

MULTNOMAH COUNTY



VOTERS' PAMPHLET SPECIAL ELECTION – May 21, 2013

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Dear Multnomah County Voter:

You are about to receive your ballot in the mail and there are a few things you should know:

- Your ballot will be mailed on Friday, May 3, 2013. If you don't receive your ballot by Thursday, May 9, 2013, please call our office at 503-988-3720 to request a replacement ballot.
- Voted ballots **MUST** be received at our office or official drop site location by **8:00 PM, Tuesday, May 21, 2013** to be counted.
- One 1st class or Forever Stamp is all you need to mail the ballot back in Multnomah County. You can also drop your ballot off at any Official Drop Site. Drop site locations and hours in Multnomah County are listed on page M-95.
- Not all the candidates or measures in this Voters' Pamphlet will be on your ballot. Your residence address determines those districts for which you may vote. Your official ballot will contain the candidates and issues which apply to your residence.
- Not all candidates submitted information for the Voters' Pamphlet so you may have candidates on your ballot that are not in the Voters' Pamphlet.
- This Voters' Pamphlet and other Election Information is available on our website: www.mcelections.org. Starting at 8:00 PM on election night, preliminary election results will be posted on our website and updated throughout the evening.
- If a ballot was delivered to your residence for someone who should no longer be receiving a ballot at your address, please write "RETURN" on the envelope and place it back in your mailbox. If a ballot was sent to someone who is deceased, please write "DECEASED" on the envelope and place it back in your mailbox.

If you have any questions you can contact our office at: 503-988-3720.

Sincerely,

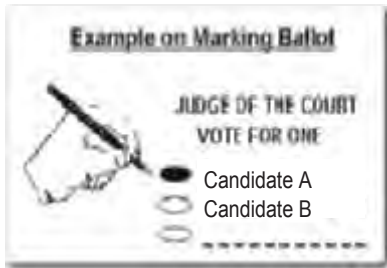
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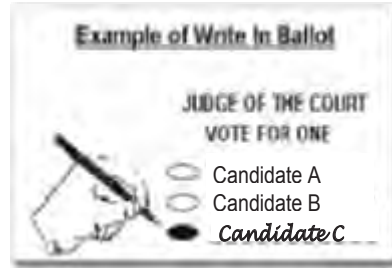
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

To ensure your vote counts, completely fill in the oval (●) to the left of the response of your choice. You may use pen or pencil.

To Write In A Name that is *NOT* printed on the ballot - Fill in the oval (●) to the left of the dotted line (_____) and write in the name on the dotted line.



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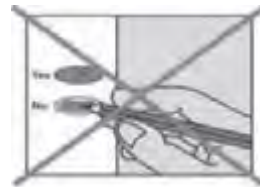


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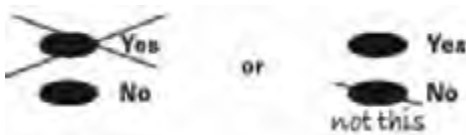
If you vote for more than one candidate for an office, your vote for that office will not count (unless otherwise make your intent clear on the ballot).



OVERVOTE!



If you make a mistake or change your mind while marking your ballot, you may request a replacement ballot from the Elections Office or you may make your changes on the ballot but it is critical that you make your choice obvious because election workers will inspect each ballot to make sure voter intent is understood and the ballot is counted correctly. Two examples of how to make your intent clear are below.



Make your intent clear!

The secrecy envelope is not required. If you forget to enclose the secrecy envelope your ballot will still count. You can open the return envelope and use the secrecy envelope or just deliver it without the secrecy envelope. Election workers will still preserve your privacy even if you do not use the secrecy envelope.

You are not required to vote for all offices or measures on the ballot.

Each time you move you must update your voter registration. Ballots are not forwarded. You can now update your registration online (with Oregon DMV ID). www.OregonVotes.gov

If you have a disability or are otherwise unable to mark your ballot you may contact the Elections Division for assistance. Phone 503-988-3720 / Oregon Relay Service 1-800-735-2900.

Don't forget to sign your return envelope. Your ballot will not count if you do not sign the return envelope.

If you sign the wrong return envelope just cross it off and sign the correct one.



Special District Candidates

- **Multnomah Education Service District**
- **Mt Hood Community College**
- **Portland Community College**
- **Beaverton School District**
- **Centennial School District**
- **Corbett School District**
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- **Rural Fire Protection Dist. #10**
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- **Corbett Water District**

MULTNOMAH EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT**Director, Pos. 1, Zone 5****BERNIE
GIUSTO**

OCCUPATION: Oregon Schools Sports Official; Contractor International Business Machines (IBM)

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Multnomah County Sheriff, 2003-2008; Chief of Police: City of Gresham, 6 years; Oregon State Police: Trooper, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, 22 years; U. S. Air Force

Reserve/Army National Guard, Honorable Discharge

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Willamette University: B.S. Degree Political Science Government; B.S. Degree Urban and Regional Government; Reynolds High School: Diploma

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Multnomah Education Service District (MESD), Current Board Vice Chair; Multnomah County Sheriff, Twice Elected; Councilor City of Gresham-Council President, 3 Elected Terms; Tri-Met Board of Directors, 10 years; Multnomah Commission on Children/Families, Charter Member

Giusto demonstrated effective, experienced leadership and results as a MESD Board Member in a first term.

Giusto led the development of strong MESD Board fiscal policy resulting in focused Board accountability between policy and fiscal controls

Giusto believes that the overall role of Education Service Districts across Oregon will soon change. His leadership foresight will help poise MESD as a leader in shaping that change.

Giusto realizes that the current legislative focus on teacher improvement and student achievement needs proven strong local and regional educational leadership like that currently at work by the MESD administration

Giusto argues that the legislative priorities for educational service delivery changes will best served when the talents and commitment of teachers, staff and the supporting the administrative structures like those in play at MESD are recognized so as well designed education change can be immediately implemented

Giusto supports the strong bond between the educational priorities of all school districts in Multnomah County school districts and reshaping the evolving mission of MESD to meet those priorities.

Giusto champions a strong prioritization of services that directs MESD resources to the classroom not to Boardroom

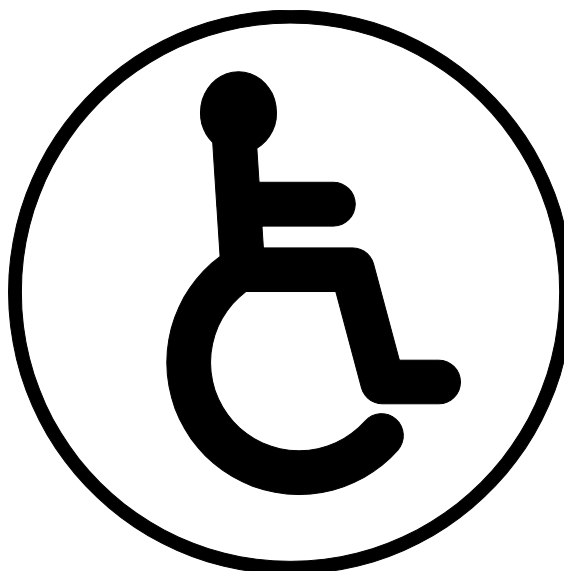
**Unmatched Experience Independent Leadership
Proven Initiative**

Re-Elect Bernie Giusto

**Multnomah Education Service District
Board of Directors**

(This information furnished by Re-Elect Bernie Giusto Committee)

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for accuracy by Multnomah County.**

**NEED ASSISTANCE IN
VOTING?**

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MULTNOMAH EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT

Director, Pos. 2, At Large



**PATRICK
LASSWELL**

OCCUPATION: Voter Integrity Project Chair

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Field Consultant Iraqi Kurdistan; Software Test Engineer; United States Navy Sonar Technician

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: University of Portland, BA

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: United States Military

We need the MESD to be ready for change, and I can work with the people at MESD to get ready. Changes are coming due to technology, instability in California driving people up the I-5 corridor, and surprises that any enterprise in debt is unable to manage.

Recent advances in natural gas extraction and water desalination promise a new world of opportunity for energy and fresh-water scarce regions; it also diminishes two of our most important attractions for business. Without a near-monopoly of fresh water and inexpensive power, Multnomah County's many regulations and general governmental arrogance is not very attractive to business.

I managed the disaster of the completion of several technology projects, two military organization decommissionings, and one business unit dissolution at a variety of levels. I also worked with survivors of the Anfal village destruction in Iraq as they worked to piece together a life next to a war zone. I experienced first-hand the pain of taking apart years of exceptional effort and care, and want to do everything I can to spare the families who benefit from the MESD from that agony.

My mother retired after fifty years of teaching from the MESD, so I want the organization to thrive during change for very personal reasons. If unpreparedness, intransigence, or idiocy causes the MESD to fail, I am responsible for caring for my mother instead of letting her live the life of dignity she earned.

I am committed to making the MESD work with every tool of cooperative project management I learned at Intel, Microsoft, in Iraq, and with the United States Navy. While I respect my opponent's many credentials for the world we want, my own experience with world we face makes me a better candidate.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for voting.

(This information furnished by Patrick Lasswell)

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Director, Pos. 2, At Large



**NELS
JOHNSON**

OCCUPATION: Government Affairs & Public Policy Analyst; Adjunct Professor, Warner Pacific College

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Political Staffer; Certified Law Clerk, Marion County District Attorney

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Harvard Kennedy School of

Government, Certificate in Leadership; Willamette University College of Law, J.D.; Whitworth University, B.A.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

I'm running because every child in Multnomah County deserves a quality, free, world-class education. In an era of ever-shrinking budgets, teacher layoffs, increasing class sizes, and stagnant dropout rates, it's imperative that we have a strong Education Service District to support all school districts in Multnomah County.

I understand Portland doesn't stop at 82nd Ave. That's why we need to prioritize the educational services that meet the needs of our most vulnerable students. I will be a voice for the entire Multnomah County.

In Portland we have a tradition of citizens stepping up, exercising leadership, and making the tough choices required to put the interest of the public good above our own. Together, we can ensure that all of our children receive a world-class public education and are prepared for the 21st Century workplace.

I ask for your vote.

MY VALUES:

- Public education is the great equalizer in society. I will work tirelessly to increase educational quality and opportunities for all of Portland's children.
- Equity. Fairness and inclusivity ought to guide us.
- Integrity. Be above reproach.
- Hard work. Our children deserve our best.

MY PRIORITIES:

- Partner with school districts and provide necessary services to end closures of neighborhood schools.
- Increase access to early childhood education.
- Push for a more sustainable and transparent budget.
- Increase opportunities for technical and vocational training for students.
- Make targeted investments in educational innovation.
- Increase employment opportunities for students through more public-private partnerships.

ENDORSEMENTS:

- Portland Association of Teachers
- Sean Schafer, Chair, Multnomah Education Service District Board of Directors
- Representative Lew Frederick
- Representative Michael Dembrow
- Representative Jennifer Williamson
- Representative Jeff Reardon
- Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer

(This information furnished by Nels Johnson)

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MULTNOMAH EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT

Director, Pos. 3, Zone 2

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**BOB
CLARK**

OCCUPATION: Retired Economist

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Senior Economist, Oregon Public Utility Commission; Industry Economist, Bonneville Power

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Master of Science, Economics, Portland State University; transfer

Sophomore, Portland Community; High School graduate, Tigard High

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: none

The Multnomah Education Service District (Service District) is a great regional asset, helping to bolster parents and children in their pursuit of independence and self-esteem.

- This position carefully reviews the Service District budget and its allocation to programs.
- The Service District budget is likely to improve shortly as home prices and property tax revenues increase, and as state income tax revenues also increase with the economy.
- Keeping tax rates and structures stable will help grow the local and state economies faster, enabling the budget to grow and provide even more helpful programs to those parents and children in need.
- As a senior economist for the Oregon Public Utility Commission, I reviewed and recommended changes to utility budgets, saving ratepayers hundreds of thousands of dollars at a time. This experience should serve the Service District well.

I am particularly keen to use growth in Service District revenues to help provide:

- Young parents and children of limited means with more reading learning resources and opportunities.
- Check-ins with home school parents and children to offer supplemental educational services and networking.
- An agricultural setting as an outdoor alternative.
- Enlisting the help of local businesses to provide vocational training, as a quicker pathway for teenagers and young adults to gain readily marketable job skills.

(This information furnished by Bob Clark)

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**ERICA
THATCHER**

OCCUPATION: General Administrative Director, Democracy Resources; Chair, Multnomah County Young Democrats

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Research Analyst, Oregon Employment Department; Oregon Fellowship Program, Portland State University; Social Policy and Politics Intern, Third Way

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: George Washington University, Master of Public Policy (M.P.P); Westminster College, International Business (B.A.)

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Precinct Committee Person, Oregon House District 46

Community Involvement: City Club of Portland (Property Tax Study Committee, Arts Tax Ballot Study Committee); Oregon Ballet Theatre (Volunteer); Vestal Community Garden (Gardener)

The Multnomah Education Service District provides operational support and education programs across several school districts within Multnomah County at a lower cost than if each school district tried to provide them individually.

My work and volunteer experiences focus on policy and tax analysis; projects which provide outlets for my passion to serve Oregonians by providing information they need to make decisions. Such projects include:

- Oregon Employment Department's research division studying the impact of the Great Recession and green jobs.
- City Club of Portland's study committee to analyze the Portland Arts Tax initiative.
- City Club of Portland's research committee on the statewide impact of the Oregon property tax system.

As a Director of the MESD, I will work to enhance the operations and programs of the District, keeping in mind how the decisions we make impact you and your family.

The three MESD projects I would like to prioritize as a Director are:

- The Outdoor Education Program that helps kids learn about nature, enabling them to become stewards of the environment.
- Healthy Kids for a Healthy Oregon program, helping guide parents and guardians to register their uninsured children for essential medical coverage.
- Programs that help students who do better in a non-traditional learning environment - these are especially close to my heart.

I would like the opportunity to apply the same vitality I have used in my Oregon policy experience to serve Zone 2 of the Multnomah Education Service District. I hope to have your vote in this election.

(This information furnished by Erica Thatcher)

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MULTNOMAH EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT

Director, Pos. 4, Zone 4



FRANCISCO (FRANK) ACOSTA JR

OCCUPATION: Campus Monitor, Franklin High School 2011 - Present, Portland Public Schools

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Campus Monitor, Marshall High School 2000 - 2011, Portland Public School

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Corban University, Salem, OR, 2010 - 2012, Business Administration; Portland Community College, Portland, OR, 2006 - 2009, A.S. Computer Information Systems

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

My name is Francisco Acosta Jr. I am running for MESD Board of Directors position 4. I am a parent of school aged children and the sole provider for my family. As a parent education is very important to my wife and I because of the role it plays in our children's future. Also, as parents, my wife and I model the importance of education by being adult learners and we are currently working on higher education. As the sole provider my job at Franklin High School allows me direct access to both those who provide services and those who benefit from those services provided by MESD. This enables me to have productive conversations with those in the field. The above qualifications give me a unique and current perspective on the issues facing MESD. I am willing to serve in this position, so that others may have their voices heard.

Portland Association of Teachers

"Mr. Acosta has a proven track record of leadership, hands on experience/knowledge of the issues students and parents face; and understands the importance of operating as a part of a team of educational professionals/staff members."
Steffannie Gonzalez

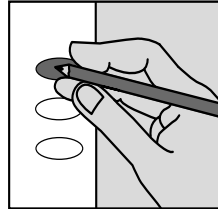
"Francisco has worked in this community and in the school district for 13 years. He knows the issues facing schools. He would be a great addition to MESD Board."
Erica Nunez

(This information furnished by Francisco Acosta Jr)

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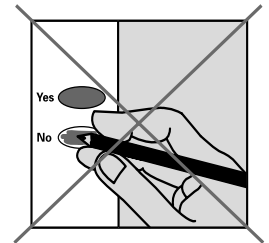
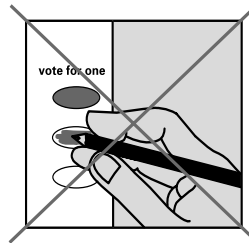
check your ballot!

Make sure you have completely filled in the oval next to your choices.



If you vote for more candidates than allowed, or if you vote **both Yes and No** on a measure, it is called an overvote.

Your vote **will not count** for that candidate or measure.



You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still count.

Contact Multnomah County Elections to request a replacement ballot if:

- you make a mistake
 - your ballot is damaged or spoiled
 - your ballot is lost
- or for any other reason.

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MT HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Director, Zone 1

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SUSIE JONES

OCCUPATION: Retired

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Faculty, Mt Hood Community College, 1999-2011; Teacher, David Douglas School District, 1991-1999; Teacher, North Clackamas School District, 1981-1991; Clerical, Schnitzer Steel Products; Musician, Disneyland

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: University of Portland, BME; University of Portland, MM; Mt Hood Community College

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

President, Mt Hood Jazz Festival
Writing Team Member, 2013 National Core Arts Standards Jazz Chair, Oregon Music Educators Association

As a community member, a former student of MHCC, and after 12 years as MHCC Faculty, my passion for MHCC runs deep. As a board member, my priorities will be:

KEEP COLLEGE RELEVANT

I will work hard to ensure that the classes and programs MHCC offer meet the needs of the 21st century student, community, and workforce. I will always collaborate with board members, MHCC staff, MHCC students, and the community when setting goals and making decisions. I will support the mission, vision, and goals of MHCC.

KEEP COLLEGE AFFORDABLE

I will work hard to keep the cost of college education within reach of students in our community. I will work to increase efficiency, making sure that your tax dollars and students' hard earned tuition dollars are not wasted. I will work to stabilize funding and identify additional sources of income.

ATTRACT INVESTMENT

A well-trained workforce is key to bringing future investment into our community. I will work to ensure that our students are prepared for the challenges of the 21st century. I will support an aggressive and efficient marketing plan that will broadly promote the successful programs at MHCC.

ENDORSEMENTS

Sue O'Halloran, President, KMO
Hiroshi Morihara, President, HM3 Energy
Anthony Palermi, PhD, Retired Superintendent, David Douglas Schools
Mary McSwain, Past President, Mt Hood Jazz Festival
Michael Wolfe, former Executive Vice President of Administrative Services and Chief Operating Officer for Mt Hood Community College
Richard A. Cole, PhD, Retired Curriculum Director, David Douglas Schools
Tom Wakeling, Faculty/Administration, Clackamas Community College

www.susie4mhccboard.com

(This information furnished by Susie Jones)

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SHARON KAY BARKER

OCCUPATION: retired

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Kelso City Library; City of Portland, OR; Social Security Administration; Retail experience; co-owner of Sweet Nothings; Tax preparer with Jackson and Hewitt

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland State university BS in Political

Science and Business; Lewis and Clark College, Masters classes in public administration and law

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Prepared budgets, reported to City Council, staff to citizen advisory board, worked with trade groups and Neighborhood Associations. Edited financial statements. In Poland my volunteer youth group won the first democracy award presented by Ambassador Rey. I wrote grants that enabled Polish students to attend Model United Nations meetings in Poland, the Netherlands and in New York.

I believe in opportunities for education to prepare people for a job. I support all of the workers at Mount Hood Community college who work in many capacities to provide the great services on behalf of students and the community at all three college sites. I think a diverse college population furthers the goals of education. I believe the person at least 65 years of age and are paying taxes for the college should be able to take classes with fees and tuition waived because persons from many diverse backgrounds would only enrich the learning experience.

If elected to the Mount Hood Community School Board I will advocate for students, college employees and the community to continue the vibrant college experience.

(This information furnished by Sharon K Barker)

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MT HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Director, Zone 2



JAMES ZORDICH

OCCUPATION: Retired Museum Curator (Emeritus)

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Curator of Technological History, Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: California State University at Los Angeles, BA Degree, Course

of Study: Industrial Education

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

Mount Hood Community College is a unique and important community asset. Our system of community colleges provides an important transition from secondary instruction to an affordable pathway leading to a four-year academic degree, or a more immediate vocational certificate.

For the past seventeen years I have served as an MHCC foundation volunteer - observing both the institution's successes and failures. That association and understanding have been enhanced by the opportunity to work with the institution's presidents, administrators, instructors, support personnel, and, most importantly, the students.

Funding for community colleges is significantly less than that of the State's institutions of higher education, and, as a consequence, demands stricter cost/benefit accounting. As a board member it will be my focus to intently evaluate all of the resources that fund the college's academic and infrastructure programs, including expanded budget and audit reviews. Student aid and government grants programs will also receive scrutiny to maximize their value and reduce any opportunities for misuse.

My long-term interest in the affairs of the college include a continual review of the MHCC's Board of Education minutes and budget documents. Additionally, I also endeavor to review both state and federal legislation that may have a relationship to the maintenance of the area's community colleges.

The basic premise of my campaign is that of serving the community, and to promote the continuation of affordable, high quality education for our future generations.

(This information furnished by James Zordich)

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Director, Zone 4



GEORGE (SONNY) YELLOTT

OCCUPATION: Pacific Northwest Paralegal Club, 2008 - Associate Member; Oregon Citizens Lobby, 2011; Americans For Prosperity, 2010

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Truck Driver; Casino Employee; Bartender; Forestry Worker

EDUCATIONAL

BACKGROUND: Portland Community College, AAS Paralegal Science; University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Hotel Administration, N/A; Portland Community College, Hotel Administration, AAS/w Honor; Myrtle Point Union High, Diploma

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Precinct Committee Person and House District 48 Captain for Multnomah County Republican Party

Mt Hood Community College (MHCC) has been a constantly growing and continually improving presence in East Multnomah County since 1966. Named after Mt Hood, enrolling 26,000 students every year, and being the westernmost extension of Eastern Oregon University, Lagrande, it is becoming an important member of Oregon's distinguished educational system.

I took several computer classes at the Maywood Park campus. Because I needed to learn to use computers in 2004 as a first prerequisite to study PCC's Paralegal Program. Again in 2011 to build speed, my experience at MHCC was satisfying. It is my focus to see that all who attend will have similar rewarding experiences.

It is important to increase the opportunities for students to connect with the business community. My goal is to find effective ways to do that.

I will research ways to enable the Board of MHCC to continue in the quest for excellence and to develop ways to enhance building the stellar image of this fine institution.

With your support we will achieve maximum value for your tax dollars.

I cannot do this alone; I need your vote and support.

(This information furnished by Sonny Yellott)

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PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Director, Zone 2



KALI THORNE LADD

OCCUPATION: Co-Founder, KairosPDX

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Teacher; Peace Corps Volunteer; SUN Schools Site Manager; Program Coordinator, CampFire; Policy Analyst, Oregon Department of Education; Education Strategies Director, Office of the Mayor of Portland

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Boston College, BA Education and Psychology; Harvard University, MA Education Policy

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Portland Community College Board, 2012-Present

KALI THORNE LADD: OUR COMMUNITY COLLEGE CHAMPION

"I currently service as your Zone 2 Portland Community College board member for North and Northeast Portland, Scappoose and Columbia County. **PCC is a pathway to a better future for our region** and the most direct connection between an educated workforce and living-wage jobs. I would appreciate your vote to continue advocating for quality and affordable community college."

Kali Thorne Ladd

KALI THORNE LADD: PRIORITIZING ACCESS

"Kali's training, leadership experience, and commitment to equity make her the kind of leader PCC still needs right now."
Oregon Speaker of the House, Tina Kotek

"Kali was appointed to the board because of her track record in education and was effective from day one. She represents Zone 2 well and ensures that PCC prioritizes access. She'll advocate for funding from the State **so students and families have affordable tuition.**"

David Squire, Past PCC Board Member

KALI THORNE LADD: SMART, DEDICATED LEADERSHIP

"Kali is a smart leader whose career has focused on ensuring all people have access to education. She helped create the **Future Connect Scholarship to give youth the opportunity to seek better paying jobs through education.**"

Former Mayor Sam Adams

COMMUNITY ENDORSEMENTS

- PCC Federation of Faculty and Academic Professionals
- Sen. Chip Shields
- Representative Michael Dembrow
- State Representative Lew Frederick
- State Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer
- Former Senator Margaret Carter
- Multnomah County Chair Jeff Cogen
- Multnomah County Commissioner Deborah Kafoury
- County Commissioner Loretta Smith
- Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman
- City Commissioner Amanda Fritz
- City Commissioner Steve Novick
- PPS Board, Martin Gonzalez
- PPS Board, Bobbie Regan
- PPS Board, Ruth Adkins

Community Leaders: Sam Brooks, Simone Brooks, Linda Castillo, Maxine Fitzpatrick, Andrea Cook and more at www.kalithorneladd.com

(This information furnished by Kali Thorne Ladd)

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Director, Zone 2



MICHAEL W DURROW

OCCUPATION: Realtor - paid

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Network Engineering - paid

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Reed + PCC (AS)

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

Cost-conscious - Innovative - Dedicated

These words define Michael Durrow. He's a lifelong neighbor with years of public service. A certified network engineer and a Realtor. He's volunteered as a democratic precinct committee-person 20 years. He has also been a student activist at PCC Cascade campus.

To represent a district where its communities have such diverse interests, Michael is focused on a unifying goal: PCC must successfully prepare its students for the evolving job market in the most cost-effective ways possible!

His solid and supported plans align with PCC's Institutional Goals:

- **Access:** Partnering with corporations AND small businesses, non-profits AND for-profits; not simply connecting, but cultivating supportive relationships; benefiting the entire district through productive and progressive dialog.
- **Diversity:** Active, focused and deliberate recruitment of under-represented and non-traditional students.
- **Quality Education:** Publication of and open forums addressing PCC's comparatively low success/completion rates to enrollment ratio; Obtain an independent evaluation of administrative (upper management) v. classroom instruction costs and efficiency.
- **Student Success:** Adopt an open, independent, honest and effective grievance policy. Emphasize peer support programs and incorporate access to health related assistance, including mental health. Join PSU by implementing Ulifeline (a national crisis-line for college students).
- **Economic, Workforce, and Community Development:** Promote programs to feed developing/expanding job markets. NO MORE graduates trained on obsolete equipment with mediocre skills, sending them to search out a non-existent job. Abolish "no-bid" contracts. Dispense of MS Operating Systems and implement Open-Source/freeware. Partner PCC with Oregon State Rep. Michael Dembrow in support of HB 2963 "Innovating Textbook Affordability"
- **Sustainability:** Implement and expand resource recovery projects. Set the standard for practical, ecological responsibility for the community.

Michael Durrow is the candidate dedicated to see Portland Community College fulfill and exceed its potential.

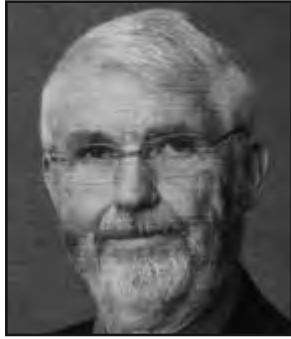
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PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Director, Zone 4



JIM HARPER

OCCUPATION: Oregon Real Estate Broker

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Executive Director, CASH Oregon ("Creating Assets, Savings and Hope"); Vice President, Morrison Child and Family Services; Executive Director, Arras; School-to-Career Liaison, Multnomah County; Director of Human Resources,

Wacker Siltronic; Division Manager, Tektronix

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland State University, B.S. (General Studies with emphasis on Secondary Education)

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: PCC Board Director, Zone 4, since 2005; two terms as Chair

LEADERSHIP:

Currently serving on ACCT Board (representing 1,200 community colleges nationwide) and Chair of the ACCT Pacific Region
 Past President of Oregon Community College Association (representing Oregon's 17 community colleges)
 Current Director and Secretary, Gateway to College National Network
 Ongoing Member of PCC Foundation Board for 24 years and past Chair

RE-ELECT JIM HARPER TO THE PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD

COMMITTED TO PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS' SUCCESS AND COMPLETION

Jim has spent over forty years with Portland Community College. He's been a student, a volunteer and a corporate user of the many quality services PCC provides. Jim has been an elected member of the PCC Board of Directors since 2005.

Portland Community College provides a place where students can earn an associate degree, certificate and/or get started on their pursuit of a four-year education. PCC caters to individuals who are interested in technical education, learning new skills and improving on existing ones. Jim has often said: "I am committed to PCC's goals of student success and completion. It's all about the students."

Jim is thankful for the community's support, including the following education, government, business and union leaders:

Representative Michael Dembrow
 Rep. Alissa Keny-Guyer, HD 46
 Siltronic Corp.
 Roy Jay, President - African American Chamber of Commerce
 David Squire, past PCC board member
 Frank Goulard, PCC Mathematics Faculty
 Bobbie Regan, Portland School Board
 Laurel Dukehart
 Duncan Wyse

RE-ELECT JIM HARPER AS ZONE 4 DIRECTOR FOR PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

(This information furnished by Jim Harper)

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Director, Zone 4



BERNARDO TUMA

OCCUPATION: Director, Society of Mexican-Oregonians, Foundation.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: President, Sotaventos Group Corporation.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Harvard University, School of Government, Certificate in Leadership. Portland State University, BS in Marketing and Finance & Law

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Metro Parks Commissioner; City Arts Commissioner; Neighborhood Council

Committed to keep PCC affordable and low cost

The American dream is the dream of opportunity to build a life through earned success. This dream starts with education. My commitment is to keep PCC's costs low and affordable to educate and train our community and help them thrive and succeed through life.

Committed to innovation and sustainable economic growth, through education

My commitment is to offer careers and programs that are aligned to our regional economic development goals that aim to create high paying jobs in sectors such as: Green energy technology, software and apparel design, food processing, aerospace, and sustainable technologies that create high paying jobs.

Committed to Job Creation through a highly educated work force

Our students are the driving force of the regional economy. My commitment is to train and educate them to be the best educated workforce in the region, by offering the best technical programs that meet industry demands to bring job creators and foreign investment into our local economy.

Committed to bringing education and economic development back to the community

My commitment is to maximize the use of infrastructure and spur economic activity in our community by transforming empty malls and buildings into educational labs and learning centers to better serve the community. My commitment is to bring students and faculty to those empty spaces by setting up class rooms and programs that are easily accessible by students and will contribute to keep costs down and bring the urban campus experience closer to the needs of our community to spur economic activity.

Committed to you the voter, the tax payer, the student, the parent, the employer and the educator

I am Bernardo Tuma and I would appreciate your vote.

(This information furnished by Bernardo Tuma)

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PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Director, Zone 5



KEN MADDEN

OCCUPATION: Owner, Madden Industrial Craftsman and Madden Fabrication, 1988 to present

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Various positions with Madden Industrial Craftsmen

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Oregon State University, BS, 1985

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: PCC Foundation Board, 2003 to present

Ken Madden: Local Community Roots

Ken grew up locally, graduating from Beaverton Public Schools and OSU.

He and his family have owned and operated **Madden Industrial Craftsmen & Madden Fabrication** for close to 25 years. They help thousands of employees find great jobs with local companies throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Ken Madden: Understands the importance of quality education

Hiring thousands of employees over the years, Ken knows first-hand how important a quality education is to a successful workforce. He has helped shape many of the vocational programs at Portland Community College.

Ken Madden: Serves the community

- Former Board Member, Washington County Fairgrounds
- Chair, Board of Directors, Beaverton Chamber of Commerce
- Vice-Chair, Oregon Workforce Investment Board
- Volunteer in local schools
- Meals on Wheels volunteer

Ken Madden: Supports Portland Community College Students

- Board Member, PCC Foundation. Ken helps the Foundation expand access to education by funding scholarships & educational programs.
- Ken will fight to keep education affordable and assessable for everyone.

Ken Madden: Brings real workplace experience to PCC

- Ken will help the College keep up with changing demand in the workplace.
- Ken will serve as a strong advocate for the College and the community.

VOTE FOR KEN MADDEN FOR PCC BOARD:

- **ROOTS IN THE COMMUNITY**
- **TIES TO PCC**
- **REAL WORLD WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE**

"Ken grasps the big picture – the link between education, informed citizens and strong communities. His perspective as an employer will be invaluable to the PCC Board." **Betty Duvall, PCC Foundation Board member; former President, PCC Rock Creek Campus.**

"Ken has brought good jobs to Washington County residents. He completely understands the critical importance that education plays in helping all of us compete and succeed in our global economy." **Denny Doyle, Beaverton Mayor.**

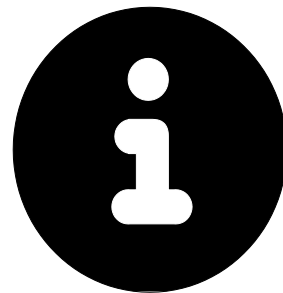
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We cannot count your ballot if you do not sign your return envelope.



If more than one person in your household is voting, make sure to check that you are signing your own envelope.

BEAVERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT #48JT

Director, Zone 7



HUMA PIERCE

OCCUPATION: Mother; Chiropractic Physician.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Chiropractic Physician; Community Organizer; Naval Officer.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: New York Chiropractic College; University of Toronto.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Oregon Health Authority Cultural Competence CE Committee, Delegate for Obama 2008/2012, Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Friends of the Oregon Commission for Women, Precinct Committee Person Washington County Democrats.

FAMILY: Married 13 years. One child.

VOLUNTEER: Mentored high school seniors from Beaverton School District's Health Careers Program since 2002. Classroom volunteering since 2009. Health Fair volunteer.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE EXPERIENCE:
Oregon League of Minority Voters - Board Member
Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners - Board Member
Northwest Health Foundation Executive Board Nominating Committee - Member
CBP Non-Profit Board - Board Member & Treasurer

Our Children First

Un voto por Huma es un voto para todos nosotros.

"Education is more successful when the emphasis on how to learn surpasses the focus on how to pass a test."
-Dr Huma Pierce

We need:

- Smaller class sizes to foster excellence in learning and teaching.
- Higher graduation rates and attainable paths to college.
- More workplace apprenticeships and mentoring.
- Administrative accountability and better communication between parents and the School District.
- An end to the perpetual budget crisis.

ENDORSEMENTS

Robert Lee, Vice Chair, Reynolds School District Board of Education
Susan Pater, Arts and Communication Magnet Academy PTO Vice President
George Ward, Centennial School District Teacher
Deborah Barnes, North Clackamas School Teacher
Jody Wisner

Please visit www.HumaPierce.com and I ask you for your vote!

(This information furnished by Dr Huma Pierce)

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CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Director, Pos. 7, At Large



ERNIE BUTENSCHOEN

OCCUPATION: Retired Teacher

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Middle School Teacher 31 years David Douglas School District; Middle School Coach and Athletic Director; David Douglas Community Sports Coordinator

EDUCATIONAL

BACKGROUND: Lewis and Clark College, 1987, MAT; Oregon College of Education, 1980, BS; David Douglas High School, 12

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: David Douglas Education Association President 1997; East County Bargaining Council Treasurer 2000-2011; Bargaining Team David Douglas Certified 7 different contracts; Centennial School Board 2011 to current; Multnomah Education Service District Budget Committee 2013

Dear Friends,

I'm asking for your vote to continue serving as your position 7 at-large School Board Director in the Centennial School District.

My wife and I have lived in the Centennial School District for over 20 years. Our two children attended Centennial Schools and were well prepared to pursue their goals and dreams after graduation. We love this community! With that said,

I'm committed to our district's 5 year non-negotiable academic goals that were enacted in the 2010-2011 school year.

- * Every child performs at grade level in reading, writing and math by the end of the 3rd grade.
- * Every child leaves 8th grade academically ready for 9th grade.
- * Every student finishes 9th grade with credits necessary to graduate on time.
- * Every student graduates ready for college and/or career.

It's vitally important to prepare our students for the competitive world that they will soon enter.

It's a pleasure to visit all school sites and see the commitment, dedication, focus and passion about education that our students, teachers, administrators, support staff and volunteer parents display on a daily basis.

I understand budgets and bargaining based on my past experience. I'm fair and work collaboratively to arrive at a budget or an agreement that is consistent, financially prudent and respectful of the needs of all.

I really enjoy working with this board and would love to continue for another four years. Thanks,

Ernie Butenschoen

(This information furnished by Ernie Butenschoen)

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CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT #39

Director, Pos. 2

Director, Pos. 2



**NICK
KERSLAKE**

OCCUPATION: Farmer-Self Employed Business Owner

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Farmer-Self Employed Business Owner

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Corbett High School graduated in 1980 received diploma

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL

EXPERIENCE: East Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District Board

My name is Nick Kerslake and I would like your vote for Corbett School District's Board of Director Position 2. My family has lived in Corbett since 1904. My wife and I have been proud supporters of Corbett School District for twenty-two years. We have had three children and all have attended Corbett School District since Kindergarten. Our oldest graduated in 2010. Our other two children are in grade 10 and grade 8 this year. I graduated from Corbett High School in 1980. I have lived and worked in Corbett my whole life and am currently the third generation to work our family farm. I believe in the value of a great public education for all our students and I strongly believe in the value of our own community school. I understand the tough challenges our district faces with decreased state funding and increased educational requirements. As a business owner, I understand the need for teamwork, compromise, planning and creativity and will bring this experience to the board.

As your new board member, I will always be available to you. I promise to always be honest, open and offer a common sense approach. I have a strong commitment to our community and a passion to stand up for what I believe in. I will work hard to help strengthen our school board's relationship with the district and the public it serves.

Thank you for your time and I sure would appreciate your vote.

(This information furnished by Nick Kerslake)

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**TODD
MICKALSON**

OCCUPATION: Excavator/operator for Perfect Climate, Inc.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Project manager/field foreman for AshLan Communications, Inc.; Operations manager for Capital Data and Communications, Inc.; Operations manager for Henkels & McCoy, Inc.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Lane Community College; Corbett High School diploma

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Elected to Corbett School District #39 Board of Directors Position #4

With the exception of my time spent at college, I have lived in Corbett all of my 36 years. I am active in the community, coach Corbett youth football and baseball. I am proud to have 2 sons, the eldest enrolled in the Corbett grade school, and the youngest to be enrolled in Corbett preschool in a couple years. As a current board member, I am proud of the accomplishments we have made over the last 4 years. Working on community involvement and understanding has, and always will be a priority of mine while serving on the board. Listening carefully and understanding all facets of a challenge, problem or concern are qualities that I have shown over and over before making decisions on the board. We have a great community, and an excellent school. Lets keep moving forward. Elect me to the school board again, and we will.

(This information furnished by Todd Mickalson)

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CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT #39

Director, Pos. 3



**CHARLIE
O'NEIL**

OCCUPATION: Self-Employed, Small Business Owner, 1982-Present

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: U.S. Army; 1973-1976; Portland Fire Bureau, Firefighter; 1976-2006

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Corbett High School, Graduated

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Corbett School Board, Current; Corbett Budget Committee; Multnomah Educational Service District, Budget Committee; OSAA Re-Classification Committee; OSAA Eligibility Appeals Committee

BACKGROUND:

I have lived nearly my entire life in Corbett, attending Corbett Schools as a multi-sport athlete and meeting my wife, Kathy. After graduating, I went into the Army. For the past 30 years I have worked for the Portland Fire Bureau, managed a small family business, and have been deeply involved in Corbett sports, volunteer-coaching generations of students. Kathy and I grew a family of four children, all of whom attended Corbett schools. Now my grandchild attends Corbett.

I first served on the board in 1996. Corbett had issues with reputation, test scores and students leaving the district. I knew I wanted to help turn things around. I have worked since then with community members, board members, administration and staff as both a board and non-board member helping Corbett achieve many successes for the school, which include:

- Corbett Middle School is the only school in Oregon ever to be on the national "Schools to Watch" list
- Ranks #4 in the nation in the Washington Post
- Ranks #14 in the nation for Transformative High Schools
- The renovation and reuse of the old Springdale School as the CAPS program
- 100 percent participation in the SAT exam by our Junior class

As a long-time Corbett resident, I know the stories that the numbers cannot tell. I know that small schools do more for every student. I know from my board experience that I am a person who can make the tough calls. I know what it means to address real challenges.

I ask for your vote so that I may continue to work tirelessly to preserve Corbett as a great small school district for generations to come.

(This information furnished by Charlie O'Neil)

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Director, Pos. 3



**JANET M
RUDDELL**

OCCUPATION: : Portland Public Schools Enrollment & Transfer Center, Data Analyst/ Student Placement (Paid)

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland Public School District. Employment history: 26+ years. Positions at PPS include: Enrollment & Transfer Center, Data Analyst/ Student Placement (Paid);

Enrollment & Transfer Center, Senior Student Placement Specialist (Paid); Education Options/Alternative Education, Administrative Secretary (Paid); Word Processing Center, Word Processing Trainer/Asst. Supervisor (Paid); Oregon Motorsports, Inc., Co-Owner/Corporate Officer (Paid); Bucher Realty, Real Estate Sales Associate, Administrative Secretary & Data Specialist (Paid)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Mt. Hood Community College, completed grade 15, AA degree, Computer Applications; Mt. Hood Community College, completed grade 15, Certificates, Database, Computer Networking; CISCO Systems, Certification Course (4 semesters), Certified Computer Network Administrator (CCNA), Computer Networking; Western Real Estate Training, Course of Study, Licensed Real Estate Associate; Gresham High School, completed grade 12, High School Diploma

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Facilities Steering Committee Member, Corbett School District, Current (Appointed)

For more than a dozen years my family and I have lived in Corbett. After several years of renting, I'm now a Corbett homeowner. I'm the mother of three sons. My oldest son is a certified high school teacher currently tutoring Indian Education students full time in Montana and coaching football. My tenth grade son attends Corbett High School, and my youngest son attends second grade.

The Corbett School District continues to experience escalating costs, school funding issues, and our middle school is in dire need of major repairs or replacement. In the midst of these challenging economic times, effective communication and transparency will be key.

For 26 years I've worked for the largest school district in the state – Portland Public Schools. I believe the knowledge and experience I've acquired during that time has prepared me to serve on the Corbett School Board. If elected, I promise to be an advocate for the students, parents and community, and promote fiscal responsibility.

Please vote for Janet Ruddell, School Board Director

(This information furnished by Janet M Ruddell)

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CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT #39

Director, Pos. 4

Director, Pos. 4



CARRIE EVANS

OCCUPATION: Senior Paralegal, Greene & Markley, P.C. (1998 to present)

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Server, Springdale Pub (2005-2006); Busser, Hostess & Gift Shop Supervisor, Multnomah Falls Lodge (1994-1999)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Corbett School, K-12, Diploma; Western Business College, 14, Associated Degree

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

I have lived in Corbett my entire life. My family has been a part of the Corbett Community for over a century and has had five generations attend Corbett Schools. I have two children entering the Corbett School District soon as well as many friends and family with children currently in the District, so it is extremely important to me that the administration is providing the safest and best learning environment for our children.

While I have no experience on a school board, I have worked with the judicial system and legal community for over 10 years. This experience has helped me develop a keen sense for details as well as being able to understand multiple views to incorporate them all into the big picture. My work experience has taught me to not accept the persuasive words of others as fact without doing my own research and to question when things do not make sense. I believe this will be an asset in making informed decisions if elected. As a new board member, I will be a fresh set of eyes for finding new ideas for improving and ensuring the future of Corbett Schools.

If I am elected, I will foster communication with community members. As the safety of our children is crucial, I will take all steps possible to ensure the best practices are being followed. Funding for education is always an issue and continuing to increase the student population from outside the District is not the best solution for our community and schools. Therefore, I would make it a priority to find alternatives for the budget shortfall while keeping the children's best interest in mind.

Thank you for your consideration.

(This information furnished by Carrie Evans)

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DAVID GORMAN

OCCUPATION: Senior Program Manager at AECOM Technology Corp.; Owner / Principal of Wetland Systems, LLC; Owner / Principal of Community Restoration Network, LLC

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Operations Manager at ICF Jones & Stokes, Portland, Oregon; Senior Engineer at Maul

Foster & Alongi, Vancouver, Washington; Owner / Principal of Water Resource Management, Corbett, Oregon; Water Resource Program Manager at Clean Water Services, Hillsboro, Oregon; Stormwater Engineer at City of Gresham, Gresham, Oregon; Hydraulic Engineer at US Army Corps of Engineers, Portland, Oregon

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Kent State University: Bachelor of General Studies Degree in Environmental Science; Ohio State University: Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Corbett School District: Old Schools Task Force; Corbett School District: Budget Committee (current)

Background:

I moved to Corbett 18 years ago because it seemed like a wonderful community. Shortly after moving to Corbett my wife and I had children and we had a concerned neighbor who warned us against sending our children to the Corbett Schools because they were so bad. As our children grew and entered school, the District underwent some changes that improved the quality of education provided to its students. During this same time period State funding for education had been significantly reduced, making it more challenging for the District to adequately address the educational needs of all of its students. In an attempt to improve financial stability and increase educational opportunities, the District cut costs and unsuccessfully attempted to pass a local operating levy to make up for State funding cuts. In the face of significant budgetary constraints, the District established the Charter School to provide sufficient and stable funding for a fuller range of educational opportunities for the Corbett children.

My goal as a School Board member is to work with the community to continue to provide the best possible educational opportunities for our students within the constraints of the budget.

(This information furnished by David Gorman)

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CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT #39

Director, Pos. 5



**KARINA
LANDE**

OCCUPATION: Mom

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Sunny Place Learning - Preschool Teacher Assistant; ACT1 - Business Support; Healthcare

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Columbia High, White Salmon, WA. - Diploma 1993; Mt. Hood Community College - Business

Management & Communications; Concorde - CMA & X-Ray Technician

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

I have lived in Corbett for almost ten years. I grew up in a similar small town at the opposite end of the Gorge. My husband's family has lived in Corbett since the early seventies. We have one child attending the District Grade School, a second to begin next fall.

I am very passionate about the education of children and it is my top priority. I have been following Corbett schools since 2009 by seeking information, asking questions, and attending community and board meetings. I am dedicated and have a long term interest in our schools.

I believe we need transparency and accountability of the board. I feel concerns submitted should be publicly available and a response from the board should be mandatory. Our community members deserve this respect and acknowledgement from it's elected officials. I also feel we need more community and parent involvement in the decision making processes.

Some wonderful things are continuing to happen within our schools! Some astonishing achievements have been made despite the ongoing funding crisis. I believe there is always room for improvements. As a new board member I will be committed to working with the board on improving areas such as: community involvement, financial prioritizing, insuring checks and balances of educational philosophies, open dialogue and information availability, as well as improvements to current safety procedures.

I believe Corbett is more than solely it's schools. Corbett is a way of life, something that is sacred and needs to be recognized and preserved. If you share my beliefs, let's add some fresh perspectives and pass the torch to the next generation! Together we can work to insure the best possible well rounded education, for every single child, while also preserving our community!

Vote Karina Lande Position 5, Thank You

(This information furnished by Karina Lande)

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Director, Pos. 5



**BOB
BUTTKE**

OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner, General Contractor – Commercial Project Manager, Consultant

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Owner/Project Manager CHE Group, LLC, present; Estimating & Design Consulting, present; Project Manager CE Snodgrass Construction, 1995-2009; Vice President Market

Contractors, Ltd, 1984-1995; Office/Construction Manager Yacht Constructors, 1972-1984

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland State University, B.S. - Business and Accounting, graduated with honors; Mt. Hood Community College, business; Grant High School.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Current Corbett School Board, Vice-Chairman and Corbett Education Foundation, Trustee/Treasurer.

I am a long-time resident of Corbett, where my wife Catherine and I have contributed to building a great community and raised two daughters who attended Corbett Schools. I deeply appreciate the history and the accomplishments of the district and the efforts of other hardworking members of the community who have helped to preserve one of Corbett's greatest assets. I thank all who voted for me and who have helped in this work over the last four years.

I believe board members should consider students first, whether supporting the continuation of the good work of the schools or making significant financial decisions. My goals for the next four years are to build on our strengths, help Corbett students continue to be among the most successful in Oregon and help preserve the interests of the community. I know what it takes to make the tough decisions and I have worked in unison with board members, educators and parents toward these common goals.

My relationships in the community, my experience managing resources and projects, and finding solutions will continue to be an asset for the Board. We will work as a team dedicated to the business of the district, creating the optimal learning and working environment.

Your vote for me will be a vote to support quality education for Corbett students, provide the necessary resources to accomplish this and to continue creating genuine partnerships to address real challenges.

(This information furnished by Bob Buttke)

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DAVID DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Director, Pos. 1



**CHERYL A
SCARCELLI
ANCHETA**

OCCUPATION: Sales Executive/Account Manager, Providence Health Plan, 8 Years

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Sales Representative and Financial Accountant, Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oregon, Pastoral Council President

& Campaign Project Chair, St. Michael the Archangel; and Mother of two children who graduated David Douglas.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: David Douglas Graduate, 1975; Mt Hood Community College; Portland State University; Portland Community College; and BS in Leadership and Management, Marylhurst University.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Oregon and Washington State Healthcare; Mt Hood Community College Foundation Board Director; David Douglas Educational Foundation Board Director; Portland State University Athletic Board Vice President; Gilbert Park Elementary PTA President; Alice Ott and David Douglas High School Booster club.

Community Involvement - Brookside Wetland and Johnson Creek Neighborhood project; National Kidney Foundation; Executive Women's Golf Association; Portland Rotary; Clackamas Rotary; Raphael House; City Club of Portland; Gilbert Park Elementary PTA; Alice Ott Middle School and David Douglas HS Booster Clubs.

Endorsements:

"Cheryl is a former student of David Douglas. She knows what is best for the district. Please join me in re-electing Cheryl for David Douglas School Board Position #1."

- Matthew Burk, David Douglas High School, Class of 2004

"During my years as Principal of David Douglas High School I knew Cheryl Scarcelli Ancheta as a strong supporter of education. Cheryl was extremely active and involved in promoting the best for our young people. I enthusiastically endorse Cheryl Scarcelli Ancheta for the David Douglas School Board."

- John Harrington, David Douglas High School Principal, 1991-2003.

"Our youth are the most important asset we have and I believe we must support them with our time, talents and treasures, while giving value for every hard-earned tax dollar. I will continue to be dedicated as a board member to build on the district's history of high Academic outcomes and to preserve our Music, Art and Athletic programs, allowing for a rich curriculum to meet students' needs for their future advancement. I commit and will thrive in encouraging parent and business community involvement."

- Cheryl Scarcelli Ancheta

(This information furnished by Cheryl A. Scarcelli Ancheta)

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Director, Pos. 1



**JOHNNY
WALKER**

OCCUPATION: Financial Advisor

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Regional Vice President, Director of Advisor Development, North Star Resource Group; US Army, 1967 to 1989

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland State University, BS, General

Management

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

I am a life long Oregonian. In addition my wife of 45 years and I have resided in the David Douglas School District since 1989. Our youngest daughter graduated from David Douglas High School and we currently have 4 teenage grandchildren enrolled in the District, two of whom we are raising.

I have been in various levels of management for over 40 years. The most important lesson I have learned is that it is less important how much you have than in how you use it. You can not consistently be asking for more when you are not maximizing what you have. Also it is difficult to develop effective systems and processes unless everyone involved shares the same vision and commitment.

I believe that the fundamental purpose of schools is to provide a world class educational opportunity for every student. All else should be secondary to that goal. We spend more dollars per student than any other developed country except Switzerland, yet in reading, math, and the sciences we trail almost all other developed nations. Finland spends a third of what we do and is consistently ranked near the top in performance. If we are putting more and more resources into education systems but are seeing less results, something needs fixed. You cannot keep doing the same things and expect different results. We must strive to improve the things we are responsible for and we cannot do that if we are not willing to examine all the issues in an open and unbiased manner. In these times of fiscal challenges it is critical that those charged with the responsibility of overseeing our educational systems be willing and able to be innovative. I believe that my education, experience, combined with a fresh viewpoint, makes me ideally suited for this position.

(This information furnished by Johnny Walker)

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DAVID DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Director, Pos. 2

NO
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DONN GARDNER

OCCUPATION: 30 years self-employed Drywall Contractor

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: 15 years construction Trades

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Graduate David Douglas High School; 1 year Portland State College

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL

EXPERIENCE: Member David Douglas School Board 1993–Present

Donn has been an area resident for over fifty years. He, his wife Jacqueline, their three children, and two granddaughters have been David Douglas graduates. Donn has served on the David Douglas school board since 1993. Now retired, He ran a small construction business in the area for thirty years. His years, on the board, and in the community, give Him a singular experience to help in these difficult times. His commitment is to the entire district, students, staff, and taxpayers. In past years, while other districts were cutting programs, Donn worked with board members, staff, and community to see that David Douglas continued to offer programs like all-day kindergarten, band and music, athletics, and a wide range of electives at the high school.

Recently however, funding has lagged behind district needs. With prudent use of reserves and sacrifices from many in the district we have been able maintain those programs at David Douglas. Donn says: "My roots go very deep in David Douglas. My parents came to the district in 1955 for the schools. And three generations later my grandchildren continue to receive a quality education. But education is struggling throughout Oregon and we face the same challenges that all districts face. My commitment will be to see that David Douglas continues to provide quality education now and into the future for all children. At a time when new board members are being selected, I believe my experience and years in the district will help me continue to serve our community and make David Douglas the district where parents still want to bring their children for the schools."

(This information furnished by Committee to Re-elect Donn Gardner)

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for accuracy by Multnomah County.

Director, Pos. 3

NO
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SUBMITTED

ROBERT ZELLER

OCCUPATION: General Manager - Thermal Coatings International Inc. (Paid)

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: 1990 - Present Thermal Coatings International Inc.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Oregon State University - BS Industrial Education; Portland State

University - Various Law Classes; Portland Community College - Multiple Welding Certifications

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

My family has been in the David Douglas School District for over twenty years. My wife Annette and I have had our eight children (5 ours / 3 adopted when a friend of our family died of cancer) attend Gilbert Park Grade School, Alice Ott Middle School, and David Douglas High School. One remaining student is a junior at DDHS. We have tried to help our children become good students and good citizens while being part of the David Douglas Community. Many faculty and administrators are very familiar with them and can speak to their character.

I have an education degree from OSU and am aware of the needs of teachers and administrators. As a parent I have volunteered in classrooms, school activities, and fund raisers. I have been a volunteer coach for the David Douglas Soccer Club for seven years (not currently coaching).

In those many years we have gained a deep respect and gratitude for those in the David Douglas School District who have served our children. My hope for the DDSD is that it continues to provide the best education possible to this and future generations. It is time for me to serve in a more formal manner; the school board position is where I could best serve. I can bring the multitude of positive experiences I have had in association with the school district and a desire to help the district thrive in the future.

My professional experience will help me to serve and manage in an organized and productive manner. I currently work on committees with some of the most advanced companies in the world. Our children need to be properly educated to help them earn more than just livable careers.

I would appreciate your vote.

(This information furnished by Robert Zeller)

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for accuracy by Multnomah County.

DAVID DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Director, Pos. 3

Director, Pos. 3



CHRISTINE LARSEN

OCCUPATION: Parent; Project Coordinator at Oregon Health & Science University, 2006 - present; Girl Scout Leader Troop 40847; 2010 - present

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Program Manager at Arizona State University, 2003 - 2004; Director of Student and Academic Services at Arizona State University, 2000 - 2003;

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Purdue University, Master of Science in Education - Higher Education Administration; University of Kansas, Bachelor of Science - Accounting and Business Administration

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: David Douglas School District Budget Committee 2008 - present

I am a parent of two children in the David Douglas School District, one in high school and the other in elementary school. I believe that public education is valuable to my children and all of the children in our district, helping to put them on a path to becoming productive citizens for the rest of their lives. Successfully engaging all students in our district is important for our community to thrive in the future.

As a citizen member of the David Douglas School District Budget Committee for the past five years I have participated in the conservative fiscal practices that have allowed our schools to retain music and PE in our schools, while many districts around us have eliminated one or both. I would like to continue to work for the David Douglas community as a Board Member serving the students, teachers, and families of our district.

Over the past five years I have watched as state funding and federal grant money for schools has decreased. Funding is likely to decrease even more in upcoming years. Our school board is going to be called upon to help guide the district through challenging financial times while putting policies in place to improve our students' learning and increase graduation rates. I have good problem solving skills and want to be part of the team that helps David Douglas students excel.

I ask for your vote so that I can continue to give my best effort to our community schools.

(This information furnished by Christine Larsen)

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KRISTA DENNIS

OCCUPATION: Owner- Global Mineral

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Sales Administrative Assistant- Auto Trader Magazines

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Westview High School- Graduated 1997, Portland Community College- Classes in Business and

Emergency Medical Technician

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: David Douglas Citizens Advisory Committee, David Douglas Family Engagement Coordinating Council, Earl Boyles Parents United Group

"Krista Dennis is a stand out candidate who will bring important expertise and experience to the David Douglas School Board and is an advocate for quality public education." Megan Larsen, Earl Boyles Elementary preschool teacher

"Krista Dennis is a thoughtful and passionate advocate for education and the David Douglas community. She will be outstanding board member." Andreina Velasco, educator and community member

As a lifelong Oregonian and an active advocate for the David Douglas School District, I want to help our district strengthen our excellence in education.

I will champion parents' involvement in their children's education and the district by:
 -Improving each school's parent organization.
 -Creating an online parent organization.

I will promote more community involvement in our schools by:
 -Bringing in community resources that the schools need in order to thrive.
 -Expanding awareness of our district's needs and strengths.

I will work to improve communication within the district by creating:
 -A master calendar that has all school activities and will provide families an opportunity to be involved in events at other district schools.
 -A monthly town hall meeting with teachers and parents that allows an opportunity to ask questions and provide ideas to the board.

As the mother of a young David Douglas student, I am dedicated to preparing our students for the future. I have attended EVERY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING since my child started in the district. I have involved myself in many different committees including the David Douglas Education Foundation, David Douglas Family Engagement Coordinating Council, David Douglas Citizens Advisory Committee and the Earl Boyles Parents United.

The David Douglas School Board needs a voice for the average parent. A parent who wants to make this school district better.

(This information furnished by Krista Dennis)

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DAVID DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Director, Pos. 5



KYLE RIGGS

OCCUPATION: Vice President of Operations & Personnel at Just Sports, 14 years

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: 1990-1999 Positions with Pro-Image, Team Spirit & Just Sports; Sales Associate, Store Manager, District Manager, Regional Franchise Manager, Regional Manager & Regional VP of Operations & Personnel.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Graduated Franklin High School 1989; Clackamas Community College attended classes '89-'91.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: David Douglas School Board, appointed September 2012

It was a humbling experience being selected to serve on the board for the David Douglas School District and my time spent serving on the board has been very rewarding.

I am in a unique position as I am currently serving on the board but, having been appointed to my position, our community has not ever had the chance to vote for me. So for those who don't know anything about me I am a parent, my wife and I have two children that attend schools in the district. Also before being appointed to serve on the board I spent ten years being involved in this district at a variety of levels.

- Community (coaching community sports)
- Single School (working with Parent-Teacher Organizations and volunteering in classrooms)
- District-wide (Citizens Advisory Committee, Textbook Adoption Committee)
- City-wide (Parents for Public Schools of Portland)

My experiences in David Douglas have brought me to the following outlook as a board member:

Aside from the safety of this communities children while they are in the districts care, there is no task more important than providing each family in this district with the most accessible, well-rounded and highest quality educational opportunities available for their children.

As I have said, my time serving on the board has been very rewarding and it is my hope, that with your vote, I will be able to continue to serve in that capacity.

Thank-you for your consideration,

-Kyle Riggs

(This information furnished by Kyle Riggs)

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Director, Pos. 6



SHANNON RAYBOLD

OCCUPATION: Homemaker; Mother

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Public School Teacher; Autism Consultant to families, school district and state agencies; Volunteer Member of the Citizen's Advisory Committee for David Douglas School District

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Redmond High School; Western Washington University, B.A. and Teaching Certificate; University of Washington, M.Ed; Washington State University, Early Childhood Credential

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

The education of our children is the key to our future. As a teacher, mother, and resident of the East Portland community it is imperative to me that the voices of citizens are heard in making educational decisions. That is why I want to serve on the David Douglas School Board.

I will work to:

- Advocate for long-term funding stability to benefit taxpayer's investment
- Support and expand the accomplishments already working in David Douglas such as the music program, early childhood initiative, and the outdoor school
- Embrace the diverse cultures our district has with innovative language programs
- Advocate for reasonable use of standardized testing
- Find ways to address class sizes
- Promote safe and healthy school buildings and playgrounds
- Support professional development for teachers and staff
- Work to ensure that students have access to current technology
- Develop a district wide program to ensure that all students have access to the food they need
- Represent children, parents and teachers in district level decisions

MY PROMISE TO YOU

I want to honor the time trusted traditions that David Douglas students, staff, and alumni have come to expect, while also bringing fresh ideas and perspectives to address our challenges.

Your vote will allow me to advocate for OUR children.

For more information go to facebook.com: Shannon Raybold for David Douglas School Board

Endorsements: Representative Jeff Reardon; Representative Shemia Fagan; Representative Jessica Vega Pederson; School Board Member Annette Mattson; School Board Member Cheryl A. Scarcelli; David Douglas Teacher Cheryl Ann Bland; Alumni and David Douglas Citizen's Advisory Committee Chair Chelsea Karpa; Parent of David Douglas students Scott Harris

(This information furnished by Shannon Raybold)

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GRESHAM-BARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT

Director, Pos. 4, At Large



CARLA PILUSO

OCCUPATION: Retired Gresham Chief of Police

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Public Safety, Charity Work

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: B.S. Willamette University; Executive Leadership Institute; Public Safety Command College; Public Safety

Management Certificate Portland State University, Hatfield School of Government

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Chief of Police; Chair of Multnomah County Commission on Children, Families and Community; Director, Gresham-Barlow School Board

Community Service: West Gresham Elementary School Site Council; Board President, Human Solutions; Council President, Gresham Salvation Army Corp; SnowCap

“When it comes to our children and our community, Carla Piluso brings her heart and passion to the table every time. I am pleased to endorse her for reelection to the Gresham-Barlow School Board.”

Shane Bemis, Gresham Mayor

INVESTED in OUR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY

- Carla has been an active volunteer for organizations as Stand for Children, Head Start, the Greater Gresham Prevention Partnership and Human Solutions to help at-risk families and youth.
- As Chief of Police, Carla put our kids first by working with School District leadership to fund School Safety Officers in our schools and secured 4 years of grant funding for a “Summer Boost” program for elementary school students.
- As the Chair of the Multnomah County Commission on Children Families and Community, Carla fought to secure funding for the SUN School Program in east county schools.

A Proven Advocate

- For the past 30 years Carla has advocated for after school programs, supplemental educational programs, and Head Start funding because she knows that these programs are essential to keeping our future workforce ahead of the curve.
- As a citizen advocate, Carla secured an extra 1.5 million dollars from the State Legislature for the East Metro Gang Enforcement Team.

FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE

- As Chief of Police, Carla managed a nearly 22 million-dollar budget and consistently saved tax payers money.
- Carla is dedicated to transparency and accountability and will hold school administrators and the district financially accountable to local tax payers.

CARLA PILUSO: A Strong Voice for Gresham-Barlow Parents and Students

(This information furnished by Carla Piluso)

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Director, Pos. 6, At Large



DALE CLARK

OCCUPATION: Supervisor, Communication Engineering -PGE

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: VP Sales, Solutionz Video Conferencing; Sales Manager, tw telecom

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: University of Portland -MBA

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Gresham-Barlow School Board 2006 to present (elected); Long Range Planning Committee 2005 (appointed); Technology planning team 2004 (appointed)

I have led our board as the Board Chair for the past 2 years. I am proud of what we accomplished during that time. They were difficult years, but we persevered and moved forward. Our District will be facing similar challenges in the next 4 years.

*Funding shortfalls

Districts all over the state, including ours, have been forced to cut staff, eliminate programs and reduce days in response to declining funding from the State. In spite of this, our District has done an admirable job keeping a broad offering of classes and electives for our students, including PE and music in the grade schools. Thanks to our fine staff and teachers, who are truly doing more with less, we have improved student achievement and increased graduation rates. It is anticipated we will be addressing additional shortfalls for the 2013-2015 budget. I have the experience to help us through these difficult decisions.

*Capital Plan

Our District and Board have been updating our Long-Range Facilities Plan. A potential outcome from this is a Capital Bond proposal being presented to our voters. Our buildings need updating, our educational technology is behind and our changing population is driving us to think differently about how we teach students. Many of our buildings need seismic upgrades to meet safety standards. I will advocate strongly for the passing of this critical investment for our student and staff needs.

*Community Involvement

My children have attended Gresham-Barlow schools since the first grade. During this time we have been involved in athletics, music, dance, and multiple other activities.

Our mission statement says it all: “Every Student Prepared for Success.” Every decision I make will be with this in mind.

Thank you for your vote.

(This information furnished by Dale Clark)

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LAKE OSWEGO SCHOOL DISTRICT (JT)

Director, Pos. 2



SARAH HOWELL

OCCUPATION: OHSU Marketing

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Project Management; Public Affairs

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: University of Oregon, B.S., Journalism

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: LO Schools

Foundation Board of Directors (3rd year); LOSD World Languages Committee; Lake Grove School Advisory Committee

As your school board representative, I will work hard to:

- Leverage the best ideas from college-prep districts nationwide
- Prioritize doing more with less funding
- Recruit the best new superintendent
- Market our schools to attract new families
- Innovate in science, technology, languages, arts and math
- Advocate for all students at all schools

“Sarah is the right person for the board at this time.

As an active participant at school board meetings for five years, she has working knowledge of the board. The City of Lake Oswego presented her with its Unsung Hero Award for her initiative to improve our schools’ curriculum. Her collaborative leadership style is needed as we choose our next superintendent and move our district forward.”

–**Bill Swindells**, past Chairman, Lake Oswego School Board

“To maintain our property values, we can’t rest on our reputation. We must innovate and market our schools to attract young families and strengthen our schools. Sarah is a forward-thinking leader, and as a parent with young children, she brings a long-term perspective.”

– **John Stirek**, past President, LO Schools Foundation

“Sarah Howell envisions the future of education and its vast opportunities for technology and bold new approaches. She has strength of character to pursue what is right and necessary for tomorrow.”

–**Don Irving**

Sarah Howell is Endorsed By:

Current/ Past School Board Members
Teri Oelrich, Deb Lopardo, Curt Sheinin, Bill Swindells

State Representatives Chris Garrett and Sara Gelser, Chair, House Education Committee

City Councilor Jon Gustafson

Schools Foundation Past Presidents
Katy Barman, John Stirek

Current/ Past Foundation Board Members
Cay Bordin, Justin Harnish, Brigitte Howley, Tom Krueger, Sally Moncrieff, Carolyn Pihl, Robert Poe, Denise Smith, John Wallin

Parent Leaders at All Ten Schools

More endorsements: www.SarahForLOSD.com

(This information furnished by Sarah Howell for School Board)

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Director, Pos. 2



KEVIN ROBERTSON

OCCUPATION: Merrill Lynch Senior Vice President

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Business and financial employment for 32 years

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: University of Oregon, B.A. in Business

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL

EXPERIENCE: President of LO Schools Foundation 2011-12; Vice President 3 prior years

Who I Am

- First and foremost, I am a parent of two children in Lake Oswego Schools who believes that Lake Oswego is a special place where schools are the heart of the community.
- I have knowledge of and experience in elementary through high school education.
- I am an experienced fiscally responsible leader who believes in data driven strategic planning and decision-making.
- My professional career has been focused on managing money.
- I am passionate about Lake Oswego Schools and have taken a sustained leadership role in the LOSD Foundation to serve all of our students.

Why Vote For Me

- I offer proven financial expertise and business experience combined with integrity and pragmatism.
- My years of executive decision-making will be a significant asset as the school board moves forward to select a new superintendent.
- I believe that high levels of performance are built through hard work, focusing on what matters, assessing results, and committing to serve the best interests of all students and families.
- My running for the School Board is based on my strong commitment to public service. Our children aren’t well served by political or special interest agendas.
- We must engage in thoughtful innovation to maintain our district’s exceptional results in core academics by strengthening our offerings in math, science, technology and engineering.

Join us in supporting Kevin:

Kent Studebaker, Mayor Lake Oswego
Greg Macpherson, Former State Representative
Linda Brown, School Board Member
Marc Nemhauser PsyD, Former School Board Chair
John Wendland, School Board Chair
Patti Zebrowski, School Board Member
Mike Kehoe, City Councilor
Skip O’Neill, Lake Oswego City Councilor
Mike Cook, Past Foundation President
Mark Dorman, Past Foundation President
Mary Solares, Past Foundation President

(This information furnished by Kevin Robertson)

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LAKE OSWEGO SCHOOL DISTRICT (JT)

Director, Pos. 3

Director, Pos. 3



**JOHN
WENDLAND**

OCCUPATION: Business Owner, Portland Bindery Inc.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Business - 29 years of experience in manufacturing, operations, marketing and management

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: BS in Commerce – Accounting, Santa Clara University



**KAREN
DELANEY**

OCCUPATION: Mother; Homemaker; ACS Mock Interview Program Coordinator (Lakeridge); Alumnae Admissions Representative

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; New York City Campaign Finance Board; Palo Alto Medical Foundation; Kaplan Test Prep; Lenox Hill Hospital;

private law firms

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Cornell Law School, JD; Wellesley College, BA in Economics

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: School Advisory Councils (Westridge and Lakeridge); Consolidation Committee

Vote for a better way to lead our school district.

My husband and I moved to Lake Oswego in 2004 to enroll our three children in the best Oregon public school district. Today as an active volunteer working with children in our elementary, middle, and high schools, I have my head, heart, and hands in Lake Oswego schools.

As your representative on the school board, I will partner with the other school board members and district administration to accomplish the following critical goals:

- Require best practices in auditing, procurement, and capital projects;
- Prioritize SAT/ACT preparation and college admissions counseling;
- Develop workplace skills through internships and apprenticeships;
- Commit to a vibrant K-12 foreign language curriculum; and
- Engage our community at monthly open houses and virtual bulletin boards.

I will make decisions based on accurate and relevant data. My opponent ignored the major errors in the plan to close three schools, so we must buy portables, cut teachers, and shuffle hundreds of kids into overcrowded classrooms.

I will seek long-term financial stability, not short-term fixes. Despite all the district's cuts over the past several years, spending has increased and now outpaces revenues by more than two million dollars.

I will advocate for innovation that equips our students for success in college and a changing job market. My opponent, in four years on the school board, has not proposed anything original to encourage and grow student readiness.

Together we can move the Lake Oswego School Board in the right direction.

Karen Delaney. A better way.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Lake Oswego School Board 2009-present, LOSD Budget Advisory Committee 2008/09, LOSD Programming Committee 2007/08

It has been an honor to represent the citizens of Lake Oswego as a School Board Member since 2009 and to serve as the School Board Chair for the last two years. I have had the wonderful opportunity to help shape district policy that has maintained excellence in education in all of our Lake Oswego schools during very challenging times.

We have accomplished much over the past 4 years:

- Reconfigured the district to better utilize our facilities while saving money to retain teachers and programs
- Added back programming to the junior high to enrich elective opportunities, optimize scheduling and lengthen the school day
- Added elective offerings to the high school in Engineering, Social Studies, Business and World Language
- Maintained top achievement scores and the highest state ranking in all of our schools
- Reduced expenditures and retained one time revenue sources, building a cash balance which is being utilized to maintain programming during continued declines in state funding

Over the next four years, the board faces the critical task of replacing our Superintendent, implementing new Common Core Standards, finalizing the long-term configuration for our district, and working to strategically reduce expenses and improve our funding sources. I believe my experience and leadership will help ensure the Lake Oswego School District delivers the outstanding educational results this community expects and deserves.

I respectfully ask for your vote to continue serving the children and citizens of Lake Oswego.

John Wendland

(This information furnished by John Wendland)

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(This information furnished by Karen Delaney)

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LAKE OSWEGO SCHOOL DISTRICT (JT)

Director, Pos. 4



LIZ HARTMAN

OCCUPATION: Volunteer

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: OHSU Foundation - Director of Constituent Relations (Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing Annual Funds and Alumni Relations); U.S. Senate: Staff – Senator Packwood; Intern – Senator Hatfield; Rockey/Marsh Public Relations – Account Executive; (Summer

employment: Portland Chamber of Commerce, Standard Insurance, Lloyd Corporation)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Willamette University, B.A. – past member, Board of Trustees; Franklin High School

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Precinct person

Community Involvement

Current

- Glenmorrie Neighborhood Chair
- LO Comprehensive Plan Citizen Advisory Committee

Past

- Salvation Army Women's Shelter Committee
- Children with Learning Disabilities Board
- Child Abuse Prevention Board
- Portland City Club Research Board

Current/Past LO Schools Involvement

- Lakeridge High School - Pacer Parent Club President, School Advisory Committee, Auction Chair, LOSD All-School Coordinating Council
- Waluga Junior High – SAC, Unauction Chair, Foundation Phonathon Captain
- Hallinan Elementary – SAC, Parent Club President, LOSD Coordinating Council, Auction Chair, Foundation Phonathon volunteer
- Lake Oswego Schools Foundation Board / All-School Phonathon Captain

Upcoming School Board Priorities

- Hire superintendent
- Pass local option
- Determine boundary standards
- Implement Oregon Common Core requirements
- Define / fund school district technology
- Maintain and improve school facility infrastructure
- Pursue / enhance college prep programs
- Address non-college bound student needs
- Support parent and community goals for students in a public education system

Impact of School Board Decisions

- Preserve/ improve property values
- Maintain and improve one of Oregon's highest district graduation rates
- Maintain and improve college-ready graduates
- Maintain and improve a high quality education at every school in the LO School District
- Educate students for outstanding careers, citizenship and leadership for Lake Oswego and Oregon
- Maintain LOSD excellent school rating for Forest Hills, RiverGrove, Oak Creek, Westridge, Lake Grove, Hallinan, Lake Oswego Junior High, Lakeridge Junior High, Lake Oswego High School and Lakeridge High Schools

www.lizhartmanlosd.com

Vote Liz Hartman, Position Four

(This information furnished by Liz Hartman)

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Not all the candidates or measures in this Voters' Pamphlet will be on your ballot. Your residence address determines those districts for which you may vote. Your official ballot will contain the candidates and issues which apply to your residence.

Not all candidates submitted information for the Voters' Pamphlet so you may have candidates on your ballot that are not in the Voters' Pamphlet

PARKROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT #3

Director, Pos. 1

Director, Pos. 1



**DAVE
CARTER**

OCCUPATION: Winco
OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Washington County Planning Assistant; Port of Portland Aviation Planning and Development Intern
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland State University, 16, BS, Political Science/Urban Studies

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Current Parkrose School District Budget Committee Member; Current Parkrose School District Bond Oversight Committee Member; Current Parkrose School District Superintendent's Parent Advisory Committee Member; Current Parkrose School District Wellness Committee Member; Current Parkrose School District Music Boosters Member; Current Argay Neighborhood Association Member; Former Rose City Park Neighborhood Association Member; Concerts in the Parks Chairperson; Centennial Celebration Chairperson & Land Use and Transportation Committee Member

As a Parkrose parent and volunteer, I take the opportunity to serve on the Parkrose School Board in earnest. I am married and have two daughters. My eldest is currently attending here in Parkrose and my youngest is nearly ready to begin her educational journey here.

Every community tells a story. The story behind the Parkrose School District is to strive for greatness and ensure the students of the District achieve their full potential. Generations to come will be changed by the direction and leadership of the District, its Board, Administration, and Staff.

It is time to place the past behind us. The time for a new focus and determination is here at hand.

I bring an understanding of the classroom as a volunteer. As a member of the Parent Advisory and Wellness Committees, I have had the opportunity to participate and understand the challenges facing the District.

Being on the Bond Oversight Committee has allowed me to take part in the review of Bond projects and ensure Parkrose voter intentions are well represented.

Recently appointed to the Parkrose Budget Committee continues my understanding of District Administration, programming, and fiscal objectives.

Being a member of the Parkrose School Board will grant me the opportunities to support the changes in state academic requirements, new federal education standards, and the cultural richness that is Parkrose.

I would appreciate your support to address this challenging new future.

(This information furnished by Dave Carter)

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**MARY LU
BAETKEY**

OCCUPATION: Retired educator
OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Teacher Portland Public Schools; Teacher Parkrose School District; Project Coordinator High School Community Center
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Parkrose

High School; Eastern Oregon College; Portland Community College; Portland State University; BS; Lewis & Clark College; Master of Art in Teaching Education

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: East Portland Community Center Task Force member; Represented Parkrose School District at: Leaders Roundtable; Caring Community; Developing Sun Schools; Developing One Stop; Developing partnerships with Multnomah County and City of Portland; Co-authored school improvement plans; Site Council; Advisor in creating Parkrose Educational Foundation; Secretary of Parkrose Educational Foundation after retirement; Board of Parkrose Farmers Market

I am fortunate to have grown up in Parkrose. I was educated by Parkrose teachers and I am proud to say I was also a teacher and educational leader in Parkrose schools. My father was a respected member of the Parkrose School Board, providing me an example of thoughtful leadership and civic involvement. I am inspired by these experiences to run for the board and serve my community.

Observing the Parkrose School Board's actions and attending Board meetings has led me to believe my understanding of educational process, my knowledge of Oregon laws and my deep roots in the Parkrose community will allow me to make a positive contribution. I know from my many experiences and roles in education, when school boards use their staffs' abilities to create, problem solve, and be actively involved in decision making, great things can happen for all our students.

In making decisions, parents and staff can trust I will consider the needs of all students as well as the cost factors. Managing bond funds and overseeing current construction are additional board functions I take very seriously. As my former students know, trust is doing what you say you are going to do.

I look forward to working for the community and for all Parkrose students!

(This information furnished by MaryLu Baetkey)

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PARKROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT #3

Director, Pos. 2



**JAMES
TRUJILLO**

OCCUPATION: Senior Manager, Human Resources; Port of Portland; Responsible for compensation, organization development, benefits and learning. Management duties include training management, compensation structure design, change and transition management, organization development, employee wellness, deferred

compensation, benefits design and policy.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: OD & Learning Manager, Port of Portland 2007-2011; Co-Director/Treasurer, Yes for Parkrose PAC 2011 (volunteer position); Organization Development & Learning, PacifiCorp 2001-2007; Quality Analysis & Training, PacifiCorp 1997-2001; Save the Children, US Peace Corps - Nicaragua 1993-1995; Intern, Congressman Peter DeFazio 1992 (volunteer position)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: University of Oregon, Bachelor of Arts - Planning, Public Policy & Management; Portland State University, Master of Arts - Adult Development and Learning

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

Creative and pragmatic leader with a track record of achieving positive results. Experience in the public, private and non-profit sectors managing programs up to \$2.3M. 15 years of experience working in highly unionized organizations. Multi-cultural, international experience. Bicultural - Latino/Euro American. Bilingual - Spanish/English. Strong proponent of diversity.

My Priorities:

Safety

The Children of Parkrose deserve to learn in an environment free from fear. It will be my top priority to influence and help create a safe and secure learning environment.

Learning

Creating effective education policy that drives positive learning outcomes is key to the mission of Parkrose School District. Facilitating an environment that enables teachers to be their best and engages parents effectively is vital.

Responsible Investment

The Community entrusts the school board to be responsible with public funds. It is critical that the school capital bond be spent in alignment with the original purpose and the funds are spent wisely. Responsible investment, transparency and accountability are key to the management of school funds.

Endorsed by:

State Senator Jackie Dingfelder

Former Principal Stephanie W. Blakely, Sacramento Elementary

Sacramento Elementary PTO President, Ben Sieber

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PARKROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT #3

Director, Pos. 3

Director, Pos. 3



MARK GARDNER

OCCUPATION: Supervisor Hoffard home Improvement

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Supervisor Hoffard Construction; Construction and Contractor; Providence hospital

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: David Douglas 1970



THUY TRAN

OCCUPATION: Optometric Physician; Lt. Col, Air National Guard

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Small Business Owner; Air National Guard

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Doctor of Optometry, Pacific University; B.S. Biology, UCLA

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Parkrose school Board 1995-99; Budget committee chair; Budget committee; Educational Foundation; District Advisory committee; Neighborhood Association; Board member NPI

I and my wife raised four children in Parkrose. While attend Parkrose, our four children were active in the sports program, and many other programs Parkrose once offered.

I thought I was done with the running of this district. However, things have happened that greatly concern me. I started attending Board Meetings and became even more concerned.

Concerns:

#1. Rossi Property:

We heard four or five different stories.

Want to square the property

Need it for access

Do not want kids looking at apartments

Need it for drainage pond

Started negotiations in 2011.

When facts are checked, none of this appears to add up. Members of the board write letters, in direct contradiction to the Superintendent. What is the truth? Do they even know?

#2. I was extremely shocked.

Superintendent had rental property appraised. WHY?

Board appeared shocked about this. WHY?

One member stated we are not selling property.

Thousands of dollars appear to have been spent, for what? Only reasons to appraise property, sell, or mortgage.

#3. Thompson fund, reserved by boards past for maintenance of buildings.

Gone, drained into general fund.

Gone, Early retirement fund for early retirees by contract.

Gone, Cash reserves of **5million** 2006-07.

#4. Last board meeting it is reported.

District has frozen spending.

We are over **\$300,000**, in the red as of that date.

No more accounts to drain.

#5. My opponent voted to STEAL the ROSSI PROPERTY.

Omission of the truth is the same as a lie. I raised my children to believe this as a truth. Our children deserve better role models. They do not need to be taught how to steal things people do not want to sell and lie to the voters.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Parkrose School Board

"As an active member of the community and a current board member, Thuy puts the needs of our children first. In our ever-changing school system, her compassion and leadership skills would serve as a great asset to our Board. She understands the issues our community faces and strives to be a positive force of good in our district. I strongly give my full endorsement to Dr. Tran." -Chelsea Lincoln Lane, Parent Teacher Volunteer (PTV) President of Russell Academy of Academic Achievement

"Having known Thuy Tran for 19 years, as my eye doctor, personal friend, and a member of the Portland Hollywood Lion's Club, I find her to be dedicated in all that she endeavors with an endless energy to get things done." -Arlene Halvorson, Parkrose resident and Lion's Club member

Dear Neighbor,

I am honored that the Parkrose School Board appointed me to this position, and I am asking for your vote to continue serving the district.

I believe our students will be best positioned to achieve their academic goals when there is a coordinated and collaborative effort within the school district:

- Collaboration among the school administrators, teachers, students, parents, and other educational leaders.
- Coordination with other elected officials to ensure education is our top priority.

As a business owner for eighteen years, Lt. Col of the Air National Guard, Optometric Physician, and mother of three children, I hope you will join me, as I seek to continue to bring my high level of commitment and success to the Parkrose School District Board.

Dr. Thuy Tran

"As a mother of children in the Parkrose School District, Thuy has direct knowledge of the needs of our schools. Her commitment and enthusiasm for improving our schools make her an excellent choice for school board." -Jessica Vega Pederson, House Representative, District 41

www.votefortran.com

(This information furnished by Mark E. Gardner)

(This information furnished by Thuy Tran)

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PARKROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT #3

Director, Pos. 4



ED GRASSEL, JR.

OCCUPATION: Aslan Software Co. -Software Engineer, Owner

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Star/ CCS Computer Software - Programmer

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland State University – Engineering / Computer Science; MT. Hood

CC; Parkrose High School

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Parkrose School District: Board of Education 2005-Present; Parkrose Middle School Site Council; Sacramento Elementary Site Council

I want to thank the voters of the Parkrose School District for their support. Because of your support, Parkrose School Middle School has been recognized as a National Demonstration School for AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination). This program inspires and builds the skills needed for students to attend college and to have a productive career.

To the Parkrose community I will:

Provide a wide range of learning opportunities for each student

Parkrose has programs to assist students in expanding their learning, with training programs in the trades and professions. Parkrose has partnered with other school districts in the professional career areas of Architecture, Construction and Engineering. I will continue to support opportunities for students to obtain college credit through Advanced Placement classes, and at Mt. Hood Community College while attending Parkrose High School.

Make sure that our bond dollars are used wisely

Parkrose has, and continues to, upgrade and remodel our schools so that students have the learning environment and safety they need. This work has been done within or below budget. A new Middle School will be built in 2013-14 and is within budget.

Support all instructors in their challenge to be the best for students

World class students need world class instructors, and Parkrose has world class teachers and staff. We need to support effective Professional Development for teachers and staff. We will continue to be role models for our students, in order to demonstrate that learning never stops.

Your support of our schools is key to a strong democracy, and vital to our economy. Thank you for that support. Together we can continue to make Parkrose a place for world class learning. I would appreciate your vote.

(This information furnished by Ed Grassel, Jr.)

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Director, Pos. 5



ERICK FLORES

OCCUPATION: Public School Teacher

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Middle School Teacher, AOMS-2006-Present; Community Liaison, David Douglas School District- 2000-2006

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Master's Degree, Curriculum and

Instruction, PSU 2006; B.A. Liberal Arts, PSU 2006; Mt. Hood CC, 2003; David Douglas HS, 2000

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Precinct Committee Person

"It takes a village to raise a child." Chinese Proverb

I am a public school educator and father from the Hazelwood Neighborhood. I have lived in East Portland for over a decade and I would like to improve and enhance the academic opportunities and growth for all Parkrose students. I believe our schools are the seeds of **smarter and healthier communities**; I will bring my educational and career background of public education and community outreach to the Parkrose School Board from day one.

Vision Philosophy:

I believe in 21st Century learning environments with **competitive and sustainable** programs that promote student and family participation while strengthening academic experience and growth.

I propose **greater and stronger partnerships** with our cities and neighborhood associations in order to enhance academic and civic involvement. I believe our communities benefit the most when our schools, private entities and non-profit organizations work together toward **mutual prosperity and growth**.

I will work to:

- Provide accurate and responsible stewardship of all budgets and funding.
- Transparency and efficiency at all levels of administration and personnel.
- Support the professional growth and development of our teachers and staff.
- Promote extracurricular programs such as Outdoor School and the Arts/Music for all students.
- Broaden networks with city and state government to enhance school readiness while strengthening parent involvement.

Professional and Community Organizations:

National Education Association
Oregon Education Association
Oregon Labor Candidate School
Multnomah Democrats

Proudly endorsed by:

Senator Rod Monroe, Senate District 24
Representative Jessica Vega Pederson, HD 47
Linda Robinson, East Portland resident
Sam Kahl, East Portland resident and Business owner.

I will be a strong Parkrose advocate and I ask for your vote.
Join me on Facebook at: Erick Flores for Parkrose Position 5

(This information furnished by Amigos and Friends of Erick Flores)

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PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #1JT

Director, Zone 4



MARTIN GONZALEZ

OCCUPATION: TriMet Multicultural Programs Manager.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: non-profit executive director; small business owner; community organizer.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: B.S. in Education, Texas A & M

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Portland Public School Board Director (co-chair), Beach Elementary Site Council; City/County Education Cabinet

MARTIN GONZALEZ KNOWS THE VALUE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Martin Gonzalez, the first in his family to graduate from high school, knows first hand the importance of a good public education. A proud parent of graduates from Jefferson, Lincoln, and Benson High Schools, two generations of his family have attended PPS.

SCHOOLS AS COMMUNITY CENTERS

Gonzalez values and consistently supports schools and students that have improved their performance and opposed closing such schools. He supported the capital bond to rebuild Roosevelt, Grant and Marshall High Schools, and to build a new Faubion School.

WORKING FOR ALL STUDENTS

"Martin is a leader who provides a voice for all students in the District. As Co-Chair he has led the board to find common ground when making critical investments that address critical needs to get the District where it needs to be. He has consistently demonstrated his commitment to addressing disparities and closing the achievement gap in our schools, something that needs to continue." Matt Morton, PPS Board Member

"We all have a responsibility to ensure our students reach their full potential. We can provide quality schools by building stronger partnerships with communities and parents. I am asking for your support: Join me in building strong, effective schools." Martin Gonzalez, Portland School Board Co-chair

WE ENDORSE MARTIN!

- Greg Belisle, School Board Co-Chair
- Bobbie Regan, School Board
- City Commissioner Nick Fish
- City Commissioner Steve Novick
- City Commissioner Dan Saltzman
- County Chair Jeff Cogen
- County Commissioner Deborah Kafoury
- Former County Commissioner Serena Cruz-Walsh

Community Leaders: Carmen Rubio, Jaime Partridge, Jay C Bloom, Ron Herndon, Kayse Jama, Adrienne Livingston.

To see a complete list of endorsements or to add your support to Re-elect Martin Gonzalez, go to: gonzalezforschools.com

(This information furnished by Martin Gonzalez)

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Director, Zone 4



STEVE BUEL

OCCUPATION: Retired Teacher

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Teacher for over 40 years; Co-founder, Oregon Save Our Schools

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: MAT U.S. History, Western Oregon; BS Mathematics, University of Oregon

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Portland School Board, 1979-1983

WHY STEVE BUEL?

The Portland School Board has failed to address many of the school district's major problems. Steve's extensive educational and community background puts him in a unique position to lead in those areas where PPS struggles. Since 1975 he's been known for his integrity and willingness to speak out for Portland's children.

Your "elected" board members bring almost no initiatives for board action. It is a major weakness.

HERE'S SOME OF STEVE'S PRIORITIES

Focus on the classroom: Problems in a school should be addressed in the school, not by corporate reformers or top down government mandates.

Education, not testing factories: Testing is out of control. We should manage it so every child has a solid, well-rounded education.

Stabilize the school district: Solidify school boundaries and grade configurations to plan for the future.

Music, the arts, PE, libraries, and technology are not "extras".

Respect teachers: Teachers are professionals and our best source of knowledge and educational experience. We need to treat them that way.

The drop-out problem: Schools need to better engage students. We need real equity for all students. Increase vocational programs. Develop and improve wrap around programs.

Special needs students: Improve help for parents of special needs children. Listen to them better in decisions concerning their child.

English language learners (ELL): Work for a county-wide newcomer's program. Placements in classrooms should be appropriate.

Improve student behavior: Create more sensible discipline plans. Adjust better to the needs of each child.

Organize maintenance: Most school buildings are over 50 years old. We need to take care of them.

Really listen to citizens: Listening is a dialogue, not three minutes of citizen input and a thank you.

ENDORSED BY THE PORTLAND ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS

Go to Steve's website, stevebueelforschoolboard.com, for lots more.

(This information furnished by Buel for School Board)

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PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #1JT

Director, Zone 5



PAM KNOWLES

OCCUPATION: Executive Director for Industry Relations, College of Business, Oregon State University

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: High School Teacher; Attorney, Davis Wright Tremaine; Development Director, Portland Center Stage; COO and General Counsel, Portland Business Alliance

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: J.D., Lewis and Clark Law School 1983; B.S., History, OSU 1977

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Director-Portland Public Schools Board (co-chair 2010-2012); Oregon Childcare Commission; City/County Education Task Force; Regional Arts and Culture Council

A PROVEN RESULTS-ORIENTED LEADER

For four years it has been my privilege to represent you on the Portland School Board. We have made significant progress on the issues that challenge our district, but there is still more to be done.

- PPS's high school graduation rate has increased by 9%
- An Educational Equity Policy was implemented
- The achievement gap has narrowed
- An evaluation system that provides for increased accountability and teacher effectiveness has been implemented
- A local option levy to increase funding for our schools was passed
- A capital bond to begin renovating our schools was passed by the voters

"A proven leader for Portland Public Schools, we need to reelect Pam to continue our progress toward great schools."
-- Governor Barbara Roberts

AN EFFECTIVE TEACHER IN EVERY CLASS IN A SCHOOL DESIGNED FOR SUCCESS

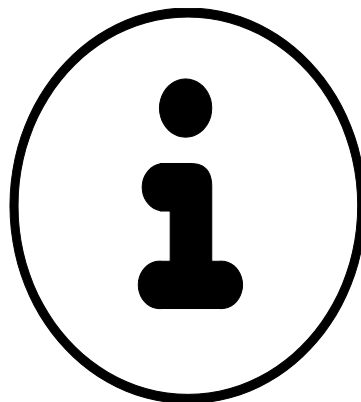
- Continue to advocate for adequate stable school funding at the local, state and federal level
- Demand the implementation of policies that increase student achievement and narrow the opportunity gap
- Expand opportunities for Career Technical Education so that every student graduates ready for career or college
- Improve teacher quality through professional development, mentoring and effective evaluation
- Monitor the financial bottom line to ensure tax dollars support the classroom
- Develop partnerships with local businesses, philanthropists and parents to strengthen programs

Endorsed by: **Mayor Charlie Hales, City Commissioners Dan Saltzman and Nick Fish, County Commissioners Deborah Kafoury and Loretta Smith**

For more information visit: www.pamknowles.com

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PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #1JT

Director, Zone 6



TOM KOEHLER

OCCUPATION: Renewable fuels consultant

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Co-founder, ChinookBook and Pacific Ethanol companies; community organizer

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Oregon State University, BA, Economics

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Corvallis City Council, 1985-1987

PERSONAL: Active parent of three PPS students, Habitat for Humanity volunteer

"Tom is deeply committed to public education and listens to teachers and students. He has the courage to challenge the status quo to give our community the schools we need."

—Susan Anglada Bartley, M.Ed, award-winning Portland teacher

Tom Koehler for School Board Effective Leadership Now

Our schools could be the strongest, most innovative in the country. Tom Koehler's leadership experience and commitment to students is needed now to make it happen.

Tom's priorities:

Prepare Students for College or Career and Improve Graduation Rates. Our current graduation rates are unacceptable! We must:

- Enhance supports for school readiness
- Increase rigor of middle school curriculum
- Strengthen interventions to help struggling students
- Expand career technical education and college preparation offerings
- Reinstate full class schedule for high schools, ending mandated late arrival and early dismissal

Ensure Exceptional Leadership. A quality principal in every school.

Support Teachers and Parents. Give teachers tools and resources; listen to parents.

Build Accountability. Tom will hold district leadership accountable for results and use his business skills to allocate scarce funds wisely and responsibly.

ENDORSEMENTS:

Portland School Board Members Bobbie Regan, Trudy Sargent

Portland Association of Teachers
Congressman Earl Blumenauer

Multnomah County Chair Jeff Cogen, Commissioner Deborah Kafoury

Portland City Commissioner Steve Novick
Reps. Alissa Keny-Guyer, Mitch Greenlick

Community and parent leaders: Chris Myers, Lisa Zuniga, Laura Smoyer, Molly Cliff Hiltz, Tony Jones, Nancy Hamilton, Mike Rosen, Kate Raphael, Dara Wilk, Amy Kohnstamm, Rita Moore, Julia Brim-Edwards, Karla Wenzel, Mary Schutten, Mike Lindberg, Gretchen Kafoury, Eileen Brady, Tom Kelly, Caroline Fenn, John Grout ... and more!

"Every child wants to learn and every parent hopes for a quality education. We can do better. Board leadership will make a difference. That's why I'm asking for your vote."

—Tom Koehler

TomForSchoolBoard.com

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Director, Zone 6



DAVID MORRISON

OCCUPATION: Rare Bookseller

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Journalist

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: LA City College

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN SAFETY.

The Portland School Board and Safety Department failed to protect the health and safety of our children and teachers. When PPS spent \$3 million to install WiFi they failed to research the "biological effects of pulsed radio frequency microwave radiation:" <http://www.wifiinschools.com/science.html>.

"The World Health Organization classified WiFi radiation a Class 2B Carcinogen" as dangerous as DDT and Lead: http://www.iarc.fr/en/media-centre/pr/2011/pdfs/pr208_E.pdf 3-25-13

Presently over 60 appeals from organizations around the world (including; The American Academy of Environmental Medicine, The American Association of Pediatric Physicians, the L. A. Teachers Union, and the Council of Europe), call for the "removal of WiFi from schools:" <http://www.safeinschool.org/2011/01/international-warnings-on-wi-fi.html> 3-25-13

Dr. Martha Herbert, a Pediatric Neurologist at Harvard Medical School and Dr. David Carpenter a Harvard educated public health physician in Albany, N.Y., say it is "urgent we remove WiFi from schools or face a public health emergency:" <http://www.wifiinschools.com/lausd-testimony.html> 3-25-13

The National Education Association (2012-2013) states: "all educational facilities must ... be safe from hazardous electromagnetic fields:" <http://www.nea.org/assets/docs/nea-resolutions-2012-13.pdf> 3-25-13

Students face 7 hours exposure to microwave radiation every day. "There are no safe exposure levels for children – none, zero. Low Level Radiation directly affects genes, damaging DNA:" <http://us-mg5.mail.yahoo.com/neo/launch?.rand=8atk0duf474jv#mail> 3-25-13

"Studies now confirm sperm damage from laptop computers:" What are we doing?! <http://www.emfnews.org/articles/laptop-radiation-from-wifi-harmful-to-sperm-and-fertility/> 3-25-13

If elected I will request that the board replace WiFi with safe cabled internet.

Additionally the best use of computers needs to be reassessed. "Are kids leaving a 3 dimensional world for a two dimensional screen" and trading their sense of taste, touch and smell for Facebook? We shouldn't let computers replace teacher student interaction, tactile experience, exercise and sunlight: (Begin Video @ 11min) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r14_CW9P41s&feature=player_embedded 3-25-13

The installation of Wi Fi by the School District exhibits an underlying failure in their current style of problem solving and needs to be addressed before our children are put at risk -- again.

VOTE FOR SAFETY, AWARENESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY

David Morrison www.wirelesswatchblog.org
wirelesswatch@yahoo.com

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REYNOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT #7

Director, Pos. 1



ROBERT E LEE

OCCUPATION: Oregon Prosperity Initiative Coordinator; Operations & Policy Analyst, Oregon Housing & Community Services

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: President, Pacific Association for Medical Equipment Services; Director of Government Affairs & Health Policy Analyst, Care

Medical; Contract Coordinator, Care Medical; Reserve Deputy, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland State University, Professional Certificates; Portland State University, MPA; Public Administration; Portland State University, BA; Mt. Hood Community College, transferred; Sam Barlow High School, Diploma

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Oregon School Board Association, Legislative Policy Committee; Reynolds School District, Board of Education, Vice Chair; Reynolds School District, Board of Education, Director Position 1; Precinct Committee Person

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

It has been a tremendous honor and privilege serving as your locally elected school board member both here at home and in Salem. I firmly believe that the future prosperity of our community depends not only on the success of students in today's classrooms, but also the proactive involvement of our community. I sincerely hope that you will lend me your vote and join us in moving Reynolds forward!

As your Reynolds School Board representative, I am committed to ensuring:

- Every child has access to an excellent public education and the opportunity to achieve.
- Fiscal responsibility and increased transparency in spending taxpayer dollars.
- Support for teachers; the success of our students and future of our communities depend on it.
- Working families have the support to be actively involved in their children's education.
- Increased opportunities for student achievement in higher education and career training.
- Providing a safe environment where children can focus on academic & personal growth.

I ask for your vote on May 21st!

Endorsed by:

Governor Barbara Roberts
Multnomah County Sheriff Dan Staton
Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson
Senator Rod Monroe
Senator Jackie Dingfelder
Representative Chris Gorsek
Representative Greg Matthews
Representative Jessica Vega Pederson
Representative Jeff Reardon
Representative Michael Dembrow
Representative Shemia Fagan
IBEW # 48
& many more!

For more information, please visit us online at:
www.ElectRobertLee.com

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Director, Pos. 2



DIEGO HERNANDEZ

OCCUPATION: Teacher/Mentor - Elevate Oregon

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Board Chair - Momentum Alliance; Coordinator - Latino Student Center, Portland State University; Administrative Assistant - Multicultural Center, Portland State University; Community Organizer - Community Alliance of

Tenants; Equity Public Policy Intern -Western States Center; Case Manager Intern - El Programa Hispano; Community Organizer - OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland State University, MSW, Masters of Social Work; University of Oregon, BA, Political Science, Ethnic Studies; Reynolds High School, 12

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Reynolds School District - Finance/Audit Committee Member 2012-2013

As alumni of HB Lee Middle School and Reynolds High School I have seen our district face many challenges. In the past 2 years, I have been involved in trying to move the district forward. We have come a long way since my high school days, but we still have many challenges ahead of us and I want to be a progressive voice in moving us forward.

As an educator and social worker I am a strong believer in our public education system. I truly believe that an equitable and accessible education is key to ending poverty in our communities. It is key for an economically thriving future.

As a Reynolds School Board member I would work for the following:

Importance of Public Education

All students have the right to an accessible and equitable public education that keeps them safe and healthy.

High School Completion

I believe in dropout prevention programs and supporting best practices for increasing graduation rates.

Communication

I believe that our district has a responsibility to students, parents and the community in providing accessible and transparent communication.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.hernandez4reynolds.com/>

Endorsements:

Rep. Jessica Vega Pederson, HD47

Rep. Chris Gorsek, HD49

Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson

Mario Palmero, Gresham City Council, Seat 4

T. Scott Harden, Wood Village City Council, Position 3

(This information furnished by Diego Hernandez)

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REYNOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT #7**Director, Pos. 3****JOHN
LINDENTHAL**

OCCUPATION: Multnomah County Capital Improvement Program, Program Manager – April 2001 to Present; Multisensory Learning Academy (MLA) – Board Treasurer – December 2006 to Present

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Multisensory Learning Academy (MLA) – Board Member – December

2005 to December 2006; Multnomah County Bridge Section – Project Manager – September 1989 to March 2001; Multnomah County Bridge Section – Bridge Construction Inspector – July 1988 to September 1989; U.S. Army Reserves – Company Commander – June 1989 to August 1991; U.S. Army Reserves – Executive Officer – February 1988 to June 1989; U.S. Army (Reserve Officer - Active Duty) – February 1985 to February 1988; U.S. Army (Active Duty Enlisted) – August 1984 to February 1985

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland State University – 16 - Bachelor of Science Civil Engineering; David Douglas High School – 12

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Reynolds School District Budget and Finance Committee member 2012/2013 School year.

This is where I tell you what I believe.

I believe schools are responsible to provide a quality education to every student using available resources.

I believe the school board has a responsibility to protect the assets entrusted to it by the community.

I believe school districts have a responsibility to demonstrate and explain to the public how they provide educational services and spend the school funds, in a way that the community understands.

Although there are gives and takes, I believe school budgets should be balanced to provide services fairly to each student.

I think my background brings relevant experience that would be a valuable asset to the Reynolds School Board.

If elected, I promise to do the best job possible for the educational benefit of the students while maintaining the financial health of the Reynolds School District.

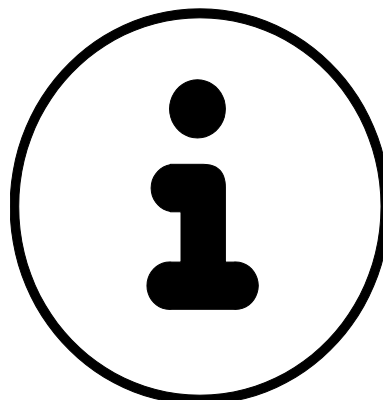
If you agree with me that I would be a valuable addition to the Reynolds School Board, I ask for your vote.

Endorsements:

Commissioner Diane McKeel
Theresa Delaney Davis
IBEW- #48

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REYNOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT #7

Director, Pos. 4



JAKE WOOLSEY

OCCUPATION: Entrepreneur
OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Retail Sales
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Reynolds High School, 12; Proschools, Graduated, Oregon Real Estate Broker Course
PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

As a student in the Reynolds School District, I got a great education. But I also went through just about every situation you could think of: Budget cuts, administrative changes, even a teacher strike that stopped my senior year short. The current school board drove us right to those ugly situations by creating a culture of confrontation. It is time for new leadership to step up and turn this district around. This begins by fostering a culture of collaboration. We need to work collectively as a district to create schools that teachers are excited to teach in, community members are proud to invest in, and most importantly, that students want to learn in. As a recent Reynolds graduate, I offer unique understanding of the issues that face our students day in and day out. Together, we will fight to lower class sizes, close the achievement gap, and establish a culture that celebrates our diverse community. We will create a more efficient district by embracing technology that will prepare our students for the future, and at the same time make the lives of our teachers and support staff much easier. Together, we can change the culture of the Reynolds School District to one we are proud to represent.

To learn more, find me on Facebook by searching Jake Woolsey, Reynolds School Board candidate or follow me on Twitter @schoolboardjake

(This information furnished by Jake Woolsey)

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Director, Pos. 4



JOE TEENY

OCCUPATION: Alan Webb Autogroup Internet/Fleet Sales Manager September 2006 to Present
OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Internet/Fleet Sales Manager 2001-2006 Tonkin; Licensed Vocational Nurse 1995-2001; US Navy Hospital Corpsman X-Ray Technician 1991-1995

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: California State University Hayward 1996-1999; Naval School of Health Sciences HM A School, Basic X-Ray Graduated; Portland Community College 1st year; Benson Polytechnic High School 1985-1989 Graduated

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Reynolds School District, Board of Directors Position #4 2009-Present; Precinct Committee Person

Over the last four years, it has been my privilege to serve the Reynolds community as a board member. I would like to continue serving to advance the progress we have made. I believe today more than ever that Reynolds can be the Move to District in Oregon! We have worked through very difficult times and made very difficult decisions to create a culture of excellence and accountability.

I take pride that my daughter will begin her freshman year at Reynolds High School with my son to follow.

I strongly support options for students and families.

I support the reforms to public education that will provide the educational outcomes for which we are paying.

I strongly support investing in safe and modern schools for our children.

I believe being a good steward of tax payer dollars is a top priority. We must inspect what we expect and insure accountability with measurable goals and attainable expectations.

The success of our children will rely heavily on our teachers and staff and I support providing the necessary resources needed to ensure the outcomes we desire.

Join me in helping make Reynolds the Move to District! I ask for your Vote on May 21st

www.facebook.com/groups/teenyforreynolds

(This information furnished by Joe Teeny)

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RIVERDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT #51 (JT)

Director, Pos. 5



**MICHELLE
JANKE**

OCCUPATION: Strategy
Consultant

**OCCUPATIONAL
BACKGROUND:** Walt Disney
Company, 1996 – 1998;
McKinsey & Company 2000 –
2004; Independent Consultant,
2004 – 2009; Coraggio Group,
2009 - present

**EDUCATIONAL
BACKGROUND:** Haas School,
University of California, Berkeley, MBA 2000; Mount Holyoke
College, BA 1992

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: none

I believe that Riverdale has the opportunity to be the school district by which others measure excellence.

My career as a strategy and organizational change consultant involves taking complex situations with many diverse stakeholders and finding alignment to move forward and achieve common goals. As a Riverdale School Board member, I will use these skills to address the myriad issues that our District might face – from curriculum to budgeting to student safety.

Details of my professional career can be found at www.coraggiogroup.com

I am a Portland native who is passionate about education.

My husband Olaf and I have two children attending Riverdale Grade School. We chose to enroll our children at Riverdale, first as tuition students and later moved here because of the quality of the education and the strength of the community.

I've conducted over 65 interviews with students, Grade School and High School parents, teachers, administrators, community members and Riverdale Foundation donors. Through facilitating the Riverdale Visioning and Strategic Planning process, I have developed a deep appreciation for and understanding of the many different stakeholders who are invested in our District. I also recognize the challenges we face, and I believe I can contribute positively to addressing those challenges.

As board member of Taunus International Montessori School and advisor to the Washington Student Achievement Council, I have experience with the challenges that face today's schools. My broad Riverdale volunteer involvement has connected me to our parents and community, be it as Girl Scout leader, 2nd grade soccer coach, or as a guide at the Garden Tour.

With your support, I will work diligently toward our common goal: to ensure that Riverdale continues to offer an exceptional education for our children and for generations to come.

(This information furnished by Michelle Janke)

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RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #10

Director, Pos. 3



CHARLES CIECKO

OCCUPATION: Retired

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Special Projects Manager- North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District. January, 2006-June, 2009; Director- North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District. April, 2003-January, 2006; Director- Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department. January, 1994-January, 2003; Parks Manager- Multnomah County Parks Services Division. November, 1983 - December 1993; Regional Park Supervisor- Oxbow Park, Multnomah County Parks Services Division February, 1975 - October, 1983; Neskowin Citizen Planning Advisory Committee- July, 2012 - Present

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Oregon State University- BS School of Forestry, Resource and Recreation Mgmt., 1974

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: See Work Experience

I have lived in rural East Multnomah County for 38 years. I am seeking the Director, Position 3 post because it provides an opportunity to contribute back to the community. My only agenda is to support the continued provision of high quality emergency services to the citizens of Fire District 10. I appreciate your support.



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TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

Director, Pos. 1



BOB WYFFELS

OCCUPATION: General Contractor – Residential Remodeling.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Stationary Engineer – Tektronix

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland St. University – Jr. yr.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL

EXPERIENCE: Director – TVF&R – 1996 to 2013; Budget Committee – TVF&R – 1989 to 1996; Budget Committee – Tualatin Rural FD – 1984 – 1989; Commissioner – Tigard Water District – 1988 to 1993

Candidate for re-election to Position #1 -Director - Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue

I am very proud to have been elected to this position in 4 previous elections, serving as the board president for 4 of the last 5 years. TVF&R has become a regional provider of services during my tenure on the board of directors. I have been a significant participant in making TVF&R the organization that it is today. TVF&R is on a very solid financial foundation and is known across the country for its way of doing business.

I have had the pleasure of working with some of the best fire chiefs and staff members during the 29 years that I have served as either a budget committee member or as a director. I have always been extremely confident in their leadership and in their shared vision for your fire department.

I humbly ask for your continued support for your fire department and I ask for your vote on May 21, 2013.

Respectfully submitted by,

Bob Wyffels

(This information furnished by Bob Wyffels)

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Director, Pos. 3



GORDON L HOVIES

OCCUPATION: Retired Lieutenant/EMT, Portland Fire & Rescue

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Volunteer Firefighter, Tualatin Rural Fire Protection District; Professional Firefighter, Clackamas County Fire District #54; Communication and Security Business Experience.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland Community College - AAS in Fire Protection Technology; Western Oregon University –Advance & Basic Fire Institute/Administrators' Certificate;

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: 2009 to Present Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Fire Board Member, Presently Secretary – Treasurer of Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Fire Board; Presently a member of Clackamas County - ALS Consortium; Presently a member of METRO - Southwest Corridor Plan

Experienced – Invested – Qualified - Committed

Gordon Hovies is an incumbent running for a second 4 year term on the Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVFR) Board. A resident of the area served by TVF&R for over 45 years and he is a graduate of the Tigard public school system. He is committed to ensuring that TVF&R continues to provide exceptional, value added, and fiscally responsible service to the neighborhoods that we love. **Gordon's** 34 years of professional fire service experience, coupled with his commitment to serve the taxpayers by bringing new ideas to the table, enables him to make common sense decisions with a clear insight of how they come to work in practice. With his knowledge, experience, and dedication, **Gordon** is an asset, our asset.

As your fire board member Gordon has been a good steward ensuring that Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue continues to be:

- Financially Responsible and Stable -- It's **YOUR** tax dollar!
- Up to Date up with the Latest Trends in Fire Fighting Technology, Staffing and Training
- On schedule in Utilizing the Bond on Station building, location and retro-fitting for Earthquakes
- Active in Coordinating and collaborating with other Fire Departments and Municipal Entities

**Gordon has been endorsed by:
Tualatin Valley Fire Fighters IAFF Local 1660**

It is Important for Everyone Served by TVF&R that we Continue to have An Affordable, Top Quality Fire Service

Re-Elect

Gordon L. Hovies – TVF&R Fire Position #3

t(This information furnished by Gordon L. Hovies)

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CORBETT WATER DISTRICT

Commissioner, Pos. 2



ROBERT (BOB) GAUGHAN

OCCUPATION: Retired Xerox Technician; Cattle Rancher

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Managed Portland territory for Xerox; Taught Tech Classes.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Fort Plain High School; Devry University, Associate Degree, Electronics.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Commissioner and Chairman, Corbett Water District

I'm a new resident of Corbett having only lived here 30 years. I appreciate the great tasting water that we receive from the Corbett Water District. To keep it that way, I strongly supported upgrades to our Treatment Plant including a large NEW reservoir and NEW 'slow sand' filter. Because we were frugal, we accomplished these two large projects within the original budget for one.

Most people do not know that the District did NOT meet water quality standards for years. Your Commissioners took decisive action, and today we have some of the best water anywhere. I support keeping water rates as low as possible. In the years before 2003, rates were escalating 25% per year and voters wisely rejected a huge bond measure. We had to pay a PERS Surcharge to cover a debt left by previous employees. But that is now behind us. Rates are still lower than ten years ago.

I'm very proud of what we have accomplished at the Corbett Water District. The numbers are impressive: Thousands of feet of new water mains installed by staff EACH year, reducing water loss from 60% to 15%. Our manager stopped perpetual overflows at one reservoir, a feat none of his predecessors achieved.

We installed electronic water meters that provide many advantages. We also installed more upgrades and automation for the Treatment Plant. These allow staff to spend more time on our #1 priority: replacing old District lines before they fail.

The Corbett Water District is a real TEAM EFFORT of dedicated professionals working for your community. Those of us on the Board are compensated only by the satisfaction we get from serving our community.

I would appreciate your vote.

(This information furnished by Robert 'Bob' Gaughan)

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CORBETT WATER DISTRICT

Commissioner, Pos. 4



PAT NYSTROM

OCCUPATION: President of Nystrom Engineering

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Hardware/Software Developer, Nystrom Engineering; Hardware/Software Developer, Fial Computer, Inc.; Hardware/Software Developer, International Information Systems, Inc.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: McLennan Community College, Math and Music; University of Texas at Arlington, Math and Science

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

I view the management of fresh water as one of the most important resource challenges we face. Industrial byproducts and watershed stress due to land development threaten the supply of fresh water, even as demand for it increases. Over time, the task of reliably delivering clean, safe water will only become more complex.

For the last 30 years, I have worked in engineering and science as a problem solver. I have developed state-of-the-art solutions in the fields of measurement and communication, and have helped analyze and solve problems in complex systems with many components and competing constraints. Although I have no prior governmental experience, I believe my education and career have prepared me to understand and contribute to the management of this precious resource. If elected, I promise to do my very best to understand the issues before me and to act in the best interests of our community.

I have lived in East County since 1991 and in Corbett since 2003. I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to raise my children in such a wonderful environment and want to protect our treasured resources for future generations.

(This information furnished by Pat Nystrom)

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Commissioner, Pos. 4



ROBERT (BOB) CHURNSIDE

OCCUPATION: Project Superintendent for Moore excavation, Cattle Rancher.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Construction of underground utilities.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Rex Putnam High School.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL

EXPERIENCE: Commissioner, Corbett Water District

The Corbett Water District is a great success story, having corrected many problems within our modest means. As one of your Commissioners for the last four years, I'm proud of what we have accomplished. We have some of the best quality and safest drinking water anywhere.

A decade ago, the District had many leaking pipes, a failing treatment plant, and inadequate water storage. We faced millions of dollars in expenses that our 1,000 customers simply could not afford. I supported the District's Do-It-Yourself approach, where District Staff installed new high-quality pipe that will last a century and only contracted jobs too big for Staff like a new reservoir and modern filtration plant.

I also supported installing new hydroelectric generators which now reduce District power bills.

It is amazing that we managed to do so much and still halt the rapid escalation of water rates. Efficient use of your money is my continuing goal.

My occupation is installing large underground water systems for cities with large budgets like Portland. When they need something done, they just float another bond issue that raises property taxes. That is not the Corbett approach.

We are well on our way to addressing decaying infrastructure, but we need to sustain the effort. Our least-cost approach requires steady effort over many years.

Although my substantial practical experience with water systems and my long residence in the District are important considerations, I realize that my fundamental job is to protect the public's money by supporting wise decisions and demanding complete accountability. We are fortunate to have an excellent staff that is well paid for quality work. We are proud of them.

With your support, we can continue rebuilding our water system to be modern, efficient, and cost-effective.

Thank you for honoring me with your vote.

(This information furnished by Robert 'Bob' Churnside)

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BALLOT MEASURES

- **City of Portland**
 - **26-150**
 - **26-151**
- **Metro**
 - **26-152**
- **Beaverton School District**
 - **34-204**

CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-150

BALLOT TITLE

RENEW FIVE-YEAR LEVY TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE, CHILD HUNGER

QUESTION: Shall Portland continue abuse, neglect prevention, children's programs; five-year levy \$0.4026 per \$1,000 assessed value beginning in 2014; require audits?

This measure renews current local option taxes.

SUMMARY: Renews the Portland Children's Levy; supports proven programs designed to prevent childhood hunger, prevent child abuse and neglect, help children arrive at school ready to learn, provide safe constructive after school alternatives for kids, and help foster children succeed.

Funds can only be used for:

- **Preventing childhood hunger:** giving hungry children healthy, nutritious meals and food.
- **Child abuse prevention and intervention:** addressing juvenile crime, school failure, drug and alcohol abuse, homeless youth.
- **Early childhood programs:** making childcare more affordable and preparing children for success in school.
- **After school, summer and mentoring programs:** promoting academic achievement, reducing the number of juveniles victimized by crime, increasing graduation rates.
- **Children in foster care programs:** helping foster children who have been abused and neglected succeed.

Accountability measures include:

- Investments subject to annual audits.
- Programs funded must be cost effective and have a proven record of success.
- Investments subject to oversight by a citizen committee.
- Administrative costs cannot exceed 5%.

It is estimated the levy will raise an average of \$10.56 million per year for five years.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Renewal of the Portland Children's Levy

Measure 26-150 will renew the Portland Children's Levy at the same tax rate that voters approved in 2002 and 2008.

By renewing the Children's Levy, Portland will continue to fund proven programs to help kids succeed, protecting them from abuse, crime and hunger.

The Portland Children's Levy supports programs for more than 14,000 children annually who might otherwise grow up without a healthy start and the positive influences that lead to success in school and beyond.

The Portland Children's Levy invests only in proven, cost-effective programs that:

- **Ensure children are ready to learn and achieve greater academic success.** This also eases the burdens on our schools and teachers because children are better prepared and less disruptive in the classroom.
- **Prevent children from becoming victims of crime.** The Levy supports programs that give kids safe, constructive things to do during the hours they are most at risk of getting into trouble or becoming victimized.
- **Protect children from child abuse and neglect.** The Levy prevents and protects children from terrible circumstances, and works to eliminate the greatest risk factor for juvenile crime, drug and alcohol abuse and homeless youth.
- **Provide foster children with quality services that improve their chance at success.** Levy programs provide educational support, mentoring, and access to mental health services that lead to greater school success and decreased rates of juvenile crime.

The Portland Children's Levy

Measure 26-150 will renew the Portland Children's Levy through a five-year property tax levy, at the same rate voters approved in 2002 and 2008. The money this levy raises can only be used for proven programs to serve children in the following areas:

- **Child abuse prevention and intervention:** addressing 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.
- **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:** helping foster children succeed who have been abused and neglected.
- **Child hunger:** improving children's access to nutritious meals, leading to improved health and academic success.

These five areas provide the greatest payoff by improving children's lives and providing long-term savings to the community. Leading economic experts agree that early childhood education has the highest return of any public investment – as much as \$17 saved for every dollar spent. With the average cost to jail a juvenile offender at \$79,000 annually, the Levy's focus on helping children succeed is designed to be a prudent investment in our future.

Accountability Measures

Measure 26-150 contains several elements to ensure accountability, efficiency and effectiveness:

- Supports only proven, cost-effective programs
- Oversight by a citizens committee
- Administrative expenses limited to 5% or less
- Annual independent audits

Submitted by:

Portland City Council
Mayor Charlie Hales
Commissioner Nick Fish
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Commissioner Steve Novick
Commissioner Dan Saltzman

No arguments AGAINST this measure were filed.

CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-150

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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 or by calling: 503-208-3764

(This information furnished by Dan Saltzman, Committee for Safe and Successful Children)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-150

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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

(This information furnished by Susannah Morgan, Oregon Food Bank)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-150

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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

(This information furnished by Emily G. Toll)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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.

(This information furnished by Darren Linder, FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-150

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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

(This information furnished by Deborah Hodges)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**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

Pat McCormick, President

City Club of Portland

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

(This information furnished by Sam Adams, City Club of Portland)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-151

BALLOT TITLE

FLUORIDATION OF PORTLAND DRINKING WATER SUPPLY

QUESTION: Shall Portland fluoridate its drinking water supply?

SUMMARY: Portland supplies drinking water to city residents and businesses and to several other municipalities and water districts outside Portland. Portland currently does not add fluoride to its drinking water supply.

This measure requires Portland to fluoridate Portland's drinking water supply. The measure requires fluoridation at the levels recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the Oregon Health Authority intended to reduce tooth decay and promote oral health. The measure is a referral of an Ordinance adopted by the Council. Although the Ordinance requires fluoridation of Portland's drinking water supply by March 1, 2014, the actual date of implementation of fluoridation will depend on the effective date of this measure. The fluoride must meet standards of the American Water Works Association. The measure requires record-keeping related to quantities of water treated and the type and amounts of fluoride used. The measure also requires the City to conduct tests for fluoride in treated and untreated water in accordance with state and federal recommendations.

The measure funds fluoridation through water user fees.

CITY OF PORTLAND

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Yes on 26-151

For Healthy Teeth, Healthy Kids, and a Healthy Portland

Healthy Kids, Healthy Portland is a grassroots coalition of over 85 community and health organizations urging you to vote yes on Measure 26-151, which will finally bring water fluoridation to Portland. Here's why:

We Are in a Dental Health Crisis

In the Portland Metro area, 21% of our kids suffer from untreated dental decay. That's 40% higher than kids in Seattle, where they have water fluoridation. Too many Portlanders are needlessly suffering from severe pain and infection.

Water Fluoridation Works

Fluoride is a mineral that is already naturally present in our water. By simply adjusting the existing levels of fluoride in our water to the level recommended by the Department of Health and Human Services, we can decrease the rate of dental decay in Portland by over 25%. Water fluoridation is proven to safely prevent and even reverse tooth decay at a minimal cost. It's more effective than any other alternative and all kids and adults benefit, regardless of income level.

Water Fluoridation Saves Money

For every \$1 invested in water fluoridation, cities experience an average of \$38 in reduced dental costs. In Portland, fluoridation will save at least \$20 million in dental care costs annually. Dental work can be expensive. Less decay means more money in your pocketbook. But that's not all: our dental health crisis leads to lost school days, lost work days, and lost productivity in our local economy. These costs we all pay would be significantly less with water fluoridation.

Water Fluoridation has Overwhelming Support From Health Organizations and Leaders We Trust

Every major health organization that has taken a position supports water fluoridation at the optimal level recommended in Measure 26-151. See the rest of your Voter Pamphlet and the entire list of supporters at HealthyKidsHealthyPortland.org supporters.

Get the Facts

There is overwhelming evidence that water fluoridation is the right thing to do.

Learn more at HealthyKidsHealthyPortland.org

(This information furnished by KJ Lewis, Healthy Kids, Healthy Portland)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

WATER FLUORIDATION HAS OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FROM HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS WE TRUST.

Here is a small sampling of the respected national voices that say fluoridation is the right thing to do for our children, health, and community:

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

"For 65 years, community water fluoridation has been a safe and healthy way to effectively prevent tooth decay... **CDC has recognized water fluoridation as one of 10 great public health achievements of the 20th century.**" www.cdc.gov/fluoridation, 3/20/13

AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION

"The Association endorses community water fluoridation as a **safe, beneficial and cost-effective** public health measure for preventing dental caries." bit.ly/leading-voices, 3/20/13

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS

"**Adding fluoride to water benefits everyone.** In fact, as more and more communities have added fluoride to water supplies, our nation has seen a significant reduction in cavities and other dental problems." bit.ly/aap-statement, 3/20/13

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

"Most recently, efforts have been made to summarize the extensive database (on fluorides) through systematic reviews. Such reviews conclude **that water fluoridation and use of fluoride toothpastes and mouth rinses significantly reduce the prevalence of dental caries.**" bit.ly/leading-voices, 3/20/13

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF NUTRITION

"**Tooth decay is one of the Nation's most ubiquitous health problems** in numbers of people affected and its persistence. Appropriate fluoridation of public water is a safe, economical and effective measure to prevent dental caries." bit.ly/nutrition-statement, 3/20/13

VOICES FOR AMERICA'S CHILDREN, CAMPAIGN FOR DENTAL HEALTH

"Why fluoride? First off, fluoride occurs naturally in the water – just not always at high enough levels to strengthen the enamel of teeth. That's why it is added to the central, public water supply by so many communities in the U.S. **Strong teeth equals fewer trips to the dentist, and that is nothing but good.**" ilikemyteeth.org/fluoridation, 3/20/13

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

"...fluoridation of community water supplies is **repeatedly** demonstrating that it is an effective public health measure for the mass partial control of dental cavities..." bit.ly/supporter-quotes, 3/20/13

More at HealthyKidsHealthyPortland.org

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

WATER FLUORIDATION HAS OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FROM HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS WE TRUST
continued...

The list of respected national organizations that support water fluoridation is extensive. Here's what several more organizations have to say:

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

"The AMA recognizes the **important public health benefits** of drinking properly fluoridated water..." bit.ly/leading-voices, 3/20/13

EARLY HEAD START NATIONAL RESEARCH CENTER

"**Fluoride is the most effective agent to prevent tooth decay.** It can be added to community water supplies, as needed, and occurs naturally in some areas." bit.ly/respected-orgs, 3/20/12

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

"Fluoridation of public water supplies is a **safe, economical, and effective** measure to prevent dental caries." bit.ly/supporter-quotes, 3/20/12

HISPANIC DENTAL ASSOCIATION

"It is the position of the Hispanic Dental Association to... endorse community water fluoridation in all communities—especially the Hispanic and underserved communities—as a safe, beneficial and cost-effective public health measure based on science for preventing dental caries and **to aid in the reduction of oral health disparities.**" bit.ly/HDA-statement, 3/20/12

AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

"Since 1950, APHA has supported community water fluoridation as a sound, **safe and effective public health measure** with excellent health and economic benefits for better dental health." bit.ly/apha-statement, 3/20/12

AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION

"The goal of community water fluoridation is to achieve the desired oral health benefit while minimizing potential health risks. That is why water providers undergo thorough and extensive training to safely apply fluoride in the amount recommended by the **world's most respected public health authorities.**" bit.ly/supporter-quotes, 3/20/12

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

"Our teeth do a lot of work during our lifetime... Tooth decay and gum disease are the leading causes of tooth loss in older adults. Research links gum disease to a number of major health concerns. These health concerns include heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease and diabetes... **Drink fluoridated water and use fluoride toothpaste.** This will help you prevent cavities." bit.ly/USDVA-statement, 3/20/12

See the list of national and local supporters of water fluoridation
at healthykidshealthyportland.org

(This information furnished by Eryn Mitchell, Healthy Kids, Healthy Portland)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

CHIROPRACTORS FOR FLUORIDATION

One's decision about fluoridation should be based on sound science. Unfortunately, it's easy to confuse arguments which appear scientific with real science. We have considered the arguments against fluoridation. Many appear to misinterpret the evidence. Opponents often cite a 2006 review by the *National Research Council* (www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=11571). The review actually states that the prevalence of severe dental fluorosis, a side effect often mentioned by fluoridation opponents, was virtually nonexistent at fluoride concentrations below 2 mg/L, and the prevalence of moderate forms of dental fluorosis decreased to 3%. The EPA has established an upper limit of 2 mg/L to prevent severe fluorosis. Portland's fluoridation referendum proposes a fluoride concentration of 0.7 mg/L, nowhere near the EPA established upper limit.

The World Health Organization's findings have also been misapplied. WHO actually noted that "fluoride intake has been known for the past 50 to 60 years to play a beneficial role in dental health ..." with optimal concentrations "... between 0.5 to 1.0 mg/L. ..." (www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/dwaq/nutrientsindw.pdf) The values were derived from epidemiological studies conducted over 70 years. WHO recommends a concentration of 1.5 mg/L, more than twice the proposed Portland level. Although the WHO recognized that in countries with high public dental awareness a decision to not fluoridate the water would be of little consequence, "In developing and developed countries [our emphasis] where public dental health awareness in some population groups (e.g. lower income) might be much lower, water containing ... fluoride at concentrations of 0.5 to 1.0 mg/L would be important for dental health."

My colleagues and I urge you to consider the scientific evidence. Please vote Yes on 26-151.

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(This information furnished by Thomas D. Freedland, D.C.)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

OVER 80 LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS SAY PLEASE VOTE YES ON 26-151!

The Healthy Kids, Health Portland Coalition reaches every part of our community. Here are just some of the coalition members urging you to Vote YES on 26-151:

African Women's Coalition
Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)
CareOregon
Causa
Center for Intercultural Organizing
Children's Clinic, P.C.
Children's Health Alliance
Coalition of Communities of Color
Creston Children's Dental Clinic
The Dental Foundation of Oregon
East Portland Pediatric Clinic
Hacienda CDC
Health Share of Oregon
Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber
IRCO – Asian Family Center
Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Northwest
Latino Network
National Association of Social Workers, Oregon Chapter
Native American Youth and Family Center
Northwest Health Foundation
OEA Choice Trust
OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon
Oregon Academy of Family Physicians
Oregon Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
Oregon Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
Oregon Business Association
Oregon Dental Assistants Association
Oregon Dental Association
Oregon Dental Hygienists' Association
Oregon Federation of Nurses & Health Professionals, AFT Local 5017
Oregon Oral Health Coalition
Oregon's Health Co-op
Oregon Medical Association
Oregon Nurses Association
Oregon Pediatric Society
Oregon Primary Care Association
Oregon Public Health Association
Oregon Public Health Institute
Oregon School-Based Health Care Network
Oregon State Council for Retired Citizens
Providence Health & Services
Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Oregon
SEIU 49 & 503
Tuality Healthcare
United Food and Commercial Workers, Local 555
Upright Brewing
Upstream Public Health
Urban League of Portland
Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center

See the full list of supporters at www.healthykidshealthyportland.org/supporters

(This information furnished by Evyn Mitchell, Healthy Kids, Healthy Portland)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

A Message from Governor John Kitzhaber, M.D.

Water fluoridation is smart, effective and important. Voting Yes on 26-151 is the right thing to do.

As a physician, I know that there is nothing more important to our health than prevention. It reduces disease, suffering and cost. Making wise investments in people's health before they become sick is the basis of much of the work I have done to reform and improve our health care system.

This principle is the foundation of Measure 26-151, which will at long last bring the benefits of fluoridation to Portland. I am voting Yes, and I hope you will join me.

Fluoride is a naturally occurring mineral that is already present in Portland's water – just not at the optimal level to reduce tooth decay. Measure 26-151 simply will add enough to meet the recommendation of the Department of Health and Human Services.

I am voting Yes as a parent: Water fluoridation is one of the most important things we can do for children. Portland area kids have a 40% higher rate of untreated dental decay than kids in Seattle, where they fluoridate their water.

I am voting Yes as a doctor: Poor dental health has been linked to ear and sinus infections, weakened immune systems, diabetes, heart and lung disease, and other serious health conditions.

I am voting Yes as a Governor: Health care costs are one of the most intense pressures on government budgets and the economy as a whole. Every \$1 invested in fluoridation saves cities \$38 in dental health care cost alone.

I believe the science is clear: fluoridation is safe, effective and the right thing to do. That is why it has the support of trusted health organizations such as the Centers for Disease Control, the American Dental Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics and many others. Please vote Yes on 26-151.

(This information furnished by Governor John Kitzhaber)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-151

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Pediatricians know: community water fluoridation helps kids stay healthy!

As board-certified pediatricians, we know firsthand the devastating impact of untreated dental decay on children and families in Portland.

It's heartbreaking, and it doesn't have to be this way.

Kids in Portland suffer from 40% more untreated dental decay than kids in Seattle, where they fluoridate the water.

Tablets and rinses can help, but they are no replacement for community water fluoridation, the safest, most cost-effective way to ensure that all kids—regardless of race or socioeconomic status—have a chance at optimal oral health.

As doctors, we know that poor oral health can affect overall health. We have seen too many children sent to the hospital or the operating room because of cavities. Also, when your teeth hurt, it's hard to think about anything else – which can worsen children's behavior and school performance. Community water fluoridation has no harmful side effects at levels recommended in Measure 26-151. Plus, every dollar spent providing community water fluoridation will save \$38 in medical and dental expenses.

We want the best outcomes for the kids and families we see, and water fluoridation will help kids stay healthy.

Community water fluoridation works! **PLEASE VOTE YES ON 26-151**

That's why the American Academy of Pediatrics, along with every other major national and local trusted health care organization agrees: **water fluoridation is safe, effective and the right thing to do.**

Dr. Ken Carlson
President

Oregon Pediatric Society

Dr. Greg Blashke
Vice-President

Oregon Pediatric Society

Oregon Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics

(This information furnished by Ken Carlson, MD, Oregon Pediatric Society)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

THE OREGON STATE COUNCIL FOR RETIRED CITIZENS SAYS:

Fluoridation is important for seniors too!

Everyone talks about how important water fluoridation helps kids – and it's true. But it helps all of us ---especially seniors!

As our teeth develop in youth, fluoride makes the naturally occurring calcium and phosphorus in our teeth bond together more strongly, creating a harder enamel surface so we can maintain healthy teeth longer. If you didn't have fluoride as a kid (for example, if you are from Portland!) your teeth are naturally weaker when you grow up. As you age, that makes you more susceptible to all the problems and expenses that go along with weak teeth --- fillings, root canals, implants.

For those living on a fixed income, it can be a choice between living in constant pain and paying your living expenses!

As we age, medications we take can make our mouth drier which means that our teeth are more at risk of breaking, cracking, and becoming a problem.

Our gums also begin to recede, and that makes it easier for decay to attack the roots of our teeth, which aren't as strong as the surfaces with enamel. A decayed root means pain and a costly, difficult procedure.

Fluoride remineralizes teeth as we get older. Water fluoridation keeps teeth strong and healthy throughout our entire life.

Join the Oregon State Council for Retired Citizens in voting yes for dental health for all Portlanders!

Seniors say Yes on 26-151!

(This information furnished by Steve Weiss, Oregon State Council For Retired Citizens)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

"If you've seen what I've seen, you're voting yes."

Mike Plunkett, DDS

As a community health dentist I support Measure 26-151 because I've seen firsthand the terrible impact of our failure to provide fluoridation for our community.

I remember a young girl, 11-12 years old, that I treated a few years back while providing care at a local middle school. She was suffering from a very bad dental infection of an adult molar tooth which I could only treat by extraction (removing the tooth). When I told her she would not be able to eat on that side for 2-3 days after the extraction she began to cry and told me that she had not eaten on that side of her mouth for months due to the severe pain in the tooth. I wish this was an unusual story. It isn't.

For those of us who treat low income patients it is common to see children 2-4 years old whose teeth are so decayed and infected that treatment can only be provided by restraining the child or sending them to the hospital to get their dental care under general anesthesia (being put completely to sleep). This is not a rare occurrence: one of Oregon's largest health insurance companies for low income patients reports that 7% of its 0-5 year old children have dental decay so bad that they had to get care in a hospital. By that number about 2 children out of every low-income pre-school class of 25 children is living with chronic infection and pain in their teeth.

These stories are tragic not only because no child should have to live with pain but because it is preventable. For those of us who see this daily there is no debate: we are in a dental health crisis. And among respected scientific organizations there is no question that fluoridated water would reduce the number of these heart breaking scenarios in our community.

(This information furnished by Mike Plunkett DDS)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

A STATEMENT FROM THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION AND THE OREGON DENTAL ASSOCIATION

We strongly endorse the fluoridation of community water supplies as safe, effective and necessary in preventing tooth decay.

Dental disease is preventable but current efforts simply aren't enough

As dentists, we see the ravaging effects of dental decay every day. History has shown that supplements alone don't work. We can prescribe tablets and provide varnish at office visits, but the maximum reduction of dental decay is achieved when fluoride is available both topically and systemically every day.

What is water fluoridation?

Water fluoridation is simply the adjustment of the existing, naturally occurring fluoride levels in drinking water to an optimal fluoride level recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service. Fortifying the water with fluoride is similar to adding Vitamin D to milk and Vitamin C and Calcium to orange juice.

A 65 Year Record of Efficacy and Safety

As stewards of oral health, our policies are based on the best science available. The effectiveness of water fluoridation has been researched and documented for over 65 years. Water fluoridation has become one of the most widely studied public health measures in history. These studies show that water fluoridation reduces tooth decay by over 25% in adults and children, even in an era with widespread availability of fluoride from other sources, like toothpaste.

Jill Price, D.M.D.
President

Robert A. Faiella, D.M.D., M.M.Sc.
President

Oregon Dental Association American Dental Association

Water fluoridation is safe, cost-effective and natural.

Get the facts at ada.org/fluoride

(This information furnished by Don Bretthauer, CAE, Oregon Dental Association)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Yes on 26-151 It's a Matter of Fairness

Should every child have healthy teeth? Or just the kids whose families can afford it?

That is the essential reason it is important to vote Yes - to provide the benefits of water fluoridation to all Portlanders.

In a typical Oregon 3rd grade classroom of 25 kids, at least 5 students have rampant untreated dental decay. Now, consider that children from low-income households and communities of color, and especially immigrants and refugees, have 2-3 times more dental decay.

For a city that values equity and justice, we can no longer turn our backs on the disparities and lifelong health, education and economic consequences.

Approving fluoridation will help advance racial and social justice in Portland.

Fluoridated water is the right step to improve dental health for everyone, regardless of race, ethnicity or income.

This is about more than "just" a toothache. Untreated dental decay contributes to many other health problems. It's a major barrier to education - kids in pain miss school or can't concentrate during class. And adults miss work, even when they can't afford to.

Opponents to fluoridation say we should rely on school programs and teach better dental hygiene. The problem is that we are doing those things and are still in a crisis.

Water fluoridation is a proven public health benefit for all our communities and is an important part of the solution to the serious racial and economic dental decay disparities we face.

Decades of scientific evidence shows that fluoridated water is safe for people and the environment. More than 200 million people nationally drink it daily. **It's time to stop depriving Portlanders of this basic public health benefit.**

We know there are concerns and questions. True answers are available:

healthykidshealthyportland.org/frequently-asked-questions.

Asian American Pacific Network of Oregon Center for Intercultural Organizing	Latino Network
Coalition of Communities of Color	Native American Youth & Family Center
IRCO - Asian Family Center	Urban League of Portland

(This information furnished by Matt Morton, NAYA, Native American Youth and Family Center)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Measure 26-151 is good for Portland's health

The Oregon Nurses Association and American Nurses Association urge you to vote yes on Measure 26-151.

Portland is in a dental health crisis. As trusted health care professionals, nurses care for children and adults who suffer from preventable dental decay every day. In Portland, more than 1 in 5 children suffer from untreated dental decay. That's 40 percent more than children in Seattle. The good news is that Portland's dental health crisis is preventable if we follow other successful communities' example and fluoridate our water. The Oregon Nurses Association and American Nurses Association support fluoridation because it makes teeth healthier.

Water fluoridation is a simple and affordable way to dramatically improve dental health in Portland and prevent unnecessary health problems. As nurses, we understand that dental health is intimately linked to overall health and recognize how poor dental health can contribute to multiple illnesses, including heart disease and diabetes.

While all Portlanders will benefit from fluoridation, Oregon's low-income communities will benefit the most as they are particularly hard hit by dental health problems. **Oregon's nurses have pledged to support health programs like Measure 26-151 that provide access for all and specifically address the needs of vulnerable and underserved populations.**

Oregon Nurses Association and American Nurses Association encourage you to vote yes on Measure 26-151.

(This information furnished by Sarah Baessler, Oregon Nurses Association and American Nurses Association)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

PORTLAND IS FACING AN ORAL HEALTH EMERGENCY

Most U.S. cities fluoridate public drinking water because it's a safe and effective way to prevent cavities. However, Portland remains the largest U.S. city that has not approved fluoridating its water. Without sufficient fluoride, cavities and oral health problems can run rampant.

In Portland and across the state, that's exactly what's happening. According to the Oregon Dental Association's 2007 Oregon Smile Survey, more than 35% of children here suffer from untreated tooth decay. The same survey shows untreated tooth decay increased by 49% in Oregon from 2002 to 2007. Nationally, Oregon ranks near the bottom for childhood oral health.

This reality, coupled with an uninsured rate higher than that of 40 other states, has created an oral health emergency. In response, Kaiser Permanente Northwest has joined the effort to fluoridate Portland's water. Along with numerous health, government, and scientific organizations, we believe that adjusting the level of fluoride in Portland's water system will prevent tooth decay and advance oral health.

Supporting this policy reflects our mission, which recognizes that good health starts where we live, work and play. We are committed to ensuring that Portlanders, particularly children, have the opportunity to access oral health, realize their potential, and thrive. Community fluoridated water is a part of the solution.

The benefits of water fluoridation have been known for more than 65 years. In 1945, Grand Rapids, Michigan, added fluoride to its municipal water system. Within a brief period, tooth decay in Grand Rapids children dramatically dropped. Since then thousands of studies have proved the effectiveness of community water fluoridation.

Here at Kaiser Permanente Northwest, we urge you to vote YES on ballot measure 26-151 and help give our children and our community a chance to thrive.

(This information furnished by Daniel Field, JD, Kaiser Permanente Northwest)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

An Environmental Justice Leader Urges a Yes Vote for Fluoridation

I'm the Director of OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon and Vice Chair of Oregon's Environmental Justice Taskforce. We fight for equal protection and fair treatment for people of color and those of limited socioeconomic means. After careful study, I personally support community water fluoridation because I support health equity for all Portlanders.

Consider:

- People of color, and youth of color specifically, suffer significantly greater dental health disparities as compared to whites
- Nearly 1 in 3 Oregon children living in low-income families suffer from rampant decay (seven or more teeth with past or present decay), causing up to 12 times more school absenteeism than children from wealthier families
- A ten-year old child with cavities will pay more than \$2,000 over a lifetime to care for the decayed tooth

In Portland, we pride ourselves on being a progressive and caring community. But that rings hollow regarding the dental health crisis affecting the most vulnerable among us, who may not be able to access the same level of dental health care or alternatives than many of us. Water fluoridation is effective, affordable and, benefits everyone, regardless of race or income, without imposing real risks to our community health.

As an environmental lawyer and advocate, I've reviewed the studies and determined that there isn't any credible evidence that community water fluoridation at the proposed optimal level would have any negative consequences on the environment, including our water quality, habitat or salmon species.

This is a clear opportunity for all Portlanders to stand up for the less fortunate among us, and deliver healthier teeth and better overall health and esteem for everyone.

Join me in voting YES on 26-151!

Jonathan Ostar

OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon builds power for environmental justice and civil rights in our communities. We organize low-income communities and people of color to achieve a safe and healthy environment where we live, work, play and pray.

(This information furnished by Jonathan Ostar, OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon)

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Hi, I'm Bitty. I grew up in California, where we had community water fluoridation. So I also grew up with really strong teeth; I only have one filling. My grandmother still has all of her teeth, and she's 98!

I moved to Portland with my husband in 2003. I really love it here, and I love raising my family here.

Even though I love Portland, I don't love how much I have to worry about my kid's teeth. Of course we make him brush and floss--but for even the most careful parents, it's so easy to forget to give them their tablets. And even if we were perfect, that is no substitute. Portland's failure to fluoridate our water means my kid isn't building strong teeth to last lifetime.

And it shows. My son has had terrible problems with his teeth starting at age 2. He had to have two crowns and six fillings. Because he was so young, the doctor had to use general anesthesia. That was scary. Watching him suffer, and having to explain the dental procedures he would have to endure, was excruciating. It is especially frustrating knowing that if our water was fluoridated, Oscar would have stronger teeth.

I've heard the arguments opponents make and I've explored the research. With several decades of comprehensive reviews by federal scientists, no reputable scientific study disputes that water fluoridated at the optimum level helps improve the oral health of everyone in the community. No peer-reviewed federal study concludes that water fluoridated at the proposed standard causes the health issues that opponents claim. Not one.

Trust me, if you've ever suffered from dental pain, or had someone close to you have to endure painful dental surgery, you wouldn't wish that on anyone. Especially kids. Fluoridating Portland's water is the right thing to do - for everybody.

Bitty Gedgaudas

(This information furnished by Bitty Gedgaudas)

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School board members support community water fluoridation!

As Portland Public, David Douglas, Parkrose, Reynolds, Centennial and Multnomah Education District school board members we know that the health of our students has a direct impact on their ability to learn.

Adjusting the amount of fluoride in Portland's water supply to the level recommended by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will provide children with the optimal level of dental protection.

Fluoride is a naturally-occurring mineral found in nearly all water supplies, including ours.

Fluoridation will reduce tooth decay in Portland by at least 25%.

The dental crisis causes needless suffering.

21% of our children suffer from untreated dental decay.

As a result, many children suffer severe pain and infection and needlessly miss school days, impacting their education and their future.

Water fluoridation is an issue of fairness.

Dental decay disproportionately impacts low-income families and children, many of whom are uninsured or underinsured.

- Low income children suffer twice the rate of untreated decay and nearly three times the rate of rampant decay (cavities 7+ teeth) than children from higher-income families.
- Low income children have less access to preventive health care and lose 12 times more school days due to dental disease than children from higher-income families.
- Dental disease accounts for 30% of all health care costs for children.

We can do better for Portland's kids. Join us in supporting good oral health for all Portlanders, especially kids.

Vote YES on 26-151!

Centennial School Board Members

Rodney Boettcher
Ernest A. Butenschoen
Tim Cook
Kelly Morency
Pamela Shields

Gary Hollands
Douglas Montgomery
Sean Schaefer
Kevin Spellman

Parkrose School Board Members

Ed Grassel
Thuy Tran
James Woods

David Douglas School Board Members

Dawn Barberis
Frieda Christopher
Annette Mattson
Kyle Riggs
Cheryl Scarcelli Ancheta

Portland Public School Board Members

Ruth Adkins
Martin Gonzalez
Pam Knowles
Matt Morton
Bobbie Regan
Trudy Sargent

Multnomah ESD Board Members

Harry Ainsworth
Bernie Giusto
Jean Haliski

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"The AMA recognizes the important public health benefits of drinking properly fluoridated water and encourages its member physicians and medical societies to work with local and state health departments, dental societies, and concerned citizens to assure the optimal fluoridation of community drinking water supplies." --AMA Letter to the American Dental Association, March 10, 1995. bit.ly/leading-voices, 3/20/13

OREGON MEDICAL ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS BALLOT MEASURE 26-151 and encourages a "yes" vote on this important public health measure

ORAL HEALTH IS LINKED TO OVERALL HEALTH

The OMA has long stood in support of fluoridating public water supplies. There is a clear link between oral health and general health, no matter your age. Untreated dental decay can lead to severe physical and emotional health complications. The pain of dental decay is distracting, causing loss of sleep and stress. The cosmetic effects can lead to lack of confidence and lack of productivity in the workforce. Decaying teeth can lead to oral infections, which in severe cases can spread to the lungs and heart.

OREGON DENTAL HEALTH IS IN CRISIS

Despite countless programs that have been implemented to address dental decay, Portland has a significantly higher rate of untreated dental decay than counterparts in similar cities with water fluoridation. Water fluoridation is widely-regarded by medical professionals and researchers as the most effective and affordable program to reduce dental decay.

MEDICAL & SCIENTIFIC PROFESSIONALS AGREE ON THE FACTS

Adjusting the levels of fluoride in our water provides a vital mineral nutrient to tooth formation and remineralization. Just as we no longer believe the pre-Enlightenment myth that dental cavities are caused by "tooth worms," modern medical science has researched and disproven myths circulated by water fluoridation's opponents. Fluoridation is a scientific process, understood and used throughout the world.

As stewards of health in Oregon, the OMA is proud to be a part of the coalition supporting community water fluoridation and the overall health benefits it will bring for Portlanders of all ages.

(This information furnished by Elizabeth L. Boyd-Flynn, Oregon Medical Association)

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Faith Leaders Urge Portlanders to Vote Yes on Measure 26-151

Dear Portlanders,

As faith leaders, one of our core principles is that the blessings of our community should be felt by all, not just a few. That especially applies to the idea that every child should have the opportunity to grow in good health.

That is why we join in strong support of Measure 26-151, which will bring water fluoridation to Portland.

One of the urgent but hidden problems in Portland is a growing dental health crisis. Over 21% of children in the metro area are suffering from untreated dental decay, which leads to other general health problems down the road. We see it in our congregations and we see it in our community.

What makes this problem particularly troubling is that it is largely preventable. By fluoridating the water, we can cut the rate of decay by over 25%. It's a simple and just step in the right direction that has been endorsed by every trusted national health organization and many organizations advocating for social justice in Portland.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have called water fluoridation one of the top ten public health achievements of the 20th Century.

We also support other steps that will improve dental health for all Portlanders - more access to general and dental health care for everyone, no matter their age or where they live, and better education around oral hygiene and nutrition. **But there is no question that the most effective thing we can do now is to vote YES on ballot measure 26-151.**

Yours truly,

Reverend Alcena Boozer
Reverend Chuck Currie

Reverend David Schutjer
Reverend Lynne Smouse Lopez

Reverend Mark W.S. Knutson
Reverend Elizabeth A. Larsen

Rabbi Ariel Stone

Reverend Melinda J. Wagner

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A NEUROSCIENTIST SORTS FACT FROM FICTION

My name is Damien Fair, and I am a neuroscientist who heads xxxxx at OHSU. I've spent my life studying the brain. I'm a passionate advocate for the fluoride measure because I know how important it is to the health of our community and our kids.

This debate has been filled with both facts and fiction. As a scientist, I wanted to help sort one from the other.

Fiction: Fluoride affects IQ.

The Facts: Community water fluoridation at the recommended level does not affect IQ. Flawed IQ studies cited by the opposition were in fact not about municipal water fluoridation, but were poorly designed foreign studies about water systems with naturally high levels of fluoride – up to 1500% higher than optimally fluoridated water. The authors of the study have said that their results do not relate to the safety of water fluoridation in the U.S.

Fiction: Fluoride causes cancer and other health problems.

The Facts: All the major health and medical organizations agree: optimally fluoridated water is both safe and effective, and is not linked to any of the health concerns opponents of fluoridation falsely claim.

Fiction: The National Research Council's 2006 report says "fluoride can have harmful effects."

The Facts: In 2006, the NRC did not study optimally fluoridated water but instead evaluated areas of the U.S. where the natural fluoride levels are unusually high --three to five times higher than the level used to fluoridate public water systems. The NRC itself explained that its report was not an evaluation of the safety of water fluoridation.

Every reputable study shows that fluoridation is a smart, effective and safe thing to do. I say with confidence, there is no action we could take that could be more important to the health of our community than voting yes on 26-151.

Damien Fair, Ph.D

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A Financial Analyst Breaks Down the Numbers

Water fluoridation saves teeth.
It also saves money (lots of it!).

We don't often hear about the financial impact of poor oral health As a health care financial analyst **I can tell you how much it costs.**

I review the costs of our failure to fluoridate our water every day. Here are just a few examples:

- \$350-\$600 to remove an infected tooth and this does not even include the replacement cost of an implant.
- \$600-900 for a root canal. Molar or back teeth root canals are more expensive than anterior or front teeth.
- \$2,500 for the average complete dental case requiring general anesthesia in an operating room setting for kids whose teeth are so damaged that the only kind thing to do is let them be asleep while their mouth is repaired.

And here is another thing you might not know: **in many cases you are picking up the tab:** at least half of the bills I see are paid by the taxpayer when children do not have private dental insurance.

That's right: even if you have perfect teeth, you are paying to repair damage that could have been prevented simply by having fluoridated water in Portland. It's simple -fluoride makes teeth stronger.

This math is basic:

- A ten-year old child who develops cavities will pay more than \$2,000 over a lifetime to take care of each decayed tooth.
- On the other hand, every \$1 invested in fluoridation saves \$38 in treatment costs for fillings and more serious dental work—with a savings estimated over \$20 million per year in Portland.

The numbers speak for themselves.
Voting yes means saving teeth and saving money.

Vote Yes on 26-151.

Dave Norelius
Director, Financial Analysis & Operations for Permanente Dental Associates

(This information furnished by David Norelius, Permanente Dental Associates)

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BELOW ARE THE 4 MOST MISQUOTED OR MISREPRESENTED STUDIES OFFERED AS "FACTS" BY FLUORIDE OPPONENTS.

WATER FLUORIDATION and IQ

False Claim: Fluoridation causes lower IQ in children

The Reality: There is no credible evidence of any negative effect on intelligence from optimally fluoridated water. The flawed IQ studies being cited were poorly designed studies about foreign water systems with extremely high levels of naturally occurring fluoride; up to 1500% higher than optimally fluoridated water. These studies didn't look at confounding factors, but nevertheless showed no decrease in IQ at optimal levels. The authors took the uncommon step of dispelling this claim publicly." bit.ly/HarvardIQStudy, 3/23/13

"NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES" / "NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL" STUDY

False Claim: This study presents a myriad health concerns, including fluoride's linkage to cancer and organ and tissue damage.

The Reality: Fluoride opponents misrepresent this study for their benefit. This study was a routine review prompted by the Environmental Protection Agency. In response, the Centers for Disease Control's reported that: "The findings of the NRC report are consistent with CDC's assessment that water is safe and healthy at the levels used for water fluoridation." National Academy of Sciences actually completed reviews in 1951, 1977, 1993, and 2007 all in support. bit.ly/CDC-on-NRC, 3/23/13

"BONE CANCER" STUDY

False Claim: Fluoridation causes bone cancer.

The Reality: A well-designed study approved by the National Cancer Institute specifically reviewed this long-debated issue. Their conclusion: there is no association between fluoride-intake and bone cancer. They stated "Fluoride in water helps to prevent and can even reverse tooth decay." bit.ly/cancer-gov, 3/23/13

"INDIVIDUAL SCIENTISTS"

False Claim: Individual scientists oppose fluoridation; therefore it must not be safe.

The Reality: The overwhelming majority of scientists support the benefits of water fluoridation. According to the American Dental Association, "Support for fluoridation among scientists and health professionals, including physicians and dentists, is nearly universal." A small but vocal minority does not counter the thousands of studies, and near-unanimity support among health groups. bit.ly/fluoride-facts, 3/23/13

(This information furnished by Evyn Mitchell, Healthy Kids, Healthy Portland)

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WHEN YOU TURN THE PAGE, YOU WILL SEE MANY FALSE CLAIMS BY THE OPPONENTS TO 26-151. THEY AREN'T TRUE.

HERE ARE THE FACTS.

There is overwhelming consensus from the scientific and medical community that fluoridation works and is the right thing to do. Every trusted national health organization recommends water fluoridation because it makes teeth healthier. Nevertheless, opponents continue making misleading and outright false claims. Here are some false claims you will see in the "No" statements that follow – so we've provided the facts below.

FALSE CLAIM: Fluoridation has negative health consequences. UNTRUE.

THE FACTS: This comes from blatant misinterpretations of the extensive research done on fluoridation. To believe this, you would have to believe that organizations like the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health organization were part of a conspiracy.

Fluoridation opponents have become skilled at making research seem to say something it doesn't. See the FACTS behind every false claim at bit.ly/FluorideMyths. (3/23/13)

FALSE CLAIM: Fluoridation has negative environmental consequences. UNTRUE.

THE FACTS: After over 65 years of water fluoridation, which covers 72% of the U.S., there is no credible evidence that water fluoridation at the recommended amount has any negative impact on the environment.

Fluoride already occurs naturally in our rivers and reservoirs. Crops and plants are unaffected. Salmon mostly live in the ocean, where natural fluoride levels far exceed the proposed 0.7ppm. See the FACTS at bit.ly/safe-for-environment. (3/23/13)

FALSE CLAIM: This is an issue of personal choice. People shouldn't be forced to drink fluoridated water. UNTRUE.

THE FACTS: Our water already contains fluoride, a naturally occurring mineral. The real question is "how much?"

Adjusting the amount of fluoride to the level recommended by the U.S Department of Health and Human Services is a program similar to Vitamin D in milk. **As voters we now have the choice to say YES - we believe in safeguarding the health of our children and our community.**

Learn more:

healthykidshealthyportland.org/frequently-asked-questions

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A Portland Dentist Recommends a NO Vote on Water Fluoridation

As a Portland dentist, I believe the health risks of fluoridation are of real concern and there are better alternatives for addressing children's dental health.

Every dentist is told in dental school that fluoridation is safe and effective. Many believe it, but never do the research to see whether this is actually true. Many of us who have taken the time to read recent scientific studies about the health risks of water fluoridation do not support this practice.

The reasons I encourage you to vote NO on water fluoridation:

- 1. Fluoridation chemicals are not the pharmaceutical grade fluoride used in toothpaste** but are industrial byproducts of fertilizer production containing arsenic, lead and other toxic contaminants. Adding such chemicals to our water is no way to protect kids' health.
- 2. Current scientific evidence shows fluoride can pose real health risks** such as neurological impacts, increased bone cancer risks and immune system impairment. Those promoting fluoridation dismiss these risks, but research by respected scientists from the National Academy of Sciences and Harvard are ample reason for concern.
- 3. There is no benefit to swallowing fluoride.** It is now known that fluoride does not need to be swallowed to be effective and that it works topically, like in toothpaste.
- 4. We need smarter solutions, not the ineffective band-aid of fluoridation.** Cities that have been fluoridated for decades continue to face major dental problems. Fluoridation is an expensive distraction from real solutions, such as decreasing extreme sugar diets, increased access to care and prevention education.

Instead of increasing water rates to build an up to \$ 7.5 million fluoridation plant and spending over \$500,000 yearly in fluoridation chemicals, Portlanders should vote "NO" on fluoridation. We need to send a message to City Council that adding hazardous chemicals to our water won't solve the problem, and will instead put our kids at risk.

Dr. Jay H. Levy, DDS

(This information furnished by Jay Harris Levy)

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As an American Veteran I Ask You

Vote No on Water Fluoridation

As a veteran and African American working on social and racial justice issues in Oregon for over fifty years I am voting NO on fluoridating Portland's water and encourage you to do the same.

Fluoridation won't fix the dental problems facing low-income children.

In my current position as the Chair of the Portland NAACP's Veteran's Committee and in my past position on the Oregon Commission on Black Affairs I have seen well-meaning plans that do not actually achieve meaningful progress on the problem they claim to address. Fluoridation is just such a plan.

Spending millions on increased water bills to fund fluoridation may let Portland feel like we are doing something for low-income children, but U.S. cities that have been fluoridated for decades still have major dental health problems that fluoridation hasn't fixed.

If Portland voters want to help low-income children we should reject fluoridation and focus on providing equal access to dental care, which there are already funds to pay for through Oregon's new dental insurance coverage program for kids.

Fluoridation would expose low-income kids to more chemicals.

As a Vietnam-era veteran who understands the impacts that environmental chemicals can have, I find it insulting that the City Council's plan to help low-income kids is to add more chemicals with proven risks to our water.

Even the American Dental Association and Centers for Disease Control have finally acknowledged that infants fed formula mixed with fluoridated water risk being over-exposed to fluoride. They suggest that families could use bottle water to mix formula, but this is not a real option for low-income families.

Since African Americans and Latinos choose infant formula much more than whites, fluoridation would mean low-income kids in communities of color would be specially harmed, not helped, by fluoridation.

Please vote No on fluoridation

Clifford Walker, Portland NAACP Unit 1120 Veteran's Committee Chair

Former Commissioner, Oregon Commission on Black Affairs

(This information furnished by Clifford Walker)

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Scientist on National Academy of Sciences Fluoride Committee Opposes Fluoridation

Fluoridation of drinking water is strongly encouraged by public health agencies and dental organizations to prevent dental caries. However, several important concerns have not been adequately addressed:

Available data show no benefit of fluoridation in improving dental health.

Most studies showing benefits of fluoridation are neither random nor blind. The reported benefits are small, and alternative explanations (fluoride-induced delay in tooth eruption, socioeconomic effects) have not been explored. Caries rates have declined in all developed countries, fluoridated or not. The CDC indicates that fluoride's predominant effect on teeth is topical, not from ingestion. The only U.S. study to examine caries experience in relation to individual fluoride intakes found no association. The most recent (1986-1987) national data set in the U.S. shows no significant difference in caries rates with different water fluoride levels.

Various adverse health effects are associated with fluoride exposures.

Well-known adverse health effects from fluoride exposure include dental fluorosis, skeletal fluorosis, and increased risk of bone fracture. Additional adverse effects include carcinogenicity, genotoxicity, reduced thyroid function, other endocrine effects, neurotoxicity, hypersensitivity, and increased blood lead levels in children. Dental fluorosis is associated with increased risks of thyroid disease, lowered IQ, and bone fracture. "Safe" levels of fluoride exposure are well below the levels experienced with fluoridation, especially for formula-fed infants and people with high water consumption or kidney disease. Minority and low-income populations may have increased risks of adverse effects.

By fluoridation of drinking water, governments and water suppliers are indiscriminately administering a drug to the population, without individual evaluation of need, correct dose, effectiveness, or side effects.

Fluoride tablets require a prescription. Fluoride in toothpaste is a nonprescription drug. Many people consume more fluoride from drinking water than from nonprescription or prescription sources.

Portland voters can best promote their population's health by voting against water fluoridation.

Kathleen Thiessen, Ph.D.

Coauthor of the National Academy of Science's 2006 report, Fluoride in Drinking Water

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Fluoridation Chemicals Present Health Risks For My Patients and For Portland

Vote No on Water Fluoridation

I have been a practicing medical doctor in Portland for over 14 years and I recommend you **Vote No** on adding fluoridation chemicals to our water.

Risks from fluoridation chemicals:

Fluoridation chemicals are not regulated or approved by the FDA for use in municipal drinking water. These chemicals are not pharmaceutical grade and are documented to contain lead, arsenic and other toxins.

Preserving access to clean water is key to protecting our health. I have many patients whose medical conditions would be negatively affected were they to drink fluoridated water.

Recent scientific studies show there are health risks from swallowing fluoridation chemicals such as fluoro-silicic acid, which Portland would use to fluoridate.

Recent evident of fluoride health risks includes:

- **National Academy of Sciences study.** A 2006 study by the National Academy of Sciences reviewed hundreds of studies linking even very low fluoride levels in drinking water to neurological impacts on children, impaired thyroid function and a range of other impacts on sensitive groups such as diabetics and those with kidney failure;

- **Risks of over-fluoridation.** This study also reported that 41% of 12-15 year olds had visible signs of excessive fluoride intake. This led the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in 2011 to call for lowering maximum fluoridation concentrations by 40%;

- **IQ Impacts.** In 2012, scientists from The Harvard School of Public Health found a direct correlation between concentrations of fluoride in drinking water and decreased IQ in children. One co-author of the study stated that the extent to which the risk applied to fluoridation in Portland was uncertain, but "definitely deserves concern." (Philippe Grandjean, Chemical Brain Drain, 2/11/13)

Like other questionable medical practices started in the 1940s, recent scientific evidence shows fluoridation is not medically justified. It's time to start addressing real solutions for children's dental health.

Dr. Char Glenn, M.D.
Board Certified Internal Medicine

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Tribal Elder From Celilo Falls Opposes Fluoridation

If we do not leave clean water and clean rivers for our children we will have little reason to be proud. Without good water we have nothing.

My grandfather, the great Celilo Falls Chief Tommy Thompson, and my grandmother Flora raised me on the banks of Celilo Falls or "Wyam" as we call it. We never had much money, but were rich because we always had salmon, deer, roots and clean water.

Before Celilo Falls was flooded by The Dalles Dam, the Columbia River ("Nich'i-wana") ran so clean and clear we could drink right from it.

After two rounds of fighting cancer, I now live in Portland to be close my doctors. Although my water doesn't smell or taste like it did when I was young I know it is better than other places I have been.

I am writing to ask that voters do not add fluoridation chemicals to my water or the rivers where salmon live.

I know there is fluoride in my toothpaste when I brush my teeth, but I spit it out like the directions say.

When I turn on my faucet all I want to come out of it is water, clean water.

As an elder, I like my time working with tribal youth, but I do not think that a single one of them would benefit from drinking more chemicals.

Given the amount of soda the young people I know drink, I think it would be better to spend our time and money addressing that problem as opposed to putting something else in the water.

Finally, when do we say enough and stop putting more pollution into our salmon rivers? We know fluoride is bad for salmon and adding it into our sewer waste would only add insult to injury.

Linda Meanus

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Portland's Long-Time Former City Commissioner Opposes Fluoridation

I served on the Portland City Council for 17 years, from 1979 to 1997. One of my proudest accomplishments was helping to oversee and protect Portland's drinking water, one of our City's great assets.

While I supported water fluoridation for many years, I am now encouraging you to vote "No" on the measure to add fluoridation chemicals to Portland's water. Like many, I had always assumed fluoridation was a safe and reasonable way to help children's teeth. But after learning more about the chemicals that would be used to fluoridate our water I had to reverse my position.

It has become clear to me that fluoridation presents a potential threat to the health of our most vulnerable and fragile populations.

I am particularly concerned that the fluorosilicic acid that Portland would use to fluoridate our water is not the pharmaceutical fluoride found in toothpaste, but is a byproduct of fertilizer manufacturing that is well-documented to frequently contain arsenic.

In 2007, I was struck with a debilitating nerve condition that left me unable to walk more than about 50 feet. My doctors diagnosed my ailments as being caused by high arsenic levels. While I have made real improvements since being diagnosed, my doctor has been clear that if Portland's water is fluoridated the increased arsenic levels would require me to drink bottled water. This concerns me greatly.

With the professionals I trust, my primary physician and my dentist, both opposed to fluoridation I can't in good judgment support it being added.

Our existing environment already contains thousands of chemicals that can affect our health. We can't take the risk of adding another.

Please join me in voting "NO" on fluoridation. Our drinking water should be clean enough for every Portlander to safely drink.

Mike Lindberg, Former City Commissioner

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Fluoridation: Bad Process and A Bad Idea

Do you remember how the plan to put fluoridation chemicals into our Bull Run water and pay for it with increased water rates was sealed behind closed doors? Before a single public meeting, Randy Leonard and the City Council majority announced their fluoridation votes.

The Council and fluoridation promoters said Portlanders had no right to vote despite our three past votes against fluoridation.

As a woman of African American and Muskogee Indian descent, I had thought fluoridation would benefit my community, but the process made me look again.

When I did, I saw fluoridation promoters exaggerate a "Portland dental health crisis" by comparing Oregon's statewide cavity decay rates to other states when their own studies showed that Portland's cavity rates were actually the 15th lowest in the country. Details at cleanwaterportland.org.

We can do more to reduce cavities, but adding more chemicals to our kids' water is no way to help them. Increasing water rates to build a potential \$7.6 million fluoridation facility and spending \$575,000 on yearly chemicals and operations won't address the real problem of poor access to dental care.

I was proud to be a Chief Petitioner with Clean Water Portland which gathered the 44,000 signatures that gave us the right to vote. But when the City Council agreed with fluoridation promoters to move the vote up a year, they also rejected our request for an independent scientific panel to review the recent science on fluoridation risks.

Fluoridation promoters now dismiss the study from Harvard researchers linking fluoride to decreased IQ in kids. They claim a National Institute of Health-funded study linking fluoridation to bone cancer in kids is bad science. And, they even say the National Academy of Sciences "Fluoride in Drinking Water" report that pushed the federal government to lower maximum fluoridation concentrations by 40% in 2011 is irrelevant.

Visit cleanwaterportland.org and see why it's not just their process that's bad.

Frances Quaempts-Miller

(This information furnished by Kimberly Kaminski, Clean Water Portland)

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Former EPA Senior Scientist Opposes Fluoridation

In 1997 the EPA HQ scientists' union voted to oppose water fluoridation.

My name is William Hirzy. I have a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Missouri. I've been involved in environmental and human health risk assessment for 35 years, in the chemical industry, then at EPA HQ as senior risk assessment scientist. Since 1986, at EPA as a union officer, I've studied and followed the developing science on fluoride toxicity. I currently teach at American University.

Human breast milk contains 100 to 200 times less fluoride than fluoridated water.

By far, the **best study ever undertaken of the efficacy of fluoridation as a dental cavities preventative** was done by the U.S. National Institute of Dental Research. That study, published in 1990, **failed to show a statistically significant reduction in cavity rates among 39,000 U.S. teenagers between those having fluoridated water and those not having it.** The authors **claimed** an 18% reduction in cavities due to fluoridation, but were unable to show statistical significance – the hallmark of a conclusive epidemiology study. **The CDC now admits that fluoride's effect on dental health is primarily after permanent teeth are in and exposed to fluoride on their surfaces.** There is no need to swallow fluoride to experience this effect.

A recent **peer reviewed study from Harvard shows that the higher exposure to fluoride that children get, the lower are their IQ's.** Even if drinking fluoride were to have a tiny, statistically insignificant effect on cavity formation, **how many of your children's IQ points are you willing to sacrifice for that slight hope?**

Another recent peer reviewed study, using EPA risk and cost data, shows that the fluoridation chemical, hydrofluorosilicic acid, contains enough arsenic to be causing U.S. society to spend at least \$1 billion per year treating lung and bladder cancer caused by the resulting added arsenic in fluoridated drinking water.

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Oregon Acupuncturists Recommend a NO VOTE on Water Fluoridation

Fluoridation chemicals would put Portlanders at risk and would not benefit at risk-children

The Oregon Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine represents over 230 hundred acupuncturists across Oregon. We strongly recommend against adding fluoridation chemicals to Portland's high quality drinking water.

Portlanders do not need another chemical or drug in our water.

People sometimes forget that fluoride is a drug, but a quick glance at the "drug facts" label on a toothpaste tube is a good reminder that it is.

Many people understand there are real problems with a medical system focused on dispensing drugs instead of treating the actual cause of a given problem. Fluoridation is no different. It does not address the actual causes of cavities such as high sugar diets and poor access to dental care.

For decades, medical wisdom has supported fluoridation in much the same way as it has promoted the over-use of antibiotics and other drugs.

But in 2013, Portland can do better than adding a product that meets every medical and legal definition of a drug to our water.

This is especially true since adding fluoridation chemicals to our water means there is no way to control the total dose of fluoride any particular person gets. Athletes, diabetics, infants and many others who consume a lot of water will be at the greatest risks of excessive fluoride exposure.

Fluoridation is well-intentioned, but throwing fluoridation chemicals at childhood tooth decay would increase everyone's exposure to fluoride which scientific studies clearly show:

- * Impairs the immune system;
- * Adversely affects brain function and IQ; and
- * Decreases thyroid function.

While still subject to scientific dispute, recent research finding fluoride's unique ability to concentrate in bone may also increase osteosarcoma (bone cancer) rates in young boys only adds to our concerns.

-- Please VOTE NO on fluoridation --

(This information furnished by Alfred Thieme, Oregon Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

March 15, 2013

Scott Fernandez M.Sc. biology/ microbiology

Children Need Safe Drinking Water

Vote NO on measure 26-151

The Bull Run drinking water system has provided safe and healthy drinking water for over 100 years. Because the Bull Run produces pristine drinking water it has provided a freedom of choice from the unwanted industrial byproducts found in fluoridation chemical summaries. Unlike pharmaceutical grade toothpaste, drinking water fluoridation chemicals are industrial grade toxic and carcinogenic chemicals originating from the aluminum, fertilizer, and nuclear uranium enrichment industries. The private/publically funded National Sanitation Foundation that oversees the drinking water fluoride chemical mixtures lists toxic and carcinogenic heavy metals such as; Arsenic, Lead, Mercury, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, etc. as contaminants. These are metalloestrogens, also known as endocrine disruptors that can have negative public health effects. There is no safe level for children. Do we want to take that risk? The Precautionary Principle adopted by Portland City Council in 2006 says we should not, because bio accumulative and toxic pollutants such as these have been linked to serious health impacts including; cancer, asthma, birth defects, autism, developmental disabilities, endometriosis and infertilities.

The safest and most productive approach to enduring dental health is not a universal contamination of our drinking water and environment with toxic and carcinogenic chemicals. It is ongoing dental health and nutrition education, a lifelong gift for a healthier outcome. Teaching a child these skills early in life with routine dental screening is the healthy and cost effective solution. As a community we owe it to our children to provide safe and healthy drinking water.

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Sierra Club: NO on Fluoridation Measure 26-151

Support Clean Water for Our Kids, Our Health, and Our Rivers

Sierra Club urges a No vote on City Council's wrong-headed plan to add fluoridation chemicals to our great water. We need to improve children's dental health, but this is not the right way.

Sierra Club opposes fluoridation because:

• Portland can do better for our children.

They would be better served with comprehensive dental care. Human health cannot be separated from environmental health. Our kids are exposed to toxic pollutants daily; increasing risk by adding fluoridation chemicals is dangerous.

• Clean water is vital.

We need to reduce toxins in water. Adding fluorosilicic acid, a by-product of the phosphate fertilizer industry, to our drinking water is wrong. This is NOT the pharmaceutical-grade fluoride used in toothpaste, and it is not a "natural mineral." 1

• We need healthy rivers and smart budgeting.

Adding a million pounds of fluoridation chemicals per year to our water creates another toxicity threat to salmon. Charging water ratepayers for a fluoridation facility estimated to cost between \$3.5 million and \$7.6 million, along with \$575,000 per year indefinitely for fluoridation chemicals, is misguided.

• Claims that fluoridation is safe beyond all doubt are false.

Fluoridation supporters mean well, but science on fluoride is evolving. Research suggests that even low fluoride concentrations can pose health risks, such as excessive fluoride exposure in infants and risk of increased bone cancer, thyroid dysfunction, or neurological damage. In 2011, changing science led the federal government to call for reducing maximum fluoridation concentrations by over 40%.

Please Vote NO on Fluoridation

1 "The most commonly used additives are silicofluorides, not the fluoride salts used in dental products (such as sodium fluoride and stannous fluoride). Silicofluorides are one of the by-products from the manufacture of phosphate fertilizers." National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences: "Fluoride in Drinking Water, A Scientific Review of EPA's Standards" (2006.) www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=11571

(This information furnished by Jeff Fryer, Oregon Columbia Group, Sierra Club)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Organic Consumers Association Recommends Voting NO on Water Fluoridation

Water fluoridation will put Portland's children at risk and will not address the actual problems that cause cavities.

Organic Consumers Association is a grassroots and online non-profit organization representing a network of more than one million organic consumers, farmers and retailers. Our mission is to promote health, justice and sustainability. We place a special importance on protecting children's health.

Fluoridation would add hydrofluorosilicic acid (HFSA), a toxic chemical byproduct of phosphate fertilizer manufacturing to Portland's water

The claim that fluoridation would add a "natural mineral" to the drinking water is grossly misleading. The Portland Water Bureau has admitted that fluoridation would mean adding 1.1 million pounds a year of the chemical HFSA to Portland's water.

Before voting to add this chemical to your water, through fluoridation, you should know that HSFA:

- **Is a toxic industrial byproduct from phosphate fertilizer manufacturing;**
- **Contains lead, arsenic, copper and other toxic byproducts of fertilizer production that would be added along with fluoride compounds**

Before believing that fluoride chemicals are safe to swallow read the back of your toothpaste tube. For years, scientists have warned about the risks of consuming fluoride. **Their studies are why your toothpaste tube says "do not swallow."**

We now know, however, that fluoride works topically, not by being swallowed, so there is not even a meaningful benefit from drinking fluoridated water.

Recent scientific evidence points to even greater harm from consuming fluoride than previously thought. In fact, in 2011 the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services called for a 40% reduction in maximum fluoridation concentrations based on the recent evidence of fluoridation risks.

Instead of increasing water rates to pay for fluoridation chemicals and a costly new fluoridation plant, OCA supports solutions that address the root causes of dental health problems, such as poor diets and poor access to preventative dental care.

Vote No to adding risky chemicals to our water.

(This information furnished by Ronnie Cummins, Organic Consumers Association)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

The Oregon Chiropractic Association represents a healthcare system whose purpose is to restore and optimize the innate recuperative powers of the human body. Accordingly, we share the value of clean, pure drinking water with Portlanders who have voted, repeatedly, to keep their water supply clear of fluorosilicates or other fluoride products.

We consider it inappropriate to deliver a pharmacologic treatment through drinking water. There is no dosage control, and no allowance made for a person's size, water intake, health issues, or additional fluoride intake from dental products, other pharmaceuticals, and pesticide residues in foods and beverages. Fluoridation ignores the 2006 ADA recommendation that infants not be fed with fluoridated water. Fluoridation violates the principles of informed consent and patient centered care.

Municipalities purchase the hazardous waste by-products of the aluminum and phosphate fertilizer industries to fluoridate their water. No government agency, nor the companies that sell these fluorosilicates with their co-contaminants, are responsible for their purity, efficacy, or safety.

Fluoride's biological toxicity is well established; there is a narrow margin of safety between the amount of fluoride that is added to drinking water and the level of fluoride the EPA allows as a toxic contaminant in drinking water. There is a growing body of evidence of the adverse health effects of chronic, very low level exposure to fluoride on musculoskeletal tissues, thyroid and pineal glands, the nervous system, and other tissues, organs, and systems.

The Oregon Chiropractic Association joins the thousands of doctors and scientists who oppose water fluoridation. These include 14 Nobel Prize winners, and the EPA employee's union chapter 280 which is comprised of the toxicologists, biologists, chemists, engineers, and lawyers of the EPA. It makes no sense for Portland to adopt this procedure now, given the ongoing dental crises in communities who have fluoridated for decades, and the new understanding of its risks.

Vote NO on Fluoridation.

(This information furnished by Janis Ferrante, Oregon Chiropractic Assoc.)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

ANIMALS DESERVE CLEAN WATER

We take an oath before we are admitted to the profession of veterinary medicine: not only to protect animal health but also welfare, to not only relieve animal suffering but to PREVENT it.

The cumulative effect of fluoridated water can be devastating to animals.

It is impossible for anyone to, with any accuracy, determine the amount of fluoride an animal might consume because none of the food, bottled water, or medicine labels list whether fluoride was used in the growing, preparation or manufacturing of the product.

Elephants at the Oregon Zoo drink 30 gallons a day. This could dramatically impact the health of their bones and joints, as it would impact EVERY animal.

ANIMALS DESERVE CLEAN WATER TOO

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

THIS WARNING MEANT TO BE READ

- Fluoride toothpaste warning: Do not swallow. If accidentally swallowed, get medical help or CONTACT A POISON CONTROL CENTER RIGHT AWAY.
- International law forbids dumping fluoride waste into the sea.
- The Food & Drug Administration classifies fluoride as a POISON.

If one cannot swallow this miniscule amount of fluoride without calling poison control centers, why would anyone put it in drinking water?

- Putting fluorosilicic acid in our water will cost \$5,000,000.00 for construction; \$600,000.00 annual operating costs.
- Fluoridating the water further compromises the health of people with thyroid, kidney, liver, bone density, cancer, arthritis and mental problems.
- Children with poor nutrition are even more susceptible to fluorosis.
- Bottled water and all other products are not labeled as to fluoride content. Prozac is 94% fluoride.

QUESTION: Why did Mark Wiener lobby the city council to pass the fluoridation plan? The SAME Mark Wiener whose consulting firm is "Winning Mark the political consulting firm run by Mark Weiner that helped lobby the City Council to pass the fluoridation plan." Portland Tribune 3-21-13

"The conscious and intelligent manipulation of the organized habits and opinions of the masses is an important element in democratic society." Edward L. Bernays, *Propaganda*, 1928. Edward Bernays, the father of PUBLIC RELATIONS, was contacted in the 1940s by those who wanted to sell the fluoridation of our water to the American public. The fluoride campaign was considered at the time to be the most successful PR campaign to sell an idea.

Before you vote, **PLEASE** check out the following sources:

The American Fluoridation Experiment, Reviewed by W.D. Armstrong, 1957 (available through inter-library loan)

by Paul Connett, James Beck,
Spedding Micklem, 2010

The Fluoride Deception by Christopher Bryson, 2006

Our Daily Poison by Leonard Wickenden, 1956

NO ONE – NOT ANYONE, HAS THE RIGHT TO PUT ANYTHING IN OUR WATER UNLESS IT ENSURES THE WATER'S SAFETY AND PURITY.

(This information furnished by Kathryn "Cherie" Lambert Holenstein)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Vote NO on Water Fluoridation

Politicians Should not be Manipulating the Water Supply

Municipal water supply operators have a duty to provide drinking water that is safe for everyday use. Beyond that, there is no justification for adding chemicals to appease certain interest groups.

Dental health is one of many competing social concerns. If we accept the premise that fluoridation is appropriate, there will be no logical stopping point regarding other public health concerns. Perhaps next year we will be asked to accept more additives in our water to address some other alleged health concerns. In each case, we will be told that the end justifies the means.

However, we do not exist simply to serve the state. We are all capable of managing our own dental health and that of our children, without being coerced into accepting fluoridated water.

The decision by the Portland City Council to fluoridate the water system was rushed through in the waning days of the last mayoral administration. It was adopted with little public involvement. Mandatory fluoridation should be reversed, and the new Council should have a thoughtful discussion about the proper role of government in managing municipal drinking water.

Vote NO on Measure 26-151

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

CHECK THE FACTS ON WATER FLUORIDATION
THEN VOTE NO

CLAIM: Fluoridation promoters say the 2006 National Academy of Sciences report titled "Fluoride in Drinking Water" does not show any reason to be concerned about fluoridation.

FACT: The National Academy of Sciences report states:

- "[F]luorides have the ability to interfere with the functions of the brain..." p. 222 (www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=11571 3/25/13)
- "The possible association of cytogenetic effects with fluoride exposure suggests that Down's syndrome is a biologically plausible outcome of exposure." p. 197 (www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=11571 3/25/13)
- "Fluoride appears to have the potential to initiate or promote cancers, particularly of the bone, but the evidence to date is tentative and mixed." p. 336 (www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=11571 3/25/13)
- "Fluoride can increase the uptake of aluminum into bone and brain (Varner et al. 1998)." p. 91 (www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=11571 3/25/13)

CLAIM: Fluoride is a dietary mineral.

FACT: The Portland Water Bureau has stated it would use the chemical fluorosilicic acid, an unpurified industrial byproduct of fertilizer production, to fluoridate Portland's water and "require additional caustic or other corrosion control chemical to bring the pH back up to an appropriate level to control corrosion..." (*The Oregonian*, 8/16/2012) because fluorosilicic acid is so corrosive.

CLAIM: Fluoridation would only cause a small increase in water rates.

FACT: This is Portland's only chance to vote on a water rate increase and nothing in the measure limits how substantial the fluoridation rate increase could be. The Bureau's website claims a new fluoridation plant would cost \$5 million, but the Bureau has already admitted building costs could go to \$7.6 million, and that estimates don't include other "capital improvements" related to fluoridation. Yearly fluoridation chemicals and operations cost estimate: \$575,000. (*The Oregonian*, 8/16/2012)

Additionally, the Bureau's estimates disregard the fact that Portlanders will likely have to pay all costs for fluoridating the surrounding communities who buy their water from Portland since their long-term contracts don't require them to pay for fluoridation. (*The Oregonian*, 9/16/12)

(This information furnished by Matthew D. Folger)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Physicians Opposed to Fluoridation
Please vote NO on Measure 26-151

First do no harm.

Many people have heard the statement that water fluoridation is completely safe for everyone.

This is simply not true.

The National Academy of Science's (NAS) 2006 report *Fluoride in Drinking Water* is considered the most comprehensive, authoritative study ever written on fluoride's toxicity. Compiled by a blue-ribbon committee of 12 leading scientists, it thoroughly documents risks from fluoride exposure.

The report cites that fluoride either is a definite or potential risk for bone cancer, bone fractures, brain damage and lowered IQ in children, dental fluorosis, diabetes, endocrine system disruption, kidney disease, skeletal fluorosis and thyroid disease.

John Doull, MD, PhD, Chairman of the NAS Committee, specifically cited that fluoride's effects on the thyroid worried him, stating "**We've gone with the status quo regarding fluoride for many years – for too long, really – and now we need to take a fresh look.**" (*Scientific American*, January 2008)

Fluoridation is an unsafe, unwise practice, as recognized in other parts of the world. In Europe, 43 out of 48 nations, including France, Germany and the Netherlands, don't fluoridate their water, citing both medical and ethical concerns.

Please don't risk the health of Portland's citizens.

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

DENTISTS OPPOSED TO FLUORIDATION

Many have the belief that fluoridation effectively prevents cavities. People have heard this story so many times that they take it for granted.

Unfortunately, this belief in fluoridation's effectiveness is misplaced.

As dentists, some of us once believed it too. But after studying the scientific literature, and based upon our own experiences, we now realize that fluoridation is simply not effective.

Please note:

- The largest study of fluoridation ever conducted in the U.S. (National Institute of Dental Research – 1990) found that children drinking fluoridated water averaged only about **half a cavity less** than those drinking unfluoridated water.
- The Oral Health Division of the CDC, the main government promoter of fluoridation, acknowledged in 1999 that any beneficial effect of fluoridation is primarily topical, NOT through swallowing.

The most extensive research ever done on total fluoride intake, the "Iowa Study," also concluded any benefits of fluoride are mostly topical and that ". . . **recommending an 'optimal' fluoride intake is problematic.**" (*Considerations on Optimal Fluoride Intake Using Dental Fluorosis and Dental Caries Outcomes – A Longitudinal Study -2008*) "

Scientific data showing fluoridation's ineffectiveness are reinforced by actual experiences in cities throughout the U.S., including Pittsburgh, Boston, Detroit, New York, Washington, Lexington, New Haven and others.

San Antonio, fluoridated since 2002, is a good example:

"After 9 years and \$3 million of adding fluoride, research shows tooth decay hasn't dropped among the poorest of Bexar County's children. It has only increased – up 13% this year." (KENS TV 5, Nov. 22, 2011)

Instead of promoting an ineffective practice wasting millions of dollars, we should promote alternatives that actually work – proper nutrition, healthy home dental habits and providing access to professional dental care.

Please vote NO on Measure 26-151.

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Fluoridation Threatens Our Rivers and Salmon

Columbia Riverkeeper Recommends a No Vote on Fluoridation

What we add to our drinking water, we add to our rivers and our salmon. Fluoride is a toxic pollutant that harms salmon and other aquatic life.

The Columbia River and many of its tributaries already suffer from an overload of toxic chemicals that damage the same salmon runs that we all work so hard to restore.

At a time when many families continue to rely on the Columbia's fisheries as an important source of nutrition and employment, we are concerned about a new source of toxic pollution into the Columbia River.

This is what we know:

- Fluoride is harmful to salmon. Scientific studies concluded salmon and rainbow trout are harmed by fluoride concentrations below the concentration that Portland would add to drinking water.
- Fluoridation would put more than 215,000 pounds a year of fluoride into Portland's drinking water, which would create a large fluoride discharge into the Columbia and Willamette Rivers;
- Fluoride bioaccumulates in fish;
- Historically, fluoride chemicals discharged into the Columbia River from aluminum mills seriously impacted salmon migration;

We are concerned that the City of Portland has not evaluated the impact of fluoridation on salmon and the people that depend on them.

Columbia Riverkeeper encourages a "NO" vote on fluoridation

(This information furnished by Brett Vanden Heuvel, Columbia Riverkeeper)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Food & Water Watch Warns Against Water Fluoridation: Recommends a **NO Vote** on 26-151

Food & Water Watch is a non-profit organization that advocates for common sense policies that protect access to safe, clean and affordable drinking water and food. We believe everyone has the right to clean and safe water.

We oppose adding fluoridation chemicals to Portland's drinking water and recommend a "No Vote" on fluoridation to protect the incredible Bull Run, which plays an important role in protecting Portlanders' health.

Our "Take Back the Tap" campaign has helped educate consumers in Oregon and throughout the country about the benefits of drinking local tap water instead of expensive and resource intensive bottled water. One of the reasons a growing numbers of Portlanders are saying no to bottled water is because Portlanders are proud of our water that citizens have fought for decades to protect.

Food & Water Watch is speaking out against the fluoridation of Portland's drinking water because:

- **Fluoridation ignores consent.** We respect every person's right to decide whether or not they consume fluoride. Since fluoridation chemicals cannot be affordably filtered from drinking water, fluoridation would take away the ability of a large number of Portlanders to drink fluoride-free water and could increase local consumption of bottled water.
- **Fluoridation works topically not from being swallowed.** Fluoridation was started in the 1940s around the idea that people had to swallow fluoride for it to work, but we now know that fluoride works topically. It's time to focus on strategies that more effectively help children and others at risk of cavities.
- **There are risks from fluoridation chemicals.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control recommendation that families consider using bottled water to mix infant formula highlights that fluoridation would add risk and uncertainty to our water.

Join Food & Water Watch in voting "No" on fluoridation.

(This information furnished by Julia DeGraw, Food & Water Watch)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Ralph Nader: Vote "No" on Measure 26-151

As a consumer advocate I am opposed to mandatory fluoridation of public water supplies. Its ostensible purpose is to reduce dental cavities, which can be accomplished in other preventive manners without exposing whole populations to risks, costs, unknown consequences and precedents. Decades ago, it became clear that the U.S. Public Health Service did not scientifically "keep its options open for revision," to use the words of Alfred North Whitehead's definition of the scientific process. (*The Case Against Fluoride* 2010)

Mandatory fluoridation became a hardened dogma, enforced against any questioners by slander, retaliation and ostracism. The Public Health Service's closed mind became a door closer to sponsoring or encouraging any continuing research into mandatory fluoridation's effects, especially regarding total fluoride intakes in a community, dose control, dental fluorosis, effect on infants, people on kidney dialysis and combinational effects with other organisms in water supplies.

It took decisive findings by the National Research Council to recommend that infants not ingest fluoridated water, including use in baby formula, and its Canadian counterpart to recommend years earlier prohibition of such water for dialysis patients. This further reveals just how rigidly autocratic were the promoters of mandatory fluoridation.

More questions are being sensibly raised in recent years. Yet the U.S. Public Health Service, ignoring other Western nations that have banned mandatory fluoridation, continues to use taxpayer dollars to bring communities to their knees on this issue, often without allowing them even to vote. I urge Portland voters to vote **NO** on Measure 26-151.

Ralph Nader
Consumer Advocate

(This information furnished by Ralph Nader)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE DENTIST OPPOSES FLUORIDATION

I'm the former head of preventative dentistry at the University of Toronto. In addition to being a dentist, I'm a scientist who has spent decades studying the effects of fluoride on teeth and bones.

Based on my work, I was one of 12 scientists in North America chosen to serve on the National Academy of Science's committee that produced the 2006 report Fluoride in Drinking Water. Taking three years to complete, it's considered the most comprehensive work ever done on the toxicity of fluoride.

I was trained in traditional dentistry, and for many years accepted the prevailing opinion of the establishment in Canada and the U.S. that water fluoridation is effective and safe.

I was mistaken.

As I intensively studied the literature and performed my own research, the evidence clearly demonstrated that fluoridation is more harmful than beneficial. In 1999, I publicly changed my position.

In doing so, I joined the governments and experts throughout the world that DO NOT support fluoridation.

Why do so many dentists and others in the U.S. and Canada support it? I can't speak for any individual, but I believe most haven't reviewed the literature, especially on health risks. And if you speak out against fluoridation, you risk being criticized and shunned by your peers. I know many dentists and physicians who oppose it but won't take a public stance.

In Canada, citizens all over the country, reviewing much of the same science I did, are opposing it. In just the last five years, the percent of Canadians drinking fluoridated water has dropped from 45% to 32%. Small towns and large cities, including Quebec City, QE, Windsor, ON and Calgary, AL, have voted to ban fluoridation.

For the sake of your health and your children's health, I urge all citizens of Portland to vote no on Measure 26-151.

Hardy Limeback, DDS, PhD

(This information furnished by Dr. Hardy Limeback PhD, DDS, Professor Emeritus, University of Toronto, Toronto Canada)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology Opposes Fluoridation

Founded in 1984 by thirteen dentists, the International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology has grown to over 700 members in North America with affiliated chapters in fourteen other countries.

Our fundamental mission is to promote the health of the public at large. We continually examine and compile scientific research relating to the biocompatibility of oral and dental materials.

In IAOMT's ongoing examination of the toxicological data on fluoride, the Academy has made several preliminary determinations over the last 18 years, each concluding that fluoride added to the public water supply, or prescribed as controlled-dose supplements, delivers no discernible health benefit, and causes a higher incidence of adverse health effects.

This current policy position by IAOMT confirms those earlier assessments and asserts that there is no discernible health benefit derived from ingested fluoride and that the preponderance of evidence shows that ingested fluoride in dosages now prevalent in public exposures aggravates existing illnesses, and causes a greater incidence of adverse health effects.

Ingested fluoride is recognized as unsafe and ineffective for the purposes of reducing tooth decay.

Executive Director

Kym Smith

(This information furnished by Kym Smith, IAOMT)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Former Republican State Senator and
Democratic Party Leader Agree:

Portlanders Should Vote NO on Water Fluoridation

As a conservative former GOP legislator and a liberal former Multnomah County Democratic Party Chair we rarely agree on much. But on the question of fluoridating Portland's drinking water we are of like mind.

It's about risk and personal choice.

Fluoride proponents are loathe to address the impact that fluoridation chemicals have on the **entire** body. If Portland fluoridates, Portlanders, regardless of their diverse healthcare needs, will be unable to say no to the additive even if they've been warned to avoid fluoride by their doctors.

Portlanders will have no choice.

There is significant emerging science that indicates fluoridation exacerbates problems for individuals who suffer from various medical conditions. For these people, constant exposure to fluoridation chemicals via absorption and ingestion can compromise their bodies' systemic functions.

This scientific evidence must be considered by Portland voters. **We are being asked to make a health care decision for our neighbors.** We are being asked to put some of our neighbors and friends at risk when there are viable remedies and alternatives in addressing community dental health issues.

It's not right to strip away the personal choice of Portlanders as they assess whether or not they wish to be treated with fluoride.

Further, Portland voters will be deciding for surrounding communities which use Portland water. Those citizens have no vote and no say, yet will have to live with the decision made this May.

Are YOU, as a Portland voter, willing to subvert the decision your neighbor wishes to make?

We may have sharp disagreements on most other issues, we do agree on this: area citizens have an inherent right to individually decide what substances they use in their own health care program. They have a right to avoid the risk... please vote NO by May 21.

Gary George, former State Senator (R)

Carla "KC" Hanson, former Multnomah Democratic Party Chair

(This information furnished by Carla "KC" Hanson)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

American Academy of Environmental Medicine Opposes Fluoridation

The American Academy of Environmental Medicine supports banning the addition of fluoride or products containing fluoride to public water supplies and to any substances intended for human consumption.

Research has clearly identified that fluoride is a known toxic substance that adversely affects human health and is a known neurotoxin and carcinogen even at the levels added to the public water supplies as promoted by the American Dental Association and the United States Public Health Services.

Existing data indicate that subsets of the population, especially children, may be unusually susceptible to the toxic effects of fluoride and its compounds. These subsets should not be forcibly medicated through fluoridation of the water they must drink.

The AAEM advocates any legislative effort that effectively reduces the environmental and human exposure to fluoride.

Founded in 1965, the American Academy of Environmental Medicine educates physicians and the public about the dangers and subsequent prevention and treatment of environmental toxicity.

Amy L. Dean, D.O.

President – American Academy of Environmental Medicine

*(This information furnished by Amy L. Dean, D.O., American Academy of
Environmental Medicine)*

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

**Portland veterinarian urges pet owners
VOTE NO on Fluoride**

"As a doctor of veterinary medicine, my main concern with fluoridating the water supply is the lack of control regarding the amount of fluoride that each person or pet could ingest. I calculate drug dosages on a daily basis and am keenly aware of how small amounts of certain compounds can affect each individual differently. What may be safe fluoride intake for a 130 pound person may not be safe for a six pound Chihuahua."

Dr. Nell Ostermeier, DVM, Lombard Animal Hospital

Per pound of body weight, dogs consume twice the amount of water as humans. More water means greater fluoride exposure for our furry companions.

Our pets are already at risk from high fluoride exposure in their food. Fluoridating our water could force our pets to consume 300% more fluoride than the safe limit for humans. (<http://bit.ly/ZR3hB6> 3/25/13)

Independent laboratory testing by the Environmental Working Group (EWG) found eight national dog food brands contaminated with high levels of fluoride. **When exposure from food and fluoridated water are combined,**

"a 10-pound puppy would be exposed to 3.5 times more fluoride than EPA allows in drinking water....combined fluoride exposure from food and water can easily range into unsafe territory.

"And, unlike children, who enjoy a variety of foods as they grow up, puppies and adult dogs eat the same food from the same bag every day, constantly consuming more fluoride than is healthy for normal growth. Routine exposure to excessive fluoride can predispose dogs to health problems, along with high veterinary bills, later in life." ("Dog Food Comparison Shows High Fluoride Levels" EWG 6/26/2009 <http://bit.ly/ZR3hB6>)

Adding fluoride to drinking water would further expose our pets to the harmful effects of high doses of fluoride.

Please join us in voting NO.

The risk is not worth taking for us, or our pets!

Dr. Nell Ostermeier, DVM

Laura Amiton, Owner, Healthy Pets Northwest

(This information furnished by Laura Amiton, Healthy Pets Northwest)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

**John Stauber, Co-Author of Trust Us, We're Experts,
Opposes Fluoridation**

I've read much of the science behind water fluoridation. I oppose it because I believe it's unnecessary and not proven safe or effective.

Fluoridation promoters use endorsements from the federal government and numerous health organizations as a marketing tool. They understand that most people don't have time to examine fluoridation in depth and so will trust the experts they promote.

Unfortunately, the federal government approved fluoridation of public drinking water way back in 1950. It was a dubious decision and it allowed the fluoridation industry to garner endorsements from many other agencies and organizations to promote dumping fluoride into drinking water.

The vast majority of governments and health organizations in other countries do NOT support fluoridation – over 94% of the world's population drinks unfluoridated water. In Europe, 43 out of 48 nations don't fluoridate, covering 97% of the population. Most never started and six that did, including Germany, Switzerland, Netherlands and Finland, have stopped.

Unfortunately, it's difficult for government officials, agencies and professional associations that have publicly supported fluoridation to admit that the most current science contradicts their positions.

I serve on the advisory board of the Fluoride Action Network (www.fluoridealert.org), the major science-based organization opposing fluoridation. FAN is challenging the obsolete ideas used to promote this practice.

I hope you will study the facts, not myths, and vote NO on Measure 26-151.

John Stauber, Co-Author, Trust Us, We're Experts

(This information furnished by John Stauber)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Dr. Theo Colborn, co-author of Our Stolen Future, Opposes Fluoridation

During my freshman year (1944) attending pharmacy school I was taught that fluorine was the most reactive of all the elements and it would dissolve anything. By 1950 as a pharmacist I was dispensing infant and children's vitamins containing fluoride (a fluorine salt) and dosing my first born with it. I had been taken-in completely by the propaganda about this "wonder drug" and its ability to prevent cavities. It never occurred to me to ask for copies of the studies that proved fluoride was safe.

By 1978 I began to realize that there was a lot the public does not know about its exposure to low levels of toxic chemicals in the environment, and I decided to go back to college. This eventually led to my ending up in Washington, DC where I spent 17 years focusing on the insidious health impairment in wildlife and humans caused by chemicals at what the government considers safe.

It was not until I was given the privilege in 2004 to write the Foreward for The Fluoride Deception by Christopher Bryson that I discovered no adequate studies were done to test the efficacy of ingesting fluoride in humans. In his book Bryson provided scientific evidence that coating teeth with a fluoride can reduce cavities but that swallowing it does not.

Over the past two decades, going well beyond traditional toxicological testing, new testing protocols for detecting adverse health effects at parts per trillion or less have been developed. Government decision-makers must now demand research on how ambient concentrations of ingested fluoride can affect the most sensitive system in our bodies: the endocrine system, which is the body's signaling system that governs long-term health and chronic disease and how we develop, reproduce, function.

Clear evidence must be made public that fluorides used to treat municipal water supplies are not endocrine disruptors.

Please vote NO on Measure 26-151.

Theo Colborn, PhD

(This information furnished by Theo Colborn, PhD)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Professor Paul Connett: Fluoridation is unethical, ineffective and poses unnecessary risks. There are safer alternatives.

I have researched the fluoridation issue for 17 years, as a chemistry professor and as director of the Fluoride Action Network (www.FluorideALERT.org). I also co-authored *The Case Against Fluoride*, with Dr. James Beck and Dr. Spedding Micklem (Chelsea Green, 2010). After two years, proponents have not been able to refute our scientific arguments.

Several key premises upon which fluoridation was based are false. Fluoride is not a nutrient. Its primary benefit comes from topical application, not ingestion. Babies receive no benefits, only risks, from fluoridated water. Most countries don't fluoridate –including 97% of Europe –yet according to WHO figures, there is no difference in tooth decay in 12-year-olds. These countries have shown there are safer alternatives.

I've spoken many times in fluoridated countries, including Australia, Canada, Ireland, Israel, New Zealand, the UK and US. Almost invariably, fluoridation promoters don't have the confidence to debate me in public. Meanwhile, in recent years over 100 communities worldwide with a combined population exceeding 3 million have stopped fluoridation.

In 2003, I was invited to give a presentation before the National Academy of Science's (NAS) panel reviewing the toxicology of fluoride in water. I spoke immediately after Dr. William Maas, former director of the CDC's Oral Health Division. Maas maintained that the only harm caused by fluoridated water was dental fluorosis. The NAS's panel wasn't convinced. Its exhaustive 500-page review concluded that fluoride can affect many parts of the body, including the bones, brain, thyroid and pineal glands, and even blood sugar levels. The NAS panel showed that bottle-fed infants are exceeding the EPA's safe reference dose and recommended that the EPA conduct a new risk assessment. **To this date, they haven't done that.**

Until this assessment is completed, it's exceedingly unwise to start or continue fluoridation programs.

Based on compelling scientific data, I urge everyone to vote against fluoridation.

Paul Connett, PhD

(This information furnished by Professor Paul Connett, Fluoride Action Network)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

A Mom Against Fluoridation

I learned about fluoridation in 2005 when a bill in Salem would have mandated it statewide.

When I began my research, I knew nothing about fluoridation. I grew up with it assuming it was good, but I still had 12 cavities.

Health Effects

Several studies concerned me, but one that stood out was a Harvard study finding boys between six and eight years old who drink fluoridated water have a **500% increased** chance of developing osteosarcoma, an often fatal bone cancer. At the time, my son was six.

Fluoridation promoters try to discredit this and every other study demonstrating adverse effects from fluoridation. But they are attacking the top scientific institutions such as the National Academy of Sciences and Harvard. They have even criticized the FDA for its "do not swallow" fluoride warnings on toothpaste.

We were once told lead, DDT, Vioxx, Thalidomide, and many other chemicals were safe. We now know this is not true.

Recent science shows that fluoride has negative affects on the brain, liver and kidneys, as well as the immune, reproductive, and endocrine systems, especially the thyroid and pineal gland.

We Are Already Getting Too Much

A 12 oz. glass of fluoridated water (0.7mg/l) has the same amount of fluoride as a child's pea-sized amount of toothpaste: 0.25 mg. **One day's worth of water has about the same amount of fluoride as a full strip of toothpaste.** Details at cleanwaterportland.org.

The ADA has warned against using fluoridated water to mix baby formula. Formula mixed with fluoridated water has 250 times the level of fluoride in mothers' milk.

For decades, we were told fluoridation was "safe" at recommended levels, but recently even the federal government recommended a 40% decrease in maximum fluoridation levels based on excessive fluoride in kids.

Our children are already over-exposed to toxins. Let's not expose them to more.

Vote **NO** on Fluoridation.

Kimberly Kaminski, Chair, Clean Water Portland

(This information furnished by Kimberly Kaminski, Clean Water Portland)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Thyroid Patient Will be Hurt by Fluoridation

About ten years ago, I was diagnosed with Hashimoto's thyroiditis, an autoimmune disorder that involves a slow, steady destruction of the thyroid gland. This followed a surgery that removed most of my thyroid including a tumor that had been growing for several years.

For a number of years I was often too tired to get out of bed. Sometimes I would sleep 16-18 hours a day. I gained 60 pounds, I was always cold, my hair fell out and I felt like my brain was in a fog.

Hashimoto's causes the immune system and interferes with making thyroid hormones. That fluoride lowers thyroid function is a fact confirmed in the National Academy of Sciences' 2006 report *Fluoride in Drinking Water*.

Without enough of the hormones produced by the thyroid, every function in the body slows down - heart rate, brain function, metabolism, etc. This is why I've been warned by both my primary care physician (a thyroid specialist) and my dentist to avoid all forms of fluoride. My thyroid simply cannot handle it.

Thyroid problems are among the most common endocrine diseases in the US. Approximately 41,000 hypothyroid afflicted people live in the Portland area. It's not right to put so many people with impaired thyroid function at risk.

Through taking good care of myself and working with my doctor, I am in a much better place medically than I was ten years ago. My daughter Gwendolyn is two, which definitely keeps me on my toes because I still don't have as much energy as normal people. I don't want to go back to the way things were before. I don't want to tell my daughter that I'm too tired to get out of bed to make her breakfast or play with her.

Please vote NO on Measure 26-151 and keep fluoridation chemicals out of our water.

Angel O'Brien-Lambart

(This information furnished by Angel O'Brien-Lambart)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Vote No on 26-151

All Portland water users should have the right to vote on fluoridation

A vote for water fluoridation is a vote to deprive 40% of people who depend on Portland's drinking water of a chance to vote on fluoridation.

Randy Leonard and the Portland City Council tried to keep everyone who depends on the Portland water system from voting on water fluoridation and we all know that was wrong.

It was great to see Portland city voters fight back, gathering over 33,000 signatures in a month and winning the right to vote on fluoridation.

But if fluoridation is approved, 40% of the water Portland would fluoridate would go into the homes of families like mine who are outside the Portland city limits and have no chance to vote on the issue.

For decades we have helped pay for the infrastructure and maintenance that brings Bull Run water into Portland and the surrounding communities alike.

Measure 26-151 would force fluoridation into our homes and communities without giving us any chance to vote on the matter.

The City Council could have proposed a fluoridation plan that gave the more than 360,000 people in communities around Portland input into the fluoridation decision. Instead, the City Council did not even inform our elected leaders about the decision before fluoridation promoters' "stealth lobbying" campaign was uncovered by *The Oregonian*. (*The Oregonian*, 10/19/2012 <http://bit.ly/R9cOys>)

Randy Leonard and the Portland City Council were wrong to rush through water fluoridation without giving Portlanders the right to vote on the issue. But it's also wrong to force fluoridation onto communities that have been a part of the Portland water system for decades without giving us a chance to vote on fluoridation as well.

Please Vote NO on 26-151 and support the right of all Portland water system users to vote on fluoridation.

Dan Moore, Gresham resident

(This information furnished by Daniel R. Moore)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

We see from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control):

"Most fluoride additives used in the United States are produced from phosphorite rock. Phosphorite is used **primarily in the manufacture of phosphate fertilizer**. Phosphorite contains calcium phosphate mixed with limestone (calcium carbonates) minerals and apatite—a mineral with high phosphate and fluoride content. It is refluxed (heated) with **sulfuric acid** to produce a phosphoric acid-gypsum (calcium sulfate-CaSO₄) slurry.

The heating process releases **hydrogen fluoride** (HF) and **silicon tetrafluoride** (SiF₄) gases which are captured by vacuum evaporators. These gases are then condensed to a water-based solution of 23% FSA {fluoridation chemicals} with the remainder as water.

Approximately 95% of FSA used for water fluoridation comes from this process. The remaining 5% of FSA is generated during the manufacture of hydrogen fluoride or from the use of hydrogen fluoride **in the manufacturing of solar panels and electronics.**" 3/25/13 http://www.cdc.gov/fluoridation/fact_sheets/engineering/wfadditives.htm#2

Hydrogen fluoride and silicon tetrafluoride (the base "ingredients" for fluoridation chemicals) are both so toxic that they are rated on the OSHA **Toxic Industrial Chemicals** chart under "**High**" and "**Medium**" respectively. 3/25/13 <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/emergencypreparedness/guides/chemical.html>

Furthermore, OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) states:

"There are large quantities of **toxic industrial chemicals** manufactured, stored, transported, and used throughout the United States which, if obtained by terrorists or caused to be released, **may have extremely serious effects on exposed individuals.**" 3/25/13 <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/emergencypreparedness/guides/chemical.html>

So it is admitted by the CDC that fluoridation chemicals are a hazardous industrial waste by-product, too toxic to be released into the environment, but for some reason should be injected into the public water supply.

None of this makes any sense as a public health policy, and is likely the reason that the **vast majority of the rest of the world HAS NEVER fluoridated their water** & the areas that have fluoridated their water are **rapidly removing it** with over **40 cities rejecting or removing fluoridation in the first three months of 2013 alone.**

(This information furnished by Matthew D. Folger)

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Fluoride Class Action is a group of attorneys and scientists who study fluoridation law and science. We advise Portland voters to consider the following:

The commercial grade of fluorosilicic acid, with which Portland plans to fluoridate, can contain or break down into fluoride ion, hydrogen ion, hydrogen fluoride, silicic acid, lead, arsenic, mercury, cadmium, chromium, copper, selenium, barium, and thallium. It is slightly radioactive. So many toxic materials, acting synergistically, should not be presumed safe.

Fluorosilicic acid interrupts enzymatic action. It is an anticholinesterase inhibitor. It damages brain tissue and reduces IQ while the fetus is still in the womb.

Fluorosilicic acid leaches lead from pipes, and there is a lot of lead in Portland plumbing. Even new brass pipes and faucets can contain up to 8% lead. Old buildings can contain pipes which are up to 30 percent lead. In 2004 Seattle papers reported lead at up to 1,600 ppb in drinking water in Seattle schools, far above the 15 ppm EPA action level and the 0 ppm goal. When fluoridation stops lead levels in water and blood drop, as happened in Tacoma in 1992.

Lead permeates every cells in the body, reduces IQ, and causes or worsens kidney disease and high blood pressure.

Wastewater treatment does not remove fluoride, and fluoride levels in sewer effluent are high enough to repel salmon and cause runs to crash, as has happened in the Columbia, Snohomish, and Sacramento Rivers.

Finally, fluoridation is illegal. Oregon law at OAR 333-061-0005 provides: "Products added to public water systems for ... fluoridation ... shall meet the requirements of National Sanitation Foundation Standard 60 ...". NSF Standard 60 requires that around twenty toxicological studies be done, however, NSF admits that toxicological studies have never been done. Thus, fluorosilicic acid does not "meet the requirements" of NSF 60 and therefore may not legally be used for fluoridation under Oregon law.

See www.Fluoride-Class-Action.com/Portland for footnotes, links, and more details.

Sincerely,

James Robert Deal, Attorney
WSBA number 8103

(This information furnished by James Robert Deal, Fluoride Class Action)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

The Portland Green Party strongly opposes adding fluoridation chemicals into our community water.

Fluoridation violates the founding principles of the Green Party

Corruption of Grassroots Democracy:

A dental industry PAC with big pockets paid Upstream Public Health (**\$50,000** according to Oregon's campaign finance ORESTAR database) to organize a back-room fluoridation lobby, securing City Council votes before the public knew a plan was on the table.

The same special interest PAC also secured token donations to the fluoridation campaign from local legislators' campaign accounts. These donations were immediately reported to ORESTAR while another \$30,000 PAC donation was kept secret as long as legally possible.

This generated distorted news stories that our elected representatives were the sole seed funders for the fluoridation campaign. However, ORESTAR records show that those legislators earlier received donations in equal or larger amounts from this same PAC. The legislators simply passed through the funds, and **all of the initial donations to the fluoridation campaign originally came from one single special interest.**

One contributing legislator didn't receive a PAC donation. But State Representative Ben Unger did rack up \$10,000 in consulting fees to his personal firm just 11 days after his \$500 donation to the fluoridation campaign.

Shirks Social Justice and Non Violence Principles

Mandatory water fluoridation violates **the international standard of informed consent**, and the principle of **first do no harm**.

Vulnerable populations such as infants, the elderly, diabetics, kidney and thyroid patients disproportionately suffer the negative effects of fluoride exposure.

Ignores Environmental Sustainability:

Fluoridation chemicals are a byproduct of fertilizer production and are classified as industrial pollution if released into the air or water at the factory.

99% of tap water goes down the drain and into our **gardens and rivers**. Migrating salmon are especially vulnerable to fluoride. Fluoride bio-accumulates in our environment and if fluoridation were to continue for many years, the toxic effects are irreversible.

For our community and environment, vote NO on fluoridation.

Portland Green Party

(This information furnished by Seth Woolley, Portland Green Party)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

FLUORIDATION AND THE BRAIN

RECENT SCIENCE FINDS RISKS FROM FLUORIDE CHEMICALS IN OUR BRAINS

DR. PHILIPPE GRANDJEAN, HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, said, "Fluoride seems to fit in with lead, mercury, and other poisons that cause chemical brain drain. The effect of each toxicant may seem small, but the combined damage on a population scale can be serious, especially because the brain power of the next generation is crucial to all of us". **NEWS AT HARVARD SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH**, September 5, 2012.

Neurotoxic substances can lower IQ and cause developmental disorders such as mental retardation, attention deficit disorder, cerebral palsy, and autism. Scientists listed fluoride as an **emerging neurotoxic substance**. **THE LANCET**, November 8, 2006.

The **U S NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL** concluded "fluorides have the ability to interfere with functions of the brain." **FLUORIDE IN DRINKING WATER**, 2006.

Scientists confirmed possible harm of fluoride exposure on children's brain development. IQ loss for higher fluoride children was approximately **seven IQ points**. **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PERSPECTIVES**, July 20, 2012.

Scientists calculated that children getting more fluoride have **500% greater probability of lowered IQ** than children getting less fluoride. **BIOLOGICAL TRACE ELEMENT RESEARCH**, August 10, 2008.

Researchers found low levels of fluoride in drinking water had a significant connection with lower intelligence in children. **JOURNAL OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**, December 25, 2010.

GREATER BOSTON PHYSICIANS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY concluded fluoride chemicals "may interfere with normal brain development and function. Fluoride exposure, at levels experienced by a significant proportion of the population whose drinking water is fluoridated, may have adverse impacts on the developing brain." **IN HARM'S WAY: TOXIC THREATS TO CHILD DEVELOPMENT**, 2000.

The risk is real: Fluoride chemicals could lower IQ and cause serious brain disorders

Recent evidence of brain harm means fluoridation of drinking water is not justified

FLUORIDATION CHEMICALS SHOULD NOT BE ADDED TO DRINKING WATER

PROTECT CHILDREN'S BRAINS

Vote 'NO' on measure 26-151

(This information furnished by Roger Burt)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

What We Have to Lose

We are father and son. We grew up fishing in Oregon's rivers and streams. We grew up drinking Portland's water. Wherever we have travelled, whether across the country or the globe, one of the first things we have noticed is the water virtually everywhere else tastes bad. When we return home, the first glass of water from the tap reminds up of how special it is to have the pure water from the Bull Run Preserve as part of our heritage. We feel a strong sense of obligation to pass it on to future generations.

We know that the contamination of drinking water is a huge and growing problem across the planet. Almost daily, we read stories about the threats to our aquifers by fracking, nuclear waste dumps, and industrial chemicals. We learn of streams polluted by fertilizers and pesticides from agricultural runoff, and rivers carrying medicinal wastes, from antibiotics to antidepressants.

Now we are told that Portland's precious heritage can be "improved" by dumping large amounts of an industrial waste—likely carrying various other contaminants with it—into our water supply. We are told that this will be a great benefit to children's teeth, but the evidence supporting this is remarkably weak. On the other hand, what we know about the health effects of these chemicals on the array of organs in the human body is chilling indeed.

It is one thing to put fluoride in toothpaste, which is quickly rinsed away, it is quite another to serve and drink this chemical stew day after day for the rest of our lives.

There is a reason why after 60 years aggressive promotion of fluoridation, 97% of the people of Western Europe have chosen to keep it out of their water. The Europeans have done their homework.

We join with the Oregon Progressive Party in urging a "NO" vote on Measure 26-151.

Greg and Jason Kafoury

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The Portland Water Bureau truthfully brags that the Bull Run Preserve gives us the purest water in the nation. Now Portland City Council members want to put fluoride, an acknowledged poison, in our water. In 1976, I sued the U.S. Forest Service in order to shut down logging in the Bull Run. My clients and I were convinced that clear cutting was degrading our water supply with muddy silt, petroleum, and harmful fires. The case was won, logging stopped and the then City Council members rejoiced.

Many responsible scientists, health practitioners, and reputable studies argue that fluoridated water is harmful to human health. I do not have the knowledge to know for sure whether or not fluoride should be in drinking water. But I do know that if we were discussing prescription medicine, there would be full disclosure of the possible bad consequences of the pills in the bottle. I could then choose to take the medicine or not. The city council wants to take that choice from me and you. I decline to allow them to do that. I urge you to vote NO on Measure 26-151.

Charles J. Merten

(This information furnished by Charles Merten)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

7000 (yes, SEVEN THOUSAND) EPA scientists warn: DO NOT FLUORIDATE WATER!

My 12 year old cyclist/soccer son drinks a ALOT of water. For every 12 ounce glass of fluoridated water, he will be consuming as much fluoride as in a pea-sized dab of toothpaste. Too much?

WHY 7000 EPA UNION SCIENTISTS HAVE SUED to STOP WATER FLUORIDATION:

*Clear studies show that water fluoridation chemicals (FSA) are toxic, even at low levels, in the body and environment.

*There is enough arsenic in FSA to cause bladder cancer.

*FSA is proven to cause: liver, kidney and thyroid damage, bone cancers in boys, premature sexual development, dental and skeletal damage, hyperactivity and lowered IQs.

*BABIES and children are most at risk of FSA poisoning: they drink (and absorb more through their skin) per pound of bodyweight, and absorb the most into their bones, teeth, body cells and pineal gland in their brains.

Seniors and the chronically ill will be most adversely affected as well.

*99% will be sprayed on our gardens, lawns and drain to rivers, POISONING WILDLIFE. Huge waste of our dwindling health tax dollars.

*FLUORIDE ONLY WORKS WHEN APPLIED DIRECTLY TO TEETH. MASSIVE INGESTION IS HARMFUL.

*Oregon is fifth in the nation for HUNGER. NO CHEMICAL can replace a healthy, vitamin-rich diet to GROW HEALTHY TEETH. Let's spend our MILLIONS feeding hungry people better, providing better DENTAL ACCESS and improving oral hygiene education.

*Multnomah County Public Schools provide optional FREE FLUORIDE tablets at ALL PUBLIC schools for kids with growing teeth.

*IT IS BAD PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY and AGAINST our CIVIL RIGHTS, TO MEDICATE WATER.

<http://nteu280.org/Issues/Fluoride/fluoridesummary.htm>

(This information furnished by Jennifer Davis, Families For Safe Food And Water)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Tualatin Valley Water Commissioner Opposes Fluoridation

Well-intended people are on both sides of the debate on whether to add fluoride to Portland's water supply. But it is well known that this vote has been rushed by fluoride proponents. This is unfortunate, given that such a choice should be made only after ample time is provided for both sides to make their arguments known. The best choices are almost always informed choices.

Choice is a hallmark of Portland politics. Unfortunately, communities which purchase their water from the Portland Water Bureau have no choice at all. The city of Portland does not only provide water to its citizens. It also sells water to other communities and water districts. In my water district, an entire region that doesn't want fluoride but which gets almost all of its water from Portland will have fluoride forced upon them if this proposal passes. **These people, and thousands of others like them have no vote, and that is simply wrong.**

The Tualatin Valley Water District was not meaningfully consulted on this matter before it was brought before the Portland City Council. Neither were most of the other cities and special districts which rely on Portland Water and who also will be denied any choice regarding the water they buy from Portland.

Even if you are a supporter of fluoridation, this is not the way to do business or the best way to build consensus on regional strategies. We can do better than this.

Vote NO on this proposal. Portland voters should have time to hear both sides of the fluoridation debate. Portland's wholesale water providers and the people they serve should have more time to learn the issues, make their voices heard, and investigate alternatives.

Richard P. Burke
TVWD Commissioner, Position 4.

(This information furnished by Richard P. Burke)

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Measure 26-152

BALLOT TITLE

LOCAL OPTION LEVY: IMPROVE NATURAL AREAS, WATER QUALITY FOR FISH

QUESTION: Shall Metro improve natural areas, water quality for fish: five-year operating levy, \$.096 per \$1,000 assessed value, beginning 2013?

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

SUMMARY: Twice in two decades, Metro voters approved measures to acquire thousands of acres of natural areas throughout the tri-county region. Past measures could not include money for maintenance and restoration.

This levy creates a dedicated fund to improve water quality for salmon and native fish, remove invasive weeds that threaten the health of these natural areas, restore wetlands and provide opportunities for people from around the region to experience nature close to home.

Cost

The estimated cost for the typical household is \$20 per year for five years.

Result of a "yes" vote

- Improve water quality in local rivers and streams for salmon and other native fish including the Clackamas, Sandy, Tualatin rivers; Fanno, Johnson creeks.
- Restore wildlife habitat and remove weeds that choke plants wildlife need for food and shelter.
- Restore wetlands and floodplains to control flooding, provide habitat for birds and amphibians.
- Construct or replace capital projects in parks, such as restrooms, picnic shelters, playgrounds.
- Provide nature education programs in natural areas to visitors and school-aged children.

The proposed rate (at \$.096/\$1,000) will raise approximately \$10.2 million in 2013-14, \$10.4 million in 2014-15, \$10.6 million in 2015-16, \$ 10.9 million in 2016-17 and \$11.2 million in 2017-18. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessors at the time of estimate

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

As a result of two voter-approved bond measures in 1995 and 2006, Metro owns or manages 16,000 acres of land. While the funding voters approved provided money to acquire new natural areas, the law prohibits the use of bond money for maintaining and operating these lands.

The Metro Council is proposing a five-year natural areas local option levy of 9.6 cents per \$1,000 of assessed home value. The funds will be spent to improve water quality, restore habitat, maintain Metro's parks and natural areas and expand opportunities for people to use them.

What it will do: The levy would raise approximately \$10 million each year for five years. Funds would be used to:

- Improve water quality in local rivers and streams, including the Clackamas, Sandy and Tualatin rivers and Fanno and Johnson creeks, for salmon and other native fish
- Restore wildlife habitat and remove invasive weeds that crowd out native plants needed by wildlife for food and shelter
- Restore wetlands and floodplains to control flooding and provide habitat for birds and amphibians
- Improve visitor services in Metro's parks, including replacing aging restrooms, picnic shelters, and playgrounds
- Provide nature education programs to school-aged children and visitors
- Support community partnership projects that connect people with nature

What it will cost: The owner of a home assessed at \$200,000 would pay approximately \$19.20 per year, for five years.

Where the money will go: About half the new funding will be spent to improve habitat for fish, wildlife and water quality at some of the 16,000 acres of parks and natural areas Metro owns or manages. Projects will include large-to-small scale habitat restoration projects, as well as everyday maintenance such as controlling invasive weeds.

The other half of the levy funding would help provide opportunities for the region's residents to visit and learn about nature at Metro's parks and natural areas. Park maintenance would be supported at destinations serving more than 1.3 million visitors a year including Oxbow and Blue Lake regional parks; Chinook Landing Marine Park; parts of the Springwater Corridor trail; Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area; and Cooper Mountain, Graham Oaks and Mount Talbert nature parks. Improvements would be made to some natural areas to make these lands more accessible to visitors. Conservation education programs and volunteer activities would be expanded throughout the region. Approximately \$750,000 would be awarded annually in Nature in Neighborhoods community grants to citizen groups, nonprofits and other service groups or organizations with nonprofit or other tax-exempt status.

Measuring performance: To ensure accountability, an annual report to the Metro Council will detail program expenses, major accomplishments and progress toward specific outcomes. The work plan and annual report will be presented at a Metro Council meeting and made available on the Metro website. Program expenses will be subject to annual audits and presented in the budget adopted by the Metro Council.

Submitted by

Martha J. Bennett

Chief Operating Officer

Metro, a municipal government pursuant to ORS 268

No arguments AGAINST this measure were filed.

METRO

Measure 26-152

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

From the Desk of
Governor Roberts

Dear Voter,

Please Vote Yes on Measure 26-152.

Measure 26-152 will preserve our region's legacy of natural beauty by protecting rivers, streams, natural areas, and wildlife habitat. This will ensure that our children, grandchildren, and all future generations enjoy the same quality of life we do.

This legacy didn't come easy. In 1995 and again in 2006, citizens in the Metro region voted to purchase and protect some of the region's most significant undeveloped land.

Throughout Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties, **we now own more than 16,000 acres of natural areas, including 90 miles of stream and river frontage, wetlands, prairies, and forests.**

These critical headwaters, forests, rivers, and streams require restoration and maintenance to provide clean and healthy water and habitat.

However, these previous bond funds approved by voters to acquire the property cannot be used for maintenance. This means that for us to restore and maintain these areas for water quality, wildlife habitat, parks and public use, voters need to approve funds specifically for this purpose. Measure 26-152 provides dedicated funds to take care of the parks we already have.

That is why as a Metro Councilor, I supported asking voters to help us. These lands belong to all of us.

This levy, less than \$20 a year for the typical homeowner for five years, is a small and wise investment we can each make for the future.

Our kids and grandkids will thank us!

Thank you for voting Yes on 26-152

Governor Barbara Roberts

(This information furnished by Barbara Roberts)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

IT'S IN OUR NATURE

If there is one thing that people in this region agree on, it's that this is a great place to live and it's our job to preserve it - for our kids and for our future. We have a legacy of protecting nature close to home and it's one of our best strategies for keeping this a great place.

Twice in just two decades, voters have chosen to protect thousands of acres of natural areas. **So far, we as a region, have invested \$221 million to acquire these lands.**

These investments are not without ongoing costs. **If we don't take care, invasive species like blackberry and ivy will choke out native plants and trees, threatening the health of our forests and streams. Water quality will suffer, along with the native fish, birds, and plants that need it to survive.**

This May, voters can continue our legacy by approving Measure 26-152 to invest in clean water, healthy fish, wildlife, and people. Acting today reduces the cost of taking care of these places in the future.

The typical homeowner will pay about \$20 per year, but the benefits will multiply for decades.

There aren't many cities in this world where you can still see fish jumping just a short drive or walk from your downtown. Where the water is clean enough to play, swim, fish, and float. Where there are beautiful forests near neighborhoods where you can walk, hike, rest, and play.

Measure 26-152 will protect our investment in the future.

Thank you,

Tom Hughes
Metro Council President

For more information on specific uses of the levy and our natural areas visit www.metro.gov.

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METRO

Measure 26-152

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Protect Our Investment in Natural Areas for Only \$20 a Year

Two decades ago, citizens in the Metro area saw critical natural areas disappearing fast. Forestlands and headwaters, river and stream banks, and wildlife habitat were being developed.

But in 1995 and 2006, local voters took a significant step in protecting our region's quality of life for generations to come. They approved measures to acquire these critical lands and rivers and now we, as a region, own 16,000 acres of natural areas that are vital to our health, economy, and quality of life.

This includes 90 miles of stream and river frontage, wetlands, prairies, forests, and parks. Today, Metro parks and natural areas are used by more than 1.3 million people each year.

There is currently no funding to maintain, repair, or improve these natural areas at the level they need. **Measure 26-152** provides dedicated funding to take care of the parks we already have. **Taking care of them now will save us money in the long run.**

We chose to set aside these treasures and in doing so, we have created a legacy. Now, we must protect our investment.

For only \$20 a year for the typical homeowner, we can maintain and restore these areas, to ensure that our rivers and streams are clean, our wildlife habitats are protected and thriving, and so we can enjoy these areas for generations to come.

These organizations ask you to Vote Yes on 26-152!

IBEW Local 48
Surfrider Foundation, Portland Chapter
Sierra Club
Audubon Society of Portland
AFSCME Local 3580/3580-1
Columbia Land Trust
Urban Greenspaces Institute
The Trust for Public Land
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Friends of Trees
Forest Park Neighborhood Association
Friends of Nadaka
Bicycle Transportation Alliance

See all our endorsers and add your name at www.RestoreOurNaturalAreas.com

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

NATURAL AREAS RESTORATION IS GOOD FOR OUR ECONOMY

A University of Oregon study from 2010 found that **each \$1 million invested in forest or watershed restoration generates 14-23 new jobs, and injects over 2 million dollars into the local economy.**

RESTORATION PROJECTS CONTRIBUTE TO OUR OVERALL ECONOMY

These restoration projects will create jobs for construction workers, landscapers, heavy equipment operators, and engineers. A yes vote on **Measure 26-152** can help boost the region's economy.

LESS THAN \$20 A YEAR FOR THE TYPICAL HOUSEHOLD

"For less than \$20 for a typical household, Measure 26-152 will allow us to do key large-scale restoration projects and maintenance that will create jobs and boost our local economy."

Mike Houck, Director, Urban Greenspaces Institute

A BOOST FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

"Restoring our Natural Areas attracts visitors to our region to hike, fish, and swim. This boosts local businesses and these jobs can't be outsourced to far-off places."

Al Jubitz, Jubitz Family Foundation

LOCAL JOBS THAT STAY HERE

"Measure 26-152 will provide work for landscapers, nurseries, and other business sectors that provide goods and services for restoration. Rural areas that are home to these businesses can see an economic boost as these projects get underway."

David Barmon, Fiddlehead LLC

LIUNA Local 483

Tom Hughes, Metro Council President
Metro Councilor Bob Stacey
Metro Councilor Kathryn Harrington
Metro Councilor Carlotta Collette
Metro Councilor Sam Chase
Representative Tobias Read
State Treasurer Ted Wheeler
Representative Ben Unger
Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer
Senator Chip Shields
Carla Piluso, Former Gresham Chief of Police

Vote YES on Measure 26-152
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METRO

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

VOTE YES ON 26-152 FOR CLEAN RIVERS AND STREAMS

We know that nothing is more important than **clean, healthy water** in our region's beautiful rivers and streams.

90 MILES OF RIVERS AND STREAMS

Our regional Natural Areas have 90 miles of river and stream banks.

Voting YES on Measure 26-152 will help maintain and restore them, keeping the water clean and healthy.

PREVENT POLLUTION

Measure 26-152 will help address pollution in rivers and streams throughout the Metro area, and keep them from becoming polluted in the future.

PROTECT HEADWATERS FOR \$20/YEAR

For **only \$20 per year for the typical homeowner**, we can keep our riverbanks and headwaters protected, planting trees that increase shading and decrease water temperature, and wiping out Japanese knotweed and other noxious weeds.

PRESERVE OUR LEGACY

VOTE YES on Measure 26-152 to preserve our legacy of clean water for generations to come.

Brighton West, Richmond
 Carla "KC" Hanson, Lents
 Norma Dulin, Westmoreland
 Josh Alpert, Cully
 Jayme Rabenberg, Sellwood
 Carla Piluso, Gresham
 Helen Ying, Pearl District
 Neil Schulman, Buckman
 Adrienne Stacey, Richmond
 Jill Archer, Cully
 Meredith Shield, SE Portland
 Eileen Brady, Mt. Tabor
 Richard Beetle, Portsmouth
 John Frewing, Sullivan's Gulch
 Tara Gallagher, Sellwood
 Amy Ruiz, Woodlawn
 Jacob Weigler, Sunnyside
 Andy Maggi, Kenton
 James Barta, Westmoreland
 Jim Francesconi, Alameda

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

CLEAN AND HEALTHY WATER IS PRICELESS
But will only cost the typical homeowner \$20 a year

VOTE YES ON 26-152

IMPROVES WATER QUALITY

Protecting the headwaters of our most important rivers is vital for the health of current and future generations. Voting Yes on Measure 26-152 will provide dedicated funds that will be used to maintain and improve water quality and habitat in rivers and streams throughout the Metro area.

PREVENTS POLLUTION

We need to maintain our waterways now and address pollution in rivers, lakes, and streams to keep them healthy and prevent them from becoming polluted in the future.

SAVES MONEY

The longer we wait to clean up our rivers and natural areas, the more it will cost us in the long run. By making a minimal investment today, we can avoid more costly problems in the future.

COSTS LITTLE

This measure will cost the typical homeowner less than \$20 a year. That's a small price to pay to protect our area's clean water.

Endorsed by:

The Nature Conservancy in Oregon
Tualatin Riverkeepers
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Sandy River Basin Watershed Council
Clackamas River Basin Council
Columbia Slough Watershed Council
Fernhill Wetlands Council

Get more information on improving water quality at www.RestoreOurNaturalAreas.com

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METRO

Measure 26-152

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

VOTE YES on 26-152 to Improve and Restore the Willamette River

Two decades ago, there was no plan in the region to protect natural areas. But in 1995 and 2006 voters in Clackamas, Washington, and Multnomah counties voted to purchase and protect some of the region's most significant undeveloped land. Today, 16,000 acres have been set aside as natural spaces, including 90 miles of stream and river frontage, wetlands, prairies, forests, and parks.

Just \$20 per year

Measure 26-152 cost \$20 a year for the typical homeowner. These funds will allow us to maintain and restore areas that directly impact the health of our waterways. Maintenance includes watershed and wetlands restoration to keep the Willamette River and other local rivers and wetlands clean and healthy.

Good for Multnomah County

From the beautiful Columbia Slough to the Johnson Creek Watershed, these areas are key to the health of the region. Not only do they provide clean water, they are vital for flood control and native fish habitat. By passing this levy we can improve water quality in the Willamette River and other critical headwater areas.

A Smart Investment

The longer we wait to clean up our rivers and natural areas, the more it will cost us in the long run. By making the investment to take care of our rivers and streams today, we can avoid more costly problems in future years. Measure 26-152 sets firm standards for accountability and taxpayer protection including audits and citizen oversight.

VOTE YES on Measure 26-152, to improve and restore the Willamette River and the health and legacy of our treasured waterways and natural areas.

Columbia Slough Watershed Council
West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District
Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick
Jim Labbe, Urban Conservationist, Audubon Society of Portland
Michael D. Barton, Writer/Blogger, Exploring Portland's Natural Areas

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Local Businesses Support 26-152 A Healthy Economy Counts on Healthy Natural Areas

As owners of businesses in the region, we know that this measure can help our regional economy. Maintaining natural areas and water quality are so essential to our quality of life and will keep our region a magnet for high-quality employers.

Passing Measure 26-152 will enhance the lives of Oregonians all across the Metro area and have a positive impact on our local economy.

This measure will cost the typical homeowner less than \$2 a month - for the cost of a cup of coffee we can maintain and restore our precious rivers and wildlife habitats.

It's also smart financially - making the investment now will help avoid more costly problems in the future.

Plus, accountability is written into the Measure - it requires audits and citizen oversight to ensure the money is spent according to plan.

This measure will ensure that nature is always close to home and accessible for generations to come.

Please join us in **VOTING YES** on Measure **26-152**

Supported by these members of the local business community:

Brian C. Setzler, CPA, TriLibrium

Tony Fuentes, Milagros Boutique

Fred Stewart, Stewart Group Realty

Ethan Jewett, Partner, Stickeen Brand Services

Ryan Carpenter, Moberi Bike Powered Smoothies

**Add your local business to our endorsement list
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METRO

Measure 26-152

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Yes on 26-152 for Natural Area Improvements in Multnomah County

The goals of the restoration and maintenance are to **improve water quality in local rivers and streams, restore habitat and reduce weeds that choke plants that wildlife need for food and shelter, and restore wetlands and floodplains to control flooding.**

Here are some of the areas in Multnomah County to see restoration and maintenance under Measure 26-152. For more information on these areas and others, visit www.RestoreOurNaturalAreas.com.

Sandy River: Two side channels will be constructed to enhance fish habitat and water quality.

Willamette River Greenway/Multnomah Channel: The floodplain connection to the river will be improved for water quality and salmon habitat.

Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area: Signage and security improvements will be made along with ramp and pathway renovations.

Blue Lake Regional Park: Projects at Blue Lake Park include property fencing, entry/drive booth, park communications system, boat concession renovation, native landscaping upgrades, sports and pathway renovations, traffic and parking improvements, utility and drainage improvements, playground/swim beach/restroom improvements, office and maintenance building renovation, and addition of permanent shelters.

Oxbow Regional Park: Construction of restroom facilities, septic improvements, communications upgrades and fire road repairs. In addition, ADA improvements, cabins and additional group camp construction, play area renovations, and equestrian area improvements.

Howell Territorial Park: Projects at Howell Park include signage, shelter construction, parking and access renovation.

Sauvie Island Boat Ramp: The dock will be replaced, the banks will be stabilized, and the restrooms will be renovated. A new security gate will also be installed.

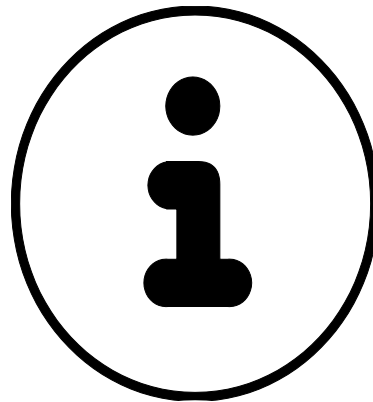
Glendoveer Fitness Trail: Projects include drainage, surfacing, and other needed improvements to the soft surface trail around the Glendoveer Golf Course.

Mason Hill Park: Mason Hill Park will receive restrooms, parking and ADA improvements, and signage.

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About the 2013 Special Election

The May Special District Election is held on the third Tuesday in May, in the odd year. Special District candidates are elected and jurisdictions can place measures on the ballot.

For more information, visit the Multnomah County Elections Division website.

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BEAVERTON SCHOOLS

Measure 34-204

BALLOT TITLE

BEAVERTON SCHOOLS LOCAL OPTION LEVY PREVENTING CLASSROOM, TEACHING POSITION CUTS

QUESTION: Shall District prevent teaching position cuts, protect class size; levy \$1.25 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years beginning 2013?

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

SUMMARY: The Beaverton School District serves nearly 40,000 children in 51 schools over 57 square miles.

Due to repeated state funding shortfalls over the past five years, BSD has cut \$142 million from the budgets, eliminating 16 school days, 640 teacher positions and increasing class sizes at every level.

BSD has reduced administration, maintenance, guidance counselors, school libraries, textbooks and learning materials. Music, physical education and art are reduced at every level.

The current state school funding proposal would result in more cuts: eliminating teaching positions and increasing class sizes further at every school.

The Local Option Levy will prevent these cuts, and restore some previously cut teaching positions, and address some extreme class sizes. 100% of the money from the local option levy would remain in Beaverton Schools to fund teaching positions.

The levy costs \$1.25 per \$1,000 assessed property value. Homes with the median assessed value of \$233,000 would pay an additional \$24 per month.

The local option levy is projected to raise \$82 million over five years:

2013-2014:	\$15,443,366
2014-2015:	\$15,956,534
2015-2016:	\$16,467,354
2016-2017:	\$17,014,279
2017-2018:	\$17,524,707

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Beaverton Schools serve 40,000 students in 51 buildings over 57 square miles. The great majority of funds for Beaverton's public schools come from the state of Oregon.

Budget Cuts

Over the last five years, substantial state funding shortfalls have caused the Beaverton Schools to cut its budget by over \$142 million.

That has meant reductions in student services, including:

- Elimination of 640 teaching positions, raising class sizes at every level;
- Cancelling 16 days of school from the school year;
- Reduced guidance counseling, library and media center services, building maintenance, and reduced administration; and
- Cuts to educational programs like art, music, physical education, and more.

At the same time, student enrollment in Beaverton Schools is increasing

Over the last five years, enrollment has grown by 4.5%. This also serves to increase class sizes.

Cost Savings by Schools

At the same time, the Beaverton Schools have instituted major cost savings in other areas including:

- Beaverton is one of the few Oregon school districts that do not pay the 6% employee portion of PERS. Additionally, the Beaverton School Board adopted a Legislative Agenda that included advocacy to reform the PERS system;
- Beaverton SD spends the lowest amount of any district in the state in central administration expenses per student;
- Beaverton SD has saved \$25 million in health insurance costs, over 5 years, by staying out of the state health insurance program. Beaverton SD is also projected to save \$1.2 million in insurance premiums in the future by being self-insured;
- School Resource Officers in Beaverton's public schools are funded by Washington County Sheriff's Office and Beaverton Police Department; and
- Beaverton SD has an agreement with Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District for community use of fields and gyms.

Why a Local Option and What it Funds for Beaverton Schools

The new state funding proposal would require additional cuts to the Beaverton School Budget.

If approved by voters, the Local Option Levy for the Beaverton Schools would fund:

- 150 teaching positions to prevent cuts that would further increase class size; and
- Lower the very largest class sizes by restoring some teaching positions that were previously eliminated.

Cost of Levy

The Local Option Levy rate is \$1.25 per \$1,000 assessed property value. The median home in Beaverton is assessed at \$233,000 (½ are more and ½ are less). The median home would pay an additional \$24 a month.

Accountability

The levy would raise approximately \$15 million a year. 100% of money goes to fund teaching positions. None goes to administration. All funds stay in the Beaverton Schools. None goes to Salem. Annual reports to the public will be made to ensure they are used as intended.

Submitted by

Maureen Wheeler

Beaverton School District

No arguments AGAINST this measure were filed.

BEAVERTON SCHOOLS

Measure 34-204

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Prevent Teacher Layoffs.
Protect Class Sizes.

VOTE YES ON THE LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR BEAVERTON SCHOOLS

Years of cuts to education have hurt our local Beaverton schools.

Over the last five years, our schools have cut a total of \$142 million. At the same time, our Beaverton School District cut administration and tightened its belt. But continued state funding shortfalls have now eaten into the classroom, affecting our kids' education by:

- Eliminating 16 days of school and 640 teaching positions –increasing class sizes at every level;
- Reducing guidance counseling, maintenance, school library services, other student support services and educational programs like art, music, sports and more.

Now, the latest state budget proposal threatens even more damaging cuts to teachers and educational programs. Measure 34-204 will stop those cuts.

How the Local Option Helps Our Beaverton Schools

Prevent Teacher Layoffs: The Local Option will provide the funding for 150 teaching positions, which will touch every school and help protect educational programs.

Help Keep Class Sizes Under Control: Our class sizes have been increasing in Beaverton Schools because our student enrollment is growing while we're eliminating teaching positions. Several classes have more than 50 kids. The Local Option will address extreme class sizes – so students will get the individual attention they need to succeed.

How Does It Work?

The levy would fund 150 teaching positions. For our 51 schools, that's the equivalent of about three teachers per building.

The levy costs \$1.25 per \$1,000 assessed property value. The typical homeowner would pay an additional \$24 per month.

Rigorous Oversight and Accountability

- 100% will go to fund classroom teaching positions preventing cuts and addressing class size.
- All funds from this levy will remain in our Beaverton Schools – none will go to Salem.
- Annual reports will be made to the public– to ensure they are used as intended.

For more information:
yesforbeavertonschools.com

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Parent Volunteers Know Our Schools. They Know Our Schools Need Measure 34- 204.

As active volunteers, we're in our local schools nearly everyday, across Beaverton. We know firsthand how hard everyone is working to educate our children. But due to state funding cuts over the last five years, services to kids in Beaverton Schools have been drastically cut.

Our schools have lost hundreds of teaching positions, and reduced budgets for guidance counseling, libraries, technology, art, music and PE.

Most importantly, cuts have meant steep increases in class sizes: Our teachers are really stretched to do everything they can to provide kids with a challenging, rigorous curriculum, and provide individualized attention.

The state school budget proposal for this year means more cuts for Beaverton schools, unless we pass our own local option levy.

As parent volunteers, we urge you to vote yes on the local option levy for our Beaverton Schools, which will fund 150 teaching positions – the equivalent of three in each of our 51 schools – keeping our class sizes under control and addressing the most extreme class sizes so kids can receive individual attention when needed.

This local levy for schools goes directly into the classroom. Funds cannot go towards administration. And there is independent citizen oversight, so funds are used as the voters intend – for classroom teachers.

And after repeatedly failing to fix the problem, the state legislature cannot be counted on for adequate school funding, so **we must take responsibility for protecting our local schools ourselves. Help us remain a community that prioritizes children and education!**

Join us in voting YES on 34-204! Yes for Our Beaverton Schools.

Karyn Servin
Oak Hills Elementary
Sunset High School

Michelle McHugh
Cedar Park Middle School
Sunset High School

Lisa Alan
Bonny Slope Elementary

Linda Nezbeda
Errol Hassell Elementary

Sally Sonek
Terra Linda Elementary

Paige Stoyer
Terra Linda Elementary
Cedar Park Middle School

Lynn Porta
Arts & Communications
Magnet Academy

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BEAVERTON SCHOOLS

Measure 34-204

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

My kids are grown. And I'm still voting YES for our schools.

I'm a 50-something resident of Beaverton looking towards retirement. My kids are grown and gone from home. I'm generally wary of new taxes at this point, since everything I save means I can retire earlier.

Yet, I'll be voting YES for Beaverton Schools Local Option Levy – and here's why:

- **We all benefit when kids are in school and engaged.** It keeps them out of trouble and means we will have better citizens and a better workforce. After all, when we are retired, we will be counting on today's students. For students to succeed they need enough individual attention – which will be available to more kids if the local option passes. If we continue with more budget cuts, it will mean larger class sizes and less options for students – both of which allow kids to fall through the cracks.
- **Schools help retain all of our property values.** As long as there's a good school in my neighborhood, we continue to attract new residents – including young families with children. That contributes to my bottom line, and to yours, too.

At \$24/month for the typical homeowner, this is a sound investment for empty-nesters.

And, I appreciate the accountability: none of the money from the local option can be used for administration and regular reports to the public are required of how these dollars are spent.

Of course, not all of the reasons for voting yes have to do with self-interest. We owe today's children the same good education that our parents and grandparents – as well as many community residents - provided for us.

**VOTE YES for Beaverton Schools.
It's the smart – and right – thing to do.**

Don Dutro

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

A message from our local classroom teachers

The Beaverton Local Option Levy Will Protect the Fundamentals of a Good Education:

Protecting from increases in class sizes so kids get the attention they deserve.

As teachers, we spend every day in the classroom with one goal – to give young people the education needed to become successful adults and productive citizens. There are many elements in a good education, but one of them is absolutely indispensable: reasonable class sizes so more students have the opportunity to succeed.

And that is why the local option levy is so important.

Class Sizes and Individual Attention

A quality education requires that teachers spend individual time with the students in the classroom. That's especially true when a child needs extra help because he or she is struggling. Or when they want to forge ahead towards further challenge.

It's a lot harder now due to the cuts at our schools over the last several years. Fewer teachers mean more kids in every class, and since enrollment is also growing, we have very crowded classrooms. The local option will prevent more cuts to teaching positions and reduce some of our largest class sizes.

Giving Students the Very Best Chance at a Strong Future

Students only get one chance at a strong primary and secondary education, and we take that very seriously. Without adequate funding, teaching positions are eliminated and then courses are cancelled or eliminated. The Beaverton Local Option Levy prevents cuts to teaching positions so basic and advanced courses can remain accessible to our students across the district.

Strong schools support students, our local community, and our economy.

PLEASE VOTE YES FOR OUR BEAVERTON SCHOOLS

Karen Stratton Sexton Mtn Elementary	Lori Andrews Raleigh Park Elementary
John Deihl Chehalem Elementary	Valorie Spearman Raleigh Park Elementary
Lisa C Senter Cedar Park Middle School	Susan Duncan Meadow Park Middle School
Ariel Hays Aloha High School	Sean Mailey Southridge High School
Kara Ferris Westview High School	

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

SENIOR CITIZENS URGE A YES VOTE FOR OUR BEAVERTON SCHOOLS

We care about our local Beaverton Schools. They educate the young people we will count on in the future.

They keep our community strong in many ways:

- Schools help guide children to be successful adults;
- Schools keep kids engaged and out of trouble;
- Schools help retain our property values because when it's time to retire or downsize, another family will be interested in buying our house.

But our Beaverton Schools need our help.

Due to state budget cuts, our schools have had to cut their budget by over \$140 million over the past five three years:

- 16 days of schools have been cut, including 5 this year;
- 640 teaching positions and student support jobs have been cut, increasing class size at every level;
- School supply budgets and maintenance has been reduced;
- Administration has been cut;
- Cuts have been made to art, music, PE, guidance counseling, school libraries, media centers, and more.

With the current state budget funding proposal, our schools will still have to cut more teachers, unless we all help out..

We urge you to help us prevent more cuts by voting YES on the Beaverton Schools Local Option Levy.

The Local Option Levy for Beaverton Schools is accountable:

- All funds stay in Beaverton; none goes to the state
- No funds go to additional administration
- All funds go to prevent cuts to teaching positions and to address huge class sizes
- An independent citizen oversight committee will ensure funds are spent as promised

We live on a budget like most people. But for \$24 a month for the typical homeowner, we can't afford not to help out the schools.

Kids today need the best education we can provide.

We're voting YES and we hope you will too!

John C. Jones	Sandra Hillebrandt
Anita C. Jones	Susan Boyd
Alberta J. Beertema	Eliane M. Ledbetter

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LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES URGE SUPPORT FOR BEAVERTON SCHOOLS

Beaverton School Levy is vital to keeping our schools and community strong. And, it's accountable.

As small businesspersons in Beaverton, we believe our schools are the foundation of a healthy economy. They prepare our students for college and the workforce and contribute to a vibrant community.

When we invest in quality schools, our children have a better chance at success and our community attracts more businesses and good-paying jobs.

Yet our schools have suffered so many cuts that they're at risk of not being able to meet our children's basic needs.

We need to pass the Beaverton local option levy to help our schools and economy get back on track.

Long-term cuts are hurting our schools: Over the last five years, state budget shortfalls meant substantial reductions in the Beaverton District budget. In response, the district cut back on everything it could to avoid cuts to the classroom. But the loss of over \$140 million was too much.

Cuts to hundreds of teaching positions have caused class sizes to increase greatly. Schools days have been cut from the calendar. And nearly every student support and educational program has been reduced, including guidance counseling, library and media services, art, music, PE, school building maintenance and more.

The levy is our way to fund our local schools and prevent further cuts. We need it now. Protecting our schools is one of the most important ways we can continue our economic recovery and give kids the skills they need.

As businesspeople, we watch the bottom line. Beaverton Schools are accountable with our tax dollars and this measure includes independent citizen oversight to ensure that funds are used as voters intended.

PLEASE VOTE YES FOR BEAVERTON SCHOOLS.

Alisa Blum	Jason Wissmiller
Alisa Blum & Associates	Regal Aviation Insurance
Tom Flynn	Cindy Owen
EVO Solutions	Cascade Benefits Group
David Murphy	Mark Creevey
Keystone Auto Consulting	Mark Creevey Insurance & Financial Services

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**A MESSAGE FROM RETIRED POLICE CHIEF
DAVID BISHOP**

Beaverton Local Option is vital for our community's schools.

And, it means a safer community for everyone.

I care deeply about protecting the quality of our local schools. They determine the strength and vitality of our neighborhoods and community.

As a law enforcement officer, I have another reason for supporting our schools: I believe they are central to our community's safety. Strong schools are one of the best forms of public safety we have.

That's why I'm voting YES for the Beaverton Schools Local Option Levy.

When kids are in school, they are engaged in learning as well as playing and working with others. They gain critical life skills guiding them to be productive, law-abiding citizens. Schools provide important structure and teach kids to be accountable for their actions and to assist others.

But that only works if kids are actually in school during the day.

Beaverton Schools have suffered drastic budget cuts from the state. They've had to cut their budget by over \$140 million over the last five years, costing hundreds of teachers and school support staff, eliminating education programs, reducing high school athletics, and much more.

They've also had to cut the number of days that kids are in school – 16 days over the last five years. And class sizes have increased at every level. That's a real concern to me.

We can, and should, do something about it by voting yes on the local option levy for Beaverton Schools. All the money raised by the measure goes to our local schools to prevent the loss of teaching positions and take on the biggest class sizes.

This helps to make sure kids don't fall through the cracks or get neglected.

And it will keep more kids in school and out of trouble.

Please join me in voting YES for Beaverton Schools.

**David G. Bishop, Chief of Police, Beaverton
Retired**

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Students Say: Please Support Our Local Schools!

We are high school students from all over the Beaverton School District, graduates of local middle and elementary schools, siblings of younger students.

All of us need the Beaverton Local Option to pass this May. Please vote yes!

We work hard and our teachers are very dedicated to us, but our fervor can't make up for the recent losses. We've seen drastic cuts over the last few years - fewer teachers and counselors, limited elective offerings, fewer days, and overall fewer opportunities for students. The only thing that has grown is class sizes - some of us are in classes with 60 other students, each and every one of us hoping for quality feedback and attention when we need help.

We strive to obtain the best education for ourselves, but it is difficult because teachers and administrators can only do so much with their severely restricted resources. Now we look to our community for help.

The state budget looking forward means more cuts. Next year we would lose another 50 teaching positions.

That's where you come in. Passing the Beaverton Local Option Levy will prevent cuts to current teaching positions and drive down some of our largest class sizes.

We need the Local Option Levy. None of the money leaves our community, and all of it goes toward funding teaching positions. This will help more kids to succeed – fulfill graduation requirements, get into college, get a job, and be part of this community and economy.

We desperately need this measure.

Thank you for reading this. Please vote YES, and encourage your family, friends and neighbors too!

Schools are critical for all of us. Vote Yes for our Beaverton Schools.

**Apoorva Somayazulu
Westview**

**Jackie Salzinger
Westview**

**Savannah Jenson
Westview**

**Kyla D.
International School of
Beaverton**

**Elyse B.
International School of
Beaverton**

**Berkeley Andrus
Aloha**

**Kelly Miller
Sunset**

**Mady Harlan
International School of
Beaverton**

**Kelsey Kubiak
Southridge**

**Kaya Patten
Beaverton**

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Please Join us in Supporting Our Local Schools

We are the volunteer School Board members for Beaverton Schools. Our goal is to provide the best possible education to children in our community. We are the watchdogs of the school district budget and spending. We are regularly in the schools, with students, teachers, and parents.

It's important for you to know that the Beaverton Schools Local Option Levy is financially responsible and accountable:

- Our district has strong financial management practices in place, and the Local Option Levy funds go directly into the classroom.
- The district receives regular audits to review their financial status. Audits are completed with very few recommended changes, all of which are implemented.
- Our schools have received a Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting for 31 years from the Government Finance Officers Association.

We work hard to aim all possible resources into the classroom and supporting students. We have achieved impressive cost savings, including:

PERS Savings Beaverton is one of the few school districts that does not pay the 6% employee PERS portion. Teachers pay it themselves.

Administration Savings Beaverton spends the lowest amount of any other school district in Oregon in central administration expenses per student – less than half of the state average.

Insurance Savings Beaverton School District has saved \$25 million in health insurance costs.

The Local Option Levy is also accountable to the public:

- All funds would stay in Beaverton Schools. None goes to the state.
- The measure would fund 150 teaching positions – preventing further cuts and increases in class sizes;
- None of the funds goes to additional administration.
- Annual reports will be issued to the public to ensure funds are used as promised.

Please read more about it – in this voters pamphlet and at the website: www.YesforBeavertonSchools.com

Or call anyone of us and we can answer your questions or talk with you further.

Mary VanderWee Karen Cunningham Linda Degman

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The View From the Principal's Office On the Beaverton Local Option Levy

We are retired school principals from the Beaverton Schools and we still live in this community.

We urge you to support the Beaverton Local Option Levy – it's the most important way we can all help our schools. And they really need it.

School principals direct our schools on behalf of our teachers and students. And, our local schools, students and teachers are doing great things. You can be very proud of them.

But that's at risk, right now.

The state funding cuts over the last five years have resulted in damaging cuts to our schools, reducing nearly every student service: guidance counseling, school librarians and technology centers, building maintenance, and educational programs like art, music, physical education and more. And, we've cut hundreds of teaching positions increasing class sizes at every level.

Unless we act locally, and immediately, the loss of even more teaching positions will further rob our ability to provide a basic education.

The Beaverton Local Option Levy will fund 150 teaching positions. Depending on the state budget, that means at least preventing more cuts. And it can mean the ability to take on some of our largest class sizes – some of which are over 50 kids in a classroom.

We need to pass the levy so that parents continue to send their children to public schools with confidence, which is a key to a strong community.

And, this measure is accountable: All the money stays in Beaverton Schools, none goes to the state. Annual reports to the public will ensure that funds are spent as promised.

**Protect our schools, our kids and our future.
Vote Yes for our Beaverton Schools!**

**Len Case, Retired Principal
Westview High School**

**Molly Ramberg, Retired
Principal
Highland Park Middle
School**

**Robin Case, Retired
Principal
Beaver Acres Elementary**

**Jeanne Sabbe, Retired
Principal
Scholls Heights Elementary**

**Doris Marks, Retired Principal
Nancy Ryles Elementary**

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What it's Like in Our Beaverton Schools – The Parents' Perspective

Cuts in teaching positions and student support are having a huge negative impact.

Because of the large class sizes:

*There is physically no room to move about the classroom. During the first week of school, my son's teacher tripped and fell while trying to move from one student's desk to another. She's not clumsy; the classroom is that packed.

Because of cutbacks:

*My daughter's middle school had to eliminate Spanish classes.

*The number of school days gets fewer and fewer as budget shortfalls force budget reduction days (which means the teachers do not get paid, the students do not get to attend school, and the parents/community need to arrange childcare or lose a day of work).

*My active, fifth-grade son has PE every six school days. That's less than once a week.

*Loss of school librarians means that instead of having the opportunity to read or check out books during lunchtime, my son's school library has a sign on the door that says, "library closed during lunchtime."

*The high school counselors are assigned 540 students -- double the national counseling standards recommendation. This is up from a 325:1 ratio. Counselors serve a vital role in helping kids make good decisions during high school before they have to choose work or college or the military or whatever else they go on to do to be a part of our society. How effective can they be when we've given them an impossible number of kids to serve?

The Local Option Levy is not a luxury. It will serve to plug a gaping hole that cannot be left to bleed into another school year. It is ridiculous to think that we can educate our future workforce with a school system that must cut back year after year.

Please Vote Yes on the Local Option Levy.

Dawn Prochovnic & Beth Gilstrap, local school parents.

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Office hours: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Monday through Friday

Special Election hours on Monday, May 20, 2013, 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Tuesday, May 21, 2013 (Election Day) - 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Official Drop Sites listed below available in Multnomah County beginning on Friday, May 3, 2013.

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7365 SW Barbur Blvd.

GRESHAM BRANCH LIBRARY

385 NW Miller Ave., Gresham

GOODWILL STORE

3134 North Lombard St.

MIDLAND BRANCH LIBRARY

805 SE 122nd Ave.

MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT

West side of NE 40th Ave.

between NE Tillamook St. and NE Hancock St.

(Near the Hollywood Library.)

PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE

700 block of SW Broadway

(next to Starbucks and across from Nordstrom)

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Two Drop Box locations. Box located on the East Side of **SE 11th Ave.** between SE Morrison St. and SE Belmont St.. Another box located on the North Side of **SE Belmont St.** between SE 10th Ave. and SE 11th Ave.

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Regional Libraries

Gresham - 385 NW Miller Ave., Gresham

Hollywood - 4040 NE Tillamook St.

Hillsdale - 1525 SW Sunset Blvd.

Midland - 805 SE 122nd Ave.

Sunday: Noon - 5:00 PM Wednesday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Tuesday & Thursday: 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM Friday & Saturday: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Monday, May 20th - Ballot drop site hours: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Central and Neighborhood Libraries

Albina - 3605 NE 15th Ave.

North Portland - 512 N Killingsworth St.

Belmont - 1038 S.E. César E. Chávez Blvd.

Northwest - 2300 NW Thurman St.

Capitol Hill - 10723 SW Capitol Highway

Rockwood - 17917 SE Stark St.

Central Library - 801 SW 10th Ave.

St. Johns - 7510 N Charleston Ave.

Fairview-Columbia - 1520 NE Village St. Fairview

Sellwood-Moreland - 7860 SE 13th Ave.

Gregory Heights - 7921 NE Sandy Blvd.

Troutdale - 2451 SW Cherry Park Rd.,

Holgate - 7905 SE Holgate Blvd.

Troutdale

Kenton - 8226 N. Denver Ave.

Woodstock - 6008 SE 49th Ave.

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