

MULTNOMAH COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Measure 26-222 - City of Fairview

Ballot Title

Fairview Charter Amendment Creating City Manager Position

Question: Shall Fairview revise its Charter concerning the chief administrator's title and setting out details of that position in the Charter?

Summary: This measure would revise the Charter to change the title of the administrative head of the City from City Administrator to City Manager and specify the duties of the position in more detail.

Currently, the City's administrative head is titled "City Administrator." The proposed Charter language changes the title from City Administrator to City Manager but retains the current form of government with a mayor and six councilors who appoint and remove the City Manager.

The proposed Charter language also sets out how the City Manager is appointed and removed; that their appointment must be based on education and experience; and also contains specific duties the position must perform. Currently, the duties of the City Administrator are set out in the Fairview Municipal Code, which can be revised by the Council without voter approval.

If this measure is adopted, future changes to the City Manager Charter provisions will require voter approval through a Charter amendment. The proposed Charter language is based on the League of Oregon Cities Model Charter.

Explanatory Statement

If approved, this measure would enact a new Section 23 in the Fairview City Charter changing the name of the City's administrative head from City Administrator to City Manager and setting out the specific details and duties of the City Manager position in the Charter.

Section 11 of the Charter would also be revised to delete reference to the City Administrator and to be consistent with the language in the new Section 23 whereby the City Manager is appointed and removed by a majority of the City Council.

The proposed Charter language is based on the League of Oregon Cities Model Charter. The City Council approved the new Charter language for submission to City voters.

The proposed language will define certain aspects of the City Manager's position in the Charter including that the City Manager: serves as the administrative head of city government; assists the mayor and council in the development of city policies and carrying out those policies; and can be appointed and removed by a majority of the City Council. The appointment must be based on education and experience and without regard to political considerations.

The City Manager duties are also set out in the proposed Charter language including:

- 1) Attend all City Council meetings unless excused by the Mayor or City Council;
- 2) Make reports and recommendations to the Mayor and City Council about the needs of the city;

- 3) Administer and enforce all City ordinances, resolutions, franchises, leases, contracts, permits and other City decisions;
- 4) Appoint, supervise, and remove City employees;
- 5) Organize City departments and administrative structure;
- 6) Prepare and administer the annual City budget;
- 7) Administer City utilities and property;
- 8) Act as the City purchasing agent/officer;
- 9) Encourage and support regional and intergovernmental cooperation;
- 10) Promote cooperation among the Council, staff, and citizens in developing City policies and building a sense of community;
- 11) Perform other duties as directed by the City Council; and
- 12) Delegate duties, but remain responsible for actions of all subordinates.

The City Council believes the new Charter language will: create more stability and permanency for the City Manager position; insulate the position from political changes; and provide enhanced recruitment for the position. The new Charter language is also more concise than the current language in the City Code concerning the City Administrator.

If approved, future changes to this Charter language would have to be approved by the voters with a Charter amendment. Currently, the Council may change the duties of the City Administrator through the adoption of an ordinance. Under the new Charter language, the City Council will still have the ability to enter into an employment contract with a City Manager and to further define the role and set parameters that are consistent with the Charter.

*Submitted by:
Devree Leymaster, City Recorder
City of Fairview*

MULTNOMAH COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Measure 3-568 - City of Lake Oswego

Ballot Title

Restricts improvements on certain Lake Oswego park properties.

Question: Should the Lake Oswego City Charter be amended to restrict improvements on certain city park properties?

Summary: This Charter amendment was placed on the ballot through an initiative petition. Applies initially to Bryant Woods Park, Canal Acres, Cooks Butte Park, Cornell Natural Area, Glenmorrie Greenway, Hallinan Woods, Iron Mountain Park, Kerr Open Space, Lamont Springs Natural Area, River Run, Southshore Natural Area, Springbrook Park, Stevens Homestead, Stevens Meadows, West Waluga Park, and Woodmont Natural Park. Designates these properties as "Nature Preserves."

Prohibits above-ground facilities or structures that would impair or be inconsistent with natural conditions. Also prohibits hard-surface trails, parking lots, athletic fields or facilities, roads, trails for motorized vehicles, tree-cutting for certain purposes, and telecommunications facilities.

Previously-constructed facilities or structures may be maintained if not altered in any manner that further impairs or is inconsistent with natural conditions.

Allows soft-surface trails, benches, interpretive displays, and picnic and sanitary facilities.

Allows the city to implement previously-adopted park master plans.

Applies the same restrictions to any park property acquired in the future, if designated as a "Nature Preserve" by the conveying property owners, the city, or voters.

Explanatory Statement

Lake Oswego's City Charter currently does not contain development limitations for City-owned natural parks except for Springbrook Park, which has been protected under Chapter X - Park Development Limitation since 1978. This citizen-initiated measure repeals and replaces Chapter X to protect 15 additional natural parks with additional development limitations to preserve them as natural habitats accessible for public enjoyment.

Chapter X, which currently only applies to Springbrook Park:

- Prohibits athletic facilities, parking lots, and roads or trails for motorized vehicles.
- Allows trails for hiking, jogging, horseback, and bicycle riding.
- Allows picnic and sanitary facilities.
- Allows for restrictions to apply to any park property acquired by bond and designated by voters as subject to these restrictions.

A "yes" vote on Measure 3-568 would maintain and enhance Chapter X's development limitations:

- Designates these natural parks as "Nature Preserves:" Springbrook Park, Bryant Woods Park, Canal Acres, Cooks Butte Park, Cornell Nature Area, Glenmorrie Greenway, Hallinan Woods, Iron Mountain Park, Kerr Open Space, Lamont Springs Natural Area,

River Run I & II, South Shore Natural Area , Stevens Homestead, Stevens Meadows, West Waluga Park, and Woodmont Natural Park.

- Prohibits athletic facilities, parking lots, and roads or trails for motorized vehicles.
- Prohibits telecommunications facilities, asphalt and concrete hard-surface trails, and above-ground facilities or structures that would impair or be inconsistent with natural conditions.
- Prohibits tree-cutting for purposes of commercial logging.
- Allows trails for hiking, jogging, horseback, and bicycle riding.
- Allows picnic and sanitary facilities.
- Allows benches, boardwalks, and interpretive displays.
- Allows maintenance for ecological restoration that provides safe and healthy natural areas that are accessible for public enjoyment, provides a healthy habitat for wildlife, eliminates invasive species, restores native species, and mitigates fire hazards.
- Allows maintenance of existing facilities, structures, parking lots, roads or trails for motorized vehicle if not altered in any manner that would further impair or be inconsistent with natural conditions.
- Allows implementation of pre-existing park-specific master plans that may specify development otherwise restricted by this Chapter.
- Allows for restrictions to apply to any park property acquired by bond or if designated as a “Nature Preserve” by the conveying property owners, the City, or voters.

Any master plan for parks designated as “Nature Preserves” must be consistent with the charter amendment.

After citizens filed this initiative with sufficient signatures to qualify for the ballot, the Lake Oswego City Council referred a competing measure.

To become law, this Measure must receive a majority vote and more YES votes than the competing Measure.

Submitted by:

Kari Linder, City Recorder | Elections Officer

City of Lake Oswego

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Protect Our Natural Parks

We’re fortunate for everything Lake Oswego offers, including: urban forests and abundant natural parks. When walking our streets 24 months ago, speaking with 900+ residents about the 3rd City attempt for a significant telecommunications facility atop Cooks Butte — a deed violation, nearly all expressed frustration with decades of City development ambitions and a tedious public process that disenfranchises citizens’ voices. Many expressed worry for their neighborhood’s natural park. Over 4800 petition signers helped qualify this measure.

Precise, Deliberate, Intentional

I vividly recall the conversation with an Uplands resident regarding a similar plight by citizens in the 1970s to protect Springbrook Park from high density housing and a major athletic facility. Citizens voted 3:1 on Charter protections for Springbrook — against fierce opposition from the Mayor and City-affiliated groups.

Measure 3-568 follows in Springbrooks' footsteps to enact sensible legal protections our City fails to provide. This measure is written precisely, deliberately, and intentionally. It seeks protections limiting City development incompatible with keeping 16 designated natural parks as healthy natural habitats with abundant wildlife for all to access and enjoy.

Limits Development

For 40+ years, Springbrook has proven well-crafted Charter protections limiting development work; **3-568** expands those limitations. Meanwhile:

- ADA honored for accessibility
- Stewards continue providing valuable services maintaining healthy habitats
- Infrastructure maintenance and fire mitigation efforts will provide for community needs and safety
- Natural park master planning proceeds
- Voters decide IF rare future need, otherwise prohibited, arises

Endorsements!

“**Sierra Club** proudly endorses Measure 3-568. The measure defines natural park boundaries enabling the protection of natural habitats, while supporting accessibility of these areas for public enjoyment.” — Oregon Chapter, Sierra Club

“**Oregon Wild** supports Measure 3-568 to protect and preserve the ecological values, public access, wildlife habitat, and recreational opportunities provided by Lake Oswego's parks.” — Jonathan Jelen, Oregon Wild

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- Vote **YES** on **Citizen-initiated Measure 3-568**
- Vote **NO** on City Council's competing Measure 3-575

(This information furnished by Scott Handley, LoveLOParks)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Lake Oswego Loves Our Natural Spaces

Our city is known for its natural parks and tree cover. These make Lake Oswego special. Unfortunately, special areas like these are not preserved without intentional legal protections. There are just too many different interest groups looking to exploit undeveloped spaces. Because the parks protected in this measure already exist, it costs taxpayers nothing to preserve our special places.

Our Natural Parks Deserve Clear Legal Protections

We need legal protection for these areas, and not rely on the best intentions of whomever happens to occupy the City Council over the next 20 to 30 years. Even if one trusts the

current City Council, another election with new council members is always coming. Once our natural areas are impacted, it takes a lifetime to recover, if ever at all.

Don't Risk our Few, Irreplaceable Natural Parks

I endorse the citizens' LoveLOParks measure 3-568 because of the straightforward and clear legal protections our Natural Parks deserve. (Visit www.loveloparks.org).

Vote **YES** on **Citizen-Initiated Measure 3-568**, which gives certainty to protecting our natural parks.

Vote **NO** on Measure 3-575, which relies on the good graces of our City Council and all those that follow.

Andy Stanger, Lake Oswego Resident for 45 years

(This information furnished by Andy Stanger)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Don't Get Fooled Again

We can't trust the City of Lake Oswego to protect our natural parks. Three times since 1993 the City has tried to build a large communications tower in Cook's Butte Park. We were there each time with our community to protect this natural habitat as grantors John and Marjorie Emery intended for it to remain.

Cook's Butte was created when the Emery's deeded the City this 42 acres. They explicitly granted this land as a natural park under the condition it remain free of future commercial development and asked that it stay "forever wild." A memorial left by John and Marjorie's sons in remembrance reads:

"Much of the land
For this park was a gift to the
Local community by two people who lived
Next to it for 48 years.
They wished this forest and meadow
To remain forever wild.
A meeting place for human
And non-human,
A place to re-enter the world
Beyond our human habits."

Measure 3-568 is about more than just Cook's Butte. It addresses concerns neighbors across LO shared for their neighborhood natural parks.

City Council's opposing measure won't protect our natural parks; furthermore, their measure is vague and filled with loopholes which may allow future development in our natural parks. Citizens must unite to protect these natural spaces before they're gone.

3-568 is more precise and focused on leaving our natural parks alone. 3-568 allows for

good stewardship including tree thinning and fire mitigation. It also allows benches, trails, boardwalks, and ADA access.

We believe our natural parks should be protected and stay free from exploitation and development by Lake Oswego politicians. **3-568 was created by our citizens for our citizens.** Our parks need your help!

Vote YES on Citizen-Initiated Measure 3-568 and NO on City Council's Measure 3-575.

Brad Home – 50+ years; LHS '73

Michael Louaillier – 29+ years

Mike Wilkins – 32+ years

Jan Holibaugh – Marjorie's Friend; Emery Farm owner since 1993

(This information furnished by Brad Home)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Vote **YES** on Love LO Park's **Measure 3-568**.

The City's competing Measure 3-575, puts Springbrook Park, along with our other natural parks, at risk for over development. The City of Lake Oswego has a long history of attempting to undermine natural parks to fit a vision of our city the citizens do not share.

In 1969, the Pennington family donated 28 of the 52 acres that make up Springbrook to the City for a natural park. The Friends of Springbrook Park (which Ruth Pennington helped form) rescued the adjoining 24 acres from high-density housing with a special election in 1973.

The Mayor and City Council put full page ads in the Review to defeat the acquisition. They failed to sway voters, and the property was added to the existing park parcel. The initiative to add the adjoining acreage declared it as a natural park, but the City ignored that and built an indoor tennis center on the land.

The City attempted more unnatural development of Springbrook in 1978. They failed to sway voters when 75% voted in favor of a protective charter amendment. Chapter X was passed to further cement Springbrook's status as a "Natural Park". Chapter X will be expanded to other natural parks if Measure 3-568 passes, or effectively abolished if the City's measure passes.

The Friends of Springbrook Park re-established in 2003 to form a Natural Resource Management Plan balancing the two important goals of the park; conservation and usage. The City had once again tried to add on to the tennis building. They were thwarted thanks to Chapter X.

Here we are in 2021, and the City sees an opportunity to nullify the protections offered by Chapter X. The choice we face is between preserving our natural parks or green lighting the City to over-develop them. **NO** on Measure 3-375 and **YES on 3-568**.

Jean Eves (50 year resident)

(This information furnished by Jean Eves)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The LoveLOParks Measure 3-568 intentionally, deliberately, and precisely provides protection for 16 natural areas while allowing for public access (including ADA-compliant trails), maintenance, and stewardship.

The City's competing measure is flawed because it doesn't designate the protected areas within a natural park until after we vote, meaning part of a park may be excluded from protection. Its language about managing ecosystems is vague; it allows development of parking lots, paved trails and non-public roads within park boundaries which will destroy natural habitat and allow tree removal; it could allow for public telecommunications facilities; and it allows "other uses and facilities," opening the door for development. It gives the City, especially Parks & Recreation, too much latitude. A recent example is Woodmont Park. The owner who deeded Woodmont specifically conveyed certain trees to remain; yet those trees were nonetheless bulldozed. Other examples include repeated efforts to expand the tennis center into Springbrook Park; a mountain biking path installed within a sensitive ecosystem in Iron Mountain Park; and repeated attempts to build a telecommunications tower in Cook's Butte.

The City claims its competing measure creates a robust public process. A public process is already required under goal 1 of the Oregon comprehensive plan ("citizen involvement"). In any event, the public process has let us down. Neighborhood associations and dozens of individuals repeatedly provide comments opposing tree removal, only to be ignored. If the public process relating to these tree removal applications has been largely ignored, why would it be any different with public input relating to natural areas?

The City wants "business as usual" to pave, remove trees, add facilities, and dispense lucrative construction and landscape contracts. With the climate crises and loss of biodiversity, **we cannot afford business as usual.**

Please vote YES on 3-568!

Betsy Wosko
Ann Mikulka
Mattias Beckmann
Nancy Osborne
Pierre Zubrinsky
Kathryn Fortner
Karen Davitt
Kimberly Beeler
Alyson Miller
Carol Sarnowski
Kenneth D. Sarnowski
Cindy Knowles
Hollis McMilan

(This information furnished by Betsy Wosko)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Measure 3-568 is insufficient and ineffective in protecting and preserving our natural areas.

It assumes that natural areas are all alike and that a blanket prohibition of certain activities will protect them. It will not. **Measure 3-568 is a one-size-fits-all approach to a complex situation that does not recognize the unique qualities of each natural area.** Yet even with this blanket approach, Measure 3-568 does not protect all of our natural areas.

Further, **it restricts access for everyone** regardless of physical ability, by prohibiting asphalt or concrete trails, needed by many of us at some point in our lives.

It prohibits the vehicular access needed by Parks maintenance to repair trails and bring in supplies, remove dangerous accumulations of dead materials, build fire breaks, provide for emergency vehicles, and respond to climate change.

It discourages full citizen participation in the planning and implementation of our natural areas by prohibiting any new master and management plans from having parking lots, paved trails and non-public roads, even though these same facilities already exist in other natural areas, and even if residents want them. **It means that any changes not specifically allowed in Measure 3-568 would need voter approval in city-wide elections.** This is a waste of time and resources.

We need a thoughtful, comprehensive approach to protect, preserve and enhance all of our natural areas. Measure 3-568 is not it.

Vote NO on Measure 3-568

Friends of Lake Oswego Parks Steering Committee

Mike Buck

Thomas Bland

Stephanie Wagner

Barbara Fisher

Jim Fisher

Robert Ervin

Doug McKean

Paul Lyons

Nancy Gronowski

(This information furnished by Nancy Gronowski, Friends of Lake Oswego Parks)

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Measure 3-575 - City of Lake Oswego

Ballot Title

Amends Charter; protects natural areas; allows access to nature.

Question: Shall the City of Lake Oswego amend its Charter to protect natural areas, habitat, water quality, and access to nature?

Summary: This measure would revise Chapter X of the Lake Oswego Charter and rename it "Preservation of Natural Areas".

This section of the City's Charter would ensure that Springbrook Park; Cooks Butte Park; Woodmont Nature Park; Hallinan Woods; Stevens Meadow; Bryant Woods; Canal Acres; Cornell Natural Area; Glenmorrie Greenway; Kerr Open Space; Lamont Springs; River Run I and II; Southshore; Kelly Creek; Pennington Park; Sunny Slope; and the natural areas of West Waluga, East Waluga, George Rogers, Iron Mountain and Freepons Parks are managed to protect water quality, wildlife habitat, wildfire prevention and containment, aesthetic values, and ecological function and to allow trails accessible to people with different physical abilities and needs.

Athletic Facilities, new public roads, and telecommunications facilities are prohibited in Natural Areas. Restoration, stewardship, trails, and maintenance and renovation of existing facilities and structures are allowed.

Other activities are only allowed after public involvement and adoption of a Master Plan. This section would replace the existing "Chapter X - Park Development Limitations," which applies only to Springbrook Park.

Explanatory Statement

The proposed "Preservation of Natural Areas" amendment of the City's Charter revises Chapter X of the existing Charter to "preserve, protect, restore, and maintain the scenic and aesthetic qualities, ecological functions, water quality and wildlife habitat of Natural Areas that are owned by the City of Lake Oswego while also allowing for their use and enjoyment."

Recognizing interest in increasing protections for parks and natural spaces in Lake Oswego, the City undertook a public engagement program to assess public attitudes and develop proposed changes to the City's Charter. The City's engagement program included an online survey promoted by the City that was completed by 355 residents; a statistically representative poll of 405 Lake Oswego voters; two public listening conversations attended by 26 local residents; and 26 individual conversations with community leaders and stakeholders from the community.

People in the community voiced a commitment to ensuring these places support a broad range of uses, while also protecting their natural integrity. The City also heard feedback on a citizen initiative to amend the Charter that will be presented to voters in the November 2021 election. While some supported the measure, others raised concerns about unintended consequences that would impair other public priorities for these spaces.

Several themes emerged including:

- The preservation and maintenance of parks and natural spaces are a key aspect of the high quality of life in Lake Oswego.
- A desire to protect water quality and wildlife habitat.
- The importance of ensuring parks and natural spaces are accessible for people of various abilities.
- A focus on the need to prepare for climate change, particularly the need to prevent and contain wildfires, and protect wildfire response capabilities.

Using this feedback, the City's elected leaders have proposed the Charter amendment that will allow:

- Maintenance, stewardship, and education activities that promote ecological restoration and enhancement, eliminate invasive species, restore native species, and mitigate fire hazards.
- Maintenance and renovation of trails for walking, hiking, wheelchairs and mobility devices, horseback riding, and non-motorized bicycle travel. Trail construction can only occur after an environmental assessment and review by the Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Advisory Board and must be appropriate to the conditions of a natural area.
- Construction, maintenance, renovation, and replacement of picnic and sanitary facilities, boardwalks, benches, and interpretive displays where appropriate.

The Amendment would prohibit construction of new athletic facilities, commercial logging, construction of new public streets and roads, and construction or installation of new telecommunications facilities in designated Natural Areas.

Other uses and facilities related to restoration or access to Natural Areas would only be allowed under the Amendment after City Council adoption of a property-specific master plan for the designated area. The Council must engage the public in the development of the master plan, including Neighborhood Associations and all property owners within 300 feet of the Natural Area.

If both this measure and Ballot Measure 3-568 are approved, only the measure with the greater number of affirmative votes will become effective.

Submitted by:

Kari Linder, City Recorder | Elections Officer

City of Lake Oswego

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

JOIN MAYORS IN VOTING YES ON MEASURE 3-575

As your Lake Oswego mayors we urge you to vote YES on measure 3-575 and to vote NO on measure 3-568. Our individual viewpoints and perspectives are varied, and we each served the community at times of different challenges. But we all share a sincere love for our city and agree that the **Lake Oswego community continually demonstrates a high priority for the care of its parks and natural spaces.**

We support Measure 3-575 because it strengthens that commitment in several key ways:

The printing of these arguments does not constitute an endorsement by Multnomah County, nor does the county warrant the accuracy or truth of any statements made in the arguments.

1. It ensures all of our **natural areas are protected** against uses incongruent with their preservation and care, including the natural areas of active use parks.
2. It allows for **community planning** to determine if amenities such as hard surface trails and parking are appropriate for a given area.
3. It **allows for equitable access** to nature for people of different ages and abilities. Access inspires generations of the community to continue to care for the resources they love and advances a citywide culture that keeps our parks healthy.

In addition, we support Measure 3-575 because **it both builds on and protects the way our community has managed and invested in natural areas for decades.**

Through many “Friends Of” groups, community engagement, planning and wise investment, LO’s dedication serves not just to maintain natural areas but further enhance and care for them.

As mayors we understand the significance of our city charter, and Measure 3-575 allows our community’s commitment to care for natural areas to continue for current and future residents without removing your voice in the process.

Competing Measure 3-568 falls short of empowering our residents to join together to ensure future generations enjoy the natural areas we love today.

Join us in voting YES on Measure 3-575 and NO on Measure 3-568.

Mayor Joe Buck (current)
Mayor Kent Studebaker (2013-2020)
Mayor Jack Hoffman (2009-2012)
Mayor Judie Hammerstad (2001 - 2008)

(This information furnished by Joe Buck)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Measure 3-575 is about working together to protect all of our Natural Areas.

As community leaders we want to work with the City to manage our valued assets, the City’s natural areas. We look to motivate, inspire and gather people in productive ways that create and sustain meaningful transformation. We look to see how best to contribute our energies to the restoration and enhancement of natural areas so they continue to thrive in the future. These natural lands provide many environmental benefits, contributing to our sense of identity and pride as citizens of Lake Oswego.

Measure 3-575 respects what active people are doing collaboratively to preserve and protect our beloved natural areas. It invites fuller participation in the effort to make our natural open spaces places of healthy habitat for both humans and wildlife. To “preserve and protect” means that we residents are caretakers, responsible for positive change in these cherished spaces. **This Measure was written after listening to the voices of people who**

have experience working in our natural areas. By casting your vote in favor of 3-575, you are joining and supporting this ongoing dialogue of trusting care.

Lake Oswego City Councilors

John Wendland
Aaron Rapf
Rachael Verdick
Massene Mboup
Jackie Manz

Former Lake Oswego City Councilors

Bill Tierney
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Jerome Nierengarten
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Upland Neighborhood Association

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Friends of Iron Mountain Park

Susanna Campbell Kuo
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Cheryl Uchida
Karen Jacobson
Jan Castle

Bruce Brown

Rachel Garrett
Susan Greer
Mignon Ervin

Chris Thompson

Allan Solares

Kit Corrigan
Thomas Atwood

Alex Adhdae

Janet Buck
Mike Darcy

(This information furnished by Stephanie Wagner, Friends of Lake Oswego Parks)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Vote Yes to preserve our natural areas in Lake Oswego's Parks. Friends of Springbrook Park supports the City's referendum to Preserve Natural Areas, Measure #3-575.

Springbrook Park has had the protection of Chapter X of the City Charter to prohibit development since 1978. Measure 3-575 continues this safeguard and extends it to ALL THE CITY PARKS with natural areas. The measure also allows for ongoing improvements for possible ADA access, fire prevention, trail surface maintenance and continued invasive removal and planting efforts in all of our City's natural areas. With the cooperation of Friends of Springbrook Park and the Parks and Recreation Department over the last twenty years, stewardship and prudent management of this great resource has flourished. **Measure 3-575 embraces citizen volunteerism and planning to guide the future directions of ecological care.**

Vote YES on Measure 3-575.

Friends of Springbrook Park Board:

Thomas Bland
Melissa L. Cadish
H. Mike Carmichael

Virginia E. Haines
Anne F. Lider
Eric Lider
Paul Lyons
Kim Sloat
Laura M. Tanz

Friends of Iron Mountain
Friends of Woodmont Park
Friends of Hallinan Heights Woods

Amy Chase Herman, President
Friends of Rogerson Clematis Collection

Richard A. Herman, Board President
Friends of Luscher Farm

Mary Solares, Chair
Friends of Southwood Park

(This information furnished by Thomas C. Bland, Friends of Springbrook Park)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Healthy, Sustainable Natural Spaces Need Our Protection

The Oswego Lake Watershed Council (OLWC) and the Lake Oswego Sustainability Network (LOSN) support Measure 3-575.

We can all agree that we value our natural areas throughout Lake Oswego. A walk in the woods supports both our bodies and our souls. But these **natural areas need our protection and care if they are going to continue to thrive**. Climate change threatens the viability of our natural areas and our urban forest. These areas require intensive management to remove dead and dying trees and replant species that are better adapted to our more intensely hot summers and windy, icy winters. **Fire also threatens our natural areas and we need to be able to plan for active fire suppression.**

This measure is written to include all the natural areas within the city, not a limited number, to guarantee the protection and improvement of natural spaces throughout the city.

Our natural areas need to be accessible to all our residents, including those with vision as well as mobility challenges. Hard surfaces, such as asphalt or concrete, allow the use of a white cane. We need to be able to plan in order to have quality trails that everyone can use.

Good natural resource management needs science-based planning and requires community input. Ballot measure 3-575 specifically outlines a process for planning and maintaining our city's natural areas. This planning, coupled with active maintenance, will allow our natural areas to flourish in the future.

Please join us in voting yes on Measure 3-575 and together we can protect and

enhance our precious natural areas.

Stephanie Wagner, Chair OLWC
Lisa Adatto, Chair LOSN
Michael Buck
Barbara Fisher
James Fisher
Thomas Bland
Mary Ratcliff

Kathleen Fox Wiens
Robert Sacks
Duke Castle
Dorothy Atwood
Mike Perham
Gabe Winfrey
Laurance Zurcher
Thomas Berridge

(This information furnished by Stephanie Wagner, Friends of Lake Oswego Parks)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Vote NO on Measure 3-575

Measure 3-575 is a rebuttal to citizen-initiated Measure 3-568 by City Council and some community members. Multiple attempts to reach common ground with Measure 3-575's authors were made; they refused and insisted we abandon our efforts. Don't be misled by nice sounding words and slogans that provide fewer legal protections under the guise of preservation; Springbrook Park would lose protections enjoyed since 1978 and 15 other natural parks would continue to be at risk.

Waste of taxpayer resources

It should raise concern the City engaged a political firm, Praxis Political, at taxpayer expense for a rushed, biased, and political "public process" that resulted in no material changes to the draft text first presented to City Council on June 15, 2021 and ratified on Aug 3rd. A "public process" for such an important effort would assuredly shape the outcome more substantially.

The numbers don't add up

One should also question the City's claims on engaging 812 residents. Individuals could participate in 1 or all 4 activities and many did. Additionally, Lake Oswego residency was never verified. Contrast that with over 4,800 petition signatures, 4,433 from certified Lake Oswego voters, that qualified citizen-initiated Measure 3-568 for the ballot.

3-575's Charter text:

- Inaccurately renames Chapter X falsely describing its intent and effect
- Fails to specify natural park acreage and boundaries until a later date
- Risks the potential to divide parks into natural and developable areas
- Eliminates several protections sought after in citizens' Measure 3-568
- Redefines telecommunications facility that may allow for public towers
- Removes certain existing protections from Springbrook Park
- Enacts the same tedious public process for "other uses and structures" that minimizes citizen involvement and voice

This is "business as usual" and **NOT** the development limitations citizens seek.

Get Informed

www.loveloparks.org

Please join our grassroots effort:

- Vote **NO** on City Council's Measure 3-575
- Vote **YES** on **Citizen-initiated Measure 3-568**

(This information furnished by Scott Handley, LoveLOParks)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

This Measure is a Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

Although it pretends to support "preservation" of Lake Oswego natural areas, it in fact erodes protections for Springbrook Park. It also uses vague and innocuous sounding phrases like "ecological restoration": **Do not be fooled**, in one LO City sponsored "listening" session, the destruction at Woodmont Park was described as "restoration". This measure allows the City to partition our natural parks into developable areas without additional voter review and approval. This measure provides virtually no protection for our natural parks.

Vote NO on Measure 3-575

This LO City measure (3-575) was written to allow the City to develop our natural parks in any way they see fit. They were concerned that the competing LoveLOParks citizens' measure (3-568) would do what it was intended to do, preserve our natural parks.

Development of our natural parks should require LO voter approval, which measure 3-575 does not require.

The LoveLOParks measure (3-568) ensures 15 additional natural parks have the same legal protections that Springbrook Park currently has, and it includes clear legal protections against development in these natural parks (visit www.loveloparks.org to see the comparison chart of these two competing measures).

Vote NO on Measure 3-575, which allows City development of our natural parks

Vote YES on Citizen-Initiated Measure 3-568, which provides clear legal protections for our natural parks

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(This information furnished by Kirsten Sommer)

Measure 3-577 - Lake Oswego School District**Ballot Title**

Bonds for improvements, curriculum support facilities, safety upgrades, address overcrowding.

Question: Shall District upgrade, construct, modernize facilities, address overcrowding, improve safety, accessibility, career education and issue \$180 million general obligation 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: Lake Oswego School District will receive State matching funds of \$4,000,000 only if bonds are approved. Bonds are expected to fund:

- Construct new school buildings
 - Lake Oswego Middle School
 - River Grove Elementary
- Modernize classrooms
 - Renovate high school labs for expanded STEM, Career Technical Education
 - Replace outdated computers
- Address priority capital repairs
 - Replace roofs
 - Enhance, repair HVAC, electrical, plumbing systems
 - Upgrade finishes
 - Seismic upgrades for immediate occupancy
 - Asbestos abatement
- Improve accessibility
 - Improve walkways, restrooms, parking lots, playgrounds, entrances
- Safe, secure campuses
 - Update fire alarm, monitoring, broadcast systems
 - Upgrade door hardware
 - Add secure glass
- Site improvements, demolition, furnishings, equipment, bond costs.

This \$180,000,000 bond is projected to cost an additional \$0.92/\$1,000 of assessed value annually. For the median home assessed value of \$420,000, that is approximately \$385 per year. Actual rates depend on market conditions when bonds are sold. This measure is on the ballot now because the District expects costs to increase. Bonds would mature not more than 26 years from issuance and may be issued in series.

Explanatory Statement**What**

Lake Oswego School District has placed a capital bond on the 2021 ballot. This bond is the second phase in a planned three-part construction and capital improvement program. The bond would provide funds to: rebuild a middle school; rebuild an elementary school; modernize science, technology and engineering labs at the high schools; and address priority capital repairs, improve accessibility, and make safety and security upgrades in facilities districtwide. If the bond measure is approved, the District will receive \$4,000,000 in matching state grants.

How

The Bond Development Committee, led by citizen volunteers, reviewed the Long Range Facility Planning Committee Strategic Plan, educational adequacy and school facility condition assessments, and projects contemplated as part of a three part construction program. The committee made recommendations based on present and future facility needs. Guided by the committee's recommendations and feedback from community outreach and voter polling, Lake Oswego School Board of Directors propose that bond funds, if approved, be used to:

- **Construct New Buildings and Relieve Capacity Constraints:** Rebuild Lake Oswego Middle and River Grove Elementary Schools to eliminate portable classrooms, relieve overcrowded classrooms and common areas and support best practices in education; new buildings would be constructed to immediate occupancy standards in a seismic event and include right of way improvements to parking lots, sidewalks and neighborhood traffic patterns.
- **Increase Opportunities for CTE and STEM:** Renovate, update and equip science, engineering, and computer labs at high schools to support new and expanded STEM and Career Technical Education programs. Replace outdated computers throughout the district.
- **Address Priority Repairs to Preserve Community Assets:** Enhance HVAC systems to improve air quality, repair aging electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems, and repair interior and exterior finishes to preserve integrity of buildings throughout district; additionally, upgrade kitchen to support meal service for students, construct seismic upgrade for immediate occupancy, and conduct asbestos abatement at Palisades Elementary School; and replace deteriorating roof at Lake Oswego High School.
- **Improve Accessibility:** Make accessibility improvements to walkways, restrooms, parking lots, playgrounds, gardens and entrances throughout District to ensure all students, staff, and community members can have access to public buildings.
- **Improve Safety and Security:** Throughout the District, update fire alarm and sprinkler systems; install additional cameras for sight improvement and video monitoring; update campus communication broadcast systems; upgrade door hardware; and add intrusion-limiting glass.

Why

Aging school buildings with inadequate, outdated, unsafe, inefficient and overcrowded classrooms and common areas. New school buildings will increase capacity while providing students and staff with safe, welcoming and modern learning environments.

The bond measure will fund targeted capital improvements at all schools and improve building systems to enhance efficiencies. The bond measure will also fund classroom expansion and renovation conducive to career-based learning.

How Much

This bond is for \$180,000,000 and is projected to cost an additional \$0.92/\$1,000 of assessed value annually. Actual rates may vary based upon market conditions when the bonds are sold and changes to assessed value.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Schiele, Superintendent

Lake Oswego School District

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

Measure 34-308 - Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue District

Ballot Title

Authorizes General Obligation Bonds For Emergency Service Investments

Question: Shall TVF&R issue general obligation bonds to fund fire station improvements, replacement vehicles, training center upgrades, and land?

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: This measure authorizes Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) to issue up to \$122 million in bonds to finance capital costs, including:

- Replacement of response vehicles reaching the end of their useable life.
- Fire station improvements.
- Rebuilding the King City fire station.
- Relocating the Aloha fire station.
- Safety upgrades for TVF&R's training center where responders are trained in fire suppression, emergency medical care, technical rescue, hazardous material response, and other emergency skills.
- Land for future construction of fire stations in growth areas.
- Site improvements, equipment, and bond issuance costs.

Bonds would mature over not more than 15 years and may be issued in series. Due to declining debt service on existing bonds, the measure will not increase TVF&R's bond tax rate above the current rate of \$0.1415 per \$1,000 AV unless assessed property values decline. For property assessed at \$300,000, about the average in TVF&R's service area, the bond cost is estimated to be \$42.45 per year or \$3.54 per month. Actual rates may vary based on interest rates and changes in assessed value.

Explanatory Statement

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) provides fire suppression, emergency medical care, technical rescue, water rescue, hazardous material response, and fire prevention services to the cities of Beaverton, Durham, King City, Newberg, North Plains, Rivergrove, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin, West Linn and Wilsonville, as well as unincorporated portions of Washington, Clackamas, Yamhill and Multnomah counties.

What does this measure call for?

Voters are being asked whether TVF&R should issue \$122 million in general obligation bonds to:

- **Replace response vehicles** as they reach the end of their useable life, including fire engines, trucks, and medical vehicles used throughout the District.
- **Fund fire station improvements** including seismic upgrades, security features, expansions, or living quarter modifications at 10 of 29 stations to ensure firefighters and paramedics remain prepared to respond to fires, medical emergencies, rescues, and disasters.
- **Rebuild the King City fire station** at the existing location. (A new station is more cost effective than retrofitting the existing structure.)
- **Relocate the Aloha station** to a more central location to improve local and regional

response.

- **Fund safety upgrades** for TVF&R's training center where responders practice fire suppression, emergency medical care, technical rescue, hazardous material response, and other emergency skills.
- **Purchase land for future fire stations** in areas where growth is expected to occur.

Will property tax rates increase if this measure is approved?

Because the tax rate on existing bonds is scheduled to decline, TVF&R's total tax rate is not expected to increase.

How much will the bonds cost?

The total principal amount of bonds authorized by this measure cannot exceed \$122 million. For property assessed at \$300,000, about the average in TVF&R's service area, the estimated cost of the bonds would continue to be about \$42.45 per year or \$3.54 per month. Actual costs may vary. Assessed value is currently between 36-38% lower than market value.

When would bonds be issued?

TVF&R expects to issue bonds in multiple series to fund identified projects. Bonds would be repaid over a maximum of 15 years from their issue date.

What is the current total tax rate for TVF&R?

The total tax rate for TVF&R is \$2.1167 per \$1000 assessed valuation, which includes:

- \$1.5252 Permanent Rate
- \$0.45 Local Option Levy
- \$0.1415 General Obligation Bond

*Submitted by:
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