

Stay home, Stay safe, Vote by Mail!

Using the return envelope (free postage), and mailed back by May 14, 2020.
Or, any Official Ballot Drop site in Oregon by 8:00 p.m., May 19, 2020.

Multnomah County Voters' Pamphlet May 19, 2020 Primary Election

Dear Multnomah County Voter:

This Voters' Pamphlet for the May 19, 2020 Primary Election is being mailed to residential households in Multnomah County.

Here are a few things you should know:

- You can view your registration status at oregonvotes.gov/myvote. There you can update your voter registration or track your ballot. The Voter Registration/Party Change Deadline is April 28, 2020.
- If you wish to vote for the Democratic or Republican Party candidates in the May Primary you must register with one of those parties by the Voter Registration/Party Change deadline, April 28, 2020.
- You can choose or change your party by updating your voter registration information online (with Oregon DMV ID) oregonvotes.gov/myvote or filling out an Oregon Voter Registration Card. The Voter Registration/Party Choice Deadline is April 28, 2020.
- If you are registered with the Democratic or Republican party you will also receive a precinct committeeperson ballot, however precinct committee candidates do not appear in this Voters' Pamphlet.
- If you change your party affiliation near the April 28, 2020 deadline you may receive two ballots. Vote only the second ballot with your new party.
- Ballots will be mailed beginning on Wednesday, April 29. If you don't receive your ballot by Thursday, May 7, 2020, please call 503-988-VOTE (8683) or email elections@multco.us.
- We've moved our ballot drop box on SE 11th Ave. one block north. Due to impending construction of a new building in our neighborhood, we've moved our 24-hour drop box on the East Side of SE 11th Ave. one block north. It is now located on the East side of SE 11th Ave. between SE Alder St. and SE Morrison St. Look for signs with directions placed around the building. The drop box on the north side of SE Belmont St between SE 10th Ave and SE 11th Ave has not moved.

Voted ballots **MUST** be received at any County elections office in Oregon or official drop site location by 8:00 PM, Tuesday, May 19 to be counted.

If you have any questions, you can contact our office at 503-988-VOTE (8683).

Sincerely,



Tim Scott, Multnomah County Director of Elections

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Facts to Know about Voting and Elections

Who can register to vote in Oregon?

- You must be a United States citizen,
- A resident of Oregon,
- And at least 16 years old. You will get your first ballot in the mail once you are at least 18 years old.

You must register to vote at least 21 days before Election Day.

How can I register to vote?

- Online at oregonvotes.gov/register or
- On a paper Oregon Voter Registration Card that can be picked up at an elections office, public library, Oregon DMV, or post office.

How does vote by mail work?

All elections in Oregon are conducted by the county elections office. The elections office mails ballots directly to voters. Voters complete their ballots, and then return them to the county elections office in the mail or by putting them into an official ballot drop box.

Vote by mail in a few simple steps:

- 1) Register to Vote
- 2) Receive a Voter Notification Card
- 3) Receive a Voters' Pamphlet
- 4) Receive Your Ballot
- 5) Vote Your Ballot
- 6) Return Your Ballot

How do I vote my ballot?

Vote for One

Candidate 1

Candidate 2

OR Write-in on line above

Find the candidate or measure response (YES or NO) of your choice. Completely darken the oval to the left of your choice with blue or black ink.

*** Do not use felt tip markers.

Write-in Votes

Vote for One

Candidate 1

Candidate 2

Candidate 3

OR Write-in on line above

To vote for a write-in candidate who does not appear on the ballot, completely darken the oval to the left of the line provided for the office and write the full name of the candidate on that line.

- Make sure you have correctly marked your choice for each contest.
- Your official ballot may have contests printed on both sides.
- Place the ballot in the return identification envelope. **You may use the optional secrecy sleeve.
- Read the Voter's Statement on the return envelope and sign on the signature line.
- **Your ballot cannot be counted if you do not sign the return envelope.**
- Every signature is checked against the registration signature on file. The signatures must match for the ballot to be counted.

If you vote for more candidates than allowed for an office or if you vote **both Yes and No** on a measure, it is called an overvote and your vote **will not count** for that contest.

If you make a mistake or change your mind while marking your ballot,

- You may correct it yourself. See example below.
- **Make your choice obvious** so that your intent is understood and your vote is counted correctly.

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <i>This one</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <i>Not this</i>	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

- If you are unable to correct your ballot, you may request a replacement ballot from the elections office.

Return Your Ballot

Mail your ballot in the return envelope with free postage by May 14, 2020.

Drop off your ballot at an official 24-hour or library drop site by 8PM Election Day, May 19, 2020.

Postmarks do not count. Your ballot must be returned before 8 PM on Election Day.

ATTENTION – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If the library is closed when you drop your ballot off, please use the 24-hour book drop box at the library to deposit your ballot. Ballots will be picked up from library and 24-hour drop sites on a regular schedule.

24-Hour Drop Box Sites

- **Multnomah County Elections** – 1040 SE Morrison St., Portland
Two drop box locations:
 - East Side of SE 11th Ave. between SE Morrison St. & SE Belmont St.
 - North Side of SE Belmont St. between SE 10th Ave. & SE 11th Ave.
- **A-Boy Supply** – 7365 SW Barbur Blvd., Portland
- **Central Library** – 801 SW 10th Ave., Portland, in the outside book return behind the library on SW 11th Ave.
- **Goodwill Store** – 3134 North Lombard St., Portland
- **Gresham Library** – 385 NW Miller Ave., Gresham
- **McDonald's Restaurant** – 2010 NE Cesar Chavez Blvd., Portland (drop box located on west side of NE 40th Avenue between NE Tillamook and NE Hancock and near the Hollywood Library)
- **Midland Library** – 805 SE 122nd Ave., Portland
- **Parkrose Neighborhood** – 4390 NE 102nd Ave., Portland (MHCC Maywood Park Center parking lot)
- **Pioneer Courthouse Square** – 700 block of SW Broadway, Portland (next to Starbucks and across from Nordstrom – **Walk up Only Location**)
- **Regal Cinemas Movie Theater / M & M Car Wash** – SE Division St & SE 165th Ave., Portland – drop box located in Regal Cinemas parking lot behind M & M Car Wash

Library Official Drop Sites

- **Albina Library** – 3605 NE 15th Ave., Portland
 - **Capitol Hill Library** – 10723 SW Capitol Hwy., Portland
 - **Fairview-Columbia Library** – 1520 NE Village St., Fairview
 - **Gregory Heights Library** – 7921 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland
 - **Holgate Library** – 7905 SE Holgate Blvd., Portland
 - **Kenton Library** – 8226 N Denver Ave., Portland
 - **North Portland Library** – 512 N Killingsworth St., Portland
 - **Northwest Library** – 2300 NW Thurman St., Portland
 - **Rockwood Library** – 17917 SE Stark St., Portland
 - **St. Johns Library** – 7510 N Charleston Ave., Portland
 - **Sellwood-Moreland Library** – 7860 SE 13th Ave., Portland
 - **Troutdale Library** – 2451 SW Cherry Park Rd., Troutdale
 - **Woodstock Library** – 6008 SE 49th Ave., Portland
Mon. – Tue. : Noon – 8PM
Wed. – Sat. : 10AM – 6PM
Sun. : Noon – 5PM
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- **Belmont Library** – 1038 SE César E. Chávez Blvd., Portland
 - **Gresham Library** – 385 NW Miller Ave., Gresham
 - **Hillsdale Library** – 1525 SW Sunset Blvd., Portland
 - **Hollywood Library** – 4040 NE Tillamook St., Portland
 - **Midland Library** – 805 SE 122nd Ave., Portland
Mon., Fri. & Sat. : 10AM – 6PM
Tue. : 10AM – 8PM
Wed. – Thurs. : Noon – 8PM
Sun. : 10AM – 5PM
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- **Central Library** – 801 SW 10th Ave., Portland
Mon. : 10AM – 8PM
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Sun. : 10AM – 5PM

Libraries may be closed due to COVID-19. If closed, use book drop box at library.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Commissioner, District 1

Sharon Meieran

Occupation: Multnomah County Commissioner; Emergency room doctor

Occupational Background: Lawyer; Medical Director, Oregon Foundation for

Reproductive Health Educational Background: UC Berkeley; Hastings College of Law; UCSF Medical School

Prior Governmental Experience: Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Advisory

Commission; Portland Police Community Oversight Advisory Board, Mental Health Crisis Subcommittee Co-Chair

Sharon is dedicated to improving access to mental health care, fighting homelessness, and strengthening our community:

- Launched the first comprehensive analysis of our mental health care system.
- Led the county's effort to hold drug manufacturers accountable for the opioid epidemic.
- Successfully advocated for a mental health resource center in downtown Portland.
- Advocated for stronger diesel emissions and clean air standards.
- Helped lead efforts to sue the Trump administration over cuts to Planned Parenthood.
- Serves on the executive committee for A Home for Everyone to fight homelessness.
- Supported increasing capacity of housing with access to mental health and substance use disorder treatment.

Sharon will continue to focus on:

- Increasing services to combat the mental health crisis.
- Ensuring access to housing for the most vulnerable.
- Improving the intersection of public health, safety, and human services to ensure our limited dollars help the most people.

“Sharon’s work is fundamentally transforming our Multnomah County’s mental health system. We need her.”

-Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury

“Sharon understands the challenges of chronic homelessness on both the policy level and on the frontline.”

-Rachel Solotaroff, M.D. homeless physician/advocate

“As a County Commissioner, ER doctor and mom, Sharon knows how to set priorities and make tough decisions.”

Senator Ron Wyden

“I have never seen anyone more qualified to be our County Commissioner.”

Representative Earl Blumenauer

Endorsers:

AFSCME Local 88

NARAL Pro-choice Oregon

Oregon Nurses Association

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Portland Association of Teachers PAC

SEIU Local 49

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley

U.S. Representative Earl Blumenauer

www.VoteSharon.com

Sharon was named Oregon Medical Association Doctor- Citizen of the Year (2015) and lives in SW Portland with her husband and two children.

(This information furnished by Friends of Sharon Meieran)

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Commissioner, District 3

Jessica Vega Pederson

Occupation: Multnomah County Commissioner

Occupational Background: State Representative, Project Manager

Educational Background: Loyola University Chicago

Prior Governmental Experience: County Commissioner 2017-2020; State Representative 2013-2016; Democratic Precinct Committee Person 2006-2016

Community Involvement: Center for Women's Leadership; NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon; Portland Children's Levy

Jessica Vega Pederson

A Progressive Champion for Multnomah County

Our Community's Values

Jessica is a proven progressive champion for working families. She accomplished:

- Leading the fight on climate change with a county-wide commitment of 100% renewable energy by 2050 and establishing environmental justice principles for Multnomah County.
- Driving efforts for regional transportations investments that prioritize safety, equity and climate.
- Spearheading a statewide law guaranteeing Oregon workers the right to earn paid sick days.
- Increasing the minimum wage to a living wage so more Oregonians can meet their basic needs.
- Passing a landmark law requiring universal background checks on all Oregon gun purchases.

Our Community's Priorities

As our housing, childcare and other living expenses keep increasing, Jessica understands how critical the right priorities are for our elected officials. That's why she's committed to:

- Affordable housing options throughout Multnomah County
- Expanding preschool to all children in Multnomah County
- Supporting senior centers, especially in underserved communities
- Investing in infrastructure improvements for transit, new sidewalks, and seismically resilient bridges
- Improving access to mental health and drug treatment services
- Protecting our environment for now and for future generations

"Jessica Vega Pederson has all the qualities of a proven leader. We can count on her to work passionately and collaboratively in finding solutions to help Multnomah County families thrive." – Governor Barbara Roberts

Jessica's Supporters:

Congressman Multnomah County Earl Blumenauer, Chair Deborah Kafoury, Multnomah County Commissioners: Sharon Meieren, Susheela Jayapal, Lori Stegmann, State Senator Shemia Fagan, Gresham Councilor Eddy Morales, Multnomah County Employees, AFSCME, Local 88, SEIU OLCVNARAL, Pro-Choice Oregon, Oregon Nurses Association, APANO, East County Rising PAC, Portland

Business Alliance, Oregon State Council for Retired Citizens, Northwest Oregon Labor Council, Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC Greenlight

www.jessicavegapederson.com

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Commissioner, District 4

Lori Stegmann

Occupation: Multnomah County Commissioner

Occupational Background: Gresham City Councilor, Small Business Owner, Insurance Agent

Educational Background: Mt. Hood Community College, Portland State University, BA

Prior Governmental Experience: Gresham City Council President and Councilor, Gresham Redevelopment Commissioner, Planning Commissioner, Public Safety Committee

Community Service: Co-founder Rockwood Business Coalition; past President Soroptimist; Past Chair, Plaza del Sol Community Events; Multnomah County Citizen Budget Advisory Committee

Dear Neighbors,

I ran for County Commission to fight for greater investments in east Multnomah County, which has some of the highest poverty rates in the state. I'm proud of the progress we have made, but there is much more to do, from addressing generational poverty to improving public safety. In my next term, I will build on our accomplishments so we continue to create opportunities in East County.

Increasing access to jobs in skilled trades

I cosponsored the Construction Diversity Equity Fund

which sets aside 1% of the County's capital projects for apprenticeships for women and communities of color.

Expanding Homeless Outreach and Programs Engagement Team

Successfully advocated for a third year of funding for the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office HOPE team (Homeless Outreach and Programs Engagement). This two-person, full-time team connects houseless residents to services so they can find a pathway out of homelessness.

Improving access to healthcare

I fought for a new school-based health center at Reynolds High School which is opening 2020 on their newly remodeled campus.

Lori supports our community every day.

Join us in supporting her!

Vote Lori Stegmann.

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley

U.S. Representative Earl Blumenauer

Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury

Multnomah County Commissioners: Susheela Jayapal, Sharon Meieran & Jessica Vega Pederson

Mike Reese & Multnomah County Deputy Sheriffs Association Wood Village Mayor Scott Harden

Centennial School Board Member Sumitra Chhetri

Reynolds School Board Chair Yesenia Delgado

Gresham Barlow School Board Member Dr Mayra Gomez AFSCME Local 88

APANO

Gresham Professional Fire Fighters Local 1062

NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon PAC

NW Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO

NW Carpenters Union
OLCV
Oregon Nurses Association
SEIU
www.VoteLoriStegmann.com

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Mayor

Randy Rapaport

Occupation: Developer of Multi-family housing

Occupational Background: Managing member of Clinton Retail LLC a Local developer of multi-family housing; Educational psychologist, Oregon schools; Investment Advisor

Educational Background: Trinity University, Bachelor of Science, Educational Psychology, Master of Arts (MA); Trinity University, Business Administration (BS), Minor Art History; Chartered Financial Consultant Ch.F.C

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Portland needs new leadership to improve livability for everyone. We must respond to the affordable housing crisis, effective management of homelessness and associated services, government inefficiency, and poor governance.

My candidacy seriously challenges business as usual in a corrupted system that we can no longer afford to host because livability is deteriorating all around us.

If elected, we will adopt a back-to-basics approach to direct resources where they are needed most.

Under my administration we will not be sending our tax dollars to the Portland Art Museum or Ballet before we effectively fund the most basic of human needs such as affordable housing, mental health services, substance abuse remediation, and food security.

City resources and services will be assessed on cost/benefit analysis using best practices to optimize effective outcomes to meet our community goals.

We will develop a comprehensive response to abrupt climate change with a focus on deep adaptation, renewable energy, transportation, and local agriculture in partnership with area university, medical, public school and transit systems.

My work history has prepared me to lead with 27 years of business and service experience in Portland: I've worked as a licensed educational psychologist, a coffee shop owner and operator, a developer of multi-family housing, a restaurant owner, a trustee of Portland's Pioneer Courthouse Square, a board member of Sequential Biofuels of Oregon, and as a supporter of the arts.

These intentional work and civic service experiences and my love of Portland makes this candidacy worthy of your consideration.

randyrapaport@gmail.com

(This information furnished by Randy Rapaport)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Mayor

Teressa Raiford

Occupation: Philanthropist, Trauma-Informed Advocate and Community Organizer

Occupational Background: Accounting, Banker, Logistics, Educator, founder of Don't Shoot Portland in 2015, a non-profit that provides legal resources for marginalized communities

Educational Background: Jefferson High School c/o 88; Trend Business; Western Business College

Prior Governmental Experience: Ran for office in 2012 against Amanda Fritz for City Commission seat 1; Ran against Loretta Smith for County Commissioner 2014, Elected PCP for North Portland District 2; Member of steering committee of community based organization founded by Barbara Willer (Black Women for Peace) in 2012-2015; Business and Economic Chair for Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs 2012-2015; Co-Chair for Ceasefire Oregon Books Not Bullets 2012, Steering committee member for Oregon Health Department STRYVE program 2012-2014.

My name is Teressa Raiford, and I am a fourth-generation resident of traditional village sites of Multnomah, Clackamas, and many other tribes currently known as Portland, Oregon. Growing up and inner-city youth in the Irvington/Alberta neighborhood, I was exposed to many of the issues our city still faces today, gun violence, housing displacement, discrimination and racism. It was these lived experiences that heightened my self-awareness to injustices.

Providing testimony at city halls, state Capitals and state work group committee meetings, I've demanded audits surrounding equity, education, public safety, police accountability and state inter-agency access for those who need it most.

When I received an invitation extended to advocates and national leaders against gun violence during the Obama administration, it became apparent to national and state leaders that my consistent and articulate leadership is rooted in a bold commitment to change.

I will focus on providing humane and effective solutions to the houseless crisis, fight for living wages, do the most for renters' rights and create true racial justice in our city.

“These systemic failures should require a direct approach that engages those most vulnerable and helps them become educated in civic process.” Teressa Raiford

For more information on my grassroots campaign, please visit TeressaRaifordForMayor.com

(This information furnished by Teressa Raiford)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Mayor

Bruce Broussard

Occupation: Executive Administrator, No Veteran Left Behind Oregon, Inc. (Aiding veterans applying for benefits, making other VA services outside the Veterans Administration accountable).

Occupational Background: 10 Years - US Marine Corps; Vietnam Veteran; Former Owner/Publisher – Portland Observer

Newspaper, Tri County Neighborhood Housing, **Builder, Developer/General Contractor of a \$1.2 million, 38 unit, Walnut Park Affordable Senior Housing Complex, NE Portland**; Worked with Judges, the Circuit Court System of Multnomah County, and Youths who were at risk of incarceration, having their minor crimes expunged; Publisher of Oregon Voter Digest/OVD Digital Talk Show Host on Community Television; Oregon Public Broadcasting – Golden Hours, Senior Citizen Talk Show Throughout Multnomah County and City of Portland, and KBOO Radio.

Educational Background: N/A

Prior Governmental Experience: Metro Solid Waste Advisory Board, Oregon Governor, Vic Atiyeh appointment to the White House Small Business Conference Task Force, Multnomah County Charter Review Board, Portland Urban Forestry Commission, Portland Public Utility Review Board.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Boys & Girls Clubs, Boy Scouts of America, McCoy Academy Board Chair, Martin Luther King Scholarship Fund, Lifetime member of NAACP, Member of the Urban League, Member of Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association, President and Lifetime Member-Buffalo Soldiers Association, Member of Portland Kiwanis, Portland Police Advisory Board.

TOGETHER WE CAN DO BETTER: Together we can solve homeless problems and rid our communities of discarded drug needles and rubbish by utilizing Wapato as a shelter/vetting space, helping legitimate homeless, and the mentally ill, choosing safe havens for them. And low-income housing should truly be affordable for low income families and seniors. Gentrification of families and seniors needs to be stopped. My passion, my commitment, my accomplishments, and awareness of the present issues plaguing Multnomah County District 2 qualifies me to meet the challenges.

Motto: “Together we can do better”

For More Information – www.YouTube.com/user/38broussard, www.oregonvoterdigest.com

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Endorsement & Support: www.brucebroussardmultco2.com, Facebook: BruceBroussardPDX

VOTE BRUCE BROUSSARD
(Remember to get out and **VOTE**)

(This information furnished by Bruce Broussard)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Mayor

Ted Wheeler

Occupation: Portland Mayor; 2017-present

Occupational Background: Government and Finance

Educational Background: BA, Stanford; MBA, Columbia; MPP, Harvard

Prior Governmental Experience: State Treasurer; 2010-2016; Multnomah County Chair; 2007-2010

Over the past three years, we've made real progress in addressing housing affordability, public safety, and climate action. We've united against hate, and invested in our neighborhoods, small businesses, and quality of life.

The Covid-19 crisis has tested our resolve and stretched the resources of our families, businesses, and communities. I've been inspired by the sacrifice and unity of our residents. I've been saddened by the impact on local businesses. All of us have been touched by social and economic disruption.

We're getting through this crisis by doing what Portland does best: respond to crises with decisive leadership and solutions rooted in our progressive values.

Together, our work on these and other issues will continue. With your vote I'll build upon my record of consistent, innovative leadership dedicated to a healthy, inclusive, and welcoming Portland.

Housing and Homelessness

Together, we more than doubled shelter capacity, helped over 6,000 people off the streets, and built 800 new units of affordable housing. We'll continue tackling this crisis, connecting housing and shelter with addiction treatment, mental health and other services.

Climate Crisis

We're moving Portland to 100% renewable energy, and working with other cities to reduce transportation and building emissions. **We're not waiting for Salem or Washington, DC. Let's keep doing our part.**

Public Safety

Portland Police Bureau is adopting more capacity, de-escalation training, behavioral health personnel, and improved victim services. **Let's continue building trust to keep all Portlanders safe.**

Equity and Opportunity

We're helping companies expand youth employment, helping small and minority owned businesses, and focusing transportation policies on neighborhood connectivity.

Together we can make Portland a place for all to thrive.

Select Endorsements:

Commissioner JoAnn Hardesty

Metro President Lynn Peterson

Portland Timbers/Thorns

Portland Firefighters, IAFF L43

Northwest Labor Council

UFCW 555

SEIU

AFSCME 189

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Mayor

Mark White

Occupation: Self-employed

Occupational Background: Medical education, data storage technology; food cart owner/operator; property management

Educational Background: Los Gatos High School, general, diploma; Sawyer College of Business, legal secretary, certificate

Prior Governmental Experience: Chair, Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood Association; Co-chair, 2011 Charter Commission; Portland Housing Advisory Commission; Portland/Multnomah Food Policy Council

If you are happy with the way things are in Portland, I'm not your candidate.

If you believe as I do that our government is broken, I hope you will consider me as your choice for Mayor after reading my vision for Portland and what I will do to guarantee you have a government defined and guided by your goals and values.

My time as co-chair of Portland's 2011 Charter Commission made it clear to me that what our government says, and what it does, are often two very different things.

The upcoming Charter Commission will be the only opportunity for another 10 years for Portlanders to define how they want their government structured and to put in place clearly defined boundaries and firewalls that will guarantee accountability and transparency, as well as eliminate the waste of money and resources.

While the Charter Commission is doing its work, I will make sure it is fully supported and protected from government interference. As for governance, I will keep all Bureaus and Offices under the Mayor's Office, but have the entire City Council work together as a team providing oversight and dissecting each aspect of government to remove any waste of money and/or resources. All oversight will take place in Council Chambers, will be open to the public, and recorded for Public Access.

With me as Mayor, you will lead.

For more detailed information on what is mentioned here and much more, please go to my campaign site at — http://www.southofholgate.com/?page_id=144.

(This information furnished by Mark for Portland 2020 campaign)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Mayor

Ozzie González

Occupation: Sustainability and Diversity Consultant

Occupational Background: Diversity Director; Sustainability Director; Architecture Professional; Educator; Director of Research Institute; Naturalist Ranger; Performing Artist; Business Mentor; Homebuilder.

Educational Background: Humboldt State University, B.S. - Environmental Science; CalPoly Pomona, M.Arch.I - Master's in Architecture

Prior Governmental Experience: Trimet Board of Directors, District 2; Transit Equity Advisory Committee; OR Dept. of Education Career & Technical Education Committee; City of Portland Equity, Inclusion, Diversity Program Director; UN Sustainable Development Goals Taskforce

Community Involvement:

Board Positions: Trimet, OR Association of Minority Entrepreneurs, Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber

Past Boards: Regional Arts & Culture Council, Milagro Theater, Jardin Portland, HSU Center Appropriate Technology

Volunteerism: Portland Workforce Alliance, AIA Portland, EcoSchools Network, Casa del Padre, EcoDistricts, US Green Building Council, Apoyemos el Español.

Portland: it's time for A NEW VOICE!

- a **LEADER** that knows how government works
- a **CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVER** who will listen to different perspectives
- a **PEOPLE PERSON** who cares for all Portlanders

OZZIE GONZALEZ is that leader!

Husband; Father; Urban Ecologist, Bilingual (Español)

Proven Sustainability Track-Record

Ozzie was named "Emerging Leader" at Business Journal's BetterBricks Awards for a project that reduced energy demand by 335GWh—enough to power 27,000 homes.
08/23/2013

"Ozzie has been a champion for sustainable design from the very beginning; and he continues to advance it with his innovative perspective and expertise." Rick Fedrizzi, Founder of US Green Building Council

Proven Advocate for Local Businesses & Workers

"When I needed support for my startup business, Ozzie helped me. I have seen him help dozens of businesses and I know he will be a strong advocate for small business."
Eric Ufer, Owner Small Business

"Ozzie is absolutely the leader Portland needs right now." Pat Daniels, Workforce Development Director

Equity, Inclusion, Diversity Practitioner

"Ozzie is the only one putting disability rights on the agenda." Amanda Siebe, Disability Rights Activist

**Ozzie received 'Green Light' Approval from
Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC & Oregon Smart Growth**
Endorsed by Fred Miller, Alliance Party of Oregon, LatinoBuilt, & Portlanders of all
types.

www.ozzie4pdx.org

(This information furnished by Ozzie González)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by Multnomah County.

CITY OF PORTLAND

Mayor

Piper Crowell

Occupation: Digital and innovation policy expert, Nike

Occupational Background: Non-profit environmental advocate; US Congress legislative director

Educational Background: Amherst College, Political Science, BA

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon Innovation Council

I am proud of my deep Oregon roots and was raised in a family dedicated to public service. I am still called to serve but with Portland facing a pandemic, I have decided to suspend my campaign and focus on COVID-19 response efforts.

I have always believed that people matter more than politics. Now more than ever, we need leaders who will collaborate, do what is in the public interest, and tackle our housing and homeless issues.

There is so much we all need to do to keep our city and its people safe and that's where I will be spending my time: harnessing the creative and entrepreneurial spirit of Portland's small business community to tackle the challenges that COVID-19 brought to health care professionals.

With the spread of COVID-19, we learned to rely on neighbors who believe in Portland. This community spirit must be carried on by our leadership to tackle problems like **homelessness, housing, and climate change.**

I do want to take this space to tell you about who I am.

I have spent my career leading diverse coalitions to protect our values.

As a grassroots environmental organizer, by bringing all stakeholders to the table, I **helped defeat a ballot measure intended to overturn global warming legislation.**

As a legislative director in Congress, I am proud of our **innovative solutions, including permanently protecting land along the west coast.**

As an executive, I **brought business and policymakers together to prevent bad online actors from deceiving consumers and businesses.**

As a LGBTQ+ community member, I am grateful to Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC Greenlight, the LGBTQ Victory Fund, and the individuals and organizations who backed my campaign.

I look forward to working with you and my fellow neighbors in the months and years to come.

Stay in touch with me at www.pipercrowell.com.

(This information furnished by Piper Crowell)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Mayor

Cash Blanco Carter

Occupation: Executive Director at University Of Change PDX non-profit organization; Screenwriter; stand-up comedian; Amazon warehouse associate

Occupational Background: Former Portland Timbers; Portland Thorns & Timbers 2 Team chef; Music production & engineering.

Educational Background: Clackamas Community College, Clark Community College & Grant High School

Prior Governmental Experience: None

When Change is needed, invest in Cash

www.cashcarter2020.com

Platform

Treatment & substance abuse reform
Foster care system reform
Juvenile justice system reform
Supporting a “Green New Deal”
City Hall Transparency
Homelessness decline
Protecting equal rights to protest
Welcoming all immigrants, races, religions & sexual orientation

“Activist, writer, and teacher from Portland Susan Anglada Bartley’s thoughts on Cash Carter”

Policing

Mr. Carter did not express an anti-police stance. He did not express any statements related to police abolition. I got the feeling that he values the role that police play.

The Arts

Mr. Carter expressed a passion for music and the arts. He mentioned wanting to promote more public concerts and music events. The way he answered made me think that he would like to be a leader who works toward greater civic engagement in a way that Portlanders would really enjoy.

How I felt in the presence of this candidate

Cash Carter seems really cool. I got the feeling that he is a highly motivated person who does not want to be underestimated. I got a sense that he is proud of his working class roots. I also got the sense that he loves the Portland Trailblazers from the emblem on his hat. He seems like a guy who could get along with anyone, which is important for a mayor. He is open minded and on-the-spot creative. Jan 22nd 2020 www.medium.com/@susanangladabartley/reflections-on-the-1-21-portland-mayoral-candidate-forum-565ca4e23ea0

(This information furnished by Cash Carter)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Mayor

Sarah Iannarone

Occupation: Teacher, Policy Advisor

Occupational Background: Mother (unpaid); Restaurant Worker; Small Business Owner

Educational Background: Portland State University, Urban Studies & Planning, Ph.D. (ABD)

Prior Governmental Experience: Transportation Bureau & Budget Advisory Committee; Land Use & Transportation Chair, Mt. Scott-Arleta Neighborhood; Prosper Portland Strategic Planning Committee

This is no time for politics as usual.

Now more than ever, Portland needs a hard-working, courageous, compassionate mayor who can bring us together to reshape our city toward greater equity and sustainability.

The current mayor promised us experience and competence, but he's failed to solve our city's problems. The Portland we love could be unrecognizable after four more years on his watch.

I'm offering you an alternative.

I grew up in a union family in a factory town and worked my way through school while raising my family. I know anything is possible when we come together and work hard but we need **a leader who believes in the power of community with the right values, practical experience, professional know-how, and a sense of optimism to see us through.**

My small-donor campaign means that in City Hall, **I'll fight for everyday Portlanders in public, not for big-money donors and corporate lobbyists behind closed doors.**

I'm endorsed by powerful grassroots organizations like **Our Revolution, Sunrise Movement, and The Street Trust Action Fund** and greenlighted by **Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC Greenlight** and **Oregon Smart Growth.**

I'm the only leading candidate championing these comprehensive solutions:

- **A Green New Deal for Portland** creating good-paying union jobs while regaining global climate leadership
- **Housing for All Strategy** for more affordable housing, protecting renters, distributing homelessness solutions across neighborhoods, and building age-friendly communities
- **Public Safety Reforms** saving taxpayers money while protecting Portlanders through police accountability, safer streets and transit access, and safeguarding immigrants and refugees
- **Representative Government** we can trust to serve everyone, including Communities of Color and residents of East Portland
- **Coordinated Disaster Response** including investments in education, preparedness, and infrastructure

**### Learn more about Sarah's policies and supporters ###
sarah2020.com | sarah2020.com/es (en español)**

(This information furnished by Friends of Sarah for Portland)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 1

Carmen Rubio

Occupation: Executive Director, Latino Network

Occupational Background: Senior Policy Advisor, Commissioner Nick Fish; Director of Community Affairs, Mayor Tom Potter; Policy Advisor, County Commissioner Serena Cruz

Educational Background: University of Oregon, BA

Prior Governmental Experience: Commissioner, Higher Education Coordinating Commission; Portland Community Investment Fund Advisory Board; Portland Housing Advisory Commission

“I’ve worked with Carmen for years on issues ranging from criminal justice to education and immigrant rights. Carmen is the hardworking, collaborative leader our city needs.”

-Senator Ron Wyden

Safe, Stable Housing for All. Leaders at every level of government must work together on the number one challenge: our housing shortage and homelessness crisis.

- We should deploy our bond dollars to build more affordable housing now.
- We need reasonable eviction protections and more rent assistance to prevent homelessness in the first place.
- We need supportive housing with mental health, addiction treatment, and other services for the chronically homeless.

Climate Action Now. Portlanders want more to be done to fight climate change and our investments must reflect that. Our dollars must fund sustainable practices, create demand for renewable energy, and preserve and grow parks and other green spaces.

Invest in Every Corner of Portland. Investments in our workforce, roads, sidewalks, and buses can’t just be about downtown. I will always fight for the parts of our city that have been underserved, like east of 82nd and outer NE Portland.

A More Representative Government. I will work to change Portland’s form of government so when you look at City Council, you see your neighborhood and your community reflected back at you.

Proudly endorsed by:

Senator Ron Wyden

Congressman Earl Blumenauer

Governor Barbara Roberts

Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury

Portland Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Gresham Councilor Eddy Morales

NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon PAC

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon

Community Alliance of Tenants Action Fund

Portland Association of Teachers

Northwest Oregon Labor Council

AFSCME Local 189

UFCW Local 555

SEIU
Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC Greenlight

Full list: www.carmenforportland.com

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 1

Isham (Ike) Harris

Occupation: Pastor, School Bus Driver

Occupational Background: U.S. Navy; Letter Carrier, U. S. Postal Service; Prison Ministry, Sheridan Federal Prison

Educational Background: Carter High School, Brandon, Mississippi; Portland Community College

Prior Governmental Experience: None

As City Commissioner, Isham plans to:

1. Support the City Club plan to restructure Portland City Government, from Mayor Commissioner to multimember districts with a City Manager.
2. Engage big business and big tech in the transformation of empty buildings to centers of hope for Portland homeless population, using the Wapato Prison as a model I applaud the recent transformation from a prison to the "Bybee Lake Hope Center."
3. Clean-up all garbage from our streets.
4. Collaborate at federal, state and local governments to find solutions for the homeless youth crisis.
5. Make every effort to clean up Portland dirty air, According to national air toxics assessment Portland airshed is bursting with a toxic stew consisting of dozens of heavy metals and toxic compounds.
6. Engage the City of Portland in race talks with the intent of revisiting Portland racist history then moving forward with equitable outcomes.
7. Encourage the building of a new bridge from Washington to Oregon before 2025, Portland is the 10 fastest growing metropolitan area in the U.S.
8. Engage community, parents, students, law enforcement with discussions on how to encourage graduation on time.
9. Strengthen the neighborhood associations by encouraging more participation from people of color.

Heavenly Father deliver our nation, the world and Portland in particular from the cononavirus pandemic, give faith and sweet consolation to each of our citizens, deliver your people from fear and despair in Christ Jesus name Amen.

Psalms 127:1. Without the help of the Lord it is useless to build a home or to guard a city.

(This information furnished by Committee to elect Isham Harris to City Council Position 1)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 1

Alicia McCarthy

Occupation: Naturopathic Physician

Occupational Background: Primary Care Naturopathic Physician; Emergency Department Technician; Ambulance Operator; Surgical Recovery Technician

Educational Background: National University of Natural Medicine, Doctorate of Naturopathic Medicine; California State University of Fullerton, Kinesiology, B.S.

Prior Governmental Experience: Naturopathic Medical Student Association; Federal Advocacy Campaign for American Academy of Naturopathic Physicians

Alicia McCarthy is NOT a politician, and she would NOT label herself as an activist either. She is, however, someone who deeply cares about our community and everyone in it. She is a small business owner, a working professional, and a proud mother. Alicia recognizes a need in our local government for a voice of common sense. Portland needs a voice that can be sensitive and considerate of all arguments, but is dedicated to the health and development of our growing city. As a primary care physician she makes critical decisions daily and is ready to bring this experience to city government.

Portland has experienced incredible growth over the last ten years. Our population has increased with nearly 7,000 residents every year since 2010. During this exciting period of growth, we must focus on a "Back to Basics" approach to local government; in order to maintain a balanced society. Alicia is a common sense candidate that will focus on the fundamental needs that create a balanced and vibrant community for all.

Platform:

Government: Restructure local government to include a city manager and representatives from multiple districts. Transportation: Lower carbon emissions through incentive and innovation not penalties.

Education: "**All In**" approach for our future generations. Infrastructure: Invest in a robust infrastructure that will support a growing community.

Common sense candidate with a back to basics approach. Here to move Portland forward.

-Alicia McCarthy

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 1

Mary Ann Schwab

Occupation: Retired High School Secretary

Occupational Background: Volunteer Community Advocate; Recognized by Mayor Bud Clark, Spirit of Southeast Portland Award; Multnomah County Chair, Ted Wheeler, The Gladys McCoy Lifetime Achievement Award; Mayor Sam Adams, Spirit of Portland Award shared with WA-MO Advisory Committee; Commissioner Amanda Fritz, Spirit of Portland Award – Dare to Dream too!

Educational Background: Marylhurst University

Prior Governmental Experience: Elected Chair, Inner-Southeast Coalition 1978; Sunnyside Neighborhood Association; Southeast Uplift Board of Directors, Served on Advisory Committees;, Spearheaded Self-Help Grants, SES Playground, Belmont ADA ramp/front door, Benson Bubbler

A TENACIOUS ADVOCATE FOR RESPONSIBLE AND TRANSPARENT CITY GOVERNMENT

SE Portland resident since 1971, deeply involved in local politics and issues that affected the community. I cannot remain silent and watch things happen that do not benefit city residents, the common good and the environment. Your vote will enable me to tackle the following issues:

CITY GOVERNMENT

I support changing our commission form of government to a geographical representation based on the League of Women Voters' study: **The City That Works: Preparing Portland for the Future, September 2019.**

MAINTAINING PUBLIC PROPERTY IN PERPETUITY

I support maintaining city properties for the benefit of current and future Portlanders. These common lands include parks, community centers, water resources, school campuses, and other properties purchased with taxpayer dollars.

PORTLAND COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

I will work to give Portland residents a framework for making their voices heard. My approach will focus on grass-roots representation by geographic district.

LAND USE AND EQUITY

Developers with deep pockets have more influence over City Council land use decisions than do neighborhood people. I will work to ensure a level playing field for residents at the local level.

PORTLAND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS

I support all modes having an equitable voice in transportation planning. As Portland grows, having a good transportation strategy for the movement of people and goods is vital.

NEVERTHELESS SHE PERSISTED
maryannschwab.weebly.com

(This information furnished by Mary Ann Schwab)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 1

Timothy DuBois

Occupation: Lead Carpenter; Urban planner

Occupational Background: Woodworker

Educational Background: Masters of Urban and Regional Planning (June 2020), PSU.

Prior Governmental Experience: SMILE neighborhood association Board member

Prior Volunteer Experience: Portland Clean Air Board member

"DuBois stood out for [his]... pragmatic approach to land use, housing, and transportation" Roger Valdez, Forbes 3/11/2020

MEET TIM

Tim fears for the effect industrial pollution has on his sons, works hard to create solutions for affordable housing, and advocates for parks. He is a student of urban planning who stands for fiscal responsibility and common-sense change.

"I worked with Tim on a major construction project, and found he is able to coordinate scheduling, maintain a budget, and do the work necessary to get the job completed properly and on time" Michael Church, Michael Church Homes

HOUSING

Every Portlander is or knows someone who struggles to make ends meet. With so many teetering on the brink of homelessness during calm times, any disaster can spiral families out of a home. The lack of affordable housing is more than a humanitarian crisis, it is an economic crisis for the city. Portland must support builders to expand affordable housing. As a City Council member, Tim will reduce red tape and prioritize providing quality, affordable housing for all Portlanders.

SAFE PARKS

Tim sees the benefit of public green spaces. His ideas to create additional revenue streams can be used to revitalize aging structures and facilities, and to keep open beloved family hangouts, like Columbia Pool.

"Tim was always fully engaged with our discussions and demonstrated a genuine open-mindedness even when varying perspectives were presented. His creativity, common sense and understanding...will serve him well in the Portland City Council" Nicolai Kruger, Nicolai Kruger Studio

A VOTE FOR TIM IS A VOTE FOR COMMON SENSE CHANGE

ENDORSED BY:

Portland Clean Air

Oregon Progressive Party

Yoshie Yager, Yager Media

Jay Lane, Jack of the Woods

Darrin Amico, Amico Group

(This information furnished by Committee to Elect Tim DuBois)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 1

Cullis (James) Autry

Occupation: Self-Employed

Occupational Background: Hospitality & Event Management; Broadcasting; Chamber of Commerce & Non-Profit Management; Teaching; Coaching & Consulting

Educational Background: BBA in Marketing Management from Belmont University

Prior Governmental Experience: High School & College

I love Portland!!! I'm a Community Collaborator with a Passion to Serve YOU!! I've been serving faith, business & government leaders for the past 40+ years. My family immigrated from France in 1680's and migrated to south Georgia, where I grew up from 1960-80's and we were very intentional to have friends from different backgrounds. I was the first grandson to attend college and my Dad cut down pine trees to fund my education in Nashville. After learning service in the hotel industry, I moved to southern California, then Colorado Springs & then to northern California, where I met my wife, who grew up in Vancouver, WA. We moved to Portland in 1996 to start our family and live the American Dream, which turned into the American Nightmare, as we filed for bankruptcy in 2009, lost our house and have several children in Heaven. Over the past 10 years, we've been rebuilding our lives with no credit lines, wherein I own a small business and have been serving the city by connecting leaders to work together, build bridges and better our communities for everyone, via our public charity, Serving Our Neighbors. In 2013, we began serving Portland's Sister City Associations and in 2015, I was knighted as a Royal Rosarian, "The Official Ambassadors of the City of Portland." In 2016, we launched the Emergency Preparedness Leadership Forum to bring government, business & faith leaders together to know, like & trust each other, before a disaster. In 2017, we began working with BESThq, a regional business collaborative community, focusing on Relationship, Empowerment & Inclusion and also began collaborating with leaders to use the Wapato Jail as the new Bybee Lakes Hope Center to help the unsheltered transition back into our community. Learn more at

www.JamesAutry.com

(This information furnished by Cullis James Autry for Portland City Council)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 1

Candace Avalos

Occupation: Administrator / Student Government Advisor, Portland State University

Occupational Background: Educator

Educational Background: James Madison University, B.A. Modern Foreign Languages; M.Ed. Higher Education Administration

Prior Governmental Experience: Acting Chair, Citizen Review Committee; Multnomah County Democrats Precinct Committeeperson HD45

A New Generation of Leadership

As a first generation “Blacktina”, daughter of Guatemalan immigrants and African Americans from the South, my values about democracy are rooted in the experiences of my multiracial family. I represent a generation that feels left behind by our economy and left out of the conversation. **I have built my career on strategic, compassionate leadership, and I’m ready to bring a fresh perspective to City Hall.**

A Functional Government is Possible

Portland used to think of itself as a big small town, but now we have big city problems. We need elected officials to represent the communities they live in, not just the bureaus they oversee. **We must finally end our dysfunctional form of government.**

Addressing Houselessness is Possible

Today “affordable housing” is not affordable at all, and we can’t build it fast enough. We must work across bureaus to **sweep away the regulations** that create barriers to affordability, and ensure that we have a robust, well-funded **rental assistance program**. Our houseless community needs essential services like water and sanitation immediately. We must **increase frontline services with street-based case management systems** to help those in crisis get the support they need now.

Police Accountability is Possible

As acting chair of a police accountability board for the city, I know we ask our understaffed police bureau to do the tough job of keeping us safe, but **there is no excuse for the broken systems that do not hold problem officers accountable**. It’s time to rebuild trust between the people of this city and the officers sworn to protect them.

Progressive Values. Pragmatic Leadership.

A Better Portland is Possible

See our growing list of endorsements and supporters at [www. candaceforportland.com](http://www.candaceforportland.com)

(This information furnished by Friends of Candace Avalos)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 2

Dan Ryan

Occupation: Candidate

Occupational Background: CEO, All Hands Raised;
30 Years of Leadership in non-profits: Education, arts, healthcare and youth advocacy.
Educational Background: University of Oregon, Degree; Roosevelt High School,
Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience: Member, Portland School Board 2005 - 2008
Our city was in crisis before this pandemic and now we can't hide it.

It is time to come together and rebuild our city and make it one that works. Most voters were already upset with the lack of progress prior to the pandemic on critical crises like housing, homeless and transportation.

As the Chair of the **Portland School Board** and later as **CEO of All Hands Raised**, I brought people together to tackle big challenges like our abysmal high school graduation rates. Working together, we increased graduation rates 11.5% and for students of color, we accelerated the results, 15.5%. Thousands of Portland youth now have a brighter future!

"I've known Dan for more than a decade. He always has kept North Portland front and center in his work. Dan is glue, he brings people together. Our city will be in good hands with Dan's seasoned leadership," House Speaker **Tina Kotek**

"We need leadership! Dan knows how to build the bridges between the private and public sectors. Dan is the right fit at the right time to help us innovate out of this crisis."
Duncan Campbell, Founder Friends of the Children

"Dan leads with inclusion and inspiration. I've been on many boards, yet never with a CEO with the ability to align us and play to our strengths. He is an elegant, humble and driven leader!" **Karis Stoudamire-Phillips**, Director of Corporate Responsibility

As a gay man living with HIV since 1986, I have been fighting the status quo my entire career. If you think our city is well run, vote for one of my opponents, who have been in charge here the last 20 years. If you believe now, like never before merits change, I ask for your vote.

(This information furnished by Dan Ryan)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 2

Margot Black

Occupation: Co-Chair Portland Tenants United; Community Organizer

Occupational Background: College Mathematics Instructor; Director, Symbolic & Quantitative Resource Center, Lewis & Clark College

Educational Background: University of Oregon, M.A. Mathematics

Prior Governmental Experience: Commissioner, Portland Rental Services Commission

In a moment of historic crisis, we need courageous and empathetic leaders who will fight for the change we need.

I am a single mother, Democratic Socialist, community organizer, a fierce and effective policy advocate, and a creative problem solver with a 15-year career teaching college mathematics.

We need systems that keep people from falling through the cracks.

I was born into the foster care system and raised by my grandmother. I became a mother at 19. Six months later, I experienced the destabilizing trauma of a no-cause eviction.

When Portland's housing crisis reached a fever pitch in 2015, I co founded Portland Tenants United and was the architect of Portland's historic Renter Relocation Assistance Ordinance in 2017, which effectively ended an epidemic of building wide evictions and price gouging for renters, and is now being replicated in cities across the U.S.

The Movement Candidate.

I have a proven track record of standing up to establishment special interests to get results.

I'm endorsed by **Our Revolution**, Bernie Sanders' grassroots political organization, and have funded a strong campaign primarily through small donations from poor and working class Portlanders.

A Brighter Future.

Since the Coronavirus outbreak, I've led by successfully organizing to halt evictions across the state and leveraged my campaign to push for comprehensive relief from the economic fallout.

To help guide us through this crisis, I will be a powerful voice for economic recovery that prioritizes the people and planet over profit. I will fight for real rent control, a Green New Deal, universal childcare, taxing vacant apartments in order to house the houseless, and taxing the rich to fund parks, transportation and develop a robust social safety net.

Endorsements:

Our Revolution

Visit votemargot.com for a complete list.

(This information furnished by Margot Black)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 2

Tera Hurst

Occupation: Renew Oregon, Executive Director

Occupational Background: Deputy/Chief of Staff, Portland Mayor Charlie Hales; Chief of Staff, Oregon Legislature; Community Organizer, Basic Rights Oregon; Sales Manager, Auto Dealership

Educational Background: Bachelors Social Work, PSU

Prior Governmental Experience: N/A

Community Service: Red Cross (Katrina shelter), CASA, Sunnyside K-8, Oregon Food Bank

Dear Voter: As a single parent working full time, I know the struggle of stretching a paycheck to pay bills and provide for my child. a supportive community and services can change your life, because they did for me—now 23 years sober. I hope to earn your vote. –Tera

Tera Hurst: Climate champion. Problem solver. Bold leader.

Crisis Response: COVID-19 has exposed major holes in our safety net. Tera's plan will ensure we're building back stronger, helping workers get jobs, and helping small businesses open again. See the plan: TeraForPDX.com

Housing and Affordability: Thousands of people live on our streets and even more are getting pushed out of the city. This is unacceptable. Tera will:

- Extend moratorium on evictions and foreclosures
- Invest in more affordable and supportive housing units
- Expand rent vouchers for families and seniors helping them keep their homes

“Tera is focused on a more equitable and secure future for those who need it most.”

Oregon House Speaker, Tina Kotek

Climate Crisis: Tera led Oregon's most sweeping climate action yet. Now, Portland needs a Green New Deal – creating thousands of jobs that protect us better from global warming.

“Tera is a hero in our movement to tackle climate change. She is exactly the leader we need in City Hall.” —**Doug Moore, Executive Director, Oregon League of Conservation Voters**

Tera Hurst for Portland City Commission. Endorsements include:

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon PAC

Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC Greenlight

Oregon Recovers PAC

Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)

Antoinette Edwards, Former Director, Office of Youth Violence Prevention

Former Mayor Charlie Hales

Reyna Lopez, Oregon's Farmworkers Union

Multnomah Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson

State Senator Kathleen Taylor

(partial list)

(This information furnished by Tera for PDX)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 2

Aquiles Montas

Occupation: Family Engagement/Resource Administrator, Portland Metropolitan Family Services.

Occupational Background: Providing support to two elementary after school programs, providing services to families of low-income diverse populations.

Educational Background: Portland Community College, 2002, Certificate in Small Business Management; Portland State University, 1984, Bachelors in Business Administration Marketing; Grant High School, 1980, High School Diploma

Prior Governmental Experience:Portland Public Schools Parenting Services (Teen Parents) Mentor/Counselor; Portland Public Schools Finance-Purchasing and Print Shop Departments

Private Work Experience: Finance, Budgets, Purchasing, Human Resources, Community Outreach, Education, Executive Director, Music

Aquiles Montas: Proven Leadership with Today's Priorities

Accomplishments:

- Raised funds for Help is on the Way for Puerto Rico and Venezuela and participated in helping raise funds for cancer and other nonprofit organizations
- Collaborated to convinced the Portland Methodist Church to Save the Building on NE Dekum & 15th from being sold to developers
- Awarded Employee of the Month by PPS Superintendent 1989 and Employee of the Year PPS Police Chief 1987 - Launched Own a Latin Orchestra and Owned and Operated the First Caribbean Dominican-Cuban-Puertorican Restaurant/Nightclub

I also serve as a Volunteer interpreter for Multnomah County Baltazar Ortiz Clinic in the Cully Neighborhood, for Portland Public Schools, Portland Guadalajara Mexico Sister City and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

I am a 43 year North Portland resident, married (36 years), 3 children, 3 grandkids. An **Administrator that will deliver results of the current crisis.** It's time to have an experienced manager with my work experience to bring back the city government to take care of their responsibilities and prioritize to fix today's needs.

(This information furnished by Aquiles Montas)

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Commissioner, Position 2

Loretta Smith

Occupation: Small Business Owner, Community Affairs

Occupational Background: Multnomah County Outreach Director, U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

Educational Background: O.S.U., B.A. Communications

Prior Governmental Experience: Multnomah County Commissioner 2011-2018

Loretta's Progressive Track Record:

- Championed **\$15/hr minimum wage** for Multnomah County employees
- Secured **affordable housing** for people experiencing **mental health crisis and addiction**
- Created **2,000+ summer jobs** for vulnerable youth
- Developed policy **declaring pedestrian safety a public health issue**
- Secured **Cully Park construction funding**

“Loretta is a passionate advocate and a tough fighter. She has been a true partner, winning hard battles for Portlanders by always helping those left out and left behind in our community.”

U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

“Loretta accomplished something that had never been done before— leading community based organizations of color to secure over \$30 million for new anti-poverty programs and services for underserved children and families.”

Tony Hopson, Self Enhancement Inc. (SEI)

A City That Works For Everyone!

Loretta has the **experience and vision** to tackle Portland's biggest issues:

- Moving homeless people **off the streets, into housing and connecting them to supportive services**
- Building housing that is **affordable for Portlanders in every zip code**
- **Fighting traffic congestion and climate change** through equitable investments in sidewalks, public transit, and transportation
- Creating jobs that provide **housing wages and strong worker protections**

“Loretta's the progressive champion we need to ensure that investments to fight climate change provide resources for all Portlanders.”

Oregon State Senator Lew Frederick

“Loretta is the progressive voice we need to ensure Portland becomes affordable to live and work in again.”

Oregon State Representative Janelle Bynum

WE SUPPORT LORETTA!

(Partial List)

Former State Senators Avel Gordly & Margaret Carter
United Food and Commercial Workers Union, Local #555
Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC Greenlight
Clackamas County Commissioner Ken Humbertson
Human Trafficking Advocate Wynne Wakkila
Robert Phillips, Former Portland NAACP President

**Find out why nurses, teachers, and working
Portlanders support Loretta at www.votelorettasmith.com**

(This information furnished by Committee to Elect Loretta Smith)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 2

Ryan A Farmer

Occupation: Attorney/Candidate

Occupational Background: Software Developer (web development, database development, decisioning software); Attorney (civil litigation, patent prosecution).

Educational Background: Lewis & Clark Law School, J.D., specialization in Intellectual Property; Southern Methodist University, B.S. Computer Science, B.A. Applied Mathematics.

Prior Governmental Experience: RPCV, Peace Corps Albania, Burrel Municipality (two years).

Portland, we can do more!

Our city has stalled. As our city has grown, it has become increasingly unlivable. Small changes will not solve our biggest problems: unaffordable housing, inefficient transportation, and the homelessness epidemic. We must have the vision and the will to make fundamental changes.

We can do more...

... to make renting affordable by scaling rent to income.

A landlord can always choose to not be a landlord, but a tenant can never choose to not be a tenant. This imbalance can be corrected by making rent a percentage of the market value of the rental equal to the percentage of the median income the tenant earns.

... to make transportation efficient, clean, affordable, and safe by separating vehicle types across different roads and making public transit fareless.

Our roads have reached their capacity for drivers. We must look to other modes of transportation to efficiently move around the city. By dedicating our local roads to small personal vehicles and fareless public transit, we increase the capacity of such roads, allowing for more people to move around the city more quickly and efficiently, while maintaining thoroughfares for large vehicles.

... to ease the burden of homelessness by identifying safe zones for our homeless residents.

The city cannot solve homelessness because it stems from fundamental problems across all of society. The city must focus on balancing the presence of homeless residents with our businesses and other residents, while advocating to the Governor and Legislature to address the causes of homelessness.

Fair Housing, Fareless Transit

www.farmerforportland.com

I am going to work to do more, and I hope you will join me. THANK YOU for voting!

(This information furnished by Ryan A. Farmer)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 2

Walter Wesley

Occupation: Distributer of Medical Grade Filtration/ Alkalizing/ionization Home Drinking Water Systems

Occupational Background: Testing of and demonstrations of water Chlorine levels and Oxidation/Anti-oxidation levels

Educational Background: Batchelor of Science Degree; General Science; Portland State University

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Walter Wesley For Portland City Commissioner Position 2

On behalf of all the Candidates and myself, I express my deepest condolences and sympathies to the brave victims and their families afflicted by the sickness and hardship caused by the Corona virus.

I heard a Songbird singing, I heard a woodpecker knocking. May this always be so.

SAVE THE BEES

GROW THE WILDFLOWERS

My Vision is to Restore Wildflowers, Restore meadows, Restore falling Bee populations.

It's not news - Should Pollinators disappear from earth, we ourselves will not have long to live. This is in great danger of happening..

We need to live with nature or We will not live at all. Please feel free to Reach out to me at Waterboy.ws@gmail.com And let's organize, share ideas, plan together to invite Mother Nature back to our yards, our beloved City. And lead by example.

Come May 19th Remember the name: Walter Wesley

(This information furnished by Walter Wesley)

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by Multnomah County.

CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 2

Terry Parker

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Customer Relationship Manager; National Account Rep (Yellow Pages); supply center management

Educational Background: Madison HS Portland; PCC

Prior Governmental Experience: Neighborhood Association Board Member; 82nd Avenue CAC 2017; Banfield Transitway CAC (Chair) 1970s

REPRESENTATION: Self-sufficient working class families with modest incomes and senior citizens on fixed incomes are having more and more of those incomes reduced with new and increased taxes. Their voices need to be heard at City Hall.

TRANSPORTATION: The city needs to stop removing and narrowing full service travel lanes on major streets thereby increasing congestion, fuel consumption and emissions. To make transit work better, entire streets need to flow better. Enhanced street lighting and crosswalks must be a safety priority. PBOT advisory committees must become inclusive of taxpaying motorist representation.

RESIDENTIAL INFILL (RIP): Per HB2001 and the Portland Comprehensive Plan, higher densities are allowed in town centers and along corridors. Duplexes, triplexes and quadplexes are allowed in single family home neighborhoods. Increasing density will target demolishing the most affordable homes. New construction almost always costs more. The greenest buildings are the ones already built. Pilot projects to identify affordability and impacts need to take place in neighborhoods that want more density. Higher densities citywide should be reconsidered. Adequate off-street parking with charging connectivity for electric cars needs to be required with all new residential developments so streets don't become fulltime car storage lots.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT: Portland's world renowned framework of Neighborhood Associations needs to be strengthened and expanded as per the 2016 Auditor's Report. This includes giving formal recognition to community and identity groups that abide by the same standards of non-discriminatory practices, accessible open meetings and maintaining transparent minutes. The Civic Life budget needs to be increased to cover the expansion.

HOMELESSNESS: Provide a hand up towards self-sufficiency instead of everlasting handouts, utilize existing infrastructure such as Wapato for programs that can demonstrate results, and compassionate enforcement so Portland's notoriety is not that of tents and trash.

The Common Sense Candidate

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 2

Jeff Lang

Occupation: Risk Management Insurance Consultant

Occupational Background: Jeff started his business career as an apprentice at Lloyds of London. He returned to Portland and in 1980 started Gales Creek Insurance Services in the basement of his NE Portland home. Gales Creek specialized in insurance programs for Non-Profit organizations & the Entertainment Industry. Growing nationally capturing clients like Meals on Wheels, Presidential Campaigns, and performers like the Grateful Dead and Paul McCartney. Visionary Thinking Solving Problems with Action: Help Create Community Energy Project and Albina Opportunity Corp. Volunteer Board Service: Prior Co-Chair & Board member Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon, Chair Friends of Tryon Creek State Park

Educational Background: University of California at Berkley BS, American History focus on Urban History

Prior Governmental Experience Combined Sewer Overflow Commission, Macadam Business Council, For Hire Transportation Commission, Past President of CTLH Neighborhood Association

- Empower micro-lenders to create family business's and create wealth in disenfranchised communities. Expand partnerships between Lenders, Unions and Community Colleges.
- Support passage of Metro Tax measure to provide 10 year support focused on Homelessness
- Use Private/Public partnerships to unleash power of private sector to bring down the costs of Affordable Housing
- Convert Keller Auditorium to Community Art Center for visual, performance artists, housing art schools and art based non-profits
- Convert the commission system of Governing, replace at large City Council with district representatives and combine City and Multnomah County government entities.
- Build container refill systems and incentives Manufacturers to reuse consumer containers
- Plant a million trees to increase Forest Canopy

“In my time on Council, I never knew anyone as passionate about solving problems in our community than Jeff Lang,” Lindberg says. “I and others encouraged him to run to bring that passion and practical activism to the City Council.”

Endorsements:

Former Governor Ted Kulongoski

Thomas Lauderdale, Pink Martini

Shobi Dahl, Co-Founder of Daves killer Bread

Mark Edlen, Gerding-Edlen

Commissioner Mike Lindberg

Hunter Noak, Pianist in a Landscape

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 2

Julia DeGraw

Occupation: Nonprofit/Policy Consultant

Occupational Background: Nonprofit Executive Director

Educational Background: Environmental Studies & Sociology, B.S.

Prior Governmental Experience: Portland Honest Elections (campaign finance reform); Water Protection Measure, Hood River County.

WITH NEW LEADERSHIP, WE CAN CHANGE CITY HALL

“Julia’s policy expertise and her collaborative approach are key reasons why she has my endorsement.” **-Jo Ann Hardesty, Portland City Commissioner**

“Considering the public health crisis we’re facing, it’s more important than ever that we elect leaders like Julia, who have a proven commitment to working with impacted communities to solve problems; rethinking systems that perpetuate inequality; and taking action to support our public schools, workers, and public services.” **-Suzanne Cohen, President, Portland Association of Teachers**

Throughout my career, I’ve brought together diverse coalitions to create progressive change—including the victorious fight to stop Nestlé from bottling our public water!

My Bold, Community-Focused Vision:

- **Permanently affordable housing for low income residents and seniors on fixed incomes**
- **Supportive housing for chronically houseless people struggling with mental health or addiction**
- **More equitable distribution of transportation dollars**
- **Increase investments in community centers so everyone can rely on vital services, like affordable childcare**
- **Rebuild trust between police and residents and improve police accountability**
- **Affordable municipal broadband internet for all**
- **No corporate campaign cash**
- **Support a strong, unionized, local workforce**

Democratize City Council

Creating geographic City Council districts means we’d elect people who represent every part of our city—allowing elected officials to prioritize legislation and constituency services that benefit Portlanders, rather than the day-to-day management of bureaus. I will support a community-led process to address this systemic lack of representation.

Supporters!

Jo Ann Hardesty, Portland City Commissioner
AFSCME Local 189, Portland Municipal Workers
Portland Association of Teachers
PROTEC17, Professional & Technical Employees
The Street Trust Action Fund
Oregon Progressive Party
Portland Community College Faculty & Staff Unions
Sunrise Movement PDX, climate justice organization
Bill McKibben, Author, Educator & Activist

Bill Bradbury, former Oregon Secretary of State
Khanh Pham, Candidate, House District 46
Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC (Greenlight)
www.julia4pdx.com

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 2

James (Jas) Davis

Occupation: Small business owner, Awakenings Wellness Center

Occupational Background: Owner, CASCADIA Communications; public affairs work involving communities in policy processes and helping small businesses reduce air pollution

Educational Background: MPS, Graduate School of Political Management (now at GW); BA, Seattle University

Prior Governmental Experience: Chair, Multnomah County Citizen Involvement Committee; oversaw community participation in county policy and budgeting processes; Legislative Aide to Senator Al Bauer

PERSONAL: Jas is a parent, a progressive and a small business owner who has developed wellness centers/health clinics in East Portland. He's passionate about bringing greater health and well-being to our community

BOARDS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE: Board Member, Equal Vote Coalition. Past Chair, Portland Friends School. Past volunteer with Southeast Uplift, KBOO Radio, Jobs with Justice. Organizer for universal health care, consent culture, and voting reform.

Jas works to help communities be healthier and happier and is committed to listening and making sure all voices are at the table.

Jas' Vision for Portland in 2020... Let's work to:

- **Strengthen Democracy** with a larger, more diverse city council elected by districts using **STAR Voting**
- Commit to **Bold Climate Action Now** with a focus on creating **Local Food Resilience!**
- Put **Housing First** with more **affordable and innovative housing strategies** for the houseless and all Portlanders
- **Prioritize small businesses, co-ops and homebuyers** with a **Public Bank** and **Community-Benefit Financing**
- **Dismantle White Supremacy & defend LGBTQ Rights**
- Implement a **Happiness Index** and focus on **Public Well-Being** approaches over failed punitive measures
- Fully fund **Public Parks**, including a **new in inner East Portland Community Center**
- **RESIST the un-democratic agendas of the current Administration and large corporations** - Let's start taking care of regular people instead of big corporations

For more info and short videos on these issues, go to

Portland2020Vision.org

Our campaign is people-powered. NO Corporate money or PACs!

Together, We CAN create a more Resilient Portland that works for all of us!

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 2

Jack Kerfoot

Occupation: Energy expert on national radio and TV

Occupational Background: Veteran, Scientist, Executive, Author

Educational Background: Oklahoma University, Educational Study – Major/Minor: Geophysics, Diploma/Degree/Certificate: BSc.; Penn State, Educational Study – Major/Minor: Executive Program

Prior Governmental Experience: None

EXPERIENCE – I began by working minimum wage jobs, served with the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam, worked my way through university and built a career in the energy industry. My style is to listen and collaborate to solve problems. My success at reinvigorating companies makes me a sought-after specialist in turning around organizations.

Portland is **heading in the wrong direction** and needs a turn-around specialist for:

- **Homelessness** – Our city isn't coordinating the hundreds of nonprofits working to address homelessness in Portland.

This is failed leadership of our city council.

- **Affordable Housing** – Our city's new fees and policies are dramatically increasing building costs and rental rates.

- **Safe Streets** – Traffic fatalities are increasing. There are solutions that can save lives.

- **Environment** – Portland's Zenith Oil Terminal is an impending environmental catastrophe.

- **Neighborhood Associations** – We need commissioners that will listen and collaborate with our neighborhood associations.

- **Fiscal Responsibility** – City projects are all too often over budget. Poorly planned multi-million-dollar bonds are causing property taxes to soar.

- **City Government** – I support modernizing our city charter and also pledge to hold regular town hall meetings across our entire city to ensure your voice is heard.

SUPPORTERS – My supporters are retirees, students, blue collar workers and professionals that live all across our city, including:

- **Dmitriy Sashchenko – Small Business Owner**

- **Dr. Don Baham – Television Producer**

- **Valentina Cates – Nurse**

- **Randy Dagel – Retired**

- **Matt Haehlen – Dentist**

- **Steve Holgate – Retired**

- **Abbas Houshmand-Shafii – Retired**

- **Dr. Michelle Kubota – Professor**

- **Sheryl Landis – Administration PCC**

- **Paul Lewandowski – Facilities PCC**

- **Judy Low – Postal Employee**

- **Ron Milligan – RE/MAX Select**

- **David Potts – Member of the Lents Neighborhood**

Livability Association, President of East Side PSAC and

President of the Furniture Doctor

- **Donald Shaw – Energy Advisor**

- **Robert Stafford – Retired Teacher**

- **Ron Stokes – Retired**

Learn why people across our city are supporting me at www.JackKerfoot2020.com.

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 2

Sam Chase

Occupation: Metro Councilor

Occupational Background: Executive Director, Coalition of Community Health Clinics; affordable housing nonprofits

Educational Background: Claremont Colleges, Pitzer

Prior Governmental Experience: Chief of Staff, City Commissioner Nick Fish; Housing Advisor, Gretchen Kafoury

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Oregon League of Conservation Voters; Northwest District Association; Coalition for a Livable Future

Serious Leadership for Serious Times

With the coronavirus impacting all of us, Portland needs leaders with the experience to rebuild our economy, protect the vulnerable and those impacted by job loss, and sustain our long-term health and quality of life.

With your vote, I'll apply my executive public health leadership and deep experience in homelessness and economic development to address long term needs and immediate challenges of the pandemic.

Strengthen Action on Housing and Homelessness

At Metro, I led regional efforts to expand housing and shelter.

In Portland we must:

- Fund best practices to get people into safe, stable housing.
- Reduce cost and improve accountability to produce more affordable housing.
- Create living wage jobs that keep people from slipping into poverty and housing insecurity.

As a teenager I lost my father to mental illness and drug addiction. I'm deeply committed to solutions that address conditions contributing to chronic homelessness.

A Healthy, Economically Vital, Inclusive Portland

I've built partnerships creating jobs and apprenticeship programs and delivered low income TRIMET fares. I've led Metro's efforts to protect parks and nature. I'm fighting for living wage jobs for a sustainable city and economy:

- Expand job programs for workers impacted by the pandemic.
- Restore and sustain Portland Parks and Recreation, including pools, community centers, and recreation programs.
- Win free Youth Transit Passes.
- Invest in climate-smart congestion relief, pedestrian and bike safety, and earthquake-proof bridges.

We endorse Sam!

Governor Barbara Roberts
Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury
Metro President Lynn Peterson
Metro Councilor Bob Stacey
Portland Clean Air
Teamsters #37
Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon

The Street Trust Action Fund
Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC Greenlight

See more at

www.samchaseforportland.com

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 2

Ronault (Polo) Catalani

Occupation: Civil rights lawyer; immigrant integration consultant; journalist.

Occupational Background: Legislative children's advocate; urban community developer; neighborhood activist; reporter and media commentator.

Educational Background: Howard University, RHS Community Lawyer Fellow; Willamette University, Law School; UO, College of Liberal Arts.

Prior Governmental Experience: City of Portland Public Involvement Advisory Council; New Portlander Policy Commission, staff; Oregon Department of Transportation, Minority and Women's Enterprise; Oregon Children's Services Division; Governor's Children's Agenda for the 1990s.

For 36 years, I've designed and advanced successful government/community partnerships. Our collaborations combined the resources of responsive city, county, and state agencies, 26 vigorous ethnic minority communities, robust schools and businesses. These partnerships delivered better shared neighborhoods, and better shared futures.

MY CITY POLICY PRIORITIES

- Housing, transportation, and greenspace planning integrated into an equitable, single regional strategy;
- Local environmental stewardship during our global crisis;
- Police accountability AND strong public support for our police officers;
- Integrating all Portlanders into the life of our robust city.

From 2008 to 2018, I founded developed the City of Portland's immigrant integration programs. During that decade, our community-led partnerships brought home 24 national, state, and local honors.

I will bring these demonstrated partnerships' effectiveness to City governance

ENDORSERS

Tom Potter & Karin Hansen, Portland's former Mayor and First Lady

Rev. Dr. Rodney Paige, Oregon's international humanitarian

Kathleen D Saadat, Community Activist

Sho Dozono, Oregon transpacific business and civic leader

Jaime J Lim, Oregon transpacific business leader; newspaper publisher, former PCC board

Ruth Jensen (Tlingit), Portland political activist, Native American elder

David Barrios (Mescalero Apache), Urban Indian elder. Retired Portland Policing officer.

Wajdi Said, Oregon's interfaith healer and unifier

Pastor JW Matt Hennessee, Senior servant of Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church

Mary Nolan, Former ED Planned Parenthood PAC Oregon

Alberto Moreno, Former chair, Oregon Commission on

Hispanic Affairs

Linda Nettekoven, Portland public engagement, land use and neighborhood activist

Michelle DePass, Member, Portland Public Schools Board

Linda Robinson, East Portland neighborhood greenspace activist

Chhabi Koirala, Founding president, Oregon Bhutanese Community Organization

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 2

Cynthia Castro

Occupation: Analyst

Occupational Background: Senior Policy Advisor (Commissioner Amanda Fritz); Director (Charles Jordan Community Center); Teen Services Program (PP&R); Cross Country and Track Coach, (OSU)

Educational Background:

Oregon State University, MA Public Health; Arizona State University, BA Anthropology, Minor Spanish, Summa Cum Laude

Prior Governmental Experience: See Occupational Background; and Community Health Researcher (U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services' Office on Women's Health Region X)

As City Commissioner, Cynthia will bring a reputation as a steadfast leader who works alongside the community to get things done.

Resiliency: The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the importance of stable housing, health care and other safety nets. Cynthia supports increasing the supply of affordable housing and permanent and supportive housing, policies and programs to keep people housed, Universal Basic Income, and greater support for small businesses and creative communities.

Livability: No matter where you live in Portland, Cynthia knows you deserve equitable service from your local government, including sidewalks, parks, clean air, and clean water.

Sustainable Portland Parks & Recreation: As a champion of Portland's parks, Cynthia will build on Commissioner Nick Fish's work to secure a long-term sustainable funding model for Portland Parks & Recreation.

Government Access: Our commission form of government and City systems perpetuate racial inequities. Cynthia will ensure diverse representation on the Charter Review Commission and build greater trust with communities by co-creating policies and programs that meet their unique needs.

Cynthia is what Portland needs as we overcome the COVID-19 pandemic.

"With her capacious heart and extremely smart ways, Cynthia was able to gain the trust of little kids, elders, and everyone in between. She exemplifies determination and grit. Service to others is not just a motto for her, she lives it, means it, and breathes it. She would be an incredible addition to Portland City Council." — Kay Reid, Director, Lived Citizenship

Program

To read more visit www.cynthiacastro.com

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 4

Mingus Mapps

Occupation: Community Organizer

Occupational Background: Program Coordinator, Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Association System, City of Portland; Executive Director, Historic Parkrose Neighborhood Prosperity Initiative; Professor, Brandeis University; Visiting Fellow, Harvard

Educational Background: Reed College BA, Cornell University PhD

Prior Governmental Experience: Program Coordinator, City of Portland; Government Relations, Portland Public Schools; Assistant to Multnomah County Chair

REPRESENTATION MATTERS!

Mingus Mapps is running because he believes Portland can only reach its full potential if all voices are at the table. Portland is diverse and our city council should look like the people who live here. Portland needs a leader who is truly one of us - that's Mingus.

Mingus is an accountable, transparent leader with the experience we need to address Portland's toughest challenges. Mingus will:

MAKE CITY HALL WORK FOR PORTLAND

- Work to reform our city charter and advocate for regionally based city council districts so Portlanders across the city are represented.
- Hire a city manager so all city bureaus work effectively together.

PRIORITIZE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

- Create supportive housing for those who are chronically homeless and build more affordable housing citywide.
- Dramatically increase funding for short-term rental assistance programs so struggling Portlanders can stay in their homes.
- Coordinate services addressing homelessness across city bureaus.

SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND KEEP US SAFE

- Support and expand our neighborhood associations so every voice is heard.
- Bring back community policing and crime prevention.
- Fight climate change so that Portland is a livable city now and in the future.

"Portlanders deserve to be represented by someone with real experience. As someone who knows the ins and outs of City Hall, I can tell you Mingus is that leader." - Mark Wells, Former Crime Prevention Program Coordinator

These organizations and community leaders proudly support Mingus:

Portland Community College Federation of Faculty and
Academic Professionals
Columbia Pacific Building Trades
Portland Metropolitan Association of REALTORS
Mary Wendy Roberts, Former Labor Commissioner
Denyse Peterson, Multnomah Education Service District
Board Member

For a full list, visit www.mingusmapps.com

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 4

Seth Alan Woolley

Occupation: Doppler Weather Radar Software Engineer

Occupational Background: GPS Satellite Navigation Software for Personal Transportation, Carpooling, and Food Delivery; Security Auditing

Educational Background: Northwest Public Schools; Willamette University, Computer Science

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon State Legislative Campaign Finance Reform Task Force Member; Oregon Secretary of State Redistricting Task Force Member; Pacific Green Party of Oregon State Secretary; Honest Elections Portland Campaign Finance Reform Ballot Measure Co-author

Prior Volunteer Experience: Portland Clean Air and Cascadia Action Founder; Campaign Finance Analyst and Watchdog; Salem Citizens for Livable Communities Secretary

Supported or Endorsed by: 500+ small grassroots donations; Progressive Party of Oregon; Portland Clean Air

ELECT SETH WOOLLEY FOR
**PUBLIC HEALTH, GOOD GOVERNMENT,
AND FOR GREEN NEW DEAL JOBS**

"Seth Woolley is a whip-smart government wonk."

—*Willamette Week*, 10/16/2012

Seth's approach to government is similar to his professional life: **dig deep into data and records**, look for significant problems, and propose and implement **data-driven, popular solutions**.

Before Seth's public record work at Portland Clean Air, there was **no systematic or online mapped analysis** of polluters across the Portland metro region. Neighbors only learned of air pollution discharges based on what they could smell, reports of failed reverse-911 phone calls, or bouts of investigative journalism.

The **root cause** of not regulating air quality with concern for **public health** was Oregon's system of **unlimited political bribery** in the form of **big money campaign donations**. Before Seth's analysis for Honest Elections, work to get campaign finance reform **on the ballot**, and **active enforcement** with official complaints and court filings, Portland's political campaigns were heavily funded by **big money donors** and **special interests** with matters before council.

Political staffers are often campaign workers reaping patronage instead of competent administrators. Portland's ethics rules remain **weak and ineffective**. Seth will appoint **good government reformers** to the Portland Charter Commission to help **deeply fix public corruption** and to reform our **antiquated commissioner form of government**.

POLITICS SHOULD BE ABOUT **DEMOCRACY**
AND **INFORMED** BY OPEN DATA AND **PUBLIC INPUT**.
VOTE SETH WOOLLEY <http://www.sethforportland.org/>

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 4

Keith Wilson

Occupation: President, TITAN Freight Systems

Occupational Background: Supervisor, TITAN Freight Systems

Educational Background: University of Portland, MBA; Oregon State, BS; Portland Community College; Roosevelt High School

Prior Governmental Experience: Vision Zero Expert

Community Engagement: Transition Projects Rent Well Houseless Program Mentor; Youth Basketball Coach

In difficult times we need proven, committed, caring leaders, with vision and a record of success creating and sustaining large complex systems. That is who I am, and I'd be honored to earn your vote.

Let's reTHINK Portland.

Keith's Top Priorities Include

HOUSING FOR ALL AGES AND STAGES

• **Build Smaller and Faster:** Deeply affordable micro units for those with limited means or who are downsizing.

• **Lower Fees for Affordable Housing Builders**

• **Partner with Neighborhoods:** Create Local Housing Plans

HOMELESSNESS

• **Stop Normalizing Street Camping:** It's inhumane and unsafe. We must provide shelter with consolidated on-site services.

• **Decriminalize Homelessness:** 52% of all arrests in Portland are of homeless people. Establish a Homeless Court Program that channels people into programs not jails.

PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

• **Housing not Handcuffs:** Employment, job training, and transitional housing for those coming out of incarceration. It's the right thing to do and the most cost effective.

• **Hate Speech Is Not Free Speech:** Zero tolerance for violence masquerading as protest.

BOLD CLIMATE ACTION NOW

• **Clean Fuels Now:** My company uses Renewable Diesel reducing our carbon and dangerous emissions up to 60%. If we can, Portland can!

• **Carbon Neutral by 2030:** Convert all City of Portland vehicles to electric and carbon free fuels by 2030.

FOSTERING COMMUNITY BY BUILDING NEIGHBORHOODS

• **Give More Support, Not Less:** Neighborhoods are part of the fabric of Portland. They need more support not less, especially underserved and under-resourced neighborhoods.

Leaders You Can Trust Endorse Keith

Mariah Dula, Neighborhood Association Leader

Mark Johnston, Former Asst Sec US Department of Housing

Angus Duncan, Chair, Oregon Global Warming Commission

Chris Aiosa, Chair, Do Good

Lisa Ortquist, CPA

McKenna Fielding, RN

Dr. Todd Kuether

Kevin Murphy, Portland Fire Fighter

For more information

www.keithforportland.com

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 4

Chloe Eudaly

Occupation: Portland City Commissioner

Occupational Background: Small business owner; community advocate; nonprofit program administrator

Educational Background: Portland Community College, Honors Program

Prior Governmental Experience: Multnomah County Cultural Coalition; PPS District Parent Involvement Committee

Community Involvement: Co-founder, Special Education PTA of Portland; Co-founder, Independent Publishing Resource Center

Endorsements:

Portland Association of Teachers; Community Alliance of Tenants Action Fund; SunrisePDX; OurRevolution; APANO; U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley; U.S. Senator Ron Wyden; Congressman Earl Blumenauer; Representative Diego Hernandez; Metro President Lynn Peterson; City Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty; Former City Commissioner Steve Novick; Housing advocate Israel Bayer; Environmental Activist Bob Sallinger

(visit www.votechloe.com for more!)
**PROGRESSIVE VALUES. DEDICATED ADVOCATE.
EFFECTIVE LEADER.**

In 2016, Chloe Eudaly was motivated to run for City Council by our affordable housing crisis, and in her first term **she has delivered results:**

–HOUSING–

(more: www.VoteChloe.com/housing)

- **Passed The Mandatory Rental Relocation Ordinance** in the first 30 days of her first term to stabilize tenants during our housing emergency.
- **Passed The Fair Access in Renting Ordinance** to lower barriers to housing and reduce discrimination.
- Advocated for **implementation of the current eviction moratorium during the COVID-19 crisis** to keep Portlanders housed through the pandemic.

–CLIMATE ACTION–

(more: www.VoteChloe.com/climate)

- **Championed the Portland Clean Energy Fund.**
- **Co-created the strongest 100% Renewables Resolution in the country.**
- **Developed the Rose Lane Project** to make public transit faster, more frequent, and full.
- Publicly **OPPOSED** the dirty Zenith Energy terminal in NW Portland.

–EQUITY & ACCESS–

(more: www.VoteChloe.com/equity)

- **Successfully fought for Universal Representation** to provide Portlanders facing deportation proceedings with legal representation.
- **Increased access to City Hall.** Equity begins with access. Chloe welcomed thousands of Portlanders to City Hall for the first time through numerous arts and culture events.

WE'RE NOT DONE!

See what Commissioner Chloe Eudaly has planned for her
next term at

www.VoteChloe.com/plans

Learn more and join the team:

www.VoteChloe.com

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 4

Sam Adams

Occupation: Public Policy and Government Improvement Consultant

Occupational Background: Director, US Program, World Resources Institute; Executive Director, City Club of Portland; Dishwasher, Mr. Steak

Educational Background: Portland State University, University of Oregon

Prior Governmental Experience: Portland Mayor; Portland Commissioner; Portland Mayor Vera Katz, Chief of Staff; District Staff, Oregon U.S. Representative Peter DeFazio

**A vision for Portland's future.
A track record of delivering it.'**

COVID-19 has harmed people we care about, frayed our social connections, damaged our health and financial security.

That's why Portland needs a leader with a proven track record of getting tough stuff done during tough times.

Someone tested. Someone who works relentlessly. Someone who delivers results. That's what Sam Adams offers. **It's never been more important.**

Leadership when it counts

"Floods, snowstorms, riots, recessions... **Sam has helped guide Portland through it all, as a strong and steady leader.** We need that City Council experience now."—**Sheriff Mike Reese**

"...even his toughest critics acknowledged by the end of his term that he had been an accomplished mayor." —**Willamette Week, 7/24/19**

Sustainable, equitable recovery centered on jobs, workers, small businesses

"Sam was Portland's Mayor during the Great Recession. **He fast-tracked construction projects, supported small businesses, got people back to work.** We can count on him to do it again." — **Fay Burch, John Mohlis, Joe Esmonde, Fred Sanchez - labor and business leaders**

Support for vulnerable communities

"**Sam made investments to help people stay in their homes.** He provided more assistance to the unemployed and shelter for the houseless. Now he has a plan to help Portlanders again." —**Doreen Binder and Steve Rudman – affordable housing advocates**

Fighting for all Portland families

"No one in this race has done more to support public schools. We trust Sam's unbreakable commitment to help reopen schools and put our students and families first." —**Gwenn Sullivan, Ann Nice, Rebecca Levison — Teachers' union past presidents**

More Endorsers, Record and Vision at: www.samadampdx.com

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METRO

Councilor, District 5

Chris Smith

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: 37 years in marketing and technology at Tektronix and Xerox

Educational Background: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Computer & Systems Engineering, B.S.; Boston University, Management, MBA

Prior Governmental Experience: Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission, 10 years; Metro Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee, 3 years; Metro Policy Advisory Committee, 2 years; Portland Streetcar Board of Directors, 17 years

I'm running for Metro Council because of my successful track record as a community activist fighting for housing affordability and tackling the imminent threat of climate change. I'll guide Metro to ensure the dollars entrusted to us by the voters for housing and related services are spent effectively and efficiently.

We can address the **40% of greenhouse gas emissions from transportation** in our region. We'll deploy significantly more and more frequent transit service, build missing sidewalks, create safe bikeways, make telecommuting a realistic option for many and reduce reliance on drive-alone auto trips.

Decades of Climate, Housing and Transportation leadership

- Fought off a propane terminal on the Columbia
- Preserved 800 acres of habitat on West Hayden Island
- Leading opposition to \$800 million Rose Quarter freeway expansion
- Rewrote Portland's land use, transportation and housing policies
- Extended Streetcar across the Willamette
- Championed campaign finance reform
- Leading "Vision Zero" transportation safety

"The Metro Council is a unique agency, the only one of its kind in the nation, and Chris is uniquely qualified as a leader on the planning and environmental issues that are at the heart of its mission. Voters have this one chance to elect a transportation expert who is rooted in the community."

Former Metro President David Bragdon

"As youth climate justice leaders, we endorse Chris for Metro because of his relentless successful advocacy to stop fossil infrastructure, decarbonize our region's transportation system & center climate justice values."

Sunrise Movement PDX

Also endorsed by:

The Street Trust Action Fund

PPS School Board Member Scott Bailey

Former Portland City Commissioner Steve Novick

www.ChrisForMetro.com

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METRO

Councilor, District 5

Karen Spencer

Occupation: Co-Founder Searchfunder.com and mentor, helping small business, women and minority entrepreneurs access expertise and capital for success

Occupational Background: 14 years at Nike, building strategies and implementing plans with impacts 3, 5, 10 years into the future

Educational Background: Stanford Business MS; Harvard Law JD; MIT, BS Chemical Engineering

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon's Youth Development Council;

Portland Utility Board; Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Committee
Our region has grown tremendously and will continue to grow steadily. We have the opportunity now to preserve the best of our region, while building a prosperous, sustainable, and equitable future for all. And it's going to take the strategic, long-range planning skills I have to achieve this vision.

With your vote, I will:

Fight for increased affordable housing to reduce homelessness and ensure people can live in the same community they work. We must stop pushing people out, and we need thousands of affordable homes to fix this problem.

Work for accessible, efficient and clean transportation

options so we can spend more time with family and friends, and less time sitting in traffic. This means improved transit reliability, with electric bus investments, youth passes, and safer pathways that connect communities and address underserved populations.

Demand environmental stewardship to preserve our clean air and water, forests, parks and open spaces for generations to come. I'll continue my work in expanding access for all people to enjoy our parks and trails, waterways and quiet places. I've worked with Metro to address equity and access in our region, and will build upon this commitment to our people, climate, and communities.

Proudly endorsed by Teamsters Local 37 and other advocates for working families, affordable housing, equity and justice leaders, Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick, Kathryn Harrington, Washington County Commission Chair and Former Metro Councilor, and many more! See the full list at VoteForKarenSpencer.com.

Vote Karen Spencer for Metro District 5!

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METRO

Councilor, District 5

Cameron Whitten

Occupation: Executive Director, Brown Hope

Occupational Background: Small Business Owner; Q Center Executive Director; Community Volunteer

Educational Background:: PCC; PSU (BA Economics); Willamette University (MBA Student)

Prior Governmental Experience: PBOT Advisory Committee; TriMet Equity Advisory Committee; Multnomah County Levy Oversight Committee; Office of Neighborhood Involvement Advocate

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Know Your City; Pioneer Courthouse Square; REACH Community Development; Venture Portland

“I’m running for Metro because I want to help our community. I’ve dedicated my entire career to making a better future for all Portlanders through community-based solutions: affordable housing, safer roads, thriving local businesses, and vibrant greenspaces. With your support, we can make sure no Portlander is left behind.

You can count on me in this fight.” –Cameron

CAMERON WHITTEN: FOCUSED ON RESULTS

- Make sure all voices are heard and respected
- Invest in affordable housing for all
- Make our streets safer and reduce congestion
- Create jobs and improve public infrastructure
- Safeguard open spaces, clean air and water
- Transparency and accountability with tax dollars

CAMERON WHITTEN: EFFECTIVE AND OUTSPOKEN LEADER

“Cameron is a leader who shows up and fights for all Portlanders. I proudly endorse him.” —**US Congresswoman Elizabeth Furse**

CAMERON WHITTEN: AFFORDABLE HOUSING LEADER

“Cameron will help build a community where all families and children have safe, quality, and affordable housing.” —**Israel Bayer, former Executive Director, Street Roots**

CAMERON WHITTEN: FIGHTING FOR COMMUNITY

“Cameron is an inclusive and collaborative leader who makes me hopeful for the future.” —**Adam Lyons, Executive Director, Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods**

LEADERS WE KNOW AND TRUST SUPPORT CAMERON

Former Mayors Sam Adams; Tom Potter

City Commissioners Amanda Fritz; Mike Lindberg

Former Multnomah County Chair Jeff Cogen

Former Senators Avel Gordly; Bob Boyer

State Representatives Diego Hernandez; Rob Nosse; Carla Piluso

David Douglas School Board Chair Andrea Valderrama

Ernesto Fonseca, CEO, Hacienda CDC

Next Up Action Fund

Our Revolution Portland

Community Alliance of Tenants Action Fund

East County Rising PAC

The Street Trust Action Fund
Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC Greenlight
Vote for a Real Progressive Champion

CAMERON WHITTEN
www.WhittenForOregon.com

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METRO

Councilor, District 5

Mary Peveto

Occupation: Founder & Executive Director, Neighbors for Clean Air

Occupational Background: Non-Profit Executive; Women's Brand Manager; Sportswear Executive.

Educational Background: B.S., Macalester College

Prior Governmental Experience: Chair of the Multnomah County Advisory Committee on Sustainability and Innovation; U.S. EPA Clean Air Act Advisory Committee; Cleaner Air Oregon Advisory Committee.

For the past decade, I've dedicated my life to protecting people from the damage air pollution does to our health and quality of life. I've gone up against both corporate polluters and ineffective government agencies to protect our families. Send me to Metro so I can continue fighting for you.

Mary Peveto Fought Corporate Polluters and Won

As the Founder of Neighbors for Clean Air, Mary forced corporate polluters to install air cleaning equipment to dramatically reduce the toxic air choking our communities. She advanced legislation to curb diesel pollution statewide, and successfully pushed our state legislature to pass the largest increase in funding for the Department of Environmental Quality in over two decades.

As your Metro Councilor, Mary Peveto will:

- Empower local governments to **face the climate crisis.**
- Take faster action to **clean the air we breathe.**
- **Protect our most vulnerable communities.**
- Push for strong policies to **address the housing crisis.**
- Advocate for **transformational transportation options.**

"Mary is exactly the leader Metro needs to meet the climate emergency. Her record of holding corporate polluters accountable shows she understands how climate change is hurting the most vulnerable in our community. That's why Mary Peveto is the only one I trust to represent Metro District 5." -Jan Zuckerman, Cofounder, Sunnyside Environmental School

Endorsed by:

Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC Greenlight
AFSCME Local 3580

Jeri Jimenez, Founder, Environmental Justice Action Group

Robin Morris Collins, Professor of Law

Tony DeFalco

Rex Burkholder, Former Metro Councilor

John Tapogna, Economic Consultant

Dr. Vivek Shandas, Professor of Climate Adaptation, Portland State University

Chris Van Dyke, Former VP of Communications, World Wildlife Fund

Brad Avakian, Former Labor Commissioner

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METRO

Councilor, District 5

Mary Nolan

Occupation: Director, Unitus Community Credit Union; Director, Teatro Milagro; Advisor, OHSU Avel Gordly Center for Healing

Occupational Background: Planned Parenthood Advocates Pro-Choice Champion; ACLU 100% Voting Record; Basic Rights Oregon Hero of the House; Co-founder, Oregon NARAL; Oregon League of Conservation Voters Best Environmental Committee Work; Steering Committee, Fair Shot Coalition for economic and racial justice; Tom McCall Legacy Award for environmental leadership, 1000 Friends of Oregon

Educational Background: Dartmouth College

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative, House Majority Leader

Juntos tenemos que hacer grandes cambios, Together we must make big changes:

- reverse climate disruption, invest in transit we can truly love
- design safer streets, prepare for zero-emission vehicles
- build enough affordable homes
- provide basic shelter and supportive services so everyone finally has a safe indoor place to sleep
- deliberately practice and promote racial justice
- protect habitat, farmland, natural splendor and ancestral lands
- actually achieve our goals for housing, transportation, open space by setting and enforcing measurable targets
- protect middle class jobs and create realistic career opportunities

Mary Nolan confronts big challenges head on and gets big results: from landmark environmental improvements to bold laws protecting and expanding women's rights, racial equity, economic justice, LGBTQ rights and affordable housing. If competence, results and getting important things done well matters to you, Mary Nolan is exactly who you'll want at Metro now.

Endorsed as a trusted ally and fierce advocate by leaders and groups who stand up for us:

- Governor Kate Brown
- Governor Barbara Roberts
- Oregon House Speaker Tina Kotek
- Portland Firefighters IAFF Local 43
- Portland Association of Teachers PAC
- State Senators Lew Frederick, Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, Margaret Carter
- State Representative Mitch Greenlick
- Climate leader Thomas Wheatley (former Director, Renew Oregon)
- Seniors and disabilities advocate Dr. Jim Davis
- NW Regional Carpenters Union
- Community, Arts and Cultural leaders Sho Dozono, Dañel Malán, Roey Thorpe, Wajdi Said, José González, Kieu-Oanh Nguyen, Hector Hinojoso
- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

Juntos Cùng nhau 一起 Вместе اعم Together

(This information furnished by Mary Nolan)

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METRO

Councilor, District 6

Bob Stacey

Occupation: Metro Councilor, District 6

Occupational Background: Director, 1000 Friends of Oregon; Lawyer

Educational Background: Parkrose High, Diploma; Reed College, Political Science, BA; Oregon Law School, Law, JD

Prior Governmental Experience: Chief of Staff, Congressman Earl Blumenauer; TriMet Policy and Planning Director; Policy Advisor, Governor Barbara Roberts; Portland Planning Director

We endorse Bob!

Governor Barbara Roberts

Congressman Earl Blumenauer

Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)

NW Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Columbia-Pacific Building Trades

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Metro President Lynn Peterson

Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury

Kathryn Harrington, Chair Washington County Commission

Metro Councilors Sam Chase, Shirley Craddick, Craig

Dirksen, Juan Carlos González, Christine Lewis

Portland Association of Teachers PAC

Portland Firefighters Association

AFSCME Local 3580

NW Carpenters Union

The Street Trust Action Fund

Dear Portland Neighbor,

A reactionary US president and an obstructionist minority in Oregon's legislature are blocking our federal and state governments from protecting our people and our environment.

Over these four difficult years, I've helped Metro step up to fill that gap and protect our community's quality of life.

You've responded overwhelmingly by voting to protect our regional parks, trails and natural areas, and to build 3900 permanently affordable homes for 12,000 of our neighbors threatened with homelessness or already experiencing it.

Many of you are already working with me and the Metro team on a transportation strategy to get us around quicker, more safely and equitably, with less pollution and climate impact.

Now I'm asking you to approve Metro's homeless services measure. It will scale up existing programs that are already working, so we can help more people get indoors and into supportive housing, with the services they need to stay housed. It will be funded by a 1% tax on upper-income households and large businesses.

Let's keep working **Here Together** on real solutions for the challenges we face.

I ask you to re-elect me as your Metro councilor.

Thanks,
Bob

(This information furnished by friends of Bob Stacey)

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METRO

Councilor, District 6

Leigha LaFleur

Occupation: Patent Agent

Occupational Background: Intellectual property, small business, social work, mother

Educational Background: Eastern Michigan University, Social Work, Bachelors; Portland Community College, Paralegal, Associates, Electronics Engineering Technology, Certificate; Emerge Oregon

Prior Governmental Experience: Democratic Party of Oregon, Chair, Third Congressional District Committee, (2017- present)

Community Service: Full Circle Temple Council Member, Treasurer (2003-2008); BerniePDX Leadership Team (2015 – present); Greater Portland NOW Board Member (2017-2019), Interim Chapter President (2019)

I have a bold, progressive vision which infuses practical measures using Metro resources, transforming how we manage garbage, transportation and housing - all extremely important facets to the daily lives of every Metro citizen. From my grassroots experience to my professional expertise, I have the sensibility to create a more livable community that is inclusive to everyone and mindful of environmental sustainability.

Let's talk trash!

Why run for Metro Council? I want to transform the way we manage our garbage. Metro is the government entity that manages this regionally. Instead of adding more waste to landfills, I want Metro to use a waste-to-energy system to convert nearly all of our excess carbon based trash (including plastics) into fuel using a carbon neutral (potentially carbon negative) process. This fundamentally improves waste disposal, and creates both cost savings and additional revenue.

Progressive values

Integrity is key! I walk my talk. I'm excited to be a driving force on Metro Council to improve people's lives through more affordable housing practices, lowering carbon infrastructure, and enriching Metro workplaces.

Policy priorities

- Modernize our solid waste management infrastructure
- Create programs to divert useful items from the solid waste stream
- Explore innovative ways to address our houseless and housing affordability crisis
- Prioritize carbon neutral transportation infrastructure
- Consistently balance solutions through a social justice and equity lens
- Promote anti-displacement when upgrading current infrastructure
- Facilitate Metro employee satisfaction
- Refuse money from fossil fuel interests or corporate PACs!

Endorsed by:

The Street Trust Action Fund

BerniePDX

Our Revolution

Katrina Doughty, MESD Board

...and many members of the community!

<https://LaFleur4Oregon.com>

(This information furnished by Leigha LaFleur Street Team)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-209

Referred to the People by the City Council

BALLOT TITLE

Renew Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax for Street Repair, Maintenance, Safety

Question: Shall Portland renew four-year, 10 cents per gallon fuel tax for maintenance (paving, potholes) and safety (crossings, lighting, sidewalks)?

Summary: Portland's 10 cents per gallon fuel tax was approved by voters in 2016. If renewed at the same tax rate, this measure is estimated to raise \$74.5 million over four years, beginning January 2021.

The funding would continue to be dedicated to street repair, maintenance and safety projects, including paving, pothole repair, sidewalk and safety improvements.

Specific proposed investments include:

Street Repair and Maintenance

- \$25 million for paving, focused on busy and neighborhood streets

Safety

- \$6 million for Safe Routes to School projects to improve safety for elementary students
- \$4.5 million to expand Neighborhood Greenways and connect schools, parks, transit, and neighborhood businesses
- \$5 million for traffic signals and crossing beacons
- \$4.5 million for street lighting on High Crash Network
- \$4.5 million for sidewalks and other walkways
- \$1.5 million for small-scale neighborhood safety improvements

Community-Identified Transportation Needs

- \$13 million for potholes, gravel streets, and pavement base repair
- \$10.5 million for basic safety improvements

Expenditures go through independent financial audits and are reviewed by a public oversight committee that reports annually. Establishes license requirements.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In 2016, Portland voters approved a 10 cents per gallon fuel tax to fund street repair, maintenance, and safety improvements. Portland City Council also approved a companion heavy vehicle use tax.

Voter approval of this program followed independent research by City Club of Portland into options to fund local street maintenance and safety improvements. The report identified a local gas tax as a needed new funding source for transportation investments.

Over the past four years, the fuel tax has raised \$76 million dedicated to the Fixing Our Streets program, which repaved 38 lane miles of city streets, repaired over 400 sections of failing road, built sidewalks in East Portland, and 170 additional safety improvements across Portland. For a full list and map of completed projects, visit www.fixingourstreets.com.

If renewed by voters at the same tax rate, the 10-cent fuel tax is estimated to raise \$74.5 million over four years beginning January 2021.

Renewing the fuel tax will allow the Fixing Our Streets program to continue keeping Portland streets in good condition for current and future users, with project selection guided by existing plans and public input from neighborhood stakeholders, transportation justice advocates, and business groups.

For a full list of proposed projects, visit www.fixingourstreets.com/2020.

STREET REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

If renewed, Fixing Our Streets funds would continue to fund repair and maintenance projects that prevent expensive full replacement of worn-out streets.

Proposed projects include **\$25 million dedicated to paving**, with a focus on busy and neighborhood street repair and maintenance projects that are less expensive to fix now. **An additional \$13 million would fund pothole, gravel street, and pavement base repair services** identified as community priorities.

SAFETY

If renewed, Fixing Our Streets funds would continue to be invested in safety projects for people driving, biking, and walking in neighborhoods across Portland, including creating safer intersections, reducing vehicle speeds on cut-through routes, retrofitting our existing Neighborhood Greenways, and making additional safety enhancements to existing projects. Proposed projects and services for targeted investment include **\$5 million for traffic signals and crossing beacons, \$4.5 million for sidewalks, \$4.5 million for street lighting**, as well as better and safer access to schools, transit, and community services for Portland's kids, seniors, and families. **\$6 million would fund Safe Routes to Schools projects, and \$4.5 million would expand Neighborhood Greenways.** An additional \$10.5 million would fund basic safety repairs.

SAME TAX RATE

Because this is a proposed renewal, the 10 cent per gallon tax rate would remain the same as it is today. The average Portlander would continue to pay approximately \$5 per month.

AUDITS AND INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT

The Fixing Our Streets program will continue to go through annual independent financial audits. These audits will be shared with the oversight committee and the public. Spending from the program will be overseen by the **Fixing Our Streets Oversight Committee** representing the many communities with a stake in Portland's streets and roads.

Submitted by:
Chloe Eudaly, Commissioner
City of Portland

CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-209

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

SAME TAX RATE. BETTER STREETS.

This May, vote YES on Measure 26-209 to renew our local gas tax, and continue funding street repair, maintenance, and safety projects across Portland.

Because this is a renewal, the tax rate would remain the same as it is today.

Just a few dollars a month ensures our streets are safer and well maintained for people driving, walking, biking, and riding transit.

VOTE YES for Street Repair & Maintenance

Measure 26-209 saves money by funding repair and maintenance projects today and avoiding more expensive rebuilds of worn-out streets later:

- **\$25 million dedicated to paving**
- **\$13 million to fund pothole, gravel street, and pavement repair**

VOTE YES for Safety for Kids, Seniors, and Families

Measure 26-209 funds neighborhood safety projects to improve intersections, reduce vehicle speeds, expand neighborhood greenways, and make additional safety enhancements to existing projects:

- **\$4.5 million for sidewalks**
- **\$5 million for traffic signals and crossing beacons**
- **\$4.5 million for street lighting**
- **\$6 million for Safe Routes to Schools**
- **\$4.5 million to expand Neighborhood Greenways**

VOTE YES for the Same Tax Rate

Because this is a proposed renewal, the 10-cent per gallon tax rate would remain the same as it is today. The average Portlander would continue to pay just a few dollars a month. And Portland City Council renewed the Heavy Vehicle Tax that ensures freight vehicles are paying their fair share.

VOTE YES for Audits & Independent Oversight

The program is overseen by the Fixing Our Streets Oversight Committee, and spending is audited annually.

Learn more at FixOurStreetsPortland.com

Join us and VOTE YES on MEASURE 26-209:

Mayor Ted Wheeler
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Commissioner Chloe Eudaly
Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty
Metro President Lynn Peterson

Jennifer Rollins, Co-Chair, Fixing Our Streets Oversight Committee

Ashton Simpson, Co-Chair, Fixing Our Streets Oversight Committee

APANO
Oregon Walks
The Rosewood Initiative

The Street Trust
Verde

(This information furnished by Steph Routh)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

VOTE YES on Measure 26-209
This is a renewal: Your tax rate will remain the same!

MEASURE 26-209
will improve our transportation system!

“We have an unsafe, inequitable, and unsustainable transportation system, with over \$1 billion in deferred maintenance after decades of not saving for the future. Fix Our Streets has provided critical funding to improve and maintain our streets; this renewal will keep us on track for repairs and improvements. As Portland’s Transportation Commissioner, I want you to know that we’re working hard towards a system that works for everyone.”

-Portland City Commissioner Chloe Eudaly

In May 2016, Portland voters passed Fixing Our Streets. That same month, the Portland City Council created the heavy vehicle use tax. Together, these provided the first local funding sources in the city’s history dedicated exclusively to road repair and traffic safety.

Over the past four years, the fuel tax has raised \$76 million dedicated to fixing our streets. The funds repaved 38 lane miles of city streets, repaired over 400 sections of failing road, built sidewalks in East Portland, and made 170 additional safety improvements across Portland.

Let’s Renew Our Commitment: Vote YES on Measure 26-209!

Our current transportation system still doesn’t work for everyone. Residents of East Portland in particular—including people of color and low-income Portlanders—have fewer options for moving around safely. We need to consider equity with every transportation project and provide greater access for everyone

As your Transportation Commissioner, read more about what PBOT and I have done to fix our streets: www.VoteChloe.com/transportation

But **we’re not done!** A YES vote on Measure 26-209 helps us continue investments toward:

- Repairing deteriorating streets and preserving others, avoiding more expensive repairs later
- Achieving Vision Zero safety goals through improved and safer infrastructure.
- Aligning our transportation equity goals with our housing goals so that we’re not pushing vulnerable populations away from the city center and reducing transportation options.

(This information furnished by Chloe Eudaly)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

SMALL INVESTMENT, BIG RETURN
Business and Labor Leaders are voting YES on Measure 26-209
Better Roads — Good Jobs — Same Tax Rate

BETTER ROADS

Thanks to voters' support in 2016, Portland invested \$76 million to start catching up on a backlog of crumbling streets, dangerous potholes, and missing sidewalks. Now, voters have a chance to renew the local gas tax—maintaining the tax rate, and ensuring Portland continues this progress.

Business and labor leaders agree: This investment keeps our streets in good condition for current and future users, and keeps our local economy moving.

Renewing the gas tax helps Portland invest in lower cost maintenance projects now, avoiding larger bills to replace worn-out streets later. **Every dollar spent on standard road maintenance can save approximately \$10 by avoiding a complete rebuild of our roads in a few years.**

GOOD JOBS

As Portland looks ahead to recovery from the coronavirus crisis, the jobs funded by Measure 26-209's continued investment are more important than ever—and the average Portlander pays just a few dollars a month. It's a solid investment in our local economy.

"The streets of our city are the circulatory system of our economy: they are the essential routes that carry people to work and goods to market. It is imperative that we invest in the maintenance and improvement of that system in order to support the daily commerce and mobility that our member businesses depend on." - Ashley Henry, Business for a Better Portland

SAME TAX RATE

Thanks to the renewal, the 10 cent per gallon tax rate would stay the same for another four years. Spending would continue to be audited annually.

Please join Portland's business and labor leaders in voting YES on Measure 26-209 to renew our investment in better roads and more jobs.

Business for a Better Portland
Portland Business Alliance
Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland
PROTEC17
NAMC-Oregon
Professional Business Development Group

(This information furnished by Steph Routh, Fix Our Streets)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

VOTE YES TO KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE

Portland students should be able to safely walk and bike to their neighborhood school.

But too many children do not have a sidewalk, bike path, or safe crosswalk on their route to school.

That's why we're voting YES to renew the gas tax that fixes our streets and funds safety improvements so kids across Portland have a safe route to school.

The first four years of funding completed 53 Safe Routes to Schools projects across Portland, near 31 elementary schools, 8 middle schools, and 10 high schools. But there are hundreds more needed improvements, big and small, to keep our kids safe.

When kids can't walk or bike to school, it increases neighborhood traffic, hurts air quality, and deprives students of the opportunity for healthy physical activity. This is unacceptable.

We must continue to fix dangerous intersections, improve street lighting, and extend sidewalks. These projects support our city's students as they pursue a brighter future for themselves and their families.

Students are healthier and perform better academically when they have the opportunity to physically exercise in the morning—and they create habits of walking and biking throughout their life.

Voting YES on Fix Our Streets would provide desperately needed funding to ensure students have a safe route to school, with \$6 million dedicated to Safe Routes to Schools projects, and millions more for sidewalks, traffic signals, and other neighborhood safety improvements.

This money will be spent on safety projects all over the city including, chosen with extensive community input—visit www.fixourstreetsportland.com to see a full list.

A YES Vote 26-209 is a vote for stronger community, schools, healthier children, and safer streets across the city.

Michelle DePass, PPS School Board member

Sam Balto, teacher

Laura Content, parent

Esther Harlow, parent

Nova Newcomer, parent

Tara O'Brien, parent

Dan Rivas, parent

Kari Schlosshauer, parent

Jillian Schoene, parent

Eli Spevak, parent

(This information furnished by Steph Routh, Fix Our Streets)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Crossing the street shouldn't mean crossing your fingers.

Every two hours, a pedestrian in the United States is killed because a street or crosswalk is unsafe. Children, seniors, people of color, and families living on lower incomes are disproportionately the victims of these fatalities. According to the 2019 *Dangerous by Design* report, Oregon is the 18th most dangerous state for older adults. Between 2008-2017, adults over 50 were 64% more likely to be struck and killed while walking compared to people under 50.

That is why AARP Oregon supports Measure 26-209.

Over the next two decades, Portland Metro's 65+ population is projected to grow by 106% compared to a 34.6% increase in the overall population. Research shows that the average man outlives his driving years by 7 years and woman by 11. Older Oregonians overwhelmingly want to live in their own homes as they age. A strong transportation system that provides accessible and safe mobility options for all road users is vital to helping people remain independent.

Measure 26-209 will provide much needed funds for critical projects to make our streets safer for all Portlanders – pedestrians, bicyclists, drivers, and public transportation users.

Measure 26-209 will achieve this by:

- Improving pedestrian safety and walkability by adding more street lights, sidewalks, and walkways that especially help children, low-income, and older Portlanders access transit, schools, community centers and key services;
- Targeting investments in underserved areas of the city, including paving improvements and installing new signals and beacons on streets with a high pedestrian crash history;
- Improving basic maintenance and safety improvements, such as fixing potholes, repairing failing or maintaining gravel streets, and reducing vehicle speeds on cut-through routes for neighborhood safety.

Vote YES on 26-209. We cannot afford to defer fixing our streets. Portlanders of all ages and abilities deserve safer streets. AARP supports Measure 26-209 as an important and timely response to the transportation needs of our rapidly growing Portland.

(This information furnished by Ruby Haughton-Pitts, AARP Oregon)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

AN INVESTMENT IN CLEANER AIR, HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES FOR ALL

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

Carbon emissions from transportation use represents **a significant threat to local air quality** in Portland's neighborhoods. A local tax on gasoline will encourage

Portlanders to consider walking, biking and taking transit for their daily trips, and will raise revenue to ensure Portlanders can safely walk, bike, and take transit in every neighborhood.

"In many respects, Portland is a tale of two cities—one Portland enjoys a transportation system with robust connections and walkable neighborhoods and business districts. Another Portland endures unimproved roadways, puddle-saturated bus stops, and high crash crossings. Fix Our Streets is focused on building dedicated programs that bring Portland's communities together." - 1000 Friends of Oregon

Fix Our Streets taxes pollution to invest in infrastructure.

The gas tax gives us an opportunity for cost-effective, green transportation options for

every neighborhood—greenways, crosswalks, bike lanes, and bus lanes. **This improves local air quality, supports walkable neighborhoods, and is an investment in a low-carbon transportation future.**

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

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

We encourage a YES vote on 26-209:

Neighbors for Clean Air
1000 Friends of Oregon
Verde

(This information furnished by Steph Routh, Fix Our Streets)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Dear Neighbor,

My name is Sarah Iannarone and I am a resident of Mt. Scott-Arleta Neighborhood in Outer Southeast Portland, a part of town with numerous unpaved roads where too many of our children walk to schools, playgrounds, and transit stops on streets without sidewalks.

I've been fighting alongside you for basic services, safety improvements, and climate smart investments in our community for over fifteen years. We've made some progress, but we have much more work to do. Last year, I attended too many vigils for neighbors killed on our streets-- this is heartbreaking and unacceptable.

That's why I need you to join me in voting YES on Measure 26-209.

(Don't worry, your taxes aren't going to go up. This is a renewal of the few dollars a month you're likely already paying, not a new tax.)

As we face a long economic recovery, we need to spend our precious tax dollars wisely: **investing in lower-cost repair, maintenance, and safety projects today helps us avoid larger bills in the future while making our streets better and safer for people walking, biking, driving, and taking transit.**

Please join me in seizing this important opportunity to create good jobs through smart investments while making Portland's streets safer for our most vulnerable residents.

Onward,

Sarah Iannarone

Candidate, City of Portland Mayor

Endorsed by The Street Trust Action Fund

Co-founder, The Arleta Triangle Project

Fmr Board Secretary, The City Repair Project

Member, City of Portland Bicycle Advisory Committee

Land Use & Transportation Chair, Mt. Scott-Arleta

Neighborhood Association

Member, City of Portland Bureau of Transportation Bureau and Budget Advisory Committee

(This information furnished by Sarah Iannarone, Friends of Sarah for Portland)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Here is what you've been paying...

2009 **6-cent gas-tax increase**

2009 **Car registration fee increase**

2009 **Auto title fee increase**

2009 **License plate increase**

2009 **New Multnomah car Fee**

2015 **14-cent gas cost increase LCFS est.**

2016 **10-cent Portland gas-tax increase**

2017 **New .5% car sales tax**

2017 **10-cent gas-tax increase**

2017 **New Transportation .1% payroll tax**

2017 **Auto registration fee increase**

2017 **Auto title fee increase**

2017 **25% truck mileage tax increase**

2020 **Employee payroll transit tax increase**

Where are all the new highway lanes?

Where are all the new bridges to drive on?

Where are all the highway bypasses to relieve traffic?

After 11 years of continuous auto tax increases and after paying MORE in these taxes than the national state average, we have little to show for it compared with the massive amount of tax dollars spent.

Here's where your tax dollars are going:

• **\$175 million in tax \$\$\$ wasted on a bridge never built**

"Columbia River crossing managers spent more than \$175 million in public funds planning a bridge, highway, and light rail complex that won't be built...it burned money at prodigious rates."— *Oregonian* 7/4/13

• **Tax \$\$\$ wasted REMOVING lanes instead of building lanes**

Portland is spending millions of your tax \$\$\$ on the "Central City in Motion" project, which will be removing perfectly good driving lanes in your neighborhood and replacing them with bus- and bike-only lanes.

Vote no on 26-209.

NO NEW GAS TAXES

No more removing lanes

No more wasting local gas-tax funds

Taxpayer Association of Oregon Urges No on 26-210

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

5 reasons the current 10-cent gas tax was full of broken promises and rampant misuse.

A 2019 Audit report shows gross mismanagement of Portland's current gas tax.

1. Unknown how much the gas tax is going to what was promised

“It was difficult to determine if the Bureau maintained the spending split it promised.”
(2019 City Auditor report, page 10)

2. Most projects ran behind schedule with cost delays

“...most were behind schedules that the Bureau set after the tax passed.”
(2019 City Auditor report, page 3)

3. Inability to properly monitor how gas tax funds were spent

“...we found that the committee could not effectively fulfill its monitoring role...”
(5/19 City Auditor report, page 7)

4. Current 10-cent gas tax promised to increase safety. Ironically, safety decreased.

Portland traffic deaths in 2019 are the highest since the year 1997. (*Oregonian* 12/20/19)

5. Portlanders pay 20% more for gasoline than the U.S average.

We are not getting what we pay for. Our high gas prices cut into our cost of living and quality of life.

Vote no on 26-209 until Portland can fix the blatant mistakes of its first 10-cent gas-tax increase.

Don't reward failure. Don't perpetuate a flawed system. Don't double down on mistakes and broken promises.

No New Gas Taxes
until they fix the problems they already have

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METRO

Measure 26-210

Referred to the people of the Metro Region by the Metro Council

BALLOT TITLE

Supports homeless services through higher earners' tax, business profits tax.

Question: Should Metro support homeless services, tax income over \$200,000/\$125,000(joint/single), profits on businesses with income over \$5 million?

Summary: Measure funds supportive housing services to prevent and reduce homelessness in Washington, Clackamas, and Multnomah counties within district boundaries. Prioritizes services to address needs of people experiencing, or at risk of, long-term or frequent episodes of homelessness. Services funded by a marginal income tax of 1% on households with income over \$200,000 (over \$125,000 for single filers) and a business profits tax of 1%. Income tax applies to resident income, and to non-resident income earned from sources within district. Exempts businesses with gross receipts of \$5 million per year or less.

Declares funding for homelessness services a matter of metropolitan concern, directs regional funding to local services agencies, requires community engagement to develop localized implementation plans. Allocates funds to counties by estimated revenue collected within each county. Establishes community oversight committee to evaluate and approve local plans, monitor program outcomes and uses of funds. Requires creation of tricounty homeless services coordination plan.

Requires performance reviews and independent financial audits. Metro administrative and oversight costs limited to 5%. Requires voter approval to continue tax after 2030.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The greater Portland region is facing a severe housing affordability and homelessness crisis. Rents and housing prices have risen faster than wages, making it especially hard for people living on fixed retirement or disability incomes to afford housing. While it is difficult to accurately estimate the number of people experiencing homelessness, or at risk of becoming homeless, according to a February 2020 report by EcoNorthwest, an estimated 38,263 people (24,260 households) experienced homelessness in 2017 in Washington, Clackamas and Multnomah counties; thousands more were at risk.

Homelessness disproportionately impacts people with disabilities, people of color, and seniors. For people who experience homelessness, disabling conditions such as mental illness, chronic medical conditions, and addiction are made worse, and become barriers to housing placement.

Providing supportive housing services is a widely demonstrated approach to effectively end homelessness for individuals who have experienced prolonged and repeated homelessness, and protecting families from becoming homeless with prevention assistance. Supportive housing services include case management, mental healthcare, addiction and recovery treatment, employment services, rent assistance, and other care as needed. Despite state and local efforts to increase investment in supportive housing services, the need in greater Portland exceeds local capacity.

This measure will authorize Metro to establish a regional supportive housing funding program, providing the resources to address unmet needs of people experiencing or at risk of experiencing long-term or frequent episodes of homelessness in the greater Portland region. The measure will result in a substantial increase in the delivery of supportive housing services.

Supportive housing services will be funded by a marginal personal income tax of 1% on households with taxable income over \$200,000 (or taxable income over \$125,000 for individual tax filers) and a business profits tax of 1% with an exemption for small businesses that have gross receipts of \$5 million or less per year. The personal income tax will be assessed on residents of the Metro district, and on non-residents who have income earned from sources within the district. Only income above \$200,000 (\$125,000 individual) is taxed.

In each county a local implementation plan will be developed to describe how supportive housing services will be prioritized and delivered to address local needs. Local plans must be developed using comprehensive community engagement that prioritizes those most directly affected by the homelessness crisis.

A regional oversight committee with broad geographic representation will review and evaluate each local plan, monitor local implementation, and review spending. The oversight committee will report every year to Metro Council on program outcomes and areas for improvement, and annual performance and financial audits of funding for supportive housing services will be conducted. Metro administrative costs are limited to 5% and must be reviewed annually. The measure requires voter approval to continue after 2030.

On Behalf of:

Metro Council President Lynn Peterson
Councilor Shirley Craddick
Councilor Christine Lewis
Councilor Craig Dirksen
Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzales
Councilor Sam Chase
Councilor Bob Stacey

Submitted by:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney
Metro

METRO

Measure 26-210

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS URGE EVERYONE TO VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-210

Imagine having to tell someone there is no warm bed for them to sleep in that night. That it will be at least two years before their family can move into a safe home. That there is no laundry detergent, even though the shelter has a washer. There is no toilet paper to be used, even though the shelter has a bathroom. That the hot meals provided that day are all gone. That your case is number 100 or higher on a case manager's desk.

We, as service providers, have these conversations with our clients every single day. In the tri-county area, we serve thousands of people experiencing homelessness each month, and we do not have the resources to help the thousands more in need.

As human beings, we cannot accept this state of affairs. As a community, we must do better.

We KNOW what solves people's homelessness. Housing first, and then the flexible supportive services necessary to meet the needs of each individual experiencing homelessness. Some people may need mental and physical healthcare; some may need addiction treatment services. Some people may need job training; others may need help claiming benefits for a steady income.

We MUST have the resources needed to scale up our efforts to provide the supportive services necessary to ensure those without homes are sheltered.

We urge you to vote. It will provide the much-needed supportive services for people of color, seniors, youth, women escaping domestic violence, LGBTQIA+ community members, and veterans, among others, experiencing or at risk of experiencing chronic and episodic homelessness across the Metro region.

“People on the street age 20 years faster than their housed counterparts. We can, and must, do better to support the health and well-being of everyone in our community.” - Dr. Rachel Solotaroff, President and CEO, Central City Concern

Continued.

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS URGE EVERYONE TO VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-210, continued

Adelante Mujeres
Asian Pacific American
ASSIST Disability Program
Bradley Angle
Care Oregon
CASA of Oregon
Cascade AIDS Project
Cascadia Behavioral
Healthcare
Catholic Charities of Oregon
Central City Concern
Centro Cultural
Clackamas Service Center
Clackamas Women's
Services
Coalition of Communities of
Color
ColumbiaCare Services
Community Action, Washington County
Community Alliance of
Tenants
Community Partners for
Affordable Housing
DoGood Multnomah
Easterseals Oregon
Care Oregon
Luke-Dorf
Metropolitan Alliance for the
Common Good
Nathan Teske, Executive
Director, Bienestar
National Alliance on Mental Illness,
Clackamas
Native American Youth and
Family Center
New Avenues for Youth
Northwest Family Services
Northwest Housing Alternatives
Northwest Pilot Project
Operation Nightwatch
Oregon Energy Fund
Oregon Food Bank
Outside In
Outside the Frame
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Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
El Programa Hispano
Católico
Hacienda Community
Development Corp.
Healthshare of Oregon
Homeless Solutions Coalition
of Clackamas County
HomePlate Youth Services
HOPE Food Pantry @ 1st
Baptist Church
Housing Oregon
Human Solutions
Immigrant Refugee &
Community Organization
Impact NW
Innovative Housing
Interfaith Alliance on Poverty
JOIN
Latino Network
Living Cully
Love INC of Clackamas
County
LoveOne
Portland Homeless Family
Solutions
Prism Health
Project Homeless Connect
Proud Ground
REACH Community
Development
ROSE Community
Development
Sequoia Mental Health
St. Mary's Home for Boys
Stone Soup PDX
Street Roots
The Father's Heart
The Rosewood Initiative
Transition Projects
Unite Oregon
Welcome Home Coalition
Winter Shelter of Forest
Grove and Cornelius
YWCA of Greater Portland

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**VOTING YES ON MEASURE 26-210 FOR SUPPORTIVE
HOMELESS SERVICES**

WILL HELP PEOPLE LIKE ME

I became homeless because my partner shot me.

The services we need funded right now are vital. I know because they saved my life

I was born and raised in Portland. Growing up here, I never imagined that I would see so many people living in tents in our neighborhoods, or that I myself would face homelessness due to domestic violence.

No one teaches you to prepare for homelessness. And I promise no one chooses it over better alternatives.

I can say with experience that facing housing insecurity is as traumatic as getting shot in the chest by someone you love and trust. When I was shot, my support network was lacking due to the trauma of domestic violence. So not only was I recovering from a gunshot wound, but I was also dealing with the shame that I could not house myself in the city where the African American side of my family had managed to be homeowners for 4 generations. Together, this created my recipe for disaster.

The organizations providing the services needed for those dealing with housing insecurity are broke, but it is not a broken system. We need the funding to support the services we know work in combating our homeless disaster. People not experiencing housing insecurity call it a crisis. Those that have lived experience know it's a disaster.

It is time for us as a community to help our vulnerable neighbors rebuild their lives.

It took four years to rebuild my life, thanks to the supportive services available. I am now a certified Peer Specialist, having volunteered nearly 500 hours in the shelter I once lived in. Please VOTE YES on Measure 26-210 to continue funding the lifesaving work of the organizations that helped prevent ME from living on the streets of Portland.

Jennifer Langston, Portland

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METRO

Measure 26-210

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Homelessness is solvable. We know what to do. We just need your help.
There's no greater prescription for the health of the individual and our community than having safe and secure housing.

As healthcare providers, we understand that everything we do to try to secure or repair health challenges is dependent on having a stable home. Nowhere has this become more clear than in the coronavirus challenge. **There are many in our community who are left with literally no place to shelter safely.** People with disabilities and existing medical conditions are disproportionately represented among them; people without severe medical conditions who experience homelessness soon develop them.

Measure 26-210 will ensure increased access and critical services needed for people currently experiencing homelessness, and will help prevent people with existing medical concerns - **such as veterans, seniors, and people with disabilities** - from experiencing homelessness due to their age and condition.

“Too many people are forced to choose between rent, groceries, or medicine. And the truth is, these needs are all inter-related. Once someone is safely housed, they are more likely able to put food in their bodies several times a day, get restful sleep, and take medications correctly. Shelter, food, and water are foundational basic needs.” – Imelda Dacones, MD, President and CEO Northwest Permanente, on behalf of Kaiser Permanente Northwest

“We believe the recovery process begins with a safe, affordable, and healthy place to live. With this foundation, individuals can focus on their health, connect with families and friends, and move forward in shaping a productive and meaningful life.” - Dr. Derald Walker, President & CEO, Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare

We urge you to vote yes by May 19.

Care Oregon

Cascade AIDS Project

Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare

Central City Concern

Healthshare of Oregon

Kaiser Permanente

Legacy Health

Luke-Dorf

Outside In

Prism Health

Providence Health & Services - Oregon

Sequoia Mental Health

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Building a Stronger Community

The affordable housing crisis in the Portland metro region is pushing low-income families to the financial brink. Sometimes the only option is unsafe or over-crowded housing conditions that put everyone at risk of eviction; **they even end up homeless.**

Every night in our community, thousands of people are sleeping on the streets; thousands more are in shelters or their cars. While we do our best to provide affordable housing opportunities for people to stay safely housed and to transition back into housing, **every day more and more people experience homelessness for the first time.**

Our community did the right thing by passing affordable housing construction bonds. We need to do the right thing again. Measure 26-210 will allow us to maximize the success of low-income housing dollars and help more families get the supportive services they need to transition from the trauma and instability of being unhoused to the stable life of having a place to call home.

We are committed to engaging underrepresented communities and building strong community partnerships that promote equitable public policies. Measure 26-210 does both of these things to provide essential supportive services for people to successfully stay in their homes.

Please join us in voting YES by May 19 on Measure 26-210.

**Catholic Charities of Oregon
Central City Concern
Community Development Partners
Community Partners for Affordable Housing
Hacienda Community Development Corporation
Housing Oregon
Human Solutions
Innovative Housing
Nathan Teske, Executive Director, Bienestar
Northwest Housing Alternatives
Proud Ground
REACH Community Development
ROSE Community Development
Transition Projects**

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**Oregon Business Leaders say
YES to Regional Homeless Services
VOTE YES on Measure 26-210**

Homelessness is the number one concern of businesses throughout the region, as we understand that the Portland metro region is currently experiencing both an affordability and a homelessness crisis.

Everyone in the community suffers when people experience homelessness. We are proud to be part of the community, as individuals and as business leaders, supporting this measure that will provide the solutions for ending people's homelessness.

The 1% tax on local profits from large businesses is a reasonable and fair approach—and the need is undeniable. That is why, as business owners in our region, we urge voters to join us in saying yes to Measure 26-210

“Like so many in the local business community, the Portland Thorns and Timbers deeply understand that those two words — business, and community — are intertwined,” says Mike Golub, Portland Timbers and Thorns. **“Supporting the HereTogether measure is a critical step toward making a major difference in the lives of tens of thousands of our neighbors.”**

**Avenue Agency
Blackbird Benefits
Collective
Bozz Media
Business for a Better
Portland
CareOregon
Cascadia Partners**

**Maxwell Pratt, Realtor
Ross Lienhart
Portland Business Alliance
Portland Timbers and
Thorns
Providence Health &
Services – Oregon
Reichard and Associates**

Community Development
Partners
Downtown Development
Group
Ear Trumpet Labs
Eickhof Creative Shop
Foundation
Fubonn Shopping Center
Fuze7 Marketing
Gard Communications
Health Share of Oregon
Holst Architecture
Legacy Health
Love Portland Group, Realtors
Marigold Coffee
Neighbors Realty
Neil Kelly Co
Pixelspoke
Dick Clark, CEO of The Portland Clinic
Gun Denhart, Founder
Hanna
Andersson
Hilary Bourassa, Realtor

Ride Report
Rosenbaum Financial
Russell Fellows Properties
Salazar Architect
Smith + Connors
Titan Freight Systems
TMT Development
Worksystems

Individuals

Brett Schulz, Architect PC
Chris Bonner, Principal
Realtor Broker
Kaiser Permanente
Lara Media Services
Portland Clinic
Gun Denhart, Founder
Hanna
Andersson
Hilary Bourassa, Realtor
Maxwell Pratt, Realtor
Ross Lienhart

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

OREGON EDUCATORS AND TEACHERS ARE VOTING YES ON MEASURE 26-210

Oregon has the highest number of children experiencing homelessness in the nation.

The untold secret of Oregon's homeless children is that they're the least likely to be seen on the streets. Their families are living in shelters, in vehicles, or doubled-up with others; still in locations where parents do not control the roof over the heads of their children; still in insecure and unsafe environments.

Across the metro region, over 7,000 students experience homelessness every school year. Portland Public Schools and the Beaverton School District have the greatest number of homeless students, more than 1,500 in each district, one in ten students in the Reynolds district has experienced homelessness.

Many of our students come to school worried about where their family will sleep that night. Children are especially vulnerable to lifelong impacts of housing instability.

It is crucial that families and children experiencing homelessness receive the services and supports they need to stay housed and transition from homelessness to housing as soon as possible.

We must support our community's most vulnerable members - our future leaders - so that the **strain of simply surviving is no longer at the forefront of their mind.** Instead, children are allowed to be children, to be students, and to focus on simply

growing up to be their best selves.

**Vote YES for supportive homeless services.
Vote YES on Measure 26-210.**

**Portland Association of Teachers
Beaverton Education Association
Hillsboro Classified United, American Federation of Teachers
Local 4671**

**Andrea Valderrama, Chair, David Douglas School Board
Carla C. Piluso, Member, Gresham-Barlow School Board
Mitzi Bauer, Member, North Clackamas School Board
Kathy Wai, North Clackamas School Board
Martha Spiers, Member, Oregon City School Board
Elizabeth Durant, Member, Parkrose School Board
Ricki Ruiz, Reynolds School Board
Michelle DePass, Director, Portland Public Schools Board
Ruth Adkins, former member, Portland Public Schools Board
Pam Knowles, former member, Portland Public Schools board
David Wynde, former member, Portland Public Schools board**

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

JOIN US IN VOTING YES ON MEASURE 26-210

Adelante Mujeres
Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)
Centro Cultural
Coalition of Communities of Color
El Programa Hispano Católico
Hacienda Community Development Corporation
Immigrant Refugee & Community Organization
Latino Network
Living Cully
Native American Youth and Family Center
Nathan Teske, Executive Director of Bienestar
Unite Oregon

“This measure will pair proven solutions and community based expertise with the affordable housing necessary to change the lived reality of our neighbors experiencing homelessness, ensuring enough care and resources are there to support communities of color and other historically marginalized communities in this time of need.”

- Marcus C. Mundy, Executive Director, Coalition of Communities of Color

People of color have historically been targeted by systemic injustices and discriminatory policies, leading African and African American, Asian and Asian American, Hispanic and Latinx, Indigenous and Native American, Middle Eastern, Pacific Islander, refugee, and immigrant people to be disproportionately represented in the metro region's homeless population.

For people of color, the recent coronavirus only reinforced our understanding that we are both disproportionately represented among the very poorest and homeless and among the frontline service providers that our entire society depends upon.

Communities of color have also historically come together to create **strong, resilient communities** in the face of such systemic injustices. **We will do so again now**, as a health crisis and an affordability crisis is causing an excessive number of our community's members to experience homelessness.

Measure 26-210 will increase access to case managers and social workers, mental and physical health professionals, addiction treatment, job training, and other services necessary for ensuring our siblings, children, and families of color living on the street, in their car, or doubled-up with people already struggling financially are successfully living stable and productive lives again.

Please join us and vote YES for Measure 26-210 by May 19.

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

METRO REGION FAITH LEADERS SAY VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-210 TO HELP OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS

As leaders in our faith communities, we follow our religious teachings of kindness, compassion, and loving our neighbors as ourselves. Some of our neighbors need specific supports, like food, clothing, and shelter, which we provide through food pantries, homeless shelters, and clothing drives. Unfortunately, the number of our neighbors in need of help too often exceeds our capacity for doing so.

Over 5,000 people are sleeping on our streets every night. Up to 30,000 people are sleeping on the streets, in cars, or doubled-up in places not meant for sleeping. And 56,000 households are one missed paycheck away from slipping into homelessness too, many of them for the very first time. Now more than ever, the coronavirus highlights the need and opportunity for us to live our values. It is not for us to understand why everything happens, but it is important to understand that **how we respond says everything about who we are and the strength of our faith and community.**

There is something we all can do to make sure that so many people are not again placed in such a precarious and vulnerable position in the first place. We hope you will join us in not only supporting this measure but making sure none of our friends and neighbors turn their backs on the homeless community, especially now.

Join us in our support of Measure 26-210, and show your faith in humanity by voting YES.

**Ainsworth United Church of Christ
Augustana Lutheran Church
Catholic Charities of Oregon
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
First Unitarian Church Committee on Hunger and Homelessness
Havurah Shalom**

**Interfaith Alliance on Poverty
Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good
Portsmouth Union Church
Rev. Dr. Chuck Currie
Rev. Adam Ericksen
Rev. Dr. W. J. Mark Knutson
Rabbi Debra Kolodny
Rev. Heather Riggs
Rev. M. Lynne Smouse**

(This information furnished by Cole Merkel, HereTogether)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

We must ensure that hard-working people can meet their basic necessities, both while housed and should they be experiencing homelessness. Vote YES on Measure 26-210

If you are gainfully employed, you should never have to choose between paying rent, buying food, and accessing medical care, and yet for far too long, the hardworking families of the Portland metro area have been forced to do just that.

Our unions represent more than 60,000 members across the metro area who work in both the public and private sector. Our members provide the essential services that make our communities work. We are teachers, nurses, janitors, bus drivers, social workers, retail clerks, public servants, and other people in service industries.

As more and more families pay more than half of their income to rent, bills pile up, stomachs are hungry, vehicle problems can't be fixed, school supplies go unpurchased - families slip into homelessness. **We must have more supportive services** to keep this situation from occurring, and if it does, to ensure that families stay together and have the resources they need to get back on their feet as soon as possible.

This measure will provide:

- **More case managers** for individual service to help people navigate the systems of services efficiently and for maximum assistance
- **Increased mental, physical, and addiction health services** for individuals and families in need of such care
- **Programs such as job training, rent assistance, and other prevention and transitional services** that help people stay stably housed and improve their economic situation

We support Measure 26-210 and ask that you vote YES by May 19.

**AFSCME Local 3580
Beaverton Education Association
Hillsboro Classified United, American Federation of
Teachers Local 4671
Portland Association of Teachers
United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555**

(This information furnished by Cole Merkel, HereTogether)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Our Region's Health Care Providers Support Measure 26-210

As leading nonprofit health care providers in the Portland metro region, we know that **housing is health.**

Without a safe, stable place to call home, it's nearly impossible for our patients to focus on basic health and medical needs, and for our doctors and nurses to keep them healthy.

Patients who are homeless have a higher rate of hospital admissions and emergency room visits, while also suffering from poorer health outcomes and higher mortality rates. **This disparity is even more devastating during the COVID-19 public health crisis we are confronting.**

While some of us are business competitors, we are all in the business of keeping people healthy. That's why we support Measure 26-210 - **we are all in this together, to serve people experiencing homelessness in our community.**

In Oregon and across America, we and other health care organizations are investing in housing development, supportive services, safety-net clinics, community health workers, and much more.

Here in the metro region, we are working collaboratively with government and nonprofit partners to address a key driver of health - housing instability and homelessness - to improve the health and well-being of the communities we serve.

As major health care systems, we won't back down from our commitment to helping house and care for vulnerable people in our community. But with thousands of families and individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness across the region, we know our efforts cannot meet the entire need. We urge a Yes vote on Measure 26-210 so that together, our region can make a historic investment in the health and wellbeing of the entire community.

CareOregon
Health Share of Oregon
Kaiser Permanente
Legacy Health
Providence Health & Services - Oregon

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

MULTNOMAH COUNTY IS VOTING YES ON MEASURE 26-210 FOR SUPPORTIVE HOMELESS SERVICES

Everyone in our community is affected by the homelessness crisis. **Especially here in Multnomah County, the impact of homelessness is present around us every single day. Please join us in voting YES on Measure 26-210 by May 19.** Together, we can support our most vulnerable Multnomah County community members with the supportive services they need to transition into safe and stable homes, or stay in their safe and stable homes, and keep our community healthy here, together.

Governor Kate Brown
U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley
Congressman Earl Blumenauer
Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici
State Treasurer Tobias Read

Mult Co Commission:
Chair Deborah Kafoury
Commissioner Susheela Jayapal
Commissioner Sharon Meieran
Commissioner Lori Stegmann
Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson

State Legislators:

House Speaker Tina Kotek
 Senator Shemia Fagan
 Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer
 Representative Rob Nosse
 Representative Carla C. Piluso
 Former Senator Chip Shields

City Electeds:

Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler
 Portland City Commissioner Chloe Eudaly
 Wood Village Mayor T. Scott Harden
 Gresham City Councilor Eddy Morales

School Board Members:

Michelle Depass, Portland Public
 Andrea Valderrama, David Douglas
 Ricki Ruiz, Reynolds

Organizations:

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Immigrant and Refugee
 Community Organization
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 Kaiser Permanente
 Latino Network
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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**Schell, Gould and Walta Statement of Support for Metro's
 Supportive Housing Services Ballot Measure**

**It is essential to vote YES on Measure 26-210 to address
 the Portland metro area's homelessness crisis with concrete solutions.**

As professionals with medical and administrative law experience, we have spent three years independently studying the homelessness situation in the Portland metro area and statewide. We recently published a report with our 22 recommendations as a result of our study, for what can be done to address the homelessness crisis, all of which can be found at homelessnessoregon.com.

One of the key recommendations in our report is for voters to approve Measure 26-210. This measure would raise about \$250 million a year for ten years, to be divided

among the three counties, to increase supportive services that are essential for addressing the Portland metro area's homelessness problem.

We support Measure 26-210. All of our independent research suggests that voting YES on Measure 26-210 by May 19 is the most effective way we can all come together to fund the solutions necessary for solving people's homelessness in our community as soon as possible.

Dr. Douglas Walta, MD
John W. Gould, JD
Steven R. Schell, JD

(This information furnished by Cole Merkel, HereTogether)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

JOIN US IN VOTING YES ON MEASURE 26-210

We are HereTogether

HereTogether is a coalition of more than 150 organizations, including nonprofit service providers, people of color, people with lived experience of homelessness, elected officials, faith communities, business leaders, and other members of our community. We have been working for more than a year to structure an effective measure that will enable real, impactful solutions for our region's homelessness crisis.

Measure 26-210 will provide the services necessary to support our neighbors, siblings, children, and families experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Please join us and vote YES for Measure 26-210 by May 19.

State/Federal Elected Leaders

Governor Kate Brown
U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley
U.S. Congressman Earl Blumenauer
U.S. Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici
State Treasurer Tobias Read

Milwaukie City Councilors

Mayor Mark Gamba
Council President Angel Falconer
Councilor Kathy Hyzy
Councilor Lisa Batey
Councilor Wilda Parks

City Leaders

Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler
Portland City Commissioner
Chloe Eudaly
Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle
Forest Grove Mayor Peter Truax
Gresham City Councilor Eddy Morales
Happy Valley Council
President Brett Sherman
Lake Oswego City Councilor
Theresa Kohlhoff
Wood Village Mayor T. Scott Harden

Multnomah County Commissioners

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR**HereTogether Coalition Endorsers, cont. Education**

Portland Association of Teachers

Beaverton Education Association

Hillsboro Classified United, American Federation of Teachers Local 4671

Andrea Valderrama, Chair, David Douglas School Board

Carla C. Piluso, Member, Gresham-Barlow School Board

Mitzi Bauer, Member, North Clackamas School Board

Kathy Wai, Member, North Clackamas School Board

Martha Spiers, Member, Oregon City School Board

Elizabeth Durant, Member, Parkrose School Board

Michelle DePass, Director Board of Education, Portland Public Schools

Ruth Adkins, Former Member, Portland Public School Board

Pamela Knowles, Former Member, Portland Public Schools Board

David Wynde, Former Member, Portland Public Schools Board

Ricki Ruiz, Reynolds School Board

Jamie McLeod-Skinner, Member, Jefferson County Education Service District

Faith Leaders

Interfaith Alliance on Poverty

Catholic Charities of Oregon

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon

First Unitarian Church Committee on Hunger and Homelessness

Ainsworth United Church of Christ

Augustana Lutheran Church

Havurah Shalom

Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good

Portsmouth Union Church

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Rev. Adam Ericksen

Rev. Dr. Chuck Currie

Rev. Dr. W. J. Mark Knutson

Rev. Heather Riggs
Rev. M. Lynne Smouse López

Other Endorsing Organizations

Adelante Mujeres
AFSCME Local 3580
Asian Pacific American
Network of Oregon
Assist Program
Avenue Agency
Blackbird Benefits Collective
Bradley Angle
Brett Schulz, Architect PC
Business For A Better Portland
CareOregon
CASA of Oregon
Cascadia Partners LLC
Cascade AIDS Project
Cascadia Behavioral
Healthcare
Central City Concern
Centro Cultural
Chris Bonner, Principal
Broker, Hasson
Clackamas Service Center
Clackamas Women's Services
Coalition of Communities of Color

ColumbiaCare Services
Community Action, Washington County
Community Alliance of Tenants
Community Development Partners
Community Partners for Affordable
Housing
Creative Arts Recovery
Dick Clark, CEO of The Portland Clinic
DoGood Multnomah
Downtown Development Group
Dr. Ben Ware
Dr. Douglas Walta
Ear Trumpet Labs
Easterseals Oregon
Eickhof Creative Shop
El Programa Hispano Católico
Evan King, LCSW, Realtor Foundation
Fubonn Shopping Center

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

HereTogether Coalition Endorsers, cont.

Fuze7 Marketing
Gun Denhart, Founder, Hanna Andersson
Hacienda Community
Development Corporation
Healthshare of Oregon
Holst Architecture
HomePlate Youth Services
Homeless Solutions Coalition of
Clackamas
Housing Oregon
Human Solutions
Immigrant and Refugee
Community Organization
Impact NW
Innovative Housing
JOIN
Kaiser Permanente
Kate McNulty LCSW
Lady Dutchman Leathers
Lara Media Services
Latino Network
Legacy Health

Portland Timbers and Thorns
Portland: Neighbors Welcome
Prism Health
Project Homeless Connect
Proud Ground
Providence Health & Services - Oregon
REACH Community
Development
Reichard & Associates
Ride Report
ROSE Community
Development
Rosenbaum Financial
Ross Lienhart
Russell Fellows Properties
Salazar Architect
Sequoia Mental Health
Smith + Connors
St. Mary's Home for Boys
Bozz Media
Steve Rudman
Stone Soup PDX

Living Cully
Liz Fuller, PBA Board Member
Love INC of Clackamas
County
Love Portland Group
LoveOne
Luke-Dorf
Marigold Coffee
Maxwell Pratt, Realtor
Mitchell Hornecker, Former
PBA Board Chair
Nathan Teske, Executive
Director, Bienestar
National Alliance on Mental
Illness, Clackamas
Native American Youth and
Family Center
Neighbors Realty
Neil Kelly Company
New Avenues for Youth
Northwest Family Services
Northwest Housing
Alternatives
Northwest Pilot Project
Operation Nightwatch Portland
Oregon Energy Fund
Oregon Food Bank
Oregon Trails Coalition
Oregon Working Families
Party
Outside In
Outside the Frame
p:ear
PixelSpoke
Portland Business Alliance
Portland Gray Panthers
Portland Homeless Family
Solutions

Street Roots
The Father's Heart
The Rosewood Initiative
TITAN Freight Systems
Transition Projects
Unite Oregon
United Food and Commercial
Workers Local 555
Welcome Home Coalition
Winter Shelter of Forest Grove and
Cornelius
Worksystems, the Portland
Metro Workforce Development Board
YWCA of Greater Portland

For the complete list visit weareheretogether.org

(This information furnished by Cole Merkel, HereTogether)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

A YES vote on Measure 26-210 will provide housing stability to thousands of vulnerable community members.

Portland Voters:

**MEASURE 26-210 and COMMISSIONER CHLOE EUDALY:
For safe, stable, and affordable housing!**

"Housing is a basic need and a human right, but due to unaffordability, it's out of reach for thousands of people across our region. Supply is only part of the equation. We must stabilize people in their existing homes and provide necessary supports to ensure they stay housed, in addition to increasing the affordable housing supply."

-Commissioner Chloe Eudaly

Measure 26-210 is a critical step toward ensuring vulnerable community members get housed and stay housed. Across the Metro region, over 5,000 people are sleeping outside or in shelters every night. Several thousand more, sleep in their cars or doubled up with friends and family. Oregon ranks #1 in the nation for unsheltered families with children. This is unacceptable. We can do better.

Our current housing crisis began in 2010. It's not just a Portland problem, it's an Oregon problem, and a national crisis. We must stem the tide of homelessness and human suffering across the Metro region.

Commissioner Eudaly has worked diligently on housing issues since her election:

- Passed **The Mandatory Rental Relocation Ordinance** (or "Relo"), stabilizing thousands of Portland renters and protecting them from price-gouging and unfair evictions.
- Passed **The Fair Access in Renting (or "FAIR") Ordinance**, lowering barriers to housing
- Serves as second chair on **Joint Office of Homelessness Services**

She also supported **\$1 billion for affordable housing construction** measures in 2016 and 2018 passed by Portland and through Metro. However, these measures alone are not enough. We need funding for the services and supports necessary to get and keep people housed.

See www.votechloe.com/housing for more on Chloe's housing platform.

Vote **YES on Measure 26-210** and Vote **Chloe Eudaly for Portland City Council** for safe, stable, and affordable housing.

(This information furnished by Chloe Eudaly)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon Urges YES Vote

We need to address Oregon's worst-in-the-nation rate of children and youth homelessness.

Far too often in our region, if a student experiencing homelessness asks her school's homelessness liaison for help, she will not receive a housing voucher, and she will not receive a bed at a shelter. Because of a lack of federal, state and local investment in housing supports, school staff will hand the student and her family one of these - a tent.

Nationally, at the state level and regionally, we have failed our children and youth. Last school year, in the

- Beaverton School District, over 1,900 students experienced homelessness;
- In Portland Public Schools, that number was over 1,200 students;
- In Reynolds School District, nearly 900 students experienced homelessness.
- In fact, every school district in our region has similarly tragic numbers of houseless students.

A survey conducted by the U.S. Conference of Mayors stated that "the most frequently cited reasons for family homelessness are a lack of affordable housing, poverty, and domestic violence."

The National Center on Family Homelessness reports that:

“Children without stable homes are more than twice as likely as others to repeat a school grade, be expelled or suspended, or drop out of high school. A quarter or more of homeless children have witnessed violence.”

Nationally:

- Latinx youth have a 33% higher risk of reporting homelessness.
- African American youth have an 83% higher risk of reporting homelessness.
- LBGTQIA+ youth have a 120% higher risk of reporting homelessness.

These inequities and terrible figures reflect the reality of far too many of our neighbors in this region.

In embrace of our responsibility for one another, EMO urges a YES vote on Metro Measure 26-210.

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EMO is an association comprising of 15 denominations and over 150 congregations, organizations, and interfaith partners, connecting hundreds of thousands of diverse members of the faith community all across the state.

(This information furnished by Britt Conroy, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

6 ways Oregon is attracting homeless from across America and overwhelming our local shelters.

Nearly 1 of 3 Portland homeless come from other states

(OPB 3-13-18).

In 2019 most states saw a decline in homelessness, but Oregon’s numbers soared. Why? Because homeless populations left others states to come to Oregon to take advantage of our unique benefits.

1. The word is out. “People are coming here because we make it comfortable to be homeless” as quoted by a Portland homeless advocate in the national *City Journal Magazine*.
(Winter 2016)
2. Multnomah County wasted tax dollars putting homeless people in expensive hotels (\$3,318 a month) before it had to cancel the program because it became too popular.
(OPB 3-13-18)
3. Oregon allowed food stamp use for 5 years—that’s 3 years longer than other states. *The Atlantic* called Oregon a “Welfare Utopia”. *(5/31/16)*
4. Multnomah County’s risky “no-refuse” shelter guarantee attracted too many out-of-area takers, which overwhelmed the system and led to it being cancelled. *(OPB 3-13-18)*
5. Portland’s “sleep anywhere” policy allowed widespread trespass-camping on private property. This led to the Springwater Corridor campsite, at 500 campers, was the nation’s LARGEST homeless camp. *(Heritage Foundation 10/18/19)*
6. When Portland failed to enforce basic laws, homeless people discovered they can do things they couldn’t do in other cities. Not enforcing minor laws led to breaking more

laws. Portland homeless accounted for the MAJORITY of police arrests in 2017. (*Oregonian* 6/27/18).

No amount of taxes will fix the problem as long as our backward policies continue to attract homeless from other states.

Stop measure 26-210. It'll only fund homeless from other states. Please fix the bigger problems first.

Taxpayer Association of Oregon Urges No on 26-210 —Please follow us online at OregonWatchdog.com. We've been fighting government waste, fraud, and abuse for more than 20 years.

(This information furnished by Jason Willia

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

No New Taxes until they stop wasting existing tax dollars.

Tax \$\$\$ wasted on rewarding pot smoking, drug use

- Portland awarded \$125,000 of our tax dollars to two pot shops. These business assistance funds come at a time when Oregon has a staggering six-year surplus supply of marijuana, which is making the drug even cheaper. This doesn't help our homeless drug abuse crisis. (*Portland Business Journal* 1/22/19)

- A Tigard meth house was given a \$30,000 taxpayerfunded housing assistance grant even as it was racking up neighborhood complaints and multiple police drug raids. (*KGW-TV* 6/14/18)

Tax \$\$\$ wasted on homeless boondoggles

- Portland wasted nearly \$250,000.00 in tax dollars building a modular homeless shelter it NEVER used. (*Oregonian* 9/13/18)

- Multnomah County wasted \$700,000.00 turning a former strip club into a Gresham shelter that lasted barely a year before it was evacuated as an emergency health hazard. (*Gresham Outlook* 2/28/18)

- Portland wasted millions on the Cannady affordable housing project only to have it sit mostly VACANT a year later due to ongoing problems and possible violations. (*Willamette Week* 2/6/19)

Tax \$\$\$ wasted on blocking good solutions to help homeless

- Politicians wasted \$58 million building the never-used Wapato Jail and now have actively blocked private citizens from turning it into a homeless shelter. This is a stunning example of how politicians can throw away \$58 million in tax dollars as if it was nothing and then stand in the way of people trying to help. (*KGW* 10/10/19)

Pouring a quarter-billion dollars in higher taxes into more boondoggles and government waste will not help the homeless, but instead make it worse.

Taxpayer Association of Oregon Urges No on 26-210

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METRO

Measure 26-210

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Don't raise taxes in an economic crisis!

Front page of the *Oregonian* March 20, 2020:

“Jobless claims surge 3,200% this week”

“Unemployment rate could rise as high as 20%”

“Nearly 50,000 people would be looking for work”

On March 20, the *Portland Tribune* editorial warned:

“This is not the time for more taxes...
Raising taxes by that amount [\$230 million]
in the face of a global recession is poor public policy.”

Thousands of family-owned restaurants and small local shops are on the brink of closing. They need income to hire people. They need paying customers to keep afloat. The massive 26-201 tax robs small business owners of both their income and their customers.

The politicians have plenty of money.

The State of Oregon already has an \$84 billion biennial budget that could be tapped into to help the homeless. The state spends more tax cash per capita than 46 other states. The money is there.

The METRO government already has \$680 million in just approved (2019) property taxes going for affordable housing to help the homeless. Now they want more?

It comes too late.

The *Portland Tribune* said the tax “would not even be collected until 2021. So, in fact, this measure would do nothing to address the immediate 2020 crisis.” (3/20/20)

The damage caused will be lifelong.

The #1 poverty cure is a job—why tax jobs?

The small businesses owners destroyed by 26-210 will become homeless, bankrupt, or on welfare.

The family restaurants destroyed by 26-210 will be replaced by low-wage corporate chain restaurants.

Vote No on Measure 26-210 Don't throw more local businesses into bankruptcy with a massive tax increase

To prevent the expected 20% jobless rate, businesses need money—not taxes.

Taxpayer Association of Oregon urges No on 26-210

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

The Oregon Small Business Association Vote No on 26-210

COVID-19 caused the worst economic shock since the Great Depression.

It will take months or years to recover family wage jobs lost during what Gov. Kate Brown appropriately declared a State of Emergency.

COVID-19 is causing unapparelled shutdowns and slowdowns as many local small businesses are forced to make painful layoff choices in order to preserve cash and survive. Many families consequently are in financial crisis as they go without regular paychecks. This measure is the wrong tax at the worst possible time.

For those mall businesses still hanging on and trying to make payroll or hoping to hire back valued former employees, this additional demand on scarce cash flow could be a death knell. We also must consider the accumulation of new expenses imposed by state and local governments on small businesses, such as the new state gross receipts tax that forces payments even when a business has had huge losses – as many have because of COVID-19.

The best solution against homelessness is a job.

Small businesses want to hire – but can't if you drown them in new taxes.

Instead of reducing homelessness, Metro's proposed tax likely increase homelessness by slowing down a post-COVID recovery.

Please vote NO on Measure 26-210

(This information furnished by TJ Reilly, Oregon Small Business Association)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

VOTE NO ON 26-210: ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Metro is at it again. Last November, Metro raised taxes \$475 million for parks and nature. Now, Metro wants \$2.5 billion for housing services. This November, Metro has plans for \$3.8 billion in taxes to expand light rail. That's **nearly \$6.8 billion in new taxes**—in one year alone.

Families are losing jobs. Businesses are closing. **Our region is in a recession.**

We can't afford Metro's reckless spending. **We can't afford Metro's new taxes.**
VOTE NO ON TWO NEW INCOME TAXES

Measure 26-210 punishes struggling families and businesses with two new income taxes. Many small and medium sized business owners will be taxed twice by Metro's measure. First on their business income, then on their personal income.

Measure 26-210 imposes thousands of dollars in new taxes on struggling families. Families who can't make their mortgage, can't afford their car payment, can't afford their student loans. In these tough times, **Measure 26-210 may create more homeless** than it helps.

Metro doesn't care. **Metro had a chance to pull this measure** once it learned how COVID-19 would destroy families and businesses. Instead, Metro chose to go full speed ahead with its punishing taxes.

VOTE NO ON METRO'S MISSION CREEP

Metro's mission is land use and transportation planning. How's that working out for you? You're stuck traffic and our housing market's a mess.

Measure 26-210 expands Metro's mission to include rental subsidies and homeless services. Metro wants you to pay for their mission creep. **Given Metro's history of misplaced priorities, do you trust them to get it right this time?**

VOTE NO ON CHAOS AND CONFUSION

Measure 26-210 was thrown together in under a month. And it shows. **Metro has no idea** who will actually have to pay the new taxes or how the taxes will be collected and enforced. **Metro has no plan** to reduce the number of actual homeless.

VOTE NO ON 26-210

(This information furnished by Eric Fruits Ph.D., Cascade Policy Institute)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

LOCAL CHAMBERS URGE NO VOTE ON METRO'S \$250 MILLION TAX INCREASE

Tualatin Chamber of Commerce
Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce
Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce

North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce
Oregon City Chamber of Commerce

Metro-area Chambers have a long track record of supporting local tax measures to fund critical public services. However, we urge voters to **oppose Metro's new \$250 million tax increase** out of concern for the health of our economy during a global pandemic and inevitable recession.

VOTE NO ON METRO'S MEASURE 26-210

- The COVID-19 "coronavirus" crisis has devastated thousands of local businesses and working families. Millions of dollars in new taxes at this time will make the situation worse.
- Measure 26-210 is a **blank check** to the Metro government. Metro leaders have failed to articulate a plan to ensure that the \$250 million raised by this tax is managed in an accountable manner.
- Metro's Measure 26-210 was developed in a backroom without adequate public input from key community leaders.

METRO RESIDENTS ARE TAXED ENOUGH ALREADY

Portland-area businesses and residents are already trying to keep up with billions of dollars of new taxes recently passed by the state and local governments. Measure 26-210 adds uncertainty at a time when our communities are looking for economic stability. Stacking additional taxes on the same dollar, especially during this time of crisis, will make it difficult for businesses to survive and leave Oregon families paying higher prices. We must work to stabilize the local economy in the wake of COVID-19, not add millions of new taxes.

SMALL BUSINESSES FACE DOUBLE TAXATION UNDER MEASURE 26-210

Measure 26-210 unduly hurts small and medium-sized businesses. Most small businesses register as S-Corps or LLCs and will be very impacted by the 1% personal tax increase on income over \$125,000. These same taxpayers could also face the 1% business tax increase. Double taxation is the wrong approach.

REJECT MEASURE 26-210: OUR COMMUNITIES CANNOT AFFORD IT

(This information furnished by Amanda Dalton, Alliance for an Affordable Metro)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Vote No on Measure 26-210

Today is different than yesterday. Our area employers are barely keeping their doors open.

**It's time to rebuild.
Not pass new taxes.
We simply can't afford it.**

The tax increases contained in Measure 26-210 will nearly double the rate of the brand new Commercial Activities Tax (CAT) just taking effect this year. There is no doubt that this measure will increase the costs of basic needs including groceries, housing and utility bills.

At a time when we can least afford it.

Long-term funding for homelessness is critical and needs to be addressed. This hastily drafted Measure is not the answer and will put what jobs are left at risk while raising the cost of basic necessities for current residents making it even less affordable to live in the Metro area.

Do not give Metro a \$250 Million blank check for the next 10 years. It's simply too costly and risky with no guarantees for a return.

Can Metro families really afford more?

We cannot consider these new personal and business taxes in a vacuum. Any new tax must be considered based on the cumulative effect of taxing the same dollar. In 2020 alone Metro residents will be asked to consider a slew of new, stacking taxes:

- \$250 million Metro business income and personal income tax increase
- \$16 million City of Portland gas tax renewal
- 3.9% personal income tax increase to fund universal preschool
- Multnomah County business income tax increase
- \$3 billion Metro transportation tax package
- \$1.4 billion Portland Public Schools bond
- \$405 million Multnomah County library bond

At a time when we can least afford it.

We simply can't consider adding new business and income taxes during this unprecedented time of crisis. Our employers must focus on rebuilding, keeping their doors open, shelves stocked, and paychecks signed.

Vote No on Measure 26-210

It's time to rebuild. Not pass new taxes.

(This information furnished by Amanda Dalton, Alliance for an Affordable Metro)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

**Oregon Farm Bureau Federation and Oregon Association of Nurseries
OPPOSE Measure 26-210**

The Metro area is home to thousands of acres of family farms and nurseries. They've grown our local produce, Christmas trees and garden plants for many generations. These farms need certainty that they can keep operating during the COVID-19 crisis and afterward, when they are rebuilding from the economic damage of the crisis, not new taxes.

Metro's family farms can't afford another tax

Long-term funding for homelessness is should be prioritized. However, this hastily-drafted measure will reduce cash flow for local farm families at a time when they are struggling to keep their doors open. Many nurseries compete against growers from other states with lower cost burdens. This tax harms the ability to ship environmentally beneficial products across the country.

Farmers need a break, not more taxes

Farm net income is down 50% over the last four years, even before coronavirus. This tax will nearly double the rate of the brand-new corporate activities tax (CAT), which taxes low margin businesses, like farms and nurseries, even if they don't make a profit.

Measure 26-210 makes the current situation much worse. In addition to taxing businesses based on their business income, it also taxes personal income, which for most family farms means **double taxation**. Most farms and nurseries are LLCs and S-Corps; they pay personal income taxes on their business earnings, even after they pay business income taxes.

Metro can't afford this tax either

Countless businesses will be struggling to stay afloat as we recover from coronavirus. A new tax on family business will make that even harder. This measure risks putting family farms and nurseries out of business. We don't know the long term consequences of the coronavirus crisis, but we do know this is the WRONG time for a new \$250 million tax.

VOTE NO on Measure 26-210

It's a LOSE-LOSE situation for family farms and nurseries

(This information furnished by Amanda Dalton, Alliance for an Affordable Metro)

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CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure 26-208

BALLOT TITLE

Authorizes General Obligation Bonds for School Security and Facility Improvements

Question: Shall the District issue \$65,000,000 bonds for school security and facility improvements and receive a \$7,494,690 State matching grant? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: It is estimated that this measure would not increase current tax rates due to the expiration of existing debt.

The State awarded Centennial School District No. 28Jt a \$7,494,690 matching grant if the bonds are approved. If bonds are not approved, grant funds will be distributed to another district.

If approved, the bonds will fund school facility capital projects, including:

- Repairing and replacing roofs, boilers, foundations, windows and flooring, and other school facility improvements
- Upgrading school safety and security systems
- Adding gymnasiums to four schools that have no dedicated gyms
- Repurposing Oliver Elementary back into a middle school, including library, science, locker rooms and career technical improvements
- Refinancing existing capital obligations and paying bond issuance costs

Bonds would mature in 30 years or less from issuance date and may be issued in one or more series. The existing tax rate of approximately \$1.19 per \$1,000 of assessed is projected to continue with no expected increase. Actual levy rates may vary based upon interest rates incurred and changes in assessed value.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The average age of Centennial School District's ten schools is 55 years old. There have been no bond-funded renovations, upgrades or improvements to schools since 2001. This measure would fund renovations and upgrades.

A community-based Long-Range Facilities Planning Team recommends a bond measure to address facility issues and make improvements to support student learning.

Proposed projects include renovations to extend the life of buildings, improve efficiency and address student safety and instructional needs. If passed, the District would be awarded a \$7,464,690 State matching grant.

If approved, the bond measure would:

- Make improvements at all traditional schools, including renovating and replacing school roofs, boilers, foundations, windows and flooring. These projects would create operational savings and efficiencies by upgrading HVAC systems, lighting fixtures and plumbing. District is working with the Energy Trust of Oregon to obtain advice and added funding for these projects.
- Make safety and security improvements including upgrades to intercom systems, exterior doors, and exterior camera systems for student and staff safety.
- Add gymnasiums to four elementary schools that have no dedicated gym space to meet new State P.E. requirements.
- Repurpose Oliver Elementary back into a middle school, including upgrading the library, science classrooms, and creating career technical classrooms. This will allow sixth graders to return to middle school level, giving students one additional year in middle school to prepare for high school, and allow increased opportunity for technical career focused learning at both middle schools.

The proposed bond would fund the following projects:

- Repairing and replacing roofs, boilers, foundations, windows and flooring, and other school facility improvements
- Upgrading school safety and security systems
- Adding gymnasiums to four schools that have no dedicated gyms
- Repurposing Oliver Elementary back into a middle school, including library, science, locker rooms and career technical improvements
- Refinancing existing capital obligations and paying bond issuance costs

Bond costs

Due to the retirement of a previous bond, the proposed bond measure is estimated to continue the District's current bond tax rate of approximately \$1.19 per \$1,000 of assessed property value or \$119 per year for property assessed at \$100,000. Bonds would mature in 30 years or less from the date they are issued and may be issued in one or more series. Bond funds can only be used for capital projects, not operating costs. **If passed, the District would be awarded a \$7,464,690 State matching grant.**

In planning for this bond measure, Centennial School Board convened a Long-Range Facilities Planning Committee made up of community members, energy conservation and construction professionals, parents, teachers, staff and principals. This committee toured each school, reviewed systems and analyzed information. From this work they developed recommendations for the School Board. This resulting bond measure includes the committee's highest priority recommendations.

Accountability

If the bond is approved, the District will establish an independent community-based bond oversight committee to oversee bond funds.

Submitted by:

Dr. Paul Coakley, Superintendent
Centennial School District #28JT

NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure 26-208

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

I am retired, and I support our schools. I graduated from Centennial High School almost 50 years ago.

I am careful about my household budget. I believe this measure not only makes good sense, it is a smart investment in our school buildings.

Measure 26-208 will protect our schools at no extra cost by replacing an expiring bond.

I retired from a 34-year career overseeing parks operations and maintenance. Last summer, I volunteered about 200 hours at Centennial High School to help improve the school grounds because I was concerned about the appearance at the schools. I could see that they need repairs.

The projects in this bond were identified as critical needs by facility experts who reviewed them for the community-based facilities planning process. They found that these buildings must be fixed or they won't last.

I support the bond because the projects will extend the life of these buildings. We know it is much cheaper to repair them than to rebuild them. Just like your house, you have to maintain them or they will cost more to replace later.

I am a strong believer in continuing to help our schools—for our kids and our sense of pride in our community.

The good news is that Measure 26-208 was developed to keep the cost to taxpayers as low as possible. **If this measure is approved, Centennial's bond tax rate will not increase.** We will pay the same rate we currently pay.

Please join me in supporting this measure. With no tax increase, it's a measure even those of us on fixed incomes can afford. I think our kids deserve a healthy and safe place to learn.

A well-maintained and operated school system is an asset to the community, increasing property values and instilling a sense of pride in students and the community.

Please VOTE YES for our schools and protect our investment in school buildings.

James Lind, Retiree, Alum, and Parent

(This information furnished by Rod Boettcher)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Vote YES on Measure 26-208 to help our students, local businesses and community.

Our local economy relies on well-maintained, thriving schools to attract new residents, improve property values and train students to work locally and in the Portland Metro region. Good schools contribute to a community where people want to live and work.

Your support of Measure 26-208 will provide an opportunity to hire local companies and workers, who will in turn support local businesses. The facility improvements will attract and retain educators and administrators at all grade levels.

Improved schools will attract families for long term investment in the neighborhoods. Most importantly, Measure 26-208 invests in our students who are part of the future work force.

Centennial school buildings are aging and need repairs.

The average school facility age is 55. A facility study identified more than \$135 million in facility needs, of which \$65 million are most critical.

Our schools have serious facility needs that haven't been funded since the last bond passed in 2000. These are not cosmetic projects—the buildings need serious maintenance now.

Unfortunately, the operating budget can't cover these critical facility needs—new roofs, replacing heating systems, windows, flooring and more. If we don't fix them now, the needs will cost much more later. Measure 26-208 will save thousands in tax dollars by improving operational building efficiency and reducing maintenance costs.

Measure 26-208 will replace an expiring bond and maintain the current tax rate.

Vote YES on Ballot Measure 26-208 to ensure that our children have access to world-class schools.

Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland
Jerry Hinton, Gresham City Council
Mark Wetzel, Mark's Point S Tire and CHS Alum

(This information furnished by Rod Boettcher)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

We are the Centennial Education Association (CEA) and we support the Yes for Centennial Kids campaign in support of Bond Measure 26-208. We do so because we appreciate and value the commitment our communities have invested in our schools over the years. As educators, we know students need educational environments that support their learning.

This proposal is based on high levels of community input. The following are just a few of the most important reasons teachers are supporting this bond proposal:

- The bond **was designed to make critical repairs** to schools and extend the life of our school buildings. The projects are necessary to prepare students for the future and reduce future costs for rebuilding the buildings if we don't repair them.
- The bond will improve school safety with infrastructure projects, **suggested by security experts and community groups**, such as safety and security systems, intercoms, fire alarm systems and security cameras.
- The bond will fund projects to **improve the energy efficiency of aging buildings** and help save many thousands of dollars a year, which will reduce costs and put more money in the classroom for student learning.

We also recognize these important benefits for our community:

- This **WILL NOT** raise your tax rate. Centennial School District has designed the bond to replace and maintain an expiring bond.
- The district has, and will continue to be, financially responsible to our community by establishing a citizens' bond oversight committee, which will ensure bond proceeds are used to fulfill construction plans.
- Our schools, and the services they offer to students and community members, provide a public **good by providing appropriate and updated community spaces**.
- This investment will help strengthen home values and promote a powerful sense of community within our schools.

For more information please visit www.yesforcentennialkids.com and www.csdbond2020.com.

Please join Centennial teachers in supporting Centennial students, schools, and the community by **Voting YES on Measure 26-208!**

(This information furnished by Alicia Brown, Centennial Education Association)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

We are parents and we support this important measure to repair schools and improve safety.

Many people don't see the problems in our school buildings. As parents and volunteers in the buildings we can see how much these improvements are needed.

- **Critical facility repairs**
- **Important school safety and security projects**

This bond would fund the most critical projects to improve the buildings where children learn. It would improve the learning environment, make our schools safer, and not raise the current tax rate.

This is a smart and necessary investment in our schools, our students, and our community.

- The measure will replace an expiring bond and maintain the tax rate.
- The projects will improve efficiencies and save money on operational costs.

You don't have to be a parent to know how important schools are to our community, but if you aren't a parent, you may not know what the conditions are in our schools.

Our kids deserve to be warm while they are in class. Earlier this year, students had no heat in their classrooms. Centennial schools have outdated boilers for heat—and they cannot turn on early in the year.

Our kids deserve to play on a dry playground at recess. During a heavy rain this winter, the playgrounds were almost completely flooded at Pleasant Valley Elementary.

This bond is not about the extras—it's about the necessities. We know because we see it in the buildings and we can do better.

Help us improve our schools so kids can learn. It won't raise your tax rate, but it will make a big difference for education in our community.

Please join us. Support healthy and safe schools. VOTE YES on Measure 26-208!

Michele Es-Sahb, Butler Creek Elementary

Jess Hardin, Meadows Elementary

Roxie Sprick, Parklane Elementary

Shalon Dittler, Patrick Lynch Elementary

Jerry Ray, Pleasant Valley Elementary

Brandi Hutchison, Powell Butte Elementary

Julie Zimmerman, Oliver Elementary

Cherisse Huff, Centennial Middle

Myrna Jensen, Centennial High

(This information furnished by Rod Boettcher)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Fix our schools, protect our investment, prepare our kids a successful future.

VOTE YES ON BALLOT MEASURE 26-208 FOR CENTENNIAL SCHOOLS

Centennial schools need critical repairs. School funding covers basic maintenance, but it is meant for education, not major facility repairs.

Our schools are aging—the average age is 55—and they have not had major maintenance projects since the last bond passed in 2000.

This bond would fix our schools with no additional financial impact on our community. It replaces an expiring bond from 2000, so there would be no rate change for bond costs for schools. We support the Centennial School District bond measure to repair school buildings and make essential safety and security updates.

This is a time to take care of schools, which are an important center for our community. In these uncertain times, we need to make smart decisions. This proposal improves safety and security and will ensure that these buildings, which belong to our community, will last and can serve our immediate and future needs.

This measure will also help protect our economy by putting money back into our community—through projects that will employ local skilled workers and through additional economic activity that will bring money into our community and local businesses.

This bond is recommended by a community-based facilities review task force.

The projects are necessary. They were identified after a yearlong process of careful review of what we need. They are the most critical projects, selected to cover immediate needs and maintain a low tax rate. We stand behind this measure because it is based on careful and thorough planning and will fix our buildings and improve the educational environment for our students and our educators.

**Ballot Measure 26-208 is good for our community.
Please join us in voting yes.**

Bob Tackett,
NW Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO

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