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Argument in Favor



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Measure # 26-260

Order # 1 of 11

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**Let's Keep Our Parks Clean, Safe, and Open for Everyone.**

Parks are where Portlanders come together. They're where we meet friends for a walk, where our kids learn to swim, where seniors stay active, where families gather on sunny days, and where nature thrives in the heart of our city.

But right now, the parks we love are at risk. Without Measure 26-260, Portland Parks & Recreation will lose nearly **half its budget**. That would mean closed community centers, locked pool gates, neglected natural areas, and the loss of free and low-cost programs that thousands of Portland families rely on.

Measure 26-260 provides essential funding to keep our parks open and thriving. It will:

- **Keep playgrounds safe, pools open, bathrooms clean, and trails clear** with daily maintenance and safety checks.
- Fund **free and low-cost programs** so every Portlander can participate.
- Protect our natural areas with **tree planting, wildfire prevention, and habitat restoration**.
- Ensure accountability through **independent audits and a community oversight committee**.

This levy is not just about parks — it's about Portland's quality of life. When our parks are clean, safe, and welcoming, our entire community is stronger.

Join the growing coalition of labor unions, environmental advocates, businesses, community groups, and neighbors across the city who are voting **YES on Measure 26-260** to keep Portland's parks open, clean, green, and thriving.

**Vote YES for Portland's Parks!**

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Coalition of Communities of Color  
Portland Mayor Keith Wilson  
Laborers' International Union of North America Local 483  
League of Women Voters of Portland  
Northwest Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO  
Oregon & Southern Idaho District Council of Laborers  
Oregon League of Conservation Voters  
Portland Metro Chamber  
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As a resident of North Portland for the past two decades, I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact the Charles Jordan Community Center and its programs have had on our community, particularly on low-income families. My children have actively benefited from the center's resources, including the swimming pools, and I strongly believe in the importance of maintaining accessible and supportive programs for youth and families in need.

These programs are vital in providing positive environments, and encouraging healthy, active lifestyles. The continued operation of our community centers, pools, and parks programs is crucial for current and future generations.

I know my family is not alone. Thanks to Portland Parks & Recreation's Access Discount Program — funded by this levy — thousands of Portland families can be part of our city's parks, not excluded because of cost.

**Please vote YES on Measure 26-260 — so all kids can play, learn, and grow.**

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Como residente del norte de Portland durante las últimas dos décadas, he sido testigo de primera mano del impacto positivo que el Centro Comunitario Charles Jordan y sus programas han tenido en nuestra comunidad, especialmente en las familias con bajos ingresos. Mis hijos se han beneficiado activamente de los recursos del centro, incluidas las piscinas, y creo firmemente en la importancia de mantener programas accesibles y de apoyo para los jóvenes y las familias necesitadas.

Estos programas son vitales para proporcionar entornos positivos y fomentar estilos de vida saludables y activos. El funcionamiento continuo de nuestros centros comunitarios, piscinas y programas de parques es crucial para las generaciones actuales y futuras.

Sé que mi familia no es la única. Gracias al Programa de Descuentos de Acceso de Portland Parks & Recreation, financiado por este impuesto, miles de familias de Portland pueden disfrutar de los parques de nuestra ciudad, sin quedar excluidas por el costo.

**Por favor, vote Sí a la Medida 26-260, para que todos los niños puedan jugar, aprender y crecer.**

**Saludos cordiales,**  
Josefina

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**Parks Are Essential to Portland's Economic Future.**

Businesses know: a city where people want to live is a city where businesses thrive. Clean, safe, accessible parks are part of what makes Portland a place where businesses want to stay, employees want to work, and families want to lay down roots.

Measure 26-260 invests in our city's reputation as a vibrant, livable community by:

- Keeping parks and restrooms clean and safe.
- Reinvesting in community centers and pools that serve as anchors in neighborhoods.
- Ensuring free and low-cost programs that allow every Portlander to participate.
- Providing the kind of public spaces that attract residents, visitors, and customers.

This levy also includes **stronger accountability measures**: a community oversight committee, annual audits, and performance reporting to City Council. Taxpayers deserve transparency, and Measure 26-260 delivers.

Businesses large and small are united: thriving parks and thriving communities go hand in hand.

**Vote YES on Measure 26-260 — because Portland's economy depends on Portland's quality of life.**

**Portland Metro Chamber**  
*On behalf of our 2,200 member businesses and organizations*

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**Protect Nature  
Prevent Wildfire  
Invest in Our Climate Future**

Portland's parks are not a luxury — they are an essential part of our city's environment and our health. Our system includes **8,000 acres of natural areas** and **1.2 million trees** that protect our clean air, filter our water, provide habitat for wildlife, and give Portlanders places to wander trails and connect with nature close to home.

But these natural treasures face urgent threats. Summers are hotter and drier than ever. Portland has already seen smoke-filled skies from catastrophic wildfires in nearby forests. Without proactive investment, our own natural areas will be at greater risk.

Measure 26-260 provides the resources Portland needs to **care for our environment and reduce wildfire danger** by funding:

- **Brush clearing and tree pruning** to lower wildfire risk.
- **Removal of invasive plants** that fuel fast-spreading fires.
- **Planting more trees in East Portland and low-canopy neighborhoods** to cool the air, protect water quality, and provide shade.
- **Habitat restoration and erosion control** to keep our rivers, creeks, and wetlands healthy.

This levy also ensures daily maintenance in our developed parks — keeping bathrooms clean, trash collected, and playgrounds safe — so that people of every age, background, and neighborhood can enjoy them.

Without Measure 26-260, Portland Parks & Recreation will lose nearly half its budget, putting our natural areas and community parks at risk.

**Let's protect what makes Portland Portland.** Let's vote **YES** on Measure 26-260 for clean air, safe water, wildfire prevention, and thriving natural spaces for generations to come.

**1000 Friends of Oregon  
40 Mile Loop Land Trust  
350 PDX  
Access Recreation**



**Bird Alliance of Oregon**  
**Columbia Slough Watershed Council**  
**Depave**  
**Johnson Creek Watershed Council**  
**Northwest Trail Alliance**  
**Oregon League of Conservation Voters**  
**Portland Parks Foundation**  
**The Blueprint Foundation**  
**The Intertwine Alliance**  
**The Nature Conservancy**  
**The Public Health PAC**  
**Trust for Public Land**  
**Tryon Creek Watershed Council**  
**Urban Greenspaces Institute**  
**Willamette Riverkeeper**

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### **Good Jobs — Safe Parks — Strong Communities**

Portland Parks & Recreation is one of the city's largest and most diverse employers — and the **largest summer employer of youth**. Thousands of families depend on these jobs to make ends meet.

But unless Measure 26-260 passes, Portland Parks & Recreation will lose nearly half its budget. That means layoffs, closed facilities, and fewer opportunities for young people and working families.

### **Why Your YES Vote Matters**

This levy will:

- **Preserve hundreds of good-paying union jobs** for frontline workers.
- **Support stable employment** for maintenance staff, coaches, lifeguards, gardeners, and rangers who keep our parks safe and clean.
- **Provide summer jobs for young people** — often their first chance at meaningful employment and a pathway to a career.
- Ensure Portland Parks & Recreation has the resources to hire a **workforce that reflects our city's diversity** and provide opportunities that do not require a four-year degree.

By investing in Parks & Recreation, we invest in Portland families and in the health of our economy. **A YES vote is a vote for workers, for families, and for our shared public spaces.**

Join us and our thousands of members in voting YES on Measure 26-260!

AFSCME Local 189  
AFSCME Local 328  
City of Portland Professional Workers Union  
IBEW Local 48  
Ironworkers Local 29  
Laborers' International Union of North America Local 483  
Northwest Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO  
Oregon AFSCME  
Oregon & Southern Idaho District Council of Laborers  
Portland Association of Teachers  
Portland Fire Fighters' Association, IAFF Local 43

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Portland Police Association  
PROTEC17  
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### **Neighborhood Parks = Neighborhood Pride**

From volunteers who tend our rose gardens to neighbors who show up for ivy-pulling work parties, Portlanders love and care for their neighborhood parks. These spaces are where we gather for concerts, birthday parties, barbecues, and neighborhood meetings. They are the heart of community life.

But without this levy, many neighborhood parks will face reduced care, fewer safety checks, and closed bathrooms.

### **Stronger Parks, Stronger Neighborhoods**

Measure 26-260 ensures:

- **Daily bathroom cleaning and trash pickup** in every developed park.
- **Safe, well-maintained playgrounds, trails, and picnic areas.**
- **Support for volunteers and “Friends of” groups** who dedicate countless hours to keeping parks beautiful.
- Continued funding for **arts and culture programming**, including at Portland Parks & Recreation’s three arts centers and through Summer Free for All.
- Affordable access and **free or low-cost programs** that serve families, youth, and seniors.

Neighborhood parks are more than green spaces. They are where neighbors meet, where kids learn to ride bikes, where seniors walk for health, and where community comes together.

**Join Portland’s parks and neighborhood advocates:**

**Vote YES on Measure 26-260  
to keep our neighborhood parks  
safe, clean, and welcoming for everyone.**

Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Association

Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association

Community Music Center, Inc.

Explore Washington Park

Forest Park Conservancy

Friends of Columbia Park

Friends of Ladd's Addition Gardens

Friends of Oaks Bottom

Friends of Portland Community Gardens

Leach Botanical Garden

Madison South Neighborhood Association

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Maplewood Neighborhood Association  
Mill Park Neighborhood Association  
Mt. Scott-Arleta Neighborhood Association  
Multnomah Arts Center Association  
Piedmont Neighborhood Association  
Pioneer Courthouse Square of Portland, Inc.  
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### **Your Parks Levy Dollars: Spent as Promised**

When Portlanders approved the Parks Levy in 2020, they were promised two things:

1. Our parks and recreation services would be protected.
2. Tax dollars would be spent responsibly, with oversight and transparency.

#### **The record is clear: both promises have been kept.**

An independent 2024 performance audit confirmed that **“Levy funds were used in compliance with voter-approved commitments”** and that **“Levy dollars were clearly tracked using strong financial systems.”**

Auditors found no misuse of funds and made no recommendations for improvement — showing that Portland Parks & Recreation is managing levy dollars with integrity.

Each year, a five-member volunteer Parks Levy Oversight Committee reports to City Council on the Portland Parks & Recreation bureau’s fiscal accountability, adherence to the levy ballot language, and transparency.

Their most recent review found that **“PP&R remains fiscally accountable to Portlanders,”** and is **“tracking Parks Levy dollars in a transparent, auditable, and effective way.”** The oversight committee also confirmed that levy spending is aligned with the fifteen commitments in the 2020 ballot measure, **“showing performance on promises made to voters.”**

**You can be confident: your Parks Levy dollars have been well spent, exactly as promised.** Now it’s time to renew and strengthen that investment for the future by voting YES on Measure 26-260.

Read the reports: [www.portlandersforparks.org/accountability](http://www.portlandersforparks.org/accountability)

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Measure # 26-260

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### **Recreation for All: From Kids to Seniors**

Parks and recreation programs are for everyone. From toddlers taking their first swim lesson to seniors staying active in fitness classes, Portland's recreation system is where people of all ages come together to move, learn, and connect.

### **Measure 26-260 Provides Recreation Opportunities for ALL Portlanders**

Your **YES** vote on Measure 26-260 will:

- Fund **swim lessons, youth sports, and summer camps** so children grow up safe and healthy.
- Keep **gyms, pools, and community centers open** for adults to play basketball, join fitness classes, and build community.
- Support **senior programs** that help older Portlanders stay active, social, and healthy.
- Fund **arts and culture programming**, including at Portland Parks & Recreation's three arts centers and with community partners.
- Provide **affordable access through free or low-cost programs**, so no one is turned away because of cost.

Without this levy, recreation programs will be cut back. That means fewer classes and higher fees for families, adults, and seniors alike.

With this levy, Portland Parks & Recreation will continue to serve tens of thousands of residents each year — offering opportunities to learn a new skill, join a team, stay healthy, or simply have fun.

Recreation is about more than sports or classes. It's about belonging. Parks and programs bring people together across generations and backgrounds, strengthening our neighborhoods and our city.

**Vote YES on Measure 26-260 — for recreation opportunities for every Portlander, at every stage of life.**

40 Mile Loop Land Trust  
Community Music Center, Inc.  
Friends of Noise  
Human Access Project  
Multnomah Arts Center Association  
Northwest Trail Alliance  
Oregon Trails Coalition  
Oregon Walks  
Oregon Working Families Party  
People of Color Outdoors

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Portland Community Football Club  
Portland Gray Panthers  
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The Intertwine Alliance  
The Public Health PAC  
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**Safe Parks. Safer Portland.**

Portlanders deserve to feel safe in their parks. Our parks are where kids stay active and supervised, where neighbors gather, and where everyone has access to healthy outlets.

**Voting YES on Measure 26-260** will help keep our parks safe, and will help support a safer community for everyone.

But if Measure 26-260 fails, competition for limited city dollars will grow. Parks, police, and fire protection are all funded from the General Fund. Without dedicated parks funding, cuts to public safety services could follow.

**Keeping Our Parks Safe and Welcoming**

This levy directly invests in safety by funding:

- **Park Rangers** who patrol, respond to incidents, and assist visitors.
- **Securing facilities at nighttime** to reduce vandalism and trespassing.
- **Hazard checks and repairs** for playgrounds, trails, and natural areas.
- **Clean, well-lit restrooms** and safe, open spaces.
- **Wildfire prevention** including brush clearing, tree pruning, and removal of invasive plants that fuel fast-spreading fires.

Keeping parks safe means keeping Portland safe. By voting **YES** on this levy, we protect both our public spaces and our public safety.

**Vote YES on Measure 26-260 for safe, welcoming parks and a safer city for all.**

Endorsed by:

Multnomah County District Attorney Nathan Vasquez

Portland Fire Fighters' Association, IAFF Local 43

Portland Police Association

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**Local Leaders Agree:**

**YES for Parks!**

**YES on Measure 26-260!**

Portland's leaders are united in our support for the Portland Parks Levy, because our parks are essential to our city's future.

Measure 26-260 will:

- Keep community centers and pools open.
- Provide free and reduced-cost parks and recreation programs so everyone can access our park activities.
- Fund daily maintenance and safety checks in every park.
- Protect natural areas and plant more trees to fight climate change.

This levy also includes **strong accountability requirements**: Performance audits, City Council oversight, and a citizen-led committee to track spending and results.

We are proud to stand together in support of this levy because it reflects Portland's values: **equity, accountability, and community.**

**Vote YES on Measure 26-260 — for safe, clean, affordable parks and a stronger Portland.**

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### **Parks for All Means *Everyone***

Nearly every Portlander visits a park each year. But not everyone has felt included or welcome.

Measure 26-260 ensures equity and access are at the center of our parks system. It will:

- **Reduce reliance on fees**, making programs affordable for families with low incomes.
- **Support culturally specific programs** like the World Soccer Tournament, Stand with Refugees and Immigrants, and community arts events.
- **Plant trees in neighborhood parks**, prioritizing those with less tree canopy.

This levy is about more than parks — it's about who we are as a community. Parks are where we come together across backgrounds, generations, and cultures. Everyone deserves to feel welcome and included.

**Join us and vote YES on Measure 26-260 for parks and community spaces that truly belong to all of us.**

Access Recreation

Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO) Action Fund

Coalition of Communities of Color

Friends of Noise

Hacienda CDC

NAYA Family Center

People of Color Outdoors

The Blueprint Foundation