “VOTE NO ON MEASURE 26-228”

REDUCES DEMOCRACY

The measure uses a bizarre form of Ranked Choice Voting called Single Transferable Vote to elect city councilors. Candidates would be allowed to have accounted to them a maximum of 25% + 1 of the votes cast. Any remaining votes cast for them would be considered “surplus” and would be allocated to other candidates. Your vote should count for the person you most want to win. It shouldn’t be transferred to your 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th choice.

INCUMBENTS WILL BE ENTRENCHED

Once elected, city councilors will need only 25% +1 of the vote to remain in office. It will be increasingly difficult to replace an incumbent.

INCREASES POWER OF SELF-INTEREST GROUPS

Currently, candidates need to win the support of at least 50% +1 of those voting, which controls extreme positions. The ballot measure would increase the role of narrow interests in government.

FEWER CITY SERVICES AND MORE GOVERNMENT

The measure would cost over its first three years an additional \$43.8 million to be spent on elected officials, their staffs, offices and other City Hall expenses. This is taxpayer money that should be spent on direct services to create safer, cleaner and more livable neighborhoods for its citizens.

IT IS AN UNTESTED EXPERIMENT

The combination of multi-member districts and single transferable vote ranked choice voting has never been tried in any community in the United States. It will move us from a form of government no major city uses any more to one that no US city has ever used.

DOESN'T SOLVE OUR CITY'S PROBLEMS

Our city faces deadly serious problems: escalating gun violence, record-breaking homicide rates, homelessness, vandalism, graffiti, and trash. We need to reform our city government to focus on solving those crises. This measure will result in city government focusing on solving the confusion caused by its complexity.

Les AuCoin

(This information furnished by Les AuCoin)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

KATHLEEN SAADAT SAYS VOTE NO ON MEASURE 26-228

I REALLY DO want a PORTLAND CITY MANAGER (I have been saying it for years). I believe this should be a stand-alone measure with greater clarification of roles and responsibilities of 1) the Mayor; 2) Council Members; 3) the City Manager; 4) City Bureau Administrators; Other Officials Elected to City Office. We need clarity.

The method for HOW we vote should NOT be included in this measure

I DO NOT AGREE with including RANK ORDERED VOTING in this measure. I agree conceptually with the idea of RANK ORDERED VOTING but have reservations about the methods described in this ballot measure. I am concerned that the PROPOSED election process may make it more difficult to replace and or REMOVE an ineffective/unethical Commissioner.

VOTERS should have a choice

Voters should be given OPTIONS on the number of districts and number of representatives we will have. We should be able to decide SEPARATELY, the number of districts, number of reps and how the Mayor is elected.

NOT ON THIS BALLOT BUT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR FUTURE MEASURES:

- 1) A clearly written Preamble to Portland's City Charter that references OUR COMMUNITY VALUES that WILL BE USED to guide the work of City Government.
- 2) The Mayor, Commissioners and ALL other elected City officials be required to attend "on-

boarding” sessions that acquaint them with a) the City Charter; b) laws that govern their behaviors both political/personal; c) The Culture of City Government, past and present; d) ETHICS; e) The history of BIGOTRY in Portland/Oregon, including both legal and illegal treatment of ALL people of Color (including the Roma), all women, LBGTQ+ people and poor people, of all colors.

VOTE NO TO GET TO A BETTER YES

(This information furnished by Kathleen Saadat)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

We served on the Portland Charter Review Commission, volunteering hundreds of hours because we know our city’s government needs reform. This rewrite of the Charter will only make matters worse. We voted “NO” and you should vote “NO,” too.

Our city is in trouble. City Hall must change, with more effective management, better coordination of city services, and more responsive elected officials. We can do this with common sense Charter reforms and proven solutions.

Now is not the time to try a risky experiment, with an enlarged council elected using an untested election system.

- This measure will rewrite the Charter to replace a form of government that we know doesn’t work, with one that has never worked.
- This measure will create a city council elected with just 25% of the vote in districted multi-winner races where surplus votes are transferred among candidates. No U.S. city elects a council like this. See for yourself: www.fairvote.org/where_is_ranked_choice_voting_used
- This measure ignores time-tested solutions for districted councils and representative government that are already used in Multnomah County, Beaverton, Eugene, Denver and scores of other cities.
- This measure will triple the size of city council.

Portland deserves better.

- Portland deserves a city government focused on solving our existing problems, not on testing new theories that will cause new problems.
- Portland deserves a thoughtful, better process that doesn’t rely on one advocacy group for outreach.
- Portland deserves Charter reform that can last for generations and doesn’t make our children and grandchildren live with an experiment in government.
- Portland deserves an election system that doesn’t give a big advantage to incumbent council members. Under this measure, council members need just 25% of the votes to be re-elected, and they get three chances to win with the advantages of incumbency and name recognition.

Vote NO on this Measure and tell the City Council to give us an option for common sense reforms to get Portland back on track.

David Knowles
Vadim Mozyrsky
David Chen

(This information furnished by David Knowles)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

“Portlanders should not be forced into a false choice of sticking with the status quo or going with something that’s never been attempted on planet earth. Charter Reform Doesn’t Need to be Rocket Science.”

Commissioner Mingus Mapps, The Oregonian, 8/30/2022

Portland voters are deeply unhappy with the condition of the city and want change. They want accountability from their leaders, a form of government that is responsive to the needs and views of its people and a city that gets things done. The Charter Commission’s proposal leaves many voters uncertain about where power will reside, how accountability will be achieved, and how the city will meet its responsibilities.

The Ulysses PAC is proposing common sense charter reform that can deliver an updated, simpler, and more time-tested form of government. And we won’t have to wait 10 years or even 10 months to get it.

These alternative frameworks can be viewed at ulyssespac.com

Key differences from the measure on this ballot include:

- 7-9 districts, one council member per district
- Traditional voting methods designed to secure broad support from voters
- Separate measure with an option for ranked choice voting
- Checks and balances on council law making powers with mayoral veto
- Potential district maps shown before the election

We cannot support risking Portland’s future with an untested form of government.

Commissioner Mapps has publicly committed to a City Council effort to seek further input from Portlanders and develop alternate proposals to submit to the voters no later than early Spring 2023.

Ulysses PAC supports amending Portland’s Charter with common sense reforms that promote equity, consensus, and transparency in city government.

Please join Ulysses PAC in voting No on Measure 26-228 and demanding from the City Council a more sensible alternative that will enable our city to meet the challenges that face us now and in the future.

Michael Gibbons
Sonia Montalbano
John Liu

(This information furnished by Jessica Elkan, Ulysses PAC)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

**Vote No on Measure 26-228.
Common Sense Charter Reform Can Happen in 2023!**

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We don't have to wait 10 years or 10 months to get reform right.

Please vote No on Measure 26-228. Commissioner Mapps and members of City Council have committed to develop a sensible and workable charter proposal to better address the challenges we face in the years ahead.

Measure 26-228 will:

- Fracture the connection between City Council members and the Portlanders they represent;
- Shield Council members from accountability; and,
- Undermine our confidence in future elections.

We hold open elections on a non-partisan basis, attracting numerous candidates from all walks of life. We provide public financing options to support participation. And thanks to you we now have the most diverse City Council in our city's history, elected with broad popular support.

It makes no sense to try to overhaul our system of representation and voting with changes that are complicated, contrived and contrary to the best practices in other cities.

Those We Elect Need Broad Support!

It doesn't make sense to change our voting systems to award seats on the Council to candidates who gain only 25%+1 of the vote. Nor does it make sense to transfer votes from one candidate to others, as this measure would do.

Don't Give Up on Accountability!

Forcing multiple Council members to represent the same district will magnify divisions, muddle responsibilities and exacerbate dysfunction. We can benefit from district elections. But we'll need clear lines of accountability to those we elect within districts.

Don't Risk Losing Voter Confidence in Our Elections!

Imposing untested voting systems like "single transferable vote" will raise suspicions about elections that have been above reproach for transparency and integrity.

You Deserve More Than a Forced Choice on These Many Changes!

It's a disservice to be forced to cast a single vote on these complicated changes. We will do better with better alternatives.

Frank Dixon
Jessica Elkan
Stan Penkin

(This information furnished by Jessica Elkan, Ulysses PAC)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Portland has big complicated problems and City Hall is not delivering solutions. This proposal from the Charter Commission will only make things worse. **Reject this proposal and tell the City Council to put a common-sense solution on the ballot in May 2023**

This is not the time to experiment with new forms of government and elections.

This ballot measure proposes a government structure and election process that has never worked anywhere in the United States. It is a mistake to trade a failed Commission form of government for one that has never been successful. Why would we do this when there are time-tested solutions. Multnomah County, Metro, Seattle and Denver all have councilors elected by district and a strong executive

This proposal will lead to a City Council of entrenched incumbents

The proposed Council structure and election method gives preferential treatment to incumbent council members and will eventually block new voices from joining the Council. Why? Because an incumbent will have not just one chance to stay in office but three chances. Each district has three positions. An incumbent can be re-elected with just 25% of the votes. Incumbency and name recognition dramatically increase the chance for an incumbent to retain office. Three chances to retain office is too many.

The Election Method for City Council is Flawed

Did you know that your vote might be counted as “surplus.”? Here is the text from the proposed charter: “Votes that counted for elected candidates in excess of the threshold are called surplus....the surplus percentage of all votes for the candidates who received a surplus are transferred to the next-highest ranked candidates” The Charter text that defines this scheme is lengthy and complicated. Read the proposed amendment for yourself at Chapter 3, Article 1, Section 3-102 **Portland should not be a test case for an experimental election system that has no precedent.**

David Knowles
Portland Charter Commission member
Former City of Portland Planning Director
Former Metro Councilor

(This information furnished by David Knowles)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Multimember council districts are a failed idea. Baltimore, the last major city to have them, repealed them two decades ago for very good reasons. Portland should learn Baltimore’s lessons, reject this ballot measure, and insist on single-member district representation.

In 2001, I served on a Commission in Baltimore to study the restructuring of its city council. Baltimore’s council had turned into a moribund, dysfunctional, unaccountable, unproductive, and unresponsive body, and there was widespread public agreement that things had to change. Ultimately, grassroots organizations (labor unions, League of Women Voters,

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progressive groups, neighborhood groups) put forward an initiative to replace Baltimore's multimember districts with much smaller single-member districts. It passed with 67% of the vote, despite opposition from most then-existing councilmembers.

Baltimore never looked back. Two decades later, Baltimore's single-member council districts have led to more competitive elections, more active leadership, better neighborhood representation, more independent voices, better accountability, and less inherent incumbent advantage.

What were the lessons learned in Baltimore?

- Mainly, putting multiple councilmembers into the same districts negates the clear accountability and constituent service advantages of districts in the first place. In any other major city, you can "call your councilperson" and you know who to hold responsible for inaction. In Baltimore's multimember districts, councilmembers could simply deflect or hide from responsibility.
- Incumbents had a huge election advantage in Baltimore's multimember districts, and the proposed system in Portland will be worse. Without an ability for voters to single out poor performing incumbents with an up-or-down vote, it will be nearly impossible to hold individual councilmembers accountable.
- Finally, multimember districts require districts that are simply far too large. Smaller, single-member districts offer neighborhood scale representation by local councilmembers with a far better understanding of neighborhood problems.

Multimember districts in Portland won't fix anything but they will make accountability worse.

Demand better. Vote no.

(This information furnished by Terry J. Harris)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Vote NO to stave off an untested, experimental, expensive, hard-to-understand proposed charter change!

Despite the sincere efforts of Portland's Charter Commission, the proposed charter fails to improve governance in Portland and will make it worse. Increasing the number of city councilors to 12 will make our "weak mayor" system even weaker, when well-functioning cities everywhere have strong mayors. Combined with a complex experimental voting system, the proposed charter will add to the cost (up to \$8+ million) and confusion we already experience.

Portland needs and deserves a truly modern, workable city government that functions effectively for all our citizens. Because the draft charter fails this test, we longtime devoted Portland residents recommend a **NO** vote.

An improved, practical charter proposal is being drafted now for a vote next year. We believe the wait is worth it. Let's all make Portland a city that truly works once more.

Signed by:

Richard Feeney
Fred Neal
John Russell
Tuck Wilson

(This information furnished by Tuck Wilson)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

The Portland Party Says

VOTE NO ON #26-228

No clear representation with multi-member districts. We want single member districts.

Portland is struggling to solve homelessness, public safety and mental health problems. Voters thought we were simply updating our form of government, not experimenting with untested combinations of ideas. The city of Portland is at a critical moment and citizens should not be treated like guinea pigs just because we're tired of the current chaos.

Portlanders want equitable representation

Portland voters overwhelmingly requested that the Charter Review Commission give us district representation versus council members elected 'at large', meaning all City Council members could live in a single neighborhood but are elected by Portland voters citywide.

We agree that in the name of equity, the city should be split into smaller, single-member districts and have elected representatives who live in those districts so they understand the needs of their constituents.

Proposed district sizes are too large

To us, splitting the city into four large districts, each around the size of Salem, does not represent an equitable solution. They're proposing three representatives for each large district to make up for that, but again, all three representatives could be from one corner of the district and still not represent the needs of those farther away.

Studies recommend at least five to nine districts with single reps

The people wanted single-member districts for better geographic representation. Portland Public Schools is split into seven sub-districts for board elections. We could very easily start with seven council members and vote later to add more as needed.

VOTE 'NO' THIS NOVEMBER SO WE CAN VOTE FOR A BETTER 'YES' IN MAY!

Information provided by the Portland Party PAC ID 22236

(This information furnished by Vikki Payne, The Portland Party)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Please Vote No on Measure 26-228.

In 2023 there will be a more effective Charter option.

Commissioner Mapps and other members of City Council have committed to drafting a charter measure that will better serve Portland. It could go to voters for approval as early as spring 2023.

Priorities will be:

- Neighborhood district representation.
- Clear accountability to voters.
- Straightforward voting procedures.

The goal is to provide a menu of separate, understandable choices for voters, accompanied by details.

Measure 26-228 risks the opposite results:

- Fracturing the connection between City Council members and the Portlanders they represent, with four large geographic districts.
- Shielding Council members from accountability, with three-member districts that can magnify divisions, muddle responsibility, and foster dysfunction.
- Undermining confidence in elections, with a “single transferable vote” where a candidate who has just 25% of the vote plus 1 can be awarded a seat on the Council.

The measure on the ballot this year is an “all or nothing” package that mashes together a widely-accepted Mayor-Council structure with unique elements of voting and representation. Details about things like costs and procedures are lacking.

Why overhaul a system of voting and representation with changes that are complicated, experimental, and contrary to best practices in other cities?

Portland is already in the forefront of election equity. We provide public financing options to support participation. And thanks to the voters of Portland, we have the most diverse City Council in our city’s history, elected with broad popular support.

It’s worth waiting just a few more months for a better solution.

Bonnie Serkin

(This information furnished by Bonnie Serkin)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Taxpayers Association of Oregon urges No vote on 26-228 ranked choice measure

Politicians hid a bad idea in a reform package in hopes you wouldn’t notice

Ranked choice voting is a bad idea

Five reasons why

- **Rank choice voting decreases voter turn-out:** According to research from Jason McDaniel, an associate professor of political science at San-Francisco State University, voter turnout decreased (three to five percentage points on average) in cities where ranked choice voting was used.
- **Rank choice voting blindsides voters:** In Maine, confusion was so overwhelming that proponents had to release a 19-page instruction manual on how to navigate the process.
- **Rank choice voting disenfranchises voters:** Voters whose first language is not English are more likely to be disenfranchised by this complicated process.
- **Rank choice voting cost more:** It costs election office more to process the multi-layered voting system. New York spent \$15 million on a “voting education campaign,” in part, trying to help deal with confusion brought on by ranked choice voting.
- **Rank choice voting delays election results:** The new process not only costs more but it takes more time to determine the winner.

“Ranked-Choice Voting Is Bad for Everyone” (Wall Street Journal Editorial Board 7 /7 /21)

“Why Some NYC Lawmakers Want to Rethink Ranked-Choice Voting. The new system was approved by voters in 2019, but critics, including at least one top mayoral candidate, fear that it may disenfranchise minority voters.” (New York Times, 6/30/21)

Taxpayers Association of Oregon urges No vote on 26-228 ranked choice measure

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(This information furnished by Jason Williams, Taxpayers Association of Oregon)

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Measure 26-225 / Metro

Referred to the people of the Metro Region by the Metro Council.

Ballot Title

Renews local option levy; protects natural areas, water quality, fish

Question: Should Metro protect water quality, fish, natural areas, parks; renew 5-year operating levy, 9.6¢ per \$1,000 assessed value, beginning 2023? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: This levy does not increase tax rates. It continues the same rate previously approved by voters.

The levy protects water quality, restores fish and wildlife habitat, and connects people with nature across 18,000 acres of parks, trails and natural areas. The levy funds ongoing restoration of natural areas acquired through three voter-approved bond measures. It also improves people’s access to nature, by maintaining Metro parks and natural areas,

providing nature education for visitors and schoolchildren, and supporting community-led nature projects and programs.

If renewed, the levy will continue to:

- Maintain and improve water quality in local rivers and streams
- Protect and restore habitat for salmon, other native fish
- Restore wetlands, forests and floodplains providing habitat for birds, wildlife
- Manage natural areas to better withstand heat, wildfire, extreme weather
- Maintain parks and trails; maintain and improve restrooms, picnic shelters, play areas, trailheads, and other visitor facilities and services
- Increase opportunities for children from low-income families and communities of color to connect with nature

A home assessed at \$250,000 would pay \$24 per year for five years.

If renewed, the proposed rate (9.6¢ per \$1,000 assessed value) will raise \$18,065,947.00 in 2023-24, \$18,833,750.00 in 2024-25, \$19,634,184.00 in 2025-26, \$20,468,637.00 in 2026-27 and \$21,338,555.00 in 2027-28.

Explanatory Statement

Measure 26-225, renewal of the Metro Parks and Nature Local Option Levy, will protect clean water, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and increase opportunities for people to connect with nature across 18,000 acres of regional parks, trails and natural areas.

Voters first approved the Parks and Nature levy in 2013, and renewed it in 2016. Since 2013, the levy has provided dedicated funding to restore and maintain habitat and connect people with nature, making our region more livable as our population grows.

If passed, this measure would renew the levy for five additional years at its current rate: 9.6 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, or \$24 annually for a home assessed at \$250,000. Renewal will not increase the tax rate currently paid by homeowners in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties.

What would passing Measure 26-225 do?

Improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat

About half of levy funding will support ongoing restoration of parks and natural areas managed by Metro across the greater Portland region – more than 18,000 acres from Chehalem Ridge near Forest Grove to the Sandy River near Gresham, from Chinook Landing and Broughton Beach on the Columbia River to Graham Oaks near Wilsonville.

If passed, this measure will provide funding to:

- Improve water quality in the Willamette, Clackamas, Tualatin and Sandy rivers, and area creeks and streams
- Restore habitat for salmon and other native fish in local rivers and streams
- Restore threatened and rare plant communities, control invasive weeds
- Enhance wetlands, forests and floodplains to protect critical wildlife habitat
- Manage natural areas to better withstand hotter summers, extreme weather and wildfires

Provide access to nature for people

About half of levy funding will connect people with nature across greater Portland. Levy funding will maintain safe and welcoming visitor facilities and services at 17 developed parks, such as Blue Lake and Oxbow, Smith and Bybee Wetlands, Chehalem Ridge, Cooper Mountain, Mount Talbert, Scouters Mountain and Canemah Bluff. About 2.5 million people

visit these parks annually for walking, hiking, picnicking, birdwatching, camping, boating, fishing, and family and community gatherings.

Additionally, levy funding will support nature education programming and volunteering opportunities, as well as grants to nonprofit organizations for projects that connect community members with nature.

If passed, this measure will provide funding to:

- Increase access to local rivers, forests and natural areas
- Improve visitor services, accessibility and operations at Metro parks, including maintaining and improving restrooms, picnic areas, trails, play areas, and other visitor facilities
- Ensure park visitors of all backgrounds have opportunities to access the benefits of nature, including improved health and well-being
- Provide nature education programs, including for children from low-income families and communities of color
- Create opportunities for community-led nature education and stewardship projects

Accountability

Program expenses will be subject to annual audits and presented in the budget adopted by the Metro Council. An annual report detailing program expenses, accomplishments and progress toward specific outcomes will be presented to the community and posted on Metro's website.

Submitted by:

Ashley McCarron, Senior Assistant Attorney
Metro

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

CONTINUING OUR COMMITMENT TO CLEANER WATER, RESTORED FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT, AND CONNECTING PEOPLE TO NATURE

Nature makes our region more livable. As the Portland area's population grows, it's more important than ever to protect and restore parks, rivers, wetlands, forests and other natural areas for the benefit of people, fish and wildlife.

This November, voters in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties will have the opportunity to vote YES to protect clean water, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and connect people with nature.

Without raising the tax rate, your YES vote on the Parks & Nature Levy Renewal will:

- **RESTORE HABITAT AND MANAGE NATURAL AREAS** to preserve our region's water quality, wildlife habitat, and legacy of natural beauty for future generations.
- **INCREASE ACCESS TO NATURE** by ensuring parks and natural areas are close to home and accessible to everyone, and continuing Nature in Neighborhoods grants for community-led investments and education.
- **MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE EXISTING REGIONAL PARKS** with operations and maintenance to keep parks and nature destinations safe, welcoming and accessible to all members of our community.

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Thanks to voter support, Metro has built an 18,000 acre network of parks, trails and natural areas across Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties. Measure 26-225 continues to build on that legacy, targeting smart investments that take care of the outdoor places where everyone can gather, exercise, and play.

By renewing the levy first approved by voters in 2013, funding for our natural areas will extend through 2028, while maintaining the current tax rate of 9.6 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, or about \$24 per year for a home assessed at \$250,000.

Join us in voting YES on Measure 26-225.

Let's keep preserving and protecting the region's natural areas, now and in the future.

Metro President Lynn Peterson
Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick
Metro Councilor Christine Lewis
Metro Councilor Gerritt Rosenthal
Metro Councilor Juan Carlos González
Metro Councilor Mary Nolan
Metro Councilor Duncan Hwang
Metro Councilor-Elect Ashton Simpson

(This information furnished by Amy Ruiz, Yes For Parks & Nature)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Water Quality and Wildlife Advocates Agree: Vote YES on Measure 26-225 for Clean, Safe, and Healthy Water and Wildlife Habitat

Our region is defined by an amazing network of rivers, streams and natural areas. We are home to an incredible array of fish and wildlife species from iconic salmon to more than 200 migratory bird species. Measure 26-225 restores and maintains healthy waterways and natural areas for people and wildlife—**without raising tax rates.**

Protection and restoration of our waterways and wildlife habitats is vital to ensuring clean water, clean air, protecting fish and wildlife populations and creating equitable, climate resilient landscapes.

At least 40% of the Parks and Nature levy funds are dedicated to habitat restoration and natural areas management, **including improving water quality** at Metro's parks and natural areas.

Funds from the renewed levy will protect water quality, reconnect vital floodplains, increase native plants, and control invasive species—ensuring that our streams, lakes and rivers and naturals continue to be **healthy and safe for current and future generations of Oregonians.**

There are a few of the active projects working to protect clean water and restore fish and wildlife habitat across the region at places like Chehalem Ridge Nature Park and Clear Creek and Smith and Bybee Wetlands natural areas. The natural areas levy has been essential to improving water quality and habitat at:

- Wilsonville's Coffee Lake Creek
- North Portland's Smith and Bybee Wetlands
- Clackamas County's Beaver Creek
- Beaverton's Fanno Creek
- Oregon City's Newell Creek
- Hillsboro's Tualatin River
- Cornelius' Council Creek

Your YES vote on Measure 26-225 will ensure Metro has the necessary funds to continue improving water quality and natural habitat through 2028, all without raising taxes.

Join us in supporting Measure 26-225!

Audubon Society of Portland
 Columbia Land Trust
 Friends of Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge
 Human Access Project
 Oregon League of Conservation Voters
 Oswego Lake Watershed Council
 Portland Harbor Community Coalition
 Tualatin Riverkeepers
 Urban Greenspaces Institute
 Willamette Riverkeeper

(This information furnished by Amy Ruiz, Yes for Parks & Nature)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

YES ON MEASURE 26-225: PROTECT AND ENHANCE OUR REGION'S TREASURED OUTDOOR RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Our local natural areas have something for everyone: wildlife, scenery, and easy access to nature and recreation. They provide a beautiful and affordable place for recreation close to home.

Metro facilities annually provide recreation opportunities for 2.5 million visitors. As our region grows, it's crucial we keep our parks and natural areas open to every community by voting YES on Measure 26-225.

Over the past five years, the Parks & Nature Levy funded projects that connect people to nature, including:

- New day use areas and trails access at the new Newell Creek Canyon Nature Park in Oregon City, including trailheads, signs, parking areas, restrooms and more.
- New hiking trails and visitor facilities at Killin Wetlands Natural Area in Washington County.
- At Oxbow Regional Park, a new Welcome Center, new nature play areas, upgraded campground facilities, and an improved boat launch.
- Improved access roads and trails at Blue Lake Regional Park.
- A renovated boat launch at Chinook Landing on the Columbia River, leveraging state funding sources.

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- Improved trails for public access and new signage at Smith and Bybee Wetlands to help visitors learn about nature.
- Inclusive community engagement at East Council Creek in Cornelius and Gabbert Butte in Gresham.
- Safety improvements across the Metro park system, including updating operations and signage to keep parks open during the pandemic, providing life jackets for water safety, and supporting rangers and other staff to keep parks welcoming to all.

Your YES Vote on Measure 26-225 will ensure that everyone—including kids, families experiencing low incomes, and communities of color—have access to these vital resources, all without increasing the tax rate.

Join us in voting YES

40 Mile Loop Land Trust
 Access Recreation
 Human Access Project
 The Intertwine Alliance
 OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon
 Oregon Trails Coalition
 Oregon Walks
 The Street Trust
 Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District
 Urban Greenspaces Institute

(This information furnished by Amy Ruiz, Yes for Parks & Nature)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Local Leaders Support Measure 26-225!

Renewing the Parks and Nature Levy Benefits Multnomah County

Renewing the Parks and Nature levy continues funding to protect and restore parks, rivers, wetlands, forests and other natural areas for the benefit of people, fish and wildlife — right here in Multnomah County.

In Multnomah County, the Parks and Nature Levy has supported many local projects, including:

- Improvements at Blue Lake Regional Park in Fairview, including improved trails and access roads, and master planning to guide future upgrades of key infrastructure.
- A new welcome center, two nature play areas and improved campsites at Oxbow Regional Park, near Troutdale on the Sandy River.
- Improved trails and signage for public access and education at Smith and Bybee Wetlands in North Portland.
- Keeping beloved nature sites safe and welcoming for visitors, including Glendoveer in East Portland, Broughton Beach and Chinook Landing on the Columbia River, Howell Territorial Park on Sauvie Island, and Lone Fir Cemetery.
- Working with the City of Gresham to engage communities in developing a master plan

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for Gabbert Butte.

- Restoring fish habitat along Multnomah Channel Marsh near Sauvie Island.
- Supporting Wisdom of the Elders' partnership with Portland Public Schools to provide traditional ecological knowledge education and meet the restoration needs of public lands.

This measure won't raise the tax rate. In Multnomah County, the typical homeowner currently pays about \$24 per year. That's a small price to pay to protect some of our most beautiful natural areas.

Please join local leaders in voting **YES on Measure 26-225**, to ensure future generations will enjoy the same quality of life we do.

State Senators Michael Dembrow, Akasha Lawrence Spence and Elizabeth Steiner Hayward
State Representatives Maxine Dexter and Lisa Reynolds
Metro Council President Lynn Peterson and Councilors Shirley Craddick, Duncan Hwang, Mary Nolan, and Councilor-Elect Ashton Simpson
Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury and Commissioners Susheela Jayapal, Jessica Vega Pederson, and Lori Stegmann
Portland Commissioner Carmen Rubio
Fairview Mayor Brian Cooper
Multnomah County Democrats

(This information furnished by Amy Ruiz, Yes for Parks & Nature)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO NATURE:

The Parks & Nature Levy Invests in Diverse Communities

Measure 26-225 will **increase opportunities for people to experience nature** in parts of our region that currently have few public parks or natural areas. It will provide funding for parks, rivers, streams, and natural areas in every part of the Metro area, to benefit all local residents.

At least 15 percent of levy funding will continue to support **community-led partnerships, education and stewardship programs**, offering hands-on experiences that allow people to strengthen their relationship to the natural world while fostering the next generation of leaders.

These programs **directly support people of color and other marginalized communities**. People connect with nature in different ways and experience different barriers and opportunities to that connection.

Measure 26-225 will ensure that everyone has access to these vital resources, with **grants to local community groups**, such as:

- The Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon's partnership with Friends of Trees and Portland State University to engage East Portlanders in pursuing strategies for neighborhood greening amid hotter summers
- A partnership between Portland Audubon, Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District, Backyard Habitat and Centro Cultural at Centro Cultural's Cornelius campus to connect

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Latinx members of the community with nature.

- Partnerships to provide lower-income students and students of color with nature field trips, classroom education and opportunities to participate in habitat restoration, including Ecology in Classrooms and Outdoors' work with partners in Lents and North Clackamas schools, and Verde's youth nature programs in Portland's Cully neighborhood

Metro is committed to working together with people, businesses, nonprofit organizations and public partners to create a Portland region where **all individuals and communities benefit from a healthy environment with clean air and water.**

Equity partners from around the region agree: Vote YES on 26-225

Adelante Mujeres

APANO

The Blueprint Foundation

Coalition of Communities of Color

East County Rising

OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon

Latino Network

Verde

(This information furnished by Amy Ruiz, Yes for Parks & Nature)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Measure 26-225: For Healthier, Resilient Communities

“Portland Audubon strongly supports the Metro natural areas levy renewal. It is a crucial funding mechanism to protect and restore our amazing system of regional natural areas and to connect the community to nature.” - Bob Sallinger, Audubon Society of Portland

Our region's parks and natural areas are critical to people's physical, mental, and emotional health. We must continue to take care of the outdoor places where everyone can gather, exercise, and play.

But now, heat waves, wildfire, and extreme weather are threatening our region's people, water, and fish and wildlife. We must continue to invest in parks and nature to limit and adapt to the effects of climate change in our region.

A YES vote on Measure 26-225 will provide ongoing support for Metro's funding of initiatives for cleaner water, restored fish and wildlife habitat, and amenities to encourage recreation and healthy activities—without raising existing taxes.

A YES vote on Measure 26-225 will fund management of Metro sites to maintain ecological health and increase their resilience to extreme weather and other impacts of climate change.

A YES vote on Measure 26-225 supports complex and critical conservation projects that require collaboration between local, state, federal, tribal and nonprofit partners, in particular those related to climate adaptation and resilience.

Measure 26-225 ensures everyone in our region has access to the health benefits of nature

and recreation, and builds our region's climate resilience for future generations.

Please join us in voting yes.

1000 Friends of Oregon

Audubon Society of Portland

Columbia Land Trust

Friends of Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge

Humane Society of the United States

The Intertwine Alliance

Kaiser Permanente

Milwaukie Parks Foundation

The Nature Conservancy

Neighbors for Clean Air

OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon

Oregon Environmental Council

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District

Verde

Shaili Rajput, MD

(This information furnished by Amy Ruiz, Yes for Parks & Nature)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

MEASURE 26-225: A COST-EFFECTIVE INVESTMENT FOR OUR REGION'S QUALITY OF LIFE AND ECONOMIC FUTURE

Our region is able to attract visitors, and recruit and retain high quality businesses and workers, thanks to our unparalleled quality of life. The natural beauty, scenery, and easy access to nature are frequently cited as reasons to locate in our region—growing the economy for all of us.

A YES Vote on Measure 26-225 provides funding for parks and open spaces that make our region a more vibrant place to live, keeping our region economically competitive.

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

This measure will help take action to plant more trees, protect cool rivers and streams for fish, restore critical wildlife habitat, and keep our communities livable. These investments save the region's taxpayers money by lowering the costs of stormwater management, flood mitigation, and climate change adaptation.

A YES Vote on Measure 26-225 continues these smart green infrastructure investments, saving us all money in the long run and avoiding costly problems in the future.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The levy renewal provides more opportunities to enter and build careers at all levels in the parks and natural area industry. These employment opportunities increase the prosperity of historically marginalized workers and communities, and increase representation within the workforce.

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A YES Vote on Measure 26-225 will support projects in every part of the Metro area—in Clackamas, Washington, and Multnomah Counties—that will benefit all local residents.

Measure 26-225 is supported by business and labor leaders, including:

AFSCME Local 3580 and Oregon AFSCME
Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce
Clackamas County Business Alliance
LiUNA Oregon & Southern Idaho District Council of Laborers
Portland Business Alliance
Westside Economic Alliance

(This information furnished by Amy Ruiz, Yes for Parks & Nature)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Metro’s Parks and Nature Program: Accountable to Taxpayers and Voters

The Natural Areas and Capital Program Performance Oversight Committee keeps Metro accountable and transparent in its use of capital funds from the 2018 parks and natural areas levy, which raises about \$16 million a year, and the \$475 million 2019 nature bond.

The independent committee provides transparent oversight to ensure taxpayer funds are used responsibly, and reports to the Metro Council annually.

“Parks and natural areas are integral to the well-being of everyone in our region. Our committee is made up of a diverse set of individuals with experience in areas of land conservation, community engagement, working lands, finance, accessibility, [and] equity.”

- Committee Co-Chair Burt Edwards, May 24, 2022 testimony to the Metro Council

The committee’s most recent findings, from an April 2022 report, include:

- “staff has conducted the primary components of the bond work reviewed by the committee—bond finance, land acquisition and community engagement—in a transparent and accountable way.”
- “Metro’s administrative expenditures to be acceptable in light of the very high bar for engagement set by the 2019 bond measure.”

In the year ahead, the committee plans to monitor spending, and continue to review strategies for increased participation for minority, women-owned, and emerging small businesses; making parks and natural spaces accessible to all; and the impact of community engagement on investments.

Measure 26-225 will continue independent review and oversight of levy spending.

Metro’s Parks and Nature 2020-21 Annual Report also detailed levy spending through June 2021 compared to what was promised to voters in 2018. The report found that all five categories of spending in the 2018 levy were in alignment with what voters approved:

- Improving public access to natural areas: 10% of levy spending
- Regional park operations: 29% of levy spending
- Nature in Neighborhoods grants: 12% of levy spending

- Restoring natural areas for wildlife, fish and water quality: 42% of levy spending
- Nature education and volunteers: 7% of levy spending

(This information furnished by Amy Ruiz, Yes for Parks & Nature)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

VOTE NO ON 26-225—NO NEW METRO TAXES

Metro is asking for a new tax levy even though it already has sufficient funds to operate all its parks.

Metro's budgets show over the past 10 years:

- Property tax collections have increased 169% from \$39 million to more than \$105 million a year.
- Spending on its parks and nature program has grown by nearly 175% from \$48 million to \$117 million a year.

Unfortunately, much of this money is not even being used to improve public access to Metro's parks. In fact, most of Metro's 18,000 acres of parklands are not open to use by taxpayers.

NO NEW METRO TAXES

In 2016, Metro imposed **\$81 million in property taxes** for parks and nature.

In 2019, Metro imposed **another \$475 million in property taxes** for parks and nature.

In 2020, Metro imposed **two new income taxes** amounting to **\$250 million a year** for "supportive housing services."

Again, in 2020, Metro tried to impose **another \$250 million in payroll taxes** to build light rail to Bridgeport Village. By then, voters had enough and voted NO.

It's time to VOTE NO again.

Many Metro parks properties are gated and locked; most have inadequate signage so no one can find them. Many are far outside the urban growth boundary. Some are miles away from public transit.

Even if you are lucky enough to find a Metro park, don't even think about bringing your dog. Metro prohibits dogs and other pets on virtually all its parklands. But, if you're rich enough to own a horse or mountain bike, Metro's newest park has 10 miles of trails for horseback riding and mountain biking.

Metro's parks program is awash in tax money. There is no justification for this property tax levy, regardless of its stated purpose.

VOTE NO ON 26-225

For more information follow us at OregonWatchdog.com

(This information furnished by Jason Williams, Taxpayers Association of Oregon)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

VOTE NO ON 26-225: METRO HAS ENOUGH PARKS MONEY

Metro says they need more of your tax money for their parks and nature program.

They don't need the money because Metro's parks and nature program is already sitting on \$450 million of taxpayer money from the 2019 parks and nature bond measure.

Now, only three years later, they're asking for \$98 million more. They always want more.

Where does all that money go?

VOTE NO ON BUREAUCRATIC BLOAT

A huge chunk of the money goes into a black hole of bureaucratic bloat. Metro's own oversight committee reports that over the past three years, 30% of parks and nature spending has been on "administration."

Last year, Metro spent more than twice as much on administration as it did on park improvements and operations.

YOU PAY THE TAXES, BUT YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED ON THE LAND

More than 80% of the land bought by Metro is completely off-limits to the region's residents and taxpayers. Metro won't even show them on a map because they don't want you to know where they are.

Most of the land Metro buys is outside of the region's urban growth boundary. Many of these parcels are zoned farm or forest land and there are no plans to expand the UGB in that direction. These lands don't need any protecting.

NO NEW METRO TAXES

Metro already taxes your home. Metro already taxes your garbage and recycling. Metro already taxes your personal income. Metro already taxes your business income.

Everywhere you turn, Metro is reaching into your pocket for more of your money. Metro's pushing hard to impose tolling and congestion pricing on everyone in the Portland region. And, they want to tax you to make traffic jams worse.

Metro wants to tax every dollar you earn and every mile you drive. Tell Metro enough is enough. Vote no on Metro's latest tax grab.

VOTE NO ON 26-225

(This information furnished by Eric Fruits, Cascade Policy Institute)

Measure 26-224 / Portland Community College

Ballot Title

Bonds to construct job training space, improve classrooms, safety, technology

Question: Shall Portland Community College renovate and modernize facilities, estimated to maintain current tax rate by issuing \$450 million in bonds? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: Measure authorizes up to \$450 million in principal amount of general obligation bonds for facilities and equipment. Measure not expected to increase tax rates above previous targets, because outstanding debt is scheduled to decline.

If approved, this measure would finance capital costs, including:

- Updated classrooms, technology, facilities, equipment to provide students with modern higher education and job training spaces, including flexible hybrid learning options.
- Improved accessibility for people with disabilities.
- Increased facility lifespan and efficiency through ventilation system upgrades, plumbing, electrical.
- Improved campus safety, lighting, transit stops.
- Expanded career technical education facilities in Washington County.
- Rebuilt/modernized Rock Creek, Sylvania facilities/classrooms.
- Site improvements, demolition, furnishing, equipping, acquiring land, bond issuance costs.

Regular audits to ensure funds are used as intended. Bonds may be issued in one or more series, with each series maturing in 16 years or less. Bond cost estimated to maintain fiscal year 2022 rate of 38 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. Actual rates may differ and depend on interest rates incurred and assessed value growth.

Explanatory Statement

Portland Community College (PCC) is the largest post-secondary institution in Oregon. Nearly 50,000 full and part-time students in Multnomah, Washington, Yamhill, Clackamas and Columbia counties attend Portland Community College to obtain career training and further their education.

This proposed bond measure would fund projects that make higher education more accessible and provide lifelong learning opportunities for all members of our community. These investments would serve hundreds of thousands of Oregonians over the life of this bond, funding improvements to job training and learning spaces, modernizing technology, enhancing campus health, safety, and accessibility, updating classrooms to support hybrid learning—with some students learning in the classroom, while others participate remotely. It would save taxpayer dollars by making campuses more energy efficient and sustainable.

If approved, bond proceeds are expected to include the following capital investments:

- **Updated classrooms, technology, facilities, and equipment** to provide students with modern higher education and job training spaces, including flexible hybrid-learning options—providing students with the flexibility and options to balance their education with other responsibilities.
- **Improved facilities and updated technology** to provide up-to-date job training spaces that can be adapted as businesses' needs evolve, so students graduate with the skills they need to compete in today's economy.
- **Improved accessibility for people with disabilities.**

- **Increased facility lifespan and efficiency** through heating and cooling upgrades and updated plumbing and electrical, to conserve operation expenses.
- **Addressing health and safety precautions**, including improved building ventilation and campus lighting, transit stops.
- **Renovating aging facilities** at Rock Creek and Sylvania. PCC would also expand technical career education in Washington County.
- Site improvements, demolition, furnishing, equipping, acquiring land, bond issuance costs.

The proposed bond projects would support students regardless of their zip code, background, or family circumstances, so that anyone who wants a college education would have access to one.

What would the bond cost?

Because of expiring bonds, the PCC bond measure is estimated to maintain current tax rates for local homeowners. If voters approve the bond it is expected to maintain the fiscal year 2022 rate of \$0.38 per \$1,000 of assessed value for 16 years. The taxpayer cost would be \$95 per year or \$7.92 per month for property with an assessed value of \$250,000. Assessed value is generally lower than market value.

The total principal amount of bonds authorized would not exceed \$450 million. Actual rates may differ and depend on interest rates incurred and assessed value growth.

Accountability

Funds from the bond would go directly to the projects that are expected to help achieve the goals outlined above. PCC would emphasize openness and transparency so that the public can track how funds from the bonds are spent, including a continuation of auditing to ensure funds are used as intended.

Submitted by:

Eric Blumenthal, Vice President, Finance and Administration
Portland Community College

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Please join us in voting YES on Measure 26-224!

Over the years, taxpayers in our district have invested in the future of our community by supporting Portland Community College. And as PCC's elected board members, we have worked hard to return on those investments.

We aim to educate a skilled workforce, prepare students to successfully transfer to four-year schools, enrich the community through lifelong learning, build a greener workforce and shrink our carbon footprint, and be a sound financial steward of public dollars.

This bond renewal will enable PCC to continue to build on that foundation of success, and make sure that students in every community have equal opportunities to get the skills they need to succeed, regardless of their zip code, background, or family circumstances.

This bond will:

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- Update classrooms, technology, facilities, and equipment to provide students with modern higher education and job training spaces, including flexible hybrid-learning options—providing students with the flexibility and options to balance their education with other responsibilities.
- Improve accessibility for people with disabilities.
- Increase facility lifespan and efficiency through heating and cooling upgrades and updated plumbing and electrical, to conserve operation expenses.
- Address health and safety precautions, including improved building ventilation and campus lighting, transit stops.
- Renovate aging facilities at Rock Creek and Sylvania, and expand technical career education in Washington County.

And because of expiring bonds, this PCC bond measure is estimated to maintain current tax rates for local homeowners.

We are proud of what our bond program has built, and committed to providing up to date information on the planning and implementation of these projects – that information can be found at <https://www.pcc.edu/about/bond/>.

Please join us in voting YES on Measure 26-224!

Tiffani Penson, Chair (Zone 2)

Laurie Cremona Wagner, Vice Chair (Zone 1)

Michael Sonnleitner, OCCA Board Representative (Zone 3)

Serin Bussell, PCC Foundation Board Representative (Zone 4)

Dan Saltzman (Zone 5)

Mohamed Alyajouri (Zone 6)

Kristi Wilson, Secretary (Zone 7)

(This information furnished by Michael Cox, Yes for PCC)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Business Leaders Are Voting YES for PCC

As business leaders in the metro area, we support Portland Community College’s bond renewal because PCC graduates are our employees, our managers, our directors – and for some of us – the heads of our companies and our industries.

PCC creates the skilled workers that our local businesses need to succeed, grow, and create more living-wage jobs so that people can afford to live here. This measure makes sure that PCC can continue to contribute to the vibrancy of Portland’s economic community.

And this measure ensures that Portland Community College can continue to provide high-quality education, so students get the skills and job training they need to build successful careers in today’s economy. There are a record number of job openings in Oregon, but a lack of skilled workers to fill them. For every seven unemployed people, there are 10 jobs available.

PCC graduates students with the skills and training to fill the positions we need. For

example, PCC offers certificates and degrees in:

- Bioscience
- Building Construction
- Computer Science
- Education
- Engineering
- Health Information Management
- Manufacturing
- Medical Professions & Nursing

This measure is a smart investment for our future. As Oregon's largest post-secondary institution, with more than 50,000 students, investing in PCC will serve hundreds of thousands of Oregonians over the life of this bond.

Join business leaders across the region and vote YES on Measure 26-224!

Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce
Cascade Web Development
Neil Kelly Company
Tigard Chamber of Commerce
Portland Business Alliance
Westside Economic Alliance

(This information furnished by Michael Cox, Yes for PCC)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Community Leaders You Trust are Voting YES for PCC

Community-based organizations across the region support Measure 26-224, because PCC's bond renewal isn't just about building a community college – it's about building a community.

Portland Community College's students don't have all the advantages – in fact, more than 50% of students face food or housing insecurity or have experienced homelessness.

This measure makes sure that students in every community have equal opportunities to get the skills they need to succeed, regardless of their zip code, background, or family circumstances.

- PCC supports underserved and underrepresented communities by providing a less expensive, more accessible path to a college degree.
- PCC teaches the skills necessary to secure better paying jobs – strengthening families and communities as a result.
- PCC creates the skilled workers that our local businesses need to succeed, grow, and create more living-wage jobs so that people can afford to live here.
- PCC is actively working to increase equity and inclusion by recruiting diverse faculty, administrators and staff.
- PCC is doing its part to combat climate change. The college is a nationally recognized leader in the higher education community for sustainability and climate action.
- PCC supports metro area youth by offering advanced courses for high schoolers, GED

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programs, and an affordable pathway to a four-year degree.

- PCC supports people who are unemployed and underemployed, by offering training courses for individuals re-entering the workforce or changing careers.
- PCC supports students with jobs, children at home, or other commitments, by offering options to go to college online, in person, or both.
- PCC partners with community organizations across the region to provide opportunities and services we have all come to count on.

We support PCC because PCC supports the community.

Join us and vote YES for on M26-224

Columbia Pacific Building Trades
IBEW Local 48
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Multnomah County Democratic Party
Washington County Democratic Party
Clackamas County Democratic Party

(This information furnished by Michael Cox, Yes for PCC)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

ELECTED LEADERS URGE A YES VOTE ON 26-224

Now, more than ever, access to affordable education is critical to the future of our community and the people who want to make a home here for themselves and their family.

But economic opportunity is not reaching everyone equally. Less than half of people from Oregon's communities of color have an associate degree or higher. People from marginalized communities face barriers to getting their degree, like lack of childcare, the cost of tuition, unreliable transportation, and inadequate culturally-informed support on campus keep these students from reaching their full potential.

Measure 26-224, PCC's bond measure, would fund projects that make higher education more accessible and provide lifelong learning opportunities for all members of our community.

Your YES vote will:

- Make sure that students in every community have equal opportunities to get the skills they need to succeed, regardless of their zip code, background, or family circumstances. And as the state's largest college, these investments will serve hundreds of thousands of Oregonians over the life of this bond.
- Ensure that Portland Community College can continue to provide the high-quality education for students to get the skills and job training they need to build successful careers in today's economy.
- Maintain the current estimated tax rate of .38 per \$1,000 of assessed value, because previous bonds are expiring.

PCC's bond measure is a smart investment for today and tomorrow.

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And because older bonds are expiring, your YES vote will not increase your current tax rate but will allow PCC to invest \$450 million across our region. Taxpayer oversight includes annual audits.

We urge you to vote YES!

State Senator Michael Dembrow
State Senator Akasha Lawrence Spence
State Representative Zach Hudson
State Representative Ricki Ruiz
State Representative Janelle Bynum
State Representative Rachel Prusak
State Representative Andrea Valderrama
State Representative Karin A. Power
State Representative Maxine Dexter
State Representative Khanh Pham
State Representative Lisa Reynolds

(This information furnished by Michael Cox, Yes for PCC)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Please vote YES for PCC!

PCC helps to train and educate a wide variety of students throughout the region. Students representing every age group, income level and cultural background are seeking vocational training, technical degrees, or a jump start to a 4-year degree.

This measure ensures that PCC can continue to provide the high-quality education for students to get the skills and job training they need to build successful careers in today's economy.

That requires the most up-to-date technology and classrooms to prepare students for their future careers. When our students graduate, they go on to compete with students from across the nation – and in order to help them secure the jobs they've trained for, PCC needs up-to-date tools and facilities.

If passed, this bond will:

- Update technology and equipment to provide students with modern higher education and greater flexibility for hybrid learning.
- Improve accessibility for people with disabilities.
- Improve facilities and technology to provide students with up-to-date job training spaces that can be adapted as businesses' needs evolve.
- Enhance health and safety and the lifespan of facilities.

Today, students are turning more to local community colleges and online courses to access higher education. To meet that demand, PCC must continue providing its students with up-to-date training and tools. Join us in voting YES on this bond so we can continue to do that.

Please vote YES for PCC!

(This information furnished by Michael Cox, Yes for PCC)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

A college education is something I've always aspired to. It's been a dream of mine—something that I wanted my whole life, and something that I tried to get my whole life. But it wasn't always available to me.

I live with a progressive form of multiple sclerosis, and I use a wheelchair. Before the pandemic, I was working at a retail job, and as my MS progressed, I was having trouble getting accommodations. I found myself unemployed, and had difficulty finding new employment.

So I decided to go back to school, and see what I could do to help other people with disabilities—to help employers think about disability differently, including how to create inclusive environments where people can thrive.

I enrolled at PCC just before the pandemic, and by that summer, everything was remote. In fact, if it weren't for the pandemic, and the remote learning opportunities it provided, I wouldn't have been able to go to PCC. I was able to excel and really thrive in the PCC community thanks to remote and hybrid access.

I now work as an accessibility advocate with PCC, and work on projects that connect students with employers. I will graduate next year with two years of work experience in the field I want to work in. I'll have an associates degree in sociology, and I plan to pursue further education in the field of disability studies.

Thanks to PCC, I'm getting close to the life I've always dreamed of.

I'm supporting PCC's bond measure because it will help change the lives of students all over our region. The bond invests in the technology and space needed for hybrid learning so that every student has the access and flexibility they need to go to college.

Voting YES will make an extraordinary difference in the lives of thousands of people and families throughout the five counties that PCC serves – people just like me.

Precious Golden, PCC student

(This information furnished by Michael Cox, Yes for PCC)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Although PCC provides valuable services, let's take a closer look at this proposal: This is a BAD bond.

This vague proposal mostly funds small non-capital items and routine maintenance better addressed through the annual budgeting process. It makes no sense to tax ourselves on the credit card for 16 years in order to purchase office computers (what they call unspecified "classroom technology") that will last only three.

PCC has seen 23% declining enrollment and has **no medium-term need for expanded facilities**. Too often, education bonds turn into slush funds for crony contractors who turn our campuses into never-ending building projects. Backed by perpetual bond measures, many

PCC facilities are overbuilt and under-used.

At a time of rising inflation and interest rates, this bond won't go very far, yet it will raise the cost of living for homeowners and renters alike, while having a **disproportionate impact on seniors** living on fixed incomes. Although PCC says your taxes won't go up because their previous blank check is expiring, read the fine print: **“actual rates may differ and depend on interest rates.”**

Managing the public debt and tax burden is one of the most important duties vested to the voters by the Constitution of Oregon. We should **conserve our \$450,000,000.00 debt capacity** to address the critical infrastructure needs affecting our region: rebuilding our decaying and earthquake-vulnerable bridges and hardening our water resources in the face of environmental challenges.

We urge you to vote **NO**.

Multnomah Libertarians (PAC 22306) multnomahlibertarians.com twitter.com/MultCoLiberty

(This information furnished by Thomas J Busse, Multnomah Libertarians)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION OF OREGON URGES NO VOTE ON 26-224

In 2017, Portland Community College imposed **\$185 million in new property taxes** for construction projects. Look at the Voters' Pamphlet from that measure—PCC had 78,000 students.

Five years later, and now **PCC wants another \$485 million** of your money. Look at the Explanatory Statement for this measure—today PCC has only 50,000 students. PCC's enrollment has gone down by 35%. **PCC has lost 28,000 students over the past 5 years!** PCC says some of the money will be used for “flexible hybrid learning options.” That means more online instruction and less in-class instruction. OPB reports 50% of PCC classes this fall will be a hybrid format.

PCC doesn't need fancy building remodels if enrollment is down and many of the class are taught online.

PCC spent more than **\$6 million** from the 2017 taxes to remodel the welding shop at Building 2 of the Rock Creek Campus. The welding shop remodel was completed **just last year**. Now, according to the Portland Tribune, **PCC want to use your tax money to tear down and rebuild the entire building**. Apparently that \$6 million of taxpayer money was wasted.

PCC is a sinking ship. It's losing students and wasting your tax dollars. It won't be bailed out by even more of your taxes.

TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION OF OREGON URGES A NO VOTE ON 26-224

For more information follow us at OregonWatchdog.com.

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Measure 34-321 / Beaverton School District

Ballot Title

Renew Beaverton Schools Levy to Preserve Teachers, Protect Class Sizes

Question: Shall district preserve 286 teachers, protect class sizes, by renewing 5-year levy, \$1.25 per \$1,000 assessed value, beginning in 2023? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: Beaverton School District's local option levy currently funds 286 teaching positions, allocated to every school in the district: 150 to Beaverton's elementary schools, 48 to middle schools, 68 to high schools and 20 to option schools. The district serves nearly 40,000 children in 54 schools.

Renewing the levy would allow Beaverton schools to maintain these teaching positions, protect class sizes, and help ensure students are prepared for post-high school learning and career success, without raising taxes.

Voters in 2013 and 2018 approved local option levies that have raised \$271 million; 100% has remained in Beaverton schools to fund teaching positions and protect class sizes.

Renewing the levy for 5 years would continue the current tax rate, \$1.25 per \$1,000 assessed property value. The owner of a home with an average assessed value of about \$303,000 would continue to pay less than \$32 per month.

The levy is projected to raise \$205 million over five years:

2023-24: \$39 million

2024-25: \$40 million

2025-26: \$41 million

2026-27: \$42 million

2027-28: \$43 million

Explanatory Statement

Levy Renewal

Beaverton School District serves more than 39,000 students in 54 schools. In 2013, voters approved a local option levy to restore teaching positions that had been cut due to repeated state funding shortfalls. In 2018, voters renewed the levy to maintain teaching positions. These levies have raised \$271 million, and 100% has remained in Beaverton schools to fund teaching positions and protect class sizes.

This measure would renew the local option levy at the current tax rate for five years, to continue to pay for teachers in Beaverton schools.

Levy-funded teaching positions are allocated to every school in the district, ensuring that students across the district, regardless of their neighborhood or background, have access to effective teachers and support to thrive in school and after graduation.

The levy funds nearly 300 teachers across the district. In the current school year, the levy pays for:

- 150 teaching positions in Beaverton's 34 elementary schools. If the levy renewal is not passed, 2 to 8 positions at each elementary school would potentially be eliminated.
- 48 teaching positions in Beaverton's 9 middle schools. If the levy renewal is not passed,

4 to 6 positions at each middle school would potentially be eliminated.

- 68 teaching positions in Beaverton's 6 high schools. If the levy renewal is not passed, 9 to 15 positions at each high school would potentially be eliminated.
- 20 teaching positions in Beaverton's 5 option schools. If the levy renewal is not passed, 1 to 5 positions at each option school would potentially be eliminated.

Renewing the levy will allow Beaverton schools to preserve these teaching positions, maintain class sizes, and help ensure students are prepared for post-high school learning and career success, all without raising the tax rate.

Prevent Budget Cuts

The current local option levy expires in June 2023. If the levy is not renewed, the Beaverton School District would have to reduce its budget by at least \$39 million dollars, the equivalent of eliminating nearly 300 teaching positions and increasing class sizes by an average of six students per class.

A local option levy is different from a capital bond measure, like the one passed by Beaverton voters in May 2022. By Oregon law, bond funds must be spent on capital construction projects and other infrastructure, like technology and transportation. Bond money cannot pay for teaching positions.

Cost of the Levy

The local option levy rate is \$1.25 per \$1,000 assessed property value (not market value). A homeowner with an average assessed property value of \$303,021 would continue to pay less than \$32 a month for the levy.

Same Tax Rate

If the levy renewal is approved, the tax rate would remain the same. The average Beaverton homeowner would continue to pay about \$32 a month to provide funding for teaching positions through 2028.

Accountability

100% of the levy funds goes to pay for teaching positions. None goes to administration. All funds stay in Beaverton schools. Ongoing reports to the public ensure that funds are used as intended.

Submitted by:

Gustavo Balderas, Superintendent
Beaverton School District

No arguments in Opposition to this Measure were filed.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

We're voting YES for Beaverton's Teachers and Students!

We are the volunteer Beaverton School Board members. Our goal is to provide the best possible education to children in our community and ensure every student is prepared for post-high school success.

Teachers are the backbone of our schools. Funding teachers ensures that our students'

needs are being met. Students across the district, regardless of their background, deserve access to effective teachers and support to thrive both in school and after graduation.

Please join us in voting YES on Measure 34-32 to renew the local option levy at the current tax rate for five years, and protect nearly 300 teachers in Beaverton schools.

VOTE YES TO PROTECT BEAVERTON SCHOOLS, TEACHERS AND CLASS SIZES

Measure 34-321 will allow Beaverton schools to preserve nearly 300 teaching positions, protect class sizes, and help ensure students are prepared for post-high school success, all without raising tax rates.

SAME LOW TAX RATE

The renewal provides funding for teaching positions through 2023 at the same tax rate we pay today. An average Beaverton homeowner would continue to pay less than \$32 a month. That's a small price to pay to maintain teaching positions and protect class sizes.

PREVENTS PAINFUL CUTS

Without the levy renewal, the Beaverton School District will be forced to cut its budget by at least \$39 million, risking nearly 300 teaching positions and increasing class sizes by an average of six students per class. Beaverton schools need the levy renewal to prevent painful cuts.

100% OF DOLLARS STAY IN THE CLASSROOM TO FUND TEACHERS JOIN US IN SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS!

Tom Colett, School Board Chair

Dr. Karen Pérez, School Board Vice Chair, Yes for Beaverton Schools co-chair

Sunita Garg, School Board Member, Yes for Beaverton Schools co-chair

Susan Greenberg, School Board Member

Eric Simpson, School Board Member

Ugonna Enyinnaya, School Board Member

Becky Tymchuk, School Board Member

(This information furnished by Inna Levin)

Measure 26-227 / David Douglas School District

Ballot Title

Bonds to Increase Safety, Security; Repair, Update Schools; Vocational Education

Question: Shall District increase safety, security, emergency communications; repair, update schools; construct career technical education center; issue \$140.32 million in bonds? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: David Douglas School District will receive state matching funds of \$8,000,000 if bonds are approved.

Bonds would finance capital costs to fund projects that:

- Improve Health, Safety & Security:

- o Secure entries at Elementary Schools
- o New emergency communications systems
- o Air quality improvements; filtration, heating, cooling
- o Emergency generators
- o Replace fire safety systems
- o Remove asbestos ceilings
- Update, Repair Aging Schools:
 - o Electrical, roofing, flooring, lighting, plumbing improvements
 - o Exterior repairs: windows, sidings, lighting, replace track surfaces
- Expand Student Opportunities:
 - o New CTE, STEM, Hands on Learning center at High School
 - o Provide additional instructional space
- Additional capital costs including site improvements, facility renovations and/or additions, land acquisition, demolition, furnishings, equipment, accounting and bond issuance costs.

Citizen oversight committee, audits required

Bonds may be issued in multiple series; each maturing within 33 years from issuance. Principal amount of bonds limited to \$140,320,000. Estimated increase in tax rate is \$0.88 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Actual levy rate may differ due to changes in interest rates and assessed value.

Explanatory Statement

The David Douglas School District serves approximately 8,500 students in 9 elementaries, 3 middle and 2 high school campuses.

The average age of District buildings is 61 years. The oldest school is Alice Ott Middle School, built in 1937, and most schools were constructed in the 1950's.

The District conducted a thorough assessment of its facilities and found schools face challenges including:

- **Health, Safety & Security**
 - o There are 11 schools in the District that do not have secured entries.
 - o Most schools in the District have fire safety systems, intercoms and other safety measures that are either obsolete, aging, or do not meet current standards.
 - o Classroom temperatures vary widely, HVAC and air handling systems are aging, and inefficient.

- **Aging Buildings**

Buildings across the District have major systems like electrical, HVAC, roofs and plumbing that have reached the end of their usable life.

- **Lack of Space for CTE and STEM**

The main buildings at David Douglas High School were built in 1954 and are out of date for today's educational needs. Spaces for hands-on learning like CTE and STEM are either too small or not adequate for current technology.

- **Demand for Preschool Exceeds Available Space**

Currently the demand for early childhood learning exceeds available preschool spaces at elementary schools.

Community identified priorities: In 2021, after the completion of an independent school facility evaluation, the District formed a bond advisory committee that gathered public input on the needs of school buildings. This committee put forth a recommended plan to improve every school in the District to the school board.

School Board refers bond, seeks community support. The school board seeks voter approval of a \$140.32 million general obligation bond.

The Bond is expected to fund the following improvements:

- **Improve Health, Safety & Security:**

- Secure entries at 11 schools currently without them
- New emergency communications systems
- Air quality improvements; filtration, heating, cooling
- Emergency generators
- Replace fire safety systems
- Remove asbestos ceilings

- **Update, Repair Aging Schools:**

- Electrical, roofing, flooring, lighting, plumbing improvements
- Exterior repairs: windows, siding, lighting, replace track surfaces

- **Expand Student Opportunities:**

- Construct the Future Careers Center a new CTE, STEM, hands-on-learning building at David Douglas High School
- Provide additional instructional space

- **Invest in Space for Preschool & Early Learning**

Remodel and renovate the North Powellhurst building on SE 135th Ave. to create a preschool hub.

- **Additional capital costs** including site improvements, facility renovations and/or additions, land acquisition, demolition, furnishings, equipment, accounting and bond issuance costs.

Community bond oversight committee will monitor bond progress and issue reports to the community, audits required.

Bonds may be issued in multiple series; each maturing within 33 years from issuance. Principal amount of bonds limited to \$140,320,000. Estimated increase in tax rate is \$0.88 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Actual levy rate may differ due to changes in interest rates and assessed value.

Submitted by:

Patt Komar, Director of Administrative Services

David Douglas School District

No arguments in Opposition to this Measure were filed.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Firefighters, police and doctors all agree: Vote Yes for Measure 26-227 for SAFER, SECURE & HEALTHIER Schools

As public safety and health professionals, we know it's our responsibility to do everything we can to keep our community safe.

When it comes to school safety, the headlines across the nation are all too frequent and similar. It's an unfortunate fact that in today's world, our schools must be ready to respond to any manner of threat.

Right now our David Douglas school buildings leave our kids—and the adults who care for them—vulnerable. Measure 26-227 will change that.

Safety and Security:

- We need to know who is in our buildings. There are 11 schools in the district that do not have secured entries. This bond will place new secured entry vestibules in these vulnerable schools.
- Staff must be able to quickly respond to emergency situations. In emergencies such as an active shooter or fire on school grounds, the ability to respond quickly literally saves lives. This bond measure helps us do that—funding new emergency communications and fire safety systems that help keep students and staff safe in the case of imminent danger.

Healthy Schools:

- Classroom temperatures vary widely, HVAC and air handling systems are aging, inefficient and in some cases nonexistent. Updated systems will ensure our schools are safe and places of refuge for our community in future heat and smoke events. The HVAC projects in the proposed bond would replace or upgrade the oldest HVAC units.

The David Douglas School Bond will help keep our kids, and the adults who care for them, safe & healthy. Please join us in voting yes.

Isaac McLennan IAFF Local 43, Portland Firefighters Association
Sheriff Michael Reese, Multnomah County Sheriff
Dr. Sharon Meieran, Multnomah County Commissioner, District 1
Tom Potter, Former Portland Police Chief & Former Mayor
David Goldberg, Public Health Specialist
Jeffrey Osborne, NP
Joyce Beedle RN, BSN

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(This information furnished by Stephanie D. Stephens, David Douglas Community for Schools)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

As David Douglas School Board Members, we're honored to state our unanimous, firm and unequivocal support for Measure 26-227

As volunteer School Board Members we know schools build stronger communities, which is why this November's Bond is so important. Large-scale repairs and safety upgrades are urgently needed in our aging facilities.

Our community has always come together to invest in education. This bond will help maintain district facilities and provides vital hands-on learning spaces for our kids. Better schools provide opportunities for student success and increase the value of our homes.

This bond will raise \$140 million for David Douglas schools and generate \$8 million in state matching funds.

We referred this measure to voters for four key reasons:

- 1) **Health, Safety & Security**
- 2) **Aging Buildings**
- 3) **Lack of Space for CTE and STEAM**
- 4) **Demand for Preschool Exceeds Available Space**

Measure 26-227 will address these areas of concern.

Safer, Healthier Schools

This bond prioritizes the health and safety of our students and staff. It constructs safe entryways at 11 of our schools that currently lack them. It also makes urgent improvements to emergency communications and fire/life safety systems. Our students and teachers deserve to feel safe at school.

Protect Our Community's Investment in Our School Buildings

The bond proposal will provide critical repairs throughout the district such as replacing deteriorating roofs, improving ventilation, and making necessary plumbing and electrical upgrades so that our schools are highly functioning.

Future Careers Center at David Douglas High

A brand new building on campus will house a variety of programs that focus on hands-on learning, CTE & STEAM.

Access to Preschool

This bond will ensure our schools meet the needs of our youngest learners by renovating existing structures to house a preschool hub.

Help build a better future for our students. Join us in voting YES for our David Douglas Schools!

Donna Barber, Chair

Gabriela Saldaña-Lopez, Vice Chair

Aaron Barrow

Frieda Christopher

Heather Franklin
Hoa Nguyen
Stephanie Stephens

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(This information furnished by Stephanie D. Stephens, David Douglas Community for Schools)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

David Douglas School District's Teachers and Principals Urge a Yes on 26-227

As teachers and principals in your neighborhood schools, we go to work every day in these buildings and witness firsthand their condition and impact on our students.

We are strongly urging you to vote for Measure 26-227.

By voting YES, you will help provide the safe and healthy environments kids need for a high-quality education. **Your support will ensure our schools continue to thrive.**

Measure 26-227 is Critical for:

- **School Safety**, including secure entryways to 11 schools and fire/emergency upgrades;
- **Healthy, Functioning Buildings** through urgent, large-scale repairs;
- **Preschool Expansion**, ensuring our youngest learners get a fair start; and
- **Future Career Pathways** for our high school students.

As educators, it is our mission every day to help young people prepare for their futures. Help provide them an excellent educational environment!

Don Grotting, Former Superintendent
DDEA
OSEA

Matt Soule, Cherry Park Principal
Kathleen Lower, Cherry Park Vice Principal
Lindsay DeFazio, Earl Boyles Principal
Heidi Buckner, Earl Boyles Vice Principal
Carlie Perez, Earl Boyles
Natalie Wolf, Gilbert Heights Vice Principal
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Sarah Phillips, Menlo Park Principal
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Lydia Smith, Ventura Park Principal
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Holly Schauer, Alice Ott Principal
Erick Flores, Alice Ott ESL TEacher

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Gregory Carradine, David Douglas HS Principal
Amy Straw, Fir Ridge Campus Principal
Shawna Myers, David Douglas Online Academy Principal
Sheri McGahey, SAS at Menlo Park
Tera Price, Champions After School Care
Aidé Juárez Valerio, Family & Community Partnership Coordinator

DD EDUCATORS AND PRINCIPALS URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-227 FOR BETTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS!

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(This information furnished by Gabriela Saldana-Lopez, David Douglas Community for Schools)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

David Douglas District's Community Groups are Voting YES on 26-227 to Invest in Our Schools!

The David Douglas School District is one of the most diverse school districts in the entire state.

That diversity is a source of pride and strength for our community and our children deserve excellent public schools where they can learn, grow, thrive and graduate ready for whatever path they choose for their future.

The promise of equal access to public education is an integral component of the foundation of the American dream. David Douglas is a community that champions our working families, our communities of color and recent immigrants and refugees. We can affirm these values by passing Measure 26-227, building safe and healthy schools for every David Douglas student.

As the Portland metro grows, the demographics of our community - and of David Douglas students - are changing. David Douglas Schools serves over 8,300 students; 68% of whom identify racially as "nonwhite." An investment in reliably excellent public schools for every student is a crucial component of making sure every community succeeds.

Measure 26-227 is an investment in that diverse future:

- Safer and healthier schools
- Schools where the building systems function
- A center for 21st century hands-on learning and careers of the future

- An early learning hub to meet the growing demand for preschool

The children of our community need these critical improvements. Far too often our community fails to get the necessary investments it needs. This is our chance to raise funds right here in David Douglas, of which 100% will be spent in our community.

We urge you to join us in voting yes on Measure 26-227.

APANO

Assoc. of Russian Speaking Compatriots

CAIRO

East County Rising

East European Coalition

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon

HOLLA Mentors

Latino Network

Unite Oregon Action

United Communities of Oregon

Somali Oregon Service Center

The Voices Project

Vietnamese Community of Oregon

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(This information furnished by Hoa Nguyen, David Douglas Community for Schools)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

David Douglas Business Leaders Say: EDUCATION IS THE FOUNDATION OF OUR ECONOMY

Measure 26-227 is an efficient investment in a better future of our community.

As leaders and entrepreneurs of businesses large and small in David Douglas, we are asking you to please vote YES on Measure 26-227. Excellent public schools are necessary for building and retaining a quality workforce, supporting existing businesses and attracting new ones, and that's why we urge a YES vote on Measure 26-227 for David Douglas schools.

Providing safe, healthy and updated schools will improve student achievement, teacher performance and academic outcomes. Teachers, staff and students will all greatly benefit from a cost-effective investment in classrooms that will enhance learning opportunities.

Future Careers Center

We are especially excited about the proposed Future Careers Center at David Douglas High.

The Future Careers Center will be a brand new building on campus housing a variety of hands-on learning programs, including CTE & STEAM. This investment will provide local employers with students who graduate career-ready in a variety of fields.

Local Employment

100% of bond funds will stay right here in our community, providing jobs and opportunity for local construction companies, manufacturers, architecture firms and the labor these industries employ.

Accountable

Businesses know how important accountability is when making investments. This is an accountable and transparent public investment. We believe this bond makes good financial sense and we have confidence in the transparency of this work; the bond will be subject to public accountability measures, including audits and citizen review.

Join Local Businesses in Supporting Measure 26-227

Kenneth Thrasher	Former CEO, Fred Meyer
Fred Sanchez	Gateway Area Business Assoc.
Adam Sullivan	Food Fight Grocery
Karla Nolt	Jet Black Coffee
Debra White	Liberty Coin/Time Capsule Antiques
Saysana Jeung	Lily Market
Lisa Parks	Lisa Parks Insurance and Financial Services
Hipolito Saldaña	Los Arcos Mexican Food
John Horner	Pizza Hut
Derek Franklin	SE Cooper Contemporary Art
Mandy Hurley	Simple Sundries

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(This information furnished by Aaron Brown, David Douglas Community For Schools)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

YES to Modern Hands-On Learning

Education is changing. Students today are seeking a variety of college and career pathways through the addition of vocational programs and job training programs. Now more than ever we need to invest in hands-on learning/career technical education that supports career pathways after graduation in fields such as construction, healthcare, engineering, culinary arts and more.

Unfortunately there is a lack of space for hands-on learning opportunities in the David Douglas School District. The main buildings at David Douglas High were built in 1954 and are out of date for today's educational needs. Spaces for hands-on learning like CTE and STEAM are either too small or nonexistent.

FUTURE CAREERS CENTER

The largest single proposed investment in Measure 26-227 is the Future Careers Center at David Douglas High.

This will be a brand new building on campus housing a variety of hands-on learning

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programs, such as CTE & STEAM.

The Bond will also expand flexible education spaces at elementary schools across the district so that younger learners can experience exciting and fun programs in CTE, STEAM and more.

This bond is essential to ensure our students have the safe and modern learning environments they deserve. Join Local Labor Unions in Voting YES for 26-227 and **help give our students the opportunities to succeed in whatever career path they choose.**

Garth Bachman	IBEW Local 48
Derron Coles	Blueprint
Margaret Burke	Converge 45
Charlie Dobson	Converge 45

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(This information furnished by Heather Franklin, David Douglas Community for Schools)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS SUPPORT DAVID DOUGLAS SCHOOL BOND

**“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”
—Benjamin Franklin**

As elected officials of all levels, we are coming together to strongly support the David Douglas School Bond and urge you to join us in supporting this vital measure for our schools. Some of us are also parents of kids in David Douglas schools and others are graduates of our local public education system.

Investing in our public schools is one of the smartest things we can do as a community.

A great public school system is vital to our economy, our neighborhoods, our communities and is critical if we want a community that is inclusive, accessible and open for everyone.

By voting **YES on Measure 26-227 for DAVID DOUGLAS Schools** this November, we will help our schools provide the safe and healthy environments kids need for a high-quality education.

Your support will ensure our schools continue to thrive.

Measure 26-227 would raise \$140 million to fund improvements including safety, air ventilation and plumbing, roofs, electrical upgrades, security upgrades, and other repairs and updates. The bond provides a dedicated space for hands-on learning at the new Future Careers Center building emphasizing CTE & STEAM at the High School. Additionally, the bond will meet the needs of our youngest learners by investing in space for an Early Learning hub.

Join us! Show your support for our local Schools by voting YES on Measure 26-227.

Jeff Merkley US Senator

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Earl Blumenauer US Congressman
Michael Dembrow Senator Dist. 23
Kayse Jama Senator Dist. 24
Khanh Pham Representative Dist. 46
Jeff Reardon Representative Dist. 48
Andrea Valderrama Representative Dist. 47
Duncan Hwang Metro
Ashton Simpson Metro
Deborah Kafoury Chair, Multnomah County Commissioner
Susheela Jayapal Multnomah County Commissioner
Dr. Sharon Meieren Multnomah County Commissioner
Lori Stegmann Multnomah County Commissioner
Jessica Vega Pederson Multnomah County Commissioner
Jessica Arzate MESD
Katrina Doughty MESD
Helen Ying MESD
Libra Forde NCCSB
Annette Mattson MHCCD

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(This information furnished by Stephanie D. Stephens, David Douglas Community For Schools)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

We're Retired and We Support Measure 26-227

As retired community members, we worry about our budgets, and know many fellow seniors live on a fixed income.

But we also know a good investment when we see it. We care deeply about the education of our David Douglas children and know that strong schools are critical for the strength and vitality of our community.

Measure 26-227 is a good and reasonable investment that will ensure our community's school facilities last longer, and provide our students with a safe and healthy learning environment. This measure will make improvements in ventilation systems, replace roofs, and add safety upgrades to interior locking doors and entry systems at schools across the district. **This bond will also build a Future Careers Center at David Douglas High School—a modern vocational and technical education building to give students critical skills to graduate career-ready.**

Additionally, we know upgrading outdated technology is critical to ensuring our students are successful leaders in the future. This bond will pay for necessary infrastructure upgrades.

Our community is a great place to live and raise a family. As parts of our community continue to evolve, demand for things like early childhood education grows as well.

This bond measure will help maintain the investment we have already made in David Douglas Schools, and increase the value of our homes.

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David Douglas School District is **well-managed and responsible with our tax dollars**. Plus, we can count on them to provide accountability and transparency with the investments they make through regular reporting and audits. We trust David Douglas to get this bond done on time and within budget.

Invest in our Community: Vote YES on Measure 26-227 for strong schools!

- Don Grotting, Retired Superintendent
- Richard Craddick, Retired Assistant Superintendent
- John Bier, Retired DDHS Principal
- Dr Michael Cummings
- Beverly Fischer
- David Goldberg
- Karin Hansen
- Chris Hassett
- Karin Hassett
- Alrene Kimura
- Duane Larson
- Cherie-Anne May
- M. John May
- Marta Thrasher
- Linda Vancil

(This information furnished by Frieda Christopher, David Douglas Community for Schools)

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Measure 26-229 / Parkrose School District

Ballot Title

Five-Year Operating Levy for Parkrose School District

Question: Shall district retain teachers, classroom assistants by levying one dollar per one thousand dollars assessed value for five years beginning 2023? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: The Parkrose School district currently estimates a \$3.2 million dollar budget shortfall for the 23/24 school year leaving the District unable to maintain current services and programs. A \$3.2 million dollar budget reduction is equivalent to eliminating 26 teaching positions or 18 school days.

The measure, if approved, would allow the District to raise approximately \$2 million dollars per a year to retain teachers and classroom instructional assistants.

The levy would fund approximately 22 educational positions (60% teachers, 40% classroom instructional assistants) focused on:

- Keeping class sizes low at the K-2 level
- Specialists to provide career oriented electives at middle and high school level
- One educational assistant in every kindergarten in District

- Meeting state mandates requiring that every elementary student have access to physical education

The measure will raise approximately \$2,600,000 in 2023-24, \$2,700,000 in 2024-25, \$2,700,000 in 2025-26, \$2,800,000 in 2026-27, and \$2,900,000 in 2027-28, a total of \$13,700,000 over five years at a rate estimated not to exceed \$1.00 cents per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value within the District beginning July 1, 2023.

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.

Explanatory Statement

The Parkrose School District currently serves over 2,800 students in six schools and other programs throughout the Parkrose community. Parkrose School District is proud to be one of the most diverse student populations in the state. Dedicated staff provide academics, mentoring, music and arts, science, sports and physical education to help all students learn, grow and succeed.

A Record of Fiscal Stewardship

In serving the students of Parkrose, the district continuously strives to be fiscally responsible with taxpayer resources. Through many years of budget cuts, the school district and Board have worked to preserve classroom education. At the same time, Parkrose School District has advocated for a greater level of state investment by the Legislature and worked to ensure that all dollars are spent well and used for educational services for students.

In November, 2021 independent auditors gave Parkrose a clean financial bill of health and the district will continue to receive regular independent performance audits to monitor effective use of taxpayer resources.

Anticipated Budget Shortfall

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Proposed Levy to Help Retain Teachers, Education Assistants

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Fiscal accountability and independent oversight

- Regular audits ensures that all funds raised are directed to the voter-approved purpose of supporting schools.†
- This local option requires independent citizen oversight so that tax dollars are used only for purposes approved by local voters.
- Funds will be placed in a separate fund structure to ensure their correct use and accurate reporting and to prevent commingling of dollars.
- No funds from this local option levy will be used for district administration.

Estimated Tax Impact

The measure will raise approximately \$2,600,000 in 2023-24, \$2,700,000 in 2024-25, \$2,700,000 in 2025-26, \$2,800,000 in 2026-27, and \$2,900,000 in 2027-28, a total of \$13,700,000 over five years at a rate estimated not to exceed \$1.00 cents per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value within the District beginning July 1, 2023.

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Submitted by:
Michael Lopes Serrao, Superintendent
Parkrose School District

No arguments in Opposition to this Measure were filed.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The Parkrose Faculty Association enthusiastically supports and endorses the Parkrose Teacher's Levy.

As educators we see the effects that funding makes on the lives and education of our students and community; sometimes those effects show immediately. Without the proper funding, our district faces loss of approximately 22 positions, larger class sizes, and a lack of resources for programs and student opportunities.

This levy is a chance for our community to balance some of the serious inequities in how the state funds our district. All of us want to see our students succeed and our district supported financially. Our students deserve to have educational assistants in every kindergarten classroom and more opportunities for more career oriented electives for middle and high school.

Students are more successful when class sizes are small and students get more personal attention. Parkrose has been fortunate to have been able to keep most elementary class sizes low, but The Parkrose School District is facing a budget deficit that would result in elimination of 12% of educational positions in the district.

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The teachers in Parkrose choose to work in our district because they love the community. This levy will allow us to provide more programs that our students deserve at the secondary level. With the levy, Parkrose students will have more opportunity to graduate having taken more courses to make them ready for college, trades, or careers.

The Parkrose Teacher's Levy safeguards against losing the small gains Oregon has already made. We are one of the most diverse, high need student populations in the state and our community has been disproportionately impacted in recent years by the Covid pandemic. This is a chance to build our district and ensure our kids have the education they deserve at the local level.

Zachary Melzer
President | Parkrose Faculty Association

Jody Folkedahl Eppolito
Vice President | Parkrose Faculty Association

(This information furnished by Zachary H Melzer, Parkrose Faculty Association)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Your Volunteer Board Supports the Parkrose Teachers Levy!

We are your volunteer Parkrose School Board. Our mission is to ensure all students receive the academic knowledge, career skills, and community connections to grow and thrive as leaders and innovators. Students are the changemakers of our future.

As your Board, we oversee the district budget and spending. **We work to manage district resources wisely:**

- We refinanced our Bond debt, saving an estimated \$4.8 million.
- We obtained discounted bus passes for high school students, negotiating aggressively with TriMet; saving \$96,000.
- We issued two pension bonds totaling \$47.4 million; estimated present value savings over 20 years is \$9.8 million.

Despite cost-saving efforts, declining enrollment means **we face a budget shortfall for 2023-24.** (The funding received is based on the number of students enrolled.) Temporary federal money this year helped bridge the gap. Without increased enrollment or a change in state funding, we will have to cut staff and increase class sizes.

We will continue to tenaciously advocate for more state funding, because our students deserve our support.

Now we turn to you – our neighbors, friends and business owners – to support our schools.

We will ensure levy funds are used responsibly:

- We have strong financial accounting practices in place to ensure funds go directly into the classroom.
- Our district completes a full financial audit each year. The Board makes sure that any recommended changes are promptly implemented.
- We are accountable to you – our community. We worked hard to navigate state requirements to get Student Success Act funds for Physical Education at elementary, Art at PMS, family liaisons, special education, and language services. We are listening to you!

This levy will enable us to retain the teachers and assistants needed for a stable, successful learning environment. **JOIN US IN VOTING YES!**

Elizabeth Durant, Chair
 Joshua Singleton, Vice Chair
 Brenda Rivas, Board Member
 Eva-Jeanette Rawlins, Board Member
 Sonja McKenzie, Board Member

Visit YesForParkrose.org for more endorsements.

(This information furnished by Elizabeth Durant)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

As Executive Director of Elevate Oregon, a nonprofit organization serving at-risk youth in the Parkrose School District, I want to strongly endorse the passing of this Parkrose School District (PSD) Teachers levy.

Elevate Oregon builds daily mentoring relationships with youth in order to increase graduation rates and expose underserved students to career development. Elevate is uniquely and intentionally embedded within Parkrose School District classrooms and works together with district staff to reach and serve youth across the district.

PSD is our primary partner in this work, and has been instrumental in growing our program and increasing our services at a critical time for Parkrose youth. With the support of the district, we are able to offer daily, culturally responsive programming to youth in grades 3-12, with wraparound programming after school and in summer.

Since 2010, this strong collaborative relationship has improved outcomes for hundreds of high-need students, and deepened both parties' approach to issues of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Passing this levy will lend stability to our schools, enhance support for our youngest learners, and offer district students increased access to career learning.

Please join me and Elevate Oregon in supporting a YES vote this November on the Parkrose School District Teachers Levy Measure No. 26-229!

Donell Morgan, Executive Director
 Elevate Oregon

(This information furnished by Donell Morgan, Elevate Oregon)

Measure 26-237 / Corbett Fire District

Ballot Title

Corbett Fire District No. 14 General Obligation Bond Authorization

Question: Shall Corbett Fire District No. 14 issue \$4,500,000 general obligation bonds to finance capital costs, improvements and equipment? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: If approved, bond proceeds will be used to finance capital costs and improvements, including:

- Expansion and renovation of the 3 District stations to meet current District needs, including equipment storage and access and possibly seismic upgrades to existing facilities;
- Construction of 5 underground cisterns for in-district water storage throughout the District in areas where hydrants or drafting sources are impracticable or absent to aid in fire suppression and prevention;
- Construction of a training facility for volunteer drilling and training; and
- Acquisition of emergency response and other firefighting equipment.

Bonds would mature in 21 years or less from the date of issuance and may be issued in one or more series. The average annual tax rate is estimated to be \$.65 per \$1,000.00 of taxable assessed value. Actual rates may vary based upon interest rates incurred and changes in taxable assessed value. The estimated tax cost for the measure is an estimate only, based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate.

Explanatory Statement

What services does Corbett Fire District #14 provide?

Corbett Fire District #14 (the "District") provides fire, rescue and emergency services to a 40 square mile service area that includes the communities of Corbett, Springdale, Aims, Latourell, Bridal Veil, and surrounding areas with approximately 4,000 residents. This area includes many acres of wildland/urban interface, forest lands, over 2,000 acres of Oregon State Parks, Columbia and Sandy River recreation areas, Interstate 84 and Union Pacific Railroad property. In addition to and through a contract with Multnomah County, the District also provides emergency medical services to areas east of the district up to the Hood River County line. As such, and through a vigorous and broad-based training program, District firefighters are skilled and experienced in water and rope rescues; emergency medical services; vehicle, wildland and residential fires; trail rescues and; vehicle accidents, among others.

These services are provided by a force of 31 volunteer firefighters, a paid part-time Fire Chief and a paid part-time Office Administrator. The District responds to approximately 550 calls per year from three fire stations strategically located in Corbett, Springdale and Aims.

How would the funds be used?

It is anticipated that the \$4.5 million bond measure would meet the District's present and anticipated medical and fire emergency response needs. If approved, bond proceeds will fund the projects below:

Upgrade and expansion, capital construction and improvement, and acquisition of firefighting equipment and apparatus:

- Expansion and renovation of the 3 district stations to meet current and anticipated district needs, including: equipment storage and access and potential seismic upgrades to existing facilities;
- Construction of 5 underground cisterns for in-district water storage throughout the district in areas where hydrants or drafting sources are impracticable or absent to aid in fire suppression;
- Construct a training facility to assist in complying with national training standards;
- Acquire emergency response and other firefighting equipment including a water tender for the Springdale Station and a replacement rescue apparatus for the Corbett Station.

What is the cost to property taxpayers?

The annual average tax levy rate for the bond is estimated to be \$0.65 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value. The estimated cost for a property having a taxable assessed value of \$300,000, the approximate average assessed value for a residence within the District, would be \$195 per year or \$16.25 per month. The estimated tax cost for the measure is an estimate only, based on the best available information from the county assessor at the time of the estimate. Actual bond interest rates, future annual taxable assessed valuations, property tax collections, and property taxes levies may vary.

If the bond is not approved, capital projects may be delayed or go unfunded as existing funding sources, currently utilized for on-going operational costs, are insufficient to make the improvements and acquisitions described herein.

Need more information?

Visit the District’s website at corbettfire.com.

Submitted by:
 Rick Wunsch, Fire Chief
 Corbett Fire District

No arguments in Favor or Opposition to this Measure were filed.

Measure 26-226 / Alto Park Water District

Ballot Title

Five-Year Local Option Tax for District Operations

Question: Shall the District renew five-year levy of \$.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years for operating expenses beginning in 2023-2024? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: The taxes will be used to meet the operating expenses of the Alto Park Water District and to maintain a contingency fund for future operation expenses. The primary operating expense is a contract for fire protection services with the Lake Oswego Fire Department.

An estimate of the total amount to be raised each fiscal year is:

- \$18,802.65 in 2023-2024
- \$19,366.73 in 2024-2025
- \$19,947.73 in 2025-2026

\$20,546.16 in 2026-2027
\$21,162.55 in 2027-2028

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Submitted by:
Michelle Freed, Budget Officer
Alto Park Water District

No arguments in Favor or Opposition to this Measure were filed.

End of County Voters' Pamphlet

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