

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Measure 26-174

BALLOT TITLE

Five year levy: Oregon Historical Society Library, Museum, educational programs.

Question: Shall County renew 5-year history museum, library, educational programs levy; maintain \$.05 per \$1,000 assessed value, oversight, beginning 2016?

This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: In 2010 voters approved a five-year local option levy of \$.05 per \$1,000 assessed property value to support the Oregon Historical Society (OHS).

Renewal of local option levy will continue support to the OHS's museum, library, educational programs, and fund the following without increasing taxes:

- Educational programs
- Free admission to school groups and Multnomah County residents
- Preservation of important Oregon treasures and artifacts
- Support four County historical societies: Fairview-Rockwood-Wilkes Historical Society, Gresham Historical Society, Troutdale Historical Society, and Crown Point Country Historical Society
- OHS will continue to build on its efforts to provide exhibits and services that reflect the diverse histories of our region, and engage all parts of our county.

Levy continues rate of \$.05 per \$1,000 assessed property value, and replaces the 2010 levy. A home assessed at \$200,000 pays \$10 a year.

An independent citizen oversight committee will review expenditures to verify that funds are used as approved by voters. Annual audits will be conducted and made public.

The levy will produce an estimated \$2.54 million for fiscal year 2016-2017; \$2.67 million for fiscal year 2017-2018; \$2.81 million for fiscal year 2018-2019; \$2.95 million for fiscal year 2019-2020; and \$3.1 million for fiscal year 2020-2021.

The estimated cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate.

This Multnomah County local option levy will keep the Oregon Historical Society's museum open seven days a week (47 hours a week) and the library open to the public 32 hours a week. It supports curation for the museum, and the continued collection and protection of Oregon's historical artifacts and documents. Levy funds will also protect the collection of Oregon history documents and artifacts, and public access to those, at four East Multnomah County Historical Societies—Fairview-Rockwood-Wilkes Historical Society, Gresham Historical Society, Troutdale Historical Society, and Crown Point Country Historical Society—which together will receive \$150,000 of the levy each of the five years.

The levy supports continuation of educational programs including free admission for all school groups who visit the museum and library, and for all county residents - providing access to those otherwise unable to visit due to cost. Funds shall be allocated in a manner that supports an OHS board, partnerships, staff, exhibits and programs that proactively represent Multnomah County's diverse cultures.

The cost of the levy renewal is \$.05 (five cents) per \$1,000 assessed property value, beginning 2016 through 2021. For example, the owner of a home assessed by the county at \$200,000 will continue to pay \$10 a year for this levy.

Accountability is a component of the levy. The Multnomah County Chair will continue to appoint an independent citizens oversight committee – representative of Multnomah County's diverse communities – to review all levy expenditures and ensure dollars are spent as approved by voters, and shall advise and support OHS in ensuring that its board, partnerships, staff, exhibits and programs proactively represent Multnomah County's diverse cultures. In addition, Multnomah County will continue to select an auditor for which OHS will pay to conduct annual audits of levy funds that will be made available to the public.

This levy will fund approximately one-third of operations at the Oregon Historical Society. Other funds come from admissions, grants, and private donations.

Submitted by:

Jenny Madkour
County Attorney
Multnomah County

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Established in 1898, the Oregon Historical Society collects, maintains, and preserves the vast majority of historical records and artifacts for Portland and the State of Oregon. About 60% of the library materials relate directly to Multnomah County history, and OHS acts as the Multnomah County Historical Society.

In addition to the Society's collection of over 85,000 artifacts, 5 million photographs, 25,000 maps, and more, the Oregon Historical Society maintains a museum and public research library in downtown Portland. Approximately 70,000 visitors use these facilities a year, including about 8,000 schoolchildren who visit the museum for guided tours, and access the library to research Oregon history.

NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

For over a century, the Oregon Historical Society has served as the safeguard for our rich history. Measure 26-174 will help to preserve what makes our home unique, without raising taxes.

Thousands of students visit the Oregon Historical Society's museum and library each year to discover the people, places, and events that have shaped our home.

Renewing the levy will allow the Oregon Historical Society to continue its important education and preservation work, including:

- **Free admission to all Multnomah County residents and school groups.**
- **Free public lectures.**
- **Original exhibitions showcasing Multnomah County's diverse cultures.**
- **Preservation of tens of thousands of documents and artifacts.**
- **Support for four local Multnomah County historical societies in East Portland, Gresham, Troutdale, and Crown Point.**

Help preserve Oregon history and education, all without raising taxes. **Please join us in voting "YES" on Measure 26-174.**

Yes for Oregon History Committee Leaders:

Dr. Jerry E. Hudson, Co-Chair, Retired President, Willamette University
 Anne Naito-Campbell
 Avel L. Gordly
 Dr. Carl Abbott, Retired PSU Professor
 Mayor Shane Bemis, Mayor of Gresham
 Sharon Nesbit, Troutdale Historical Society

(This information furnished by Yes for Oregon History)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Help Keep Oregon History Alive

The Oregon Historical Society Research Library is an essential tool for our state's researchers, students, and teachers. Oregonians of all stripes visit out of curiosity and come away having discovered photographs, maps, or letters connected directly to them.

Passing 26-174 will continue to support the research library, funding our preservation and digitization efforts, without raising taxes.

For more than 117 years, Oregonians have proudly supported the Oregon Historical Society in collecting, preserving, and displaying photographs, manuscripts, museum objects, and archeological finds about the history of Oregon. The Oregon Historical Society holds the largest collection in the world pertaining to the Oregon Territory. The collections are renowned and well-used by visitors seeking to learn about Oregon, scholars researching history topics for books, and local citizens interested in their neighborhoods or family history.

The collection includes:

- **85,000** artifacts
- **35,000** books
- **6,000,000** photographs
- **25,000** maps
- **12,000** feet of manuscripts
- **15,000** film titles
- **2,000** oral history tapes

Please join Oregon's historians and researchers by voting YES for Oregon History.

Cameron Whitten, Executive Director, Know Your City
 Janice Dilg, Consulting Historian, HistoryBuilt
 Johanna Ogden, M.A., Independent Historian
 William F. Willingham, Ph. D., Consulting Historian
 Erin E. Brasell, President, Oregon Historical Society Employees Association

(This information furnished by Yes for Oregon History)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Teachers Support Oregon History, and in return, the Oregon Historical Society supports us!

As local schoolteachers and education leaders, we have seen firsthand the impact the Oregon Historical Society has on our students as they discover the people, places, and events that have helped to shape our unique state.

By fourth grade, Oregon students have begun learning our state's local history, from early explorers, to Native American history, the Oregon Territory, and the pioneers who made it their home. In later grades, students dig into U.S. History, and are able to understand Oregon's role in our nation's story.

With Measure 26-174, Multnomah County school groups can continue to visit the Oregon Historical Society for free, making history come alive and creating a positive difference for our students.

Nothing can compare to students seeing history before them: Real beaver pelts, actual covered wagons, and the inventive tools of early settlers and Native Americans. We have seen how these experiences make our students more inquisitive and more appreciative of our state's distinctive history. By seeing artifacts firsthand, students can relate to our state's pioneering leaders like Oregon's famed suffragist Abigail Scott Duniway and Presidential of Freedom Medal awardee and civil rights leader Minoru Yasui. Bringing a subject alive keeps students engaged long after they return to the classroom.

Please join us in voting yes for Measure 26-174 and in keeping this valuable resource available for future generations of Oregon students.

Matt Campeau, Social Studies teacher, Wilson High School,
 Portland Julie Salvik, Fourth Grade Teacher.

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Higher Education Professors for Oregon History Please vote Yes on Measure 26-174

Reading, studying, and interpreting Oregon's history is as important to understanding our state's past as it is to preparing for our future. Without the Oregon Historical Society, our local academics wouldn't have access to the basic information we need.

We rely on the research library, museum, and the Oregon Historical Quarterly for its essential resources including:

Unique artifacts, including ancient items, memorabilia from Oregon's settlements, political and cultural items, items from the development of artwork and crafts, maritime history, and experiences of our diverse ethnic groups;

Millions of feet of film, videotape, microfilm, and documents. With 6 million photographs that detail Oregon's history available, there is really nothing like it in the world; and

The Oregon Historical Quarterly, a scholarly journal dedicated entirely to Oregon history.

We ask that you join us in voting yes for Measure 26-174, renewing support for this go-to source for Oregon's history.

Christin Hancock, Associate Professor of History, University of Portland

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Professor Jacqueline K. Dirks, Reed College
Katrine Barber, Associate Professor of History, Portland State University
Larry Lipin, Professor of History, Pacific University

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

East Multnomah County History Benefits from Measure 26-174

Multnomah County history is Oregon history, from the original ancestors to the immigrants of past and present. Levy dollars enable us to preserve and pass down to future generations knowledge of the past, across our entire community.

Passing Measure 26-174 not only assists the Oregon Historical Society, it provides essential support to four East Multnomah County Historical Societies:

- **East County Historical Organization (ECHO)**, which put levy dollars toward continued preservation efforts for their 142-year-old Zimmerman House and 123-year-old Heslin House museums, plus made improvements to their website and services to better share historical information with the community.
- **Gresham Historical Society**, which has used levy funds to improve museum signage and increase attendance, plus digitize historical records, and host a year-long exhibit on the cultures that make up the Gresham community.
- **Troutdale Historical Society**, which has put levy dollars toward digitizing historical photographs, opening an exhibit marking the 100th anniversary of the Historic Columbia River Highway, and co-hosting a monthly speakers program.
- **Crown Point Country Historical Society**, which has focused levy funds on opening an Interpretive Center with indoor and outdoor displays and exhibits in Corbett and on the Historic Columbia River Highway, profiling the Indigenous Peoples, explorers, and pioneers of the area.

As the directors of these regional historical societies, we know how important this levy is to the ongoing preservation of local letters, maps, oral histories, and artifacts. These are the treasures that help document the story of our unique area.

With your support for **Measure 26-174**, we can continue sharing knowledge, collections, expertise, and materials.

Please vote Yes for historic preservation in ALL of Multnomah County!

Danielle Utter, Executive Director, East County Historical Organization (ECHO)
David Baumann, President, Gresham Historical Society
Charles A. Rollins, President, Crown Point Country Historical Society
Len Otto, Troutdale Historical Society

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

26-174: A Measure with Oversight

As part of the original levy, the Multnomah County Chair appointed an independent citizens oversight committee to review all levy expenditures and ensure dollars are spent as approved by voters, a practice which will continue with the levy renewal.

The Levy Oversight Committee ensures the Oregon Historical Society has met its accountability targets, including:

- Ensuring a quality audit has been completed.
- Expanding hours of operation.
- Providing free access to Multnomah County residents.

The Levy Oversight Committee is made up of community members, meets at least twice a year, and reports annually to the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners.

The most recent report highlighted success on goals in 2015:

- Financial Stability, including prudent spending
- Visibility
- Quality

"We feel very confident that the requirements of the levy are being met." —Nichole Maher, Levy Oversight Committee Co-Chair, in a briefing to the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners, September 24, 2015 (agenda item R.3)

(This information furnished by Yes for Oregon History)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

A Yes Vote for Oregon History is Good for Tourism & Business

Here in Oregon we recognize the value of our state's tourism. **Indeed, Oregon tourism is a \$10.3 billion industry and is vital to our state and local economy.** It provides jobs, fuels small business development and generates revenue in every corner of the state.

Tourism is Good Economic Development:

Portland and Multnomah County have become hot tourism destinations. The Oregon Historical Society plays an important role in Portland's Cultural District, and since voters passed the original levy five years ago, museum attendance has more than doubled.

A Broad Reach:

In addition to supporting the Oregon Historical Society, the levy will provide funds to four East Multnomah County historical societies—including the East County Historical Organization, Gresham Historical Society, Troutdale Historical Society, and Crown Point Country Historical Society—giving visitors across our region a place to learn more about Oregon.

Continued Oversight:

As part of the original levy, the Multnomah County Chair appointed an independent citizens oversight committee to review all levy expenditures and ensure dollars are spent as approved by voters, a practice which will continue with the levy renewal.

Preserving Oregon History Without Raising Taxes:

Renewing the levy maintains Multnomah's current tax rate, which, for a property valued at \$200,000, would cost just \$10 per year, **less than the cost of one adult admission ticket to the museum and library.**

Please Vote Yes for Oregon History.

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A Vote for 26-174 is a Vote for Our Local Culture

From Portland's famous penny toss to ringing in the Chinese New Year to learning about the tragic Vanport flood, the Oregon Historical Society provides a rich and necessary context to our home, reminding us of how we got to where we are and to where we are going. It serves as our collective memory, and has done so for over a hundred years.

As leaders of Oregon's cultural and civic institutions we fully support the renewal of this important levy and recommend a Yes vote for Oregon History.

In addition, we are encouraged by the Oregon Historical Society's continued work to reflect Multnomah County's rich and diverse community—from its leadership and staff, to exhibits, partnerships, and programs.

We understand that Oregon's rich history cannot be contained within a single story or point of view, and that re-examination and new interpretations are necessary as shifts occur within our society.

This resource is essential to Oregon's cultural and civic community, providing inspiration and knowledge. It provides a platform to ask questions, make discoveries and build connections with our neighbors.

We say Yes for Oregon History and Yes for Oregon's Cultural Fabric.

Judith Margles, Director, Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education

Willie B. Richardson, President, Oregon Black Pioneers

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Measure 26-174 Fulfills a Mission Important to All Oregonians

As members of the Oregon Historical Society Board, we know the organization's mission well:

The Oregon Historical Society preserves our state's history and makes it accessible to everyone in ways that advance knowledge and inspire curiosity about all the people, places, and events that have shaped Oregon.

Renewing the upcoming levy will not only allow the Oregon Historical Society to continue its important education and preservation work, it will do it **without raising taxes**. In addition, the levy will:

Continue free admission to all Multnomah County residents and school groups.

Provide free public lectures and original exhibitions

Preserve tens of thousands of historical documents and artifacts, and

Provide financial support for four local East Multnomah County historical societies.

Moreover, we will continue to build on efforts to create exhibits and programming that reflect the diverse histories of our region and engages all parts of our county.

The Oregon Historical Society is Financially Responsible and Well Managed

Finally, as board members, we can say with confidence that the Oregon Historical Society practices very strong financial management. As part of the original levy, the Multnomah County Chair appointed an independent citizens oversight committee to review all levy expenditures and ensure dollars are spent as approved by voters, a practice which will continue with the levy renewal.

Please join us in voting "YES" on Measure 26-174.

Janet Taylor, Board President
Carl B. Christoferson, Vice President
William Valach, Treasurer
Jamieson Grabenhorst, Secretary
Alex S. Youssefian, President of the Oregon Historical Society's Cabinet
Gregory Keller
Sarah Newhall, Non-Profit Consultant

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Crown Point Country Historical Society Supports Measure 26-174

As the mission of the Crown Point Country Historical Society is "to promote and preserve the cultures and communities of this area's past and present," the CPCHS interpretive center/museum will recognize the contributions of **indigenous peoples, explorers, pioneers, and all others** who have lived in this beautiful part of Oregon.

Highlighted exhibits will include a Wasco longhouse, a rock wall showcasing the geological history of Oregon, an American Legion designed and sponsored Gold Star Memorial, and indoor and outdoor exhibits profiling the history and occupations of our area along the Columbia River Corridor. The proposed Interpretive center/Museum honoring our shared past will be a welcome Oregon tourist destination point on the way to Crown Point's **Vista House** and **Multnomah Falls**.

Community partners in support of this measure include:

Geri Canzler, President, Bridal Veil Historical Preservation Society
Ronald L. Cannon, President, East Multnomah County Pioneer Association
Jeff Grover, Commander, American Legion 108
Kenneth M. Smith, Tuck'ush Winch Katchia, Wasco Elder/Oral Tradition Historian
Randy Trani, Superintendent, Corbett School District #39
Judy K. DuFresne, Co-Owner, Big Bear's Crown Point Country Market
Maureen R. Michelson, President, Columbia Grange #267
Arnold DuFresne, Columbia Gorge Helping Hands Food Salvage
Stephen C. Wheeler, President of Columbia Gorge Rockhounds, Corbett, OR
Patrick Oldright, Corbett Country Market
Heidi "Two Bears" Katchia, Indigenous People's Pathway Chairman
Gary Law, Treasurer, Friends of Vista House
Michelle Abramson, Columbian Garden Club

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BALLOT TITLE

Temporary Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax for Street Repair, Traffic Safety.

Question: Shall Portland adopt four year, 10 cents per gallon fuel tax dedicated to street repair, safety (including safer crossings, sidewalks)?

Summary: Measure creates program dedicated to street repair, traffic safety through temporary, ten-cents per gallon tax on motor vehicle fuels in Portland for vehicles not subject to weight-mile tax, estimated to raise \$64 million over four years. Tax implemented no earlier than September 2016, expires in four years. Establishes license requirements.

Project categories with examples in each category:

- Street repair, (\$35.8 million) - Parts of SE Foster, N Denver, NE Alberta
- Safe Routes to School, (\$8.8 million) – Lent Elementary traffic calming, David Douglas HS sidewalks, George Middle School crossings
- Sidewalk completion, (\$6.4 million) – SW Capitol Highway, NE 14th
- High Crash Corridor safety improvements, (\$3.9 million) - lighting on SE Powell, crosswalk improvements on NE Sandy, 82nd Avenue, SW Beaverton/Hillsdale Highway
- Reducing bicycle / car conflicts, (\$5.6 million) – two Neighborhood Greenways in East Portland, safer bicycle routes downtown
- Intersection safety improvements, (\$3.4 million) - focused on improving access to transit: NE MLK, US 30

Citizen oversight committee reviews expenditures, provides annual reports. Audits required.

For a detailed list of projects, please visit portlandoregon.gov/transportation/betterstreets. If revenue or expenditure amounts differ from projections, the ratio of street repair to safety projects will remain the same (56% street repair to 44% safety projects).

Submitted by:

Commissioner Steve Novick
City of Portland City Council

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

LET'S PAY OUR FAIR SHARE

Q: Why a gas tax?

A: The money that the state and federal governments give to the city for streets hasn't kept up with our need. Portland's roads are now in a terrible state of disrepair. A gas tax is the smartest way to fund repairs and improve safety for everyone on Portland's streets.

Q: Is there organized opposition to the measure?

A: The Oil Industry is funding a campaign to defeat the gas tax, as they have in other cities. Vote YES to send a message that your vote won't be bought by Big Oil.

Q: Who will pay the most?

A: This gasoline tax means that the drivers who use our roads the most will pay the most to fix them. That's the fairest way to cover the costs of these needed repairs.

Q: Will this tax heavy trucks?

A: Since heavy trucks are buying gas at truck stops, mostly outside the city, instead of neighborhood stations, this measure includes a requirement that the City convene a committee to look at how to get heavy trucks to pay their fair share.

Q: Why now?

A: Repairs and maintenance for our roads and streets have been deferred for 30 years. It becomes more expensive to fix these problems the longer we wait to address them.

Q: Why doesn't the city use money they already have?

A: Most of the city's general fund goes to police, fire, parks and housing. We wouldn't want to slash those services in order to fix our streets. An independent citizen's group determined the city's budget does not have enough money for needed street repairs and recommended a local gas tax.

Endorsed by:

Portland City Club
Portland Business Alliance
Mayor Charlie Hales
Commissioner Nick Fish
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Commissioner Steve Novick
Commissioner Dan Saltzman
Multnomah County Commissioner Jules Bailey
Mayoral Candidate Sarah Iannarone
State Treasurer Ted Wheeler
County Commissioner Candidate Mel Rader

(This information furnished by Fix Our Streets Portland)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

FIX OUR STREETS PORTLAND: STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN EVERY QUADRANT, MONITORED BY CITIZEN OVERSIGHT

The Portland Bureau of Transportation has created a list that explicitly details the specific locations, cost estimates, and type of improvements to be funded by the temporary ten cent gas tax.

\$35.8 million for paving and maintenance projects, including:

- N Williams (Stanton to Cook)
- SW 4th Avenue (Lincoln to Burnside)
- SW Vermont (Oleson to Capitol)
- SE 136th (Foster to Division)
- SE 50th (Division to Hawthorne)
- SW Naito (Harrison to Jefferson)
- NE 42nd Ave (Brazee to Wistaria Dr)
- NE Wistaria Dr (42nd to Cesar Chavez)

\$16.9 million to fix dangerous streets, including:

- Filling sidewalk gaps on streets including NE 148th, SE

- Flavel and SW Capitol Highway
- Increased lighting, traffic calming, and safer access to TriMet bus stations
- Separated Bicycle Lane Projects in City Center, East and Southwest Portland
- Traffic calming and safety improvements on High Crash Corridors including 122nd, 82nd, NE Sandy and SW Beaverton-Hillsdale
- Crossing improvements to NE Glisan, NE 102nd, NE MLK, NE 82nd, and SW Naito
- All projects built to comply with Nationally-recognized ADA standards.

\$10.4 million for Safer Routes to School and Neighborhood Greenway projects, including:

- Sidewalks near David Douglas HS
- Street safety improvements near Lent ES
- Traffic Calming near Beverly Cleary ES
- Shoulder improvements near Forest Park ES
- Five Greenways in neighborhoods including Goose Hollow, Woodlawn, Montavilla, Hazelwood and Brentwood-Darlington

To ensure transparency and accountability, **every dollar raised and spent by the temporary gas tax** will be reviewed by a **Citizen Oversight Committee**. This group will monitor revenues, expenditures, and provide an annual report to City Council. Membership will include representation from transportation advocates, local businesses and neighborhood residents.

THIS IS NOT A COMPLETE LIST OF PROJECTS. To see the full slate of proposals and to read more about the criteria used to choose these projects, visit our campaign website: www.fixourstreetsportland.com

(This information furnished by Fix Our Streets Portland)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

30 YEARS OF UNDERFUNDING STREET REPAIRS IS TOO LONG

As the City of Portland has had to spend more on other priorities like police, fire, parks and housing, our streets have taken the brunt of budget cuts. **Road maintenance has been deferred for 30 years.** The city can't pay for the needed repairs by cutting police, fire, parks and housing.

But the longer we wait to fix the streets, the more expensive it will get.

A typical \$200,000 investment in a mile of street maintenance now can save taxpayers \$2,000,000 in future costs for road rebuilding. **Every dollar spent on standard road maintenance can save approximately \$10 by avoiding a complete rebuild of our roads in a few years.**

The Fix Our Streets Portland campaign would direct **\$35.8 million** to improvements in paving, traffic signals, street lighting, signs, and pavement markings to improve safety and system efficiency.

Streets across the City of Portland would receive funding for basic maintenance and safety upgrades, including:

- \$3.2 million for SW Vermont
- \$2.2 million for NE Halsey
- \$1.6 million for SW Naito
- \$0.9 million for N Denver
- \$3.0 million for SE Foster

These and other projects were chosen based on cost-effectiveness, prioritization of busy streets carrying transit and freight, and opportunities for partnership with other agencies including the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Voting YES on 26-173 is the fiscally responsible decision. This is an investment in prudent, thoughtful, good governance. Fix Our Streets Portland will avoid spiraling costs and ensure taxpayers don't pay more in the future. We simply can't wait

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any longer, and a broad consensus of Portland business leaders, community advocates and civic leaders agree.

Learn more about these projects by visiting our facebook page:
www.facebook.com/fixpdxstreets.

ENDORSEMENTS:

City Club of Portland
Portland Business Alliance
NW Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO

(This information furnished by Fix Our Streets Portland)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND STUDENTS SAY YES Portland students should be able to walk and bike to their neighborhood school.

Too many Portland families live in neighborhoods where children can't safely walk or bike to school. When children can't walk or bike to school, it increases neighborhood traffic, hurts air quality near schools, and deprives students of opportunities for physical activity. We must fix dangerous intersections and gaps in sidewalks along busy streets to make our communities safer.

Students are healthier and perform better academically when they have an opportunity to physically exercise in the morning, and local neighborhood streets are calmer and safer if students are able to walk to school.

Fix Our Streets Portland includes over \$8 million to build crosswalks, sidewalks, and safer streets near elementary, middle and K-8 schools in Portland Public, David Douglas, Reynolds and Parkrose School Districts. This money would be spent on safety projects all over the city including:

- Sidewalks near NE Portland's Sacramento Elementary
- Safer crosswalks to SE Portland's Buckman Elementary
- New marked crosswalks on N Burr Road near George Middle School
- Traffic calming on SW 35th Avenue near Jackson Middle School
- Filling sidewalk gaps near SE Portland's Parklane Elementary School

This funding will be prioritized to elementary schools in neighborhoods that need upgraded sidewalks and crosswalks the most. The Safe Routes to School funding will also be eligible to address traffic concerns in communities impacted by Portland Public Schools' ongoing boundary redistricting process.

A Yes Vote on 26-173 is a vote for stronger community schools, healthier children, and safer streets across the city.

The following parents and education advocates have also endorsed the Fix Our Streets Portland campaign:

Kari Schlosshauer, SE Portland Parent, Fix Our Streets Portland Campaign Co-Chair
Portland Association of Teachers
Beverly Cleary School PTA

Learn more about the campaign at www.fixourstreetsportland.com and twitter.com/fixpdxstreets.

(This information furnished by Fix Our Streets Portland)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

STREET SAFETY ADVOCATES ENDORSE 26-173

Every Portlander should be able to walk to their neighborhood stores and shops without fear of being hit by a car that either can't see them or doesn't have room to get by. They should be able to cross the street without worrying they won't be able to get to the other side. They should be able to bike to school

knowing that the route is safe.

Unfortunately, 30 years of unmaintained infrastructure has left many Portland neighborhoods split apart by busy streets with poor or nonexistent sidewalks, crosswalks, and fast moving cars.

Last year, the City of Portland adopted Vision Zero, a traffic safety philosophy that states traffic crashes are preventable incidents that must be systematically addressed through investments in infrastructure where collisions continue to happen. It's time for Portland to step up to meet the Vision Zero goal of ending traffic deaths and serious injuries. Fix Our Streets Portland provides funding to fix dangerous intersections to help eliminate traffic fatalities.

Portland families deserve safe streets to walk, bike, use their mobility devices, access transit, and drive.

The City Club of Portland, an independent citizen group, found that the city really does not have enough money in its existing budget to address our needed repairs and safety improvements. They recommended a local gas tax.

Some of the funds raised will be invested in crosswalks and sidewalks in high traffic areas where injuries and deaths have been a persistent community concern. It's time all Portlanders have safe transportation options to get where they need to go.

A gas tax is the smartest way to fund repairs to improve safety for everyone on Portland's streets.

Endorsed by:

AARP Oregon
Oregon and SW Washington Families for Safe Streets
Oregon Walks
Bicycle Transportation Alliance
Community Cycling Center
City of Portland Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Disability Rights Oregon
Community Vision

Tell us why YOU support fixing our streets: www.facebook.com/fixpdxstreets

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

AN INVESTMENT IN CLEANER AIR, HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES FOR ALL

Portlanders cherish our city's commitment to livable, sustainable communities. That's why public health and environmental advocates across the city have endorsed the Fix Our Streets Portland campaign. **This is our opportunity to vote for a cleaner environment.**

Automobile use represents a **significant threat to local air quality** in Portland's neighborhoods. A local tax on gasoline will encourage Portlanders to consider walking, biking and taking transit for their daily trips, and will raise revenue to ensure Portlanders can safely walk, bike, and take transit in every neighborhood.

With the Fix Our Streets Portland campaign, voters can tax pollution to invest in infrastructure. For 30 years, our city has deferred this maintenance. The longer we wait, the more expensive it will be. The gas tax gives us an opportunity for cost-effective, green transportation options for every neighborhood. **This improves local air quality, helps tackle Portland's affordability crunch, and is an investment in a low-carbon transportation future.**

For these reasons, prominent environmentalists have joined with public health advocates to endorse the campaign. Better air quality and accessibility to our green spaces are important components of a sustainable, healthy, equitable Portland.

Environmentalists and public health advocates strongly believe

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Portland's future depends on green transportation options to fight climate change. This gas tax provides a much needed incentive for Portlanders to bike, walk and take public transit while building the necessary infrastructure to make it happen.

"Neighbors for Clean Air enthusiastically supports this initiative for a healthier community. The gas tax will clean our air and make it easier for Portland residents to walk and bike in the city."

- Neighbors for Clean Air statement

The following organizations encourage a YES vote on 26-173:

Neighbors for Clean Air
Eastside Portland Air Coalition
OPAL - Environmental Justice Oregon
Upstream Public Health
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
1000 Friends of Oregon

(This information furnished by Fix Our Streets Portland)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

HOUSING ADVOCATES SUPPORT GAS TAX

The City of Portland is growing rapidly, and housing affordability continues to be a key concern for many Portlanders. We need a reliable, sound, transportation system that gives families flexibility as they pursue home ownership. From **transit-dependent seniors to students eager to walk and bike to their neighborhood school**, Fix Our Streets Portland provides options for Portlanders to get safely around the city.

It will only get more expensive for us to fix our deteriorating roads. Those rising costs will keep us from investing in other important needs, like affordable housing. If we do not invest now, we'll simply see exponentially more expensive costs to pave streets in the future.

GAS TAX FUNDS PROJECTS NEAR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Much of Portland's new housing is located or proposed on busy, dangerous streets which lack adequate sidewalks and crosswalks. The families moving to these new homes also need safe, accessible walking, biking and public transit options.

The neighborhoods experiencing the largest population growth are also Portland's most racially and socioeconomically diverse communities. **Fix Our Streets Portland invests in road repairs and street safety projects in the neighborhoods that need them most.**

YES FOR NEEDED REPAIRS

To address Portland's housing crisis, we must look at the ways reliable transportation systems allow Portlanders to achieve homeownership. This often means safely commuting to their jobs, schools and other community centers. **Vote YES on Measure 26-173 to support the necessary infrastructure to build strong, economically vibrant, safe and equitable communities that all Portlanders can call home.**

"ROSE works in East Portland neighborhoods, which has poor infrastructure and many unsafe street crossings. This measure will be great for East Portland, and Rose CDC supports a YES vote on Measure 26-173."

- Nick Sauvie, Executive Director, Rose CDC

Housing advocates endorsements:

Rose CDC
OPAL - Environmental Justice Oregon
Housing Land Advocates

Orange Splot LLC
Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives, Inc.

(This information furnished by Fix Our Streets Portland)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

IT'S TIME EAST PORTLAND GOT THEIR FAIR SHARE

For far too long, East Portland's needs have been ignored. It's time to invest in basic city services in neighborhoods where it's needed most.

A YES vote on 26-173 invests money in sidewalks, crosswalks, and traffic safety projects in the neighborhoods with the greatest need, including East Portland.

East Portland advocates have been working with the City of Portland for years to identify street improvements to make it easier for seniors to access transit and safer for students to get to school. Fix Our Streets Portland includes funding for multiple street safety and road maintenance projects. These investments ensure walking, biking, and driving are safe and available in Portland's most socioeconomically and racially diverse neighborhoods.

East Portland citizens have been waiting for repairs since annexation in the 1980s. Now is the time to invest in these streets so every Portlander can safely walk, bike and drive to their jobs, schools and places of worship.

Delaying improvements will only make streets more expensive to fix in the future.

Fix Our Streets Portland directs funding to numerous projects in East Portland, including:

- \$4.0 million to repave SE 136th from SE Foster to SE Division
- \$3.0 million to repave SE Foster from 82nd to 90th
- \$2.8 million for Safe Routes to School for families in David Douglas, Centennial, Parkrose School Districts
- \$3.9 million for safety improvements East Portland's "High Crash Corridors" including NE 82nd, NE 122nd and NE Sandy
- \$1.7 million for sidewalks on NE 148th from NE Halsey to NE Glisan
- \$1.1 million for Neighborhood Greenways for safer walking and biking routes to David Douglas High School and Holladay Park from frequent service TriMet lines

The following East Portland advocates support our campaign:

East Portland Action Plan
Rosewood Initiative
OPAL - Environmental Justice Oregon
East Portland Land Use and Transportation Committee
Hazelwood Neighborhood Association
Depave

(This information furnished by Fix Our Streets Portland)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

A GAS TAX TO FIX PORTLAND'S STREETS

Portland's roads and sidewalks have been deteriorating for 30 years.

The federal gas tax hasn't changed since 1993, and Oregon's gas tax hasn't changed since 2009. Due to inflation, increased automobile fuel efficiency, and an overall decrease in per-capita driving, revenues for street maintenance in Portland has plummeted, and our roads are starting to show serious signs of wear and tear.

We can't address the state of our roads without new revenue. It's that simple.

It's common for local jurisdictions to raise revenues from a gas tax to invest in needed maintenance in their communities. 15 cities in Oregon levy a local gas tax to raise revenue for roads, including Eugene, Tigard, Milwaukie, Astoria, and Hood River.

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Investing in road maintenance now saves significant taxpayers money in the future.

Investment in maintenance on a city street will preserve the quality of the road and help prevent normal wear and tear from destroying our street and rendering it functionally obsolete. Studies show a \$200,000 treatment to a deteriorating street now can be enough to prevent taxpayers from footing the bill for a \$2 million rebuild in the future. **Portland simply can't afford to wait on fixing our streets.**

The only organized opposition to a gas tax comes from Big Oil.

While local businesses, educators, transportation advocates and city leaders all agree that we need this crucial investment for the economic vitality of our neighborhoods and the safety of our children biking and walking to school, Big Oil is trying to squash our local efforts to fix our streets.

Big Oil interests want you to believe that we don't need a gas tax to solve our street problem. **Don't believe them.** Big Oil will say anything to keep from paying their fair share. They have fought additional funding for years. A gas tax generates revenue from the heaviest users of our roads including businesses.

(This information furnished by Fix Our Streets Portland)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS SPEAK OUT: LET'S FIX OUR STREETS

Matthew Mičetić, owner of Red Castle Games: "I chose to open my small business on SE Foster because of its vibrancy. The Fix Our Streets Portland proposal includes \$3.9 million to invest in safety on High Crash Corridors like SE Foster. I'm happy to support a gas tax to make streets safer for my customers and employees who bike, walk, and drive between our vibrant districts in Portland."

Justin Yuen, owner of FMYI, a Portland-based software B Corporation: "I chose to locate my business here because of the convenience and accessibility for my employees, clients, and family. FMYI depends on our streets to be in good condition so our employees can get to work safely and pick up their kids from school. We need to invest in our streets so that Portland remains a desirable place to live and so we can continue to attract top talent to work at our company."

Read more stories from small business owners on why they support the temporary gas tax at www.fixourstreetsportland.com

(This information furnished by Fix Our Streets Portland)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

City Club Supports Temporary Gas Tax

Portland can no longer afford to postpone investing in its streets, sidewalks and bike lanes. After nearly 30 years of insufficient investment, we face a massive backlog that will cost at least \$205 million annually, and every year we delay, it gets more expensive. If we don't act, future City Councils will have to choose between repairing crumbling roads and funding vital services like affordable housing and public safety.

City Club of Portland conducted an exhaustive study to determine how to address this crisis. Our citizen committee concluded that a temporary local gas tax is the best way to raise funds immediately for transportation while developing a comprehensive strategy.

- **The gas tax will improve safety citywide:** In 2014, more than half of Portland's traffic fatalities were pedestrians, compared to 14% nationally. East Portland bears the brunt of these tragedies. Gas tax revenue will go towards building sidewalks, improving crossings at

intersections and expanding the Safe Routes to School program throughout Portland.

- **The gas tax is fair:** People who use roads more will pay more. Non-Portland residents who fill their tanks in Portland will help fund the streets they use, too.
- **The gas tax is equitable:** On average, high-income households drive more than low-income households. And anyone can save by using public transit, biking or walking.
- **The gas tax is affordable.** With gas prices at their lowest level in years, now is the most affordable time to implement a temporary 10-cent tax.

A temporary local gas tax will fund life-saving road improvements and cost-saving maintenance.

City Club urges Portlanders to vote yes!

Visit pdxcityclub.org/streetfee to read our report, "Portland's Streets: End the funding gridlock." City Club is a nonprofit, nonpartisan education- and research-based civic organization. Through community-based research and advocacy City Club examines issues of importance to the Portland metropolitan region, the state and society as a whole.

(This information furnished by City Club of Portland)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

VOTE NO ON THE PORTLAND 10-CENT GAS TAX

- The Portland Gas Tax is unfair in that it taxes fuel for cars, but not other very large vehicles that use Portland's streets.
- The Gas Tax is another regressive Portland tax. For a city that prides itself on being progressive, the City Council sure likes to load taxes on people of low to middle incomes. Those people are already struggling with Portland's skyrocketing housing prices.
- The Portland Gas Tax would be double the highest current city gas tax in Oregon. More than 90% of the cities in Oregon don't have a city gas tax at all.
- Portland already receives 80% of the revenue from Multnomah County's 3 cent per gallon gas tax, on top of a share of Oregon's 30-cent per gallon gas tax.
- If the Portland Gas Tax passes, most Portland residents will pay a total of over 61 cents per gallon in gas taxes, about one-third of current fuel prices in Portland.
- The Portland gas tax would not impact drivers from the suburbs who fuel up outside the city but drive on Portland streets.
- The City of Portland says that revenue from the gas tax will be used for street maintenance and safety projects. But they said the same thing about water and sewer funds that city officials illegally used to fund toilets and political campaigns.

VOTE NO ON PORTLAND'S 10-CENT GAS TAX.

(This information furnished by Paul Romain)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

As a wife, mother and a City of Portland small business owner, I am asking you to please vote NO on Portland's 10-cent gas tax for the following reasons:

The 10-cent Portland tax would be the highest fuel tax in Oregon. Coupled with the Multnomah County tax of 3-cents per gallon, those who fill up their tanks in Portland would pay 13-cents more per gallon than those who can fill their tanks just outside of the city. Portlanders making middle class wages

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or on fixed incomes, yet needing to use their cars to get to work, pick up children from school, and meet their everyday needs are impacted the most.

The 10-cent tax would be added to over 51-cents in other county, state and federal fuel taxes, making the tax on a gallon of fuel (over a third of the cost of) the fuel.

The city can and should maintain our streets without a new tax. The City of Portland has a \$20 million surplus, which should be used to fix the roads. The City has given us one excuse after another for not maintaining Portland's roads. The Utility Fee imposed in the 1980s was supposed to be used to fix roads. The City diverted that money away from roads. The roads need repair because the City has neglected them for over two decades.

The city has misused our tax money in the past, and continues to do so. Remember the Water Bureau fiasco. The city has been ordered by the Courts to repay millions of dollars.

Higher gas taxes hurt people who are struggling with Portland's high cost of living. With soaring housing prices, the last thing many families need is to pay more to fill up. We should not be raising taxes on Portlanders who are struggling to make ends meet.

Tell the City Council to prioritize fixing our streets. Vote NO on the 10-cent gas tax.

(This information furnished by Lila Leathers)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

A Coalition of No-Street-Fee Activists Recommends voting NO against this gas tax. No on 26-173

First, heavy trucks and other big rigs are exempt from this new tax even though such vehicles cause large amounts of damage to our roads. Car drivers will pay for the damage caused by heavy trucks.

Second, automobile drivers will pay more while getting less. Nearly one-third of this gas tax will not go to fixing our roads, but instead go to green ways, bike paths and other such amenities (City's own estimates). Meanwhile, road lanes are being reduced, with Foster and Powell both targeted for being reduced to one lane each way. "Sharing the road" is fast becoming "stealing the road."

Third, the City once dedicated a portion of utility franchise fees to repairing our roads but this funding was raided by City Council for other nefarious purposes.

Fourth, the Portland Transportation Bureau has a tattered history of management. Several years ago the City reportedly sold its street paving equipment and stopped paving the streets.

Fifth, the City routinely wastes millions each year, in amounts equal to this gas tax measure. For example, the City spent about \$5 million cleaning up hazardous waste left behind by private parties even while it gave these same parties even more valuable development rights (Oregonian 2/11/2016). Then most recently the City is paying \$17 million more for a developer's property than its estimated market value (Oregonian 3/6/16).

Sixth, the City now seeks to reward its employees with more lavish quarters with a \$200 million plus proposed rebuild of the Portland Building.

Even though this tax is temporary, it is very possible the City will repeat its past behavior; and short basic road maintenance in subsequent years, wasting it instead on pet projects.

The City needs to reorient itself towards fiscal prudence, and not more taxes.

Bob Clark, Economist; Active member of the No-Street-Fee gang (2014)

(This information furnished by Robert Clark)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Taxpayer Association of Oregon says

No on Measure 26-173

Portland is going to hurt you with a \$60 million gas tax because they can't control their spending...

\$70 million wasted on contract overspending according to City Auditors (KOIN 6 TV 5-8-14)

\$50 million misspent by City Water Bureau on failed, questionable and unrelated projects

\$49 million City surplus 2015 (Oregonian 8-11-15)

\$21 million over-spent on City software upgrade (Portland Business Journal 10-1-08)

\$7 million over-spent on Morrison Bridge repair (KOIN 6 -TV 7-7-14)

\$6 million over-budget for Greenway project the media calls "pathway to nowhere" (Oregonian 2-11-16)

\$5 million City surplus in 2014 (Portland Tribune 1-2-14)

\$3 million over-budget on City permit system (Oregonian 4-22-15)

\$2 million over-spending on City Managers cost (Oregonian 3-5-14)

NO Vote on 26-173

More news at OregonWatchdog.com

(This information furnished by Taxpayer Association of Oregon)

CITY OF TROUTDALE

Measure 26-172

BALLOT TITLE

Clarifies mayor, councilors may discuss city business with city manager

Question: Shall charter authorize mayor and council discussions with city manager?

Summary: Under the existing charter section, it is not clear that councilors may talk to the city manager about concerns they may have concerning staff, city contracts, or city property. This amendment makes clear that councilors may discuss their concerns, so long as their actions do not coerce the city manager into actions the manager might not otherwise take. It requires that such discussions comply with the public meetings laws and other laws.

Under the existing charter section, it is not clear that councilors may talk to the City Manager about concerns they may have concerning staff, city contracts, or city property. This amendment makes clear that councilors may discuss their concerns, so long as their actions do not cross the line to coerce the City Manager into actions the manager might not otherwise take. It requires that such discussions comply with the public meetings laws and other laws.

Submitted by:
Ed Trompke
Interim City Attorney
City of Troutdale

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure amends Section 21(l) of the 1994 Troutdale Charter to allow the mayor and city councilors to discuss the strengths, weaknesses, or need for city staff, or to discuss any city contract or property that either exists or is contemplated, with the City Manager.

This amendment clarifies the relationship between the City Council and its chief appointed officer, the City Manager. Troutdale has a council-manager form of government. Under it, the City Council establishes the City's public policies, and the City Manager carries out these policies. In this regard the City Manager is the City's chief administrative officer. He or she is responsible, as stated in Section 21 of the Charter, "to the mayor and council for the proper administration of all city business."

An important principal that assists this relationship (and which makes the council-manager system popular, especially in smaller cities) is that political forces should not be applied to day-to-day management decisions. If the City Council disapproves of the City Manager's performance, the City Council's recourse is to find a new City Manager. The noninterference principal is embodied in Charter Section 21(l), which provides that the City Council may not "directly or indirectly attempt to coerce the manager or a candidate for the office of manager" in matters of hiring or terminating city employees, or in administrative decisions regarding city contracts or property.

In respecting this section, City Council members have erred on the side of caution: They have hesitated to discuss such matters with the City Manager, and have hesitated to share personal views about such matters. Concerns have arisen that honest disagreements might be construed as coercion. This cautionary approach discourages conversation, and may silence otherwise useful dialogue.

The City Council has observed that it should be possible to discuss such employment, contract, or property issues with the City Council's chief administrator in ways that do not coerce or interfere with the City Manager's discretion or responsibilities.

NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OR OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

MT HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Measure 26-170

BALLOT TITLE

Bonds to construct Workforce Training Center; Enhance Safety and Technology

Question: Shall Mt. Hood Community College expand skilled job training; enhance student safety, technology; issue bonds not exceeding \$125,000,000; audits required? 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: Proceeds of the bonds will be used to finance district-wide capital projects. The State has agreed to provide a grant towards the cost of the projects but only if the College can provide matching funds. Passage of this bond would provide the matching funds. In addition, the District intends to apply to the State for seismic grants to help defray costs.

If the bonds are approved, a citizen committee would be established to oversee use of the proceeds. Bond proceeds would be used to:

- Construct, equip and furnish new Workforce Applied Technology Center
- Construct, equip and furnish new Northeast Portland (Maywood Park) campus building
- Safety, security and other improvements including lockdown capability and seismic upgrades
- Technology infrastructure improvements
- Refinance existing capital obligations

Bonds would mature in a period not to exceed 21 years from date of issuance and may be issued in one or more series. If approved, the tax rate is estimated to be approximately \$.31 per \$1,000 of assessed property value or \$31 per year for property assessed at \$100,000.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Mt. Hood Community College District was established in 1965 with the purpose of giving East Multnomah County residents access to higher education. Fifty years later, the College has served more than 1,000,000 students across three counties and continues to enroll more than 25,000 students every year at its three campuses, which include the Gresham Campus, the Bruning Center for Allied Health, and the Maywood Park Campus.

The College opened its doors in 1966, and by 1974 enrollment had reached nearly 10,000. That year, the College proposed, and the community approved, a \$6.3 million general obligation bond. That was 40 years ago, and it was the last time our community approved funding for the College's classrooms and job training facilities by passing a bond.

The College has worked diligently with its community and its business and industry partners to determine the greatest needs of this region. The focus of the general obligation bond on workforce and economic vitality reflects what our communities have said are their priorities. These priorities have been communicated to the state of Oregon, which will provide \$8 million toward the Workforce and Applied Technology Center if matching funds are provided through this bond.

The proposed general obligation bond will be used by Mt. Hood Community College to:

Construct a Workforce and Applied Technology Center on the Gresham campus. This facility will enable the College to work in partnership with local businesses to provide and expand technical and trades programs, workforce development, and corporate training with the goal of students entering the workforce at a more rapid pace.

Rebuild and expand the almost 100 year-old Maywood Park education and training center to provide additional instructional space and expand access to job training opportunities in Parkrose and Gateway, the largest industrial area in our region.

Address potential campus threats, like what happened at Umpqua Community College, and earthquake risk by investing in essential security improvements and seismic upgrades that will help protect the safety of students, staff, and visitors.

Provide for technology and campus upgrades. The needs of the student community have changed over 40 years and have not been fully addressed since the College's last bond. Upgrades include consistent, widespread wireless access for educational purposes and up-to-date ADA access.

Refinance existing debt. In the past the College has borrowed funds to pay for facilities capital emergencies and improvements the Board determined were necessary. By refinancing this debt, more resources from the College's general fund can be used for academic programming and student support needs.

Bonds issued will be in the principal amount not to exceed \$125 million. The estimated incremental initial tax rate is approximately \$.31 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The bond will be subject to independent auditing by a citizen oversight committee tasked to conduct regular meetings and reviews of how bond proceeds are spent.

All funds from the bond must be used for the above-stated projects. No funds may be used for unrelated administration, and all funds will go toward improving the College's facilities.

Submitted by:

Debra A. Derr, Ed.D
President
Mt. Hood Community College

NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

MT HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Measure 26-170

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Invest in Success - Vote Yes on Measure 26-170 Bond for Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC)

MHCC has made our community a better place to live, work, and raise a family for the last 50 years. **MHCC has served hundreds of thousands of students, giving them the essential skills they need to find good paying jobs in our community.**

Through its job training programs, MHCC attracts more businesses to the area and is essential to an economy that works for everyone.

Yet MHCC hasn't had a capital bond in more than 40 years and our job training facilities are outdated and need serious repair. There are rusting and leaking water pipes, leaky roofs and damaged ceiling tiles causing mold, and asbestos that should be removed in order to ensure student and staff safety.

Many of our job training and lab facilities are outdated and can no longer provide students with the modern job skills that local employers need. **As a result, regional employers report that hundreds of jobs are not being filled by local residents because they lack experience with the current technology used in the marketplace.**

With this bond we will construct a Workforce and Applied Technology Center with laboratories and classrooms expanding MHCC's ability to provide modern job training for good-paying careers in electronics, construction management, automotive, veterinary, manufacturing, health care, and computer information systems.

Our Maywood Park Campus will be renovated and designed to meet employer demand for entry level and existing worker training opportunities in the Parkrose and Gateway communities—the largest industrial area in our region.

The bond includes built-in accountability mechanisms such as independent auditing and citizen oversight specifically designed to make sure our tax dollars are spent wisely and efficiently.

Please join Members of the MHCC Board in Voting Yes on 26-170.

www.friendsofmhcc.org

Susie Jones	Teena K. Ainslie
James Zordich	Michael Calcagno
Kenney Polson	Tamie Arnold

(This information furnished by Friends of MHCC)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Mt. Hood Community College Provides Opportunity for All

Like many of you, my history with MHCC goes back decades: back to when I was the parent of young children and a member of the Parkrose School Board.

Even then, MHCC was providing local high school students and displaced workers with the training and skills they needed to land a good paying job or start their own business.

MHCC has always had pathways for students of all abilities. My son Mike was diagnosed with autism in the early 1960s. At that time there weren't resources or special programs for students like Mike. But MHCC always saw who he really was, who he could become, and helped him succeed.

Over the last 50 years MHCC has helped hundreds of thousands of people of all abilities make a better life for themselves and their families.

MHCC continues to be where our community comes to learn the skills they need to be competitive for good-

paying jobs or to get the new training their employer needs to keep up in today's marketplace.

Both my husband, the late Senator Frank Roberts, and I were elected to the MHCC board. We served in these volunteer positions because we saw the positive impact MHCC had on the local community through workforce training programs and degree programs that helped people get better jobs and attracted new business to the area.

The initial investment in MHCC has long been paid off, and returned to us many times over. Now it's time to reinvest for the next 50 years. **At a cost of only a few dollars a month, I can't imagine a wiser investment in our community and our future.**

Governor Barbara Roberts

Vote YES on 26-170
Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) Bond
www.friendsofmhcc.org

(This information furnished by Friends of MHCC)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Local Employers See Mt. Hood Community College as a Smart Financial Investment

- **Investing in MHCC is a smart financial move.** For every \$1 invested in a community college, the local economy receives over \$4 in economic benefit.
- **More people will benefit from employers' tuition reimbursement programs.** Expanded course offerings and flexible evening and weekend scheduling will allow employees to take advantage of tuition reimbursement benefits.
- **MHCC will receive 8 million dollars in matching funds.** This bond allows MHCC to receive \$8,000,000 dollars in state matching funds that would otherwise go elsewhere.
- **Updating technology and infrastructure will save money.** Improvements to MHCC like using solar energy and weather proofing will result in significant cost savings.
- **The investment in MHCC is accountable, with oversight and independent audits.** MHCC has clearly outlined the programs and purposes this bond will support. All expenditures under this bond will be subject to public accountability measures, audits and citizen review.

Employers in our community need a robust MHCC to provide continuing education and training in the latest technologies to stay competitive and continue adding jobs to the local economy.

- **Our community's largest employers support constructing a new Workforce and Applied Technology Center in Gresham.**
- **Updated and expanded MHCC training facilities in Maywood Park are a win-win for students and employers.** Students gain an education focused on the same technologies and tools being used in the industry today. Employers benefit from graduates ready to hit the ground running.
- **Greater capacity at MHCC is critical for part-time and mid-career students.** Current space and resource limitations mean MHCC cannot offer the full array of continuing education and technology specific classes needed by part-time students seeking to advance in their career.

Please Vote YES on Measure 26-170

Brian Lessler, PDG Construction Services, Inc.
Lynn Snodgrass, CEO, Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce

(This information furnished by Friends of MHCC)

MT HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Measure 26-170 is Critical to Keeping Mt. Hood Community College and our Community Safe

Law enforcement officers and emergency first responders know the absolute value of investing in safety and security.

For students to succeed and reach their full potential, first and foremost - they need secure learning environments, safe buildings, and adequate classroom space.

That is why we urge you to vote YES for Measure 26-170.

Over its 50 year history, MHCC has served over 1 million students and community members.

Our campus was built to serve 10,000 students and we now serve over 25,000 every year, putting additional strain on buildings already in need of renovation and repair.

Many critical repairs and maintenance items simply cannot wait for the next natural disaster or tragedy to strike.

Measure 26-170 will allow MHCC to **increase safety by replacing rusting and leaking water pipes, leaky roofs** and damaged ceiling tiles that lead to mold.

It will also fund **technology and improvements that help MHCC lock down its buildings** in case of an active shooter or other imminent danger to students and staff.

MHCC has been a beacon of hope in our community, providing a path to prosperity for 50 years. It is one of the key reasons we have attracted and maintained the loyalty of the businesses and industries that fuel our local economy.

It's time to invest in the safety and security of MHCC for the next 50 years.

And the bond includes built-in accountability mechanisms such as independent auditing and citizen oversight specifically designed to make sure our tax dollars are spent wisely and efficiently.

Let's work together to make sure we safeguard our community's greatest treasure: its residents.

Stand United with Us - Vote YES for Measure 26-170.

Erick Flores, Parkrose School Board
State Representative Carla Piluso
Marilyn Pitts, PFTA President
Fred Sanchez, Friends of MHCC

(This information furnished by Friends of MHCC)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

MHCC is an Accountable Investment that Creates Good Paying Jobs

I am an MHCC graduate and current board member. Because of MHCC's strong programs in applied health care, I'm a nurse with a good job and a secure future.

MHCC Needs New Infrastructure, Technology, Classroom Space

It's been years since we've been able to upgrade our technology. Students often have to share equipment in the laboratory classes, and there is not enough space to accommodate all of the students.

With this bond we can create a Workforce and Applied Technology Center in Gresham, and our Maywood Park Campus will be rebuilt and designed to meet demand for entry level and existing worker training opportunities in the Parkrose and Gateway communities—the largest industrial area in our region.

MHCC's Hands-On Programs Lead to High Paying Jobs

Students in our career training programs leave school with little or no debt and a direct path to a job that will support a family.

In the applied health program for example, **MHCC students can quickly get the credentials they need to become a Licensed Professional Nurse, with an average starting salary of \$50,000.**

And then they can return for additional training to become a Registered Nurse, with an average starting salary of over \$80,000 here in Oregon.

Jobs like these allow people to raise their families, save towards retirement, and have rewarding careers.

The average homeowner will pay just a few dollars a month to support this bond, and it is an accountable investment that will bring returns to our community for decades to come. Please join me in voting yes.

Vote YES on the Mt. Hood Community College Bond

www.friendsofmhcc.org

Tamie Arnold, MHCC Board Member

(This information furnished by Friends of MHCC)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) Prepared Me for Success

When I graduated from high school in 1981 I knew I wanted to work in film and television. It was before the internet, so I went to my local library and started looking up colleges and I found MHCC.

MHCC taught me the skills I needed to succeed in a very competitive industry. I learned how to be an entrepreneur and technician, with the knowledge and skills to make my own shows and films.

Nearly 30 years later, **I'm an award winning producer of the television show Portlandia, and almost every day I still use something I first learned at MHCC.** It's no coincidence that I often find MHCC graduates on my crews, as MHCC crew members are better trained and experienced in the latest technology. **They move up the ranks faster than their peers, getting themselves on a career track with good paying jobs offering full benefits and solid futures**

MHCC has given hundreds of thousands of local residents a path to great careers. **Now it's time for us to reinvest in MHCC.**

This bond is an accountable investment that will boost our economy and create jobs by ensuring access to state of the art workforce training facilities that meet the needs of local employers like me.

Most of MHCC's buildings are over 40 years old and overcrowded, with classes crammed into every nook and cranny. **This bond will pay for necessary repairs and upgrades as well as create additional space to ease overcrowding so MHCC can offer high quality job training to every student that applies.**

Area employers report that hundreds of jobs are not being filled by local residents because they lack the skills and training. **This bond will help change that by ensuring that students get the training they need to land good paying jobs.**

Please join me in voting Yes for Measure 26-170

David Cress, Producer

(This information furnished by Friends of MHCC)

MT HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Measure 26-170

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Close the Skills Gap by Voting Yes on 26-170 the Bond for Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC)

Over the next 10 years 3.5 million manufacturing jobs will open up in the United States. **Thirty thousand of those jobs are in our region.**

There aren't enough skilled workers to meet the demand from local employers. Currently 6 out of 10 jobs in manufacturing go unfilled. This is bad for local workers, local industry, and bad for our local economy.

Measure 26-170 Will Help Close the Skills Gap

This bond will construct a new state of the art job training facility on MHCC's main campus, and a new Maywood Park center to help East County workers find long-term jobs with wages that support families by educating them to meet the needs of 21st Century employers such as KCR Manufacturing in Wood Village, Oregon.

The MHCC bond will not only expand educational opportunities and make workers job ready, it will help to expand our local economy.

\$67,308 is the average salary in manufacturing and there is a 95% placement rate for students completing a 1, 2, or 4-year manufacturing program like the ones offered at MHCC.

Students from around the region will be drawn to the new workforce training center bringing with them resources to support area businesses.

Manufacturing Jobs Help our Economy Grow

- Every \$1.00 dollar spent on manufacturing generates \$1.37 dollars in economic activity.
- Every 100 new manufacturing jobs create an additional 250 jobs in the community.

KCR is a manufacturer that looks forward to partnering with Mt. Hood Community College's new Manufacturing Skills Center.

We encourage you to help us close the skills gap and improve our area's economy by joining us in voting YES on Measure 26-170 for MHCC.

Chris Holden,
Owner KCR Manufacturing
Manufacturing statistics from www.makeitoregon.com

(This information furnished by Friends of MHCC)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Vote YES on Measure 26-170 - Bond for Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC)

We are retired residents who care deeply about the strength and future of our community and MHCC. A strong MHCC is critical for the strength and vitality of our community.

Investing in MHCC is a smart financial move for all of us. For every \$1 invested in a community college, the local economy receives over \$4 in economic benefit.

A Stronger Local Economy Increases the Value of our Property by sustaining our businesses and attracting new residents and growth to the community.

We all Benefit with Improved Access to Education and Training

Practical training at MHCC means **good paying jobs and solid careers** for today's students. As we settle into retirement, we will be counting on the younger generations to drive the local economy.

Residents of all ages benefit from MHCC – students ranging in age from 16 to 85 take enriching classes from Tai

Chi to Computing, and take advantage of campus resources, libraries, aquatic and fitness centers.

The MHCC Bond is a Reasonable and Accountable Investment in the Community

In addition to independent auditing, there will be a citizen oversight committees designed to make sure our tax dollars are spent wisely and efficiently.

The actual cost to local homeowners is low. Homeowners will pay an additional .30 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value. A home assessed at \$200,000 will pay \$60 a year, or \$5 per month.

As retirees, we are generally wary of new taxes at this point in our life because most of us live on fixed incomes. Yet, **we will vote YES on the Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) Bond and urge you to join us.**

www.friendsofmhcc.org

Hiroshi Morihara
Beverly Russell

(This information furnished by Friends of MHCC)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Mt. Hood Community College is an Accountable Investment with High Returns for the Entire Community

- **Investing in MHCC is a smart financial move for all of us.** MHCC students, staff, and alumni added \$752 million in income to our economy, which supported nearly 12,000 local jobs in 2015.
- **MHCC will receive 8 million dollars in matching funds.** This bond will allow the college to pay off its existing debt while taking advantage of \$8,000,000 dollars in cost-free state matching funds. These 8 million dollars would otherwise be forfeited.
- **The actual cost to local homeowners is low.** Homeowners will pay an additional .30 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value. A home assessed at \$200,000 will pay \$60 a year, or \$5 per month.
- **Investment in MHCC allows thousands to get an affordable education.** MHCC allows its 28,000+ students to continue getting an education while juggling full time jobs, families, and other responsibilities without taking on massive student debt burdens.

Local small businesses need employees with practical training, technical skills and resourcefulness demanded by today's dynamic marketplace.

A Strong MHCC is Key to a Robust Workforce for Local Business

A revitalized MHCC means a strong workforce for decades to come – a trained, ready to work supply of employees for local small businesses, the engine of the area's economy.

- **MHCC's cooperative education is a win-win for students and local businesses.** Students gain on-the-job experiences being matched with local businesses in their areas of study.
- **Businesses gain the vital perspective and energy of students trained in the latest technology and practical skills.** A revitalized MHCC can provide small businesses with a vital boost.

Vote YES on the Mt. Hood Community College (MHCC) Bond
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(This information furnished by Friends of MHCC)

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure 26-175

BALLOT TITLE

General Obligation Bonds to Expand Educational Facilities, Safe Learning Environment

Question: Shall Centennial School District increase safety, improve schools, construct facilities, update technology, issue \$85,000,000 general obligation bonds, with citizen oversight? 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 bonds are approved, the District will protect the community's investment in schools through building repairs, improved safety and security at every school, addressing overcrowding by building a second middle school and expanding existing schools. A citizen oversight committee will be established, with independent audits, to oversee use of funds.

If approved, State will grant \$7,095,543 to defray costs. District has applied for grants for seismic upgrades.

Capital projects include:

- New roofs, building repairs and improvements;
- Create operational savings and efficiencies by upgrading HVAC and plumbing;
- Upgrade safety and security systems, technology infrastructure;
- Address overcrowding by constructing, equipping and furnishing a second middle school on existing property;
- Construct, equip and furnish multi-purpose rooms at five existing schools;
- Refinance existing capital obligations and pay bond issuance costs.

Bonds would mature in 26 years or less from issuance date and may be issued in one or more series. The initial tax rate is estimated to be approximately \$1.31 per \$1,000 of assessed property value or \$131 per year for property assessed at \$100,000.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Centennial School District is placing a bond on the ballot for the following reasons:

- Student enrollment in the Centennial School District is on the rise. This school year, the state of Oregon implemented full-day kindergarten, resulting in the need for additional space at all seven elementary schools in the district. And, within the next two years, Centennial Middle School will have more students than the school was designed for.
- Throughout the district, safety improvements are needed to provide a secure learning environment for all students.
- The Centennial School District believes keeping our schools properly maintained will head off expensive major repairs in the future.

If the bond is approved, the District will protect the community's investment in schools through: building repairs, improving safety and security at every school, addressing the need for additional space for middle school students by building a second middle school and moving all sixth graders from the elementary schools to the middle schools, and expanding existing schools by adding multi-purpose rooms at Meadows, View, Wood and Parklane Elementary Schools and Centennial Park School.

An independent citizen's oversight committee will be established, with independent audits, to ensure funds are spent appropriately.

Capital improvement projects include:

- New roofs, building repairs and improvements
- Creating operational savings and efficiencies by upgrading HVAC and plumbing
- Safety and security improvements at every school including upgrades to intercom systems, cameras, and vestibule entries and automatic door locks to secure the entry from intruders and to keep students and staff safe
- Constructing, equipping and furnishing a 140,000 square foot second middle school on existing district property at 172nd and Foster. The project will require the district to make traffic improvements at the intersections of 172nd and Foster and 172nd and Crystal Springs Blvd., and add city sewer and water to the property
- Constructing multi-purpose rooms at five existing schools, and
- Refinancing existing capital obligations and paying bond issuance costs.

If the bond is approved, the State will grant the Centennial School District a \$7,095,543 Oregon School Capital Improvement grant to defray costs. Centennial School District has also applied for grants for seismic upgrades throughout the district.

Bonds would mature in 26 years or less from issuance date and may be issued in one or more series. The initial tax rate is estimated to be approximately \$1.31 per \$1,000 of assessed property value or \$131 per year for property assessed at \$100,000.

In 2014, the Centennial School Board convened a Long-Range Facilities Planning Committee, made up of community members, parents and district staff, to gather and analyze information and develop a long-range plan to address the facility needs in the district. The items on the General Obligation Bond are a result of the phase one recommendations made by the Long-Range Facilities Planning Committee to the Centennial School Board.

Submitted by:

Sam Breyer
Superintendent of Schools
Centennial School District No. 28J

NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure 26-175

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Citizens for Centennial Schools Urges You to Vote YES on 26-175.

Great schools help build great communities, and the Centennial School District needs your support to give our children the facilities they need to succeed in school and beyond.

Measure 26-175 will:

- **Protect taxpayers investment in Current Facilities**

The planned work includes key investments like **new roofs, building repairs and HVAC systems** that prolong building lives and **saves taxpayer monies** in energy efficiencies realized.

- **Reduce Overcrowding**

Enrollment is up across the district, and our classrooms are bursting at the seams. This bond address overcrowding by building a **new middle school on existing school property** as well as **expanding space in 5 existing schools**.

- **Increase Safety and Security**

Unfortunately, the new normal means we must provide extra focus on school safety. This bond will **pay for new intercom systems, cameras, secured entries and automatic door locks**.

- **Robust Community Oversight**

The community has led this effort for the past 18 months and will continue if the bond passes. A **citizens oversight committee will monitor bond progress** along with regular **yearly independent audits**.

- **Use You Tax Dollars Wisely**

The school district has worked hard to bring down the costs of this bond to taxpayers. They **secured a \$7.1 million matching grant from the State** as well as applying for \$3.0 million from the State for earthquake upgrades.

Our community is not without its challenges, but our Centennial schools are leading the way with a **high school graduation rate 10% higher than the state average** and several elementary schools are level-five schools - **the highest rating the state can give a school**, based on test scores

Let's give them the facilities and learning environment to do even better. Vote YES on 26-175!

Citizens for Centennial Schools

Lisa Clingan, Melissa Standley, Shar Giard, Rod Beottcher, Pam Shields, Julie Skarphol, Brenda Clark, and Ernie Butenschoen

(This information furnished by Citizens for Centennial Schools)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

As retired citizens, with no children in school anymore, we urge you to vote YES on 26-175!

Why should you vote yes?

People and families keep moving to outer East County- we need to plan NOW or the quality of education our children receive will suffer.

1. Our grade schools are at or over capacity. Every available space is currently being used for students. Voting YES will allow a new middle school to be built, and alleviate over- crowding at our grade schools. **Children learn better in safe, secure, and healthy buildings. We owe this to our children!**

Our buildings need upgrades so our children can be safe!

1. Unfortunately, there is a new normal when it comes to school safety. Most of our schools were built decades ago, with not many security features in place. Our schools need secure entry ways, security cameras, and automatic locking doors to help keep our children safe.
2. Our schools need updated fire and life safety systems (alarms, smoke detectors, sprinklers, etc.).

This is a bond that is timely, financially prudent and uses tax dollars wisely!

1. New roofs, building repairs, HVAC systems are needed now across the district. **Every year we put these repairs off, the more it will cost down the line.**
2. Centennial was awarded \$7.1 million in matching funds from the state to use if the bond passes- the largest in Oregon.
3. Centennial has applied for seismic upgrade grants for nine of the ten schools in the district. Each grant is approximately \$1.5 million.
4. This bond is set up with an independent citizen-led oversight committee that will conduct regular audits. The money will be accounted for!

Strengthen our Community. Protect our kids. Spend our money wisely. Vote YES

Retired citizens:

Doug Cook
Dick Bertelsen,
Diane Crane,
Carolyn Salseth,
Linda M. Kramer,
Vicki Eustice,
Bill Maddox

(This information furnished by retired citizens Dick Bertelsen, Diane Crane, Carolyn Salseth, Linda Kramer, Vickie Eustice)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Vote YES for Safe and Secure Centennial Schools

Every school day, thousands of children enter Centennial schools to be educated. These children are our future doctors, nurses, teachers, engineers, researchers, scientists, plumbers, and business owners! Precious resources indeed! We owe it to our children to provide them safe and secure buildings to learn in.

A YES vote would provide:

- **Upgrades to intercom systems:** some classrooms cannot connect to the school intercom, making our students vulnerable during any emergencies.
- **Security cameras at schools:** These are vital in keeping our kids safe.
- **Vestibule entries at all schools:** Most of our schools have entry ways that allow access to the entire building. Vestibule entries would help secure the entry from intruders.
- **Automatic door locks at all schools:** Doors that lock automatically would help keep students and staff safe.
- **Updated fire and life safety systems** (alarms, smoke detectors, sprinklers, etc.): We need to make sure we are putting our children in buildings that are safe and up to code.

Most of our schools were designed over fifty years ago, and many aspects of our buildings are just not safe in today's world. **We owe it to our children to vote YES so they can be safe in the buildings we have them in.**

Vote YES for safety! Vote YES for our children! Vote YES for Centennial Schools!

Vote YES on 26-175!

Citizens for Centennial Schools

(This information furnished by Citizens for Centennial Schools)

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

All of us operate small businesses that serve the Centennial neighborhood.

All of us urge you to vote YES on 26-175.

Why should you vote yes?

As business owners, we know the **quality of our schools directly impacts businesses in our community**. Many of the children in the schools may one day work in our companies, and in our communities. We need them to receive a quality education.

A successful business community depends upon efficient, effective use of taxpayers' resources. 26-175 is a good use of tax payer money!

School districts have no other avenue for money for capital repairs and construction. The amount of money available each year for maintenance is not enough to build new schools or make major repairs.

The schools need this money to make repairs and upgrades that will keep students safe while they are at school. The schools have not been given money to **ensure safe entry ways, to fix intercom systems, replace old windows, or upgrade HVAC systems.**

With this bond, Centennial is protecting and investing in the buildings they already have. We need to make the repairs now, before the costs go up and cost us even more money!

This bond also makes provision for an oversight committee to be established; ensuring the money is used for the stated purposes. **Every dollar is accounted for.**

This bond will upgrade technology in the buildings and also relieve the overcrowded grade schools that all the children currently attend. All children can think, achieve and make a difference in the world when they learn in a safe, secure, and up-to-date environment.

The improvements we can make for our children today, will directly affect all of us in the future!

Vote YES for our community! Vote YES for our schools!

Park Place Café
Milo's Espresso
Disc Heroes
Gresham Tire Factory
Best Ice Cream

(This information furnished by Citizens for Centennial Schools)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Parents Support Measure 26-175

As parents, we are in the schools. We see how hard the teachers work to give our children a quality education. We see the vision the administrators are working on to ensure our children are trained to become productive citizens.

Do you know what else we see at the schools? We see...

..schools constantly sacrificing badly needed building maintenance, in order to put money toward educating our children.

..leaking roofs.

..kids packed into classrooms because there is nowhere else to put them.

..intercom systems that don't work, leaving our kids and staff at-risk in emergencies.

..entry ways that are not secured, leaving our kids and staff vulnerable to intruders.

..many classrooms built over forty years ago, not equipped to train our children to compete in today's market.

These issues are real and are impacting our children every day. It is the responsibility of the Centennial community to make sure our children are in safe and healthy buildings so they can learn. **We are asking you to join us in voting YES for Centennial Schools.**

By voting YES, our community will...

..tell our children they matter by putting them in buildings that are healthy!

..make sure our children can learn in buildings that are not overcrowded!

..help protect our kids and teachers from intruders by putting them in buildings that are safe and secure!

..help keep our community strong by keeping our schools strong!

..pass a bond that is fiscally responsible: creating a citizen-led oversight committee to conduct regular audits, and by fixing maintenance issues now, as opposed to later when it costs more money.

Please vote yes for our kids and for everyone's future!

Parents:

Tara Marin, Tina Allen, Candice Behm, and Julie Skarphol

(This information furnished by parents Tara Martin, Tina Allen, Candice Behm, Julie Skarphol)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The Teachers of Centennial School District ask you to Vote YES to Measure 26-175

Like all school districts, Centennial receives state and federal money to educate the children they are entrusted with. The money received is barely enough to cover the numerous state and federal requirements each child must meet.

What has Centennial done with their scarce funding?

- We have produced a **high school that has been rated one of the best in the nation four years in a row!**
- **We have produced two level-five schools- the highest rating the state can give a school, based on test scores.** In fact, Butler Creek is one of only two level-five grade schools in all of East County!

We are proud of our schools! Centennial schools work hard for our students, and manage their money to ensure students are given a quality education.

While our students have been able to soar, our buildings have crumbled. **We have targeted most of our dollars to student learning, and defrayed maintenance and upgrades, because we didn't have money to make them.**

Now we, the Centennial community, have the opportunity to show support for the district's on-going commitment to our kids.

We can vote YES on 26-175!

This bond request represents a fiscally responsible and realistic effort on behalf of the Centennial Board of Education to ensure that our schools continue to provide appropriate, safe and effective learning environments for all our children.

A citizen-led oversight committee will be formed to ensure fiscal responsibility. At the core of this bond is a desire to **increase student performance, address overcrowding in our schools, maximize utilization of existing district resources and prepare for the inevitable growth that our community will realize in coming years.**

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Children need to learn to read, solve problems, and compete in the changing world of the twenty-first century. They need to learn to do that in safe, healthy, and secure buildings.

Vote YES!

Centennial Education Association

(This information furnished by Centennial Education Association)

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CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure 26-171

BALLOT TITLE

Bonds for Safety, Seismic, ADA, Title IX; Repair, Construct Facilities.

Question: Shall District finance school, safety, seismic, ADA, Title IX improvements; issue \$11,900,000 in general obligation bonds; audits and oversight required? 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, this measure would result in an additional \$4 Million State grant to be awarded to Corbett School District for bond-approved projects. If the measure is not approved, the grant will be diverted to another district. If approved, this measure and the State grant would provide the first phase of funding for capital costs expected to address:

- safety deficiencies, including lack of fire suppression systems.
- seismic safety.
- hazardous material mitigation, including asbestos and lead paint.
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) violations.
- Title IX (gender equity) violations in the athletic facilities.
- transportation facilities deficiencies.
- student space needs by refurbishing existing learning spaces and constructing new school facilities.
- furnishing, equipping and making site improvements for all projects; paying for demolition and costs of issuance.

Bond proceeds will be used to replace the current middle school building.

Bonds would mature in not to exceed 21 years from issuance. The bond tax rate is estimated to be approximately \$1.78 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Audits and bond oversight required.

If approved, this measure and the State grant would provide the first phase of funding for capital costs expected to address:

- safety deficiencies, including lack of fire suppression systems.
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- hazardous material mitigation, including asbestos and lead paint.
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) violations.
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- student space needs by refurbishing existing learning spaces and constructing new school facilities.
- furnishing, equipping and making site improvements for all projects; paying for demolition and costs of issuance.

Bond proceeds will be used to replace the current middle school building.

If Corbett voters pass a bond in May 2016 the District would proceed to work on the Facilities Master Plan. The Facilities Master Plan process would involve community input, professional consultations, and the engagement of other stakeholders.

If approved, this bond would help the District comply with state and federal laws that protect students, staff, and community from hazardous materials, safety concerns, seismic deficiencies, and violations of both ADA and Title IX (gender equity in schools). Additionally, energy efficient facilities would save the District money.

In addition to the Facilities Master Planning process the School Board would establish a citizen bond oversight committee to ensure that bond proceeds are spent properly and only on projects described in the ballot title and this explanatory statement. The citizen bond oversight committee would make regular reports to the Board throughout the design and construction process.

Bonds would mature in a period not to exceed 21 years from issuance. Financial audits and oversight will be required.

Submitted by:
Randy Trani
Corbett School District

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This bond is estimated to cost voters approximately \$1.78 per \$1000 of assessed value, annually. This is less than the average \$2.58 per \$1000 of assessed value Corbett taxpayers paid annually over the life of the elementary school bond.

The District has identified approximately \$25 Million in facility needs which the District proposes to fund through a phased approach. This \$11,900,000 bond and \$4 million matching grant would begin to address a portion of those needs.

Corbett School District is one of only 16 school districts in Oregon to secure a capital improvement grant (construction) from the State.

- The District will only receive the \$4 million grant from the State if the bond measure is approved.
- The District's grant was allocated based on a lottery; the District and taxpayers may not have this opportunity at a future election.
- These funds will be diverted to another school district if Corbett voters do not approve this measure.

NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure 26-171

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE 26-171

Corbett schools are a source of pride for our community. Youth are our most important assets and should be our number one priority. While teachers and staff do a great job of educating our children, our middle school and high school classrooms and facilities are outdated, inadequate and in the case of the current Middle School building: dangerous. As a community, we should provide our youth what they need to succeed. Corbett kids need your YES vote!

This Bond does the following:

- Constructs new educational spaces to meet established standards and goals
- Refurbishes existing spaces
- Plans for the future
- Replaces the current Middle School Building
- Creates modernized classrooms ready to educate our students
- Builds science labs - so our students can compete in the 21st Century!

This is not a new tax; it replaces the previous Bond with a lower one.

The cost of this Bond is 30% less than what was being paid for the Grade School Bond until 2013.

This Bond requires:

- A professionally prepared Master Plan for the entire campus with community input
- A Bond oversight committee
- Independent third-party audits
- Funding of capital improvements, not teacher or administration salaries.

Benefits to Our Community:

- Takes advantage of \$4M of State grant funding, which expires if we don't pass this bond.
Corbett gets \$15.9M of funding for only \$11.9M cost to us.
- Maintains our community's commitment to excellent academics
- Improves property values
- Honors our community's history of valuing education
- Invests in our youth and our future
- Protects investment in our school's facility assets
- Moves our community beyond school bond politics – let's focus on the kids!

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-171, for our students, for our community!

s/ Michelle Vo
Corbett School Board

(This information furnished by Michelle Vo, Corbett School Board)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

My name is David Gorman, and I am the Vice Chair of the Corbett School Board. Everything we do as a Board is to promote the safety and education of the children of Corbett, and the entire Board supports this bond measure.

The existing Middle School building is nearly 100 years old. Just because something is old does not mean it should be replaced. I love old buildings. The most serious problem with the existing Middle School building is that it is expected to collapse in the event of an earthquake of the magnitude that geologists have predicted may occur in our lifetime. I am very concerned that the building may collapse when occupied by school children, District personnel and members of the community. Because of the number of hours of use that the building receives each week, there is a high probability that our children and community members will be in the building when it collapses. The Middle School building also has numerous other problems that make it unsuitable for providing

a 21st century education, including insufficient heating, cooling, ventilation, and educational space. It is my belief that it would be fiscally irresponsible of the Board to support the renovation of the Middle School. Corbett simply needs a new school building to serve our students. There are also other very important facilities upgrades to other buildings to be covered by this bond measure that are necessary to improve safety, fairness, efficiency, and reduce costs. The State has offered Corbett a matching grant of \$4,000,000 as an incentive to pass this bond measure now.

As members of the Corbett community we all share responsibility for the education of our children. I encourage you to support this general obligation bond because it is critical to keeping our Corbett kids safe and providing them with the opportunity for an education in a fiscally responsible manner. Please consider our kids when you vote.

(This information furnished by David Gorman, Vice Chair Corbett School District)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

I support this bond as a community member and as a school board member because it will make it possible to upgrade our school facilities including necessary safety, environmental, technology and space requirements for our students.

Proposed cost to taxpayers is significantly less (30%) than the past grade school bond (paid off in 2014).

The bond is intended to increase learning space per student to bring it closer to national standards in the new middle school building, but NOT to create space for additional students.

Students should be able to focus on learning without environmental distractions or physical discomfort created by overcrowded rooms, poor heating/cooling and critical safety concerns.

Students should be able to graduate with competitive skills, with opportunities to use modern technology.

Why 11.9 million?

Facility Needs: Corbett School District has identified \$25 Million of needed facility improvements. An 11.9 million bond would allow us to address the most critical needs, including replacement of the middle school and addressing serious safety, security, and equity concerns in other buildings on campus for the life of the bond.

Community Involvement: The first step after bond passage will be the development of a bond council to oversee creation of the facilities master plan. Community members will be asked to serve on that council, and the wider community will be invited to have input in the final design.

Oversight: The Tax Supervision and Conservation Commission, which is an outside organization, will oversee the process ensuring responsible usage of bond funds, and the \$4 million facilities grant brings with it an additional oversight component.

The time is right.

- We now have a one-time \$4 million dollar facilities grant from the State of Oregon which will be lost if this bond does not pass.
- The costs are increasing daily through inflation and changes in interest rates.
- The security and success of our students is our responsibility!

Please Join Me in Voting Yes!

Marguerite Perry

(This information furnished by Marguerite Perry)

CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure 26-171

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Investment in a healthy school system adds value to all aspects of any community; Corbett is no different. There is little doubt regarding the need for reinvestment in our middle school in order to address the very real and immediate issues regarding safety, sustainability, and functionality. The current middle school building no longer meets the most basic codes for issues like earthquake readiness. It also does not meet all of the functional needs of our advancing educational system, failing to provide adequate access to widely used and necessary technological tools and appropriate spaces.

Corbett has been identified as a district in need, and has been given a unique opportunity to take a advantage of a matching funds grant of 4 million dollars to assist our community in reinvesting in one of our most important assets. Given that this is a one-time opportunity, taking advantage of it is crucial.

The time for voting YES is now.

This bond is a commitment not just to the future of our schools, but to the health and sustainability of our whole community. Corbett is a unique place with an exceptional amount to offer. It is a community that blends many ideals and lifestyles, providing those that live here with a unique perspective. Our ability to honor our roots while looking to the future is a critical component of this bond. This will be central throughout the planning process, allowing us to identify the needs of our community, and serve in the most effective way possible.

This bond provides:

- Adequate space for the vast array of interests our children have
- Renewed safety and comfort in a challenging climate (Home of the East Wind!)
- The opportunity to offer equal access across both socioeconomic and gender lines
- A heart of community interest and investment that reaches far beyond our children

Please vote YES on 26-171

Lacey Auble
Corbett School Board

(This information furnished by Lacey Auble)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

We are Moms in the Corbett School District. We are proud of our kids, proud of our school, supportive of all Cardinals and grateful to reside in Corbett.

We want safety for the children, staff and community members who use our school weekly for academics, athletics, the arts and events.

We want girls' locker rooms brought into balance with that of boys. Currently they are a fraction of the size.

We want Corbett to replace sputnik era science labs with facilities that can support a competitive Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) curriculum.

There is a reason the State of Oregon has offered a \$4 million grant for essential school infrastructure improvements. Corbett needs to address seismic and fire suppression issues, Americans with Disabilities Act and gender equity violations. Our challenges are well-documented. They will not fade away - but this grant opportunity will.

If the community does not approve 26-171, the \$4 million will go to another school district. And, because there is no disagreement that our middle school building is unsafe or unsound, CSD will have to make a Bond Measure ask again -- without the \$4 million incentive. This very practical bond puts highest priority on the most significant code compliance upgrades in order to ensure both the safety of our children and

the stability of our public investment over time.

If the bond passes, the school board will appoint a Citizen Bond Oversight Committee. They will work with the community to develop the first phase of a facilities master plan that would have a 20 year planning horizon. The plan would aim to address approximately \$25 million of estimated improvements overall. This committee will make regular reports to the School Board throughout the design and construction process and audits would be required.

VOTE YES on 26-171

For our kids today, for our kids tomorrow and for our community together.

Ellen Pinney and Michelle Gregory,
Corbett Moms, Planning & Public Health Professionals

(This information furnished by Ellen R. Pinney and Michelle Gregory)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Vote YES on the Corbett School District bond request, because it's time to REINVEST in our students and provide them with a safe and updated campus.

To help our community further, if approved, this measure will result in an additional \$4 million state grant to be awarded to the Corbett School District. Even the State of Oregon has recognized our need.

Let's give our students, staff, and community a safe, new middle school:

- one that is seismically secure, up to code, asbestos and lead paint free
- one that can help keep our children safe in an emergency
- one that has modern classrooms with adequate space for students
- one that is wired for the technology required for today's learning and tomorrow's future
- one that has a science lab, computer lab, or art room that are up with today's standards

Let's fix our athlete's locker rooms to be facilities that are equal for all:

- ADA accessible (Americans with Disabilities Act)
- Title IX compliant (gender equity)

Let's address our major safety, seismic, and ADA issues throughout our campus.

The school campus is the heart of Corbett. It's time to REINVEST for our students, staff, community, and our future.

The bond is a sensible, practical affordable solution to our problem!

Katey Kinnear
Corbett School District Board Member

(This information furnished by Katey Kinnear, Corbett School Board Member)

CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure 26-171

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Join Your School Board in Voting Yes

As your elected governing body, we unanimously voted YES to refer this bond measure to the voters. It addresses the district's most urgent facility needs.

Priorities

We have a responsibility to **provide a safe environment** for the students in our care, with adequate classroom space that provides access to the technology our modern world expects of today's students.

Plan

We are asking voters to renew a **lower tax rate than was paid for the grade school bond that was retired in 2014**. This Measure 26-171 bond rate is estimated at about \$1.78 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The last general obligation bond Corbett passed was for its grade school facility, which was assessed at \$2.58 per \$1,000. That debt was retired in 2014.

This plan will include a robust **citizens oversight committee** which will ensure the funds are expended responsibly and only on capital expenditures.

Practical

This bond places highest priority on the most significant code compliance and safety upgrades.
A new energy efficient middle school would save thousands of dollars per year in operating costs.
A new high school science lab to replace the 1950's one currently used would be money well spent in helping our students learn the things they need for their future careers.
Bringing ADA compliance to the middle school and high school locker room areas is the right thing to do.
Bringing equity between the boys and girls locker room areas is also the right thing to do and will bring us in compliance with Title IX issues.

This measure is a sound approach to give our students and community the things we need.

Todd Mickalson & Bob Buttke
Corbett School District Board Members

(This information furnished by Todd Mickalson & Bob Buttke, Corbett School Board Members)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Please Vote "Yes" on Measure 26-171

Corbett Schools have been at the center of our community for nearly 100 years. From the beginning, the community provided for its students, even through continual setbacks, by its commitment to building schools.

Corbett teachers urge to you to continue this legacy by voting **"Yes" on Measure 26-171**. Corbett students need safe, equitable, and modern facilities. This \$11.9 million dollar bond, and the \$ 4 million dollar matching state grant will help the district achieve its goals for teaching and learning through much needed reinvestment in Corbett's education infrastructure.

Corbett teachers want school facilities that are worthy of our students. Currently, what we offer them is not adequate. We endorse this bond because our students deserve a school that is structurally sound. We want students to have classrooms with proper ventilation and easy access to water. We want our students to learn in a building that does not contain asbestos and lead paint. We want students to have classrooms equipped with technology that supports the demands of a 21st century education.

In addition to giving students a safe place to learn, this bond will address other urgent infrastructure needs. It will correct inadequate locker rooms, which have resulted in Title IX

violations. It will correct violations to the Americans with Disabilities Act. We want our facilities to show we value the potential of all our students. Additionally, this bond will provide money to improve the district's transportation facilities, which are not adequate, nor efficient.

An investment in your school is an investment in your community!

The time is now! Please vote YES.

(This information furnished by Corbett Education Association-(CEA))

SCAPPOOSE RURAL FIRE

Measure 5-254

BALLOT TITLE

Replacement Local Option Levy for Fire and Emergency Medical Response

Question: Shall Scappoose Fire maintain emergency response services by levying \$1.24 per \$1,000 assessed property value for five years, beginning FY17?

This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: This proposed levy would replace and increase the current levy which expires June, 2017. This is the first increase in 10 years.

The District responded to 1,842 fire and medical emergency calls in 2015. 25% to 30% of these calls overlap with one or more calls. This overlap impacts the District's ability to provide an immediate response to all calls. The levy will retain 9 firefighter/medics, including 2 funded by a federal grant that expires in 2017. It will also add 2 part-time medical-only staff. This will fund two ambulance crews during peak hours and improve response support when calls overlap.

The replacement levy rate is \$1.24 per \$1,000 assessed property value, a \$0.30 increase over the current rate. For a typical home assessed at \$200,000, the annual cost would be \$248, a \$60 increase.

If the levy fails, property taxes on a typical home would decline \$188 annually.

The replacement levy is projected to raise \$7,277,881 over five years.

2017-18	\$1,370,822
2018-19	\$1,411,947
2019-20	\$1,454,305
2020-21	\$1,497,934
2021-22	\$1,542,872

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Scappoose Fire District (SFD) provides firefighting, emergency medical, rescue, and fire prevention services. The District serves residents and businesses in the Scappoose, Chapman, Warren, and Holbrook areas.

Why is this called a replacement levy?

It would take the place of the current levy that expires June 2017. It would appear for the first time on the November 2017 property tax bill.

What is its purpose?

The levy supports SFD's highest priority of fast and effective emergency response by:

1. Retaining 7 Firefighter/Paramedics hired since 2007.
2. Retaining 2 Firefighter/EMTs hired late 2015 with federal grant funds that expire in 2017.
3. Hiring 2 part-time, medical-only staff during peak activity hours.

This staffing level would provide 24 hour emergency response for two ambulances, plus another ambulance staffed with volunteer firefighters.

Why is additional staffing during peak activity hours being proposed?

Scappoose response teams include Firefighters, EMTs and Paramedics with the ability to provide immediate life-saving care at medical, rescue incidents and fires with a combination of volunteer and career personnel. The number of emergency response calls for SFD's services has increased from 1,359 in 2007 to 1,842 in 2015. Almost 30% of these are overlapping emergency response calls. This increased demand, combined with increasing overlapping calls, challenges SFD's ability to respond in a quick and effective manner. Two Firefighter/EMTs were hired recently with funds from a two-year federal grant. The proposed addition of two part-time, medical-only staff during peak activity hours would improve SFD's ability to provide fast and effective emergency response services during periods of high demand when volunteers might not be available.

What does the measure call for?

A "yes" vote would result in a local option levy tax rate of \$1.24 per \$1,000 assessed property value, an increase of \$0.30 over the current rate. For property assessed at \$200,000, the cost would be approximately \$248 per year, an increase of about \$60 over the current local option levy.

A "no" vote would result in no replacement for the current local option levy, which expires in June 2017. The current local option levy funds ambulance services.

What happens if the levy fails?

Without the 5-year levy, the permanent tax rate of \$1.1145 per \$1,000 assessed property value is not adequate to properly ensure fire and ambulance service. Residents will most likely see delays in response to their emergency and the District will be unable to run the ambulance service.

If the levy passes, the revenue would be used to:

- Maintain the current paid Firefighter/Paramedics, and the two federal grant positions
- Hire two part time medical only staff during peak periods.

What will it cost me?

The levy increases the current levy from \$.94 to \$1.24 per \$1,000. The \$0.30 increase adds \$60 per year to a house with an assessed property value of \$200,000. The rate of \$1.24 per \$1,000 does cost homeowners a total of \$248 per year for a house assessed at \$200,000.

Submitted by:

David Grant

President

Scappoose Rural Fire District

NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OR OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.