

Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet

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Measure No.: 26-150
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Yes on 26-150
Help Keep Portland's Kids Safe and Successful with
The Portland Children's Levy

In 2002, Portland voters created the Portland Children's Levy, to make the needs of our community's children a higher priority. Over that time, the Children's Levy has partnered with over 50 community organizations to provide programs in the following areas:

- **Child abuse prevention and intervention:** protecting children from terrible circumstances, which also addresses juvenile crime, school failure, drug and alcohol abuse and homeless youth.
- **Early childhood programs:** preparing children for success in school and making quality childcare more affordable. Ensuring that children arrive at school ready to learn also assists our schools and teachers.
- **After school, summer and mentoring programs:** promoting academic achievement, reducing the number of juveniles victimized by crime and increasing graduation rates.
- **Children in foster care programs:** giving foster children a better chance at success with educational support, mentoring and access to mental health services.

The renewal on the May ballot will add one more important focus: fighting child hunger, which has a devastating impact on every aspect of a child's development. The Oregon Food Bank reports that 14,000 Portland children eat from emergency food boxes each month. Measure 26-150 will improve children's access to nutritious meals, leading to better physical and mental health, as well as academic success.

No Increase in Taxes

Measure 26-150 renews the Children's Levy at the same rate, which means no increase in the amount of taxes we are paying now.

Effective and Accountable

Measure 26-150 will continue the Children's Levy's strong accountability measures:

- Only supports programs that are cost-effective and proven to work
- Oversight by a citizens committee
- Administrative expenses are limited to 5% or less
- Annual independent audits

Renewing the Portland Children's Levy is an important way to say that Portland cares about our kids.

PLEASE VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-150

Learn more at VoteYesForPortlandsChildren.com
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A Message from the Citizens Oversight Committee

More than 10 years ago city voters made children a higher priority by creating the Portland Children's Levy.

Part of that passage in 2002, as well as the Levy's overwhelming renewal in 2008, included a five-member citizens' oversight committee set up to ensure that the Levy:

- Makes sound investments
- Spends its money wisely
- Is fully accountable to the public

As the citizen members of the oversight committee, we meet publicly to make funding decisions and ensure that tax dollars go to proven and cost-effective investments that reap major benefits for Portland children and families, as well as the community in general.

We approve investments that improve the lives of thousands of children each year. The Levy's programs support children who might otherwise grow up without a healthy start and the positive influences that lead to success in school and beyond.

We review the programs that the Levy invests in, ensuring that Portland gets the biggest bang for its buck on its investment. **Administrative costs for the Children's Levy are kept to 5 percent or less.**

The Children's Levy invests in programs that:

- **Prepare children so they arrive at kindergarten ready to learn**
- **Motivate students to stay in school, attain better grades and keep them safer after school**
- **Help children overcome the trauma of abuse and neglect**
- **Assist foster care children in beating the daunting odds they face now and in the future**

In Portland, we believe that our next generation deserves a bright future and the opportunity to succeed. Your YES vote on Measure 26-150 will help make that happen.

Ronald H. Beltz

Adrienne Livingston

Julie S. Young

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Measure 26-150 will Protect Vulnerable Children from Child Abuse

We've seen too many headlines. Children – innocent and helpless – dying as a result of child abuse. The stories of those who survive abuse are no less heartbreaking, as they face long-term impacts and daunting odds in overcoming their trauma. As Medical Director for CARES Northwest, I'm all too aware of the problem. That's why I support renewing the Portland Children's Levy.

For ten years, we have helped stop the cycle of abuse in Portland by providing prevention and intervention assistance to moms and dads who want to become better parents but lack the proper skills. And when abuse does occur, we've given children in our community the resources they need to recover, heal, and grow into successful adults.

We need to keep it up.

The Portland Children's Levy invests in cost-effective and proven child abuse prevention and intervention programs that have made a huge difference in the lives of vulnerable children and families.

Services include intensive case management, counseling and therapy, respite care so parents can take a much-needed "time out" to look for a job or go back to school, and parent education.

These programs promote resiliency and increase stability. Children in families struggling with violence, abuse and neglect learn to build healthy, strong connections with social support systems that lead to positive, meaningful and lasting changes.

Breaking the Cycle of Abuse

Many parents who abuse their children were themselves victims of abuse, having never received the intervention they needed to develop healthy parenting skills. Prevention is a much cheaper alternative to society than paying for these and other horrific consequences of abuse.

That is why I urge you to vote YES on Measure 26-150 and renew the Portland Children's Levy. All children should have the chance to grow

up free from fear in a healthy, safe and nurturing environment.

Leila Keltner, MD; Medical Director
CARES Northwest

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Helping Hungry Children

Another Important Reason to Vote YES for 26-150

It can be easy to miss the signs of a hungry child. But they are there, asking for an extra snack to bring home to a hungry brother or sister, or trying to find some extra food to bring home for the weekend. It's hard to be a kid when you're hungry.

The negative effects of hunger are felt in Oregon more than in any other state, and Portland is no exception. At Meals on Wheels People, we see the effects of hunger in every part of the community. At Oregon Food Bank, we see around **14,000 Portland children eat from emergency food boxes each month**. While many kids have access to breakfast and lunch in school, many go home at night not knowing whether they will get a hot, nutritious meal.

For those children growing up in a food-insecure household, the impact of hunger can be lasting. Good nutrition forms the basis of a person's physical and emotional well-being and is especially important to young children as they develop. Studies show hungry children have:

- Lower school achievement.
- An impaired ability to think.
- Increased behavioral problems .
- Higher likelihood to repeat a grade.

The effects can even impact their ability to provide for their own families as adults.

By renewing **the Portland Children's Levy, we will add child hunger to its areas of focus**. By working with current levy programs and partnering with organizations that are already fighting hunger, the Portland Children's Levy will be able to reach thousands of kids, with the effectiveness and efficiency that have been hallmarks of the Levy's 10 years in existence.

Your YES vote on Measure 26-150 will show that Portland continues to care about its kids, and help them grow up to be healthy, safe, successful – and fed.

Susannah Morgan, CEO

Oregon Food Bank

Joan Smith, Executive Director

Meals on Wheels People

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The Children's Levy Is Helping Portland's Schools and Teachers

I love being a teacher. There is nothing more satisfying than being able to help a child reach their full potential. Teaching in an elementary school as I do, however, you see very clearly that some children have a much steeper hill to climb when they start their school career.

A child coming to school healthy and ready to learn is absolutely critical to his or her chances of success. That is a challenge for too many children: hunger, abuse or neglect and the lack of early childhood education have a terrible cost to their future.

That is why my fellow teachers and I are such enthusiastic supporters of the Portland Children's Levy, which supports critical programs including early childhood development and education, child abuse and neglect intervention and prevention and support for kids in foster care.

That is obviously important for the child, but it is important for teachers and schools as well. In a time of stretched resources and too-high class sizes, the Children's Levy provides support that means less disruption in the classroom, with fewer children facing a daunting gap to catch up with their classmates. This improves the quality of education for everyone in the classroom.

The Children's Levy is also important to students throughout their academic career, providing after school and mentoring programs that keep kids safe and increase their odds for success.

I am also very glad that the renewal of the Levy will focus on child hunger. It's very hard for a hungry child to learn, and Oregon has some of the worst rates of child hunger in the nation.

Please join me in voting Yes to continue the Portland Children's Levy. It strengthens our entire community and it's something we can all be very proud of.

Emily Toll
2nd Grade Teacher
Harrison Park Elementary

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Mentoring Makes a Difference

Being a kid isn't always easy. Especially when faced with challenges like foster care, or growing up in a household that does not provide a nurturing, educational environment.

But fortunately for hundreds of children in Portland, there's help.

Since 2002 the Portland Children's Levy has funded mentoring and afterschool programs that connect youth with caring mentors to give them a better chance at success in school and in life.

Mentoring can take many forms – be it helping out with math, tips on throwing a football, or simply lending a friendly ear in time of need. But they all share the common goal of helping children reach their potential by providing a caring and consistent presence in their life.

Mentoring helps students get better grades, and improves their attitude toward school. It lowers the chances that kids get involved with drugs, and helps them set higher expectations for themselves.

I've been a full time, professional mentor for more than 12 years with Friends of the Children, which is where I met Kevin in 2008. In the four years since we met, Kevin and I have weathered obstacles together, learned from each other and most importantly been there for each other. Despite the challenges of being in foster care, Kevin stayed focused through high school. Last fall, I proudly drove him to Corvallis and helped him move into his dorm room at Oregon State University, where he started a program in computer science.

I already see Kevin paying it forward, reaching out to his younger peers with friendship and guidance. Next year he will serve as a resident advisor in his dorm.

The Portland Children's Levy helps fund organizations like Friends of the Children. They are lifelines to the resources many children need to become productive, successful adults. Let's continue giving them a better chance, by renewing the Portland Children's Levy.

Vote Yes for Portland's future by voting Yes on Measure 26-150.

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An Important Message from Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill

Portland Children's Levy Keeps Our Kids and Our Community Safer

The best way to fight crime is to prevent it before it happens. That's just what the Portland Children's Levy does, by investing in programs that support vulnerable, at-risk children. These are the types of programs the Portland Children's Levy supports and why I am urging you to vote yes on Measure 26-150.

Every day as a prosecutor, I see the result of what happens when children don't get the support they need to be safe and successful. The Portland Children's Levy is an efficient, cost-effective way to keep our community safer by identifying and intervening with at-risk children early in their lives.

By voting Yes on Measure 26-150, we will make our community a safer place, keep children on a productive path and save our community future costs. The average cost to jail a juvenile offender is over \$79,000 per year. We can prevent these costs by early intervention strategies like the ones the Portland Children's Levy supports.

Please vote YES Measure 26-150.

Rod Underhill

Multnomah County District Attorney

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A Message from Portland's Small Business Community

Measure 26-150: A Smart Investment in Our Future

As small business owners, if we make an investment, we want to be sure we're getting a good return on that investment. We don't want to gamble - we want to make investments with a proven track record and be confident in how our money is being spent.

The Portland Children's Levy has proven itself to be a good investment, providing real results for our community. That's why we support Measure 26-150.

The health and vitality of Portland is linked to the well-being of our children and families. Unfortunately, many of our children face a host of challenges including widespread poverty, juvenile violence and child abuse.

By addressing these problems the Portland Children's Levy strengthens our public safety system, helps attract and retain families to our neighborhoods, and creates a better-educated workforce. All of these things make Portland more attractive to individuals thinking about starting a business, or for companies thinking about investing or relocating here.

A Proven Success Providing Real Results: The Portland Children's Levy has achieved significant results for our city. Its programs have improved academic achievement, increased school attendance, decreased behavioral problems in students, and reduced the amount of child abuse in the city.

Money Well-Spent and Carefully Tracked: The Portland Children's Levy uses independent audits, citizen oversight and caps administrative expenses at 5% or less to ensure that the money is spent effectively, and on what we voted for.

Renewing the Children's Levy will make Portland a better place to live and do business. This is a great example of Portland doing things right.

The bottom line: voting yes on Measure 26-150 is a smart investment.

Tony Fuentes, Owner
Milagros Boutique

Sattie Clark, Owner
Eleek, Inc

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As a foster mom, I know the Children's Levy makes a difference.

I am a long-time foster care mom who has been involved with the Self Enhancement, Inc. foster care program supported by the Portland Children's Levy. I hope you will join me in voting YES to renew the Levy since it offers such vital help to foster care parents like myself.

Foster care children have so much potential but they face daunting odds. The hurdles they face are huge: poverty, housing instability, under employment and education levels lower than their peers.

Portland Children's Levy programs for foster children and families provide quality services that are designed to have a positive effect for both the child and society as they:

- Increase school success and graduation rates.
- Decrease juvenile crime and substance abuse rates.
- Lower rates of child maltreatment.

To help children achieve those outcomes, Levy programs focus on:

- Shortening the length of foster care stay.
- Providing educational, legal and community support networks during major transitions, especially for youth aging out of the foster care system.
- Offering mentoring, enrichment and other mental health services to children and their biological and foster care families.

At SEI the Portland Children's Levy has helped foster care children and their families by providing after-school enrichment activities such as tutoring, athletics, field trips and classes on domestic violence and substance abuse prevention. Classes for foster and biological parents are offered to help build parenting skills.

Other Portland Children's Levy foster care programs help teen moms who are in foster care, provide legal advocacy for children in foster care or look for permanent adoptive homes for foster children.

All of these programs are lifelines to foster care children and their families and need to continue. Please join me in helping some of our

city's most vulnerable residents by voting YES on Measure 26-150 to
renew the Portland Children's Levy.

Deborah Hodges
A Loving Foster Mom

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**The City Club of Portland Finds:
The Portland Children's Levy is making a positive difference.**

The City Club of Portland is a nonprofit, nonpartisan civic organization that brings civic-minded people together to make our City a better place.

In 2002, after a thorough study, the City Club endorsed the first proposed Portland Children's Levy. We urge Portlanders to vote "yes" to renew it now.

In ten years, the Portland Children's Levy has raised almost \$100 million and invested that money directly into programs designed to help kids learn and grow:

- Pre-K and early childhood development
- After school and mentoring programs
- Child abuse prevention and intervention
- Foster care services

We believe the Children's Levy is a good example of how focused, targeted investments can make a difference. It is also a model of accountability, with citizen oversight and limitations on administrative costs. Administrative expenses are kept to 5% or less, meaning 95¢ out of every dollar reaches the programs that help children.

The inscription on Portland's iconic Skidmore Fountain states "Good Citizens Are the Riches of a City." The Children's Levy is something we all can do to ensure that we remain a City rich in good citizens.

The Portland Children's Levy has kept its promises to voters. Let's renew our promise to Portland's kids.

Vote YES on Measure 26-150

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Learn more: <http://www.pdxcityclub.org/childrenslevy>