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Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet

Primary Election 20<sup>14</sup> General Election 20 Special Election (date)

Measure No.: 26-156
Argument in Favor
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## **The Oregon Taxpayers Association Recommends Voting Yes On Measure 26-156**

Measure 26-156 transfers Portland's water and sewer bureaus away from Portland City Hall and into an independent, Portland-citizen-owned public utility district.

### **1. Will help prevent new taxes from being added to our water and sewer bills.**

Portland City Hall politicians will no longer be able to easily add new taxes and fees to water and sewer bills for items not related to water and sewer service. Portland City Hall has proposed charging water and sewer customers a street "maintenance" fee in recent years, attempting to expand the Portland Transportation Bureau budget with water and sewer monies. Portland City Hall has in the past charged water customers higher franchise fees than it charges natural gas and electric utility customers.

Passing Measure 26-156 will shield water and sewer bills from new taxes levied by City Hall politicians.

### **2. Will Add Important Checks and Balances to Portland's Governance.**

For too long Portland's water and sewer bureaus have been managed by just one politician at City Hall, who frequently acts on ambitions which conflict with the interests of water and sewer customers. This Measure would put seven unpaid elected citizens in charge of selecting and overseeing an experienced administrator to run the water and sewer bureaus, with the paramount goal of stabilizing water and sewer rates while preserving water quality.

### **3. It Can Be Done Successfully.**

The Multnomah County Library system was recently transferred to a citizen owned, independently operated District; transferring it from Multnomah County Commission control. Likewise, the leaders of Measure 26-156 are citizen volunteers who have experience in reviewing Portland's water and sewer operations, and their experience should help ensure a smooth transition of water and sewer services.

*For The Taxpayers Association of Oregon,  
Bob Clark  
Economist and longtime Portlander*

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I served on the Portland Utility Review Board and Water Quality Advisory Committee for over a decade and have seen how Portland Water Bureau (PWB) prioritizes and manages basic services. Change is needed.

- ✓ PWB debt continued increasing to over \$610 million in 2013. 3 bond offerings of \$150 million each over of the next 4 years are planned, pushing ratepayers close to unsustainable \$1 billion debt, increasing our rates. (City of Portland Budget Office 2012-2013).
- ✓ Instead of budgeting to maintain distribution system infrastructure, PWB has wasted hundreds of millions of dollars to create reservoir water capacity that is not needed. \$140 million was budgeted on Powell Butte 2, a reservoir that is not necessary. It had severe engineering and construction problems that allowed it to leak hundreds of thousands of gallons of water a day. Seattle built 4 reservoirs 2 of which were equal or larger in size for total of \$130 million. Less money than we spent for one, by the same people working on both cities' projects.
- ✓ Maintenance of the PWB water distribution system infrastructure has been disregarded for years. Office of the City Auditor reports from 2004, 2011, and 2012 indicate severely neglected infrastructure maintenance levels falling short of industry standards. Replacement of aging water mains and routine flushing of pipes are dismissed by PWB

as low priority, resulting in an insurmountable backlog demand of tens of thousands of hours of needed repairs. “Although water quality and reliability had not been affected yet, continued decline in the maintenance of the water system assets could negatively affect water service performance in the future.” (Office of the Auditor 2004) Summer 2013 another warning came true. Water sampling showed extensive fecal contamination throughout the system reported by KOIN 6 journalist Carla Castaño.

My interests are public health and ratepayer benefits. Placing public health at risk and continued wasteful spending is unacceptable.

Please vote Yes.

Scott Fernandez    M.Sc. Biology

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## END CITY HALL PET PROJECTS

### Lower Water Rates

VOTE YES on MEASURE 26-156

#### FACTS about your water and sewer bill:

- **Portland has 3<sup>rd</sup> highest sewer rates** in the nation among large cities
- **Higher water rates than Phoenix, Arizona**
- Sewer rates rose 164% since 2000
- Water rates have risen 161%

(Sources: *American Water Intelligence 2012 Rate Tariff*, *Portland Water Bureau*)

- **Commissioner Nick Fish proposes water rate increase of 55%** over next five years  
(*Water Bureau requested budget, 2-3-14*)
- Lawsuit has identified **\$127 million in questionable water and sewer spending, including City Hall pet projects**

The Portland Public Water District Measure 26-156 will stop the spending of water and sewer money on City Hall pet projects.

Measure 26-156 converts Portland's utilities into a public water district with an independent elected board.

A Public Water District is not a new idea. The City of Eugene has managed its water system with an independent elected board since 1911. Eugene's water rates are 36% lower than Portland's. (<http://www.eweb.org/waterrates>)

#### Measure 26-156 will:

- End pet projects, by only allowing water money to be spent on water projects
- Require annual financial audits by an independent accountant
- Establish conflict-of-interest provisions where currently none exist
- All City residents still own and control all water and sewer assets
- Covers the whole City, including East Portland

**Send a Message to City Hall**

Please Vote **YES** on 26-156

Floy Jones and Kent Craford  
Chief Petitioners, Portland Public Water District  
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## Ratepayer Watchdogs Urge YES on 26-156

### **A Public Water District will end the practice of spending water and sewer funds on City Hall pet projects.**

Two years ago, ratepayer watchdogs filed a lawsuit against Portland City Hall over restricted water and sewer funds spent on pet projects with little or nothing to do with the water and sewer systems.

Questionable water and sewer expenditures identified in the lawsuit total \$127 million.  
(Aaron Mesh, *Willamette Week*, 12-23-13)

Examples of City Hall pet projects funded by water and sewer dollars include:

- \$1.2 million to fund political elections campaigns (Carla Castano, *KOIN* 3-11-14)
- \$1.6 million to remodel a building for the Portland Rose Festival Association, a decision Commissioner Nick Fish called “the deal of the century for the Water Bureau.” (Brad Schmidt, *Oregonian* 10-7-12)
- \$70,000 to acquire police bureau office space. According to the *Oregonian*, “The \$70,000 diversion from water and sewer funds is an apparent violation of the city’s charter, which prohibits spending utility money on unrelated projects.” (Brad Schmidt, *Oregonian* 11-12-13)
- The “Water House,” a \$940,000 project approved by City Council in 2009. Water Bureau Commissioner Nick Fish voted for the project (Brad Schmidt, *Oregonian* 8-13-13), and then sold it in 2014 for \$394,950, a \$545,050 loss to ratepayers (Andrew Theen, *Oregonian* 1-9-14). Commissioner Fish claimed the sale would “stabilize rates,” a statement ruled “False” by Politifact Oregon (*Oregonian* 8-13-13).

Measure 26-156 will prevent these abuses. Specifically, provisions in the measure require:

- **Stricter limitations** against spending funds on projects not connected to the water and sewer systems
- **Annual financial audits** by an independent outside accountant
- **Benchmarking** of Portland water and sewer rates against similarly-sized U.S. cities

It’s time to reform Portland’s mismanaged water and sewer utilities. Vote YES on 26-156.

Richard Leonetti  
Treasurer  
Citizens for Water Accountability, Trust and Reform

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## **Grassroots environmental activists support Portland Public Water District**

Measure 26-156 is good for Portland ratepayers and protection of Bull Run

Since 2002, the all-volunteer Friends of the Reservoirs has worked to protect Portland's Bull Run water system and ratepayer pocketbooks. We have engaged on all issues impacting Portland's Bull Run watershed, water system and utility budget.

**The failure of Portland City Council leadership, the lack of comprehensive, independent financial audits** and the prevalence of **political cronies in utility leadership positions** has resulted in unnecessary spending, **skyrocketing rate increases** and **massive debt**.

The status quo benefits the political elite, not Portland's ratepayers. It's time for an elected citizen-controlled utility board to protect our resources and interests.

There are significant **Bull Run protection provisions included in measure 26-156**, including:

- A prohibition against water system privatization (page 1 of measure)
- A prohibition against co-mingling our Bull Run drinking water with inferior water sources such as the Willamette River.
- A prohibition against "regionalizing" our water system, or in effect turning control of it over to Portland's suburbs, as the Water Bureau Commissioner proposed in 2002.
- The measure memorializes in the City Charter current City codes protecting the Bull Run watershed from entry and logging. The measure reads, "The district may not adopt regulations for the Bull Run Watershed that are less protective or enhancing of water quality than the regulations in place on July 1, 2013." This refers to Bull Run watershed protection city code chapter 21.36.010- 21.36.050, which can currently be overturned by a simple 3/5 vote of the City Council. After measure 26-156 passes, those protections will be enshrined in the City Charter, and can only be changed by a vote of the people.

Floy Jones, Retired Parole Officer, Past President Federation Parole and Probation Officers  
Co-founder Friends of the Reservoirs  
Co-Chief Petitioner Portland Public Water District  
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Former Portland Utility Review Board Chair:

Vote Yes to get politics out of our water

I served for five years on the Portland Utility Review Board which advises the City Council on water, sewer and solid waste budgets and rates.

Over those years we dug deeply into Portland's water and sewer budgets, and often found expenditures that were too expensive, not related to the water or sewer systems, or just entirely unnecessary. And yet, time and again our concerns were heard but ignored.

Portland's utility governance is fundamentally broken. Our water and sewer operations are not run like professional utilities, but instead managed as political organizations due to the old-fashioned Commission form of government. Let me offer a practical example of how this works.

The top Water Bureau managers have no prior utility experience—the heads of construction and resource management, and even the Administrator (CEO) himself. What else do they have in common? They were all City Hall political staffers appointed to higher-paying jobs at the Water Bureau.

And how do people with no utility experience run a \$150 million utility? Not very well.

They've spent millions in water money on City Hall pet projects. The \$137 million Powell Butte reservoir is four months behind schedule, and is leaking enough water to fill an Olympic sized swimming pool-- every 48 hours.

It's little wonder Portland has higher water rates than Phoenix, Arizona.

So how do we get out of this mess? Get the politics out of our water and sewer bills. Establish a Public Water District.

Measure 26-156 will remove professional politicians from the equation and substitute them with an independent elected board. It requires financial audits and annual benchmarking. The City of Eugene has an independent water board, it works well, and they have lower water rates than Portland.

Please vote Yes.

  
Tracy Marks

Past Chair

Portland Utility Review Board

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**YES on Measure 26-156**  
**From the Personal Perspective of a**  
**Neighborhood Advocate**

I used to assume our greatest public asset, our incredible drinking water and the uniquely "green" system providing for it, was looked after by all the minds on City Council. I was wrong. My experiences as a board member of a Portland neighborhood association convinced me that current governance leaves our publicly-owned utilities unacceptably vulnerable and without the board-level oversight that is a widely accepted best-practice for public utilities.

What seems a sensible division of labor -- each Commissioner takes charge of a few city bureaus -- in practice removes the balances that keep bad decisions in check. With each Commissioner becoming lord of his own fiefdom, individual bureaus no longer receive thorough board oversight. Functioning in separate silos, the Commissioners are rewarded for ignoring a colleague's sloppy work and nonsensical decisions.

We are the last major city in the US still using this style of Commissioner government. This means we are the last to leave our public utilities in the hands of a single, distracted, non-technical, politically influenced City Commissioner. Measure 26-156 establishes one board where all members are clearly accountable to one job = managing our water and sewer utilities. The proposed water board structure is not risky, it is widely used for all types of public utilities around the country and it specifically mimics that structure successfully used in Eugene since 1911.

Measure 26-156 doesn't create an additional layer of government; it substitutes the people sitting at the board-level. City Council steps aside and a dedicated elected board steps in. Utility assets, bureau employees, everything stays within the City structure, only, under active oversight from a dedicated, multi-member, single-mission board.

Stephanie Stewart

For my complete support statement, search for my blogspot.com blog called "From the Co-Chair"

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## **JOIN THE FREE WORLD**

**Vote YES for representative government!!!!**

### **Portland has no representative government!**

Portland is the last major city to retain an at-large form of government outlawed in the South with the Voting Rights Act and subsequently abandoned everywhere else.

### **We deserve representation!**

This leaves our "representation ratio" (an official measurement of voters' power) exponentially worse than any other city's.

### **Water activists know it!**

I've worked with this Measure's sponsors as they've fought to protect our pristine Bull Run open-water system from logging, regionalization, and commingling with Superfund-polluted water. Under our current system I've seen activists labelled "terrorists," whistleblowers harassed, court orders flouted, and city contractors allowed to lobby at our expense for pro-industry regulations that degrade our water and waste hundreds of millions of dollars. Measure 26-156 was drafted to address these problems at their antidemocratic source.

### **Voting rights activists know it!**

*"Rugged individualists?" Asks Paul Gronke, a political science professor at Reed College....'Quite the opposite....our system is stacked against individuals and in favor of incumbents and the entrenched powers that be.'...Researchers say district-based elections address those criticisms...."There's greater access to elected office, and more importantly less monied special interests," says Jason Malinowski, who researched district elections...at the University of Washington....[A]nother crucial advantage of district races: They each cost about \$76,000 less to run. "There are very few downsides," says Eric Lindgren, a political science professor at Whittier College...."People get better representation. It increases participation all across the board, and it costs a lot less money...."*

--"Odd City Out," Portland Mercury, 11/13/2013

### **Our Time Has Come!**

Vested interests are fighting to preserve the status quo, telling us tales of how horrible representative government "might" be. Portland voters are smarter than that. We know that our most precious resource deserves to be placed in the care of an independently audited, representatively elected body.

**VOTE YES! ON 26-156!**

Christopher S. Johnson

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## **Measure 26-156 Fixes a Toxic Failure of Leadership**

I'm an activist who's worked with this measure's sponsors for over a decade, protecting our pristine Bull Run system and reservoirs from degradation by corporate interests and corrupt city officials.

When I first saw water bureau reports showing high radon levels in the Columbia Well Field (Portland's backup drinking water source), I paid attention. After radon levels climbed steadily for two years, I noticed that our water bureau abruptly removed radon from its yearly public reports.

Radon is a radioactive carcinogen with no safe exposure level. It's released from rock into groundwater by the seismic activity common in our area.

Because I have a medical condition putting me at high risk for stomach cancer, I contacted the country's top researchers, and studied the peer-reviewed radon publications they sent me. I learned much.

When groundwater is stored in the open, radon dissipates safely. But in closed storage, radon remains trapped until poured into a glass, out of a shower head, or onto laundry--where it then contacts human respiratory and digestive tissues.

With further research, I learned that while the nation's scientists were warning that open aeration is the best mitigation for radon-contaminated water, our City leaders and their industrial tank-building campaign donors used our rate dollars to lobby EPA to push the nation's drinking water into closed storage.

And when other cities' leaders fought to change the EPA's mind, our City leaders ensured that local and state regulations would continue to put their industrial cronies' interests before our health.

Such corruption is the inevitable result of Portland's outmoded commission style of government, which the civil rights movement eradicated from virtually every other city. Until Portland wises up, experience tells me that our resources will continue to be mismanaged, and our public health risks will continue to be swept under the carpet.

**We deserve better.**

**Vote YES! on Measure 26-156!**

Katherin Kirkpatrick

Measure Argument for County Voters' Pamphlet

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Measure No 26-156  Argument in Favor  Argument in Opposition

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**Support Measure 26-156**  
**THE OPPOSITION HAS IT WRONG**

We've long served alongside Measure 26-156's sponsors as part of a bipartisan coalition to protect Bull Run and reform City Hall. We are thousands of people from all walks of life--hardcore environmental activists, commercial water users, and ordinary folks. Ironically, just about the only people absent from our ranks are the few organizational leaders who now oppose this measure. While we respect the work their organizations do, their claims about Measure 26-156 don't hold water.

The opposition slanders the legal work done by the measure's corporate backers. But we've worked alongside the measure's backers as they've asked for lawful apportionment of water and sewer funds; provided City leaders with legal strategies for saving our open-water system and hundreds of millions of dollars; and succeeded in getting our pristine Bull Run open-water system a variance from building a costly treatment plant at Bull Run. Where were these organizations during this fight?

**The opposition slanders corporate backers. These environmental organizations complain loudly while receiving corporate sponsorships as well.**

These organizations owe their donors, both corporate and private, a thoughtful discussion about what is probably the most important issue to come before Portland voters in recent history.

Instead, they dismissed this measure before it was drafted.

They outright oppose dedicated, representatively-elected citizen oversight of our most precious environmental resource, Bull Run. They claim YOU can't be trusted to vote responsibly for a Public Water District, so YOU should trust our current regime to police itself with a nonbinding oversight committee.

**We deserve better.** We trust that, despite their protests, these groups will have to join the rest of the environmental community in cooperating with the newly elected Water District, and we'll all be better for it.

**Vote YES! on Measure 26-156!**

Dee White  
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## “Plan’s critics have ties to city

**Most of the 11 environmental leaders who signed the statement against the proposed ballot measure belong to organizations that have received money from the Bureau of Environmental Services or partnered with the city on projects.**

According to city records of BES grants and contracts during the past five years:

- Friends of Trees is paid more than \$7.9 million to plant thousands of trees to enhance watershed health in Portland.
- The Audubon Society is receiving more than \$43,290 to conduct a bird count on Mt. Tabor as part of a restoration project.
- Depave received \$10,000 to remove asphalt in a church parking lot.
- The Urban Greenspaces Institute received more than \$4,417 for a mural project.
- Friends of Gateway Green received \$4,200 for events related to the east Portland project.
- Jeri Williams, who identifies herself as an equity activist, is a city employee.
- The Trust for Public Lands partnered with the bureau to buy the Riverview Cemetery.
- The Oregon Environmental Council is partnering with Mayor Charlie Hales on a public poll about whether Portlanders will support a carbon tax.”

*Jim Redden, Portland Tribune, August 22, 2013*

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Portland City Hall had responsibility for the best and safest drinking water in the world.

**The cities of Rochester, New York and Portland, Oregon have very similar open reservoirs for their drinking water.** These nature-based systems have been delivering safe, healthful, and delicious water to their communities for a hundred years.

Then, in 2006 Portland hired a multinational corporation to represent their interests in writing the Federal EPA regulation known as LT2.

LT2 was originally motivated by a horrible mixing of sewage and drinking water in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Milwaukee gets their drinking water from Lake Michigan and heavy rains dumped raw sewage into the drink.

**No matter how inappropriate to our pristine Bull Run Water supply, Portland City Hall argued, the law is the law.**

As part of this law, Portland City Hall incumbents were responsible for setting their own compliance timeline and they seem to be in a big hurry. They are fast tracking a billion dollars worth of burial projects to, guess who, the same multinational corporation that helped write the law. What's the hurry? Well, **LT2 is known to be flawed for its 'one-size-fits-none' approach and is up for major revision in 2016.**

Meanwhile, Rochester wrote a simple letter asking for a reprieve from the law. This simple request was simply met and **Rochester has not spent a dime on covering their open reservoirs.** Since LT2 is known to be flawed and up for revision in two years, this is a no-brainer.

The current director of the Water Bureau has been the point person and spin-doctor for all of Portland's water shenanigans. That he is still running the show is clear evidence that City Hall incumbents are not interested in reform, only in protecting their honey-pot politics.

**Join us in voting YES and taking responsibility for our water, for our pocketbooks, and for our democracy.**

Joe Meyer and Sharon Maxwell