

Make a Plan to VOTE!

Two ways to return your ballot: 1. Vote early & return your ballot by mail. Get it in the mail by Tue., Oct. 27. No stamp needed! 2. Return to any Official Ballot Drop Site in Oregon by 8 PM Nov 3, 2020.

Multnomah County Voters' Pamphlet November 3, 2020 General Election

Dear Multnomah County Voter:

This Voters' Pamphlet for the Nov. 3, 2020 General Election is being mailed to all residential households in Multnomah County. **Due to the size of both the State and County Voters' Pamphlet the pamphlets are being mailed separately. If you don't have your State Voters' Pamphlet yet, look for it in the mail soon.** In advance of the election we are asking voters to ***Make a Plan to VOTE!*** Here is what you can do to be ready for the election and ensure your vote is counted:

- 1. Register to VOTE.** Update your voter registration information or register to vote at oregonvotes.gov/myvote. The Voter Registration Deadline is Oct. 13. Sign up to Track Your Ballot at multco.us/trackyourballot.
- 2. Get your ballot.** You will receive your ballot in the mail beginning Oct. 14. If you have not received your ballot by Oct. 22, take action and contact the elections office.
- 3. VOTE your ballot.** Remember to sign your ballot return envelope. Your signature is your identification. If you forget to sign or your signature does not match we will contact you so you can take action and we can count your vote.
- 4. Return your ballot.** Two ways to return your ballot. Vote early and return your ballot by mail by Oct. 27 or return to any Official Ballot Drop Site in Oregon by 8 PM, Nov. 3. *Voted ballots MUST be received by any county elections office or Official Ballot Drop Site in Oregon by 8 PM, Tue. Nov. 3 to be counted.*
- 5. Have a VOICE and make a difference.** Unofficial election results will be posted after 8 PM Nov. 3 at mcelections.org. Final official election results are certified by Nov. 23.

Official Ballot Drop Site News:

- Update - The N Lombard St. Goodwill Official Ballot Drop Box has been relocated, just two blocks east, to the rear parking lot of the Green Zebra Grocery at 3011 N Lombard St. The entrance for Green Zebra's rear parking lot is on N Curtis Ave.
- NEW – A new Official Ballot Drop Box, at McCoy Park in N Portland is located at the SE corner of N Trenton St. and N Newman Ave. This new Official Ballot Drop Box is walk-up only.
- Reminder – We've moved the Official Ballot Drop Box on SE 11th Ave. one block north due to impending construction of a new building in our neighborhood. It is now located on the east side of SE 11th Ave. between SE Alder St. and SE Morrison St. The Official Ballot Drop Box on SE Belmont St. between SE 10th Ave. and SE 11th Ave. has not moved.
- All 19 library locations are 24-hour Official Ballot Drop Sites. You can find your nearest Official Ballot Drop Site at multco.us/dropsites.

If you have any questions, you can contact our office at 503-988-VOTE (8683) or [elections multco.us](https://elections.multco.us).




Tim Scott, Multnomah County Director of Elections

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Oregon Voter Registration Card

qualifications		
Are you a citizen of the United States of America?	<input type="radio"/> yes	<input type="radio"/> no
Are you at least 15 years of age?	<input type="radio"/> yes	<input type="radio"/> no
<i>If you mark no in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form.</i>		
personal information *required information		
last name*	first*	middle
Oregon residence address (include apt. or space number)*	city*	zip code*
date of birth (month/day/year)*	county of residence	
phone	email	
mailing address (required if different than residence)	city	zip code
Oregon Driver's License/ID number		political party
Provide a valid Oregon Driver's License, Permit or ID: <input type="text"/>		<input type="radio"/> Not a member of a party
<input type="radio"/> I do not have a valid Oregon Driver's License/Permit/ID. The last 4 digits of my Social Security Number (SSN) are: <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>		<input type="radio"/> Constitution
<input type="radio"/> I do not have a valid Oregon Driver's License/ID or a SSN. I have attached a copy of acceptable identification.		<input type="radio"/> Democratic
		<input type="radio"/> Independent
		<input type="radio"/> Libertarian
		<input type="radio"/> Pacific Green
		<input type="radio"/> Progressive
		<input type="radio"/> Republican
		<input type="radio"/> Working Families
		<input type="radio"/> Other
signature I swear or affirm that I am qualified to be an elector and I have told the truth on this registration		
sign here		date today
 If you sign this card and know it to be false, you can be fined up to \$125,000 and/or imprisoned for up to 5 years.		
registration updates Complete this section if you are updating your information		
previous registration name	previous county and state	
home address on previous registration	date of birth (month/day/year)	

Register online at oregonvotes.gov
or

Return this paper registration card by mail or in-person to:
Multnomah County Elections, 1040 SE Morrison St, Portland, OR 97214

The Oregon voter registration deadline is Tuesday, October 13, 2020

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 **October 27, 2020 (In State)**.



Drop off your ballot at a **24-hour Official Ballot Drop Site** by **8 PM Election Day, November 3, 2020**.



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

24-Hour Official Ballot Drop Sites

PORTLAND

North

- **St. Johns Library** (Library Book Drop) – 7510 N Charleston Ave.
- **North Portland Library** (Library Book Drop) – 512 N Killingsworth St.
- **Kenton Library** (Library Book Drop) – 8226 N Denver Ave.
- **Green Zebra Grocery – NEW LOCATION** 3011 N Lombard St. (Official Ballot Drop Box located in rear parking lot off of N Curtis Ave.)
- **McCoy Park – NEW LOCATION** – located on the southeast corner of N Trenton St. and N Newman Ave. – **Walk up Only**)

Northeast

- **Albina Library – NEW LOCATION** (Official Ballot Drop Box) – 216 NE Knott St.
- **Hollywood Library** (Library Book Drop) – 4040 NE Tillamook St.
- **McDonald's Restaurant** – 2010 NE Cesar Chavez Blvd. - Official Ballot Drop Box located on west side of NE 40th Avenue between NE Tillamook and NE Hancock and near the Hollywood Library.
- **Gregory Heights Library** (Library Book Drop) – 7921 NE Sandy Blvd.
- **Parkrose Neighborhood** – 4390 NE 102nd Ave. – Official Ballot Drop Box located in the east parking lot across the street from MHCC Maywood Park Center on NE 102nd Ave. and NE Prescott St.

Northwest

- **Northwest Library** (Library Book Drop) – 2300 NW Thurman St.

Southeast

- **Multnomah County Elections** – 1040 SE Morrison St.
- **SE 11th Avenue – NEW LOCATION** – Official Ballot Drop Box located on the east side of SE 11th Ave. between SE Alder St. and SE Morrison St.
- **SE Belmont Street** – Official Ballot Drop Box located on north side of SE Belmont St. between SE 10th Ave. and SE 11th Ave.
- **1040 SE Morrison Street** – Walk/bike up Official Ballot Drop Site is a slot on the side of the building located at corner of SE 11th Ave. and SE Morrison St.

- **Belmont Library** (Library Book Drop) – 1038 SE César E. Chávez Blvd.
- **Sellwood** – Moreland Library (Library Book Drop) – 7860 SE 13th Ave.
- **Woodstock Library** (Library Book Drop) – 6008 SE 49th Ave.
- **Holgate Library** (Library Book Drop) – 7905 SE Holgate Blvd.
- **Midland Library** (Official Ballot Drop Box) – 805 SE 122nd Ave.
- **Regal Cinemas Movie Theater / M & M Car Wash** – SE Division St. & SE 165th Ave. – Official Ballot Drop Box located in Regal Cinemas parking lot behind M & M Car Wash
- **Rockwood Library** (Library Book Drop) – 17917 SE Stark St.

Southwest

- **A-Boy Supply** – 7365 SW Barbur Blvd.
- **Capitol Hill Library** (Library Book Drop) – 10723 SW Capitol Hwy.
- **Hillsdale Library** (Library Book Drop) – 1525 SW Sunset Blvd.
- **Central Library** – 801 SW 10th Ave. Drive up Library Book Drop located on SW 11th Ave. between SW Yamhill St. and SW Taylor St.
- **Pioneer Courthouse Square** – 700 block of SW Broadway (next to Starbucks and across from Nordstrom – Walk up Only)

FAIRVIEW

- **Fairview – Columbia Library** (Library Book Drop) – 1520 NE Village St.

GRESHAM

- **Gresham Library** (Official Ballot Drop Box) – 385 NW Miller Ave.
- **Voting Center Express** – Limited Hours – Multnomah County East Building, 600 NE 8th St. – There is an Official Ballot Drop Box located inside the Voting Center Express on the first floor of the Multnomah County East Building. It is open only during voting center open hours. You will need to park and then walk inside to deposit your ballot.

TROUTDALE

- **Troutdale Library** (Library Book Drop) – 2451 SW Cherry Park Rd.

CITY OF FAIRVIEW

Councilor, Position 1

Wendy Young Lawton

Occupation: Communications Executive; Oregon Health & Science University

Occupational Background: Newspaper reporter; Science writer and fundraiser; Communications consultant

Educational Background: University of Massachusetts, BA; New York University, MA; Portland State University, Candidate for Certificate in Social Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship

Prior Governmental Experience: Fairview Planning Commission; Fairview Economic Development Advisory Committee

Together Let's Build a Great Future for Fairview

Love of community is why I'm running for a Fairview city council seat. I love where I live. I want to make the city better for my daughter and generations to come. That's why, like many Americans right now, I'm getting involved.

I serve on the Fairview planning commission and economic development advisory committee, help lead a grassroots campaign to support East County parks, and work with local groups to fight climate change.

On the city council, I can do more. Councilors create a vision for their community, and direct tax dollars to support it. My vision:

- Create a "main street" on Halsey that makes it easier to walk, bike, shop, and play
- Protect and expand parks, trails, and natural areas
- Ensure city services and events are inclusive and accessible to all
- Work with developers to get community-supported projects built

I have roots in East County, covering local schools for The Oregonian and working for the City of Gresham. I've seen government from the outside and inside, and have learned the importance of hard work, integrity, and humility. The best leaders are creative and connect with the people they serve. I will be that leader.

Proudly endorsed by:

Lori Stegmann Multnomah County Commissioner

Shirley Craddick Metro Councilor

T. Scott Harden Wood Village Mayor

Ricki Ruiz Reynolds School Board

Lee Dayfield Nadaka Nature Park Founder

Hollie Holcombe Fairview Planning Commission Chair
Josh Fuhrer Former Gresham City Councilor
Mike McKeel Gresham Design Commission

Dave Dyk Gresham Finance Committee

East County Rising

Connect with me at www.lawtonfuture.org

(This information furnished by Wendy Lawton)

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CITY OF FAIRVIEW

Councilor, Position 2

Steve Marker

Occupation: Retired, Community volunteer

Occupational Background: 20 years serving in the United States Navy (Special tour off the coast of Vietnam); 24 years as a Fedex Express Driver; Elder at Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Educational Background: Skagit Valley College

Prior Governmental Experience: Chairman of the City of Fairview Public Safety Advisory Committee; Chairman of the City of Fairview Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Steve Marker - **Building our future together.**

I have had the pleasure of living in Fairview for 21 years. During this time, I have seen our city grow and become a beautiful and welcoming community open to everyone. But I believe to protect our city and preserve its rich and diverse history we must elect servant leaders.

I have seen this spirit firsthand as the Chairman of the Fairview Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Two committees committed to our livability and community health. As your next city councilor, I will work with anyone willing to preserve and enhance our amazing city. I would be honored to be your next city councilor.

Livability- I will work Multnomah County and the surrounding cities of East County to support the H.O.P.E (Homeless Outreach and Programs Engagement) Team. There is nothing more compassionate about people living in a tent and I will work with faith leaders and community partners to get people the help they need.

Wellness and Recreation- PlayEast the two cities recreational program is an amazing example of community ingenuity and collaboration. We must support our parks and the children and families that will utilize them.

Public Safety and reimagination- As the Chair of the PSAC (Public Safety Advisory Committee) I have heard from many of you about the challenges that we face as a city. As your next city councilor, I will work with the post office and community partners to address mail theft issues.

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CITY OF FAIRVIEW

Councilor, Position 5

Steve Owen

Occupation: Sr. Director, CDK Global

Occupational Background: Controller, ADP Dealer Services Inc.

Educational Background: Western Business College, Accounting, Graduate

Prior Governmental Experience: Current -

Fairview City Councilor appointed May 2020, Prior Fairview City Councilor, 1997 – 2015; Fairview Planning Commission, Fairview Audit, Budget and Public Safety Committees; Heslin House Historical Society Liaison; BSA Fairview Troop 588.

The following priorities will guide me during the next two years:

Public Safety– Public Safety continues to be a top priority for me.

Fairview approved a contract with Multnomah County in 2018 to provide police services. This eliminated the former Fairview Police Department. My priority will be to make certain the service level for police services in the agreement is fulfilled. It's important for our community members to see active patrols in our neighborhoods. I would like to see more residents take advantage of a little known sidewalk program that assists property owners to repair sidewalks in the public right of way. This would make it much safer, especially for our senior and disabled members of the community.

Financial Health of the City – I will continue to support periodic utility rate reviews that minimize rate increases while supporting infrastructure that is way beyond its intended life cycle.

I will support cooperation between the cities in close proximity to Fairview. We can build solid relationships with our neighboring cities. There are potential economies of scale if we all work together. We should openly discuss ways to more efficiently deliver services to our communities. The need for city services has never been greater.

Economic Development – I'm excited about the possibilities of improving the Halsey corridor with expanded development that will ultimately provide additional funding to support the general fund. Expanded development activities will support public safety, parks and infrastructure improvements.

I support continued efforts to building a stronger sense of community. I look forward to your suggestions and encourage you to consider taking an active role in your community as your personal time allows.

I would appreciate your support.

(This information furnished by Friends of Steve Owen)

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CITY OF GRESHAM

Mayor

Eddy Morales

Occupation: City Councilor; Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: 20 years, policy advocacy in healthcare, housing, education and ending gun violence

Educational Background: University of Oregon- Planning, Public Policy, Management

Prior Governmental Experience: Gresham Urban Forestry Committee; Johnson Creek Watershed Council; Gresham Redevelopment Commission

Community Advocacy: UofO Latino Alumni Network; East County Rising; Gresham Chamber of Commerce

“Community members need more say in the decisions we make and the dollars we spend. That’s how I will lead as Mayor.”

Standing with Eddy:

Congressman Earl Blumenauer

Gresham City Councilors: Vince Jones-Dixon, Mario Palmero Gresham City Councilors, former: Dick Strathern, Paul Warr-King Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson Representatives Janelle Bynum, Chris Gorsek, Carla Piluso County Commissioner Lori Stegmann

Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick

Mt. Hood Community College Board Kenney Polson

Affordable Housing: Eddy successfully fought for 224 affordable housing units in Rockwood, and will lead the work to build more housing with the voter-approved bond.

“Gresham needs more housing for young professionals, working families and seniors. Eddy is the housing advocate we need.” -**Jim Buck, Gresham neighborhood association**

Economic Success: Eddy knows small businesses are the job creators of Gresham, and that they rely on responsible, local investments in transportation, parks and clean water to be successful and pay good wages.

“When COVID hit and the economy shut down, Eddy responded. He provided small businesses with emergency grants for financial stability.” -**Faith Myers Camp, Sweet Betty’s**

Responsive Government: Eddy has a plan to bring real transparency and accountability to City Hall, including term limits, an independently elected auditor and giving community members a say in how taxpayer dollars are spent.

“We need a mayor who can set clear priorities and make wise investments that align with community needs. That’s Eddy.”
-**Dave Dyk, Gresham Finance Committee**

Working People Are Standing with Eddy:

Oregon Working Families Party; AFSCME, Teamsters (city employees); Gresham Fire Fighters Local 1062; United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555; Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters IBEW Local 48

For more, visit: www.eddymorales.com

(This information furnished by Eddy's Community Power PAC)

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CITY OF GRESHAM

Mayor

Joe Demers

Occupation: Commercial Driver

Occupational Background: Customer service, customer relations, product distribution and management, automation.

Educational Background:

General Studies, GED

Prior Governmental Experience: Inspirational

Law: We need candidates who believe the Constitution is the **supreme** law of the land and will abide by it's statutes and precepts. That agree with traditional and over all interpretation of it's language.

Order: Includes an enforcement system that is not mutually exclusive to any walk of life, but is established based on evidence and investigation. Behavioral compliance accountable to all people designating the highest standard. Not allowing for delineation of criminal behavior based off of individual or group belief systems.

Gun rights: At a time where tyrannical public officials are prevalent. The original intent for owning firearms is ever more important against all enemies both foreign and domestic.

Taxes: Need to be quelled until the city spending can be balanced and the citizens of Gresham can recover from an economic shut down. No new taxes/fees.

Government: In the Gresham city council of government, "**We the people**", must be the rule. Our elected officials should not by force or coercion be persuaded to make decisions concerning all the citizens of Gresham by socialist revolutionary political threats. "**We the people**" = ALL of the citizens of Gresham, not an individual or group.

Back to work: Create incentive for blue collar workers to get back to work and support business that are up and running in the community. Driving supply and demand. Vote Joe Demers who will bring back bone, common sense, and Constitutional thinking to stabilize Gresham.

For more go to www.Demersformayor.com

(This information furnished by Joe Demers)

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CITY OF GRESHAM

Mayor

Travis Stovall

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: Executive Director, East Metro Economic Alliance; Executive, Adventist Health; Consultant, Business Turnaround Expert

Educational Background: Union College, Bachelor's Business Administration; University of Nebraska, MBA

Prior Governmental Experience: Vice-President, TriMet Board (Chair, Finance and Audit Committee), 2012 – present; Mt. Hood Community College Audit Committee, 2013 – present.

Dear Neighbor,

I've spent my career helping our businesses thrive, creating quality healthcare, and building infrastructure so that our children and families can get around safely. As your mayor, I will work for you, across all political lines, to deliver the results Gresham deserves.

-Travis

“Travis’ long history of service to our community **will help navigate our way to a better and more just future.** His business acumen coupled with his heart will serve us well”

Shane Bemis, Mayor of Gresham (2007-2020)

Delivering Results for Gresham:

- Improved transit access and infrastructure
- Helped to create affordable housing units
- Created local living wage jobs in Gresham

“Gresham voters **will not find a better candidate** on the ballot to serve as the city's next mayor than Travis Stovall.”

Gresham Outlook, 9/4/2020

“Travis will work for quality equitable education, job training, and our local transportation needs”

Former County Commissioner Diane McKeel

Leadership for Gresham and the Region– The Gresham Way:

- Ensuring individuals, families, and businesses have the support needed to recover from COVID-19
- Building housing that is affordable for Gresham at every income level
- Promoting equitable business growth and creating jobs

“Gresham needs our next mayor to guide our city forward, and to have the experience to navigate the Pandemic and recession. Vote Travis.”

Gresham Mayor Karylenn Echols

GRESHAM LEADERS SUPPORT TRAVIS

**Gresham City Councilors Janine Gladfelter, Jerry Hinton and David Widmark
State Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce
Troutdale Mayor Casey Ryan**

**Fairview Mayor Brian Cooper
Former Gresham City Councilors Carol Nielsen, Mike Bennett, Kirk French &
Paul Warr-King
Mike McKeel**

Learn why Gresham supports Travis: [**Greshamtogether.org**](https://www.greshamtogether.org)

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CITY OF GRESHAM

Councilor, Position 1

Jerry W Hinton

Occupation: Gresham City Councilor (incumbent)

Occupational Background: Automotive Executive 34 years, NAAA President 2017

Educational Background: Brigham Young University BS Finance, National University

MBA Business Administration, Purdue EJD Law, Securities and Exchange

Commission internship/trial unit

Prior Governmental Experience: Gresham City Councilor 2 terms, Metro Policy

Advisory Committee 7 years, Region 1 Area Commission on Transportation 6 years,

EMCTC 6 years, Gresham Finance Committee 6 years, Gresham Planning

Commission 2 years, Gresham CIC 6 years

Family Advocate

Jerry understands that most societal issues can be mitigated by strengthening the family. His focus has and continues to be the financial viability and quality of life for ALL.

Business Advocate

Jerry fights to reduce government red tape that impedes the progress of business and the creation of family-wage jobs. Gresham's financial ecosystem is a fragile balance that requires the experience and understanding of seasoned and educated leaders.

Public-Safety Advocate

Jerry supports all of our brave first responders. He believes the primary role of government is the protection and safety of its citizens. He will work to create increased sustainable public-safety budgets and provide more mental health resources for emergency calls.

Parks Advocate

Jerry supports finding a more sustainable funding source for our parks. He supports strong public engagement that will help define the direction and development of one of Gresham's most lasting legacies to our children.

Equity and Inclusion Advocate

Jerry supports doing all we can to bring together our diverse population. Also as a homeless resolution advocate, he supports a compassionate, but firm approach to getting individuals off the streets.

Endorsements

Gresham Mayor Karylinn Echols

Gresham Council President Janine Gladfelter Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle

Hillsboro Mayor Steve Callaway Troutdale Mayor Casey Ryan

Troutdale Mayoral Candidate Randy Lauer Fairview Mayor Brian Cooper

Sandy Mayor Stan Pulliam

Beyond Black Founder Germaine Flentroy Former GPD Chief Craig Juninger

Former GFD Chief Greg Matthews Gresham Police Officers Association Gresham Fire

Fighters Local 1062 Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce Home Builders

Association

Gresham Outlook

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CITY OF GRESHAM

Councilor, Position 1

Dina DiNucci

Occupation: Case Investigator, Multnomah County Health Department

Occupational Background: Owner, Park Place Coffee; Community Engagement Manager. Social Service Manager

Educational Background: Centennial High, MHCC, Idaho State University

Prior Governmental Experience: Neighborhood Restoration Chair (Federal Program), Mayor's Blue Ribbon Safety Committee (Gresham)

Community Service: Creator - Rockwood Business Coalition; Vice President, Centennial Neighborhood Association

Working with you to create a strong and unified Gresham!

I am a mother, a homeowner, and owned a local business - Park Place Coffee. As a City of Gresham employee for more than 10 years, I know the budget processes, daily operations and the many dedicated employees who serve from their heart!

As your City Councilor I will take my experience in business development, affordable housing, social services, and diversity/equity/inclusion work, and put them to work for you.

I've volunteered here for 20+ years, leading numerous community initiatives and making connections among people, business, and government.

I will partner with local governments to ensure that Gresham has access to resources, strategies, and funding.

I will work for a Gresham that:

- Reflects the interests and values of all our residents.
- Treats all neighborhoods equally, ensuring quality parks, infrastructure, and opportunities for all.
- Fosters an inclusive, multi-generational and multicultural community.

My priorities include:

- Ensuring safe, affordable housing
- Engaging residents in deciding what is important for Gresham.
- Honoring all residents - those newer to Gresham and those families who have been here for generations.
- Understanding the diverse experiences in the community, BEFORE making policies that impact daily lives.

Proud to have earned the support from:

Earl Blumenauer, U.S. Congressman

Chris Gorsek and Carla Piluso, State Representatives

Lori Stegmann, Multnomah County Commissioner

Eddy Morales, Mario Palmero, Vince Jones-Dixon, Gresham City Councilors

Pastor David Klassen, Home of God Church Claudia Stewart, Gresham Business

Leader Lee Dayfield, Nadaka Park Founder

Jenny Glass, Former Executive Director of Rosewood Initiative Josh Fuhrer, Paul

Warr-King, Former Gresham City Councilors Shemar Lenox, Gresham Standup Movement

Doug "Spud" Henderson, Gresham volunteer & musician

Learn more at www.dinaforgresham.com

(This information furnished by Dina DiNucci)

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CITY OF GRESHAM

Councilor, Position 3 3

Vince Jones-Dixon

Occupation: Gresham City Councilor; Program Manager, international relief organization

Occupational Background: Community Affairs Consultant; Funeral Director

Educational Background: De La Salle North Catholic High School, Mt. Hood Community College

Prior Governmental Experience: Vice-Chair Gresham Charter Review Committee

Dear Gresham Voter,

Serving as your City Councilor has been one of the greatest honors of my life.

Together, we have taken on unprecedented challenges facing our city and delivered results for the most vulnerable in our community. I look forward to working for the future of a unified Gresham where everyone has the opportunity to grow and flourish.

- Vince

My priorities include:

- **Community Safety:** Engaging community members and public safety officials to rebuild the trust necessary to create true community safety.
- **Community Engagement:** Providing more access to civic engagement, particularly for those in underserved communities.
- **Ownership=Equity:** Working to create financial stability for more Gresham residents through opportunities for equal housing, equal land ownership, and equal opportunities for economic growth.

“Councilor Jones-Dixon is the only person qualified and suited to serve in the Gresham City Council Position 3 seat.”

Mayor Karilynn Echols, City of Gresham

“Our recommendation: Elect Vince-Jones Dixon.”

The Gresham Outlook, 09/04/2020

Proudly Endorsed By:

Congressman Earl Blumenauer
Lori Stegmann, Multnomah County Commission
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Mario Palmero, Gresham City Councilor
Dave Dyk, Gresham Finance Committee
Scott Harden, Mayor of Wood Village
Mark Gamba, Mayor of Milwaukie
Zach Hudson, Troutdale City Councilor
Randy Lauer, Troutdale City Councilor Position 2

Dr. LaVerne Lewis, MHCC Board of Directors
Amanda Orozco-Beach, Gresham Barlow School Board
Ricki Ruiz, Reynolds School Board
Khanh Pham, Democratic Candidate for State Representative
Tony DeFalco, Verde
FitsumeTeseFaye and AssefuAyano, Try Me! Ethiopian Cuisine
Paul and Mary Jo Warr-King
East County Rising
NW Labor Council, AFL CIO

Learn why local leaders and organizations are standing together with Vince for Gresham's future at: www.vince4gresham.com

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CITY OF GRESHAM

Councilor, Position 33

Raymond Love

Occupation: Small Business Owner of Insurance Agency, Commanding Officer US Army Reserves, & Rental Property Owner

Occupational Background: United States Army, Emergency Management, Insurance Agent, & Real Estate Investor, Volunteer

Educational Background: Roosevelt High School: Diploma, Portland Community College: Business Administration & General Studies; Concordia University: Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, Marketing; Western Governors University; MBA, Business Administration.

Prior Governmental Experience: Enlisted in the Oregon National Guard, then United States Army Reserves from 1990 to present, rising from rank of private to Lieutenant Colonel, and I am still serving. Served with the US Army Corp of Engineers in Portland, collaborating with local, state, and federal agencies developing Continuity of Operations plans to prepare Pacific NW for a wide range of Natural Disasters. We need leadership and experience in Emergency Management, and I have it.

AGENDA TO MAKE GRESHAM GREAT AGAIN:

- **Conservative:** First, family is most important. Next, we build on recent lessons learned, in order to restore law and order, so justice treats all our citizens fairly. Third, Gresham is a great place to live, with GREAT people.
- **Common Sense:** Creating opportunity for ALL people is the key to a great Gresham!
- **Focus on Business:** We find permanent solutions for our homeless, we fix the potholes, we help people with affordable housing solutions, and we engage with the African American and minority communities to bring real change for everyone!

Check out our Endorsements:

Gresham Police Officers Association

Mike Bennett, Former Gresham City Councilor

Michael Patrick

Bess Wills

Stan Pulliam, Mayor of Sandy

Sue Piazza

Hems in a Hurry

NW Body by Nature, Sandi Healey

Kitchen Concepts NW LLC

Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland

Here is my Vision if Elected: We build a city of Gresham that we will ALL call home. We stop talking about Rockwood (like they have for decades), and we DO something to improve it.

As an African American, I can lead that change, vote for Raymond Love!

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CITY OF GRESHAM

Councilor, Position 3 3

Beshara S Shahin

Occupation: Sales Consultant Senior at Gresham Subaru

Occupational Background: I worked as a banker at a bank overseas and at a central bank as an investment officer and then I managed a diplomatic mission (South African Representative Office to the State of Palestine) for seventeen years. I was a Member of Board of Directors at one of the YMCA's in Palestine and served as a Treasurer for two years. I also was a Member of the YMCA Middle East Committee for two years. I did volunteer work for the American Consulate General in Jerusalem for a short period of time. I was trained in the area of banking and investment at the Central Bank of England, the Central Bank of Jordan, Citibank, Amman, Jordan and ABC, London, England.

Educational Background: University of Southern Mississippi, Marketing/Management, Bachelor of Science

Prior Governmental Experience: I worked for the South African government for seventeen years as Administrative Assistant /Office Manager (The South African Representative Office to the State of Palestine) and under the umbrella of the South African Embassy in Tel Aviv, Israel.

- Former member of the American Marketing Association
- Lifetime membership of the Alumni Association at the University of Southern Mississippi
- Member of Board of Directors - The YMCA Middle East Committee

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CITY OF GRESHAM

Councilor, Position 5

Sue Piazza

Occupation: Consultant

Occupational Background: Real Estate Agent, Owner Piazza Pizza Manufacturing Company Global Travel Consultant, Business Coach.

Educational Background: Sam Barlow High School graduate, Mt. Hood Community College

Prior Governmental Experience: Served at local and regional committees, past President of Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce, Gresham Barlow Education Foundation, Community Organizer.

A Lifetime of Proven Service:

- 100+ Women Who Care East County Chapter: Founder
- Gresham Helping Gresham: Founder Covid-19 Response and Support FB Group
- Gresham Area Chamber: 15 years member, "Entrepreneur of the Year" 2012, "Volunteer of the Year" 2019
- Fab 50 Project: Founder, raising \$78,000 for local children's charities
- Gresham "Rotarian of the Year"
- Gresham Barlow Education Foundation: 23-year member, Past President

As the only candidate with experience in job creation and major budget management, I have what it takes to keep Gresham strong throughout the post-covid recovery. I will prioritize safety of our citizens first. Equitable opportunities and environmental sustainability are high priorities. As mother of minority children and grandchildren, I know the importance of parks. You can expect results from me.

Trusted Leader Endorsements

"I'm proud to support Sue Piazza. She's dedicated countless hours to improve our community while exhibiting a high level of integrity, and character. She's approachable, possessing the wisdom we'll rely on to guide Gresham into the future." - GREG MATTHEWS, Former State Rep. retired Gresham Fire Chief

"Sue is a tireless community volunteer and leader who has compassion for all, with years of meaningful experience." - BESS WILLS, Owner Gresham Ford

"Elect Sue Piazza..." - GRESHAM OUTLOOK 9/4/2020

Gresham Firefighters Local 1062

Gresham Police Officers Association

Diane McKeel; Former Multnomah County Commissioner

Karylenn Echols; Gresham Mayor

Karen Minnis; Former Speaker of the House

Nelly Rodriguez; Cita Con Nelly

Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce

Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland

Janine Gladfelter, Jerry Hinton; Gresham City Councilors

Kirk French, Carol Nielsen; Former Gresham City Councilors

Blake Petersen; Director, Gresham Barlow School Board

Mike Ash; Gresham City Budget Committee

Full list: votepiazza.com

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CITY OF GRESHAM

Councilor, Position 5

Stella Armstrong

Occupation: Mass/Liturgy Coordinator at St. Therese catholic Church in Portland

Occupational Background: Transitions Program Coordinator for Women, Mt. Hood Community College, 2014-2019; AVID Tutor, Gresham Barlow and Reynolds School Districts, 2012-2015; Program Instructor and Reading Tutor, Metropolitan Family Services, 2009-2015; DLSU-Manila, researcher, author and professor, retired as full professor, 2000; reference writer, 2000-2007

Educational Background: De La Salle University-Manila, Doctor of Arts, Education Management, Language and Literature; University of the Philippines, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology and Anthropology

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I was born and raised in Manila, Philippines but migrated to Gresham, OR and have been a Gresham resident for 12 years. My work experience in our city included being an AVID Tutor, SUN Program Instructor and Transitions Program Coordinator for five years. This has enabled me to see first-hand the many challenges that our diverse disadvantaged face, making it difficult for them to access education and realize their potential. Consequently, amazing success stories of women who took the Transitions Program are sure proof for me that an integrated and collaborative support system is an effective life changer, an effective approach that can be applied to address equally challenging concerns like homelessness, addiction, violence and crime.

I am not a politician. However I commit to bring to the Council if elected my experience as educator, administrator, with skills set in process analysis, quality management, values learned from my faith and first-hand experience working for the disadvantaged, contributing a reasoned and mature perspective about the various challenges that we face today as a city. With my immigrant background I would like to be a voice for those who are truly grateful for their acquired citizenship and deeply honored to be called an American. I believe that this dynamic background that I have, along with my work experience, will be a positive and unifying influence toward policy-making that is fair and beneficial to all.

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CITY OF GRESHAM

Councilor, Position 5

Dave Dyk

Occupation: Information Technology Manager

Occupational Background: Business management and auditing

Educational Background: Masters Public Administration, Portland State University; BA, Washington State University; Multnomah University; Gresham Chamber of Commerce Leadership Academy

Prior Governmental Experience: City of Gresham Finance Committee Vice Chair; Northwest Neighborhood Association Board; Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations Secretary-Treasurer

Community Service: Human Solutions Finance Committee; MHCC Cybersecurity Program Committee

"Dave is passionate and capable, and will bring a fresh perspective to City Hall."

- **Laurie Monnes Anderson, State Senator**

Sustainable Financial Management

"Dave's competent leadership will improve City financial stability and prioritize sustainable funding for basic services."

- **Jared Koga Chair, Gresham Finance Committee**

Parks and Recreation

"Dave will support families and children by prioritizing parks and recreation programs through establishment of a parks district."

- **Lee Dayfield, Parks Advocate**

Engaging New Voices

"Dave will engage everyone in the community. Dave and I share values. Humans are not illegal. Black Lives Matter. Government represents everyone in the community."

- **Ricki Ruiz Reynolds, School Board and House Candidate**

Endorsements

City Leaders:

Eddy Morales, City Councilor and Mayoral Candidate

Mario Palmero and Vincent Jones-Dixon, City Councilors

Dina DiNucci, City Council Candidate

Paul Warr-King, Former Gresham City Councilor

State Legislators:

Carla Piluso, State Representative

Chris Gorsek, State Representative and Senate Candidate

Janelle Bynum, State Representative

Laurie Monnes Anderson, Senator

Elected Officials:

Shirley Craddick, Metro Councilor

Lori Stegmann, Multnomah County Commissioner

Jennifer McGuirk, Multnomah County Auditor

Zach Hudson, Troutdale Councilor and House Candidate

Scott Harden, Wood Village Mayor

Education & Community Leaders:

Robyn Stowers and Amanda Orozco-Beach, Gresham- Barlow School Board

Yesenia Delgado, Reynolds School Board

Annette Mattson, MHCC Board

Regina Blake, Snowcap Volunteer

Jim Buck, Gresham Butte Neighborhood Association

John Vandermosten, East Suburban Democrats

Organizations:

Northwest Oregon Labor Council

East County Rising

Joint Council of Teamsters #37

"Dave is experienced, smart, and hardworking. We need leaders like Dave who have a clear vision of where we need to go and how to get there."

- **Lori Stegmann, County Commissioner**

www.davedyk.com

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CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

Mayor

Joe Buck Occupation: Local business owner

Occupational Background: Local family business, restaurateur, community volunteer

Educational Background: University of Portland, BA Business Administration & Accounting

Prior Governmental Experience: LO City Councilor, US Coast Guard Veteran, Clackamas County Economic Development Commission, Planning Commission liaison, Parks Plan 2025

Community Service: LO Food Pantry board, LO for LOve board, LO Chamber of Commerce Treasurer, Meals on Wheels sponsor, Clackamas Leaders in Sustainability

Forward-thinking Leadership

Equity, integrity and respect are the values I learned growing up in Lake Oswego. As the third-generation owner of my family's business and as a former City Councilor, I know our community and believe in its future. I will responsibly budget city services while exhibiting leadership that reflects the kind heart of our community. I'd be honored to have your vote.

"Joe has the deep community roots, trusted experience and collaborative style to guide us to a healthy, vibrant future." - **Fmr. Mayor Judie Hammerstad, Fmr. City Councilor Donna Jordan**

A Sustainable, Equitable, Healthy Community

- Protect significant trees, clean air & water
- Create housing choices for seniors and new families
- Develop safe pathways and bikeways
- Invest in parks, recreation facilities, and community pool
- Ensure city services are responsive and accessible to all residents
- Create and empower a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion advisory board
- Help local businesses weather the pandemic and successfully recover

"Joe is an environmental champion. His commitment to sustainability is unmatched." - **Dr. Bob Sack, Fmr. Sustainability Advisory Board member**

"Joe consistently stands up for what's just and equitable, and he is the voice our city needs." - **State Rep. Andrea Salinas, LO City Councilor Daniel Nguye**

Please join local leaders in supporting Joe

Congressman Kurt Schrader

Jeff Gudman & Jon Gustafson, Fmr. LO City Councilors

School Board members Sara Pocklington, John Wallin, Kirsten Aird, Neelam Gupta

Peter & Cyndie Glazer, Mary Puskas, Lisa Shaw-Ryan, Sarah Howell

Tigard Mayor Jason Snider

Tualatin Mayor Frank Bubenik

Lake Oswego Municipal Employees Association, AFSCME Local 1546 Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County, IAFF Local 1159

www.joe-buck.org

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CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

Mayor

Theresa M Kohlhoff

Occupation: Attorney, Small Business Owner; Lake Oswego City Councilor

Occupational Background: 40 years representing community members in Oregon as both a Solo Practitioner and Partner in Kohlhoff & Welch

Educational Background: PSU, BA; Lewis and Clark Law School, JD

Prior Governmental Experience: Council Liaison, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Task Force; Board of Governors, Oregon State Bar

I am a mother, grandmother and progressive woman who wants Lake Oswego to show generosity of spirit, achieve significant goals and enjoy the happiness and adventure of our family and friends in our beautiful city.

I come to this with a sense of urgency. The challenges that our city faces require collaboration and immediate action. **We, together, are formidable.**

I have been the council's leading voice and champion on:

- Housing Choices and Affordability - for all stages of life.
- Climate Change Solutions - including preserving our big trees.
- Transportation and Transit Solutions - to reduce congestion and carbon emissions.
- Permanent Racial and Equity Advisory Committee - including reimagining community safety.

I have established relationships with other local government officials because, whether it is living up to state requirements, fighting against COVID, fighting for justice, obtaining our fair share of revenues, or simply being a good neighbor, we are in this together.

"Theresa is a strong, reliable leader that this city needs. We will be in good hands if she is Mayor." -Metro Council President Lynn Peterson

For the future of Lake Oswego, we need Theresa:

Northwest Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Professional Firefighters Association of Clackamas County

IAFF Local 1159

UFCW Local 555

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Oregon Working Families Party

Representative Andrea Salinas

Representative Rachel Prusak

Metro Councilor Christine Lewis

Milwaukie Mayor Mark Gamba

Community members: Valdez Bravo, Terri Kraemer Glenda Douglass, Connie Lee

Full list of supporters, what they've said and where I stand, visit: www.votefortmk.com

(This information furnished by Friends of Theresa Kohlhoff)

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CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

Mayor

John LaMotte

Occupation: City Planner

Occupational Background: Managed and built successful consulting companies. Planner/director for rural county, suburb, large city, and international design firms.

Educational Background: University of Wisconsin (Master: Urban and Regional Planning) University of Utah (Bachelor: Geography)

Prior Governmental Experience: Lake Oswego City Councilor 2017-2020; Lake Oswego Planning Commission Chair 2016; Clackamas County Economic Development Commission Chair 2020; Arts Council Board; Village on the Lake HOA President; Clackamas Juvenile Diversion Panel; Fire Department CERT; Chamber Member.

As Mayor I will continue to serve our city with vision, keeping our good government transparent and moving forward. I will continue to make strategic decisions with all residents, civic leaders, businesses and visitors welcome at our community table.

- Keep outside influences out... Focus on Lake Oswego.
- Safety is the most basic principle of a city... Support and enhance our hard working Police.
- Continue our important Diversity, Equity and Inclusion work.
- Implement our new Sustainability and Climate Action Plan.
- Upgrade roads/paths/trails, especially Safe Routes to Schools.
- Maintain budget/tax discipline and quality services.
- Be proactive about economic development and support local businesses.

“John is a sensible, level-headed leader”. Helen Leek

“We need councilors and a mayor who truly understand the heartbeat of our city... we need Councilor LaMotte’s experience and commitment to Lake Oswego values.” Councilor Skip O’Neill

“John is a community builder not a community divider”. Mary Beth Coffey

“John will be a great mayor for all of us!” Jinwen Chai

I am running a non-partisan campaign that addresses what makes Lake Oswego an amazing city and how it can be better. I am an unaffiliated Independent supported by Democrats, Independents and Republicans.

Endorsed: (see JohnLaMotteforLOMayor.com)

Skip O’Neill, City Councilor

John Wendland, City Councilor

Bill Tierney, former City Councilor

Bob Barman, former Chair, School District Board

Rob Heape, Planning Commission Chair

Mary Beth Coffey, former Planning Commissioner

Aaron Rapf, Budget Committee Member

Esther Halverson-Hill, former 50+ Board Co-Chair

Liane Cabot, former Arts Council President

Scott Bullard, Parks & Natural Resources Board

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CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

Councilor

Massene Mboup

Occupation: Founder and Executive Director of Non-Profit School

Occupational Background: Educator

Educational Background: Doctor of Education, Portland State University in Curriculum and Instruction

Prior Governmental Experience: LOSD Legal Budget Committee, City of Lake Oswego Diversity equity, and Inclusion Task Force

PERSONAL: Married to my wife, co-founder and business partner, Patricia. Four boys.

Community & Education: Lake Oswego's strong school system is one of our community's greatest resources. As a father, and co-founder of a local non-profit school, I have first-hand understanding of the challenges and needs facing students, families, and the district. My priority is to ensure our schools have the resources they need to remain competitive.

Equitable Leadership: "Massene has shown his deep-seated belief in the power of diversity and inclusion as the leader of the International Leadership Academy in Lake Oswego, where young people learn in a multicultural setting that everyone has value." - Gary Stein, Bar Association

Resilience: COVID-19 has created a challenging environment for our City, today small businesses need a responsive city council working alongside our entrepreneurs to guarantee safe and lively city streets. Collaborative and decisive leadership can propel our community forward.

Livability: Through careful stewardship of our budget and resources, we will adapt and advance our City's treasured trails, dependable infrastructure, and open spaces for our children and new families to thrive in.

Endorsements:

Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum

Sen. Rob Wagner

Senator Michael Dembrow

State Representative Andrea Salinas

Former Mayor Jack D. Hoffman

LO Councilor Jackie Manz

LO Councilor Daniel Nguyen

LOSD Board member Kirsten Aird

LOSD Board member John Wallin

LOSD Board member Neelam Gupta

LOSD Board member Sara Pocklington

Gary Stein Journalist

Rev. D. Keith Dickerson

UFCW, Local 555

NW Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County, IAFF Local 1159

Oregon Workers Family Party

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

LOMEA, AFSCME LOCAL 1546

Hans Stenfert Kroese, 2bwellphysiotherapy.com

Stephanie Wagner

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CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

Councilor

Melissa Fireside

Occupation: Professor & Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: Industrial and Organizational Psychologist

Educational Background: PhD. Organization & Management, Capella University

Prior Governmental Experience: Clackamas County Mental Health and Addiction

Advisory Council, Councilmember; Lake Oswego Budget Committee, Alternate; Racial Justice Subcommittee, Secretary; Elected Precinct Committee Person

Bold, Dedicated, and Honest Leadership. Let's together, ensure our community's values are reflected both locally and regionally. I would be honored to earn your vote and work to:

Invest in LO's Future

I will champion smart, equitable investments to enhance quality of life, protect our workforce, enhance green mobility, preserve our neighborhoods, and reflect the inclusive values of our City.

Fight Climate Change

We are a City of gorgeous trees and parks and must ensure it stays that way. I will fight for bold climate policies so everyone can enjoy this amazing City for generations to come.

Empower Underrepresented Business Owners

Working with City leadership and the Chamber of Commerce, I will create entry points and support women and diverse small business owners so they can thrive in Lake Oswego.

Create Workforce Housing

I will work to expand housing options in LO leveraging regional resources, partnering with community leaders and developers with a track record of success.

Modernize Infrastructure and Transportation

I will advocate for commuter-focused transit, intra-city transit, and common-sense infrastructure improvements so everyone can move safely and efficiently throughout LO.

Join us in supporting Melissa!

Elected Officials

Rob Wagner, Senate Majority Leader

Andrea Salinas, State Representative

Rachel Prusak, State Representative

Mark Gamba, Mayor of Milwaukie

Theresa M. Kohlhoff, Lake Oswego Councilor

Lynn Peterson, Metro Council President

Christine Lewis, Metro Councilor

LO School Board Members

John Wallin, Sara Pocklington, Neelam Gupta, Kirsten Aird

Community Leaders and Organizations

Stephanie Wagner, Amy Waterbury, Randy L. Arthur

LOMEA - AFSCME Local 1546

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Northwest Labor Council, AFL-CIO

NOW, National Organization of Women

Oregon Working Families Party

Joint Council of Teamsters No. 37

CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

Councilor

Emma Burke

Occupation: Licensed Massage Therapist

Occupational Background: Human Resources

Educational Background: Leadership Lake Oswego Graduate, Clackamas County Leadership Academy Graduate, B.S. Professional Management, Nova Southeastern University, Human Resources Certification

Prior Governmental Experience: City of Lake Oswego Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Task Force and Lake Oswego School District's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Advisory Committee.

"Emma is well educated and dedicated to the long-term issues and planning for Lake Oswego." **-Paul Lyons, Lake Oswego Resident**

"Emma's collaborative leadership style will ensure productive relationships with her counterparts in other municipalities that will benefit generations to come."

-Lynn Peterson, Metro Council President & Lake Oswego Resident

"Emma has a remarkable set of leadership, organizational, and budgetary skills for City Council forged as a single mother and sole provider, small business person, community volunteer, and student of good government. A collegial problem solver, Emma doesn't run away from the hard decisions." **-Mike Kohlhoff, Lake Oswego Resident**

"Emma is a true steward of our community and is committed to voicing the needs of us all." **-Jacque Mular, Lake Oswego Resident**

"Emma is championing equity and would be a voice for small-business owners." **-Valdez Bravo, Lake Oswego Resident**

"Emma is one of the most savvy, compassionate, generous, resourceful, and intelligent people I've ever known. We will all benefit when Emma is looking out for our best interests on City Council!" **-Karly Bannister, Lake Oswego Resident**

WE'RE WITH EMMA!

Lake Oswego City Councilor Theresa Kohlhoff
Lake Oswego School Board Chair Sara Pocklington
Lake Oswego School Board Member John Wallin
Lake Oswego School Board Member Kirsten Aird
Lake Oswego School Board Member Neelam Gupta
Greater Portland National Organization for Women
Oregon Firearms Federation Political Action Committee
Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
NW Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Joint Council of Teamsters No. 37
Oregon Working Families Party
LOMEA, AFSCME Local 1546

Ironworkers Local 29
Laborers Local 737
SMART Local 16
UFCW Local 555
IBEW Local 48

More Endorsements: www.ElectEmmaBurke.com

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CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

Councilor

Aaron Rapf

Occupation: Marketing Executive

Occupational Background: Budgeting. Marketing. Strategic Planning

Educational Background: BA, International Studies, Willamette University. MBA, Brand Marketing and Statistical Analysis, Willamette University.

Prior Governmental Experience: Lake Oswego Budget Committee.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Coach, local youth sports. Board Member, Willowbrook Arts Camp.

PERSONAL: Married to Brooke, 14 years. Two LO school children.

A Post COVID Lake Oswego – The Key is We!

Investment & Infrastructure

“Let’s focus on providing an environment inviting to businesses and families. A thriving post COVID economy will need creativity and engagement.” Aaron Rapf

- Council must have a sustainable, long term approach to budgets and spending.
- Prioritize providing exceptional infrastructure. Efficiently deliver essential services.
- Parks, safe pathways to schools, bikeways, trails, well turfed fields, pools, the arts must be budget priorities.

“Aaron’s masterful grasp of numbers, his experience managing multi-million-dollar budgets will be a huge asset.” Mayor Studebaker

Safety & Security

“Police, fire and paramedics are essential parts of a top-notch city. Community safety, security, well-being, fairness and equity are my priorities.” Aaron Rapf.

- We must give our first responders the resources and training to properly support everyone in our community.
- Safe neighborhoods and safe schools are a must.
- Trust, transparency and local partnerships will result in true community policing.

“Aaron’s focused, strategic approach is exactly what we need in these challenging times.” Chris Rigney, LOSD Budget Committee

Collaboration & Cooperation

“We must create a framework to support a culture of belonging and lead by example.”

Aaron Rapf

- Encourage dialogue, engagement and understanding of other’s experiences.
- As a community, we must welcome diversity.
- Council should work collaboratively with LOSD to promote the strength of neighborhood schools.

“Aaron is all about ‘we.’ Let’s elect inclusive leaders. Let’s elect Aaron Rapf.” Ashley Miller, Small Business Owner.

Endorsed by (Partial List)

LO Mayor, Kent Studebaker

Councilors O’Neill, Manz, LaMotte, Wendland

Fmr. Councilors Gudman, Kehoe, Collins

Fmr. School Board Chairs, Bob Barman, Jon Harnish

Diversity Equity Inclusion Accessibility Co Chair, Manny Espinoza

Visit web site to see moresupporters [www. aaronrapf4LO](http://www.aaronrapf4LO)

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CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

Councilor

Rachel Verdick

Occupation: Owner, Verdick Residential Designs LLC.; community volunteer

Occupational Background: Architectural Designer; Marketing Manager, Blue Cross Blue Shield; Event Manager, American Cancer Society

Educational Background: University of Notre Dame, MBA; Boston Architectural College, Master of Design Studies; Saint Mary's College, BA Sociology

Prior Governmental Experience: Chair and Vice Chair Lake Oswego Historical Resources Advisory Board 2016-present

Community Involvement (past & current): Lake Oswego Preservation Society (current President); Gallery without Walls Committee; People's Choice Award Committee; LO Veteran's Memorial Board; LO Chamber of Commerce Board Member; Young Professionals of LO; Leadership LO; Evergreen Neighborhood Association

Rachel's Vision

My goal is to maintain our community's sense of place while thoughtfully helping write the next chapter of our city's future. My husband, Jonathan Puskas (CAPT, US Navy and VP at EXOS), graduated from Lakeridge HS and we moved home to LO after graduate school in 2000 because of its village like feel and strong community.

I am committed to forging new partnerships that bring people together to prosper culturally, educationally, and economically.

Rachel Verdick – Building Lake Oswego's future

- Ensure LO is a community recognized for its environmental & sustainability practices to fight climate change
- Committed to fostering community connections through vibrant local businesses, safe paths, and neighborhoods marked by green spaces
- Working to bring together our vibrant community organization to leverage our shared goals

Rachel Verdick – Priorities

- Proactively supporting local businesses and economic development
- Engaging our community to achieve diversity, equity, and inclusion goals
- Developing and maintaining our parks and recreation system
- Modeling fiscal responsibility
- Investing in and managing the city's infrastructure

ENDORSEMENTS include:

State Representative Andrea Salinas

Martha Schrader, Clackamas County Commissioner

Jackie Manz, Council President, City of Lake Oswego

Councilor William O'Neil, Lake Oswego City Council

Judie Hammerstad, Former LO Mayor

Dr. Bill Korach, Former Lake Oswego School Superintendent

Jon Gustafson

Gwen Hill

Mary Puskas

Paul Graham

John Turchi
Theresa Graham
Craig Prosser
Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County, IAFF Local 1159

Rachel Verdick 4 Lake Oswego City Council www.Rachel4LO.com

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CITY OF MAYWOOD PARK

Councilor

Robin R Wisner Sr

Occupation: Pastor

Occupational Background: Vice President, NAACP Portland Chapter; Vice President, King Neighborhood Association; Board member, Albina Ministerial Alliance; African American Advisory Council; African American Legislative Roundtable; Committee member, Office of Neighborhood Involvement; local restaurant owner

Educational Background: AA in Theology, AL Hardy Academy

Prior Governmental Experience: N/A

PASTOR ROBIN IS BUILDING BRIDGES TO COMMUNITY IN MAYWOOD PARK AND BEYOND

I have been a resident of Maywood Park for the last 17 years and envision a growing, inclusive community for all residents. From my depth of connections to Multnomah County commissioners, state representatives, community organizers, the local school district, and local law enforcement, I hope

to see Maywood Park given an elevated voice. My vision includes creative community events and opportunities for deeper connections between neighbors. I strongly believe in neighbors caring for neighbors as key to reduction in crime and beneficial to the growth of our city. I have led many diversity initiatives with government departments and would bring valuable experience to our city council.

I see Maywood Park in the same way that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. saw the Beloved Community:

- As a Black man who has experienced exclusion, I would like to create pathways for neighbors to have welcoming and easily accessible discussions that raise the council's awareness of the experiences of Black and Brown folks in Maywood Park so that we can truly value our diversity.
- I believe we should adopt the community policing model, where law enforcement has a collaborative partnership with our city to solve problems and build trust.
- Establish an Equity & Inclusion committee to assist the council to appropriately recognize, denounce, and eliminate discriminatory practices and behaviors in and around Maywood Park.

Standing on the shoulders of many good people, I will be your faithful servant.

Endorsed by:

Former Or. State Senator Avel L Gordly Dr. LeRoy Haynes, Vice-President of AMA Martin Gonzalez, Former PPS School Board Member Dr. Tyrone W. Waters, D.D., DRS

(This information furnished by Robin R Wisner Sr)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Mayor

Ted Wheeler

Occupation: Mayor, City of Portland; 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

I'm honored to serve as your Mayor. Together, we are standing up to a President and others seeking division and disenfranchisement, we are addressing the economic and health impacts of a global pandemic, and we are dismantling systemic racism and inequity. I am inspired by voices calling for unity and focus on positive change and call on all of us to continue responding with solutions rooted in our progressive values. With your vote I'll continue my record of leadership, building an inclusive, welcoming city for all.

Equity and Opportunity

Over the past three years we've: helped companies create opportunities for underrepresented youth; changed city contracting to help minority owned businesses; demanded a Rose Quarter that aligns with Albina Vision goals. There is much more I am committed to do. Together, we can make Portland a place for all to thrive.

Public Safety

We've been implementing reforms to oversight, hiring, training, data collection, and transparency since the first year of the administration. Now, we are taking even bolder steps, re-envisioning how we approach community safety overall. Let's continue building trust and collaboration to keep all Portlanders safe.

Housing and Homelessness

We've more than doubled Portland's shelter capacity, and in 2019 helped 6,000 people off the streets and into housing. Over 800 new units of affordable housing are built and a record number underway. We must continue tackling this crisis with addiction services, permanent supportive housing, and other proven solutions.

Climate Crisis

We're working to transition Portland to 100% renewable energy by 2050, limit single-use plastics, and work with cities across the US and world to reduce transportation and building emissions. We're not waiting for Salem or Washington, DC. Let's keep doing our part!

Endorsed by NW Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO, UFCW 555, SEIU, Oregon League of Conservation Voters, more!

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Mayor

Sarah Iannarone

Occupation: Educator, Policy Advisor

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

Educational Background: PSU, Urban Studies & Planning, Ph.D. (ABD)

Prior Governmental Experience: Transportation

Budget Advisory Committee; Land Use & Transportation Chair, Mt. Scott Arleta Neighborhood; Prosper Portland Strategic Planning Committee

Portland's shared vision of a sustainable, livable hometown is slipping from view. Mayor Wheeler admits he's failed. We can't endure four more years of failure. I'm a working class mom, small business founder, and educator who advises global leaders how to make cities great. I've fought to achieve Portland's potential through government action.

As your next Mayor, I'm ready to clean up the mess we're in and get Portland on track. I'm the only candidate championing comprehensive solutions:

- COVID Economic Recovery - Keeping families fed and housed, preventing business closures, and ensuring tax fairness
- Targeted Poverty Reduction - Mobilizing city resources to end chronic homelessness and clean up the streets, not harassing the poor
- Community Safety - Detailed plans for preventing gun violence, fixing broken policing, and ensuring Black Lives Matter in Portland
- Climate Leadership - Strengthening Portland Clean Energy Fund, which Wheeler opposed

"At this critical moment, I trust Sarah to be the Mayor Portland needs for civil rights."

- DeRay Mckesson, National Black Lives Matter Activist

"Sarah's leadership will help us draw on our collective strengths to inspire a bold new vision for Portland."

- Karin Power, State Representative, District 44

"Sarah will be a great climate champion in City Hall."

- Khanh Pham, Democratic Nominee for House, District 46

"Collaborative, creative, and practical, she is exactly the leader we need."

- Rita Moore, Portland Public School Board Member

Endorsers include community leaders Mayor Mark Gamba, Cameron Whitten, Stephen Green, Valdez Bravo, Bobbin Singh, Street Trust Action Fund, Honest Elections, Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC Greenlight, Our Revolution, and many more.

Learn more about Sarah's policies and supporters at sarah2020.com en español sarah2020.com/es

This is our chance. I'm asking for your vote. Let's build a brighter future together.

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 4

Mingus Mapps

Occupation: Community Organizer

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

Educational Background: Reed College BA; Cornell University PhD, Government

Prior Governmental Experience: Program Coordinator and Supervisor, City of Portland; Intergovernmental Relations Specialist, Portland Public Schools; Assistant, Multnomah County Chair's Office

We are at a watershed moment which requires a **pragmatic, progressive** leader to make Portland **work for everyone**.

Priorities (mingusmapps.com/priorities):

-Economic recovery from COVID

-Build a modern public safety system free of racism

-Take immediate action on the homelessness and affordability epidemic

-Representation matters! Reform city government so all bureaus work together

"Mingus demonstrates the seasoned quality of experience and thoughtful servant leadership needed to build inclusive relationships and to help heal and guide our Beloved Community forward."

Avel Gordly, Former Oregon State Senator

"Responsible, hardworking, leadership is needed in City Hall so we can have a productive Portland team. Mingus will bring this when elected to City Commissioner."

Barbara Roberts, Former Oregon Governor

"Mapps brings public policy expertise to make charter reform happen, the pragmatism to navigate the complexity of COVID and the vision to move forward."

Frank Dixon, Former Democratic Party of Oregon Chair

"I trust Mingus to work with a diverse group of small business and nonprofit leaders to ensure our voices are heard as we rebuild out of the economic crisis."

Dwight Adkins, Community Leader

We Support Mingus:

Former Governor Ted Kulongoski & Mary Oberst

Former Commissioners Lisa Naito, Maria Rojo De Steffey

LaVonne Griffin-Valade, Former Portland City Auditor

Mary Wendy Roberts, Former Labor Commissioner

David Bragdon, Former Metro Council President

Denyse Peterson, Multnomah Education District Board Member

SEIU

NW Carpenters Union

Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC Greenlight

IBEW Local 48

Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council

Oregon Machinists' Council
Portland Business Alliance
Pacific Green Party of Oregon
Carl Wolfson, Keith Wilson, Arlene Kimura, Mark Wells, Scott Lieuallen, Stan Penkin

For a full list: mingusmapps.com

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 4

Chloe Eudaly

Occupation: Portland City Commissioner

Occupational Background: Small business owner; nonprofit administrator

Educational Background: Portland Community College

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:

Senator Jeff Merkley; Senator Ron Wyden; Congressman Earl Blumenauer; Metro President Lynn Peterson; Former City Commissioner Steve Novick; District Attorney Mike Schmidt; Portland Association of Teachers; Community Alliance of Tenants Action Fund; Unite Oregon Action; Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon; Sunrise Movement PDX; Oregon League of Conservation Voters; Eric K. Ward; Kathleen Saadat; Cameron Whitten; Israel Bayer

“We want her to keep going.” —Portland Mercury, 04/28/2020

More: votechloe.com/endorsements

PROVEN PROGRESSIVE. DEDICATED ADVOCATE. EFFECTIVE LEADER.

We need proven leadership for our COVID-19 recovery, police accountability, the housing crisis, and climate change. I am the only candidate in this race who hasn't taken contributions from the Portland Police Association. I ran for City Council to make Portland work for all of us and I've delivered results:

---HOUSING---

- Passed the Mandatory Rental Relocation Ordinance in my first month to stabilize tenants during our housing emergency.
- Passed the Fair Access in Renting Ordinance to reduce barriers to housing and prevent discrimination.
- Advocated for an eviction moratorium and rent and mortgage forgiveness during the pandemic.

---CLIMATE---

- Helped pass the Portland Clean Energy Fund.
- Co-created the country's strongest 100% renewable energy commitment.
- Developed the Rose Lane Project to make transit faster and reduce congestion.
- OPPOSED I-5 freeway expansion and the Zenith oil terminal.

---RACIAL & ECONOMIC JUSTICE---

- Championed a program to defend immigrant Portlanders in deportation proceedings and supported the Oregon Worker Relief Fund.
- Supported additional reductions to the police budget and investments in community safety.
- Secured millions in CARES Act relief funds for small businesses and the arts.
- Led PBOT in making streets safer for pedestrians, cyclists, and businesses during reopening.

WE'RE NOT DONE!

VoteChloe.com

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CITY OF TROUTDALE

Mayor

David Ripma

Occupation: Patent Lawyer

Occupational Background: Research Engineer

Educational Background: Georgetown University School of Law – JD; University of Michigan -- BS Electrical Engineering

Prior Governmental Experience: Troutdale City Council (25 years); Troutdale Planning Commission; Troutdale Parks Advisory Committee; Metro Policy Advisory Committee; Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council & Oregon Hanford Cleanup Board (the last two are governor-appointed state boards)

Troutdale faces important decisions affecting city finances and future livability.

Citizens know I listen and am always guided by what's best for Troutdale. I have volunteered on Troutdale's committees and council for over 25 years. That experience has taught me to ask questions and consider issues carefully. My priorities:

- **Ensuring public safety in Troutdale is my number one priority. The Multnomah County Sheriff's department is a diverse organization which treats everyone with respect**
– I will work to enhance community policing and services in Troutdale.
- **Ensuring local control of our parks and Municipal Court. Troutdale cannot rely on the county District Attorney to enforce our ordinances.**
- **Marketing Troutdale by attracting good development to our Urban Renewal Area and elsewhere, and encouraging high-quality housing.**

Please join the following Troutdale area leaders in saying

“We need David Ripma as Troutdale's Mayor”

Sharon Nesbit, Troutdale historian, author and columnist

Chris Gorsek, Oregon House Member, District 49, candidate for Oregon Senate, District 25

Zach Hudson, Troutdale Councilor, candidate for Oregon House, District 49

Mike Weatherby, Fairview Councilor and former Fairview Mayor

Tanney Staffenson – Chair, Troutdale Budget Committee & Chair, Troutdale Planning Commission

Marv Woidyla, member, Troutdale Planning Commission and President of Gorge Winds Aviation, Inc.

Glenn White – Troutdale City Councilor

Marilee D. Thompson – Troutdale Town Center Committee, retired Tax Accountant

Jean Ice – Real Estate Broker

Will Knight, Chair, Troutdale Citizens Advisory Committee

Erin Janssens, Troutdale Historic Landmarks Commission, Retired Portland Fire Department Chief

Victoria Rizzo, Troutdale Citizens Advisory, Parks Advisory and Budget Committees

John Leamy, Troutdale Historic Landmarks Commission, Town Center Committee

VOTE DAVID RIPMA FOR MAYOR

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CITY OF TROUTDALE

Mayor

Randy Lauer

Occupation: Small Business Owner

Occupational Background: Almost 17 years as a Municipal, Union Utility Worker

Educational Background: Gresham High School, General Diploma; MHCC, Psychology; PCC, Business.

Prior Governmental Experience: Gresham R.A.D. committee 2013; Troutdale City Councilor 2016-Present; Member, Troutdale Budget Committee; Member, Regional Drinking Water Providers Consortium; Member, Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization; East County SAFER Council.

A Logical and Future-Minded Vision

Randy Lauer has spent the past 4 years working towards the **Troutdale** of tomorrow while never forgetting the **Troutdale** of the past. Randy Lauer will continue to work towards the future when elected the next **Mayor of Troutdale**, by focusing on:

LIVABILITY

Working to foster a culture of inclusivity and equality within our wonderful city of Troutdale, while emphasizing what makes us unique and individual, will help our community grow stronger for generations to come.

SAFETY

By supporting our Sheriff while holding them to the highest of standards as the law and order presence in our community, Troutdale will ensure a safe and more transparent policing system, regardless of age, sexual orientation, race, nationality, and religion.

REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Working towards a more open and beneficial regional partnership with all stakeholders in the surrounding counties, cities, Metro, the Reynolds School District, and MHCC will only help to better the lives of residents in Troutdale, and all who call East county home.

These community leaders have proudly supported **Randy Lauer for Mayor**:

Gresham Professional Fire Fighters, Local 1062

Oregon AFSCME Council 75, Local 3132

Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce

Shirley Craddick, Metro Councilor

Karylenn Echols, Gresham Mayor

Brian Cooper, Fairview Mayor

Ben West, Wilsonville Councilor

Vincent Jones-Dixon, Gresham Councilor

Jerry Hinton, Gresham Councilor

Justin Hwang, Oregon State Senate candidate

Doug Daoust, Former Troutdale Mayor

Help **Randy Lauer** become the next **Mayor of Troutdale**. Together we can work to build a Troutdale that everyone can be proud of.

After all, we're **STRONGER TOGETHER!**

More information available at: <https://randylauerformayor.wordpress.com>

(This information furnished by Randy Lauer for Mayor)

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CITY OF TROUTDALE

Councilor, Position 2

Laura Tils

Occupation: Contracts Manager

Occupational Background: Certified Professional Contracts Manager

Educational Background: Seton Hall School of Law, Intellectual Property Law, Graduate Certificate; New York Law School, Law, Juris Doctor; Portland State University, Economics, Bachelor of Science

Prior Governmental Experience: City of Cascade Locks, Tourism Committee

It will be an honor to serve the citizens of Troutdale and provide meaningful input toward preserving the beauty and charm of Troutdale as the Gateway to the Gorge and maintaining Troutdale as a clean, safe, and enjoyable place to live. I will collaborate with the Council toward responsible and efficient use of public funds to achieve community goals with a vision toward enhancing public safety and maintaining neighborhood livability, and through thoughtful development solutions that advance the economic vibrance of the community.

(This information furnished by Laura Tils)

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CITY OF TROUTDALE

Councilor, Position 2

Alison Caswell

Occupation: I am an artist and co-owner of Caswell Sculpture, which my husband Rip and I operate together. We are artists creating sculpture in bronze. Our website is www.caswellsculpture.com.

Occupational Background: I have been self-employed for my whole working career

Educational Background: Centennial High School - High School Diploma, University of Oregon - Bachelor of Arts, Language

Prior Governmental Experience: University of Oregon ASUO (student government)

Executive Representative on the Erb Memorial Union Board of Directors; appointed by student body president

I am Alison Caswell, a native Oregonian, born and raised in east county, My home, businesses and family are all firmly rooted in Troutdale. I have no aspirations of political advancements beyond the borders of Troutdale. I desire a safe, clean place to live, offering thriving opportunities for small business. "I feel we are at a crossroads with our town's future. I desire a quaint town, an oasis surrounded by the hustle and bustle of big city life. I want Troutdale to keep its charm and small town feel. I want a community that comes together in support of one another, that is a wonderful place to live work and play."

Troutdale Mayor Casey Ryan says:

"Alison will bring experience as an accomplished artist and a successful business owner that the city would greatly benefit from. I have the upmost confidence that Alison would be an amazing addition to our city council"

I am endorsed by:

Casey Ryan – Mayor of Troutdale

Glenn White – Troutdale City Councilor

**PLEASE VOTE FOR ALISON CASWELL TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL,
POSITION NO. 2**

(This information furnished by Alison Caswell)

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CITY OF TROUTDALE

Councilor, Position 2

Tim Erich

Occupation: Professor of Government and Economics

Occupational Background: University Instructor; School Principal; Teacher; Radio Tele-Operator; Clerk and Cashier; School Custodian

Educational Background: Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree from La Sierra University; Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in Educational Administration & Leadership, from La Sierra University; Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in Education-Curriculum & Instruction, from La Sierra University; Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in History & Political Science, from Loma Linda University.

Prior Governmental Experience: Budget Committee—City of Troutdale; Citizens Advisory Committee—City of Troutdale; Historical Commission—City of Loma Linda

I love Troutdale...and would appreciate your vote!

Here are some of the many reasons you may wish to vote for me:

- I have been involved in local environmental endeavors, such as participating in Sandy River cleanup and encouraging responsible development of our urban renewal district.
- While serving on the Troutdale Budget Committee, I led out in questioning this year's proposed Troutdale city budget, which—in the midst of the economic downturn associated with the COVID-19 pandemic—proposed an approximately \$5 million increase over last year.
- I have organized and directed community Christmas caroling in Troutdale for numerous years, providing an opportunity for family-friendly activities and positive neighborhood interaction.
- While serving on the Troutdale Citizens Advisory Committee, I made the motion to recommend allowing residents the opportunity to vote on whether or not to change our election procedure for city council members to a 'top-three' system, which is designed to encourage competition and increase diversity in the election process.
- I have taught courses in government and economics for over 20 years, helping young people to know the U.S. Constitution and encouraging them to get involved through positive and peaceful action in their communities.

I look forward to working with you to help make our amazing little city even better!

Thank you for your collaboration and support,
Tim Erich

(This information furnished by Tim Erich)

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CITY OF TROUTDALE

Councilor, Position 4

Paul Wilcox

Occupation: Retired

Occupational Background: Commercial truck driver

Educational Background: Beloit College; B.A.; Anthropology

Prior Governmental Experience: Parks Advisory Committee; Citizens Advisory Committee; Planning Commission (current)

Greetings Troutdale voters,

I have been consistently attending City Council meetings since 2014. As indicated above, I have served on three of the five city committees/commissions. While on the CAC I promoted the Troutdale Municipal Code revision to allow public comment on every Council meeting agenda item. I do not identify or align with a particular bloc of Council members. This ensures an independent voice for the citizens of Troutdale. My guiding principle is "the greatest good for the greatest number."

My opponent, incumbent Councilor Glenn White, has occupied Position 4 since 2009, having taken office his first two terms unopposed. For those of you who support term limits, returning him to office for a fourth term wouldn't allow for that. When a Council vacancy needed to be filled in 2009, Councilor White stated "Dave Ripma is such a valuable person; my only reason for not choosing him is because I think that term limits are important in government". (Council Work Session minutes, 1/22/09)

Councilor White proposed reducing the fee in lieu of abated property taxes by over \$2 million for the Troutdale Energy Center project.

Councilor White voted against eliminating the storm water rate cap, which prior to being removed allowed the owners of large developed properties to pay a fraction of their proportional share of that system.

Councilor White was a major supporter of the effort to burden Troutdale taxpayers with the ill-conceived bond measure for the Old City Hall reconstruction project at a cost of over \$7 million.

Councilor White voted against referring Measure 26-212 to the voters, which will greatly expand voter choice and minimize the likelihood of unopposed candidates, which denies you choice entirely. I fully support Measure 26-212.

Vote for independence and change. Vote for Paul Wilcox for Position 4.

(This information furnished by Paul Wilcox)

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CITY OF TROUTDALE

Councilor, Position 4

Glenn White

Occupation: Truck Driver & Mechanic (Retired)- Sunshine Dairy
Occupational Background: Boeing, Food Service Director; Tad's Chicken 'n Dumplings;
Regional Manager, Casa Lupita Restaurants; Corporate Trainer, Ponderosa
Educational Background: Business Administration, Green River Community College
Prior Governmental Experience: Current Troutdale City Councilor; Fire Board;
Troutdale's Open for Business Committee; Budget Committee; Citizens Advisory
Committee; Troutdale River Safety Committee

Hello Troutdale Neighbors & Friends

**Our History, Nature and Community make this small town a special place to live.
It is an honor to serve you as a Troutdale City Councilor.**

I have advocated for 11 years to enhance: safety, transparency, wise spending, our parks, our small town feel, vibrant small businesses, thoughtful planning and city communications to keep you informed & involved.

Listening to you, I voted down items that I felt would impact our livability and supported those that I believed to be beneficial. I will advocate for more town halls, because **your voice** is the most important.

I hope to use my experience to work collaboratively on our existing projects, future opportunities and sadly, our new challenges.

WORKING TOGETHER

I am committed to:

- supporting our sheriffs and all first responders while improving services and safety
- keeping our utility rates as low as possible
- balancing the budget with a thorough review
- expanding our recreational opportunities

I deeply care for Troutdale and if re-elected I will continue to put you first!

Vote Glenn White

971-320-9000

COMMUNITY ENDORSEMENTS

"Honest, caring, interested and involved, always wanting the best for Troutdale and its citizens – that's **Glenn White**." Len Otto, retired teacher

Alison Caswell, Troutdale business owner

Amy Machesic, Artist

David Ripma, Troutdale Council President

Eugenia Terzis, business owner

Jean Ice, Realtor

John Leamy, Leamy Printing

LeAnn Stephan, Troutdale Landmarks Committee

Saul Pompeyo, Ristorante di Pompello

Sharon Nesbit, Troutdale Historian

Shirley Prickett, Planning Commission

Spiro Sassalos, SKS Development
Tanney Staffenson, Planning Commission
William Knight, Citizens Advisory Committee
Zach Hudson, Troutdale City Councilor
More endorsements on the website.

Please visit GlennWhiteforTroutdale.com for more information

(This information furnished by Glenn White)

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CITY OF TROUTDALE

Councilor, Position 6

Sandy Glantz

Occupation: Technical Advisor at a SaaS Information Technology company

Occupational Background: Media Strategist at The Oregonian Media Group; President/
Media Director, Ad Tactics; VP Account Services, Gard Strang

Educational Background: Tech Academy, Programming/ Software Full Stack Developer
Certificate; Portland State, Political Science

Prior Governmental Experience: Troutdale Planning Commissioner; Budget Committee

Protecting the Property Value of your Home

- **From the State:** As a Planning Commissioner the past 12 years, I am especially concerned with recent State legislation (HB2001). It allows for duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, and "cottage clusters" on land previously zoned for single-family houses. It also allows for existing homes to be replaced with higher-density housing, basically ending any single-family zoning.

Troutdale residents don't want these types of neighborhoods, and I want to use what I've learned on the Planning Commission to find every way possible to push back or work around the State legislation.

- **From Troutdale Zone changes:** Eagle Ridge, the large apartment complex across from Safeway, was initially zoned for single-family homes. In the adjacent neighborhood, residents in homes were told that having a three-story apartment building in their backyard wouldn't decrease their property values. These residents bought and invested in their homes with the expectation that other similar types of homes would be developed adjacent to their property.

I voted against this zone change at the Planning Commission hearing and testified before City Council hearings that the land was purchased knowing what the existing zoning was, and it impacts the adjacent neighborhood by lowering property values.

Protecting Your Tax Dollars

By Spending Less: The 2020-2021 Troutdale Budget cycle was discouraging. Despite being several months into COVID's economic fallout, the proposed budget included a **\$5,000,000 increase over the previous year.**

Instead of helping families impacted by the sudden economic changes or lowering taxes, the entire proposed budget was approved in one public session by a narrow margin - **without a single line item change.**

My goal is to bring the budget into line with current economic realities.

(This information furnished by Sandy Glantz)

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CITY OF TROUTDALE

Councilor, Position 6

John Leamy

Occupation: Co-Owner Leamy Printing & Design LLC and Transportation for Corbett School District.

Occupational Background: Director West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce, Real Estate Broker, Home Improvement Sales, Restaurant Owner, Food Service Director.

Educational Background: Corbett High School, Mt. Hood Community College, Multnomah University.

Prior Governmental Experience: Troutdale Town Center Committee, Troutdale Historic Landmarks Commission.

Other Community Involvement: 2019 Troutdale Citizen of the Year, Kiwanis of the Columbia Gorge, Pathway Church, Troutdale Cruise In, Troutdale Summerfest, Corbett 4th of July FunFest.

Information: With Troutdale being the beautiful & vibrant community it is, in 1987, my wife Donna and I moved from Corbett where I grew up to Troutdale and bought our home where we were able to raise our son and daughter to adulthood.

As a small business owner in Troutdale for the past 18 years, I would like to address the needs of the business community. A vital business community enhances our whole community.

I would like to make sure Troutdale's portion of the metro homeless tax goes toward services for the homeless in our area.

Four projects I would like to help come to fruition; 1) development of the Confluence at Troutdale (formerly URA), 2) a new City Hall, 3) Main Streets type program (which would help make Troutdale a destination) and 4) give equal attention to all of Troutdale, not just the downtown area.

I would like every citizen of Troutdale to never have to question whether I am representing them.

Bringing community back to our community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call or text me at 503-704-7653

(This information furnished by John Leamy)

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CITY OF WOOD VILLAGE

Councilor, Position 2

Jairo Rios-Campos

Occupation: Recreation Manager, PlayEast

Occupational Background: Grocery Manager, Safeway Inc; Community Health Worker, Multnomah County

Educational Background: Reynolds High School; Community Health Worker Certification, Multnomah County

Prior Governmental Experience: Community Advisory Board, Multnomah County Youth Violence Prevention; Fairview/Wood Village Census Complete Count Committee; Reynolds School District Facilities Assessment & Master Plan Committee

Community Service: Co-Founder, Building Toward Success Youth Violence Prevention Initiative; Community Advisory Board Member, Multnomah County Youth Violence Prevention; Men's Academy, Wood Village Baptist Church; Summer Nutrition Program, Reynolds School District; Facilities Assessment & Master Plan Committee, Reynolds School District; Summer Sports Program; SUN School Soccer Coach.

For the last 19 years, I have lived in the beautiful city of Wood Village. I graduated from Reynolds High School, started my family here, and have dedicated most of my personal and professional time serving and supporting my community.

I'm running for a seat on the city council to ensure that Wood Village is a **strong community where we all can thrive.**

As your councilor I will fight to:

- Engage new voices
- Achieve equity in city services and ensure everyone is respected
- Expand parks and recreation services

We have an incredible opportunity as residents to help guide our city's growth. As your councilor, I will listen and serve you. I have great confidence and faith in our city that, in the years to come, we will get stronger by working together and ensuring our city is welcoming to everyone.

"Jairo leads with heart, compassion, and kindness. He is committed to ensure everyone in Wood Village is represented." Lori Stegmann, Multnomah County Commissioner

Endorsed by:

East County Rising

Chris Gorsek, House District 49 State Representative and Senate Candidate

Lori Stegmann, Multnomah County Commissioner

Scott Harden, Wood Village Mayor

Eddy Morales, Gresham City Councilor, Gresham Mayoral Candidate

Darren Riordan, Fairview City Councilor

Zach Hudson, Troutdale City Councilor and House Candidate

Ricki Ruiz, Reynolds School Board and House Candidate

Teresa Campos, Community Health Worker and Mom

(This information furnished by Jairo Rios-Campos)

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CITY OF WOOD VILLAGE

Councilor, Position 3

T Scott Harden

Occupation: Supply Chain Coordinator for Ultimate Airstreams in Clackamas, Oregon

Occupational Background: Production Manager for Castellano Furniture, Operations Manager for KCR Manufacturing, Buyer and Production Manager for C2F and Buyer for Big Rock Sports

Educational Background: Warner Pacific College, Business Administration, BS; Warner Pacific College, Management and Organizational Leadership, MS

Prior Governmental Experience: Wood Village Planning Commission 2009-2011. Wood Village City Council 2011 to Present. Council President 2016-2018. Wood Village Mayor 2018 to Present

My time on Council and as mayor has been characterized by a responsible, conservative fiscal and budgeting policy that has led to healthy water and sewer utilities, clean safe parks and trails and the quality streets with Multnomah County's highest pavement quality index.

My time on Council and as mayor has led to positive regional partnerships that have led to highly effective and responsive police and fire, building inspection services and youth recreation programming.

My time on Council has led to responsive zoning that has allowed the city to add housing, jobs and industry thereby expanding the tax base.

I am proud of the work our council has done. I am proud of how we are leading our residents and business through the pandemic. Especially our Utility Bill Support Fund.

Personally, I am proud to play an expanded role in racial reconciliation. I support peaceful protest. I want to work to level the playing field by eliminating institutional racism and roadblocks to equity. Everyone should enjoy the full measure of their civil rights. It is a privilege to represent the county's most diverse city. Black Lives Matter!

(This information furnished by T. Scott Harden)

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CITY OF WOOD VILLAGE

Councilor, Position 5

Brian C Loy

Occupation: CFO/CIO at Mallory Safety and Supply

Occupational Background: N/A

Educational Background: N/A

Prior Governmental Experience: Currently City Council #5 seat holder.

I have spent the last year serving the City of Wood Village as a councilperson. I came to this seat when I saw a vacancy and felt called to help our community. I am quick-witted, even-keeled, intelligent and kind. These qualities encompass most of what the people of Wood Village want in their elected leaders... so here I am, running for the position formally this time.

Decisions at city council are based off of conversation and information provided from all of the different directions that we can obtain. I have an outstanding understanding of business operations and finance and being able to offer that view and expertise to our team is invaluable. We have an amazing balance right now and we all get along well and work and we have been successful at surviving the current pandemic and thriving in ways that benefit citizens.

My favorite council moments have included passing the Utility Relief fund to help any residents and businesses that are struggling during the closures to cover utilities for a month. I like being a part of the water/sewer rate conversations in an effort to ensure our lower-income families don't pay the lion's share of those utilities. I have really enjoyed seeing the City take environmental responsibilities and stewardship and not just follow in the neighboring cities but to lead the way and pay attention to each decision on how it impacts the environment.

I believe the next 4 years are going to be incredible for our city. The new city hall is the biggest and it will be a wonderful destination for all of us to enjoy. There are new developments going on all over Wood Village that will bring new faces and places and I want to help show these people the character and charm we have to offer. Vote Brian Loy for Councilperson.

(This information furnished by Brian C Loy)

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METRO COUNCIL

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 Pro-Choice Champion; ACLU 100% Record; Basic Rights Oregon Hero of the House; Co-founder, Oregon NARAL; Oregon League of Conservation Voters Best Environmental Work; Steering Committee, Fair Shot Coalition for racial justice; Tom McCall environmental leadership award, 1000 Friends

Educational Background: Dartmouth College

Prior Governmental Experience: State Representative, House Majority Leader

Juntos Cùng nhau 一起 Вместе اعم Together, we must:

- deliberately practice and promote racial justice
- design safer streets, build 21st century transit, expedite zero-emission vehicles
- remove red-tape to incentivize building enough affordable homes
- provide basic shelter and services so everyone dependably has a safe indoor place to sleep
- protect habitat, farmland, natural splendor, ancestral lands
- catalyze middle class jobs, create expansive career opportunities
- engage young people in creating Portland's future

In this fragile time for Portland and the country, Mary Nolan is ideally qualified for regional leadership.

"... a hard worker who knows the issues ... the best choice ..." **The Skanner** 5/1/2020

"... Nolan — among the most savvy, effective legislators Portland has seen ..."

Willamette Week 4/29/2020

"... Nolan easily rises to the top as voters' best choice." **Oregonian** 4/29/2020

"... tested ... a sharp mind ... Nolan is our clear choice." **Portland Tribune** 4/15/2020

Endorsed as a trusted ally and fierce advocate by:

- Year-round Heroes:
- healthcare workers, delivery drivers, mail carriers
- Portland Firefighters 43
- United Food Workers 555
- Portland Association of Teachers PAC
- NW Oregon Labor Council
- Governor Kate Brown
- Governor Barbara Roberts
- Oregon House Speaker Tina Kotek
- Senator Ron Wyden
- Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici
- Commissioners Jo Ann Hardesty, Susheela Jayapal, Jessica Vega Pederson
- State Senators Lew Frederick, Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, Margaret Carter, Michael Dembrow
- Oregonians for Affordable Housing
- Oregon Consumer League
- Latino Network Action Fund

- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- Oregon Council of Retired Citizens
- Community leaders Cameron Whitten, Roey Thorpe, Wajdi Said, José González, Kieu-Oanh Nguyen

Gracias Cảm ơn bạn 谢谢 Спасибо اركش Thanks

(This information furnished by Mary Nolan)

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METRO COUNCIL

Councilor, District 5

Chris Smith

Occupation: Technology Marketer and Sustainability Advocate

Occupational Background: Marketing and technology: Tektronix, Xerox

Educational Background: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Computer & Systems Engineering; Boston University, MBA

Prior Governmental Experience: Metro Transportation Policy Alternatives Committee; Metro Policy Advisory Committee; Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission; Portland Streetcar Board.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR CHANGE

Now is the time for Chris Smith for Metro Council

Our nation is upended by pandemic climate disruption and social protest. People are losing their jobs and homes. The planet is burning. It is NOT the time for business as usual. It is NOT the time for career politicians. It is NOT the time for big money candidates. As a campaign finance reformer, Chris is the only candidate in this race who has taken no fossil fuel money, no police money, no large donations from anyone.

"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**

THE SMART VISIONARY WE NEED

Chris has fought for over 20 years to make our community safer from traffic violence, more sustainable and healthier for all. Chris has delivered real transportation improvements and housing opportunities.

"[Chris] is an ideal fit for the Metro Council...voters should not miss the chance to put an experienced, pleasant, thoughtful leader to work in the job he's perfectly matched for." **Willamette Week**, 4/29/20

"Chris Smith is particularly suited to this task." **Portland Mercury**, 4/28/20

Endorsed by:

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Street Trust Action Fund

Our Revolution

BerniePDX

Oregon Progressive Party

Pacific Green Party of Oregon

Leaders Across the Region:

Metro President David Bragdon; Councilors Shirley Craddick, Rex Burkholder

Portland Commissioners Amanda Fritz, Steve Novick

Representative Akasha Lawrence Spence

Milwaukie Mayor Mark Gamba

Washington County Commissioner Dick Schouten

Wilsonville Councilor Charlotte Lehan

School Board Members Michelle DePass, Scott Bailey
Mary Peveto
Bob Sallinger
Candace Avalos
Full list: <https://chrisformetro.com>

Please Vote Chris Smith for Metro District 5

(This information furnished by Friends of Chris Smith)

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EAST MULTNOMAH SWCD

Director, At-Large Position 1

Devin Portwood

Occupation: Certified Veterinary Technician since 2011; Worked in Veterinary Profession since 1994

Occupational Background: N/A

Educational Background: 1 year Television Production, Mount Hood Community College, Diploma: Natural High School

Prior Government Experience: None

Supported by people across the political spectrum, from Sanders supporters to Trump lovers

I want to help people see the practical side to going green. Green can mean independence.

Small scale, wide coverage of: wind turbines, solar panels, wave turbines.
I feel every ones views are important: Even if I disagree, your view still matters

(This information furnished by Devin Portwood)

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EAST MULTNOMAH SWCD

Director, At-Large Position 1

James (Jim) Carlson

Occupation: President, Carlson Nursery, Inc.

Wholesale Nursery Company; Team Captain: Horizon Air, Portland, OR

Occupational Background: Oregon Association of Nurseries, Mt. Hood Chapter;

Gresham Farmer's Market, Treasurer, Board Member

Educational Background: Sam Barlow High School; University of Portland, Bachelors of Science; Eastern Oregon University, Masters of Business Administration

Prior Governmental Experience: Board Member, USDA Multnomah County

Committee, Johnson Creek Watershed Committee, Board Member

I am eager to put my experience of operating my family's farm to use on the East Multnomah County Soil and Water District Board. Having grown up on and operated a farm that has been in my family since 1905 has given me great respect for land stewardship and I look forward to adding a new voice and ideas to the board.

(This information furnished by Jim Carlson)

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EAST MULTNOMAH SWCD

Director, At-Large Position 2

Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky

Occupation: Working Lands Engagement Coordinator, 1000 Friends of Oregon;
Farmer, Blue Sol Farm (blueberries)

Occupational Background: Senior Organizer, Columbia Riverkeeper

Educational Background: University of Oregon, General Science, Landscape
Architecture (minor); Columbia Gorge Community College, Emergency Medical
Technician program

Prior Governmental Experience: None

Community Involvement:

- Corbett Fire District, Volunteer Firefighter/EMT;
- Corbett Firefighters' Association, Secretary/Treasurer; and
- Columbia Grange #267, Member.

Voters:

Thank you for the opportunity to work with our East Multnomah County Soil & Water
Conservation District.

Together, we can build healthy habitat in our urban spaces, provide voluntary
conservation incentives to increase the profitability and sustainability of agriculture,
and create opportunities for new farmers to access farmland.

As the owner of a small farm in Corbett, I know the practical value of the programs
offered by the District. Programs that conserve water also save farmers money.
Programs that reduce noxious weeds aid in pasture management. Programs that
connect new farmers with farmland ensure that the next generation can continue to
build successful careers in agriculture. It would be an honor to support and expand
these important programs.

Thank you for your consideration,
-Jasmine

Proudly endorsed by:

Michael Guebert, East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation
District Board of Directors Zone 3, Terra Farms

Nellie McAdams, former East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District Board of
Directors

Bob Sallinger, former East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District Board of
Directors

(This information furnished by Jasmine Zimmer-Stucky)

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EAST MULTNOMAH SWCD

Director, At-Large Position 2

Lars Granstrom

Occupation: Tree Farmer in East Multnomah County

Occupational Background: Self Employed/Granstrom Evergreens and Nursery

Educational Background: Sam Barlow HS; Mt. Hood CC; Clackamas CC

Prior Governmental Experience: None

I own and operate a nursery in East County. I believe in always improving soil health by ways of cover cropping. Keeping Farm land productive is important to me and my knowledge comes from practical experience.

(This information furnished by Lars Granstrom)

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EAST MULTNOMAH SWCD

Director, Zone 1

Joe Rossi

Occupation: Farmer/Manager: Rossi Farms in NE Portland and Corbett

Occupational Background: Environmental Land Stewardship, Fresh Market

Vegetable Crop Production, Public Promotion of seasonal fresh market vegetables through on-farm sales and several local weekend farmers markets.

Educational Background: Parkrose High School Portland State University

Prior Governmental Experience: Parkrose Neighborhood Association, Charter

Member and Vice President; Prosper Portland Parkrose Neighborhood Prosperity

Initiative, Charter Member and Chairperson; Historic Parkrose, Charter Member and Chairperson.

I am excited to bring my soil and water management experiences to the EMCSWD in this volunteer position. Growing up and working on the family's vegetable farm has given me a passion for land stewardship. The evolution in science, farming techniques and how interface with our natural habitats are constantly improving. I would love to apply that to East Multnomah County and be a fresh new voice to the group.

(This information furnished by Joe Rossi)

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EAST MULTNOMAH SWCD

Director, Zone 2

Grant Eisele

Occupation: Organic Farmer/ Manager: Scenic Fruit Co. and Eisele Farms

Occupational Background: Thirteen years of blueberry crop production, sales and promotion

Educational Background: Sandy High School; MHCC; Eastern Oregon University, Global Food and Agribusiness

Prior Governmental Experience: N/A

I am looking forward to serving our community through my passion of soil and water conservation. The appreciation of organic growing methods on my family farm would be just one set of the broad experiences I will bring to the district. I have enjoyed working with a diverse groups of land stewards. I would be a fresh new voice in the EMCSWD, for this volunteer position.

If elected, I will promote projects and seek diverse partnership opportunities to:

- Keep our natural waters clean.
- Conserve our water resources.
- Maintain and promote soil health.
- Promote soil and water projects that benefit our underserved and disadvantaged communities.

A clean and healthy environment is a long legacy deserving our future generations. I'd love to be part of this exciting work.

(This information furnished by Grant Eisele)

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WEST MULTNOMAH SWCD

Director, At-Large Position 1

Weston Miller

Occupation: Since 2007, I have served as Community and Urban Horticulture faculty for Oregon State University Extension Service for Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties. I manage the popular Master Gardener program. We train and manage volunteers to answer the public's gardening and pest management questions. In partnership with state and local agencies, I lead a statewide effort to develop a new pest management website and information service. The goal of this project is to reduce the impacts of pests and pest management practices on people and the environment in non-agricultural settings. It will also address inequities in access to unbiased, science-based pest management information.

Occupational Background: Before starting for OSU, I served as a middle and high school science teacher in California. I also have extensive experience as a small scale farmer and ecological landscaper.

Educational Background: San Jose State University, Environmental Studies, Master of Science; Lewis and Clark College, Biology, Bachelor of Science

Prior Governmental Experience: 2016 – 2020; West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District; Elected Director At-Large Position 1 and Treasurer 2012 – 2016; West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District; Appointed Associate Director

I am excited to continue my service as elected Director At-Large at WMSWCD. I bring a passion for conservation to my role. My background as an Extension agent and farmer and landscaper prepare me to understand the on-the-ground work of the District. I also have professional experience as a program manager and financial manager. This experiences helps me to support the great work of this government agency. I am committed to learn and participate in the District's efforts to meet the conservations needs of diverse stakeholders. It is an honor to be part of this thriving organization.

(This information furnished by Weston Miller)

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ROCKWOOD PUD

Director, Sub-District 3

Kathy Zimmerman

Occupation: 2008-Current Licensed Professional Counselor OR/WA: Private Practice
Occupational Background: 2010-2012 Columbia River Mental Health: Mental Health Therapist; 2007- 010 Good Samaritan Ministries: Volunteer Counselor; 1976-2007 US Bancorp: Business Analyst, Test Lead, Test Analyst, Multiple other positions within US Bank throughout my career; 2004-2005 Elders in Action: Volunteer Ombudsman; 2003- 2004 Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare: Intern
Educational Background: George Fox University – Masters Degree; Warner Pacific College – Bachelors of Science Degree; Mt Hood Community College – AA Transfer Degree
Prior Governmental Experience: 2017: Appointed Board of Director. Rockwood PUD Subdistrict 3; 2018-2020: Elected Board of Director, Rockwood PUD Subdistrict 3

The 2017 gorge fires caused me to have great concern regarding our water resources and drinking water safety. When a board position opened on the Rockwood Water PUD, I saw it as a good opportunity to volunteer my time and voice. Water quality and water safety impact everyone in our community.

Since my initial appointment to the board, I have participated in local, regional, and national conferences regarding water education. I have been able to ask questions and lend my voice to the decision-making process including budget, maintenance, and district improvements. My goal is to represent my neighbors and patrons of Rockwood PUD.

My husband and I have lived in the Rockwood area for the past 42 years. Learning to balance career, marriage and family requires that I not become rigid in my thinking. After a career of 31 years in the banking industry, I became a Licensed Professional Counselor in OR/WA in 2008. I consider myself a lifelong learner and an active listener. It would be an honor to represent my neighbors as the Subdistrict #3 Board position of the Rockwood Water PUD.

(This information furnished by Kathy Zimmerman)

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Measure 26-211

Referred to the People by the Board of County Commissioners

BALLOT TITLE

Bonds to Expand, Renovate, Construct Library Branches, Facilities; Increase Safety

Question: Shall County expand, modernize, rebuild, acquire land for library facilities; issue \$387,000,000 in general obligation bonds, with oversight, audits? 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: If approved, this measure would authorize up to \$387,000,000 of general obligation bonds to finance capital costs to increase the size and update library facilities across the County. Specifically, the bonds are intended to:

Enlarge and modernize eight county libraries, some in each part of the county.

Build a flagship library in East County, similar in capacity to downtown's Central Library.

Expand, renovate, or construct seven branch libraries, including Albina, Belmont, Holgate, Midland, North Portland, Northwest, and St. Johns.

Add gigabit speed internet to all libraries.

Create a central materials handling and distribution center to increase efficiency and cost effectiveness.

Pay for furnishings, equipment, site improvements, land acquisition, and bond issuance costs.

Bonds would mature not more than nine years from issuance and may be issued in multiple series. The County estimates the average cost to be \$0.61 per \$1,000 of assessed value over the term of the bond. Actual rate may vary. An independent bond oversight committee and annual audits will help ensure funds are used as intended.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Multnomah County libraries are the fourth busiest in the nation based on circulation and 102nd in amount of total library square footage. All 19 Multnomah County library branches, including the Central location, could fit inside the single, downtown Seattle library with room to spare. Additionally, that limited space is not equitably distributed: East Portland and East County are home to nearly 40% of the county's population, and have 20% of library location space.

Multnomah County Library's mission is "Empowering our community to learn and create." If approved, the bonds would fund capital costs to increase the size and update library facilities across the County, to help further the Library's mission throughout the community, for all those who seek to participate in its programs.

While Multnomah County libraries are funded through a dedicated library district, those funds cover only staffing, maintenance and operations of the Library, not facility updates, construction or modernization.

Most county library buildings were built in the last century for books and not much else. Now, libraries provide access to information electronically, as well as hands-on training

and learning, in-person programs and technology. Examples of space constraints experienced by libraries include:

- . Library programs cannot accommodate all those who want to attend. For example, librarians turn away families for Storytime and other reading programs due to lack of space.
- . There are ten quiet study rooms across the entire library system, in a county of over 800,000 residents. And these are available at three libraries only.
- . Libraries like Belmont have limited space to sit and read or for librarians to work with users.
- . At some of the busiest libraries, approximately 70% of requests for public meeting rooms are declined because they are overbooked.
- . Some locations cannot accommodate usage consistent with physical distancing guidelines.

If approved, the Library bond would authorize the County to issue up to \$387 million in general obligation bonds to update, renovate, construct, and refresh libraries across the county.

More space would be provided for Library programs, and public meetings: and to sit, read, study, work and learn. Access to computers, digital devices and high-speed internet would be increased in every branch. More library space would be made available for East Portland and East Multnomah County.

Specifically, if approved, the bonds would

1. Enlarge and modernize eight County libraries, some in each part of the county; including Albina, Belmont, Holgate, Midland, North Portland, Northwest, and St. Johns;
2. Build a 'flagship' library in East County similar in capacity to Central Library in downtown Portland;
3. Add gigabit speed internet to all library facilities;
4. Create a central materials handling and distribution center to increase efficiency and cost effectiveness; and
5. Pay for furnishings, equipment, site improvements, land acquisition, and bond issuance costs.

If approved, the 9-year \$387 million bond is estimated to cost approximately \$0.61 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Actual rates may vary. An independent bond oversight committee, and annual audits, will help ensure funds are used as intended.

Submitted by:

Eric Arellano, Chief Financial Officer Multnomah County

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Measure 26-211

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Our Libraries. Now More Than Ever.

Vote Yes on Measure 26-211

The Multnomah County Library is one of our community's treasures: a safe, welcoming place that opens doors to reading, learning, and opportunity for all. And as we work to emerge from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, libraries are more essential than ever.

But they are out of space: while we have the 4th highest circulation of any library system in the nation, we are 102nd in terms of square footage. And our aging buildings are in dire need of modernization.

The Library Bond will:

Expand and modernize the libraries that need it most, in the neighborhoods that need them most, including:

Albina – Belmont – Holgate – Midland – North Portland – Northwest – St. Johns

Build a new “flagship” library in Gresham.

East Multnomah County has 40% of the county population but only 20% of library space.

Provide more space to ensure children are not turned away from reading programs.

Whatever the school year looks like, libraries will be critical to getting students back on track. This measure means more room for reading programs like Storytime, programs for people learning English, homework help, distance learning and activities for students and teens.

Provide high-speed, no cost broadband internet access at all branches, with more devices and more space to use them.

Having reliable internet access is now a necessity, not a convenience. But 40% of the lowest-income households do not have internet at home. During the pandemic, many people have been parking outside library buildings just to access Wi-Fi.

Improve access for people with disabilities.

Provide critical help to Multnomah County job seekers.

This measure will provide facilities for librarians to help with resume writing, interview preparation, job seeking, and job training.

Upgrade materials handling and distribution.

Replacing the current, antiquated system will save money and time in delivering materials to customers.

Vote YES for Our Libraries!

(This information furnished by Rachael Bowen)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

OUR LIBRARIES ARE THERE FOR OUR KIDS NOW WE NEED TO BE THERE FOR THEM

THIS YEAR IS LIKE NO OTHER

- . COVID-19 has torn through our community and the economic crisis has left so many families at risk.
- . When schools closed to keep kids and teachers safe, children missed weeks of classroom time.
- . We face months more when schools won't be operating like normal.

"I count on the library to provide materials and resources for my students. This year, that help is more important than ever before."

- Erica Murie, 3rd grade teacher

PARENTS ARE COUNTING ON LIBRARIES TO HELP KIDSWITH SCHOOL WORK

- . Many local students are missing out on in-person classroom time, and libraries are critical to getting them back on track.
- . This measure will help ensure there is more library space for reading programs, homework help, and activities for students and teens.
- . The library offers one-on-one homework help to students and a safe, structured environment for tutoring.

"I don't know what we would do without the library. I think the library may be the only thing keeping kids engaged this year during distance learning." - Mary Evans, parent of two children

OUR LIBRARIES WORK WITH HUNDREDS OF LOCAL SCHOOLS

- . Multnomah County librarians work with close to 270 schools in the area.
- . Every teacher in every public school can get help from the library through the School Corps program.
- . The Library Connect program allows students to access library materials instantly -- with just a school ID.
- . And with school budgets always tight, the public library is where teachers and students go for assistance.

"A library card is probably the single most valuable school supply that any student gets. It provides access to countless books and other resources. Not to mention the librarians who help students access these tools." - Reba Parker, retired school librarian

VOTE YES FOR OUR KIDS VOTE YES FOR OUR LIBRARIES VOTE YES ON 26-21

(This information furnished by Thomas Wheatley)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

LOCAL LABOR UNIONS AND WORKING FAMILIES ARE VOTING YES ON THE LIBRARY BOND

Your YES vote on 26-211 will provide more space for people looking for work and learning new skills.

- . Libraries provide resume classes, job training, and interview preparation.
- . But in our tiny library buildings, these classes fill up quickly. And people get turned away.
- . During this economic crisis, our community needs extra help from libraries.

“In a tough economy, libraries provide critical help to Multnomah County job seekers. This measure will provide facilities for librarians to help with resume writing, interview preparation, job seeking, and job training.”

- Heather Mayther, Carpenter

Your YES vote on 26-211 will expand library space across the county.

- . Expand and modernize seven branches: Albina, Belmont, Holgate, Midland, North Portland, Northwest, and St. Johns.
- . Build a new “flagship” library in East County where it is needed the most.
- . Install high-speed internet in every local library branch in Multnomah County, free and available to the public.

“Libraries are especially important for working families and people struggling to make ends meet. The library has books, materials, and technology -- things that are essential, but that not everyone can afford.”

--Michele Chavez, Construction worker

Your YES vote on 26-211 will provide extra library space for services that low income and working families count on.

- . Lots of local families cannot afford the internet at home. Our libraries provide it -- for free.
- . Many people don't have the money to buy books or magazines. Our libraries provide them -- for free.

Most local families can't afford a private tutor for their kids.

Our libraries provide one-on-one tutoring for students -- for free.

**JUST A FEW OF THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON
MEASURE 26-211**

AFSCME Local 88

|
NW Carpenters Union

|
District Council of Laborers (LIUNA)

|
IBEW Local 48

|
Working Families Party

(This information furnished by Michael Itanna)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Vote Yes on Measure 26-211 to help bridge the Digital Divide!

There is a gap in our community that is hard to see, but IT can be a barrier to learning, opportunity, and success. It's called the Digital Divide.

Access to the internet and technology is no longer just a convenience -- it's a necessity of life. And in our community, the most important bridge across that divide is the Multnomah County Library -- the #1 provider of internet in the entire state.

Fully 40% of our lowest income households do not have internet at home. This population includes low-income families, youth, seniors, people of color, immigrants and refugees, people with disabilities, and English language learners.

During the quarantine, people sat in the parking lots of closed library branches just to access the essential lifeline of free, high-speed WIFI.

But that lifeline cannot reach everyone who needs it. Even when libraries reopen, there is not enough space or devices for all those who need them.

As digital advocates, we work with thousands of people who rely on the Multnomah County Library for computer access

-- to pay bills online, help children with homework, practice English, or search for employment.

The library offers:

- . Classes on computer skills and technology.
- . Tech help in multiple languages.
- . A safe and trusted space for community gatherings, classes and training.

COVID-19 has increased the importance of the library's digital role.

- . E-book and electronic material usage has increased at least 50%.
- . Librarians are running online Storytime reading activities for families in multiple languages.
- . The library has expanded access to digital content, directing resources to acquire more e-books and other online materials.

The Library Bond will install high speed broadband internet service in every library branch in Multnomah County, add connected devices, and create the space to use them.

Join us in voting YES for our Libraries!
Adelle Pomeroy, Digital Inclusion Manager
FREE GEEK

Seth Ring, Director of Education
METRO EAST COMMUNITY MEDIA
(This information furnished by Rachael Bowen)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Libraries help people find jobs.

Measure 26-211 means more space, better internet, and more assistance for job seekers.

Librarians are able to help people in ways that make a real difference in their lives. One of the most significant is when someone is looking for a new or different job, looking to change their focus, or update their skills.

Looking for work can be hard, especially right now. But the library is here to assist -- with computers, services, classes, and training.

- . Public libraries are a critical source of internet access for people who don't have internet at home. These days, it's hard to find a job without a computer.
- . Library staff and resources can assist people applying for unemployment.
- . Libraries conduct free computer classes in everything from word processing to designing your own website.

The library also provides more in-depth help for job seekers.

- . Our libraries host job strategy workshops to help find job openings and submit applications.
- . Library classes on interview preparation help people build confidence, prepare for difficult questions, and practice interviewing.

"I know firsthand how important the library is when you're looking for a job. When I was a struggling single mom, trying to re-enter the workforce, the library was a safe place for my family. My kids could find books and educational activities while I used a computer, got internet access, and looked for work."

-- Sonja McKenzie, mother of four

Measure 26-211 will make a real difference in the library's ability to help people looking for jobs.

Our libraries need:

- . More study rooms for practicing and conducting interviews.
- . More computers and space for job seekers.
- . More large meeting rooms for classes and job search preparation programs.

In uncertain economic times, the library helps the community put the pieces back together – including important assistance for getting back to work.

Please vote YES

to expand and modernize our libraries.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-211

(This information furnished by Sonja McKenzie)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Tiny houses are cool.

Tiny library branches? Not so much.

We can fit every single one of our 19 Multnomah County Library buildings into the single Seattle downtown library branch, with room to spare.

Our buildings are small. Some of them are tiny. Really tiny.

Tiny library branches offer services, but traffic management is tough:

- There is very limited space to read, study or learn. People are squeezed shoulder to shoulder, while others wait for a seat.
- Many libraries have no meeting space. Programs like Storytime and children's reading classes must meet in the middle of the branch, where others read, browse, and study. It's disruptive for everyone.
- Computers and table space are very limited. Many people get their only internet access at the library, so this lack of space shuts them out entirely.

Fortunately, the library bond will expand and modernize many of our smallest libraries.

The library bond will:

- Enlarge and modernize seven libraries across the county: Albina, Belmont, Holgate, Midland, North Portland, Northwest and St. Johns.
- Build a Gresham 'flagship' library for under-served East County residents.
- Add much faster internet to all libraries.
- Create a materials handling and distribution center to get people their books faster and save money.

Bigger libraries mean more space for classes and programs, better internet, more computers, more space for lessons on how to use devices, help with job searches and job interview preparation, and tutoring for students.

We count on our libraries for all these things. Now is our chance to invest in their future, and ours.

Please Vote YES on Measure 26-211!

Signed by users of our tiny library branches, Antonio Giulietti, Northwest

Beverly Ballient, Holgate Christopher Rauschenberg, Belmont Dave Giulietti, Northwest

Dewy Meyer, Belmont Donald Grose, St. Johns James Mayer, Sellwood Janice Kerr,

Holgate Kathryn Arnerich, Albina Linda Silver, Sellwood Lynn Bonner, Belmont

Mary Byers-Grose, St. Johns Nuhamin Eiden, North Portland Ruth Szilagyi, Holgate

Sharon Kirkeby, Belmont

(This information furnished by Antonio Giulietti)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Join Local Teachers in Supporting Our Libraries

We need our libraries, and they need us – more than ever!

As local public school teachers, we depend on our local libraries. So do our students and their families.

Our libraries provide critical services to teachers, schools and students.

School Corps: Serving every single public school in our county

- . Providing books and materials on requested topics, or customized lists, for individual teachers and students.
- . Detailed web assistance for student research and support.

Extra help for kids who need it

- . The library staff visit dozens of schools, serving 3rd - 6th graders who need extra help.
- . The Booktalkers after-school program delivers books and presentations to nonprofit groups serving at-risk youth – helping thousands of students.

Our libraries are especially important for kids who need a safe, structured place to go after school when their parents are still at work.

But when the libraries re-open, they will be too small, just like they were before COVID-19.

Even before the pandemic, almost all of our library buildings were overcrowded. That meant not enough study space, less computer and internet access, and too little space for library programs aimed at children and students – reading programs, learning English, and more.

And with social distancing needs, that overcrowding is now unsafe.

The library bond will help the libraries that need it most

These are the branches that need more space overall: more chairs and enough space so regular library users, student, and children programs can use the building at the same time.

It's essential to expand and modernize our libraries so they can continue to be an indispensable support for schools, teachers, and students.

Join TEACHERS across the county in voting YES for our libraries!

Angie Amato (Parkrose)

John Metz (Portland Public Schools) Lisa Meyers (Centennial)

Kelly Norman (Centennial) Martin O'Brien (Reynolds)

Muhammad Rahman (David Douglas) Mary Roberts (Portland Public Schools) Cathay

Parker (Portland Public Schools) Andreina Velasco (David Douglas)

(This information furnished by Sharon Kirkeby)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

We need libraries that meet the needs of our entire community

Vote YES for our Libraries Libraries have changed. Our buildings have not.

Most of our 19 Multnomah County Library locations were designed decades ago. Today, thousands of families, students, job seekers, seniors, and those living with disabilities rely on our library for a wide range of services we could not have imagined just 20 years ago.

Unfortunately, our library cannot meet these needs today due to lack of space and outdated infrastructure. Expanding library spaces will give every person in our community access to critical services they cannot afford or find elsewhere.

Let's create the library system our community needs — by expanding libraries in underserved neighborhoods, increasing access to technology, improving access for those with disabilities, and expanding space for children's programs so every child in the county can participate.

- **Multnomah County Library is one of the nation's busiest library systems. It's also one of the smallest library systems serving a metro area.** Even before social distancing, librarians were forced to turn children, families, and job seekers away from programs due to lack of space in overcrowded buildings.
- **Our community has grown rapidly — but our libraries have not.** It's been decades since voters approved a significant investment in library buildings. While our county's population has increased by 30%, library space has increased by only 5%.
- **Underserved communities need neighborhood libraries** with more space for children's reading programs. In East County, where library space is limited, one in four children lives in poverty — the highest rate in the state of Oregon.
- **40% of our county's lowest-income households do not have access to the internet at home.** Many students, job seekers, and families rely on Multnomah County Library to keep them connected.

Expand and improve library spaces for the people and neighborhoods that need them most.

Vote YES for Multnomah County Library.

The Library Foundation, an independent, local nonprofit that supports Multnomah County Library's work

(This information furnished by Morris Sumrall, The Library Foundation)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

A MESSAGE FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN EAST PORTLAND AND EAST COUNTY

Sody Fern, East Portland Kelly Rasmussen, Rockwood Robyn Stowers, Gresham Coua Xiong, Troutdale Francisco Aguirre, Fairview Tara Ludwig, Troutdale Melissa Poulin, Fairview Diana Lindemann, Gresham Erica Murie, Lents Dan de Vriend, Rockwood Kelly Norman, Corbett

FOR TOO LONG, OUR COMMUNITIES HAVE LACKED LIBRARY SERVICES.

We are proud of our part of Multnomah County, including the communities of Corbett, Fairview, Gresham, Maywood Park, Troutdale, and Wood Village. Our quality of life and sense of community is special.

Libraries are a center of our communities, providing a vital, no-cost resource to children, families, jobseekers, senior citizens, and anyone who needs information.

But as our communities have grown, our libraries have not.

While 40% of the county's population lives east of the I-205 freeway, we host only 20% of library space.

THE LIBRARY BOND WILL HELP REVERSE THIS INEQUALITY.

The bond will build a flagship library in Gresham to serve East County as a regional center for learning and information resources, at a similar scale to Central Library in downtown

Portland. The community will be consulted during the design of the new library, so that it matches our needs.

THE LIBRARY BOND ALSO PROVIDES CRITICAL SUPPORT FOR EXISTING EAST SIDE LIBRARY BRANCHES:

- Midland branch will be expanded to provide more room for reading, studying, computer use, classes, and more.
- Rockwood, Troutdale, and Fairview branches will be updated and refreshed.

ALL LIBRARIES AND LIBRARY USERS WILL BENEFIT FROM:

- New high-speed broadband internet in all library branches, with more devices to access it. This is particularly important for low-income families, many of whom use the library as their only source of internet.
- A centralized book distribution and sorting center to get books to people faster and save money in the process.

The library bond is a once in a lifetime investment in East County. Please join us in voting Yes!

YES ON 26-211.

YES FOR FAIRNESS.

(This information furnished by Francisco Aguirre)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

A Message from Community Volunteers “It’s so crowded in here!”

We are community volunteers who contribute our time and talents to support local libraries.

Our volunteer work helps support library programs like the Summer Reading Program for kids and outreach services for seniors and people with disabilities.

We see every day how important our libraries are -- a free and essential resource open to everyone. And we see how much help they need.

Many of our library buildings are over 80 years old. They were built for a different era, a smaller community, and with a focus almost entirely on books. With our growing population, they are bursting at the seams.

It’s past time to bring our libraries up to date. Here are a few of the many reasons they need modernization and expansion:

- Some libraries are so small we can’t host a reading program and have regular library users at the same time. With more space, kids won’t be turned away from Storytime and people will have a place to read and study.
- We need improved access to libraries for people with disabilities.
- At a time when 40% of the lowest-income households don’t have internet at home, libraries need high-speed broadband internet access and more space for computers.

Measure 26-211 will provide basic fairness. **While 40% of the county’s population lives east of I-205, they only have 20% of the county’s library space.**

The Library Bond will build a long-overdue and much needed full-service branch in Gresham.

Please join us in supporting our libraries. They do so much for us. And they need us now more than ever.

SIGNED NEIGHBORHOOD BRANCH

Matt Berning Albina

Patricia Carlin Belmont Jeffrey Allen Scherer Central Heather McGivney Fairview

Ade Nurasih Gregory Heights

Jose Luis Pasaye Gresham

Sara Lindgren Hillsdale

Margaret Collins Holgate

Lane Shaffer Hollywood

Sharon Little Kenton/North Portland

Jennifer Erland Midland

Bruce Berning Northwest

Kelly Rasmussen Rockwood

Carlotta Richard Sellwood

Meryl Cole St. Johns

(This information furnished by Rachael Bowen)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Dear Neighbors,

I'm a resident of Gresham and the mother of two school-aged children.

I've been a Multnomah County resident and a library card holder most of my life. When the libraries are operating on normal hours, we go to the library once or twice a week.

These days we're there every week to pick up our books on hold.

My middle schooler uses her library card so often that she has memorized her library card number! It makes me so proud.

Last year, I brought my kids to a big, modern library in Hillsboro.

I was so impressed at the space they have available there. Places for kids to hang out. A makerspace for hands-on learning. Plenty of room to sit and read or to use a computer. Rows and rows of books.

At our local Multnomah County library branch, it feels like everything and everyone is wedged in.

Like the rest of East County, our little neighborhood library branch is bursting at the seams. The staff created a teen space with books just for teenagers. They can barely fit a couple of bean bag chairs in the tiny space.

When we don't have enough space in our libraries for kids to read and study and hang out, then we are sending them a very clear message -- that learning doesn't matter as much as it should.

A while ago, my children and I went to a science activity at the library. We arrived 45 minutes early. Fully 35 kids showed up but there was space for only 20. So 15 kids were turned away.

Kids want to engage in activities in the library and we should encourage them, not turn them away because our library buildings are so small and outdated.

We ought to have more space for kids and families in our local library branches here in Multnomah County.

I hope you vote YES on Measure 26-211. Sincerely,

Liz McCann

Gresham resident

(This information furnished by Liz McCann)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

For parents, our libraries are more important than ever!

There are a lot of pressures on parents and families these days.

What's happening with schools this year? Our jobs? Older family members? For parents, getting help is more important than ever.

Our public libraries provide essential resources:

- . Organized activities for kids.
- . Internet and computer access for families who don't have them at home.
- . Help from librarians on how to search for a new or better job.
- . Books sent to senior citizens – over 200,000 a year!
- . Free customized help for almost everything: teaching children to read, tutoring, applying to college, or even fixing a car!

Our libraries serve us so well. But the buildings are small and out of date.

- . Children are regularly turned away from reading programs because there isn't enough space for everyone.
- . Several libraries conduct programs for reading, learning English, or computer training right in the middle of the building because there's no meeting space. This disrupts other library users.

Library services aren't available evenly across our county.

People living east of I-205 make up 40% of the county's population but have only 20% of library space.

Parents from across Multnomah County urge a YES vote on 26-211. It will provide:

- . More space so local children are not turned away from reading programs.
- . Facilities for kids who have missed months of classroom instruction.
- . High-speed internet at all branches, more devices, and space to use them.
- . Equitable access to library services in East County.

Please join us in voting YES for the libraries we need.

Now more than ever.

FRANCISCO AGUIRRE, FAIRVIEW

JOANNE BRODY, SOUTHEAST

LUCIO DALLA GASPERINA, NORTHEAST

NUHAMIN EIDEN, SOUTHWEST

MARY EVANS, NORTH PORTLAND

REBECCA JENKINS, NORTHWEST

SHARON KIRKEBY, SOUTHEAST

RYAN KUEHLTHAU, SOUTHWEST

TARA LUDWIG, TROUTDALE

BENNO LYON, CORBETT

ERIN MCKEE, NORTH PORTLAND

MELISSA POULIN, FAIRVIEW

SODY PUTH FEARN, EAST PORTLAND

JASPER SHEN, NORTH PORTLAND

STEPHANIE SMITH, NORTHEAST
ANDREA VALDERRAMA, EAST PORTLAND
(This information furnished by Mary Evans)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Vote YES for our Libraries!

A Message from the Friends of the Library

Our non-profit organization has served the community since 1972. We are volunteer community members who have spent decades supporting our local library branches in Multnomah County.

We know our libraries are a community treasure: a safe, welcoming place that opens the doors to reading, learning, and opportunity for all.

Multnomah County Library is the 4th busiest library system in the country, but we are 102nd in terms of square footage. In fact, you can fit all 19 of our county library branches inside Seattle's downtown library building, with room to spare!

As library volunteers, we see firsthand how the lack of library space impacts our community:

- . Librarians must regularly turn families away from Storytimes and reading programs due to lack of space.
- . There are only 10 quiet study rooms to serve 800,000 people.
- . In many branches, there is no space for reading or homework and people are crammed together just to get to a computer screen.

Measure 26-211 is a chance for our residents to have access to:

- . Adequate library space for kids and families to sit, read, study, and work together.
- . More space for reading programs so families aren't turned away.
- . Up-to-date, high-speed internet.
- . Improved access for seniors and people experiencing disabilities.

Multnomah County Library is one of the best-loved and most widely-used library systems in the nation because our libraries are an essential part of our lives.

We need our libraries now more than ever. This is our chance to make an overdue investment that will help our libraries be there for the entire community.

The library bond will dramatically increase library space in East Multnomah County.

Measure 26-211 will expand and modernize neighborhood branches across the county and create more space for critically important community resources.

VOTE YES FOR OUR LIBRARIES!

Signed,

The Friends of the Multnomah County Library A Volunteer-Led Community Nonprofit

(This information furnished by Jackie Starr)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**Libraries are a Critical Resource for Small Businesses and our Employees.
Voting YES on 26-211 will support our economic recovery.**

We all know libraries are great. But you might not know how much small businesses rely on them:

- Libraries provide important services for small businesspeople, geared toward our needs: sources for researching products, market trends, training materials, and more.
- Libraries are neighborhood anchors throughout Multnomah County. They attract families, students, and senior citizens – the heart and soul of our customer and employee base.
- In fact, many small businesses purposely locate near libraries because of the economic activity they help generate.

If libraries are too small to reopen or cannot accommodate all the people who want to use them, it hurts us too. Decades without expansion to meet public demand limit the library's potential and ours.

That's why we support the investment to expand and modernize our library branches through this bond measure.

The library bond will expand seven local branches in the neighborhoods that need them most -- and add a new Gresham flagship branch for underserved East County communities. It will also provide updates to every branch in the system, including adding high-speed internet.

And there's one more thing to know: our librarians are excellent stewards of taxpayer money:

- Our libraries are well-maintained. Though small and out of date, these buildings do not have "deferred maintenance."
- All funds collected for the library bond go only to the library, not to other uses.
- The library undergoes annual county audits and bond expenditures will be overseen by an independent bond oversight committee.

As businesspeople, we count on a strong community and supportive services to conduct our operations. Just like you, we count on our libraries.

Please join us in Voting Yes for our Libraries!

Michael Liu

Fubonn Shopping Center

Cynthia Zielinski

Fyberworks Boutique

Faith Myers Camp

Sweet Betty's Bistro

Jonathan Rawson

Independent Contractor

Mary Milstead

The Stacks Coffeehouse

Laura Tran

XLB Restaurant

(This information furnished by Laura Tran)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Libraries are critical to senior citizens, providing continuing education and connection to others.

Many senior citizens use the library – either in person or from home. As we age, we need the library’s help keeping us up to date and connected to the world. Fortunately, our wonderful library system provides so much for senior citizens.

Now, after visiting and benefitting from the library for years, it’s become obvious: We must support the library bond in order to get larger, modern library buildings.

Libraries need more room to help senior citizens plan for the future through educational and service programs:

- . Scam protection workshops to protect yourself from scams.
- . Retirement planning.
- . Wills, trusts and estate planning.
- . How to use current digital and electronic devices – computers, tablets, phones and more.

Libraries need more room, and better internet, to help senior citizens learn new technology and stay connected through classes and support:

- . Introduction to Computers: all the basics.
- . Library2Go: download e-books and learn how to operate electronic devices.
- . TechnoHosts, people who help you develop your computer skills.
- . Page-turners large print book group: where we can talk about books and get to know our neighbors.

Some of our libraries are so small, they were overcrowded even before the pandemic. Since Covid-19, these buildings have become unsafe. There isn’t enough room for physical distancing.

Senior citizens count on our libraries for so much. Libraries help us to learn, stay active and remain living independently.

We need larger libraries to access these essential programs. And, libraries need enough space to manage the thousands of books and materials delivered to isolated seniors and the homebound.

We support the library bond.

If you want to help support local senior citizens, we urge you to vote YES too!

Rhonda Ensley Diana Lindemann Geraldine Ethen Kathryn Longstreth-
Brown Lori Merchel Molly Weinstein

Susan Hathaway-Marxer Jacqueline Abel Reba Parker Steve Weiss

Nancy Becker Judith Widen Johna Rossetto

(This information furnished by Geraldine Ethen)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

People of Color Community Leaders Urge a Yes Vote on Measure 26-211

Black, Indigenous and People of Color communities have been especially hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic. We need the library to be there for us as our communities work to recover from the coronavirus and the economic crisis.

Ricardo Lujan-Valerio, Latino Network

“The library bond means more room for homework help, programs for people learning English, and activities for students and teens to thrive.”

Kayse Jama, Unite Oregon

“Our local libraries bring immense value and resources to people of color, immigrants, and refugees. Libraries are free, accessible and inclusive spaces that make room for all people to learn and explore. This bond measure is an investment in our community at a time when we need it most.”

Andrea Valderrama, David Douglas School District Board Chair

“Fully 45% of kids in Multnomah County are kids of color. The library needs to have the space to serve ALL students and their families so everyone has a chance to thrive.”

Mohamed Salim Bahamadi, HAKI Community Organization “Through ESL classes, computer classes and accessible meeting spaces, the Library provides intercultural learning and engagement opportunities for all our communities to prosper and thrive.”

Luz Reyna, East County Rising

“East County is home to so many people of color and low income residents. Fully 40% of Multnomah County residents live east of I-205, but we only have 20% of library space here. We need this measure because it will build a large, full-service branch in Gresham and serve the entire community.”

Coua Xiong, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon “Multnomah County hasn’t expanded library space in years, even though the community has grown dramatically. During the COVID-19 pandemic, library space has been even harder to access since many of our local library branches are way too small for physical distancing.”

VOTE YES FOR OUR LIBRARIES VOTE YES ON 26-211

(This information furnished by Mohamad Bahamadi)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

A MESSAGE FROM U.S. CONGRESSMAN EARL BLUMENAUER

Our Libraries are a Pillar of Our Communities Voting Yes on the Library Bond Will Help Them Be There for Everyone

We all love our Multnomah County Libraries. They are such an essential part of what makes a strong community.

It’s not just about providing books and materials. At a time when 40% of the lowest-income families do not have internet access at home, the Multnomah County Library is Oregon’s largest provider of free internet access.

Our libraries are places of learning and information, open to all. They were incredibly important to me. I literally grew up in the County branch libraries. When I served as a Multnomah County Commissioner, I was very proud to be part of the team that governed and supported them.

But being open to all does not necessarily mean our libraries are available and accessible to all. While our love of the libraries makes ours one of the busiest systems in the nation, we are also one of the smallest.

Too many kids and families are turned away from reading programs, Storytime, and language classes for people learning English. Many branches don’t even have room to read, study, or work. **This Library Bond will mean more space, better internet, and greater accessibility.**

It will also mean greater equality of service for underserved parts of our community. And as a graduate of Centennial High School, I know East County is particularly

shortchanged: it has 40% of the County's population but only 20% of the library space. The bond will expand library space East of I-205, including a new "flagship" branch in Gresham. I greatly appreciate the bond helping address this imbalance.

It has never been more important to have institutions that support learning, provide good information, and draw our community together.

That is why I am voting Yes on Measure 26-211. I hope you will too.

- Earl

(This information furnished by Earl Blumenauer)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

A Message from Financial Professionals

Our libraries have a record of financial responsibility and the library bond includes vigorous and independent oversight.

As a former Multnomah County Auditor and a private sector financial officer, we have reviewed many financial practices, reports, and audits.

We know what it means for an organization to have a strong set of financial practices that promote cost savings, financial transparency, and, most importantly, direct most resources toward serving the public.

Multnomah County Library has demonstrated very strong financial management over the years:

- . Financial audits have requested very few recommendations for changes and all have been implemented.
- . While most of the library buildings are older, they have been kept well-maintained and have not accrued deferred maintenance.
- . Additional independent oversight is provided from the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission.

The Library Bond Measure includes additional oversight:

- . An independent citizen oversight committee will review bond projects and expenditures to ensure funds are used as promised.
- . Annual financial audits of bond expenditures will be conducted.

Multnomah County Library has operated under budget each year since voters approved the Library District:

- . The Library maintains a positive operating balance every year.
- . All financial information and budgets are available to the public for independent review.

However, even the best financial oversight cannot overcome the reality of aging buildings that need modernization or address their lack of space.

We urge you to support Measure 26-211 so the library can continue to do its central and essential job: providing our community with a free place to read, study and learn.

Steve March

Former Multnomah County Auditor

Terry McCall

Former Financial Consultant & Former Chair, Multnomah County Tax Supervising & Conservation Commission

(This information furnished by Steve March)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The Multnomah County Library Bond By The Numbers

- . Multnomah County Library is the nation's 4th busiest by circulation.
- . It is 102nd in space.

Measure 26-111 will expand seven of the smallest library branches.

- . Multnomah County Libraries are the Number 1 provider of free Internet in Oregon.
- . 40% of lowest income households in Multnomah County do not have Internet access at home.

Measure 26-211 will upgrade all libraries with high speed WiFi Internet access and add devices -- and space to use them

- . 40% of Multnomah County residents live East of I-205; that area has only 20% of the County's Library space.

Measure 26-211 will build a "flagship" library in Gresham and expand library space and services throughout East Portland and East County.

- . Multnomah County Libraries serve 800,000 people.
- . There's only 10 quiet study rooms, available in only 3 library branches.

Measure 26-211 will add space for students, job-seekers, and others who need a quiet place to learn.

- . It's been decades since the last significant investment was made to some library buildings.

Measure 26-211 will help ensure that our libraries will be open to all for our future.

- . Multnomah County Library delivers 115,000 per year to seniors.
- . More than 50,000 times each day, someone checks out, renews, or streams materials from our libraries.
- . Each week the library delivers more than 175,000 items around the county, delivering books and materials for check out.

Measure 26-211 will add space for materials handling and distribution, delivering books more quickly and saving money.

- . More than 110,000 young people engage in the library's summer reading program each year.
- . Annual attendance at children's Storytime activities is over 120,000.
- . Librarians work with nearly 270 local schools every year.

Measure 26-211 will provide improvements to every library branch in the county.

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LIBRARIES

YES ON 26-211

(This information furnished by Rachael Bowen)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Oregon Food Bank support's Measure 26-211 - the Multnomah County Library Bond. Libraries are an important cornerstone of any thriving community. We know they are part of the social safety net for people and families who experience hunger. Our libraries provide access to unique and valuable community resources, access to the internet, and a sense of place and gathering

– all while being one of the only indoor spaces you can visit without cost barriers.

Right now, roughly 40% of Multnomah County's population resides east of Interstate 205, but only about 20% of library space is in that same region. Gentrification has pushed Black, Indigenous and other communities of color further and further east where Multnomah County has not invested in equitable community infrastructure – like libraries. Measure 26-211 provides an opportunity to address this inequity and create the thriving communities we want to see for everyone in our region.

The pandemic has shown us all how closely our health and well-being is tied to one another. Hunger is a symptom of harmful policies and systems that create barriers for people to thrive. We will emerge stronger when we address social issues together, as a community. We can end hunger for good by tackling its root causes.

Oregon Food Bank urges you to vote yes on Measure 26-211.

Susannah Morgan, CEO, Oregon Food Bank

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

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Taxpayers Association of Oregon urges No on #26-211

Is a global recession and pandemic the right time for our library go on a land buying spree?

Is now the best time for the library to go on an expensive luxury remodeling project while thousands of area restaurants, shops and small businesses are at risk of closing forever?

Couldn't the library come up with any number smaller than a staggering \$387 million?

Is what the libraries are asking for worth kicking people out of their homes because they can't afford higher property taxes from this tax?

Please libraries, stop your untimely land buying spree.

Please wait until after the damage is done to start your luxury remodeling.

Please, please, please drop your pricey wish-list and come back next year with a request that taxpayers can afford

No on #26-211

-- Please follow us online at OregonWatchdog.com (see also OregonCatalyist.com). Taxpayer Association of Oregon has been fighting government waste, fraud and abuse for over 20 years.

(This information furnished by Jason Williams, Taxpayers Association of Oregon)

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Measure 26-214

Referred to the People by the Board of County Commissioners

BALLOT TITLE

Establishes tuition-free preschool program, higher earners income tax funding.

Question: Should County establish tuition-free “Preschool for All Program” with new 1.5 to 3.8 percent tax on income above thresholds?

Summary: Establishes “Preschool for All Program” providing up to six hours per day of tuition-free, developmentally appropriate early learning, reflecting best practices. Mixed delivery model; half-day, full-day, year-round, school-year schedule options. All three, four year olds with parent, legal guardian residing in County eligible. Equitable access provided to people of color, historically marginalized communities. Before, aftercare for qualifying incomes. Board to establish provider credentialing requirements, compensation matrix including teacher pay on par with kindergarten teachers, assistants paid \$19.91 per hour in 2022 with adjustments. County neutral on representation, collective bargaining on provider labor relations.

New tax on County residents and taxable income derived within County funds

Program: 1.5 percent tax on taxable income over \$125,000 (single) and \$200,000 (joint), increasing to 2.3 percent tax January 1, 2026; additional

1.5 percent tax on taxable income over \$250,000 (single) and \$400,000 (joint).

Administration by Department of County Human Services (Program), Chief Financial Officer (Tax). Establishes Board appointed advisory committee for oversight, policy recommendations. Independent performance audits. Other provisions.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure would establish an income tax to fund a new 'Preschool for All Program,' providing voluntary, tuition-free, high-quality preschool for all children who are 3 or 4 years old on September 1 of the enrolling year and have parents or legal guardians who reside in Multnomah County, including options for full-year and, for qualifying incomes, before or aftercare. Equitable access will be provided to people of color and other historically marginalized communities.

The “Preschool for All Program” model was developed by a Multnomah County-led task force, to address the lack of access to preschool and disparities, by: increasing access to tuition-free, developmentally appropriate, inclusive, culturally relevant early learning experiences; providing compensation for early learning professionals that is consistent with that of kindergarten teachers; and growing the number of available high quality preschool slots countywide.

Under the “Preschool for All Program” funds would be distributed to:

- Provide high-quality, tuition-free, developmentally appropriate, early learning experiences for children;
- Offer scheduling options including half-day, full-day, year-round, and school-year schedules

- Offer up to 6 hours per day tuition-free for all participants; and up to 4 additional hours per day of before, aftercare tuition-free for families under the Self Sufficiency Standard for Multnomah County;
- Offer culturally relevant, multi-generational learning experiences;
Compensate teachers on par with kindergarten teachers. Preschool assistant wage minimum \$19.91 per hour in 2022, with adjustments on cost of living or commensurate with 135% of Portland minimum wage, whichever is greater;
- Establish compensation matrix and credentialing requirements for providers, including licensure and certification, allowing for workforce development strategies and supports to be in place before credentialing requirements rise.

The County would remain neutral with respect to representation and collective bargaining on matters concerning labor relations for any family childcare provider participating or applying to participate in the Program.

Program funded by a new tax on taxable income of County residents and on taxable income derived from sources within Multnomah County: 1.5 percent on taxable income over \$200,000 (joint) and \$125,000 (single), increasing to 2.3 percent tax on January 1, 2026; additional 1.5 percent on taxable income over \$400,000 (joint) and \$250,000 (single).

A household with taxable income below \$200,000 (single filer below \$125,000) would not pay this tax. Tax becomes effective January 1, 2021.

Program is subject to independent performance audits. Program administered by the Department of County Human Services. Requires recommendation from a technical team on whether the 2026 tax increase is necessary to fully fund the Program.

Creates advisory committee appointed by Board and composed of community members that represent the County's diverse communities and geographies.

Advisory committee to review Program expenditures, provide Program oversight, review data, advise evaluation efforts, and make policy recommendations.

County Chief Financial Officer would oversee collection, enforcement of tax; adoption of implementing administrative rules; contracting with other agencies as needed.

Submitted by:

Jenny M. Madkour, County Attorney Multnomah County

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Measure 26-214

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Please vote YES for Universal Preschool Now!

Universal preschool is a racial and social justice issue! This measure addresses a fundamental social inequity by ensuring all children are guaranteed early educational support, a great foundation for future learning.

Higher income earners can afford it! This is a progressive funding measure that helps eliminate racial and gender inequities. No matter who you are, you rely on the people who take care of our children. Some of us can already afford preschool, but many families are left behind. This measure most helps those who most deserve it.

Culturally-responsive programming just works better! All the data shows us that children perform better when they're in an environment that understands their culture and where staff come from their community. This measure will provide jobs for Black, Latinx, Asian and Native American childcare workers to meet the needs of those communities who have the least access.

End the school to prison pipeline! Research also shows us that youth who have access to early childhood education are better able to attain higher wages and avoid incarceration later in life. While we work to prevent our criminal justice system from harming BIPOC Portlanders, we must also invest in the lifelong educational and economic attainment of these same individuals. Universal Preschool does just that.

“Alongside many of my friends and neighbors, I gathered signatures to support the community-led effort to bring universal pre-K to our County. We will make sure the City supports young families and gives parents the vital resources to succeed. Please, vote YES to provide all our kids with equal opportunity.” - Sarah Iannarone, Progressive Candidate for Mayor

“As a father of two small children, childcare costs are too high for my wife and I. We need programs like Universal Preschool, Now!” - Gregory McKelvey, Democratic Party of Oregon Black Caucus Co-Chair, Sarah Iannarone Supporter

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

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Multnomah County Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson and David Douglas School Board Member Sahar Muranovic proudly say YES to Preschool for All

Preschool is a powerful force for good. It has real, lasting positive impacts for children and families.

Well-funded preschool programs can also properly pay the hardworking professionals teaching our children. All together, these opportunities promote a healthier and more just society.

Our community understands this: We know that our families, community, and economy need universal preschool now more than ever, to ensure that **children can learn and grow, families have the support they need** to be able to work, and **preschool teachers have stable jobs** to earn a living wage.

Measure 26-214—Preschool for All—will positively impact children, families, employers, our school partners, teachers, preschool providers and preschool workers, who are overwhelmingly women and disproportionately women of color.

It will be an investment worthy of this historical moment, when we **prioritize investments in children and BIPOC communities**, who are most affected by the lack of affordable, high-quality preschool.

There are different ways we can show up for these communities. On one hand are tweets, memes, posters, and selfies.

And then there's partnership, action, and most importantly, investments. **Investments in our children, and investments in BIPOC communities.**

We need more of the latter, and that's the opportunity before us.

The Preschool for All Plan is an opportunity for Multnomah County to show the nation that our community is united in the belief that **strong families and fair wages for teachers and workers benefit all of us.**

Multnomah County is not waiting to envision change. We are uniting to build a better future starting now.

Please join us in saying YES to Preschool for All YES to Measure 26-214

Jessica Vega Pederson, Multnomah County Commissioner, Preschool for All Co-Chair
Sahar Muranovic, David Douglas School Board Member, Preschool for All Co-Chair
(This information furnished by Kaitlin Gaffney, Preschool for All)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Join Universal Preschool NOW:

Vote YES on Measure 26-214 — Preschool for All

Universal preschool is one of the most profound ways a society can give its children a good start in life. America is one of the only wealthy nations where this common-sense benefit is not guaranteed. Places that have implemented universal preschool — including New York, Oklahoma, and Washington DC — have seen remarkable economic and social benefits, not only for children and their families, but for entire regions.

Our coalition formed when workers, families, and community groups united to bring free preschool to Multnomah County. In a historic signature drive, hundreds of volunteers gathered thousands of signatures in five weeks during a pandemic, showing the great need and enthusiasm for universal preschool. We joined the **Preschool for All** coalition to create a **strong, universal program that guarantees a living wage for teachers, funded by a fair tax on our county's wealthiest people.**

This program will change lives in Multnomah County and set the standard for the nation.

We are proud to bring it before you.

VOTE YES on MEASURE 26-214

National Organization for Women – Oregon Chapter
Portland Association of Teachers
Portland Jobs with Justice
AFSCME, Local 88

Alliance for Democracy
BerniePDX
Eastside democratic Club
Economic Justice Action Group,
First Unitarian Church
Greater Portland National Organization for Women
Growing Seeds Workers Union
Indigenous Come Up
ILWU Local 5 Executive Board
ILWU Oregon Area District Council
League of Women Voters of Portland
Municipal Broadband Coalition of America
National Association of Letter Carriers, Branch 82
Northwest Oregon Labor Council
The Oregon chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations
Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility
Oregon Progressive Party
Oregon Working Families Party
Our Revolution Portland
Parkrose Faculty Association
Portland Community College
Federation of Faculty and Academic Professionals
Portland Democratic Socialists of America
Portland Forward
Portland Metro People's Coalition
Portland State University American Association of University Professors
Portland State University Graduate Employees Union
Sunrise Movement PDX
(This information furnished by Emily von W. Gilbert, Universal Preschool Now)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Preescolar para todos ayudará a las familias trabajadoras de todo el condado de Multnomah. Permite a los padres elegir la opción que funcione para su familia, para que puedan ir a trabajar, desarrollar una carrera, pagar sus facturas y contribuir a la economía, al mismo tiempo asegura que sus hijos no pierdan habilidades críticas tal como sociales y académicas. Vota Sí a la Medida 26-214.

Chương trình Preschool for All sẽ giúp các gia đình đang làm việc trên khắp Quận Multnomah. Chương trình sẽ cho phép phụ huynh lựa chọn trường mầm non chất lượng cao, miễn học phí phù hợp với gia đình, để họ có thể đi làm, xây dựng sự nghiệp, trang trải các chi phí, đóng góp vào nền kinh tế, đồng thời đảm bảo rằng con họ không bỏ lỡ cơ hội xây dựng các kỹ năng xã hội và học tập quan trọng. Bỏ phiếu đồng ý cho Dự luật 26-214.

В рамках инициативы Preschool for All будет оказана помощь трудолюбивым семьям, проживающим в округе Малтнома. Она позволит родителям выбирать высококачественное, бесплатное дошкольное образование, подходящее именно для их семьи и позволяющее им выходить на работу, строить карьеру, оплачивать счета и вносить свой вклад в экономику, при этом обеспечивая своим детям развитие важных социальных и академических навыков. Голосуйте за меру 26-214.

Waxbarashada Preschool for All wuxuu caawin doonaa qoysaska aadka u shaqeeya ee guud ahaan Degaanka Multnomah. Wuxuu waalidiinta u oggolaanayaa in ay doortaan barmaamijka dugsiiga hortii oo tayo sare leh oo lacag la'aan ah oo u shaqeynaya qoysaskooda, si ay u aadi karaan shaqo, dhisi karaan xirfad, u bixin karaan biilashooda, isla markaana wax ugu biirin karaan dhaqaalaha iyaga oo sidoo kale xaqiijinaya in carruurtooda aysan ka maqnaan xirfadaha bulsho iyo waxbarasho ee muhiimka ah. Haa ugu codee cabirka 26-214.
(This information furnished by Kaitlin Gaffney, Preschool for All)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

My name is Lydia Gray-Holifield, but most people know me as Miss Lydia. I have been involved in the work of making universal preschool a reality since my own daughter was in preschool. Years have passed, and my daughter is now in elementary school. Just as my daughter has grown, so has this preschool for all movement.

I am so excited about Measure 26-214, because it was created with, as opposed to for, families with the least access to preschool today—families like mine.

As a Black woman who grew up in Portland and am raising my children here, I know the struggle Black, Brown, and Indigenous children and families face every single day. Our experiences matter. Our pain matters. And our needs matter.

Preschool for All has prioritized equity from the start, centering the lived experiences of children, families, and preschool providers when creating Measure 26-214.

As parents, we are our children's first teachers. And we deserve to be involved in our child's education. But language or cultural barriers prevent many of us from communicating with preschool teachers. This measure takes equity seriously, and preserves and expands our network of culturally specific providers.

And this measure will build a preschool system that serves children in all of our communities. That means teachers who speak diverse languages, before and after care for families, and developmentally appropriate programming.

Best of all, Measure 26-214 provides tuition-free preschool for everyone.

I am so excited for November 3, because I know this community will enthusiastically say YES on Measure 26-214 and make Preschool for All a reality. This win for children and families will be monumental. Multnomah County will set an example for Oregon, and the rest of the county with the best universal preschool program this country has ever seen. And I'm so excited to use that energy to propel this work forward.

Join me in voting YES on Measure 26-214

(This information furnished by Kaitlin Gaffney, Preschool for All)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-214 — PRESCHOOL FOR ALL

We are parents, and we know that kids grow up fast. By the time this measure is in place, most of our kids will be past the age for preschool. But universal preschool would have changed our lives, and that's why we have been working to make it a reality for other families.

Some of us left jobs we loved because we didn't earn enough to pay \$1,200/month for preschool. We relied on relatives and friends to watch our kids so we could work. We put our kids in places we weren't sure were safe because we couldn't afford better. We moved out of beloved neighborhoods because the numbers didn't add up. We went into debt for preschool, or put off saving for retirement or a down payment.

Some of us were lucky. Our kids thrived because we could afford to send them to wonderful preschools. Our careers flourished because we didn't have to worry about where our children spent the day. Our kids got help with special needs because great caregivers spotted their differences early. They did well in school because they were set up for success

But even when we were lucky, we saw our kids' teachers struggle to stay afloat. We saw caregivers move away and preschools close their doors. We saw friends and family fall behind

We come from different circumstances, but we all agree: every child in America should have the same chances to play, learn, and thrive, regardless of how much money their family has. Every parent should have choices about how to raise a family. Every preschool worker should earn a living wage for their essential work. Kids, families, and workers deserve better things.

Now we have the opportunity to do something that will change generations of lives. Please join us. Let's make Multnomah County a place where every family can thrive.

Universal Preschool NOW Parent Organizing Committee

(This information furnished by Leigh Shelton, Universal Preschool NOW)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Early Childhood Education is my passion. Ever since I first started working with children, I realized I found my career. The joy of seeing children I have taught grow up, referencing things they loved doing in my class, never ceases to make me smile.

The field of Early Childhood Education has its host of issues: inadequate compensation is only the tip of the iceberg.

The high turnover rate in childcare leads to inconsistent classrooms, which makes it more challenging for the children to make authentic connections to their teachers.

Additionally, childcare workers are constantly delegitimized as 'glorified baby-sitters,' which completely misses the critical impact of having a learning environment in the first five years of a child's life.

Due to the low financial resources of the field, so many of the teachers I know (myself included) admit to doing a substantial amount of work off the clock. This includes curriculum planning, or trouble-shooting challenging behavior in a classroom. This work

is unpaid, and contributes to the burnout that leads to the high turnover rate in the childcare field—an annual turnover of 25 to 30 percent.

When your bottom-line is the lives of children, the impact of one's work cannot be emphasized enough. Childcare workers deserve adequate time and compensation to plan their curriculum, collaborate with their co-teachers, and give the personal attention needed to make sure that every child in their care is reaching their potential.

Early Childhood Education workers are a vital part of childrens' lives, and we can only be as strong as the institutions that elevate us. We need a liveable wage in order to be our best selves for our children. We need our community to recognize the vital work that we do. We need everyone's support to make this a reality. **Please join me and my co-workers in voting YES on 26-214.**

Sasha Francis, early childhood education teacher

(This information furnished by Emily von W. Gilbert, Universal Preschool NOW)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

OREGON'S LEADING RACIAL JUSTICE ORGANIZATIONS URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-214

The Preschool for All plan will provide preschool for all 3- and 4-year-olds in Multnomah County—**prioritizing investments in children and BIPOC communities, who are most affected by the lack of affordable, high-quality preschool.**

The Preschool for All plan was **developed with Black, Indigenous, and all people of color (BIPOC) organizations**, and leaders in other sectors—education, business, housing, healthcare, community based organizations, parent groups, and philanthropy—who collaborated on a vision for Preschool for All that reflects our local values and priorities.

As a result, the Preschool for All plan **priorities kids who have the least access to preschool today**—including Black and Brown children, children who speak languages other than English, children experiencing poverty, and children with developmental delays and disabilities.

Preschool for All centers the needs of BIPOC children and families by:

- Ensuring that **families can choose** the preschool program that is best for their family;
- Offering **culturally specific and culturally responsive** programs;
- **Prohibiting suspension and expulsion of preschoolers**, practices that dramatically and disproportionately harm Black and brown children;
- Maintaining **community oversight and accountability** program that includes parents, childcare providers, and community leaders from culturally specific organizations like ours; and
- Closing the educational opportunity gap with age- appropriate preschool programming that ensures **kindergarten readiness for all children.**

Preschool for All builds up BIPOC businesses and childcare workers by:

- **Supporting preschools owned and managed by BIPOCeducators;**
- Ensuring **living wages** for preschool educators; and
- Developing a **strong and stable workforce** through ongoing professional development for preschool educators.

Preschool for All is good for children, good for providers, and good for families. **And it is essential for the wellbeing of communities of color.**

Africa House

APANO

Asian Family Center

Black Parent Initiative

Brown Hope

Causa

Coalition of Communities of Color

East County Rising

Hacienda CDC

Indigenous Come Up

IRCO

Latino Network

Unite Oregon

Verde

(This information furnished by Kaitlin Gaffney, Preschool for All)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Preschool and child care providers across Multnomah County ask you to join us in voting YES for Preschool for All.

Our community needs Measure 26-214 now more than we ever have.

It's never been easy to be a preschool teacher or child care provider. The pay is extremely low. It's hard to stay in business.

It's also the best job we can imagine having.

We educate and nurture children during the most important parts of their lives. We provide peace of mind for working parents who need quality care. We stick out the long hours and low pay because we are called to do this work.

But now, as we struggle to keep our doors open during this pandemic, it is clear that **our community must invest in preschool** to stabilize the critical care and education programs families rely on.

Measure 26-214 would:

- Provide **tuition-free preschool** for everyone, including working families who are struggling to make ends meet themselves.
- Allow us to pay ourselves and our staff the **living wages** we all deserve for this work, so we don't have to leave for other jobs.
- Create more opportunities for **training, coaching, education, and support** that we need to continue to grow in our profession.
- Build a more sustainable network of providers who care for our community's children—a system better equipped to **withstand future economic challenges**.

Without this investment, we worry our community will have an even longer recovery from COVID-19—and many preschools may not survive. The economy can't function without us.

Families can't thrive without us. Children don't have safe and caring places to learn and grow without us.

Please join us in voting YES.

AFSCME Childcare Providers Local 132

Escuela Viva

Growing Seeds

Happy Bees Daycare

Happy Go Lucky Childcare

KinderCare Education

Little Angel's Daycare

PDX Waitlist

Pequeños Exploradores

Shannon Aden, Shannon's Child Care and Preschool

Teaching Preschool Partners

Village Childcare

Wild Lilac Child Development Community

Neighborhood House

(This information furnished by Kaitlin Gaffney, Preschool for All)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Preschool and Child Care Workers for Universal Preschool

Support Measure 26-214 — Preschool for All in Multnomah County!

Preschool and child care workers in Multnomah County strongly support this ballot measure because it would provide the necessary resources that would allow us to ensure high-quality, joyful education to all three- and four-year-olds in Multnomah County. The early years of life are the most critical when it comes to cognitive, emotional, and social development. Experiences and interactions during these pivotal years will inform relationships and decision-making for an individual's entire life.

Support child care workers

Despite the proven positive impact of high-quality preschool education for our youth, preschool teachers work for extremely low wages, with insufficient benefits, and poor working conditions. These circumstances contribute greatly to high turnover and instability within the field. Many of us are living paycheck to paycheck, while we invest our time, care, and energy into raising up the future generations who will one day lead us. We know, firsthand, the lasting impact of the work that we do, in our immediate communities and beyond; however, within the current system, teachers perform this work without the resources needed to make it sustainable.

Build a resilient system

Measure 26-214 will extend the stabilizing resources of K-12 publicly-funded education to teachers working in early childhood education. Children need the stability and consistency created by an education system that supports and benefits their teachers. Additionally, the changes proposed by Measure 26-214 will help sustain a diverse workforce, something which is sorely needed across the education system, and will help to establish an excellent, resilient, universal preschool system for all of our children, families, and workers.

Preschool and childcare workers strongly urge Multnomah County to vote **YES on Measure 26-214 — Preschool for All.**

Growing Seeds Workers Union
ILWU Local 5 Executive Board
PDX Childcare Labor Alliance
Portland Childcare Collective
Portland Jobs With Justice

(This information furnished by Nat Excoffier, Universal Preschool NOW)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Teachers urge you to vote YES on Measure 26-214

As educators, we work hard to ensure that every child can succeed. But we know that our students have unequal access to resources beginning long before they get to us. Preschool for All will help level the playing field with universal access to high-quality, developmentally and culturally appropriate preschool. That will ensure that more students enter kindergarten ready to learn, not needing to play catch-up.

We also know that education—at all levels, but especially for our youngest learners—is all about relationships. When our preschool colleagues are forced to leave the field in order to earn a living wage, children miss out on the trusting relationships they need to thrive.

We know, too, how hard teaching is and how long it takes to learn to do it well. When low wages and poor working conditions create high turnover among preschool staff, educators miss out on the chance to hone their craft through experience. Preschool For All's guarantee of fair pay and the right to join a union for educators will create a stable, professional workforce that can help all children succeed.

As educators, we are also on the front lines watching so many of our students' families struggle to make ends meet and to provide the best for their children. We recognize the difference that Preschool for All could make in their lives.

Preschool for All is good for:

- **Children**, who would gain access to developmentally appropriate, culturally relevant early education
- **Early childhood educators**, who would finally be recognized and compensated as the professionals they are
- **Families, who would be better supported** in the crucial task of raising children

For all these reasons, Portland Association of Teachers & Parkrose Faculty Association support a YES vote on Preschool for All.

(This information furnished by Suzanne Cohen, Universal Preschool NOW)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

YES on Measure 26-214:

Support for Hardworking Families • Fair Wages for Preschool Teachers

Our unions represent tens of thousands of members across Multnomah County who work in both the public and private sector. We are the teachers, nurses, janitors, bus drivers, social workers, retail clerks, public servants, and other people in service

industries that provide the essential services that make our communities work. **And we're proud to support Measure 26-214, Preschool for All.**

MEASURE 26-214 SUPPORTS HARDWORKING FAMILIES

So many of our members have children. And like most hardworking families, they struggle to cover the high cost of childcare and opportunities like preschool.

Our local economy depends on our early learning system, and those doing the work to care for and educate our children. Without the quality care provided by preschool programs, many parents could not go to work.

Measure 26-214 will provide **tuition-free, high-quality preschool for all three- and four-year-olds**—including before and after care options for working families.

MEASURE 26-214 SUPPORTS FAIR WAGES

One of the main reasons for high turnover among preschool teachers is low wages, which leads to lower quality education. With higher salaries, we can keep talented teachers in the field, leading to better outcomes for kids.

Our current system just doesn't cut it. For example, the median annual salary for a preschool teacher in Oregon in 2019 was \$32,430 and that of a kindergarten teacher was \$74,700. Their work is very similar, yet the pay difference is stark.

Measure 26-214 guarantees a living wage for early education teachers, similar to that of a kindergarten teacher. And assistant teachers will start at a guaranteed \$18 an hour.

The hard working educators and caretakers of our children deserve a living wage.

Join us in supporting Measure 26-214 on November 3!

Portland Association of Teachers AFSCME Council 75

AFSCME Local 88

SEIU Local 503 and Local 49

Northwest Oregon Labor Council - AFL-CIO

ILWU Oregon Area District Council

(This information furnished by Kaitlin Gaffney, Preschool for All)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Business & Philanthropy Leaders say YES! to Preschool for All

As business and philanthropy leaders, we support Measure 26-214 because high-quality preschool is good for kids, families, AND business. It's also one of the best investments a community can make in its future!

Our community needs a stable and capable workforce. The U.S. Chamber reported that 74 percent of working parents said their jobs have been affected by childcare problems.* The COVID-19 pandemic has even more starkly revealed the critical importance of reliable, quality childcare.

Preschool for All has developed a comprehensive plan for growing the number and quality of tuition-free preschool options so all kids have a spot and families have a choice.

What's more, Preschool for All prioritizes kids and families with the least access and promotes racial equity policies championed by BIPOC community leaders. As we work to diversify our workforce and support racial equity, Measure 26-214 offers a significant downpayment on the thriving, diverse, and successful community we want to see.

Universal preschool doesn't just make common sense, it pays huge dividends to the community. Studies show that every dollar a community invests in high quality early education can lead to \$16 back into the local economy.

Business leaders have been a part of developing Preschool for All from the beginning and we will help ensure it is strong on outcomes and effective use of our tax dollars.

Join us in VOTING YES on Measure 26-214.

Living Room Realty Fully

The Goodness Collaborative

Alisa Blum and Associates

Stuart Ellis, CEO, Charter School Capital, Inc.

Ryan Buchanan, Founder & CEO, Thesis

Susan Lindauer, Fmr. ED, Children's Trust Fund of Oregon

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Lauren Johnson

Mark Holloway

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Steve Maser

Kerry McClenahan, President, Publitek NA

Joe and Heather Eberhardt

Valerie Ilsley and Bruce Murray

(This information furnished by Kaitlin Gaffney, Preschool for All)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

SMALL BUSINESS FOR UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL

As small business owners, we understand that equitable, quality and accessible preschool is essential in helping to sustain and grow our local independent businesses and our community at large.

Financial Stability and Professional Opportunities Preschool for All will free parents from the agonizing decision so many are forced to make: whether to pay for preschool or give up their employment to care for young children. Preschool for All will give all parents the opportunity to continue investing in their careers, bringing their valuable skills and experience to our small business workforce. Single parents will be provided a pathway to support their families while advancing professional goals.

Economic growth and Increased Customer Base Preschool for All keeps wage earners in our local economy, allowing parents the means to re-invest in our community as valuable patrons of our small businesses.

Making Small Businesses More Competitive

While large corporations have the ability to offer childcare services as an employee benefit, the current high cost of childcare makes it very difficult for small businesses to offer equal benefits to our employees. Preschool for All will make small businesses more competitive in attracting and retaining the talent that we need.

For all these reasons and more the Small Business Cohort strongly encourages Multnomah County voters to vote YES on Measure 26-214 — Preschool for All.

Bernstein's Bagels

Eb & Bean
Holocene
J & S Signs
Lion Heart Kombucha
Lonesome Pictopia
Portland Indie Business Bloc
Rawdacious Desserts/Tiny More So
Revolution Hall & Mississippi Studios
River City Bicycles
Sizzle Pie

(This information furnished by Kyle von Hoetendorff, Universal Preschool NOW)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Leading Children’s and Education Advocates Urge You to Support Preschool for All

When children have the opportunity to attend preschool, they have the opportunity to reach their full potential. Studies show **high-quality preschool helps children develop cognitive skills and character skills that create a foundation for their lifelong success.**

Sadly, for many Multnomah County families, preschool is not an option. Because Oregon has the fourth highest cost of preschool, and State and federally-funded programs only reach 15 percent of children, many families are left behind.

The Preschool for All plan would provide preschool for every three- and four-year old in Multnomah County, prioritizing families with the least access today.

Preschool for All addresses systemic racism. Multnomah County’s Black and brown, and Indigenous communities— those most impacted by the lack of affordable preschool- have been at the center of developing this proposal from the beginning.

Preschool for All would provide fair wages for preschool teachers and workers, ensuring they are compensated for the value they provide, and reducing costly turnover in the field.

Preschool for All would improve equitable outcomes for everyone in Multnomah County. The plan advances shared community goals and supports the local economy.

Join us in saying yes to building strong children, strong families, and strong communities. Join us in saying YES to Preschool for All and YES on Measure 26-214.

Early Learning Multnomah
Parent Accountability Council
KairosPDX
Portland Children's Museum
Children's Institute
Alliance for Equity in Montessori Education
Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children
Eilidh Lowery, Portland Public School Board
Ana Gonzalez Muñoz, Reynolds School Board
Yesenia Delgado, Reynolds School Board

Sahar Muranovic, David Douglas School Board
Andrea Valderrama, David Douglas School Board
Tiffani Penson, PCC Board
John Branam, ED, Get Schooled
(This information furnished by Kaitlin Gaffney, Preschool for All)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

School Board Members for Universal Preschool
VOTE YES on Measure 26-214 — Preschool for All

Free, universal, high-quality preschool:

- Sets kids up for success in high school graduation rates and likelihood of higher education and better jobs
- Decreases Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) scores which are linked to chronic health problems as adults
- Reduces poverty, economic inequality and racial disparities
- Increases access to early learning programs
- Improves the social determinants of health, of which educational attainment and literacy are key components

In Portland we are not the first, nor hopefully the last to recognise how important high quality universal preschool is. New York City, Boston, Washington, DC have all embraced free, universal preschool as a community investment in supporting the emotional and physical health of kids and families. Experts have found that every \$1 spent on universal preschool results in nearly \$10 of community benefit. As school board members we enthusiastically support this vital resource and support for our communities.

According to National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER): “Research tells us that high-quality Universal Pre-K has the potential to both substantially increase access to early learning programs and reduce disparities in foundational academic skills at kindergarten entry.”

We can, and we must, do this!

Join School Board Members for Universal Preschool and Vote YES on Measure 26-214 for stronger communities, more supported educators and healthier children.

Katrina Doughty (she/her) - MESD School Board
Ricki Ruiz (he/him) - Reynolds School Board
Sahar Muranovic (she/her/they/them) - David Douglas School Board
Amanda Orozco-Beach (she/her) - Gresham-Barlow School Board
Rita Moore (she/her) - Portland Public School Board
(This information furnished by Katrina Doughty, Universal Preschool NOW)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

College Faculty and Graduate Students for Universal Preschool
VOTE YES on 26-214

Free, universal, high-quality preschool:

- **Is the single most important investment we can make in our children's futures.** Age-appropriate programs give kids the social and emotional tools to do well in school and significantly increase their odds of graduating from high school, attending college and earning higher wages.
- Benefits all children, but particularly **reduces racial and income-based opportunity gaps.**
- Is critical for the **20% of Oregon college undergraduates who are parents,** struggling with a crushing combination of skyrocketing costs for child care, tuition and housing.
- Would be **transformative for single mothers in college, dramatically cutting their poverty rates.** Now, single mothers in Oregon are only **1/6th as likely to earn an associate or bachelor's degree** within six years of enrolling in college, compared to their female classmates without children.
- Is **sorely needed by many graduate student and faculty parents,** whose low salaries cannot keep pace with the increasingly daunting obstacles of limited and unaffordable preschool and child care, student debt and high housing costs.
- **Makes both higher education and college teaching attainable** for people from less affluent backgrounds both immediately and in the future, securing a more inclusive environment for our community's children and higher education itself.

Multnomah County voters can make a big difference in the futures of our children, our families, our colleges and our community!

Join Higher Ed Unions for Universal Preschool and Vote YES on 26-214

Portland Community College Federation of Faculty and Academic Professionals

Portland State University American Association of University Professors

Portland State University Graduate Employees Union

(This information furnished by John Bethencourt, Universal Preschool NOW)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

East Multnomah County's Elected and Community Leaders Are Voting YES for Preschool for All

Parents and employers in the Portland metro area know that affordable, high-quality child care is essential for working families. But all Portland families also know how difficult that care is to find, especially in East Multnomah County.

Preschool for All serves East County communities and families by:

- Increasing the number of **high-quality preschool spots** for children in East County
- Creating and supporting **living-wage jobs in our communities**
- Supporting the **development and sustainability of employers** in the preschool sector

For far too long, East County children and families have not had the same opportunities as other residents across Multnomah County. But advocates for East County families have been hard at work co-developing this plan with other leading experts for the past two years. Preschool for All would prioritize children and families with the least access to preschool today, and it will **provide preschool for all three- and four-year olds in Multnomah County.**

Preschool for All would make sure preschool teachers and workers in our community are paid fairly for their work. By ensuring teachers and staff earn a living wage, our community can retain the best teachers for our children, and nurture positive community relationships that are critical for a child's early development.

Equity and fairness have been at the center of this plan throughout its development. We are proud to support Preschool for All in Multnomah County—a plan that will prioritize communities most affected by the lack of affordable preschool and, in doing so, improve equitable outcomes for all in our community.

We hope you will join us in using your voice and your vote today to say **YES to Preschool for All and YES to Measure 26-214.**

East County Rising

Gresham City Councilor Eddy Morales

Gresham City Councilor Mario Palmero

(This information furnished by Kaitlin Gaffney, Preschool for All)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Reproductive Healthcare and Rights Advocates Strongly Support Preschool for All

As organizations that work to make sure all families have the rights, recognition and resources they need to thrive, we are writing today to express our support for Preschool for All and urge a YES vote on Measure 26-214.

Reproductive justice affirms the right to decide if and when to have children, as well as the right to parent the children you already have in safe, healthy environments. This includes affordable access to high equality and culturally appropriate preschool, but the Portland area is falling behind other communities in preschool affordability and access. In Multnomah County:

- . We have the fourth most expensive child care in the United States
- . Only 15% of the limited preschool slots that exist are publicly funded
- . Preschool teachers make half of the median kindergarten teacher salary
- . There is a severe shortage of preschool facilities and qualified teachers

In the middle of a global pandemic that has shattered our child care industry and preschool programs, Preschool for All is a thoughtful local plan for high-quality, tuition-free preschool that was developed with providers and families of color, and with a commitment to racial justice that prioritizes Black and Brown children and providers.

That's why Preschool for All is supported by:

APANO

Family Forward Oregon Forward Together

NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon

Oregon NOW (National Organization for Women)

\Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon

When our families have access to quality, affordable preschool, we see improved outcomes for parents and kids. And when families are supported, our communities thrive.

Please join us in voting YES for families and YES for Measure 26-214.

(This information furnished by Kaitlin Gaffney, Preschool for All)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Nonprofit and community-based organizations of Multnomah County support Preschool for All!

Community-based and nonprofit workers are aspirational by definition. We engage in our work because we believe a better future is possible.

Our organizations' immediate goals—affordable housing, racial equity, food access, environmental protection, and reproductive health, to name a few—may seem distinct. However, these issues are intimately intertwined. The intersectionality of our work means we must collaborate to achieve lasting systemic change.

Our vision of a more just society is impossible without universal access to education. Today, low-income families often cannot afford childcare. High preschool tuition limits families' ability to secure housing, seek economic opportunity, and raise healthy children. Underpaid preschool workers struggle to pay bills and are forced out of the sector to support themselves. For communities of color and immigrant communities, culturally-specific programming is scarce.

Preschool for All is a giant step toward a more equitable future for all Multnomah County residents.

Universal preschool will help Multnomah County achieve core social justice goals:

RACIAL JUSTICE

- . Communities of color will have prioritized access to tuition-free preschool.
- . Childcare workers, who are disproportionately women of color, will make a living wage.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

- . Preschool and childcare workers will be paid fairly with regular cost-of-living adjustments.
- . Low-income and working-class families will have tuition-free preschool and childcare.
- . Only Multnomah County's wealthiest households will be taxed.

REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE

- . All parents will have access to free, high-quality childcare for their children.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

- . Culturally specific preschool programs will allow diverse communities to thrive.
- . Classrooms will be open to all children, resulting in more diversity and better outcomes for all kids.

Support the long-term social justice goals of Multnomah County's nonprofits and community-based organizations: Vote YES on Measure 26-214!

ACLU of Oregon

Metropolitan Family Services

Multnomah County Democrats

Oregon Food Bank

Social Venture Partners

Portland United Way of the Columbia-Willamette

350 PDX

(This information furnished by Kaitlin Gaffney, Preschool for All)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Local Elected Leaders Urge a YES vote on Measure 26-214

When children and families thrive, our entire community thrives. That's why we're supporting Measure 26-214— Preschool for All.

PRESCHOOL FOR ALL is a thoughtful, equitable plan for a universal and lasting, high-quality, tuition-free preschool

system in Multnomah County for all three- and four-year-olds.

PRESCHOOL FOR ALL prioritizes families with the least access today, ensures that children can learn and grow and families have options, and makes sure all preschool teachers are paid a living wage.

PRESCHOOL FOR ALL will give every child in Multnomah County the opportunity to start kindergarten ready to learn, grow, and be successful.

Please join us in saying **YES to PRESCHOOL FOR ALL** by November 3!

Congressman Earl Blumenauer

Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici

House Speaker Tina Kotek

Representative Maxine Dexter

Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer

Representative Carla Piluso

Representative Karin Power

Representative Rob Nosse

Representative Chris Gorsek

Metro Council President Lynn Peterson

Metro Councilor Bob Stacey

Metro Councilor Sam Chase

Multnomah County Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson

Multnomah County Commissioner Sushila Jayapal

Multnomah County Commissioner Lori Stegmann

District Attorney Mike Schmidt

Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler

Former Portland Commissioner Dan Saltzman

Gresham City Councilor Eddy Morales

Gresham City Councilor Mario Palmero

Troutdale City Councilor Jamie Kranz

Candidates

Mingus Mapps, Candidate for Portland City Council

Khahn Pham, Candidate for Oregon House

(This information furnished by Kaitlin Gaffney, Preschool for All)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Physicians for Universal Preschool VOTE YES on Measure 26-214

Free, universal, high-quality preschool:

Reduces inequality and racial disparities

Promotes population health and greater health equity Improves outcomes in education, literacy, and nutrition Raises high school graduation rates and college participation

Leads to better jobs

Decreases Adverse Childhood Experiences, which cause toxic stress and are linked to chronic health problems as adults

Promotes early detection and treatment of developmental delays, chronic health conditions (e.g. asthma), learning disabilities, and sensory problems (e.g. vision/hearing), thereby improving learning and health

Other areas — New York City, Boston, Washington, DC — have embraced Free, Universal, High-Quality Preschool as a **community investment** in supporting the emotional and physical health of kids and families. Every \$1 spent on Universal Preschool results in nearly \$10 of community benefit.

New York Times columnist and Oregonian Nick Kristof writes in *Tightrope — Americans Reaching for Hope* (2020) that the #1 strategy to reduce childhood poverty, a critical social determinant of poor health, is **high-quality, early childhood programs**.

We can, and we must, do this! Join Physicians for Universal Preschool and Vote YES on Measure 26-214 for stronger communities and healthier children.

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Katherine Iossi, MD, MPH

Faith Galderisi, DO

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Moxie Loeffler, DO, MPH

Erika Kempler Meyer, MD

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Pediatric Associates of the Northwest, PC

(This information furnished by Emily von W. Gilbert, Universal Preschool NOW)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Public Health Professionals for Universal Preschool

VOTE YES on Measure 26-214 — Preschool for All

“High-quality early childhood preschool education is pivotal for a child’s physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development... **a voluntary, universal, affordable, high-quality preschool program will bring short- and long-term**

benefits to all children, their families, and society.” -- Policy Statement on Early Childhood Education, American Public Health Association, 2017

Universal preschool advances health equity in communities.

Age-based universal programs (like Medicare for over 65-year olds and Early Intervention for 0-3-year olds) are well-funded with few administrative barriers and ensure that no family falls through the cracks.

Children who attend high-quality preschool are:

More likely to graduate from high school and attend college likely to struggle with chronic disease and addiction as adults

Less likely to grow up in poverty and face economic inequality and racial disparities.

Fair wages for educators reduces poverty and income inequality across racial/ethnic, socioeconomic, and gender gradients.

The preschool workforce is mostly female-identified people and disproportionately womxn of color. Fair wages for preschool educators helps them build assets and remain in the field, enhancing children's learning and the program's effectiveness over time.

Parents of participating children have better job opportunities and more wages as a result of the program.

NYC, DC, Chicago, and Boston have already implemented free universal preschool. By developing children's social, emotional, and physical health, as well as the financial wellbeing of families and educators, the social determinants of health across entire communities are uplifted. It's no wonder that economists have found that every \$1 spent on universal preschool results in nearly \$10 of community benefit.

Join Public Health Professionals for Universal Preschool and Vote YES on Measure 26-214 for healthier children, stronger families, and connected communities.

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Martina Shabram

Phoebe Souza

Chris Lowe

Annie Marie Hiestand

Ken Rosenberg

Lawrence Wallack

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(This information furnished by Katrina Doughty, Universal Preschool NOW)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education Providers Endorse Measure 26-214 — Preschool for All

As providers of special education services for children from birth to 5 years, we know how critical high-quality preschool is for all children and especially for children with disabilities.

Benefits for children with disabilities

The preschool years are a critical time for learning and development, especially for children with disabilities. The social emotional and communication skills that are critical for long-term school and life success are taught in preschool. Early social-emotional skills are linked with a wide array of positive adult outcomes including positive mental health, interpersonal relationships, educational attainment, and physical health in later life. The benefits are even greater for children with delays in social-emotional and communication skill development associated with early socioeconomic disadvantage.

It is critically important that young children attend preschools with children of all abilities, races, ethnic groups and income levels. Universal preschool for all children in Multnomah County would make this possible.

Difficulties families face

Families of children with disabilities are disproportionately affected by a lack of high-quality, affordable preschool.

They face a lack of available slots, scheduling challenges, and concerns about quality. And compared with parents of nondisabled children, parents of young children with disabilities are three times more likely to experience job disruptions because of problems with child care.

The families we serve often struggle to find quality, affordable preschool and childcare. Many parents of children with disabilities find the cost of preschool prohibitive. These children miss out on the enrichment that high-quality preschool provides.

Free, universal, high-quality preschool would be a “game-changer”.

We believe

All children deserve a quality early education. All teachers deserve fair wages.

All parents deserve a world that supports families.

Please Vote YES on 26-214

(This information furnished by Shelly Molinaro, Universal Preschool NOW)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Alliance for Democracy, Portland says Vote Yes for Universal Preschool!

Our mission is to create true democracy, to end corporate domination of politics, economics and media and to build a just & sustainable society for nature and all people. We endorse the Preschool for All measure as a strong step along the path to a “just & sustainable society.”

The measure creates funding for universal preschool for all children living in Multnomah County. The funds would go to existing providers, thus creating stable funding for these businesses. These programs will be free to any family living in the county with children aged 3 & 4 years old, regardless of income.

The measure mandates a living wage, employment protections and a path to training and credentialing for the childcare workers.

The measure does not create a preschool program run by Multnomah County, nor mandate that children attend preschool. It does not prevent children from attending a preschool that their family chooses to pay for, instead of one funded via this measure.

Decades of research show that universal preschool creates stronger brains, good learning habits, good social skills, intellectual curiosity, achievement and personal confidence.

Our society preaches the value of a good education as a way out of poverty and into a life of accomplishment, but we make this as difficult & expensive as possible. We act as if we do not need well-educated, confident & happy people in our society. This measure helps make education affordable for everyone.

Our society suffers from an egregious level of income inequality. People of color & women have long earned less money and had fewer workplace protections than most middle- to-upper class white men. This measure tackles this problem in the short-term by

mandating a living wage & workplace protections for childcare workers, and in the long-term by making early childhood education available to all kids.

We believe that when a society supports its people, it is better.

Vote Yes on Measure 26-214

(This information furnished by Joan Horton, Universal Preschool NOW)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Economists for Universal Preschool VOTE YES on 26-214!

Economic research clearly shows that universal, high-quality preschool programs:

Return nearly \$10 for every \$1 spent, a powerful economic development investment.

- **Reduce poverty, economic inequality and racial disparities**
- **Benefit all children, with the largest gains for children from lower-income families and historically marginalized communities**, who can least afford high quality preschool.
- **Mandate living wages for preschool staff**, to reduce high turnover rates that harm quality.
- **Create a more skilled, local labor force**, attracting businesses and raising wages for everyone.
- **Prepare children to thrive in kindergarten and elementary school**, by building social and emotional skills.
- **Raise high school graduation rates, earnings and college attendance** of children who participate.
- **Help parents** to work more hours or gain additional education or training.
- **Are a “public good,” only efficiently provided by the public sector**, because gains are diffused throughout the community in higher earnings, better health, higher tax revenues, higher property values and lower spending for special education, public assistance and criminal justice.
- **Motivate community support to maintain funding levels**, unlike targeted programs, including Head Start.
- **Allow the early diagnosis of hearing, vision and health issues** that impede children’s learning.
- **Are cost-effective**, since all children gain and children from less advantaged families gain the most, and gain more than in programs targeting only children from families with low incomes.

Multnomah County can create an excellent, universal preschool program, available for free to all three and 4 year-olds whose families would like to enroll them.

Multnomah County Economists for Universal Preschool urge you to Vote YES on 26-214 for the future of our children, families and community

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Peter Dorman, PhD

Todd Easton, PhD

John Luke Gallup, PhD

Mitchell Green, PhD

Robin Hahnel, PhD

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Todd Pugatch, PhD

Leopoldo Rodriguez, PhD

Rajiv Sharma, PhD

Joseph Stiglitz, PhD, Nobel Prize 2001

(This information furnished by Mary C. King, Universal Preschool NOW)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The League of Women Voters of Portland Urges a “YES” Vote on Measure 26-214.

The League believes government has the responsibility to provide an equitable, quality public education for all children from preschool through grade 12. A quality public education is essential for a strong, viable, and sustainable democratic society and is a civil right.

Multnomah County Preschool for All will provide access to free universal year- round pre-kindergarten programs up to six hours a day for all three- and four-year- olds by 2030.

Free Universal Preschool Measure 26-214 is good for children.

- Program offerings will include a variety of options, including full-day or part- day, home-based or center-based, culturally specific and culturally responsive, and alternative approaches to learning. Parents can choose the best fit for their child.
- Research shows that children who participated in preschool programs are better prepared to start kindergarten, more likely to graduate from high school, and less likely to become involved in the justice system.

Free Universal Preschool is good for families.

- Multnomah County families pay over \$1,000 per month to enroll a child in full-day preschool. Families will experience significant savings from Preschool for All and can instead use their income for other necessities like food, housing, and medical care.
- The measure will address inequities in the current system by making sure free preschool is available first to those families who have historically experienced barriers.

Free Universal Preschool is good for the economy.

- The Preschool for All measure guarantees a living wage for teachers and staff, enabling them to support their families and their local economy.
- Working parents—particularly working moms—whose children are enrolled in quality preschool programs will be better able to focus on their jobs and make long-term career commitments knowing they have reliable childcare.

The League of Women Votes of Portland recommends a “YES” vote on M 26-214 for Children, Families, and the Economy.

(This information furnished by Debbie Kaye, League of Women Voters of Portland)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Portland DSA Says Vote YES on Measure 26-214!

Members of **Democratic Socialists of America** (DSA) share a simple belief: meeting the basic needs of all people is more important than enabling a few to amass unlimited wealth.

Sadly, we have a long way to go in honoring that principle. Over 12% of state residents live in poverty, a percentage unchanged for **25 years**. We don't need statistics to tell us something's wrong — our hearts do when we walk down streets lined with both luxury condos and tents.

The failure to care for our youngest is equally obvious to parents of preschool-age children. **Tuition for one child can cost as much as rent**, and childcare workers are paid wages so low that it's impossible to enroll their own children at the centers where they work.

Good News: The Money is Here!

It may not feel like it, but Multnomah County is richer than ever, with **over 1,500 households with incomes above one million dollars per year**. Even during the pandemic, the stock market has continued to reach record highs. Federal tax cuts have left even more wealth in the hands of the few, but we don't have to wait another 25 years to see if any trickles down to the rest of us. A very small tax increase on only the wealthiest is all we need to **make preschool tuition-free** for all families **and pay childcare workers a living wage**.

We Can Create the Kind of Community We Want

For over three years, community members have worked with DSA to figure out how we can address these unmet needs. The idea of universal preschool spread like wildfire, and **over 600 volunteers turned in over 32,000 signatures** to get it on the ballot. Join the Portland chapter of DSA in this life-changing win for children, parents, and workers by voting **YES on Measure 26-214**, then ask yourself, what should we fix next?

(This information furnished by Olivia Katbi Smith, Universal Preschool NOW)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Oregon Working Families Party for Measure 26-214 — Preschool for All

The Oregon Working Families Party says **VOTE YES on Preschool for All** for all 3- and 4-year-olds in Multnomah County, phased in over no more than 10 years.

Publicly funded preschool

One of Oregon Working Families Party's core goals is to **improve public schools**, from preschool to high school. But public preschool in the United States is limited to a few small, underfunded, means-tested programs that leave most eligible families out.

This measure creates **free, publicly funded preschool** in Multnomah County for every kid. This program is essential to help our children enter kindergarten ready to learn and to get the most out of their education all the way through high school and beyond.

Support fair wages for child care workers

Child care workers — overwhelmingly women and disproportionately women of color — are **undervalued and woefully underpaid**, with a national average wage of just \$11 an hour.

This work is essential, but the skilled, dedicated people who educate our youngest children aren't paid enough to stay in the classroom. They have to leave to support

themselves and their own families. **Low teacher retention** harms kids and undermines preschool quality.

Funded by the highest incomes

Universal preschool in Multnomah County will be **paid for with a marginal tax on the highest incomes**. These are the very people who can most easily afford it, since the rich and the politicians who serve them have rigged the system to benefit themselves for too long!

Please join us and **VOTE YES on 26-214** to give our kids, their families, and their teachers a fighting chance — the whole community will benefit.

(This information furnished by Thomas Mosher, Oregon Working Families Party)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

SUNRISE MOVEMENT PDX SUPPORTS PRESCHOOL FOR ALL

Demand the Future We Need!

The Sunrise Movement is a grassroots youth movement to stop climate change and create millions of new jobs in the process. We are the first generation to grow up witnessing environmental devastation and human suffering caused by climate change, but we will not be the last. We are called to action not only because of the immeasurable crisis we are facing, but of the beautiful, compassionate, dignified world we have the ability to create through the Green New Deal.

Our vision for the future includes free education for all people, especially frontline and vulnerable groups who have historically been denied it. Our vision for the future includes millions of jobs across sectors--jobs that pay family-supporting wages, are open to anyone, guarantee the freedom to organize, and promote an economy of care. Our vision for the future is led by people from the communities who have been most harmed by colonization and systemic oppression.

The Preschool for All measure is our vision of the future, right here and now. It is an implementation of Green New Deal Policy at the local level, promoting justice and equity for children, parents, and workers here in Multnomah County.

Preschool for All will change lives while providing a model for economic growth that is rooted dignity and care. It is something to be truly joyful about.

Please Join Sunrise Movement PDX by Voting YES on Measure 26-214

(This information furnished by Jonah Lee, Universal Preschool NOW)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

BerniePDX For Preschool for All — Measure 26-214 Carry on the political revolution

Bernie said “Not Me, Us” — and it’s up to us to carry on the political revolution. Here in Multnomah County, we can vote for one key piece of the Bernie platform — **free preschool for all kids and a fair wage for all preschool workers.**

Means testing isn’t enough

As Bernie's "Free Child Care and Pre-K for All" statement says, "Our means-tested system has created **racially and economically segregated child care and pre-k** in this country."

While means-tested federal programs exist, they leave out the vast majority of eligible low-income and middle-class families. Children of color, especially, face the significant, long-term negative effects of early childhood poverty.

Stop punishing care workers

Child care is essential work — no job is more important than taking care of our children. But child care workers, who are **96 percent women and disproportionately women of color**, are paid starvation wages in this country.

Even as child care costs for parents skyrocket, child care workers nationally make an **average of just \$11** per hour. That isn't enough to live on, and certainly isn't enough to properly value the work of caring for, nurturing, and educating young children.

Vote YES on 26-214

Please join BerniePDX in voting **YES on Preschool for All** in Multnomah County. Our kids, families, and child care workers deserve nothing less than universal preschool for all 3- and 4-year-olds, phased in over no more than 10 years.

(This information furnished by Robyn Gottlieb, Universal Preschool NOW)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Taxpayers Association of Oregon urges No on 26-214

Five problems #26-214 can't ignore

Problem #1: If you offer something for free, expect an overload

If you offer something for free, like free preschool, then people will take advantage of it. People who don't need it will use it and people who live outside the area will move here to take advantage of it and drive up the program costs.

Don't believe me? Oregon offered welfare benefits more generous than other states and then (surprise!) we became tied for the #1 welfare state in the nation. Oregon offered homeless benefits more generous than other states and then (surprise!) we became the nation #2 state for unsheltered homeless (*Willamette Week* 12-17-2018).

Problem #2: Starbucks won't pay it, but family-owned coffee shops will

Because #26-214 is a 3.8% tax on income, it won't apply to corporations, instead hitting family owned small businesses (coffee shops) who don't pay corporate taxes but pay personal income taxes on their business revenue since they own the business.

Problem #3. This increases taxes by nearly 25%

#26-24 adds as much as 3.8% tax rate to Oregon's state 9.9% rate which is nearly a 25% tax rate on your income.

Problem #4. Makes Oregon among the highest tax rates in America

Oregon already leads the nation with a top 9.9% income tax rate and adding 3.8% would make Oregon among the highest top income tax rate states in America.

Problem #5. Users increase. Taxpayers decrease.

Having one of the nation's highest income taxes will cause higher income taxpayers to leave while migration of out-of-area people arrive to take advantage of the free program driving up costs.

Taxpayer Association of Oregon urges No on #26-214

-- Please follow us online at OregonWatchdog.com (see also OregonCatalyst.com). Taxpayer Association of Oregon has been fighting government waste, fraud and abuse for over 20 years.

(This information furnished by Jason Williams, Taxpayers Association of Oregon)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Taxpayers Association of Oregon urges No on 26-214
Progressive & conservative experts say it is a flawed idea

Progressive experts slam universal pre-school

"Ron Haskins, a preschool expert who co-directs the Center on Children and Families at the left-leaning Brookings Institute, went as far as calling universal pre-k 'a very bad idea.' "

The Atlantic, November, 18, 2014

Obama study says "no impact"

"In late 2012, Department of Health and Human Services released the Head Start Impact Study, a scientifically rigorous evaluation that tracked 5,000 three-year-old and four-year-old children through the end of third grade. The study found little to no impact..."

Heritage Foundation, May, 11, 2016

Experts warn it may be too much

"New research shows that teaching kids more and more, at ever-younger ages, may backfire."

Alison Gopnik, UC Prof. *Slate*, March 16, 2011

Tennessee study re-affirms it doesn't work

"Just two such studies of scaled-up preschool programs have been done — one on Tennessee's high-quality state prekindergarten program and one on Head Start. Neither found that attending preschool improved the children's long-term outcomes."

Katharine B. Stevens *American Enterprise Institute USA Today*, 8/3/2020

Don't fund an expensive idea that doesn't work.

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(This information furnished by Jason Williams, Taxpayers Association of Oregon)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-213

Referred to the People by the City Council.

BALLOT TITLE

Restore recreation programs, parks, nature, water through five-year levy

Question: Shall Portland protect, restore recreation programs, parks, nature, clean water; 5-year operating levy, \$0.80 per \$1,000 assessed value, beginning 2021? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: Levy will prevent ongoing reductions to park services and recreation programs, preserve and restore park and natural area health, and center equity and affordable access for all.

Levy funds will:

- Enhance and preserve parks, rivers, wetlands, trees, and other important natural features in urban areas for the benefit of all Portlanders and wildlife;
- Provide park and recreation services to diverse populations including communities of color, seniors, teens, households experiencing poverty, immigrants and refugees, and people living with disabilities;
- Increase opportunities for communities of color and children experiencing poverty to connect with nature;
- Prevent cuts to recreation programs, closures of community centers and pools; and
- Enhance park maintenance to keep parks clean and safe, including litter and hazardous waste removal, restroom cleaning, and playground safety.

If levy fails, service improvements and restoration described above will not occur; taxes will not increase.

A five-member oversight committee will review levy expenditures, provide annual reports. Independent audit required.

Levy is \$0.80 per \$1,000 assessed home value. The proposed rate will raise approximately \$44,735,000, in 2021–2022, \$46,240,000 in 2022–2023, \$47,705,000 in 2023–2024, \$49,262,000 in 2024–2025, and \$51,135,000 in 2025–2026, for a total of \$239,078,000.

A median residential homeowner pays \$151 per year, or about \$13 per month.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Measure would allow the City of Portland to levy \$0.80 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years for the purpose of operating the park system. The services and programs to be funded by this measure are planned to include, but are not limited to:

- Protect water quality and wildlife habitat, control erosion, remove invasive species in 8,000 acres of natural area.

- . Deliver recreational programs, including, but not limited to, environmental education and access to nature for youth, summer camps, family-friendly movies and concerts, fitness and arts classes, teen- and senior- focused programs, life-saving swim lessons, and a summer playground program serving free lunches to children experiencing hunger.
- . Remove financial barriers for low-income households by ending current dependence on recreation fee revenues, allowing an equity-focused delivery of community events and programs and reducing the likelihood of further cuts to recreation offerings.
- . Clean litter and hazardous waste in parks and natural areas, maintain grounds and landscaping, provide safety checks on play equipment, improve preventative and traditional maintenance.
- . Keep public restrooms open and cleaner.
- . Plant new trees in communities where today canopy coverage is lower, to improve air and water quality, diminish the impacts of climate change, and provide wildlife habitat.
- . Protect Portland's 1.2 million park trees by performing proactive maintenance, safety checks, hazard removal, and replacement of damaged trees in parks and natural areas.
- . Modernize data systems to improve internal efficiency.
- . Prioritize services for communities of color and households experiencing poverty, including equity- centered engagement and outreach, community partnership grants, and increased engagement with volunteer and partner groups.

A community oversight committee will be appointed to review levy expenditures and to report annually to City Council. The Measure also directs the Bureau to provide for a performance audit to ensure that services funded by the levy are consistent with voter intent.

The City estimates that the levy tax rate of \$0.80/\$1,000 assessed value would cost a median residential property approximately \$13 per month, and would raise approximately

\$45 million in the first year, with an estimated average of \$48 million raised each year for the five-year period. If this Measure is not approved, taxes for Park services will not be assessed.

Submitted by:

Ted Wheeler, Mayor City of Portland

CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-213

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Dear Neighbor,

My name is Sarah Iannarone and I am a resident of Mt. Scott- Arleta Neighborhood in Outer Southeast Portland. Back in 2003, I chose to live here as the mother of a toddler in large part because of the Mt. Scott Park and Community Center within walking distance. It was staff at this community center who taught my daughter crafts, music, and sports, but more importantly taught her confidence and teamwork. It's where childcare meant I could complete my homework while attending graduate school and running a business across the street. This is where our neighborhood association meets every month and where, in the winter of 2017, my neighbors and I opened an emergency warming shelter for people experiencing homelessness. I cherish this place so much, I hosted my campaign kickoff here in July 2019 under the giant Doug Fir trees.

"Parks are more than just fun and games," the late Charles Jordan, Portland's First African-American City Commissioner, was known to say.* Portland's parks and greenspaces and the staff who operate and maintain them are an essential part of the fabric of our community.

That's why I need you to join me in voting YES on Measure 26-213.

This proposed levy is essential to re-open community centers and pools and provide the recreation services we all count on when local families need them most-- all while increasing access to recreation opportunities for children and seniors, communities of color, and refugees and immigrants. And once we stabilize these assets, we can begin working together developing long term sustainable funding so they remain beautiful and accessible for future generations of Portlanders.

Playfully yours, Sarah Iannarone

Candidate, City of Portland Mayor

Co-founder, Arleta Triangle Project

Fmr Board Secretary, The City Repair Project

Land Use & Transportation Chair, Mt. Scott-Arleta Neighborhood Association

[*https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/486940](https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/486940)

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

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

YES for Portland Parks!

Portland is a city that celebrates outdoor recreation, environmental protection, and our parks and open spaces. This levy is critical to making needed improvements to our parks

and playfields when we need them most, while also making real investments in equity and access – so our parks are open, accessible, safe, and welcoming for all.

The specific programs targeted in this levy will benefit current and future residents:

Natural area protection and tree planting to help provide shade and habitat, ensure clean water, and protect critical open space;

Recreation and education programs including fitness, arts, and culture, senior activities, youth engagement, and environmental education;

Programs for children experiencing poverty including summer playground lunches, swim lessons, outdoor camps, and recreation scholarships.

In the midst of a pandemic and economic challenges, we've seen use of our parks increase, a reminder of the critical role parks and open spaces play in our lives and communities. We know that the impacts of COVID-19 land disproportionately on lower income households and communities of color, making access to and improvement of our parks an important equity issue, as well.

As a lifelong Portlander, I have a personal connection to many of our parks and green spaces. As Mayor, I'm committed to making sure these gems of our city remain a resource for all of us.

Please vote yes!

(This information furnished by Ted Wheeler)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Environmental, Conservation and Climate Leaders Agree: Measure 26-213 is essential to protect Portland's parks and natural areas.

Nature should be a part of every community. As our community grows and changes, we need to preserve and expand our urban greenspace. Making up 20% of Portland's acreage, our parks, natural areas, open spaces, rivers, stream corridors, wetlands, and other important natural features contribute to quality of life in every neighborhood for the benefit of all Portlanders and wildlife.

Without this Levy, PP&R will face considerable challenges to caring for natural areas and parks.

This levy will help protect the 8,000 acres of natural areas, and 1.2 million trees surrounding Portland's rivers, creeks and streams. Planting and maintaining trees ensures clean water, protects wildlife, mitigates pollution, and reduces the effects of climate change; the more trees, the greater the environmental benefits. But east of the Willamette River, where 80% of Portland's residents live, canopy cover is only 21%. This levy will enable our Urban Forestry team to plant more trees in parts of Portland that currently lack them.

Leading environmental and conservation groups are supporting this measure — **Join us in voting YES on Measure 26-213!**

1000 Friends of Oregon

40 Mile Loop Land Trust

Audubon Society

Columbia Slough Watershed Council

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Sierra Club Oregon Chapter

The Intertwine Alliance
The Nature Conservancy
The Trust for Public Land
Tryon Creek Watershed Council
Urban Greenspaces Institute

(This information furnished by Inna Levin, Portlanders for Parks)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Labor Leaders are Voting YES on Measure 26-213: It's Good for Portland and Good for Working Families

Restoring Lost Jobs

Many of Portland's working families rely on the good-paying and stable jobs PP&R provides. But as a result of the coronavirus-related closures, 1,700 recreation program employees were either laid off or not hired for the summer. The levy will prevent further job cuts for the frontline parks workers who care for our parks and provide recreation services.

Unique Job Opportunities

PP&R has the City of Portland's largest—and one of the most diverse—workforces and is the city's largest summer employer of youth. PP&R looks for a wide ranging set of skills, often without a requirement for a four year degree—which can be a barrier to long-term and gainful employment. PP&R jobs are a gateway to further career opportunities and a pipeline to employment with the City.

Supports Our Economy

As Portland works to recover from the coronavirus crisis and revive our economy, the jobs funded by the levy are more important than ever. Measure 26-213 is a solid and critical investment in our local economy and working families.

A YES vote on 26-213 is a vote for preserving jobs in our community.

LiUNA Local 483

IBEW Local 48

PROTEC17

AFSCME Local 189

Jobs with Justice

(This information furnished by Tom Collett, Laborers Local 483)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Let's make equity a priority, vote YES on Measure 26-213

Portlanders love our parks and right now, our parks need our help. Nearly every Portlander visits a park each year, but our current parks system does not serve everyone. Not everyone in our community feels included in our parks system, and many cannot participate in recreation programs due to lack of access or ability to pay.

As we chart a new path for our parks, we must recognize the inequities of the past and center equity and access. The parks system that Portlanders love can be even better, when we work to ensure that it serves every community member. As we rethink how

Portland Parks & Recreation engages our communities, we must do so in an equitable way.

That's why we hope Portlanders join us and vote YES on Measure 26-213 for a parks system that supports ALL Portlanders.

The levy will reduce Parks' reliance on fees to deliver programming and make equity and affordability the primary goals—expanding recreation opportunities for children and seniors, communities of color, refugees and immigrants, and families experiencing poverty.

Reducing reliance on fees will also expand access to programs for children experiencing poverty, including a summer playground lunch program, life-saving swim lessons, outdoor camps, and recreation scholarships.

Measure 26-213 provides secure and stable parks funding, so we all can enjoy parks and recreation programs for years to come.

Vote YES on Measure 26-213!

Verde

Brown Hope

Latino Network

Friends of Noise

Brown Folks Fishing

Native American Youth and Family Center

Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)

(This information furnished by Randy Gragg, Portland Parks Foundation)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Measure 26-213, the proposed Portland Parks & Recreation levy, is a critical step toward a more stable parks bureau that will better serve all Portlanders.

Portland's recreation programs are crucial in providing free and low-cost opportunities for kids to stay safe and healthy, especially when recreational facilities and school buildings are closed or limited in access. But due to the economic downturn, Portland has had to make deep cuts to recreation programs – just at the moment when local families need them most.

Voting YES on the levy will:

- Restore recreation programs, including fitness classes, arts, senior programs, youth programs, and environmental education.
- Keep the doors open at Multnomah Arts Center, Community Music Center, and Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, and fund the operations of a North Portland pool.
- Ensure our popular culturally specific and most popular programs, such as Stand with Refugees and Immigrants, Portland World Soccer Tournament, and Summer Free For All continue.

This measure will help Portland Parks & Recreation provide 150,000 life-saving swim lessons every year; let 100,000 kids experience outdoor camps; and provide thousands of recreation scholarships for kids experiencing poverty.

It will ensure Portlanders can fully enjoy our Parks facilities, which include 12 indoor and outdoor pools, 122 baseball and softball diamonds, 221 basketball hoops, 7 skateboard parks, 120 tennis courts, 141 playgrounds, and more than 150 miles of regional trails.

Now, more than ever, we need parks and natural areas that are accessible to everyone and cost nothing to use. People need places to exercise, play, and enjoy beautiful natural areas, parks, and trails that are affordable, close to home, and open to all Portlanders.

Join us in voting YES on Measure 26-213 to help our parks.

Multnomah Arts Center Association

Nike

Northwest Trails Alliance

Oregon Humane Society

Oregon Trails Coalition

Portland City United Soccer Club

Portland Youth Soccer Association

. *(This information furnished by Randy Gragg, Portland Parks Foundation)*

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Portlanders love our parks—and parks need our help.

The coronavirus pandemic, closure of community centers and pools, and cancellation of recreation activities have created a multi-million dollar deficit for Portland Parks & Recreation.

This measure—a five-year local option levy—is essential to restore these cuts, re-open community centers and pools, protect essential programs for families with lower incomes, and provide the recreation services we all count on.

Just at the moment when we need them most.

“Without this critical infusion of funding from the levy, all Portlanders will suffer — most critically, the people who need parks, gardens, and affordable recreation programs the most.”

- Gay Greger, Leach Garden Board of Directors

Even as parks services have become more popular, funding has not kept up. PP&R's maintenance crews have been cut by 11 percent over the last decade, resulting in reduced service levels and large maintenance backlogs.

The levy will keep parks and restrooms cleaner and safer, improving service in existing parks while also ensuring new parks get their necessary care to keep parks well-maintained and welcoming to all Portlanders.

Now, more than ever, we need parks and natural areas that are accessible to everyone and cost nothing to use. People need places to exercise, play, and enjoy beautiful natural areas, parks, and trails that are affordable, close to home, and open to all Portlanders.

As the pandemic has closed businesses and made many kinds of indoor activities less safe, we are all relying more on parks and natural areas to find safe places to get outdoors, exercise and socialize. **This measure will help to ensure that our parks and playgrounds stay open and available when we need them most.**

East Portland Parks Coalition

Friends of Gateway Green

Friends of Ladd's Addition Gardens

Friends of Brooklyn Park

Friends of Green Loop

Friends of Peninsula Park Rose Garden

Halprin Landscape Conservancy

Hoyt Arboretum Friends

Japanese Garden

Leach Botanical Garden

Pioneer Courthouse Square, Inc.

(This information furnished by Randy Gragg, Portland Parks Foundation)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Portland's Business Leaders say YES! to Measure 26-213

This November, we have the opportunity to ensure our parks serve all Portlanders—and serve them better than before.

Businesses and business leaders are proud to support Measure 26-213 and say YES to sustainable funding for our beloved parks.

Even as parks services have become more popular, funding has not kept up. PP&R's maintenance crews have been cut by 11 percent over the last decade, resulting in reduced service levels, and large maintenance backlogs.

The coronavirus pandemic, closure of community centers and pools, and cancellation of recreation activities have created a multi-million-dollar deficit for Portland Parks & Recreation.

This five-year local option levy is essential to restore these cuts, re-open community centers and pools, protect essential programs for families with lower incomes, and provide the recreation services we all count on. The levy will keep parks and restrooms cleaner and safer, improving service in existing parks while also ensuring new parks get their necessary care to keep parks well-maintained and welcoming to all Portlanders.

The levy is also a critical first step towards fulfilling our shared vision for a more stable parks and recreation services that can better serve all Portlanders. It will reduce PP&R's reliance on fees to deliver programming, and make equity and affordability the primary goals, expanding access to recreation opportunities for communities of color, refugees and immigrants, and families experiencing poverty.

Without this levy, PP&R will face considerable challenges to caring for natural areas and parks, maintaining playgrounds, community centers, and restrooms, and will struggle to overcome the COVID-related deficit in time to restore recreation services for summer 2021.

Measure 26-213 provides secure and stable funding for a thriving parks bureau to better serve all Portlanders.

Please join us and vote YES for Portland's parks!

Big Idea Clearinghouse

Bricks Need Mortar

CauseMic

GreenWorks

Sprout Garden Designs

Unfold Yoga And Meditation

Home Builders Association

Portland Business Alliance

Mark Edlen

(This information furnished by Amy Ruiz)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

PORTLAND YOUTH LEADERS SUPPORT MEASURE 26-213

Measure 26-213 will restore recreation programs that were cut due to the Coronavirus including fitness classes, arts, youth programs, and environmental education. The levy will better maintain trails and assure youth conservation corps programs become more robust.

“PYSA has existed for over 30 years, working hand in hand with PPR. It’s been vital to 10,000 players and 1,500 coaches, providing our kids and parents a much needed outlet when their physical and mental wellbeing is so critical. We fully support this measure and look forward to the next 30 years.”

–Portland Youth Soccer Association (PYSA)

Measure 26-213 will reduce Parks’ reliance on fees, expanding access to recreation opportunities and programs for communities of color, refugees and immigrants, and families experiencing poverty. It will ensure popular programs like Summer Free For All continue.

“Throughout my tenure as the Executive Director of Friends of Noise, PP&R has been a stalwart partner in supporting the youth of our community. Whether it’s holding a free concert, conducting a workshop or just meeting up, being able to use park facilities has been a huge boost for us.” –André Middleton

Measure 26-213 will Help Mitigate Climate Change

Our green spaces are Portland’s lungs, fighting the heat island effect and cleaning the air we breathe. This levy will help protect natural areas, enable us to plant more trees in parts of Portland that currently lack them, and fund the operations and maintenance of new parks built in the neighborhoods that need them most.

“Measure 26-213 guarantees we’ll continue to maintain our green spaces into the future, amidst a pandemic that makes many of our futures uncertain. We believe in the power of our communities to help fight for our climate future” –Sunrise Movement PDX

Measure 26-213 ensures ALL young Portlanders have opportunities to play, learn, and grow for generations to come.

Vote YES for our future — YES on Measure 26-213

(This information furnished by Inna Levin, Portlanders for Parks)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The coronavirus and economic downturn have hit all of us hard, but have had a disproportionate impact on low-income communities and communities of color in Portland. This measure will help to ensure that ALL Portlanders – regardless of race, income, or background – have access to the Parks & Recreation programs we rely on.

Spending time in nature is important for physical and mental health. Portland's parks and recreation programs provide critical free and low-cost opportunities for kids to stay healthy, especially when schools are closed or limiting access. But due to the economic downturn, PP&R has had to make deep cuts to recreation programs – just at the moment when local families need them most.

Nature and green spaces should be a part of every neighborhood. As our community grows, we need to expand our urban greenspace to ensure access to every Portlander, regardless of where they live. **This levy will fund operations and maintenance of new parks built in the neighborhoods that need them most.**

The levy will:

- **Reduce PP&R's reliance on fees to deliver programming, and make equity and affordability the primary goals**—expanding access to programs for children experiencing poverty, including a summer playground lunch program, life-saving swim lessons, outdoor camps, and recreation scholarships.
- **Ensure that Portland's parks and natural areas remain open and well-maintained when many of us are relying on them to stay healthy.**
- **Enable PP&R to plant more trees in parts of Portland that currently lack them.** Parks and trees help reduce the effects of climate change and help fight the heat island effect. But east of the Willamette River, where 80% of Portland's residents live, canopy cover is only 21%.

Unless this measure passes, Portland will face considerable challenges to maintaining playgrounds, community centers, restrooms, and more, forcing many closures. Without this measure, we will not have the equitable park system the community deserves.

(This information furnished by Inna Levin, Portlanders for Parks)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Measure 23-213 Supports Parks for ALL Portlanders

Ahora que uno en cinco residentes de Portland es nacido fuera del país, es crítico tomar en cuenta las necesidades de este población nuevo y diversa para que se sientan bienvenidos/as al llegar a este país y empiecen imaginarse a Portland su nuevo hogar. Los parques de Portland son críticos para darles las bienvenidas a nuevos/as Portlanders en nuestra comunidad. Este "levy" reducirá la dependencia de Portland Parks and Recreation en tarifas y expandirá acceso a programas de recreo para las comunidades de color, refugios, inmigrantes y familias viviendo la pobreza.

Поскольку каждый пятый Портлендец теперь родился за границей, удовлетворение потребностей этого нового и разнообразного населения имеет решающее значение для приветствия тех, кто только что пребывает в эту страну, и помогает им думать о Портленде как о своем доме.

Парки Портленда играют решающую роль в привлечении новых жителей Портленда в наше сообщество. Этот налог позволит Бюро Парков и Отдыха осуществить бесплатное посещение парков и расширит доступ к программам отдыха для беженцев, иммигрантов, и неимущих семей.

With one in five Portlanders now foreign-born, addressing the needs of this new and diverse population is crucial to welcoming those just arriving in this country and helping them to think of Portland as home.

Portland's parks play a critical role in welcoming new Portlanders into our community. This Levy will reduce Portland Parks and Recreation's reliance on fees, and expand access to recreation programs for communities of color, refugees and immigrants, and families experiencing poverty.

(This information furnished by Inna Levin, Portlanders for Parks)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Portlanders love our parks - and parks need our help.

Measure 26-213 is an investment in nature and green spaces.

Nature should be a part of every community. This levy will help protect the 8,000 acres of natural areas, and enable us to plant more trees in parts of Portland that currently lack them. It will ensure new parks get the necessary care to keep them well-maintained and welcoming.

Measure 26-213 is an investment in health through recreation.

Parks and recreation programs provide critical free and low- cost opportunities for kids to stay healthy and active. But the economic downturn forced PP&R to make deep cuts – when families need these programs most. This levy will restore recreation programs, including fitness classes, arts, and environmental education.

Measure 26-213 is an investment in jobs and working families.

PP&R has the City of Portland's largest—and one of the most diverse—workforces. But due to coronavirus-related closures, 1,700 employees were laid off or not hired for the summer. The levy will restore jobs and prevent further cuts for frontline workers who care for our parks.

Measure 26-213 . an investment in communities of color. All Portlanders deserve affordable access to recreation facilities and programs. The levy will reduce PP&R's reliance on fees, and make equity and affordability the primary goals, expanding access to recreation opportunities for communities of color, refugees and immigrants, and families experiencing poverty.

Join local elected leaders (and candidates!) in saying YES to Measure 26-213 to maintain our parks and restore vital recreation services for a park system that will better serve all Portlanders.

Current and former Portland Parks Commissioners

Former Commissioner Mike Lindberg

Former Mayor Charlie Hales

Former Commissioner Dan Saltzman

Commissioner Amanda Fritz

Mayor Ted Wheeler

Commissioner Chloe Eudaly

Commissioner-elect Carmen Rubio

Metro President Lynn Peterson

Metro Councilor Sam Chase

Metro Councilor Christine Lewis

Metro Councilor Bob Stacey

Candidates for Local Office

Sarah Iannarone Chris Smith

(This information furnished by Amy Ruiz)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Dear Portland Voters,

Funding for Portland Parks & Recreation has dominated every budget process since I joined the City Council. Parks needs a stable funding source. I am enthusiastically supporting the Parks Levy because:

- . It will ensure that everyone in Portland to benefit from our beautiful Parks system without regard to their ethnicity, economic status, or abilities;
- . It will protect thousands of acres of natural areas and over a million trees;
- . It will provide job security for Parks employees who teach our children to swim, lead exercise classes for seniors, and provide dozens of other activities that make our community healthy, fulfilling, and fun;
- . It will support the required maintenance to keep our parks clean and safe.

I wouldn't be supporting this measure if I didn't believe we can afford it. The Parks levy will cost most homeowners less than \$13 a month.

Generations of Portlanders have built one of the best parks systems in the world. We have an opportunity to guarantee the future of our parks for the next five years during these difficult times. Our parks system and all the services and amenities they provide are essential to our recovery and long-term resilience.

Please join your fellow Portlanders and me in voting YES for Parks!

Best Regards,

Portland City Commissioner, Chloe Eudaly

Join the Portlanders for Parks team at PortlandersforParks.org

VoteChloe.com

(This information furnished by Chloe Eudaly)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Taxpayers Association of Oregon urges No on #26-213

Stop out-of-control park waste and mismanagement.

Problem #1. They over-spend by 61% compared to other parks.

According to the 2017 Trust for Public Land Report, Portland spends around 61% more (per-capita population adjusted) than 100 other city park budgets.

Problem #2. They boosted pay by \$4 million knowing they couldn't afford it.

In 2016, Portland City Council voted unanimously to unionize a bunch of positions in the Portland Parks Bureau. The move cost the city \$4.4 million in the following fiscal year.

The city never solved the shortfall and has run at a deficit ever since. Simply put, they gave raises they knew they couldn't afford.

Problem #3. They under-charge park users.

KOIN-TV reports (1/23/19), “Portland parks facing \$7 million shortfall...More than a quarter of its revenues come from fees for programs, which the City Council has kept low to encourage public participation.” Instead of charging a fair price for people who use park facilities, the Parks Dept. instead wishes to tax people who don’t use the park to subsidize people who are under-paying.

Problem #4. Unanswered questions.

The measure promises to “restore recreation programs.” But the ballot title doesn’t explain why these programs must be restored. The short answer: Mismanagement. The city says this is only a 5-year levy. But, if Portland doesn’t stop the mismanagement of its parks, they’ll be back five years from now asking for even more.

Taxpayer Association of Oregon urges

Stop out-of-control park waste and mismanagement.

No on #26-213

-- Please follow us online at OregonWatchdog.com (see also OregonCatalyst.com).

Taxpayer Association of Oregon has been fighting government waste, fraud and abuse for over 20 years.

(This information furnished by Jason Williams, Taxpayers Association of Oregon)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-217

Referred to the People by the City Council.

BALLOT TITLE

Amends Charter: Authorizes new, independent community police oversight board.

Question: Shall Charter be amended to authorize new, independent community police oversight board to investigate complaints against Portland Police, impose discipline?

Summary: The measure adds a Charter section authorizing an independent police oversight board appointed by City Council.

Board Membership:

- . Members from diverse communities, particularly those with lived experience of systemic racism and those who have experienced mental illness, addiction, or alcoholism.
- . Shall not include current law enforcement employees and immediate family members or former law enforcement employees.
- . Board size, members’ terms, term limits to be determined by City Code.

Board Budget:

- . Shall be no less than 5% of the Police Bureau’s operating budget.

Board Staff:

- . Board shall appoint a Director who serves at the pleasure of Board and who appoints staff and investigators.

Board Powers and Duties:

- . Investigate all deaths in custody, uses of deadly force, complaints of force causing injury, discrimination against protected classes, constitutional rights violations
 - . Investigate complaints
 - . Subpoena documents
 - . Access police records
 - . Compel witness statements, including from police officers
 - . Impose discipline, including termination
 - . Recommend policies focused on community concerns to Police Bureau, City Council
 - . Powers restricted by State, Federal laws
 - . Remove barriers for members' participation
- Other provisions to be established by City Code.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

If passed by voters, this ballot measure would add a section to the City Charter that authorizes the creation of a new police oversight board. The proposed measure sets forth the powers of the new board including the authority, to the full extent of the law, to investigate complaints and to issue disciplinary action against sworn police officers and their supervisors, independence from elected offices and city bureaus, and a budget guarantee to assure resources are available to complete the board's work. The proposed oversight board would also be authorized to directly influence the police bureau's policies and directives.

If passed, the ballot measure would create a framework in the City Charter for the new oversight board. However, the steps below would need to be completed before the board could begin operations.

1. The City Council would adopt an implementing ordinance to create a commission charged with fleshing out the new board's operations.
2. The commission would complete a variety of tasks – after incorporating community feedback and consistent with the framework in the City Charter – including drafting: a) administrative rules for the board; b) an organizational chart for the board; and c) a plan to transition from the City's existing Independent Police Review to the new board.
3. The commission would then summarize its work in a series of proposed City code changes and send those changes to the City Council for adoption. The commission would then be dissolved.
4. The City will comply with any legal requirements it may have.
5. The new police oversight board could begin operations.

Submitted by:

Jo Ann Hardesty, Portland City Commissioner City of Portland

CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-217

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

League of Women Voters of Portland Urges a “YES” Vote on Measure 26-217

The League has been involved in police oversight since the early 1980s when one of our members served on the commission that recommended Portland’s first police accountability system. We have continued to monitor the city’s oversight agency since then.

We support the Community Police Oversight Board charter amendment for the following reasons:

It is an important first step towards a truly independent and empowered oversight system.

- . The proposal includes the essential features of the independent civilian agency the community has been seeking for years.
- . The measure acknowledges that additional steps must be taken in order for this vision to become a reality, including changes to state law and the police union contract.

The measure remedies the shortcomings of our current system.

- . The current oversight agency does not have ready access to police bureau files nor does it have the authority to compel officer statements, investigate deadly force cases, or discipline officers.
- . In a number of officer misconduct cases, findings and recommended discipline are determined behind closed doors by a board made up of a majority of police officials.

Once all the pieces are in place, we will have a vastly improved system independent from other city bureaus and elected officials. The new system will remedy the historical challenges to holding police accountable by having the authority to:

- . Conduct independent investigations including police shootings, use of force, and discriminatory policing.
- . Compel officer and witness testimony.
- . Require submission of relevant documents.
- . Make policy recommendations to the police bureau requiring a response with a final decision by City Council.

The measure commits the oversight board to conducting its business at meetings open to the public and emphasizes transparency and regular reporting. The League believes democracy depends upon informed and active participation in government and the public’s right to know.

Vote “YES” on Measure 26-217 for Accountability and Transparency.

(This information furnished by Debbie Kaye, League of Women Voters of Portland)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

VOTE YES FOR POLICE REFORM VIA CITY CHARTER UPGRADE

Portland Gray Panthers urges a yes vote for police reform! In the city charter (constitution), police oversight can only be changed by the people's vote, so it is safe from mayors/council members paid or scared by cops.

Before this, police who killed unarmed Portlanders had no lasting discipline -- some got promoted since the police "police" and defend themselves, destroy/withhold evidence and tamper with witnesses. For the first time we could have a truly independent, trustworthy, effective body with the power to subpoena and compel officers to answer questions, investigate deadly force cases, collect evidence, interview witnesses, discipline officers, affect police policies/directives, and include transparency with public hearings.

Sections of it can be enforced law regardless of other sections affected by any changes in state law, the collective bargaining contract, and possibly federal labor law.

As long as there are police, we have to find ways to minimize the harm they are doing to the community and hold them accountable when they do that harm. Vote yes to start that process and form a framework for further police accountability to ever better serve and protect Portlanders, everyone's rights, our environment, and a just/merciful regenerative economy that works for everyone.

We also want the wisdom, knowledge, expertise, integrity, and passionate courageous commitment of those who have been doing this work over the last several decades.

(This information furnished by Lew Church, Portland Gray Panthers)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Sarah Iannarone Urges Passage of Real Police Accountability

Portland, this is the right thing to do.

Like most people, I have seen and been appalled at the nationwide videos of violent police killing, maiming, and traumatizing community members. And it comes as no surprise that the officers involved will face little to no consequences. The regrettable truth is that our systems are currently incapable of holding officers accountable, even when misconduct is clearly documented.

This is unacceptable and we know that Portland is no exception. Portland's sons and daughters like Kendra James, Keaton Otis, Christopher Kalonji, Quanice Hayes, Andre Gladen, Koben Henriksen, and many others should still be with us. The Oregonian reviewed 40 fatal Portland police shootings and found the victims were disproportionately Black, and a majority had mental illnesses. Not one of the 65 officers who pulled a trigger were ultimately disciplined.

It's time for real oversight and accountability of our city's police force.

This charter referral is an important first step on the path to changing the culture of the police bureau and making sure that the community's values are reflected in the city's law enforcement. The public reporting of police complaints and how they are handled will help the community see trends and make effective changes.

I stand by the individuals and organizations, particularly leaders in Portland's Black community and faith community, who have been calling for these changes for over 30 years.

I urge you to join me in voting YES for real transparency and community oversight of Portland Police!

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

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-217, Police Oversight Board Charter Amendment

. To create a Portland Community Police Oversight Board (Board) with significant powers to **investigate & discipline Police for excessive use of force, deaths in custody, Police misconduct, discrimination against protected classes and civil rights violations.**

. The Board will have sufficient resources and power to conduct meaningful investigations (including to subpoena evidence and compel officer testimony).

. **Funding for the Board will be NO LESS than 5%** of the Portland Police Annual Operational Budget and will hire its own paid Director, Administrative Staff and Professional Investigators.

. The Board is to be composed of members representing those classes of community members which have been the historic victims of over-policing and deadly force and **MAY NOT** include current or previous law enforcement employees or their families.

. This new Board is truly independent from the Police Bureau and City Council: **no city official nor law enforcement office shall have the power to limit or oversee the independent judgement of the Board.**

. **The Board would have the final say on discipline for officers including termination** and will directly impact the Police Bureau's policies and directives.

“We believe police should be held accountable ... An independent civilian agency must have explicit jurisdiction in deadly force cases and must have the ability to compel testimony and recommend discipline.”

Plank 5 of Article VII. Justice, Platform of the Democratic Party of Multnomah County

***** Vote YES on Measure 26-217 *****

(This information furnished by Lurelle Robbins, The Democratic Party of Multnomah County)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Portland,

We have a chance to make history this election by passing Real Police Accountability for our community after decades of unnecessary loss and suffering.

Measure 26-217 represents the culmination of years and years of work by Black Portlanders calling for justice and reform,

and by the families of victims of Portland's tragic history of resorting to deadly force when encountering Portlanders with mental illness.

A recent article in the Oregonian, titled "Shots Fired," recounts and reminds us that of the last 40 people killed at the hands of Portland Police, 65 officers fired their weapons, and none were ultimately disciplined for their actions. Please take a moment to let that sink in. 65 officers fired their weapons, resulting in the deaths of 40 Portlanders, and no one lost their job or were disciplined in any way.

And let's consider the life altering consequences of the routine over policing of Black and brown Portlanders, causing devastating physical injuries, mental and emotional trauma, and permanent criminal records that prevent people from getting jobs or obtaining housing.

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King said, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice." That arc is bending towards us in Portland right now and we must act.

I have been so gratified to see so many of you supporting the Black Lives Matter movement, especially since George Floyd's murder. Let's back that up with real change and send a strong signal to our city and our nation that no one should

be killed because of the color of their skin or because they are struggling with mental illness.

Let's create a public safety system that values and protects each and every one of us.

Please join me in voting Yes on Measure 26-217 for Real Police Accountability!

Justice is within reach, Jo Ann

Join Us! www.realpoliceaccountability.org

(This information furnished by Paige Richardson, Yes for Real Police Accountability)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Justice Cannot Wait

Vote YES for Community Oversight of Police

"We can never be satisfied as long as the Negro is the victim of the unspeakable horrors of police brutality."

-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 1963

The Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice & Police Reform has advocated for community oversight of Portland Police for decades and we are proud to have been part of designing this measure to achieve real police accountability.

We have witnessed the unspeakable horrors of daughters and sons killed by police officers who go on patrolling our communities with no serious investigations or repercussions for acting outside of policy, training, and common sense.

Through the campaign promises of politician after politician; through the public outcries following completely preventable killings; through countless hearings, testimonies, and boards; we are still waiting to see justice in our Police Bureau.

We have marched. We have rallied. We have done the slow, but important work of educating the community. One conversation, one sermon, one tearful vigil at a time, for decades.

Now is the moment Portland.

This measure is the best chance we have to make the structural changes to put the community truly in charge of our police force and ensure officers are held to the standards the community demands.

We know that police violence, while levied disproportionately against Black, Indigenous, Portlanders of Color, and those with mental illnesses, endangers people of every demographic and in every neighborhood in our city.

We ask that you join with us today and help bend the arc of history towards justice.

-The Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice & Police Reform

Learn more about our pursuit of justice at <http://www.albinaministerialcoalition.org/>

(This information furnished by Paige Richardson, Yes for Real Police Accountability)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Families Of People Killed By Police Urge You to Vote YES for Police Accountability

The Pacific Northwest Family Circle (PNWFC) is a group of families whose loved ones were unnecessarily killed by

police. Sadly, our membership continues to grow. Families and community are hurt by these losses and feel unsafe because of the police.

PNWFC strongly supports police accountability and this historic effort. This measure will allow the community to supervise police in a way that is **fair to police and also to the**

community. Families know that no matter the circumstances, police are never held accountable for killing Loved Ones in 99% of the cases. We need a system to discipline and fire violent officers before they kill more Loved Ones.

Independence – Appointed members will serve on the board independent of the police bureau. This would end the current conflict of interest where only police investigate themselves. The City Council can end the current boards anytime with nothing to replace them. This new system can only be removed by voters.

Sufficient powers and resources - The proposed board will be able to compel officers to testify, issue their own subpoenas, and recommend policies. Policies must be adopted by the Police Bureau or voted on by City Council. The board's budget will follow the trend of the police budget. If the police force grows, so does the power of community to ensure accountability.

Enforceable legal action against police - Most importantly, the new board will give the community real power to discipline officers. This can change the culture of policing to reduce misconduct. We believe with discipline that really sticks, police will be less likely to kill or harm Loved Ones.

Lastly, THIS DOES NOT RAISE TAXES!

Over 40 people have been killed by the Portland Police Bureau since 1992. Help PNWFC stop police violence. Let's give power to the people and take action towards PEACE NOT POLICE!

-Pacific Northwest Family Circle <http://www.pnwfamilycircle.org>

(This information furnished by Paige Richardson, Yes for Real Police Accountability)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Faith Leaders Support Real Police Accountability

We are living in very troubled times, which ask all of us to respond with strength, courage, and compassion. As faith leaders, we are taught when there is trouble you go right to the heart of it because if one of us suffers, we all suffer.

We have millions of people in our country today and thousands of our neighbors here in Portland who suffer daily because they are afraid of their future, or afraid that they and their families will have no future because of an unjust and racially biased police culture. In this election Portland has an opportunity to take a stand for justice and take a large step forward in changing our broken system of policing.

Leaders in Portland's Black community have been asking for this change for more than half a century, and they have been joined for decades by the families of Portlanders with mental illness, who along with Black Portlanders are the most likely to be killed by Portland police.

We stand with the AMA Coalition for Justice and Police Reform and with the Pacific Northwest Family Circle in supporting **Real Police Accountability** and we encourage you to do the same.

Please vote Yes on Measure 26-217. Lives depend on it.

AMA Coalition for Justice and Police Reform
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
Tikkun Olam (Justice Action Committee), P'nai Or of Oregon Rev.
Dr. LeRoy Haynes
Deacon Bonnie Beadless-Bohling
Rabbi Laner
Rev. Christopher Craun, St. Michaels & All Angels Episcopal Church
Rev. Dr. Amanda Zentz-Alo
Rev. Aric Clark, Sherwood United Methodist Church
Rev. Dr. Brian Brandt
Rev. Dr. Sara Rosenau
Rev. Dr. W. J. Mark Knutson Senior Pastor Augustana Lutheran Church
Rev. Elizabeth Durant
Rev. Janet Parker, Interim Pastor, First Congregational UCC
Rev. Jessica Shine, United Church of Christ
Rev. Melissa O. Reed
Rev. Robyn Hartwig
Rev. Sara Gross Samuelson, Oregon Synod, ELCA
Rev. Solveig Nilsen-Goodin
Rev. Terry Allen Moe
(This information furnished by Paige Richardson, Yes for Real Police Accountability)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

A New Community Model to Investigate and Discipline Police Officers Accused of Misconduct

Portland has never had meaningful independent oversight of our police force. Existing police oversight systems are unable to effectively collect evidence, interview witnesses, affect police policies, demand transparency, or discipline

officers. The communities in Portland who are most impacted by disproportionate policing and systemic racism have

been excluded from the systems designed to hold police accountable. **In order for Portland to meet the demands of activists in our city and across the country, we demand a truly representational police accountability system.**

Leaders in Portland's Black community have been asking for this change for over half a century. The time is now: we need to hold police accountable to the people they serve.

An Oregonian review of 40 fatal Portland police shootings found those killed were disproportionately Black, and that the majority suffered from mental illness. None of the officers who pulled a trigger in this review were indicted by a grand jury, and none were ultimately disciplined. **It's time for oversight and accountability.**

Although officers are rarely disciplined for using force, the settlements and jury verdicts against the city tell a different story. The top 25 verdicts and settlements have cost Portland nearly \$12 million--imagine this money serving the community.

This measure is an important first step, there is much more to do, but this is one necessary and long overdue step towards real accountability.

Please Join Us in Voting for Police Accountability

AMAC for Justice and Police Reform

NAACP

Brown Hope

Latino Network

NARAL

Portland Forward Physicians for Social Responsibility

Sierra Club, Oregon Chapter

Basic Rights Oregon

Speaker Tina Kotek

Senator Lew Fredrick

Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer

Representative Tawna Sanchez

Representative Akasha Lawrence Spence

Portland Commissioner Dan Ryan

Portland Commissioner Elect Carmen Rubio

County Chair Deborah Kafoury

County Commissioner Sharon Meiran

County Commissioner Susheela Jayapal

County Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson

County Commissioner Lori Stegmann

Michelle DePass, Director Portland Public Schools

(This information furnished by Paige Richardson, Yes for Real Police Accountability)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Defense Attorneys for Real Police Accountability

Kafoury & McDougal, has the first, third, and fifth largest brutality verdicts ever won against Portland Police in state court. Despite the verdicts, no officers were disciplined; the City just wrote checks. Some of our cases:

Steelworker Jason Cox, savagely beaten, tased by several officers. Assault caught on surveillance video, now on YouTube. A juror called him "pretty compliant." Fireman wrote that police were "reluctant to give any info" on how he was injured. Verdict \$562,000.

Preschool teacher Gallagher Smith questioned officers' authority to order him off the sidewalk when he was doing nothing wrong. He was tased, pepper sprayed, punched, handcuffed, hog-tied, and charged with bogus crimes.

Acquitted by a jury, a civil jury awarded \$306,000.

Alexander Clay, Richard Booth, and Harold Hammick, awarded \$175,000 after being discriminated against and terrorized in a parking garage. Officers ordered witnesses to leave. A young college couple watched unobserved and contradicted the false story concocted by police. Hammick, held at gunpoint, was mocked, and twice punched in the groin by Sgt. Leo Besner. Besner, after costing the City more than \$1 million, was twice promoted, now a lieutenant. Oregonian columnist Steve Duin wrote that officers "conjured up a fanciful backstory." Chris Davis, one of the three officers, is now the Deputy Chief of Portland Police.

Shei'Meka Newmann won the Mayor's 2007 Spirit of Portland Award for her work with poor kids, saw a rough police arrest, then asked Officer Sandvik for his business card. He struck her in the chest, twisted her arm so hard she thought it would break, cuffed her, and charged her with a string of phony accusations, then failed to show for her criminal trial. Jury awarded \$82,000.

Without a strong civilian police review board, nothing will change.

-Kafoury & McDougal Lawyers

(This information furnished by Paige Richardson, Yes for Real Police Accountability)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

A National Model for Police Accountability

Each year, police nationwide kill roughly 1,100 people. One in every three people killed by a stranger in the United States is killed by police. There is virtually no accountability for

this violence. 99% of these officers are not convicted of a crime and the vast majority are not disciplined. In September 2020, the Portland City Council moved to pay a settlement of \$975,000 to the family of a community member killed by police during a mental health crisis. Settlements like these

punish residents and taxpayers without actually addressing the underlying problem.

Over the past five years, we've examined data on policing practices across the country to identify effective solutions to end police violence and keep communities safe. We have found that there are common sense policies, that when enacted, make policing safer, for both officers and the community. Research shows when officers are not held

accountable for misconduct, they continue to contribute to a culture of violence within a department - over time producing higher rates of police violence and misconduct against members of the public.

The model proposed here is the strongest in the nation. It is structurally independent of the Police Bureau and removed from the direct control of politicians. It has the necessary powers and resources to conduct thorough investigations and it is designed to have the power to enact discipline and change policy.

The “tough on crime” era in the late 20th century ushered in an unprecedented level of police militarization and overreach, making local bureaus unaccountable and unassailable.

Measure 26-217 will contribute towards creating a functional accountability system for Portland and brings together best practices from around the country into one system that could become a national model.

It is time to create a new era with the community in charge.

-Campaign Zero

Campaign Zero is a platform of data driven solutions to end police violence.

<https://www.joincampaignzero.org/>

(This information furnished by Paige Richardson, Yes for Real Police Accountability)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

As members of the Oregon legal community, we stand with the community groups, faith leaders, and activists who have been advocating for reforms for decades.

We see the systemic problems in our criminal justice system and are aware of the racial biases at many different stages within the system including policing. Like you, we have also seen the videos of Portland Police using force that seem disproportionate and inappropriate by any reasonable standard.

As the Oregonian recently reported, in the last 40 fatal Portland police shootings the victims were disproportionately Black and half had mental illnesses. Not one of the 65 officers who pulled a trigger were indicted by a grand jury, and none were ultimately disciplined.

We also rarely see officers disciplined in non-lethal misconduct investigations, and yet over the last 10 years the City has paid more than \$4 million dollars to the victims and families of police violence.

The message is clear: when Portland Police investigate themselves – it’s no surprise that they never find wrongdoing. It is time for an independent board staffed by professional investigators to take over these functions and make sure officers who

protect and serve are held accountable to the community, with citizen oversight and consequences for bad actors.

This charter change is a chance for the people of Portland to do what needs to be done to make structural change to the oversight system.

Our goal should be a community that is safer for everyone. Safer for Black Lives, safer for people living on the margins, safer for people experiencing mental health crises.

In order to do that we need law enforcement that is not above the law.

Join us in voting YES for 26-217 for a more just justice system.

Phil Goldsmith
Jenny Logan
Joe Piucci
Steve Piucci
Christopher Hamilton
David Park
Neal Weingart
Jane Moisan
Gabriel Chase
John Robb
David Sugerman

(This information furnished by Paige Richardson, Yes for Real Police Accountability)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Mental Health Advocates for Real Police Accountability

We became aware something was terribly wrong when James Chasse, Jr., was killed in 2006. Police approached him for looking “strange” near his home in the Pearl District. They beat him to death, and denied him medical treatment by fabricating stories of fictitious drug use rather than disclosing their beating and tasing. Portland’s response? After nearly four years of “process,” **no** discipline for the officers.

The pattern of Portland Police violence against people with mental illness was so extreme that in 2012, the City of Portland reached a secret settlement with the US Department of Justice, after finding a pattern of excessive force on citizens with mental illness. Unfortunately--unlike most DOJ settlements--the Portland Police maintained its own oversight.

Since Chasse’s death, 30 more people with a mental health issue, alcoholism or addiction, have been killed by the Portland Police. In fact, studies have shown that use of force against persons with mental illness has actually gone up since the 2012 DOJ settlement.

We are not surprised. It is abundantly clear that all of us - including people with mental illness - are unsafe as long as the Portland Police control their own oversight.

In the United States, the power of the government comes from its citizens. We give police the enormous power to use deadly force against our citizens. It is not only our right, but our duty as citizens to ensure our police will not needlessly endanger others. When all it could take now for police to kill a citizen with impunity is they look "strange," no one is safe.

Collectively, we have been working to stop police violence against vulnerable people for decades. We believe Measure 26-217 will succeed where prior efforts have failed because it includes critical elements for real independent oversight.

Join us and Vote Yes on Measure 26-217.

Mental Health Alliance

Learn more about the Mental Health Alliance at www.mentalhealthalliance.org

(This information furnished by Paige Richardson, Yes for Real Police Accountability)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Civil Rights Attorneys Say YES to Real Police Accountability

We are civil rights lawyers. Between us, we have many decades of experience in police litigation. We are among the few who have reviewed the secret materials of the Portland Police's Internal Affairs investigations. In these investigations, often the statements of police officers are treated as fact even if they are directly contradicted by other evidence. Eye-witnesses to events are often not even interviewed. The Police do not ask and answer the fundamental question of what they could have done to save a life. In short, the current police internal investigations are not real investigations, they are a sham. The investigations exist only to give a semblance of formality to clearing officers of any wrongdoing. Even in police brutality cases where jurors later award major damages, our police department nonetheless declares the claims "unsubstantiated," or "within policy."

The Portland Police are a law unto themselves. Despite over 44 Portland police involved killings since 2003, no officer in living memory has been successfully disciplined or prosecuted for using deadly force against community members. Let those facts sink in.

The result is a police department where the officers know that they can act with impunity.

Just as every democratic society demands civilian control of its military, the residents of Portland must exercise civilian control of our police department. This proposal for a community oversight board that will conduct real and thorough investigations, and then discipline officers based on their findings is a huge step forward for justice in our city. For

too long, misconduct has been tolerated. Identifying misconduct and holding those responsible accountable will make our community safer.

Please join us in voting YES for real accountability! Greg Kafoury

Jason Kafoury
Ashlee Albies
Michael Fuller
Jesse Merrithew
Stephen Sherlag
Kenneth Kreuzscher

(This information furnished by Paige Richardson, Yes for Real Police Accountability)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Congressman Earl Blumenauer

For years, I have watched as the city of Portland has struggled with the issue of police accountability. Previous efforts have been victim to city bureaucracy, police union politics and ineffective half steps.

The result, is at a time when there's never been a greater need for police accountability we don't have an effective mechanism.

For the very first time, the voters are going to be given an opportunity to have their say. This police accountability review board cuts through the bureaucracy and politics to have a clear method of accountability.

At a time when Portlanders can see the urgent need for accountability in the face of clear examples that regularly cry out for action, this ballot measure gives clear accountability and has a chance because the decision has been placed directly in your hands.

Please join me in taking advantage of this opportunity vote yes for Real Police Accountability - Measure 26-217.

The demonstrated need has never been greater. Not only has the Black community been asking for this reform for more than 30 years, but almost daily we are seeing the consequences of a broken system. This proposal is the strongest opportunity to meet that need and for the very first time the decision rests in your hands...the hands of the Portland voter.

Take advantage of it by voting yes to put Portlanders in charge. Courage,

Earl Blumenauer

www.realpoliceaccountability.org

(This information furnished by Paige Richardson, Yes for Real Police Accountability)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Activists Demand a YES Vote for Real Police Accountability

The Portland Police Bureau disproportionately polices, harms, arrests and kills Portlanders of color. For decades Portland activists have engaged in conversations, and led demonstrations, protests, rallies, and community events

demanding changes to our policing system. The city **has done** nothing in response. For the last three months our community has again taken to the streets to plead for change. We now have an opportunity to take a meaningful step towards rectifying this unjust system. Yes on Real Police Accountability is a first step of many.

We march for justice. Justice is impossible if the police are unaccountable. This is true on a systemic level, and on a case- by-case basis. For too long Black families like George Floyd's have had to grapple with a system that puts justice out of reach when their loved ones are killed by police. For too long Black communities have had to live under oppressive fear of the police.

Real police accountability isn't just overdue--it is urgent. The lack of accountability has been on daily display during the past three months' protests. The safety and rights of protesters, members of the press, neighbors, and bystanders have been threatened and endangered by police with little or no recourse. Every day without real accountability only increases the fear and distrust felt in communities the police are meant to serve.

As Portlanders who are actively engaging in the work of dismantling the legacy of white supremacy. This work starts with meaningful modes for resident engagement and true independent review of the police to hold them accountable for the harm caused to the community.

Join Us in Voting YES for Real Police Accountability

Next Up!

Portland's Resistance

Rose City Justice

Sunrise PDX

Our Revolution

(This information furnished by Paige Richardson, Yes for Real Police Accountability)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Labor supports Real Police Accountability

As pro-worker, pro-union organizations, we believe that part of our role is to advance social justice for all Oregonians. We are emphatically pro-accountability for our police, who, as public servants, have a responsibility to be accountable to the citizens they serve.

Real police accountability gives our community a voice in police use-of-force incidents without undercutting workers or undermining collective bargaining. Because Black lives matter to us, transparency and community oversight is key to ensuring that police live up to our community values.

With the extraordinary powers police are given to detain, arrest, and use deadly force, officers also carry grave responsibility to ensure their actions are free from racism and discrimination in any form. Real Police Accountability will provide the opportunity for officers to be heard and able to present their case in “use of force” and other incidents that could lead to discipline, protecting their union rights, while also ensuring public voice and accountability. The Board created

by Real Police Accountability will also be able to hold police in managerial positions accountable for their actions.

Portland’s current system of police oversight bodies has failed to center the community, but with the oversight Board created by Real Police Accountability, we can actually hold police to the higher standard to which we know they must answer.

We support workers’ rights, we are pro-union, and we encourage a yes vote for Real Police Accountability.

Endorsed by:

Portland Jobs With Justice

Service Employees International Union State Council

Portland Association of Teachers

Oregon Federation of Nurses & Health Professionals

(This information furnished by Paige Richardson, Yes for Real Police Accountability)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Portland! Let’s Join Together for Police Reform and Community Safety

As the Mayor of Portland, I am working every day to bring overdue change to our public safety systems. Working together, we have implemented de-escalation training, expanded unarmed non-emergency response, increased behavioral health units, and taken other first steps toward broader reform.

But like many in our community, I am frustrated by continued adherence to past policies and systems that have supported – and even encouraged – over-policing of Black and brown Portlanders, military-style tactics in response to civil disobedience, and an “us or them” mentality.

As I have said many times in recent weeks: I am 100% committed to reforms that end these practices, implement real and lasting structural change, and restore confidence that when any Portlander calls 9-1-1, they can feel confident that the response will be prompt, respectful, and focused on positive outcomes.

I have also made it clear that no single elected official – Mayor or otherwise – can make this happen alone.

That’s why I am voting for Measure 26-217 and urge your support.

This measure gives us a chance to start making the kind of positive changes that rebuild trust and truly keep ALL Portlanders safe. This begins with looking at the foundations of policing – making sure that our officers are well trained and supported to handle tense situations and that they are held accountable when procedures and policies are violated.

It means we continue working to address the mental health and addiction crises on our streets with the right response – a badge and gun aren’t always the right tools for intervention. It means we have zero tolerance for racial bias and violence and live by our values of equity, inclusion, and Black Lives Matter.

Please join me and neighbors throughout Portland united for safety, equity, and justice.

(This information furnished by Ted Wheeler)

NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-219

Referred to the People by the City Council.

BALLOT TITLE

Amends Charter: Authorizes new Water Fund spending; addresses land use.

Question: Shall Charter allow Water Fund to finance incidental public uses of certain Water Bureau lands, and explicitly authorize these uses?

Summary: The Water Fund is funded by water service ratepayers and used only to pay costs of providing water service.

A judge recently found that the City Charter does not authorize City Council to spend Water Fund monies on any uses of Water Bureau land not “reasonably related” to providing water service to residents.

Measure would amend the Charter to state explicitly that Council may spend Water Fund monies on general public “incidental uses” (undefined) of Water Bureau lands other than the Bull Run Watershed Closure Area. Measure would allow Council to raise water rates to pay for costs created by such incidental uses.

Measure would also amend the Charter to state explicitly that Council may permit or prohibit such uses.

Incidental uses may include neighborhood green spaces and community gardens. Current examples of such uses include recreational uses of Dodge Park, Powell Butte Nature Park, and other “HydroParks.”

Costs related to incidental public uses may include maintaining the lands and facilities, and ensuring compliance with state and federal laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

If passed, this City Charter amendment would clarify the City Council’s authority to permit or prohibit incidental uses by the general public of City lands controlled by the Water Bureau. Incidental public uses – when approved by the City Council after a public engagement process – may include neighborhood green spaces, community gardens, picnic benches, play equipment or other uses that do not conflict with the primary drinking water purpose of these lands. The proposed amendment will not impact City lands in the Bull Run Watershed Closure Area, which would remain closed to the general public.

The public’s incidental use may result in associated costs to the Water Fund, which is the Water Bureau’s operating fund. Associated costs may include maintenance and

improvements to lands and facilities and compliance with state and federal laws, including the Americans with Disabilities Act.

If the amendment is not passed, the City Council's authority to permit or prohibit incidental public use on non-Bull Run Watershed lands would continue to be implied by the City Charter, and management of these lands would be reliant on General Fund discretionary funds.

Submitted by:

Amanda Fritz, Commissioner City of Portland

CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-219

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Measure 26-219

Vote **YES!** To Affirm Your Support **for Even Higher Water Bills!**

Vote **YES!** To Give the Water Bureau More Spending Power!

Vote **YES!** To Gut the Last Remaining Ratepayer Protections in the City Charter!

Vote **YES!** To Spend Your Water Bill Money on Things That Have Nothing to Do with Water Service!

Vote **YES!** So the Water Bureau Can Dish Out More "Grants" To Its Political Cronies

Vote **YES!** To Give a **BLANK CHECK From Your Account Made Out to the Portland Water Bureau!**

Don't be fooled by this "simple housekeeping measure." It is much more significant than that.

Measure 26-219 permanently changes the City Charter— Portland's Constitution. The measure will remove the last remaining protection for water ratepayers. It will allow the Water Bureau to siphon money from your water bill for projects unrelated to providing water service. That's right, a YES vote turns your water bill into a new cash register for City Hall!

Vote YES to let the Water Bureau get away with it. They think you're stupid and will blindly support whatever they tell you is good for you. If that's true, then by all means:

VOTE YES! ON 26-219 TO KILL RATEPAYER PROTECTIONS IN THE CITY CHARTER

Submitted by Kent Craford, 20-year ratepayer advocate and President, Citizens for Water Accountability, Trust & Reform

P.S. Some of the groups submitting YES statements in support of Measure 26-219 may receive funding from The City of Portland and Portland Water Bureau. We encourage you to research grant recipient conflicts of interest. We are an all-volunteer organization that receives no funding from City Hall.

(This information furnished by Kent Craford, Citizens for Water Accountability, Trust and Reform)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The people of Portland and the Water Bureau's ratepayers should choose the appropriate uses of Water Bureau lands and funds, not affluent lawyers nor individual City Commissioners.

This measure authorizes the elected City Council to make decisions on appropriate uses of publicly-owned Water Bureau properties. **Your YES vote affirms that you want to allow the general public to be able to use Water Bureau properties outside the Bull Run Closure Area for uses such as community gardens, greenspaces and picnics, after a public process to define which incidental uses are allowed and set them in City Code.**

In the past, individual City Commissioners chose to spend ratepayer dollars on expenses many Portlanders opposed, with no public process. This measure would change that to require the City Council rather than the Commissioner-in-Charge to approve spending to support appropriate public use of Water Bureau properties.

Your YES vote would allow ratepayer dollars to be invested on federally-mandated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements, so that all Portlanders can equitably access and enjoy public lands open for public use.

Currently, if a Water Bureau property is fenced off from public access then ratepayer dollars pay for maintenance such as mowing the grass. If the fence is removed and a picnic bench placed on the grass, the General Fund must pay to mow – and for ADA retrofits.

The General Fund is needed for housing and campsite cleanup, parks and community services. **This measure won't raise your taxes or your utility bill.** If the measure passes, Binding City Policy requires a public process to approve incidental uses to be set in Code, and an annual report of all Water Fund expenditures to the Portland Utility Board and City Council. It will protect the General Fund from inappropriate expenses related to public use of Water Bureau lands.

Please join me in affirming that Portlanders and ratepayers should choose how to use Water Bureau properties and funds. Vote YES.

Commissioner Amanda Fritz

(This information furnished by Amanda Fritz)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

As a former City Commissioner for 17 years and the Water Commissioner for a good spell, I support the amendment to the City Charter. I believe that there are opportunities to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods by utilizing Water Bureau funds for small projects such as community gardens and neighborhood green spaces on Water Bureau land.

I was also the Parks Commissioner for many years, and I know how Portlanders cherish our neighborhood open spaces and relaxation opportunities. Water Bureau properties with essential water infrastructure such as water towers and pump stations can also provide greenspaces in parks-deficient neighborhoods, give our children safe and accessible places to play, build community, and increase food security. The Portland Parks bureau is desperately in need of funding.

Allowing Water Bureau funds to be used for public use of Water Bureau properties would ensure that they are safe and compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and that more General Funds can be invested in Parks properties.

For decades, Water Bureau lands sat unused behind tall fences in our neighborhoods. Today they are being converted to thriving community sites. Please vote YES to ensure that the Portland Water Bureau can use its infrastructure sites to increase community health, environmental health, food security, and equity in our neighborhoods.

This measure reflects a common sense approach for City Government. Any incidental use of Water Bureau properties and funds would have to go through a public process to ensure public support, and get approved by the City Council. Also there would be an annual report of these incidental uses sent to the City Council and the Portland Utility Board, providing accountability and transparency.

Please join me in voting YES.

Mike Lindberg, Portland City Commissioner (1979 – 1996)

(This information furnished by Mike Lindberg)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Please vote YES to ensure that the Portland Water Bureau can better use its infrastructure sites to increase community health, environmental health, and equitable access to nature in our neighborhoods.

Measure 26-219 would allow the Portland Water Bureau to better use its properties located outside of the Bull Run Watershed for secondary uses that benefit the local community such as parks, community gardens, play areas, and natural resource restoration. Water Bureau properties that house water towers and pump stations often contain significant amounts of unused land and are located in residential areas.

Historically these sites have been fenced and unavailable to the public, but measure 26-219 would amend the City Charter to formally allow the Water Bureau to invest rates to maintain and improve them for public use and ensure they are safe and compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

This common sense measure codifies a highly successful program and gives the Portland Water Bureau the ability to expand and improve it with public input and upon City Council approval. Picnic tables, community gardens, park benches, play equipment, nature-scaped areas, and other amenities will remain in place and accessible to communities instead of fenced-off, mostly empty lots. It will green our city, give our children a safe place to play, build community, and increase the accessibility to greenspaces in underserved neighborhoods.

Please vote **YES on 26-219** to ensure that the Portland Water Bureau can use and improve its infrastructure sites to increase community health, environmental health, and equitable access to nature in our neighborhoods!

Join these leading conservation and grassroots community organizations in voting Yes on 26-219!

Audubon Society of Portland

Access Recreation

Columbia Riverkeeper

Depave

East Portland Parks Coalition

Friends of Hazelwood Hydropark

Human Access Project

Onward Oregon

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Portland Harbor Community Coalition

Portland Parks Foundation

Sierra Club, Oregon Chapter

The Humane Society of the United States

Urban Greenspaces Institute

(This information furnished by Micah Meskel, Audubon Society of Portland)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

VOTE NO TO PREVENT MORE WATER SPENDING ABUSE

This significant change to the City Charter would allow water ratepayer funds to be used for projects unrelated to the provision of water service.

Portland's Charter currently restricts the use of water funds to uses "reasonably related" to the water system, in order to protect water customers like you.

Portland's skyrocketing water rates should not be used for unrelated projects.

A NO VOTE PROTECTS WATER CUSTOMERS & RENTERS

The Portland Water Bureau has been a terrible steward of ratepayer dollars, as evidenced by:

--The billing system fiasco which cost over \$30 million!

--Millions in cost overruns at the Washington Park historic reservoirs, currently 300% over budget!

--The Willamette River Crossing project, currently more than 200% over budget!

--The infamous "Water House," sold at a huge loss

Water rates will rise annually for decades to finance the \$16 million wasted on an Ultraviolet water treatment facility that was never built. Your water bill will also be going up to pay for unnecessarily adding tons of chemicals to pristine Bull Run water, associated with the now One BILLION dollar filtration plant project. Hidden piping costs doubled the overall cost of this project, earning Portland national attention. The Portland Water Bureau was even mocked in an AARP newsletter. This chemical-adding filtration project should be stopped.

Three years ago a Multnomah County Circuit judge rebuked the Portland Water Bureau for abusing ratepayer dollars on several more projects, including the construction of a million dollar home occupied by a Powell Butte park caretaker, refurbishing Clackamas County's Dodge Park to be used as a Water Bureau party site, and remodeling the Rose Festival building.

None of these Water Bureau pet projects had anything to do with providing you water service

WATER IS ESSENTIAL TO LIFE AND SHOULD BE AFFORDABLE FOR ALL
PLEASE VOTE NO!

Send the Water Bureau a message: you are not their piggy bank!

(This information furnished by Floy Jones, Friends of the Reservoirs)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Vote No on 26-219

Costly water bills should pay for lead-safe drinking water, NOT pet projects.

It's a decades-long pattern that has got to stop. Portland water officials want to amend the city charter to give themselves unchecked spending authority over customer water funds - from your skyrocketing water bill, and from renters via increased rent.

Let's not give the water bureau more misspending opportunities.

In October 2019, your water bill bought an \$800,000 6-bedroom mansion. Also last fall, their proposed \$350M filtration facility failed to include \$500M in pipes. Now that project is up to \$1.2 billion, and would include an employee gym and a posh visitor center. This year, PWB engaged in "fragmenting", illegal procurement for expensive equipment. The list of misspending goes far beyond one year's shenanigans.

We want safe water, not mansions and secretive spending!

For decades, Portland Water Bureau officials have (rightfully) praised our pristine Bull Run water but conflated source water with drinking water, delivering improperly treated water to your tap.

The result? **Portland's water lead levels are now THREE TIMES HIGHER THAN**

FLINT'S and SIX times higher than Seattle's. Numbers don't lie. Here are the inconvenient facts: PWB **exceeded the maximum legal limit** for lead in drinking water in 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2007, 2014, 2016, and 2018.

In 2016, EPA told PWB to expeditiously get their act together on lead, a potent, cumulative neurotoxin. The fix is relatively simple, with tools in PWB's current toolbox. But PWB is decades behind.

Water providers with similar corrosive water have swiftly and significantly reduced lead, as required by federal law. Even so, a future temporary corrosion control facility - years away - is only a half-measure that won't protect public health.

Portland Water Bureau wants to ensure your dollars can build pet projects NOT related to our drinking water.

Keep clever political stunts away from our local Constitution!

Please Vote NO on 26-219.

(This information furnished by Dee White, Portland Advocates for Lead-free Drinking Water)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Vote No on 26-219

"MEASURE WOULD ALLOW COUNCIL TO RAISE WATER RATES"

Could it get any clearer?

This measure will lead to higher water rates. That's right, your water bill—**already one of the highest in the nation**—will go up even more. Why? To pay for "incidental uses."

That's code for City Hall pet projects.

Three years ago, a **Multnomah County judge declared such expenditures from the Water Fund illegal**. They remain illegal today. This measure is asking you to make currently illegal and unauthorized expenditures legal. Doing so will permanently destroy any last protections ratepayers have in the City Charter, lead to higher water bills, and **give the Water Bureau a blank check** to spend your money on their pet projects.

Portland's water bills are already higher than those in the desert city of Phoenix, Arizona. Let's not make Portland even more unaffordable.

Please Vote NO! to:

****Retain ratepayers protections in the City Charter****

****Prevent illegal expenditures from being authorized****

****Stop new Water Bureau pet projects****

****Keep water bills in check****

Please Vote NO on 26-219!

Submitted by Citizens for Water Accountability, Trust & Reform Eric Fruits, Ph.D.

Treasurer

(This information furnished by Eric Fruits)

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CITY OF TROUTDALE

Measure 26-212

BALLOT TITLE

Amends charter: city councilor candidates run against all councilor candidates

Question: Shall Troutdale Charter require election of councilors from one group of all candidates, each running against all others?

Summary: This measure would amend City Charter, changing the election process for city councilors. Three councilor positions are filled each general election, for four year terms. Occasionally two year terms are also filled.

Measure requires candidates to run against all other candidates in one group. Voters cast one vote per open position, maximum one vote per candidate. Three candidates receiving most votes win election to four year terms. Any two year terms are filled with candidate(s) receiving next highest numbers of votes.

Current process requires candidates to run for a particular position. Sometimes a candidate runs unopposed, sometimes a new candidate runs against an incumbent, and sometimes a group runs for a particular position.

The Oregon Constitution gives city voters the right to adopt, amend and revise their city charter and the structure of their city government. Troutdale charter grants legal authority to City and assigns duties and responsibilities to city officers. Troutdale voters adopted the current charter in 1994, and have amended it several times.

The measure would affect elections after November 2020.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Oregon Constitution gives city voters the right to adopt, amend, and revise the City Charter. Troutdale voters adopted the current City Charter in 1994. It has been amended several times since then.

Under current processes, City Councilor positions are numbered. Three of the six City Councilor positions are filled each general election (November of even numbered years).

At the same time, any two-year partial terms that result from councilors having been appointed to fill vacancies, are filled. These provisions will not be changed by the proposed measure, and are in Charter sections 9, 10, 13 and 24.

Under the current process that this proposed measure would change, candidates must file for a particular numbered Councilor position, sometimes running against an incumbent, sometimes unopposed, and sometimes against other candidate(s) for that specific position.

This proposed measure would amend the current City Charter Chapter VI Elections, section 23 to read as follows:

Section 23. ELECTIONS: Both state and local law govern the conduct of city

elections. Candidates for City Councilor positions shall not run for specific positions, but all candidates shall run against all others. Electors may cast the number of votes that is equal to the number of positions to be filled, but only one per candidate. The three candidates receiving the greatest numbers of votes shall be elected to fill the three open, full-term positions in each general election. Then, any positions for two year terms shall be filled with the candidates receiving the next greatest numbers of votes, in decreasing order, until all positions are filled.

This measure would change the election process for city councilors and insert language that all candidates shall run against all other candidates in one group. Those candidates receiving the most votes win election. Ordinarily, the top three will be elected, but on occasion, due to vacancies filled by appointment, the top four or more candidates may be elected from the group.

Electors may cast one vote for any candidate, up to the total number of positions to be filled. Those candidates receiving the greatest number of votes win the full four year terms, and if shorter terms are filled, the candidates receiving the next- greatest number will be elected for the remaining two years of a term.

The City Council sought review of this type of election process (sometimes called “top three”) from the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). The CAC opposed referral of a proposal such as this, after an open public meeting and public feedback.

The City Council adopted this Explanatory Statement, but has taken no position favoring nor opposing this proposed measure.

Submitted by:

Sarah Skroch, City Recorder City of Troutdale

CITY OF TROUTDALE

Measure 26-212

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Enhance voter choice. Vote YES on Measure 26-212!

The current system of elect-by-position of City Councilors is the result of a Council-submitted Charter Amendment placed on the ballot in November 1976. Prior to that, Councilors were elected as proposed in this Measure, as part of a field of all candidates. The major argument in favor of elect-by-position was that “if a candidate wanted to challenge the councilman holding position number 2 he would file for that position. Each council position would be elected separately.”

From a voter perspective, the downside of this method was immediately apparent. The 1978 election saw a candidate distribution of 2/2/1, meaning one candidate ran

unopposed. In 1980, the candidate distribution was 1/2/1, with two unopposed candidates. Over the last forty years, on average, there has been one Position on the ballot where there was only one candidate. In 2010, there were a total of eight candidates for the three Positions, yet because of the candidate distribution of 2/1/5, there was still an unopposed candidate. 2018 saw 1/1/3. The model of two candidates for each of the three Positions has not held true overall.

The other major downside is that voter choice is severely restricted. Voters have no say as to who runs against whom for each individual Position Number. The candidates themselves determine that. This creates a situation where on one hand, you might be forced to choose between two, or more, candidates that you like running for the same Position Number, or on the other hand, choose “the lesser of two, or more, evils” running for another Position Number. With “Top Three” you have the opportunity to vote for your three favorites from among all the candidates.

- . Elect-by-position: maximizes the potential for unopposed candidates; severely limits choice.
- . Top three: eliminates unopposed candidates in most cases; expands voter choice significantly.

Vote YES on Measure 26-212 for greater voter choice!

(This information furnished by Paul J. Wilcox)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

I am Troutdale Councilor David Ripma and I oppose measure 26-212, which amends Troutdale’s Charter. It changes the way Councilors are elected. It would adopt what I call “Multiple Seat Voting,” also called “Top Three Voting.” All candidates that file would run against all other candidates for all open positions. Voters would cast votes for as many candidates as there are positions to fill, selecting from all candidates that filed.

Troutdale’s current system (adopted 44 years ago), calls for candidates to run for specific positions, against an incumbent councilor, or whoever else files, or if the position is vacant, no one. Citizens cast separate votes for each position.

The disadvantages of Multiple Seat voting are:

- . **Multiple seat voting increases the cost of running; each candidate is seeking to win a popularity contest.**
- . **Because of the higher cost to run, “multiple seat” favors dominant, well-funded slates of candidates. Troutdale would be the loser with fewer choices and minority or new candidates less likely to run.**
- . **“Multiple seat” voting makes councilors less accountable to the voters. Troutdale’s current system lets someone who disagrees with a particular councilor run a targeted campaign for that councilor’s position. That cannot be done with “multiple seat” voting.**

Beware of any amendment that makes your elected councilors less accountable.

A majority of the Troutdale Council put this measure on the ballot but took no position either favoring or opposing it. The Troutdale Citizens Advisory Committee studied it and voted to oppose referring it.

This charter amendment fixes a problem Troutdale does not have. In 2020 there are contested races for every position. When, in some elections, a position is uncontested (only one candidate running), I contend it is because the incumbent is doing a good job, or there are not enough people interested in running.

The "fix" of adopting "multiple seat" voting is worse than an occasional uncontested race.

Vote NO on Measure 26-212

(This information furnished by David Ripma)

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METRO

Measure 26-218

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

BALLOT TITLE

Funds traffic, safety, transit improvements, programs through tax on employers.

Question: Should Metro fund roads, transit, safety improvements, bridge repair, transportation programs by establishing tax on certain employers (0.75% of payroll)?

Summary: Funds traffic, safety, and transit improvements and transportation programs along roadway and transit corridors in Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington counties within district boundary. Revenue to supplement other transportation funding. Improvements and programs funded by tax on certain employers; tax rate not to exceed 0.75% of payroll. Tax exempts employers with 25 or fewer employees, state and local governments. Metro may set tax rate lower than 0.75% of wages and increase not more than once per fiscal year up to 0.75%. Tax effective beginning 2022.

Identifies 17 corridors for transportation improvements with approximately 150 projects that prioritize traffic safety, transit efficiency, mobility, and reliability for all modes on roads and transit corridors. Metro to develop agreements with partner agencies responsible for delivery of projects. Improvements include:

- rapid bus network
- light-rail transit line
- bridge repair, replacement
- sidewalks, pedestrian crossings
- signal upgrades

Identifies 10 programs that prioritize safety, access to transit, racial equity, and community stability.

Requirements for public engagement, accountability, and fiscal transparency in implementation.

Establishes independent oversight committee to evaluate progress and implementation. Requires independent financial audits.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Since January 2019, Metro has worked with local leaders and community members throughout the Metro Area on a plan to make the region's transportation system safer, more reliable, more accessible and more affordable for everyone. The Get Moving 2020 measure includes comprehensive investments to make travel safer and more reliable for everyone in 17 of the region's busiest travel corridors, as well as additional investment programs to improve transit, safety and transportation options and deepen community stability throughout the region. Measure goals include racial equity, economic prosperity, saving lives, and improved air quality.

This measure authorizes Metro, beginning 2022, to impose a business tax of up to 0.75% of payroll on employers who employ individuals who perform services in the Metro Area.

Employers with 25 or fewer total employees, and state and local governments, are exempt from paying the tax. Metro may set the initial tax rate lower than 0.75% of payroll and may increase the rate up to 0.75% of payroll not more than once per fiscal year.

The Metro Council and the Transportation Funding Task Force, composed of more than 30 community, business, and elected leaders, identified approximately 150 transportation projects on 17 regional corridors located in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties within district boundary for investment. Metro will prioritize traffic safety, transit efficiency, and reliability for all modes on the network of roads and transit routes that connect greater Portland. Measure revenue will fund a rapid bus network, a light-rail transit line between downtown Portland and Washington County, bridge repair and replacement, sidewalk completion and pedestrian crossings, traffic safety road improvements, traffic operation improvements, off-street facilities for walking and biking, and a network of signal and street light upgrades.

Metro will enter into agreements with state, regional, county, and city governments for funding and delivery of these corridor improvements. The government agencies will be responsible for the design, construction, and delivery of the projects, with Metro oversight.

The Council and Task Force identified 10 programs for investment. The Metro Council will determine the amount of investment in each program once the programs are developed and the amount of revenue is known. Metro will prioritize safety, access to transit, racial equity, and community stability when developing the programs. Measure revenue will fund programs that support safety of children walking and biking to school, safety on roads and streets with high crash rates, accessibility to and support for local main streets, strategies to address potential displacement along transportation corridors, retention of affordable housing along transportation corridors, safe walking and biking connections, transition of transit bus fleets from diesel to electric and low-

carbon fuels, youth access to transit passes, reliability and convenience of bus transit, and future planning for corridors.

Metro will appoint an independent oversight committee to review implementation of the measure and to submit an annual report with information on fund expenditure and measure outcomes. Metro will establish additional committees as needed and will retain an independent accounting firm to conduct an annual financial audit.

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 26-218

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Everyone in Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas County deserve a safe and efficient transportation system. Let's create needed jobs today — building and improving the roads and transit we need for economic recovery and future growth.

Let's Get Moving!

This package will improve 17 of our most dangerous and congested regional roadways, connecting people to jobs, services, education and commerce, and provides resources for cities and neighborhoods to address safety, seismic, transit, climate and equity goals.

- **Traffic Relief:** Gridlock has returned to pre-pandemic levels and will get worse. This package identifies and improves bottlenecks, intersections and onramps that contribute to our unacceptable congestion.
- **Safety Improvements:** Traffic and pedestrian fatalities are increasing. We must take immediate action on safety and seismic needs. Let's build safe routes to schools, fix aging bridges, address inadequate lighting, crosswalks, and dangerous intersections.
- **Jobs We Need:** This measure will create more than 37,500 family-wage jobs, and help small businesses through Main Street investments and business access improvements.
- **Racial and Economic Equity:** 60% of these investments will serve lower income, communities of color, and other areas historically been ignored—or hamed—by transportation planning and spending.
- **Cleaner Transit, Free for Youth:** Our region will not meet our climate and pollution goals without this measure, which replaces our diesel buses with clean electric vehicles; provides free Youth Passes for students, and constructs an overdue light rail in Washington County—a clean, efficient alternative in a fast-growing area.
- **Unlocks Federal Funding:** Let's Get Moving will leverage another \$2.25B from federal sources that will otherwise be spent elsewhere-- maximizing local investments.

Let's Get Moving is funded through a modest, employer-paid tax on larger businesses — it explicitly exempts 90% of all regional businesses; **homeowners and workers won't see a tax increase.** Investments will be subject to independent annual audits and oversight.

Endorsed by: NW Labor Council and Building Trades, UFCW, AARP of Oregon, Coalition of Communities of Color, APANO, 82nd Avenue of Roses Business Association, many more!

(This information furnished by Walter Robinson II, Let's Get Moving)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Un voto a favor (“SÍ”) en la PROPUESTA 26-218 permitirá realizar las inversiones postergadas en nuestras carreteras y puentes deteriorados, creará más de 37,500 puestos de trabajo y salarios de familias, y contribuirá en la reconstrucción de nuestra economía local. Nuestra región está creciendo y la congestión del tráfico ya regresó a los niveles previos a la pandemia. Tenemos que adoptar medidas significativas y eficaces que ayuden a mitigar la congestión sin perjudicar al medio ambiente, la economía ni tampoco la calidad de vida de nuestra región. Un voto a favor (“SÍ”) en la Propuesta 26-218 permitirá invertir en los autobuses, en el sistema MAX, en las banquetas y en más seguridad en las calles de la región, tras imponer impuestos al 9% de compañías adineradas en la región. La propuesta tiene el apoyo de cientos de organizaciones comunitarias que ayudaron a elaborar la propuesta.

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<http://www.letsgetmoving2020.com/languages>

Một lá phiếu ĐỒNG Ý (YES) đối với Dự luật MEASURE 26-218 sẽ giúp thực hiện các khoản đầu tư quá hạn vào những con đường và cây cầu cũ kỹ của chúng ta, tạo ra hơn 37,500 việc làm với mức lương có thể lo được cho gia đình (family-wage) và sẽ giúp xây dựng lại nền kinh tế địa phương của chúng ta. Khu vực của chúng ta đang phát triển và tình trạng tắc nghẽn giao thông đã trở lại như mức trước khi đại dịch xảy ra. Chúng ta phải thực hiện các bước hiệu quả, có ý nghĩa giúp giảm thiểu tắc nghẽn mà không gây hại đến khí hậu, nền kinh tế và chất lượng cuộc sống của chúng ta. Một lá phiếu ĐỒNG Ý đối với Dự luật 26-218 sẽ đầu tư vào hệ thống xe buýt, đường sắt nội thành, vỉa hè và đường phố an toàn hơn xuyên khắp khu vực bằng cách đánh thuế 9% cho các tập đoàn giàu có hàng đầu. Dự luật này được hỗ trợ bởi hàng trăm tổ chức cộng đồng đã giúp hình thành nên đề xuất này.

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给 MEASURE 26-218 投赞成票，将推动对老旧道路与桥梁的逾期投资，创造 37,500 多个家庭工资岗位，并帮助重建当地经济。我们的地区在不断发展，交通拥堵已恢复到疫情前水平。我们需要做出实质性的有效举措来帮助缓解拥堵，同时又不破坏气候、经济与生活品质。给 Measure 26-218 投赞成票，将通过对前 9% 的富裕企业征税来投资于公交、轻轨、人行道以及更安全的过街通道。该措施得到了帮助制定提案的数百家社区组织的支持。

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(This information furnished by Juan Carlos Gonzales, Let's Get Moving)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Ваш голос «ЗА» принятие МЕРЫ 26-218 приведет к долгожданным инвестициям в наши стареющие дороги и мосты, создаст более 37 500 рабочих мест с заработной платой на уровне, необходимом для должного обеспечения семьи, и

поможет восстановить нашу местную экономику. Наш регион продолжает развиваться, а загруженность дорог уже вернулась к уровню, наблюдавшемуся до пандемии. Мы должны принять значимые и эффективные меры, которые помогут сократить заторы, не нанося ущерба нашему климату, экономике и качеству жизни. Голосование «ЗА» принятие меры 26-218 позволит инвестировать в автобусы, легкорельсовый транспорт, тротуары и более безопасные улицы по всему региону за счет налогообложения 9% самых богатых корпораций. Эту меру поддерживают сотни общественных организаций, которые помогли составить текст предложения.

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Cod bixinta ah HAA ee Xeerka 26-218 waxay ka dhigi doontaa maalgelinta lala soo daahay ee waddooyinkeena iyo buundooyinkeena duugoobay, in ay abuurto 37,500+ oo ah shaqooyinka qoysku mushahar ku filan ka helo, waxayna gacan ka geysan doontaa dib u dhiska dhaqaalaha degaankeena. Gobolkeenu wuu korayaa, iyada ciriiriga dhanka isku socodka gaadiidku uu isla hadaba ku soo noqday heerarkii cudurka baahsan ka hor. Waa in aanu qaadnaa tallooyin macno leh, wax ku ool ah si gacan looga geysto yareynta ciriiriga jira iyada oo aanan waxyeello loo geysanayn cimiladeena, dhaqaalaheena, iyo tayada nolosheena. Cod bixinta ah HAA ee Xeerka 26-218 waxaa lagu maalgelin lahaa basaska, tareenka fudud, waddooyinka lagu lugeeyo, iyo jidad ammaan ah ee guud ahaan gobolka iyada oo canshuur la qaadayo 9% ee ugu sareeya shirkadaha hodanka ah. Xeerka waxaa taageeray boqolaal ka tirsan ururada ku saleysan bulshada oo gacan ka geystay qaabeynta soo jeedinta qorshaha.

Waxyaabo dheeraad ah ka ogow: <http://www.letsgetmoving2020.com/languages>

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(This information furnished by Juan Carlos Gonzales, Let's Get Moving)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Let's face it. Traffic sucks.

MEASURE 26-218 IS OUR CHANCE TO FIX IT.

While neither our economy nor our daily habits society have “returned to normal” since the Covid-19 outbreak, **traffic congestion** on many of Portland’s busiest roadway corridors has bounced back, returning to pre-pandemic levels.

“...traffic volumes – down more than 40% in March and April – have settled out at about 90% of where they were a year ago. Drive around the city on any given weekday this summer and you might not notice you’re in a pandemic.”

- *The Oregonian*, 08/30/20

As our economy continues to recover and the region continues to grow, congestion is only going to get worse. In 2018, an average of 1,000 new residents per month moved into the greater Portland region. Our clogged highways and roads simply cannot handle all of this population growth. **We need to take action now.**

Traffic congestion harms our health, well being, and quality of life. We have to take meaningful, effective steps that help mitigate congestion without further harming our climate or our economy.

Voting YES on the Let’s Get Moving package will tax wealthy corporations to ensure that the region can build the transportation system we need to prevent congestion from getting worse. This package, designed in full partnership with business, planning and community leaders, will provide congestion relief by investing in:

- . 120 miles of roadway improvements including, signal upgrades and safety measures, onramp and intersection improvements;
- . 280 new marked crosswalks making driving and walking safer.
- . The region’s first rapid bus network.
- . 11 miles of new MAX lines.
- . Free youth transit passes for all high school students.
- . More than 45 miles of new sidewalks and new bike lanes.

Voting YES on Measure 26-218 is our chance to take action.

The region can’t wait.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-218 TO GET US OUT OF A TRAFFIC JAM.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-218 TO GET PORTLAND MOVING.

___(This information furnished by Walter Robinson II, Let’s Get Moving)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-218 TO STOP TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND GRIDLOCK

GETTING THE METRO AREA MOVING AGAIN

Even as we continue to grapple with COVID-19, bottlenecks and gridlocks are already reemerging across our transportation network. Traffic hurts our economy and our quality of life. Now is the time to invest in infrastructure to meet the needs of our growing community.

WHY TRAFFIC MATTERS

Our local economy depends on the ability to move goods and people efficiently. When we spend time tied up in traffic it reduces productivity and increases costs for

businesses. Better transportation infrastructure fosters job growth and economic vitality.

SITTING IN TRAFFIC IS COSTING YOU \$1,625 EVERY YEAR!

“INRIX estimates that congestion costs you \$1,625 every year! The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) ... report shows that hours of congestion increased over 13% since 2015. The daily cost of congestion in Portland now stands at \$2 million.” - *1190 KEX Radio*, March 4, 2019

OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY AGREES:

Portland Business Alliance: Congestion Threatens Our Economy As Transportation is Key to Our Competitiveness

“Portland's competitiveness is largely dependent on efficient transportation, and congestion threatens the region's economic vitality.” *Portland Business Alliance Report*, December 5, 2005

Portland Business Alliance: \$2 of Benefit for Every Dollar Spent “Additional regional investment in transportation would generate a benefit of at least \$2 for each dollar spent.” *Portland Business Alliance Report*, December 5, 2005

MEASURE 26-218 MAKES THE INVESTMENTS WE NEED

The result of 18 months of planning, this measure will make the biggest investment ever in our region's transportation system. It will make our network safer, more reliable, and more accessible. Let's not spend more time waiting in traffic. **Let's pass Measure 26-218!**

(This information furnished by Thomas Mosher, Infrastructure Jobs are Good Jobs)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

REBUILD OUR LOCAL ECONOMY REBUILD OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-218

Our region and our country are at a crossroads: business as usual or building back better.

By voting YES on Measure 26-218 we can build our economy and our infrastructure back better.

Measure 26-218 would provide for much needed investments in our aging and unsafe roads and bridges, while creating over 30,000 jobs for hardworking Oregonians.

GOOD PAYING JOBS IN OUR COMMUNITY

The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed the gaps in our economy. Thousands of Oregonians are out of work, and many are struggling to cover the costs of housing, food, and medicine.

People who work hard deserve a good paying job. Construction jobs are good paying jobs that provide the resources needed to raise a family securely in many communities across the region.

Measure 26-218 will create 16,000+ construction jobs in our region with an average

wage of nearly \$100,000, and many projects are shovel ready so we can put people to work quickly.

In addition to construction jobs, this will create an additional 21,000+ jobs from the associated economic activity this measure will generate – boosting our economy with over 37,000 new jobs when we need it the most.

SAFER & STRONGER INFRASTRUCTURE AS WE GROW

Our current infrastructure is not prepared for anticipated population growth. Our future-focused region needs a modern transportation system to connect us to our community and keep us safe.

Measure 26-218 will help create safer routes to school to protect kids and families. It will also invest strategically in our region's most dangerous intersections to save lives. These investments will reduce traffic congestion and increase public transit opportunities, helping us limit gridlock as more people move to our region.

A YES VOTE ON MEASURE 26-218 IS A YES VOTE FOR REBUILDING OUR FUTURE BACK BETTER

John Mohlis

Executive Secretary of the Oregon State Building Trades Council (Retired)

(This information furnished by Thomas Mosher, Infrastructure Jobs are Good Jobs)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

THE REGION HAS A PLAN.

The Get Moving 2020 plan proposes investments to address safety, reliability, and congestion on **seventeen primary travel corridors and transit routes**, including \$1.23 billion specifically in Multnomah County.

Southwest Corridor

- . 11 miles of new light rail along SW Barbur Boulevard connecting downtown Portland/PSU, Southwest Portland, downtown Tigard, and Tualatin's Bridgeport Village
- . Improved connections to PCC - Sylvania, OHSU
- . 13 new MAX stations
- . Comprehensive bicycle, pedestrian safety and access throughout corridor

Burnside

- . Funding for earthquake-ready Burnside Bridge replacement across Willamette River
- . Transit improvements for increased speed, reliability, station access
- . Pedestrian safety improvements along corridor throughout East Portland, Gresham
- . Multimodal improvements to Gresham Transit Center, Sunset Transit Center

82nd Avenue

- . Major investments to speed up transit connecting Clackamas Town Center, Portland's Montavilla and Roseway neighborhoods on busiest bus route in region
- . Improved pedestrian access to 82nd Ave MAX station

- . Airport Way overcrossing near Portland International Airport
- . Add/improve sidewalks, crossings, lighting to reduce severe injury and fatal crashes

Albina Vision

- . Funding for improving safety, livability, walkability on five major streets in Albina neighborhood
- . Funds for neighborhood planning to support the Albina Vision Trust

Powell

- . Safety investments on SE Powell between Willamette River to I-205; 182nd to Hogan
- . Funding for planning for future MAX from Willamette River to I-205
- . Reducing gridlock through improved, expanded intersections
- . Downtown Gresham bikeway

122nd, 162nd, and “Clackamas to Columbia”/181st Avenue

- . Bus route improvements - speed, reliability, improved stations and bus stops - to all three corridors through East Portland and Gresham
- . Pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements on dangerous arterials near Rockwood, Rosewood, Parkrose neighborhoods

Portland Central City

- . “Central City in Motion” improvements to get buses out of traffic
- . Pedestrian, bicycle safety improvements
- . Planning for future MAX tunnel between Goose Hollow and Lloyd District, the region’s largest transit bottleneck
- . Ross Island Bridgehead improvements

Additional corridors across the region include Tualatin-Valley Highway, SW 185th, and McLoughlin Blvd.

For more about proposed investments in your community, visit:

www.letsgetmoving2020.com/maps

(This information furnished by Walter Robinson II, Let’s Get Moving)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

PEOPLE WHO WORK HARD DESERVE A GOOD PAYING JOB

Vote YES on Measure 26-218 to create good jobs

Many in our community work hard, but are still struggling to make ends meet. Unemployed due to COVID-19 or working multiple jobs to pay for housing and food, an unsettling number of our neighbors are getting left behind.

If someone is willing to work hard, they deserve a good paying job that supports them and their family.

In our current economy, one of the best paying job options for people who don’t pursue a college degree is in the construction trades. And workers in the construction trades

are some of the hardest working people in our region.

Measure 26-218 will create 16,000+ good paying jobs in the construction industry.

These are GOOD jobs that pay a family wage – meaning workers can afford to keep living in our region and raising their families here.

Measure 26-218 WILL ALSO PREPARE OUR WORKFORCE FOR THE FUTURE

With built-in training and apprenticeship programs, Measure 26-218 will not only create good paying jobs for right now, it will also provide resources to train people in our community who are ready to work hard for successful careers in the trades. Creating a pipeline of good jobs will help strengthen our economy now and in the future.

Join us in voting YES on Measure 26-218!

NW Oregon Labor Council

Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council

International Union of Operating Engineers Local 701

United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555

UA Local 669 Fire Sprinkler Fitters Ironworkers Local 29

Cement Masons Local 555

NW Carpenters Union

(This information furnished by Thomas Mosher, Infrastructure Jobs are Good Jobs)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

VOTE YES FOR JOBS, VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-218

A Spark to Create Good Jobs When They are Needed Most

People Are Suffering in the COVID-19 Downturn

The economic shock of the pandemic is widespread and hitting vulnerable workers the hardest. Layoffs and the economic slowdown threaten families with evictions and defaults on their mortgages. Now is the time for the government to step up before it is too late.

Construction Jobs Support the Middle Class

As higher education costs skyrocket, jobs in the construction trades are one of the best alternative pathways left for financial security. With the downturn hurting private investment, **public projects that are shovel ready are how we can get people back to work right now.**

“Construction spending plummets in devastating downturn”

Daily Journal of Commerce (Oregon), July 31, 2020

“Looking at the year ahead, 45 percent of Portland-area commercial contractors expect a business decline of greater than 10 percent”

Portland Business Journal, May 21, 2020

Measure 26-218 Will Create Good Jobs Now

According to the well-respected firm ECONorthwest, this measure will **create at least 16,452 construction jobs** from the major transportation projects it funds. These jobs are guaranteed competitive wages through state prevailing wage laws.

Source: *ECONorthwest*, January 13, 2020

A Use it Or Lose It Chance for Additional Revenues Each dollar raised offers the ability to **secure matching federal, state, and local funds**. Infrastructure spending will be a top priority in next year's Congress. We will lose out if we do not pass this measure. We need to lock in these funds now before it is too late.

Protections for the Private Sector

By bonding against future tax revenue, this measure offers the best of both worlds: allowing us to start work on shovel-ready projects now but **delaying the corporate taxes until 2022**. It also protects small businesses, **exempting those with less than 25 employees** from paying the tax.

Verne Duncan, Former Oregon Superintendent of Public Instruction

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS IN EVERY CORNER OF THE REGION.

In addition to the 17 corridors, the Get Moving transportation package includes ongoing funding for additional programs to target investments identifying and addressing the needs of neighborhoods across the region.

Additional programs were chosen in consultation with regional public, private, and non-profit leaders, designed to prioritize investments that support communities of color, improve mobility, tackle climate change, support cleaner air and water, and support economic growth.

- **Safe Routes to School**

\$4.5 million a year

Sidewalks and crosswalks and education to help kids get to school safely.

- **Safety Hot Spots**

\$4.5 million a year

Crosswalks, signals, and improvements in the region's most dangerous places to reduce traffic-related deaths and injuries.

- **Better Bus**

\$2 million a year

Projects that make buses faster and easier to use, including bus priority signals.

- **Regional Walking and Biking Connections**

\$9 million a year

Connecting off-street paths for biking and walking.

- **Thriving Main Streets**

\$2.5 million a year

Sidewalks, crosswalks, seating, lighting, street trees and other improvements on the main streets in greater Portland's downtowns, along with a small business support fund.

· **Anti-Displacement Strategies**

\$2.5 million a year

Community-led strategies to prevent displacement where major transportation investments are planned.

· **Transportation Corridor Housing Opportunity Fund**

\$6.5 million a year

Preserving affordable housing options near transportation investments.

· **Bus Electrification**

\$9 million a year

Converting buses from diesel to electricity and other clean fuels.

· **Youth Transit Access**

\$9 million a year

Free transit passes for people ages 14 to 18.

· **Future Corridor Planning**

\$0.5 million a year

Planning transportation investments to prepare for expected ongoing population growth.

These programs were identified and shaped through extensive community conversations, surveys, and Transportation Funding Task Force over the last two years to address critical mobility needs throughout our region.

To learn more about the proposed transportation investment, please follow our campaign on social media:

[facebook.com/getmovingpdx](https://www.facebook.com/getmovingpdx)

twitter.com/getmovingpdx [instagram.com/letsgetmoving2020](https://www.instagram.com/letsgetmoving2020)

(This information furnished by Vivian Satterfield, Let's Get Moving)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Let's Create Jobs, Help Families, and Get Our Economy Moving!

The smartest thing we can do right now to stimulate our economy and address decades of deferred maintenance and safety improvements on our roads and bridges is to approve Measure 26-218.

These investments are critical to addressing short term pandemic recovery and ensuring long term economic stability.

Let's Get Moving will create at least 37,500 family-wage jobs in the construction and building trades — jobs that will be filled by local workers. That's why unions, construction firms and other local businesses support this measure.

By putting people back to work on projects throughout the region, we're not only addressing safety and mobility for all of us, but we're putting money in the hands of people who then spend it to support other businesses. This is why economists argue for infrastructure spending as a way to mitigate the impacts of a recession.

NOW is the Time!

Opponents claim this isn't the right time, but if we don't make an effort to create jobs now, when will we? People are struggling today—and it will only get worse if we don't take action.

Moreover, these transit and transportation improvements will help employers by providing new, safe choices for commuters, more predictable commutes on regional roadways, rapid bus lanes and expansion of MAX service—online and ready when we need it to absorb more growth in our region.

This measure will create good-paying jobs that will help this region keep going after the COVID-19 pandemic is over.

Let's help people get work today—and get to work tomorrow. Vote Yes!

NW Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Ironworkers Local 29

United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555

SMART Local 16

Oregon & Southern Idaho District Council of Laborers (LIUNA)

Columbia Pacific Construction and Building Trades Council

International Union of Operating Engineers Local 701

LIUNA Local 737

UA Local 669 Fire Sprinkler Fitters

(This information furnished by Willy Myers, Let's Get Moving)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Economists and Experts Agree: Transportation Investment is Smart for Job Growth, Economic Recovery

We can address 40 years of neglect on our roads and bridges, create tens of thousands of family-wage jobs, and rebuild our local economy by approving measure 26-218.

These investments are critical to addressing short-term pandemic recovery and ensuring long-term stability.

“By prioritizing infrastructure once again, we could again take pride in investing, not only in the physical health of our nation, but also its economic health, creating more jobs

today, and, with the boost to productivity, more economic activity and jobs in the future.”

– Beth Ann Bovino — S&P Global Ratings Chief,

U.S. Economist

The Brookings Institute Agrees:

“...recessions can also offer valuable opportunities to improve infrastructure and expand economic opportunity.”

With traffic levels in Portland and nationwide reaching pre- pandemic levels, Brookings researchers note: “Policymakers would be wise to design a stimulus based on [past] structural patterns, not temporary deviations.”

They conclude that spending on transportation and infrastructure will “...ensure a stronger economic recovery in the short term and an innovative, more equitable infrastructure system to boost American competitiveness for decades to come.” – *An infrastructure stimulus plan for the COVID-19 recession, 7/29/20*

Benefits Throughout the Economy:

The Nonpartisan Congressional Research Service explains the multiplier effect of infrastructure spending: “As the government hires contractors to complete new infrastructure projects, the employees and suppliers utilized by the contractors now have additional money as well, and will likely spend at least some of it on goods and services provided by other businesses. The successive flow of funds...may result in a larger GDP increase than the original spending...”

A Fortune 500 Business Leader Sums it Up:

“If lawmakers want to spark the economy, quickly create many jobs, and do the most good for the greatest number of Americans, there’s one clear answer: infrastructure investment.” – David B. Burritt, President and CEO of United States Steel Corporation

Vote YES on 26-218

(This information furnished by Walter Robinson II, Let’s Get Moving)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

TRANSPORTATION JUSTICE IS SOCIAL JUSTICE.

Let's Get Moving 2020 is the first transportation package designed with full participation from leaders from Communities of Color

At a time when we are re-examining systems that contribute to inequality and inequities in our nation and here at home, this measure represents a positive and important step in the right direction.

Our transportation system—from where we locate highways, to where bus and rail investments are made, to sidewalk construction—have historically reflected racial and economic bias, with lower income and minority communities receiving greater negative impact and fewer services.

As a result, it is communities of color who disproportionately breathe polluted air near freeways and busy streets, suffer injury or death on unsafe streets, sidewalks, crosswalks, and have historically been excluded from making decisions about transportation investments in their neighborhoods.

Your YES Vote Addresses Transportation Priorities — For All

This policy was not created for communities of color — it was created with communities of color at the table, and has earned broad support because the measure addresses critical priorities while reflecting shared values of inclusion and equity. We all deserve safe streets, all kids safe routes to school, and all of us want to see reductions in congestion and improved transit. In our growing, diverse region, this package fills in gaps from previous investments, while preparing for future growth. In all, **60% of these investments are located in areas where high concentrations of people of color live.**

This transportation package is an opportunity to address past mistakes and invest in the health, wellbeing, and empowerment of our region's families, businesses, and historically marginalized communities.

Join us in voting YES. Let's Get Moving.

Albina Vision Trust

Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)

Bradley Angle

Coalition of Communities of Color

Native American Youth and Family Center

Next Up Oregon

OPAL - Environmental Justice Oregon Oregon Food Bank

Participatory Budgeting Oregon

Unite Oregon

Youth Environmental Justice Advocates (YEJA)

(This information furnished by Vivian Satterfield, Let's Get Moving)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

CLIMATE ACTION CANNOT WAIT.

Let's Get Moving 2020 is an investment in a climate-smart transportation system.

We know climate change isn't just something that's going to happen in the future.

Climate change is here. It's happening now. The fires, floods, droughts, hurricanes, and rising oceans are only getting worse.

Oregon has a laudable history of pioneering leadership in environmentally thoughtful land use and transportation decisions. **Voting YES on Measure 26-218 is our chance to act on these values for the 21st century.**

Approximately 40% of the region's carbon emissions come from transportation.

Measure 26-218 will make \$4.5+ billion in transit investments across the region, including 11 miles of new light rail and our region's first rapid bus network. The package proposes spending \$9 million annually on electrifying dirty diesel buses, prioritizing bus routes through neighborhoods with the worst air pollution.

"As youth climate justice advocates, we pushed Metro relentlessly to demand the agency propose a transportation package that reflects the need for dramatic, bold

action to respond to the climate emergency. Current and future generations of Oregonians are counting on the region's voters to pass this important investment in light rail, bus lanes, bike paths, sidewalks and a regional youth bus pass.

I will be 32 years old in 2030, the year that the IPCC report states my climate fate will be sealed. We don't have time to wait - we demand adults stop merely listening to us but instead act with the shared conviction that our house is on fire. **The oceans are rising, and so are we.** That's why SunrisePDX is endorsing this measure and asking the region to join us in voting yes on Metro's transportation package. **Let's get moving."**

- Micah Bishop, Sunrise PDX

JOIN ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS. LET'S GET MOVING.

1000 Friends of Oregon

Climate Solutions

Oregon Environmental Council

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Sierra Club - Oregon Chapter

Sunrise PDX

Verde

Urban Greenspaces Institute

(This information furnished by Aaron Brown, Let's Get Moving)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

BUSINESS LEADERS AGREE: WE NEED INVESTMENTS IN OUR TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM TO PROTECT JOBS

"Congestion is a fundamental workforce challenge, and a strong, balanced multimodal transportation system in the Portland-metro region can **support our quality of life, promote economic competitiveness and provide access to jobs** for all of our region's workers." – **Dave Robertson, Former Portland Business Alliance Board Chair**

Source: *A green light for all congestion relief efforts*, August 28, 2018

"A **strong and balanced multimodal transportation network that promotes the efficient movement of goods and people is critical** to both our quality of life and economic competitiveness." – **Jim Mark, Former Portland Business Alliance Board Chair**

Source: *Traffic causing headaches for everyone*, August 21, 2017

"...we've got to improve bike safety, pedestrian safety, auto safety, but **we've got to think about our transportation system overall** and try to get smart about it." – **Sandra McDonough, President & CEO, Oregon Business & Industry**

Source: *Portland Tribune*, April 27, 2018

CONGESTION IS IMPACTING BUSINESSES

- . Intel has moved their shipment departure times up considerably because increased congestion was causing missed drop times and costly changes.
- . Providence Health Systems reported important medical deliveries, which must happen quickly and regularly, are getting more difficult.
- . Sysco Foods opened a new distribution center in Spokane because of traffic here, putting good jobs at risk of moving out of state.

Source: *Portland Business Alliance Report*, December 5, 2005

WE ARE LOSING JOBS AS THEY MOVE TO LESS CONGESTED AREAS

“As congestion continues to worsen, businesses

in this region will be at a competitive disadvantage. Businesses that serve local needs either absorb the added costs and reduce their profits, or pass these costs on to the region’s consumers through higher prices. **Trade-oriented businesses, however, can respond by moving their operations, and the jobs they provide, to locations outside the region.”** – *Portland Business Alliance Report*, December 5, 2005

ACT NOW TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR BUSINESSES AND WORKERS: VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-218

(This information furnished by Thomas Mosher, Infrastructure Jobs Are Good Jobs)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Small Business Owners Support Measure 26-218:

“For the last twelve years, I have run 3 small businesses in Washington County. I truly believe that the success of any small business depends on a robust regional economy. A flourishing economy is dependent on a prosperous and well connected community. Small businesses like mine need investments in greater connectivity and infrastructure that allows employees and customers to access businesses.

As an entrepreneur, small business owner and a civic leader I helped write this measure and I am very proud to support the Let’s Get Moving transportation package. **It is time big companies and large wealthy corporations invested in OUR local economy.** Transportation investments support people and create jobs that our community and small businesses need. Please join me in supporting a multicultural, thriving, equitable economy for all of us who live in the entire Portland Region. Vote YES on Measure 26-218.”

-Sushmita Poddar, Owner, Shop Amrapali, Salon Amrapali, Bollywood Movez

“I grew a successful law firm here in Portland because my employees wanted to live in a city where they could safely bike, walk, and take transit to work. Our region is only going to keep growing, and if we want future businesses to flourish, we have to continue to invest in a transportation system that serves every corner of our region.

Help promote the next generation of entrepreneurship in Portland - join me in voting YES on Measure 26-218.”

- Scott Kocher, Attorney, Forum Law Group

“Supporting this measure comes down to our values.

Like many local businesses, we are facing unprecedented uncertainty about the future. However, one thing is certain: we want to live and do business in a community that invests in its people, and in particular in its most vulnerable. Join me in voting YES on Measure 26-218.”

- William Henderson, CEO, Ride Report

Also endorsed by:

82 Avenue of Roses Business Association

Alta Planning + Design

Bozz Media

Flor's Beauty Salon

Reverend Nat's Hard Cider

(This information furnished by Aaron Brown, Let's Get Moving)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Local Workers Urge You To Vote Yes on 26-218

The Working People of This Community Deserve Our Support

The men and women of Oregon's construction trades are what make our economy go. They build our buildings and connect our communities, helping us grow and thrive. Without this work, we wouldn't be able to provide homes, jobs, and the quality of life our growing communities deserve.

Now Is A Time to Step Up

We are at our best when we unite for a common purpose. It is what we did during the Great Depression when the New Deal put millions back to work building bridges, roads, and other public infrastructure that continues to benefit us to this day. We are in the biggest wave of unemployment since that Depression and it is up to us to step up.

Measure 26-218 Is the Answer

As our region continues to attract people, our transportation system must keep up. Investing in construction projects will put people back to work, while also providing roads and public transportation to meet our needs in the decades to come.

“Good paying jobs are hard to find in our current economy. Work in the trades supports so many families across our region, including mine. I hope our community comes together to support this measure.” – **Al Tarli, Apprentice with IUOE Local 701, Hillsboro**

“I feel lucky that being a Operating Engineer has meant economic security, but none of us feel secure right now due to the pandemic. This measure will help bring stability and security to so many working people.” – **Peter Thomas, Journeyman with IUOE Local 701, Gladstone**

Measure 26-218 Will Help Local Workers. Please Join Us in Voting YES on 26-218.

NW Oregon Labor Council

Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council

International Union of Operating Engineers Local 701

United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555

UA Local 669 Fire Sprinkler Fitters

Ironworkers Local 29

Cement Masons Local 555

NW Carpenters Union

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

We Need the Apprenticeship Programs Measure 26-218 Provides

Joining a union apprenticeship program in 2017 was life changing for me. I learned about the opportunity through a family member, a retired union member, and they explained to me the value of apprenticeship programs and the value of good paying jobs in the building trades.

When I applied for the apprenticeship program, I didn't know anything about heavy equipment or how to run them. But I got accepted, started working, and it changed my life. Going from your standard corporate workday to getting to live every little boy's dream of playing in the dirt and running heavy equipment.

It is great that Measure 26-218 will provide training and apprenticeship programs. That means more people in our region who need good paying jobs will be able to have a life changing job opportunity like I did. It will also help us prepare our workforce for the future. My apprenticeship has taught me the most cutting edge technologies, and about what the future of this industry will be.

I am currently working on a transit project in Gresham. We are building new bus stops and extending sidewalks to make them more accessible. Seeing the way these new additions are benefiting the community has been powerful. People have stopped us on the street to talk about how good these changes will be.

Big transit projects, like the ones Measure 26-218 will create, are critical for us. They provide so many good paying jobs and knowing projects like these are in the works, we can continue to build our apprenticeship program and make sure we have a sustainable and professionally trained workforce for the future.

Supporting this measure means a more future ready workforce for the hardworking people of our region.

Please join me and my fellow apprentices in voting YES on Measure 26-218.

– Damen Guevara, Apprentice, International Union of Operating Engineers Local 701

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Crossing the street shouldn't mean risking your life. VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-218 FOR SAFER STREETS SIDEWALKS AND ROUTES TO SCHOOL.

We can't wait any longer to make our streets, sidewalks, and transit safer, more equitable, and more accessible to all of our neighbors, in every corner of the region. The Let's Get Moving package is an unprecedented opportunity **to prioritize street safety in every neighborhood** across the greater Portland region. Dozens of people die every year on our streets because we haven't invested in safer intersections, traffic calming, and improved sidewalks and crosswalks. It shouldn't surprise anyone that this epidemic of traffic fatalities and injuries disproportionately hurts the most vulnerable members of our community - youth, seniors, Oregonians with disabilities, low-income communities and communities of color.

Each traffic fatality is an unnecessary, devastating, preventable tragedy for a family, for a community, for our region.

Conservative estimates suggest between 2007-2017, there were over 1500 traffic fatalities or serious injuries on the seventeen proposed corridors.

Each of the proposed corridors in the Get Moving package include significant, historic investments in safer street design, wider sidewalks, safer crosswalks, and intersection improvements. Additionally, the proposal includes annual funding to use a data-driven program to direct resources to fix dangerous roadways where they are needed most, as well as substantial increases in funding for Safe Routes to Schools and off-street biking and walking trails.

A YES vote on the Let's Get Moving package is an investment in safer streets for all, directly targeting the most dangerous arterials that have harmed thousands of Oregonians due to disinvestment and negligence. A YES vote on the package directs wealthy corporations to pay their fare share to fix up these streets and prevent further unnecessary tragedies.

VOTE YES FOR SAFER STREETS:

1000 Friends of Oregon

Bus Riders Unite

Getting There Together Coalition

Oregon Walks

Oregon Trails Coalition

The Street Trust

(This information furnished by Walter Robinson II, Let's Get Moving)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

YOUTH TRANSIT PASSES AND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL -

MEASURE 26-218 IS AN INVESTMENT IN OUR CHILDREN'S HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND FUTURE.

Measure 26-218 includes funding for two important programs to direct funding specifically to improving the health, safety, and mobility of students across the region. These initiatives - proposed and supported by communities of color - help ensure this package invests in the next generation of Oregonians across the region.

When children can't walk or bike to school safely, it not only deprives kids of a valuable opportunity to develop independence and self reliance, it increases neighborhood traffic, hurts air quality near schools, and reduces opportunities for physical activity. We must fix dangerous intersections and gaps in sidewalks along busy streets to make our communities safer. Students are healthier and perform better academically when they have an opportunity to physically exercise in the morning, and local neighborhood streets are calmer if students can safely walk to school.

"Transit empowers our communities to access the healthcare that we need, put food on the table for loved ones, and to lift us out of poverty in this capitalistic society. I would have never pulled myself out of houselessness without the power of public transportation, which is a lifeline that needs to be resourced to its fullest potential."

- Cuauhtémoc Mikalauskas,

Action Planning Chair, Bus Riders Unite Climate Justice Organizer, Verde Board of Directors, OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon

Getting There Together Coalition member

"We see it in our classrooms everyday - students who walk and bike to school arrive happier, healthier, and more eager to learn. Encouraging more students to walk and bike to school - and providing transit passes for high school students - is an investment in student health, climate-smart communities, and improved educational outcomes. The Portland Association of Teachers is pleased to join the hundreds of community voices supporting a YES vote on the Let's Get Moving 2020 package."

Elizabeth Thiel, Vice President, Portland Association of Teachers

(This information furnished by Aaron Brown, Let's Get Moving)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

MEASURE 26-218 MEANS JOBS FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY

At a time when our economy is struggling from the COVID- 19 pandemic, this measure will provide a critical boost for our local economy. It will put people to work on shovel-ready projects **now**, rebuilding and improving our transportation system.

THAT MEANS MAJOR INVESTMENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY:

181st Avenue

Address safety and traffic congestion from Gresham to Happy Valley

463 construction jobs, 551 other jobs created

Southwest Corridor

An added light rail line between downtown and Bridgeport Village

6,162 construction jobs, 8,507 other jobs created

Central City

Fix the Ross Island bridgehead; Enhanced transit, bike, walk options

830 construction jobs, 995 other jobs created

162nd Avenue

Road and safety improvements in the Rockwood neighborhood 313 construction jobs, 383 other jobs created

Albina Vision

Revitalize key roads; Support neighborhood restoration 150 construction jobs, 173 other jobs created

82nd Avenue

Road repair and improvements to this key arterial 2,153 construction jobs, 2,608 other jobs created

Burnside Street

Seismic bridge upgrades; Safety enhancements; Expanded transit

2,480 construction jobs, 3,042 other jobs created

Powell Boulevard

Improved intersections; Expanded transit; Added sidewalks 410 construction jobs, 477 other jobs created

122nd Avenue

Safety improvements; Expanded bus service 380 construction jobs, 431 other jobs created

THAT'S SAFER ROADS AND THOUSANDS OF JOBS RIGHT HERE AT HOME.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR OUR COUNTY INCLUDE:

- . Improved sidewalks and intersections for safe routes to school
- . Enhanced access and safety for main streets in neighborhoods
- . Equitable investment in affordable housing creation and retention
- . Added walking and biking routes, and protected trails

State Representative Chris Gorsek

(This information furnished by Thomas Mosher, Infrastructure Jobs are Good Jobs)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Affordable housing and anti-displacement leaders agree: Transportation Justice is Housing Justice.

Join housing advocates and vote YES on Measure 26-218.

Transportation improvements can make life better for community members of all incomes, abilities and backgrounds. However, these same investments have, at times, resulted in the displacement of nearby families and businesses due to construction or rising property values.

In the Portland area, the negative economic, social and psychological impacts of displacement have been borne disproportionately by communities of color and people with lower incomes.

Regional community leaders demanded that Measure

26-218 be different and Metro responded. Measure 26-218 was specifically designed with policy language and dedicated programmatic funding to make sure we all benefit from these investments. Let's Get Moving includes funding to buy land and buildings along future transit corridors for affordable housing.

“Unite Oregon has worked tirelessly with city and regional partners on the Southwest Corridor Equitable Development Strategy to ensure that these transportation investments don't spur gentrification and displacement but instead allow our community to flourish and grow in place. We're proud to see this package include specific funding and policies to ensure that this once-in-a-generation investment in light rail will benefit everyone in the community - especially immigrants, low-income communities, and communities of color. We're proud to support this measure and we ask that you join us in voting yes for a groundbreaking collaboration in support of housing justice, racial justice, and transportation justice.”

Kayse Jama, Executive Director, Unite Oregon

“We know that investments in walkable communities connected by frequent and reliable transit options is an essential ingredient in addressing Portland's affordable housing crisis

. We're grateful that the region will be coordinating these investments in housing and transportation. We heartily endorse a YES vote. Let's get moving.”

. Trisha Patterson, Board Member, Portland: Neighbors Welcome

Organizations:

Community Partners for Affordable Housing

Housing Oregon

Proud Ground

ROSE Community Development

Unite Oregon

Learn more: www.letsgetmoving2020.com

(This information furnished by Aaron Brown, Let's Get Moving)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

NOW IS THE TIME TO INVEST IN OUR INFRASTRUCTURE VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-218

Our Transportation System is the Backbone of Our Region

Roads and rails connect us to our jobs, our schools, our local businesses, and our neighbors. A healthy transportation network is vital to sustaining our economy and community.

That network has fallen behind the needs of our residents. Measure 26-218 will fix that.

Critical Investments in Our Infrastructure Measure 26-218 addresses critical gaps and bottlenecks in the infrastructure of the metro area. It will reduce congestion, boost public transit, and make needed improvements in underserved areas.

A Direct Benefit to Working Families

At a time when the COVID-19 pandemic is intensifying economic inequality and straining working families, Measure 26-218 will provide clear economic benefits.

- . 16,452 construction jobs with an average wage of \$98,103
- . Another 21,118 local jobs from the economic stimulus
- . Long-term benefits across the economy through reduced commutes and more efficient movement of goods

Source: *ECONorthwest*, January 13, 2020

Workforce Training That Will Benefit Us All

The Measure also creates training and apprenticeship programs that will provide people with the skills they need for good paying jobs in construction. The programs will work to diversify the industry by preparing more women and persons of color for jobs in the trades.

Working People Need These Investments Now Our stalling economy is hitting hardest those who can least afford it. Just like The New Deal, now is the time for the government to step up to create jobs and strengthen our economy. Our community cannot put off this important investment in our future.

“The pandemic has exacerbated labor market inequities. Job losses are disproportionately concentrated among young, low-wage workers. Most likely to be laid off are workers 24 to 35, those with a high school diploma or less, Blacks and Native Americans.”

Portland Tribune, July 28, 2020

Vote Yes on Measure 26-218 Ken Helm, State Representative

(This information furnished by Thomas Mosher, Infrastructure Jobs are Good Jobs)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

MULTNOMAH COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIALS AGREE: IT'S TIME TO GET MOVING. VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-218.

As we unite to rebuild our economy and address historic inequity, there is no better investment than making our streets, sidewalks, and transit systems work better—for all of us. This measure addresses 40 years of deferred action to help reduce traffic congestion, improve unsafe roads and bridges, and expand clean, accessible transit. Passage of this measure would leverage billions in matching federal funds that will otherwise go to other regions of our country.

That's why we are voting yes.

Let's connect people to jobs, education and services safely-- and address congestion that will only get worse as our region grows.

Let's create 37,500+ jobs to help families and local businesses-- without raising taxes on working people and small employers.

Let's address historic injustice by prioritizing investment in low- income communities and communities of color.

Let's invest in transit, biking and walking to build a climate resilient transportation system.

Let's Get Moving.

Join us. Vote YES on Measure 26-218.

US Representative Earl Blumenauer

Former Governor Barbara Roberts

Former Metro President Tom Hughes

Speaker Tina Kotek

State Senator Michael Dembrow

State Representative Maxine Dexter

State Representative Margaret Doherty

State Representative Chris Gorsek

State Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer

State Representative Rob Nosse

State Representative Jeff Reardon

State Representative Sheri Schouten

Dacia Grayber, Candidate for State Representative

Ricki Ruiz, Candidate for State Representative

Chris Smith, Candidate for Metro Council

Multnomah County Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson

Multnomah County Commissioner Lori Stegmann

Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler

Portland City Commissioner Chloe Eudaly

Portland City Commissioner Amanda Fritz

Portland City Commissioner-Elect Carmen Rubio
Sarah Iannarone, Candidate for Portland Mayor
Gresham City Councilor Jerry Hinton
Gresham City Councilor Eddy Morales
Troutdale City Councilor Zach Hudson
Troutdale City Councilor Jamie Kranz
Troutdale City Councilor Randy Lauer
TriMet Board Member Kathy Wai
Portland Community College Board of Directors
Oregon Working Families Party
Multnomah County Democrats

Full regional endorsements: www.letsgetmoving2020.com/endorsements

(This information furnished by Vivian Satterfield, Let's Get Moving)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

VOTING YES ON MEASURE 26-218 MAY BE THE REGION'S MOST CRITICAL MEASURE

Our region is in desperate need of investment in our transportation infrastructure. Congestion stalls our economy and hurts our families. We are behind in maintaining and modernizing roads, bridges, and transit. We need safety improvements.

This is a broad measure to fix roads, reduce congestion, improve safety, move buses faster, and build a SW Corridor light rail line.

The climate crisis necessitates these improvements to our transportation system. We need to take action now!

PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION JOBS ARE HOW WE GOT OUT OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION

Tens of thousands of living-wage jobs will result from Measure 26-218. We need these jobs to help jump start the economy.

Taxes won't be collected until 2022, giving time to bond future tax dollars to leverage additional funding from federal, state, and local sources. This gives us additional funds to stretch our resources to reduce congestion, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and create good-paying jobs.

WHY THE NEXT CONGRESS MEANS WE MUST ACT NOW

Leaders from across the political spectrum recognize that spending on infrastructure makes sense, particularly when we need to rebuild our economy. Transportation will likely be a top priority for the new Congress. This measure improves our region's ability

to match and receive federal dollars.

WE MUST MAKE THIS INVESTMENT FOR OUR FUTURE

Better transit and transportation are the cornerstone of my life's work. They connect us to our homes, families, and work.

Measure 26-218 will fund a smart mix of transit, safety, and road projects for a climate healthy future.

We owe this to the next generation and our planet. Please join me in voting yes.

U.S. Congressman Earl Blumenauer

(This information furnished by Thomas Mosher, Infrastructure Jobs are Good Jobs)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

I'm running for Metro Council after serving as a transportation advocate for more than twenty years, as a neighborhood transportation chair, sitting on Metro's Transportation Policy Advisory Committee and the Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission. During those decades we've been seeking a package to build out the 21st century transportation system that would get people moving, lower carbon emissions, improve clean air.

It's finally arrived - and the timing couldn't be more urgent.

I'm appreciative of the leadership that has engaged the community and brought forth a strong consensus project list, especially the work of the Getting There Together coalition in improving that project list.

As a grassroots climate champion, I know that this is not sufficient to address our climate crisis. But it's an important first step toward cleaning up our transportation system.

The measure will improve access to jobs and opportunity while delivering important improvements in equity and safety. It will build many miles of sidewalks and bikeways and create opportunities for buses to navigate through traffic congestion, with a high concentration of investments in minority and low-income areas of our region.

It includes a restorative investment for the Albina neighborhood and funds one of my favorite programs, YouthPass, for high-school age youth transit riders (and eventually younger students as well). I'm proud to have been a small part of the years-long advocacy by Multnomah Youth Commission, Sisters in Action for Power, OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon and others to make this important program available across the region.

It's a big ask during a recession. But the taxes to fund this won't be collected until 2022, and Metro Council is looking at phasing in the tax over four years. Transportation investments like these are an important stimulus to help create family-wage jobs.

Read more about my support for this measure at

www.chrisformetro.com.

This advocate for a safer, more equitable and greener transportation system urges you to vote YES!

(This information furnished by Chris Smith)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Dear Portland Voters,

As Portland's Transportation Commissioner, I worked with dozens of community organizations, elected officials around the region, and subject matter experts to help develop this historic transportation measure.

I'm enthusiastically supporting a **yes vote on Measure 26-218** in support of the Let's Get Moving transportation package because:

- . It will make our streets safer for people of all abilities, ethnicities, and incomes;
- . It will help us reach our climate goals by investing in transit to make it easier for us all to get where we need to go without polluting our environment;
- . It will rehabilitate 82nd Avenue, 122nd Avenue, and other streets that are dangerous and in need of repair;
- . It will provide transit passes for all high school-aged youth in the region;
- . It will make it safer for children across the region to walk and bike to school;
- . It will support anti-displacement and affordable housing initiatives;
- . It will support the electrification of our transit system, providing cleaner air for all of us to breathe;
- . It will help local businesses.

The wealthy individuals and corporations that are opposing this measure are making transparently self-serving arguments about it. They can afford it, and we cannot afford to miss this opportunity to make our transportation system safer, more equitable, and better for our environment. Investments in these seventeen corridors would be funded with **a tax on just the top 9 percent of businesses**, create over 37,000 family-wage jobs and allow the Portland region to leverage \$2 billion in federal funding immediately in shovel ready projects.

Please join me, other elected officials, and an incredible coalition of community groups in voting YES for Transportation. Let's Get Moving!

Best Regards, Commissioner Chloe Eudaly

Join the Let's Get Moving team at

www.letsgetmoving2020.com VoteChloe.com

(This information furnished by Chloe Eudaly)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Let's make a historic, once-in-a-generation investment in our region. Let's Get Moving.

Voters created Metro to address critical challenges facing not just our hometowns and neighborhoods, but our dynamic, diverse and growing region.

With voter approval and input, we have worked to be responsive and accountable, investing in the kind of planning, collaboration, and programs required to protect our economy, environment and quality of life.

Designed to Meet Community Priorities

While past voter approved measures have relied on community engagement and oversight to assure a relevant and transparent set of policies, this transportation package went a step further: engaging a 35 member citizen task force for nearly two years of conversation, learning, deliberation and negotiation.

The result? A measure that:

- . Addresses our worst- congested and least safe roadways throughout the region
- . Targets specific funding where needed most: safe routes to schools, historically marginalized communities, unsafe bridges, and long-awaited transit improvements.
- . Creates over 37,000 family wage jobs when most needed

Independent Audits and Accountability

Every dollar spent will be subject to rigorous, independent auditing—accountability you expect and deserve. Citizen oversight will continue—making sure the values and priorities of the package are built and implemented.

Maximizing Funds with Federal Match

This measure is funded with a phased-in tax on our region's largest employers—not families and small businesses, as our opponents claim. This measure will allow the Portland region to leverage billions in federal funding - otherwise, we lose that investment, and all the jobs that come with it.

Join Our Growing Movement!

The community leadership that created this measure—from business leaders and unions to environmentalists, youth advocates and community of color organizations—built a powerful and growing movement to help jumpstart our economy and address critical and overdue transportation priorities.

Let's Get Moving.

Vote YES on Measure 26-218.

Metro Council President Lynn Peterson

Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick

Metro Councilor Christine Lewis

Metro Councilor Craig Dirksen

Metro Councilor Juan Carlos González

Metro Councilor Sam Chase

Metro Councilor Bob Stacey

(This information furnished by Christine Lewis)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

EVERYTHING IS FINE.

VOTING “NO” PROCLAIMS THAT OUR ECONOMY IS BOOMING.

As any laid-off worker or struggling small business owner will tell you, our region DOES NOT NEED MORE GOOD- PAYING JOBS right now.

**Measure 26-218 simply creates TOO MANY JOBS. No thank you!
IF YOU AGREE THAT THE STATUS QUO IS GREAT, VOTE “NO”.**

The “No” campaign is funded by major corporations because Wall Street is soaring & doesn’t see a need for more jobs right now. The “No” campaign couldn’t care less about creating more good jobs because most of them don’t know anybody out of work.

(But I’ll bet you do.

Measure 26-218 will create tens of thousands of good paying jobs for people who need them and are ready to work hard. And more good jobs means more customers for local businesses, who really need them right now.

But hey...)

If you think everything is great and our region is better off without thousands of new jobs and an economic shot in the arm, you should VOTE NO.

If you believe:

- . **Nobody needs good jobs right now**
- . **Our economy is booming**
- . **The status quo is super**

By all means, vote NO.

(But if, like me, you know people who are hurting and need good jobs, vote YES on Measure 26-218.

If you want our region to be stronger & more prosperous tomorrow than it is today, vote YES on Measure 26-218.)

– Henry Kraemer, Economic Justice Advocate

(This information furnished by Henry Kraemer)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Taxpayer Association of Oregon urges No on #26-218

5 ways #26-218

taxes poor communities to benefit one of Oregon's richest shopping malls.

#1. Taxes poor communities to benefit luxury mall. #26- 218 raises payroll taxes on minimum wage workers' employers to fund an expensive \$2.4 billion light rail train to Oregon's richest mall -- Bridgeport Village Mall.

#2. Demolishes people's homes to create pathway to luxury mall. #26-218 will demolish nearly 300 homes in order to pave railway tracks for an expensive \$2.4 billion light rail train to Oregon's richest mall -- Bridgeport Village Mall.

#3. Diverts road funds from poor neighborhoods to benefit a luxury mall. #26-218 is expected to tap into METRO transportation flex-funds which could be used to fix potholes in poor neighborhoods and instead uses it to fund an expensive \$2.4 billion light rail train to Oregon's richest mall -- Bridgeport Village Mall.

#4. Taxes poor communities in Portland so lucky Tigard can have it's second train. #26-218 enacts payroll taxes on businesses, many in low income neighborhoods, to fund Tigard's second train so Tigard can promote tourism for Oregon's richest mall -- Bridgeport Village Mall.

#5. Taxes poor communities to help a luxury mall that already receives lucrative tax breaks. Bridgeport Village Mall already receives special Opportunity Zones tax breaks that many local small businesses do not receive. Now, the luxury mall wants their own \$2.4 billion light rail train to deliver them more customers.

Bridgeport Village Mall is rated among the nation's top 5% most profitable malls

The Bridgeport Mall already receives special tax breaks. We don't need to tax poor people pay for an expensive train to Oregon's richest mall.

Taxpayer Association of Oregon urges No on #26-218

-- Please follow us online at OregonWatchdog.com (see also OregonCatalyst.com).

Taxpayer Association of Oregon has been fighting government waste, fraud and abuse for over 20 years.

(This information furnished by Jason Williams, Taxpayers Association of Oregon)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Metro continues to exponentially grow exponentially from its Frankenstein birthright. The Metro council members (dream team) are all in lock step pushing for this \$5,000,000,000 Titanic project.

It's hard to imagine how big \$5,000,000,000 is in new tri country payroll taxes. By comparison \$133,000,000 or 2.5% is for Metro's garbage dumping budget. Every day a fleet of diesel trucks roundtrip garbage to Arlington Oregon. Clever?

\$1 billion by another comparison is Portland's current debt to repay for urban renewal ("UR") projects.

\$2 billion for another comparison is Portland's current U.R. borrowing limit. Portland citizens are ignorant about urban renewal's theft from K-12 education funding which now pays one third of UR debt.

You are not supposed to realize that this ballot measure will increase the flight of businesses from the Metro kingdom. Nor that new business relocations to Metro land will be discouraged.

Local fiscal planning by local governments will become more of a guessing game as to where Metro will throw away 'free money') for pet projects to be carried out by local governments. (like throwing a fish to one of many seals in the sea seal aquarium)

For example Tri-Met's Division Street waste of transit money. (Division is already now one our most efficient transit streets). Or consider for another MAX light rail project failure. (Tualatin). The inexperienced dreamers on the Tri-Met board volunteer to work for nothing.

Consider Metro Councilors ("the dream team") work for peanuts. Their annual salary a number of years ago was only \$20,000. (equates to \$10 hourly). Their inexperience comes from strange diverse areas. One was a Gresham farmer. Another was a low level Intel Company manager.

Vote down this dangerous outrageous \$5 billion dream and vote out the Metro Dream Team.

By Robert Butler owner Butler Brokers Commercial Real Estate for 40 years lobbying for a better employment environment. (503-222-4949)

(This information furnished by Robert Butler)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Taxpayer Association of Oregon urges No vote on #26-281

Recent transportation taxes: 2009 - **6 cent gas-tax increase**

2009 - **Car registration fee increase**

2009 - **Auto title fee increase**

2009 - **License plate increase**

2009 - **New Multnomah car tax**

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 hike**

2020 - **10 cent Portland gas tax renewal**

2020 - **Employee payroll transit tax increase**

Apparently, a decade of road tax hikes is not enough. METRO wants their own \$5.2 billion transportation tax.

Even \$5.2 billion may not be enough...

- The tax is permanent
- METRO can adjust the tax rate without a public vote
- METRO still favors creating road tolls even if the tax passes

And it won't help reduce traffic:

- Only 3% of the METRO tax will be spent on congestion relief
- Why have a \$5.2 billion transportation tax if it doesn't help reduce traffic?

Taxpayer Association of Oregon urges No vote on #26-281

—Please follow us at OregonWatchdog.com (see also OregonCatalyst.com). We've been fighting government waste, fraud, and abuse for more than 20 years.

(This information furnished by Jason Williams, Taxpayers Association of Oregon)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

VOTE NO ON 26-218

Measure 26-218 creates \$5.2 billion in new taxes, but is disguised as a transportation measure.

It's a permanent tax of 0.75% on "wages paid" by every business and nonprofit with more than 25 workers.

METRO WANTS TO TAX EVERY DOLLAR YOU EARN

It's way more than just a payroll tax. It's a tax on wages paid plus "all remuneration paid in any medium other than cash." Metro can tax your employer's contributions to your health insurance and retirement.

Even someone who doesn't live in the Metro region will be hit with the tax. **The measure taxes compensation "for services performed partly within the Metro Area."** Even if you work one day in the region, Metro can tax all your compensation.

METRO WILL TEAR UP HOMES AND BUSINESSES, MAKE CONGESTION WORSE

Metro is selling the region's largest tax increase as a package of transportation improvements. This is false.

The **\$2.4 billion Southwest Corridor light rail project** is the cornerstone of Metro's plan. This would be an 11 mile MAX line extension running from downtown Portland, tearing up Barbur Boulevard, and ending at the high-end Bridgeport Village shopping center.

- . This unwanted project is expected to **bulldoze as many as 300 homes and 156**

businesses, displacing up to 1,990 employees.

- . Once completed, **the MAX line will make congestion even worse**, jamming up dozens of intersections and highway ramps where you'll have to wait for lumbering light rail trains to pass.

Why should workers pay more than \$5.2 billion to make their commutes even worse?

METRO WANTS TO TAX EVERY MILE YOU DRIVE

Even if 26-218 passes, **Metro is already pushing the legislature to impose a fee on every mile you drive in the State of Oregon**. Metro has an endless appetite for your hard-earned dollars. It's time for the region's voters to end Metro's frenzied feast for more and higher taxes.

VOTE NO ON 26-218

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

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Taxpayers Association of Oregon urges No on #26-218

\$7 billion in taxes on the ballot this year!

\$5.2 Billion Metro payroll tax for Bridgeport light rail (#26-218)

\$1.2 Billion PPS School bond (#26-215)

\$387 Million Multnomah County libraries (#26-211)

\$239 Million Portland parks levy (#26-213)

\$61 Million Multnomah County tax for preschool (#26-214)

The most expensive is the least important

The astonishing \$7 billion of new taxes and total spending by METRO area politicians reveals a complete lack of self-restraint and lack of empathy for struggling taxpayer families on the verge of financial collapse.

Taxpayer Association of Oregon urges No on #26-218

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Taxpayer Association of Oregon has been fighting government waste, fraud and abuse for over 20 years.

(This information provided by Jason Williams, Taxpayers Association of Oregon)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Oregon Small Business Association says No to 26-218

Don't hurt small business already hurting from the pandemic

We collected public announcements
of how destructive the pandemic has been:

- Oregon's 3rd Largest bank, Wells Fargo, is closing one third of its Oregon locations. *Oregonian* 8/24/20
- NIKE has announced that they will be laying off nearly 500 of its Beaverton workers. *Willamette Week* 7/30/20
- Downtown Portland's largest private employer, an insurance company, is moving 2,100 employees out of Portland. *Portland Business Journal* 8/18/20
- Daimler Chrysler, AirB&B, Google, Banana Republic, Microsoft and Saucebox are reported to be moving, downsizing or halting expansions in Portland. *Willamette Week* 8/21/20
- Portland favorite start-ups like Bluestar donuts has filed for bankruptcy protections. *KOIN* 8/28/20

These businesses horror stories above are listed so you can see the public record of destructive that both the pandemic, nationwide recession and non-stop street violence has done to businesses we love.

There will be more businesses closings and more horror stories if we hit businesses with a \$5 billion dollar transportation tax.

Small business needs customers....not a \$2.4 billion train to a shopping mall.

Small business needs income ... not a new \$5 billion dollar tax.

Oregon Small Business Association says No to 26-218

(This information furnished by T. J. Reilly, Oregon Small Business Association)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Washington County Business Council Vote no Measure 26-218

Please don't kick small businesses when they are down.

Please don't add taxes to a pandemic.

Please invest in our schools & kids -- not in a \$2.4 billion train.

Please don't demolish 150 businesses for a train no one wants.

Please don't tax churches, charities in the hour of their greatest need.

Please don't create fear with a tax METRO can raise anytime.

Please don't tax jobs when we're facing a record job loss.

Please don't tax our jobs when government jobs are exempt. Please don't enact a permanent tax for a temporary project.

Sincerely,

Bill Adams,

Washington County Business Council

Vote no on Measure 26-218

(This information furnished by T. J. Reilly, Oregon Small Business Association)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Vote No on 26-218

Only 3-6% of the funds goes to traffic relief

Metro misleads on its true intent by touting traffic and safety programs while minimally mentioning (in its ballot title) the high cost Max rail line it intends to build along much of Barbur Boulevard. By calculations of stated projects from Metro documents, it seems only about 3 to 6% of the tax proceeds will go to reducing traffic congestion on highways.

Makes traffic worse

Traffic congestion is likely to worsen because of this Measure as Metro is likely to encourage the building of block size developments along its new Max line, bringing increased traffic to ramps on and off I-5.

Traffic Safety Programs Likely Get Shorted

MAX light rail construction cost over runs are very possible - likely causing some cutbacks in this Measure's proposed traffic safety projects.

Worsens Equity, despite what proponents say

- . This Measure is about spending billions on an extension of Portland's light rail system (MAX) to an upper price Mall in Tualatin. Yet most workers region wide (including those in Multnomah) which would be taxed via employers by this Measure, physically commute by automobile and not the MAX (about 75% of trips in Multnomah are by automobile, including car-pooling. *U.S. Census* data, 2018).
- . National Bureau of Economic Research indicates a tax on payroll, as in this case, results in reduced employment opportunities for both lower skilled and manual labor workers.

Portlanders pay twice for traffic safety

Portlanders already pay a high local gasoline tax towards traffic safety programs, and this Measure would reduce the ability of their employers to pay wage increases.

Retired economist Bob Clark

Occasional Volunteer for the Taxpayer Association of Oregon Metro area resident

(This information furnished by Bob Clark)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

VOTE NO ON 26-218

My name is **Joe Hughes**. I started my business, **Joseph Hughes Construction (JHC)** 40 years ago. Sixteen years ago I was thrilled to be able to purchase this property at 11125 SW Barbur Boulevard to house the business. It is 1.43 acres and includes an 8,500 square foot professional office building, an additional 3,000 square feet for indoor construction storage, and 26,000 square feet of outdoor storage. **This has given us room to grow; currently we employ 35 full time people.**

This property and its **strategic location** helps us provide **long term employment** not only for our people but also **for the many hundreds** who work for the subcontractors we hire. Easy freeway and highway access in both directions, proximity to Portland, Tigard, Tualatin and Beaverton makes owning this building a dream come true.

From my desk I have a front row seat to view I-5 and Barbur traffic. Everyday our employees, vendors, subcontractors and consultants use these roads as they travel to and from the business. We often receive praise for the convenience of location. **Rarely have I heard complaints about traffic.**

The Southwest Light Rail project, **if funded**, will allow TriMet to **condemn** my property, **destroy my buildings** (and many others) so they can build their park and ride station here. How does **destroying** a vibrant, viable, **tax paying business** for the sake of **another money losing light rail project make sense?**

Sure, they say I will be compensated fairly. I've read court cases that show how that goes. It's not pretty! **Joseph Hughes Construction** pays, in addition to numerous other county and city taxes, approximately **\$20,000 a year in TriMet Taxes alone! I feel like I'm funding their effort to destroy me!** This Measure **will add another \$18,000 a year to our tax burden.**

Please vote NO on Measure 26-218.

(This information furnished by Joe Hughes)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

As some of our region's largest employers, we're proud to be a major economic engine, providing 23,700 jobs. But as employers and households across our region continue to struggle with the impacts of the global COVID-19 pandemic, **we strongly urge a no vote on Metro's permanent \$5 billion wage tax.**

This punitive proposal puts many local businesses at risk and will change the operations of all employers. This isn't a tax on business profits, it's a burden on everyone struggling to rehire, reinvent operating plans, or simply keep the doors open.

This wage tax will impact the ability of businesses, large and small, to maintain the strength of our investments in the region. **A new and unique tax on local wages is a strong incentive to limit payrolls in the metro area and grow jobs elsewhere**

Our roots run deep in Oregon. We're not opposed to all taxes, and we've supported smart transportation investments previously. But as employers, **we must be flexible and responsive to reality. This package is neither.**

The project list was developed before COVID-19 changed our world and shifted priorities. We don't yet know how the pandemic will alter the way people in our area work and live moving forward. We do know this moment offers and opportunity to shape our economic future.

Metro's wage tax will punish and destabilize our recovery. The need to reduce congestion, get goods to market, and reduce commute times brought us to the table around transportation investment. But this measure only spends 3% of funds on congestion reduction. It doesn't address critical bottlenecks like Highway 26, 217, or I-5 North --it prioritizes light rail to Tualatin.

Metro's punitive wage tax misses the mark. Voters should feel confident in rejecting it. We believe the path forward involves keeping our community united, prioritizing our kids, schools and parks, and preserving jobs.

Cambia Health Solutions

Daimler Trucks North America

The Greenbrier Companies

Nike

Precision Castparts Corp.

The Standard

(This information furnished by Austin Arnold, Stop the Metro Wage Tax)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

WE'RE TRYING TO PROTECT OUR EMPLOYEES. THIS PERMANENT TAX WILL COST JOBS.

The Barbers operates 19 metro-area barbershops – every one of which was shut down for over three months. We've reopened, yet revenues are still way down – while our fixed costs haven't gone anywhere. In fact, they're piling up, and we're struggling just to keep our folks employed. Metro's wage tax will force us to cut payroll and jobs.

WE'RE STRUGGLING. THIS IS THE WRONG TAX AT THE WRONG TIME.

Businesses are struggling right now because of a global pandemic. The fair response from government would be to offer relief from the struggle. Adding permanent costs to businesses right now feels out of touch and cruel.

WE'RE TIGHTENING OUR BELT. SO SHOULD METRO.

The Barbers isn't anti-tax or anti-Metro. Metro recently raised taxes three times, for a total of \$3.5 billion – worthy investments in a different economic climate, which we

supported. But now is the worst time for the largest tax increase in our region's history.

WE'RE FIGHTING TO KEEP OUR DOORS OPEN. THIS TAX WILL CLOSE THEM.

Like most households, our business is in triage mode. We've stripped down our operations to the essentials, just to keep our doors open. Metro must do the same. Paying for 50-year projects when the future is unclear 5 months from now is irrational and will harm people and businesses struggling to survive.

WE'RE HURTING. WE CANNOT AFFORD ANOTHER NEW TAX.

The pandemic and the recession are the fault of none of us yet impact all of us. In these unprecedented times, government must work to make it easier for households and businesses to survive, not harder. Metro's never-ending \$5.2 billion wage tax makes our survival much, much harder.

PLEASE VOTE NO ON METRO'S WAGE TAX

Mark Spiegelberg, The Barbers

(This information furnished by Austin Arnold, Stop the Metro Wage Tax)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

AORTA (Association of Oregon Rail and Transit Advocates) supports better local and intercity bus and rail service.

We must reduce greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, and congestion from increasing auto traffic, and provide mobility more equitably. We need a transit system that draws drivers out of their cars. Even before COVID-19, only 4.2% of trips in this region were on transit. In Vancouver BC, a region of similar size, 16% of trips are on transit.

This measure fails in many ways:

- . Nearly doubles employer payroll tax rate.
- . Provides no increased transit service.
- . Metro's modeling shows insignificant progress on climate change.
- . No significant ridership improvement.
- . Most of the projects, other than the flawed SW Corridor light rail proposal, can and should be paid for out of gas tax revenue, or peak hour pricing of our freeway system.

The SW Corridor is problematic and:

- . Is not cost-effective. The capital cost per new daily transit rider is excessive.
- . Fails to serve important destinations: South Waterfront, OHSU, Hillsdale, PCC Sylvania, and downtown Tualatin.
- . Is not integrated with a good bus network.
- . Is not fast enough to attract freeway users.

TriMet can't afford expensive capital projects that don't yield better ridership, as this pulls resources from existing bus service. When TriMet's existing source of operating money shrinks due to the economy, service and ridership will suffer.

TriMet needs more frequent bus and light rail trips on current routes, increased coverage where service is missing, and better connections between routes. The

bicycle, pedestrian, and safety projects in this measure that are cost-effective could be funded if legislators would reprogram gas tax money from the ineffective and disruptive I-5 "Rose Quarter" freeway expansion.

We oppose blindly pouring money into asphalt in the name of job creation. AORTA supports projects that actually reduce our dependence on climate-changing fossil fuels.

Doug Allen, AORTA AORTArail.org

Portland Union Station, Suite 253

Working for Effective Transportation Since 1976

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

On behalf of the thousands of employer members representing the broad diversity of industries in our city, region, and throughout the state, the Portland Business Alliance urges you to **reject Metro's \$5 billion wage tax.**

Before the COVID-19 pandemic changed our world, we happily helped Metro negotiate a workable transportation funding package. But just as every single business and household has been forced to adjust during the pandemic, so must government.

We're in a severe economic downturn with **nearly 300,000 Oregonians on unemployment.** More small businesses are permanently closing by the day and state economists say **our economy will not rebound until at least 2025.**

Millions of Oregonians are now working from home and will continue doing so well into the future. This pandemic has reshaped the way we work and live; we must be responsive to that rather than dig in our heels to build roads and transit lines that may no longer be needed.

Metro's wage tax makes employment more expensive when it's already in short supply.

A payroll tax is the worst revenue mechanism to propose during a historic economic downturn.

Imposing **the largest payroll tax in history** right now will not only lead to further **job losses in the short term**, it will **slow economic recovery in the long term.**

In the past three years, Portland area businesses have seen new taxes pass that are going into effect – including three new taxes from Metro alone, totaling \$3.5 billion.

The costs from these **taxes passed in an economic boom are compounding in the current economic downturn.** They will cause further layoffs and closures.

Thoughtful leadership adapts to unforeseen events rather than charging ahead with obsolete plans.

This package was written for a booming economy heavily reliant on commuting.

Our economy is now in a tailspin and work has turned remote.

We urge voters to lead Metro away from this disastrous plan by voting no.

Kiley Wilson, Portland Business Alliance

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Creating and retaining jobs is foundational to economic recovery from the pandemic. **Now is not the time for a new payroll tax that would discourage job growth.** Pre-COVID, the Central Eastside Industrial District was home to more than 22,000 jobs, many of those are family wage jobs. Now, many long time businesses have had major layoffs, and families are bearing the brunt.

The timing of this measure and the creation of a new, permanent payroll tax is ill-considered.

We recommend a No vote.

Kate Merrill, Executive Director, Central Eastside Industrial Council

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

We're asking you to vote no on Metro's tax proposal.

As employees of a fueling company, you might think we'd be excited for a permanent, enormous tax that subsidizes gasoline by 30 cents a gallon and will increase the number of drivers on the road, according to independent analysis.

But we're asking you to vote against it because we know it will mean our region's recovery will be weaker and take longer.

Taxing every single job means employers won't be able to rehire as quickly. And **creating a new permanent tax in the middle of a global pandemic with no end in sight is bizarre.**

We want elected officials to help lead us out of the mess we're in, not make things worse. This outrageous tax will make things far worse.

We know our region needs road improvements. We hear from our customers every day about the gridlock they're stuck in on their way to and from work. But this plan won't do anything to fix that. The package reads like a wish list of pet projects that add up billions of dollars and no real benefit.

Not only that, Metro will have the future power to raise this tax without a vote of the people and to use it to fund whatever they want. It's never the time to trust Metro with a blank check.

Please vote no on this outrageous tax proposal. **It will hurt jobs, hurt the economy, hurt families, and hurt our recovery.**

Leather Fuels Employees:

Linda Leathers

Aaron Randels

Eric Damrill

Eric Steinman

John Czupofski

Katie Conrad

Lila Leathers

Steven Veenhuizen

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

MADDEN INDUSTRIAL CRAFTSMEN, INC.

As a regional employer, we are writing to ask you to vote against Metro's out-of-control permanent tax on wages. **It will hurt our economic recovery with absolutely no guarantee on how Metro will spend the money.**

Madden Industrial Craftsmen is an industrial staffing company that has been building businesses, craftsmen, and our community for more than three decades in the Pacific Northwest. We are a family-owned business, recognized as one of the best places to work, and we have partnered with nearly every industry in the area.

We bring all of that experience to our analysis of this tax, and our strong recommendation is to vote against it. **We know it will hurt the region's industries during this unprecedented economic decline and render them less able to rehire employees at a critical time**, which will slow our recovery.

There's a reason some of the earliest and largest contributions to this Metro campaign came from out-of-state interests. **They see this massive permanent tax proposal from an agency with no experience managing transportation initiatives, and they see an opportunity to line up unlimited projects to take profits out of state.**

Our economy is hurting. Many of our fellow workers are unemployed due to the impact of the coronavirus. Our kids are out of school indefinitely. **Against this backdrop, Metro is making its biggest cash grab in history. It makes no sense.**

Please vote against this tax.

Ken Madden, Madden Industrial Craftsman

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

The Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce has long supported improving mobility, investing in infrastructure, and reducing our carbon footprint. But there's a better way to invest in our future than by attacking paychecks, jobs, small businesses and nonprofits including churches and colleges. **Now, during the worst downturn since the Great Depression, is not the time for the largest tax increase in our region's history.**

You don't have to be a business with 25 or more employees to feel the extreme weight of Metro's wage tax. While the measure currently is aimed at employers with 25 or more workers, **Metro also has the authority to raise the tax and lower the number of employees without voter approval.**

Metro's wage tax harms everyone at the worst time as working families, non-profits, charities, and small businesses are facing unprecedented economic anxiety and fear. Businesses have not yet recovered from the shutdown. COVID-19 continues to damage our economy. Families, nonprofits, and small businesses are trying to survive: **Metro extracting \$5 billion from a shrinking economy will lead to lost wages, lost**

jobs, fewer services, and, ultimately, fewer small businesses like restaurants.

And the people who can least afford it are hurt the most by Metro's tax.

Metro's wage tax is needlessly divisive when we need to be united. Our region's employer groups worked with Metro for nearly two years negotiating a workable funding package with broad support. Metro had the buy-in for a practical, consensus proposal, but chose instead a divisive, political proposal that punishes the private sector, employees and nonprofit employers, **forcing them alone to fund a system everyone uses. Over 100,000 public employees are conveniently exempt from this tax.**

Now is the time to unite not drive wedges, play politics, and cut paychecks. Working families, non-profits, and small businesses cannot afford the harm Metro's tax would wage on our region's economy. Vote NO!

Lynn Snodgrass, Gresham Chamber Of Commerce

(This information furnished by Austin Arnold, Stop the Metro Wage Tax) Measure 26-218)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

On behalf of every hardworking employee, every struggling business owner, and every child who deserves a bright future in Washington County, we are urging you to vote no on this tax.

This is the wrong tax. Metro's own analysis shows that a payroll tax is regressive – it punishes those at the bottom the most. They know voters don't support yet another payroll tax, so they went to court to fight against calling it what it is.

This is the wrong time. We are in the midst of a global pandemic and must focus our attention on getting people back to work, students back to school, and life back to normal. We don't know yet if we're facing a severe recession or a fundamental restructuring of our economy. Now is not the time for a massive payroll tax.

This tax is forever. This measure gives Metro the authority to implement a payroll tax forever. They can make changes to the rate or even swap in a whole new list of projects without asking voters — forever. And they went to court to make sure they wouldn't have to tell voters that it's permanent.

This tax is massive. And it's not the end. Metro's plan is to pass this tax, THEN go to the Legislature to ask them to pass additional taxes. **By the time they're done, every dollar you earn and every mile you drive will have a new tax in the middle of a recession.**

Please vote No. Tell Metro to focus on the crisis at hand or sit on the sidelines until they can be helpful.

Jayne Bond, Permapost Products Company

Kristin Smith, Event Savvy

Ashley Miller, Anytime Plumbing

No Tolls PAC

Jason A. Mendell, Cascade Sotheby's International Real Estate

(This information furnished by Austin Arnold, Stop the Metro Wage Tax)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

On behalf of every hardworking employee, every struggling business owner, and every child who deserves a bright future in Multnomah County, we are urging you to vote no on this tax.

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

NONPROFITS FACE INCREASING NEEDS, DECREASING DONATIONS

Nonprofits are expert at using every donation for maximum benefit. This resourcefulness allows us to serve thousands of families across the region.

It also means that through this pandemic, as needs have increased and donations have

decreased, we've struggled to keep our programs running.

METRO'S WAGE TAX WILL CAUSE SERVICE CUTS

That's why Metro's \$5 billion tax proposal is devastating to nonprofits like ours.

It would mean we either cut services or cut employees or both

—when our region can afford neither.

METRO EXEMPTS ITSELF, TAXES NONPROFITS

This measure would tax 70,000 nonprofit employees in the Metro region.

Metro exempted itself and other governments from paying the tax because they're hurting financially.

Yet the frontline service providers who serve kids and families are expected to foot the bill.

Please reject this harmful tax.

Harvest Moormann, SALT Academy

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

VOTE NO ON 26-218: ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Metro is asking the region's voters to create **more than \$5.2 billion in new taxes** to build a light rail line running from downtown Portland, tearing up Barbur Boulevard and an entire SW Portland neighborhood, and ending at the high-end Bridgeport Village shopping center.

In the past two years, voters approved \$3.6 billion in new taxes to fund Metro's mission creep. Their internal audits already show mismanagement of the money they have. We can't trust them with \$5.2 billion more.

VOTE NO: METRO LIED ABOUT THE TAX

Metro tried to tell voters 26-218 is a business tax. **That's a lie.**

It's a tax on wages paid plus "**all remuneration** paid in any medium other than cash."

That means Metro can tax your employer's contributions to your health insurance and retirement. In addition to businesses, more than 70,000 workers at churches, charities, and other nonprofits will be taxed.

In a self-serving last minute move, **Metro amended the measure to exempt itself** and other state and local governments from the tax. **Then they lied about why they did it and lied about how much the exemption would cost.** If they're lying to pass the measure, they're going to lie when they implement it.

VOTE NO: METRO CAN'T BE TRUSTED

Metro's own auditor criticized Metro's capital project spending and Metro's adherence to its own Code of Ethics. Just this year, **the Metro Auditor called into question Metro's management** of more than \$650 million of spending for affordable housing, finding:

- .Poor cost management,
- .Questionable expenditures,
- .Lapsed timelines,
- .Conflicts of interest on its own oversight committee, and
- .A lack of transparency.

If we can't trust Metro to manage \$650 million, we can't trust Metro to manage \$5.2 billion in new taxes.

VOTE NO ON 26-218

Eric Fruits

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Oregon Business and Industry and our 1,600 members are committed to growing Oregon's economy, ensuring quality jobs, and maintaining healthy communities. Metro's wage tax moves our region backward in each of these three areas. Here's why we urge a no vote.

THE WORST ECONOMY SINCE THE GREAT DEPRESSION

- .Now is the worst time for Metro to create a permanent new tax on the wages of thousands of struggling businesses and non-profits.
- .This new tax will cost jobs and shrink paychecks for more than 70% of workers in the region.

TIME TO STOP RAISING TAXES AND START LIVING WITHIN OUR MEANS

- .Metro has passed \$3.6 billion in taxes on our businesses, property, and income in the last 2 years.
- .Now they want a new, permanent \$5.2 billion tax on the wages and paychecks of employers.

METRO'S PRIORITIES ARE WRONG

- .With the many challenges facing us from COVID-19, we need to prioritize protecting our jobs, family paychecks and supporting schools.
- .Metro's wage tax harms the very priorities we need to protect during this crisis.
- .We should be helping unemployed Oregonians get back to work, but this tax takes money away from employers struggling to get back on their feet and restore lost jobs.

METRO SPENDS BILLIONS WITHOUT REDUCING CLIMATE CHANGE

- .Metro's claims this measure combats climate change, but local climate and transit leaders disagree.
- .The Oregon Environmental Council says the Metro plan will reduce emissions by just .10%

METRO'S WAGE TAX ISN'T FAIR

- .Employers and local non-profits across the entire tri-county area pay a new tax, but Multnomah gets more while Washington and Clackamas counties get less.
- .This measure will force Washington County to spend \$75 million – money that will be diverted from classrooms and student achievement.

OBI supports investing in our economic future. Metro's wage tax harms households, employers, and nonprofits at a time when we can't take on another big cost.

Please reject this harmful tax.

Nathaniel Brown, Oregon Business Industry

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

I'm asking you to vote no on Metro's permanent wage tax. **It's a blank check that they can use for any projects they want – and business owners are stuck paying for it at a time when we can least afford it.**

I came to this country as a child from South Korea. I became a citizen at 18 and opened my first Joy Teriyaki restaurant in 2006. In the 14 years since then, we've opened more than 30 Joy Teriyaki and Joy Poke restaurants.

We employ a thriving and diverse workforce, made up of some of the best our state and our region have to offer. We comprised endless stories of first-generation Americans, DACA students striving for a better life, and countless families who have been hit hard by the events of 2020.

As a company, we survived the Great Recession, but the effects of the pandemic have been much worse for restaurants – and we don't know when it will end.

I've done everything I can to keep as many people on staff as possible. And I know that if this measure passes, I will not be able to keep as many people employed or rehire as quickly as I'd like.

As an immigrant who is living my own American dream, I always want to contribute everything I can. I volunteer in my community, feed the homeless, and am active on multiple boards. I feel a deep responsibility to give back. As part of that, **I support policies – and tax proposals – that will help create a brighter future. This tax doesn't do that.**

Instead, it subsidizes emissions, builds roads ODOT should pay for, and commits future generations to a regressive tax structure.

Please vote no on this permanent and regressive tax.

Justin Hwang, Joy Teriyaki

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Portland's harbor is a vital economic engine for our region and has been the home to thousands of valuable high-wage jobs for over a century.

Massive regional investment should play to our region's economic strength: trade

Oregon is a national leader in traded industries such as manufacturing, high-technology, athletic footwear and apparel, food and beverages and forest products. These industries give us one of the most highly-trade dependent economy in the country, which has a higher potential for growth and pays higher wages than non-trade-based economies.

Metro fails to invest in trade efficiency or freight mobility

Our economic future depends on trade. We use Portland harbor's proximity to two major highways, two major railroads and a river transportation system to get the goods made by our regional employers to market.

But while Metro claims its \$8 billion transportation spending improves our economic future, it does virtually nothing to improve freight mobility through this vital network or create greater efficiencies in moving goods abroad.

Metro punishes our trade-based economic drivers

Instead of helping the regional employers who make the goods the rest of the world buys, Metro punishes them by taxing the jobs our region needs now more than ever. And instead of investing in the getting our goods to market more efficiently, Metro punishes businesses like ours that stay revved as an economic engine even during a recession.

Each year, industrial marine businesses on Portland's harbor:

- . Supports 52,784 direct and indirect local family-wage jobs
- . Pays average salaries ranging between \$65,000 and \$80,000 per year
- . Generates \$3.5 billion in personal income
- . Brings \$7.6 billion in business revenue to the region's economy

Metro's wage tax will significantly cut each of these contributions.

Dee Burch, Advanced American Construction

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

After graduating from Forest Grove High School, with an \$800 limit credit card, I started my own business with a lawnmower and a pickup truck. Starting with my first client on SW Hilltop Lane in Portland, I was able to eventually maintain many gardens on the same street. Seeing that I was doing a good job and willing to work hard, my clients were very happy and became a volunteer salesforce to help me grow.

Because I have been working 70 to 80 hours per week for the last 34 years non-stop, I am able to employ almost 50 people. My success allows me to help our community in many different ways. Hospitals, churches, schools and other nonprofit agencies are able to provide services because of employers like me.

Metro has been proposing more and more taxes every year. Now, Metro is asking you to vote to raise my taxes and those of other employers with 25 employees or more.

They exempted the government agencies and their employees from paying this tax. It is shameful to target only a small group of people to pay for services that all the public can use.

The new employee payroll tax is primarily to finance the expansion of Tri-Met when there are fewer people riding Tri- Met. The ridership has been going down for some time. At a minimum, **I want my tax dollars to be used for something that will improve everyone's lives and standard of living.**

Tri-Met admits that the light rail line to Tigard will require the destruction of about 114 business properties and 106 residential homes. Where will these people go who lose their buildings?

This looks like a very bad idea. I urge you to vote no.

Manuel Castaneda, Pli Systems

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

We're urging a vote against Metro's payroll tax.

At TenBridge Partners, we specialize in working with business owners and individuals on community revitalization. As a company, we saw the long-lasting impact of the 2008 financial crisis on the economic health of our region. And as a native Portlander, I have seen our great region through many up and down cycles.

I would support any proposal to truly bring equity to public transportation, revitalize our region, and ensure a robust recovery. This proposal does none of the above: It would allow for continued increases in congestion and pollution, impair our recovery, and hurt our economy for years to come.

Metro's proposal robs two generations: It kicks today's workers and job creators while we're down, and it locks future generations into a permanent tax to fund whatever Metro feels like at the time, with zero voter oversight.

Metro was created to be a regional coordinator of garbage and parks. But they're on a power grab rampage: **In the last two years alone, Metro has raised taxes on our businesses, property and income.** Now they want to tax every single job (well, except Metro jobs: They've exempted themselves and other government organizations from paying this!). **We must say no and let Metro know we aren't an ATM for their pet projects.**

Independent economic analysis shows this tax will be directly paid for by the region's employees. And **it will take that money straight from the budgets of hard-working Oregonians and give it to giant out-of-state companies** to build projects ill-suited to this moment.

Please vote no on this tax proposal.

Erik Lawrence, TenBridge Partners

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

The Portland Clinic has served our city for 100 years. In that time, we've weathered the 1918 pandemic, the Great Depression, and the Great Recession.

We have always supported safe and reliable transportation for our patients and employees. However, the Metro wage tax to fund transportation projects could actually jeopardize health care delivery at a time when we need access to quality clinical services more than ever. That's because it would add more costs to health care systems that have already seen a drop in patients due to COVID-19 shutdowns.

It would place a major new cost burden on all medical services and require hospitals and clinics to consider more layoffs or service reductions to balance current and future budgets.

We aren't yet through this pandemic. Our elected officials should be laser focused on managing the pandemic and our region's public health crisis. We cannot defeat COVID-19 and recover swiftly if our elected officials are focused on creating new taxes on businesses that are struggling to help those in need.

When we've made it through the pandemic, we can talk about expanding public transportation. But not now. We encourage a no vote on the Metro wage tax.

Dick Clark, The Portland Clinic

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

We have had retail businesses in East County for 32 years. Twenty years ago, we built the Troutdale General Store from scratch. We have weathered a recession, rough winters, a Gorge fire from which we had just recovered and then COVID hit. Our three-month closure due to the pandemic was hard and reopening our doors when people are wary of going out hasn't been easy. But like many small businesses, we are trying to push forward and rebound in a time of great uncertainty.

Our future is already scary and now Metro has a forever new tax for us. A tax on us but not on Metro – they exempted themselves! So, they protected themselves and left us out to dry.

This permanent wage tax will force small stores like ours out of business – **we just can't afford to absorb a new tax when we are already struggling just to make ends meet.**

Small businesses are the engine of our East County economy and we work hard to serve our customers and pay our employees a decent wage to support their families. We are on the brink; this tax must not pass.

Please say No to Metro's wage tax. We must keep and encourage new entrepreneurs and business owners -- not make the cost of doing business force them out. This tax will do just that.

Terry and Jodi Smoke, Troutdale General Store

(This information furnished by Austin Arnold, Stop the Metro Wage Tax)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Metro's latest money grab is just wrong.

After raising taxes on business profits, property and personal income, Metro thinks it needs a new tax on wages and compensation?

Leave working people's paychecks, health care benefits, and retirement savings alone! In case you didn't notice, more than 300,000 Oregonians have lost their jobs in the last year. Many Metro businesses have been destroyed by the economy and the protests downtown. Metro's arrogant administration thinks this is the time to see if they can sneak in a new permanent tax on those people who still have a job? They want to make it harder for restaurants to stay open? For non-profits to deliver services for those in need during a crisis? They must know how bad things are for those they are asking to pay this tax, or they wouldn't have exempted themselves from it at the last minute. Throughout my career, I have been a steadfast supporter of transportation. There are

absolutely improvements we need to make, including fixing bottlenecks in the region. **But this is too big, too bloated, and too burdensome.**

Let's take a breath. We're in a health pandemic, coupled with massive social unrest and historic unemployment. **I don't know how much worse we can make it, but if voters pass this crippling tax, we'll find out.**

Unemployed Oregonians need businesses to recover so they can get back to work and start earning a paycheck again.

Metro should use its wildly oversized bureaucracy to help people and businesses get back on their feet – not to burden them with the largest tax the region has ever **seen**.

Enough is enough. Please vote No on Metro's mammoth tax. It's the wrong tax at the wrong time by people with the wrong priorities.

Courtesy of DEMOCRAT Betsy Johnson, who remembers when that word meant fairness to working people.

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

As a State Representative serving the people of Beaverton and Aloha, I can't remain silent as Metro seeks to create a permanent tax on labor in the tri-county area. I'm not opposed to taxes when necessary and well used. But right now our priorities need to be getting our schools safely opened, keeping our community together, and protecting jobs.

Metro is moving a transportation plan constructed before the pandemic changed everything, that doesn't solve the problems of Hwy 26 or 217 (only 3% of new spending is set aside for congestion relief), and that fails to understand the importance of paychecks to so many families living on the edge right now.

As a Democrat, I'm frankly appalled that this tax is regressive, punishing employment and generating revenue based on the total compensation paid to employees. Taxing health care benefits, dental, retirement fund contributions just like income is not fair, or remotely in line with progressive values.

As we move forward after this pandemic and the resulting recession/economic restructuring, I hope the Legislature will learn the lessons that Metro is ignoring: we need to prioritize our kids and families and take a step back to consider what the impact will be from our actions. Our community needs to be united to serve the common good, not divided to serve government interest. Especially a government that exempted itself from the tax it seeks others to pay, including churches, non-profits and businesses struggling to keep doors open through the Covid crisis.

Join me in voting no, and telling Metro that government should serve the people, not the other way around.

Rep. Jeff Barker D – Aloha

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

As the Chair of the Oregon Senate Revenue Committee, I don't believe taxes are evil. I strongly support a transportation system that delivers health and economic benefits. But Metro has done a poor job of uniting the two in this proposal. It needs to be sent back to the drawing board.

After helping write the 2019 Student Success Act that raised \$1 billion a year for our schools, I know how important it is to bring business, labor and communities together. When everyone at the table understands the priorities as well as the concerns, it's much easier to find common ground.

Unfortunately Metro didn't do that. And the result is a misguided and ill-timed measure. When the legislature was digging out of the last recession, Oregonians told me they had three priorities: Jobs, jobs and jobs. As we wrestled with policies to get people back to work, a payroll tax was considered taboo. It was never considered by democrats or republicans because it was widely seen as a tax that penalized employers for hiring people. This was exactly the opposite of what Oregon needed. So, I was surprised Metro decided upon a steep payroll tax during the worst recession most of us have ever seen.

Worse, Metro exempted themselves from paying it. However, they did not exempt churches, non-profits, colleges, private schools or struggling businesses - even those receiving COVID relief funds.

I learned long ago, it's much easier to work together and get something passed rather than duking it out through political ads. My hope is that Metro, transportation advocates, and the business community can work together next year and build a transportation plan for a new post-pandemic world we will be living in.

Please join me in rejecting this well intentioned, but misguided measure.

Sen. Mark Hass

Chair, Senate Finance & Revenue Committee

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

As a third-generation CEO in the Melvin Mark company legacy, I grew up steeped in business and a love for this region.

I started my career working maintenance for the commercial real estate my father and grandfather managed and worked many jobs on the road to CEO. **I've learned three core lessons: put people first, give back to the community, and demonstrate honesty and integrity.**

This tax doesn't meet those criteria.

It does not put people first. People in our region are suffering right now. Between the pandemic, record unemployment, and civil discord, so many people in our area are hurting. This list of road projects was developed in a different time. If Metro put people first, they would go back to the drawing board to create a package that would truly help in this historic moment. This doesn't.

It does not give back to the community. The first donors to line up in support of this

new wage tax were out-of-state construction businesses. **Why would large construction firms donate? They're eager to take \$5 billion from our local economy.** Supporters tout the job creation for out-of-state construction bosses, but say nothing of the jobs that will be lost at local companies struggling to make it. **It does not demonstrate honesty and integrity.** Metro went to court so they wouldn't have to tell voters this is a permanent payroll tax. They tried to negotiate behind closed doors for a lower tax rate, even though that would have hindered the ability to complete any of the projects. **And they have failed to let voters know that this permanent tax can be used for absolutely anything Metro wants – without a vote of the public.** Please vote no on this measure. It does not meet basic criteria for good public policy and will do real harm to our region at the benefit of outside corporations.
Jim Mark, The Melvin Mark Companies

(This information furnished by Austin Arnold, Stop the Metro Wage Tax)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

As the owner of several restaurants, I urge you to vote against Metro's proposed payroll tax. **It would be the nail in the coffin for my restaurant and many others.** In a normal year, a typical restaurant has a 4 percent profit margin. That means for every dollar we earn, we proudly put 96 cents back into the local economy. That goes to pay wages, farmers, and food producers, as well as rent, supplies, and utilities. Restaurant owners are the very last to get paid. What's this have to do with Metro's request for the largest-ever tax increase during a pandemic? First, the pandemic and its mandatory shut-downs and reduction in seating have meant a drastic reduction in revenue. But our costs have stayed virtually the same: We still pay our workers, purchase food, and must pay rent and utilities. **Suddenly our profit not only disappears and we make no money – but we go into debt just to keep our doors open.** Adding a new tax that I'll have to pay whether I make a profit or not – because it **taxes wages, not profits** – means I'll have to write a check for thousands of dollars that I don't have. And many other businesses will be in the same situation. And for what? For projects that claim to improve equity and the environment, but, in reality, will do neither. **Independent economic analysis says this would make emissions worse**, and Metro's own auditor said it is recklessly spending money from recently passed taxes in a way that doesn't track to what they sold voters on. **Are we willing to sacrifice the small businesses that are the fabric of our economy for a \$5 billion tax that only makes things worse?**
Justin Hwang, Joy Poke

(This information furnished by Austin Arnold, Stop the Metro Wage Tax)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Please vote against this tax.

The last year has been the most difficult year for business in my lifetime. In the travel industry, flights, tours, hotel stays and restaurant meals have plummeted. Travel is not just our passion: It's a massive economic engine for our region.

Yet **this tax would hit the travel industry hard**: The tourism and hospitality industry rely on people power, and this would tax every wage of every single employee. That will mean fewer companies will rehire fewer workers. That hurts our families and our regional economy.

It would create an artificial cutoff that would prevent some businesses from expanding. We need businesses to grow right now so more people return to their livelihoods.

Metro should be focused on pandemic relief and job creation, not aiming for the largest tax increase in its history.

Metro should be focused on helping us, not helping itself to our paychecks. Say no to this permanent tax.

Sue Piazza, Bucket List Travel Tours

(This information furnished by Austin Arnold, Stop the Metro Wage Tax)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

As a commercial landscaping business, we have, as many of our business customers have, been impacted by the pandemic. The pandemic has also changed the way we work, live, and commute. And we believe those changes need to be evaluated.

We ask you to vote against this permanent tax.

And yet Metro is proposing a tax on every dollar we earn to build transportation projects that we don't think properly addressed the congestion anyway. **Do we need to spend billions on a light rail to a mall if we may not be able to return to malls anytime soon?**

The answer is no. **These are the wrong projects, the wrong tax, and at the wrong time.** It will hurt our region's recovery. It will prevent employers from hiring workers.

And it will lock our children into paying for debt throughout their careers.

Please vote no.

Bob Grover, Pacific Landscape Management

(This information furnished by Austin Arnold, Stop the Metro Wage Tax)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

We're writing to ask you to vote against Metro's largest-ever tax increase.

During the pandemic, our local, family owned business has watched every penny to keep as many employees on payroll as we possibly can. We've changed our business and delivery model so we can keep our customers safe. And like any good business, we've been flexible and responsive to changing needs.

That's why this proposal is so baffling. **It creates a permanent tax on every single**

one of our employees at the toughest time in the history of our business. Why on earth would Metro slap us with yet another tax that makes it harder to do business? Not only that, while we are required to comply with every new rule and guideline, **Metro has the power to do whatever it wants with this money.** It can change the tax rate at any time, change what the money is funding, and keep the tax on the books so long that **today's preschoolers will still be paying for it in a couple of decades.** And it can do all of that without any voter approval whatsoever.

We are proud to do our part in the community, and we would be the first to line up in favor of a plan that would lead us out of this recovery toward a thriving region as soon as possible. This isn't it.

Please vote against this massive power and money grab.

Drake Snodgrass, Drake's 7 Dees Inc

(This information furnished by Austin Arnold, Stop the Metro Wage Tax)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

SW Corridor does little for SW Portland

The expensive SW Corridor project will not improve the pedestrian environment in SW Portland other than fill a few gaps of missing sidewalk. The pedestrian and bicycle facilities in some sections will feel like one is walking or riding in a "cattle chute" along a busy, noisy, smelly, four lane highway breathing polluted air.

TriMet, Metro and the City of Portland have refused to include the long planned, family friendly Red Electric Trail in their project. This route would not run along the Barbur alignment.

The State and City are planning to place tolls on I-5 in the near future, yet NO analysis or consideration of the impact of this development has been done by the SW Corridor team. When the Evergreen Bridge was tolled in Seattle, over 50% of the cars found other routes. The impact of I5 tolling on Barbur and our local streets will flood them with cars and trucks seeking to avoid tolls. With the SW Corridor trains running down the middle of Barbur it will be difficult for pedestrians to cross in many locations. Barbur will not be pedestrian friendly.

By doubling the payroll tax, the funding source of our region's bus system, it is unlikely the inadequate abysmal bus service in our communities will be improved and the existing service may not be able to be maintained without additional taxes.

Join me in voting no on this measure

Don Baack, Founder of SWTrails

(This information furnished by Austin Arnold, Stop the Metro Wage Tax)

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PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure 26-215

BALLOT TITLE

Bonds to Improve Health, Safety, Learning by Modernizing, Repairing Schools

Question: Shall Portland Public Schools repair, modernize schools; replace technology, curriculum; by issuing bonds estimated to maintain current tax rate?

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: Measure authorizes up to \$1.208 billion in principal amount of general obligation bonds for facilities and education investments. Measure is not expected to increase tax rates above previous targets, because debt service is scheduled to decline.

If approved, this measure would finance capital costs, including projects that:

- Provide curriculum materials, technology, accessibility improvements;
- Repair/replace roofs, mechanical systems;
- Renovate/replace schools, including Jefferson, Benson, a facility for alternative school programs; design renovation/replacement of Cleveland and Wilson; plan and add additional capacity;
- Develop a culturally-responsive community plan, make targeted investments in facilities in North/Northeast Portland;
- Strengthen building security; seismic safety.

Requires citizen accountability/oversight; independent audits of projects and expenditures.

Bonds may be issued in one or more series, with each series maturing in 30 years or less.

Due to declining debt service, measure is not expected to increase PPS's bond tax rate above \$2.50/\$1,000 assessed value, the same rate that has been targeted since the 2017 bond issue. Actual rates may differ based on interest rates and changes in assessed value.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In 2012 and 2017, voters approved capital bonds that funded improvements to many of Portland Public Schools' aging buildings, creating modern, safer places for students to learn.

Over the past eight years:

- Roosevelt, Franklin, and Grant High Schools were modernized, Faubion PK-8 rebuilt, full plans for Benson High School's modernization were completed; and
- Madison High School's modernization and rebuilds of Lincoln High School and Kellogg Middle School are underway.

In addition, the bond program has addressed infrastructure needs at every school throughout district:

- . Replacing plumbing to remove lead, improve water quality;
- . Removing or encapsulating exposed lead paint and asbestos;
- . Upgrading fire alarm and sprinkler systems;
- . Repairing or replacing leaking or deteriorating roofs, with improved seismically strengthened roofs;
- . Seismic retrofitting;
- . Improving accessibility for people with disabilities;
- . Mitigating radon exposure;
- . Strengthening school safety and security; and
- . Upgrading science labs.

The proposed bonds would fund additional health, safety, and learning needs in schools across the district, while continuing PPS's plan to comprehensively address facility needs by modernizing all of our schools over the long term. These priorities are informed by the recently released Facilities Condition Assessment and community engagement.

If approved, this measure would finance capital costs, including projects that address COVID-related needs.

If approved by voters, this measure is not expected to increase tax rates above the level targeted by the 2017 bond.

What would the bonds fund? Educational Investments

- . Replace outdated textbooks and curriculum materials with comprehensive, culturally relevant, and current curriculum materials across core and supplemental subject areas;
- . Replace or provide student tablets and laptops to provide equitable access and to support classroom and distance learning, and update classroom and district technology; and
- . Provide flexible, adaptive special education learning spaces and technology tools.

Health & Safety Investments

- . Remove barriers to accessibility in schools across the district;
- . Repair/replace leaking or deteriorating school roofs;
- . Seismically retrofit up to three schools;
- . Repair/replace high-priority mechanical systems (heating, cooling and ventilation); and
- . Update classroom door locks, install security camera systems, and upgrade or replace intrusion alarm systems to strengthen security.

School Modernizations & Rebuilds

- . Modernize Jefferson High School; master plan and design toward a Center for Black Student Excellence community vision; and fund initial focused investments in neighborhood schools and facilities in North and Northeast Portland aligned with the

plan;

- Design and complete preconstruction work to modernize Cleveland and Wilson High Schools and to add capacity to Roosevelt High School; plan/add additional capacity, potentially for middle schools; and
- Complete Benson Polytechnic High School and construct an alternative school programs building on Benson's campus.

What would the bonds cost?

Because the tax rate on existing bonds is scheduled to decline, PPS's bond tax rate is not expected to exceed \$2.50 per \$1,000 assessed value, the same level previously targeted in the 2017 bond.

The total principal amount of bonds authorized by this measure cannot exceed \$1.208 billion.

Oversight and Accountability

A group of community members will review reports and independent audits of bond expenditures to provide accountability to the public.

Submitted by:

Guadalupe Guerrero

Superintendent, Portland Public Schools

PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure 26-215

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

MEASURE 26-215 CONTINUES OUR COMMUNITY'S COMMITMENT TO INVEST IN PPS SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS.

AND IT DOESN'T RAISE YOUR TAXES.

MEASURE 26-215 is an opportunity for Portlanders to continue investing in our public schools, supporting current and future Portland students. Measure 26-215 provides Portland Public Schools the means to continue the work that our city started in 2012 and affirmed in 2017 to modernize our classrooms and buildings by making critical health and safety improvements.

WITHOUT RAISING EXISTING TAXES. NEW CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION:

With construction completed or underway at the six schools funded by the 2012 and 2017 bonds, the district continues to move forward with plans to modernize our campuses to ensure each PPS student has a safe, secure classroom for a state of the art education. The bond would provide \$639 million for modernizations including a complete renovation of Jefferson HS, completion of Benson HS, and funding for

planning and design for future construction at Cleveland, Roosevelt and Wilson HSs.

WITHOUT RAISING EXISTING TAXES.

NEW TECHNOLOGY, ACCESSIBILITY: The bond includes an historic \$228.8 million investment in Educational and Accessibility Improvements. This includes massive investments in new curriculum and technology for PPS students, as well as a groundbreaking new commitment from the district towards pursuing ADA accessibility and increasing investments in Special Education.

WITHOUT RAISING EXISTING TAXES. CENTER FOR BLACK STUDENT

EXCELLENCE: The bond includes \$60 million for an investment in the Center for Black Student Excellence, to be co-located at Jefferson High School and other campuses and community centers across North/Northeast Portland. The CBSE will serve as a living expression of PPS' expressed commitment to Black Lives and will help advance PPS's mission to prepare students to be compassionate critical thinkers, able to collaborate and solve problems, and prepared to lead a more socially just world.

WITHOUT RAISING EXISTING TAXES.

Please join hundreds of parents, teachers, and community leaders.

Let's Renew the School Bond.

(This information furnished by Aaron Brown, Renew the PPS School Bond)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Somos una coalición de maestros, padres y defensores y les estamos pidiendo a los residentes de Portland que voten SÍ para renovar el bono escolar. Votar SÍ proporciona financiación para renovar la preparatoria Jefferson High School, terminar la preparatoria Benson High School, eliminar las barreras al acceso en todo el distrito escolar, proporcionar nueva tecnología y reemplazar los libros de texto obsoletos **sin aumentar los impuestos actuales.**

Únase a docenas de organizaciones comunitarias:

¡Vote SÍ a la Medida 26-215!

Obtenga más información: www.yespxschools.com

Chúng tôi là liên minh các giáo viên, phụ huynh, và các ủng hộ viên kêu gọi mọi người dân Portland biểu quyết CÓ (YES) cho việc Giai hạn Trái phiếu Trường học. Việc bầu chọn CÓ sẽ cung cấp quỹ cho công tác cải tiến trường Trung học Jefferson, chỉnh chu trường Trung học Benson, loại bỏ rào cản trong việc tiếp cận diện rộng các trường thuộc học khu, cung cấp công nghệ mới và thay thế những cuốn sách giáo khoa lỗi thời **mà không có phát sinh các loại thuậịan hành.**

Hãy tham gia cùng hàng chục các tổ chức cộng đồng: Hãy biểu quyết CÓ (YES) cho Dự luật 26-215!

Tìm hiểu thêm tại: www.yespxschools.com

我们是教师，家长和倡导者联盟，请求波特兰人投票赞成延续学校债券。投票赞成提供

资金来翻新杰斐逊 (Jefferson) 高中, 完善本森 (Benson) 高中, 移除整个地区学校的通行障碍, 提供新技术并更换过时的教科书, 且无需增加现有税费。

加入数十个社区组织 :

对措施**26-215 (Measure 26-215)** 投赞成票 !

欲了解更多, 请浏览网站 : www.yespxschools.com

Мы представляем собой коалицию учителей, родителей и защитников интересов, и обращаемся к жителям Портленда с просьбой проголосовать «ЗА» (YES) продление обязательства по финансированию школ. Ваш голос «ЗА» (YES) обеспечит финансирование, необходимое для ремонта школы старших классов Джефферсон, завершения строительства школы старших классов Бенсон, устранения барьеров для доступа к школам округа, предоставления новых технологий и замены устаревших учебников без **повышения существующих налогов.**

Присоединяйтесь к десяткам общественных организаций: Проголосуйте «ЗА» (YES) принятие Меры 26-215!

Дополнительная информация: www.yespxschools.com

Waxaanu nahay isbahaysi macallimiin, waalidiin, iyo wax u doodayaal dadka reer Portland ka codsanaya in ay codka ku dhibtaan HAA in la Cusbooneysiyo Maalgelinta daymeed ee Dugsiga. In codka lagu dhiibto HAA waxaa laga helayaa lacag dib loogu cusbooneysiyo Dugsiga Sare ee Jefferson, lagu dhammeystiro Dugsiga Sare ee Benson, meesha looga saaro caqabadaha la xiriira helitaanka guud ahaan dugsiyada degmada, bixinta tiknoolajiyada cusub oo loo beddelo buugaagta waxbarashada ee waqtigoodii laga soo gudbay **iyada oo aan la kordhinayn canshuuraha hadda jirta.**

Ku soo biir kooxo badan oo ka tirsan ururada bulshada: Codka ku dhiibo HAA ee Xeerka 26-215!

Waxyaabo dheeraad ah ka ogow: www.yespxschools.com

(This information furnished by Madison Maschger, Renew the PPS School Bond)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Black Lives Matter. Black Students Matter.

Measure 26-215 is an historic, once-in-a-generation investment in Jefferson High School and a new Center for Black Student Excellence.

Nearly 70% of students at Jefferson High School identify as non-white; the school, with its state-renowned dance and basketball programs, has been a cherished institution and pillar of Black Portland for decades. Measure 26-215 will invest \$311 million in a complete modernization of Jefferson High School.

Additionally, PPS will invest another \$60 million in the development of a community-visioned Center for Black Student Excellence (CBSE). The CBSE will unify and elevate Black learning from early pre-kindergarten through secondary education, and guide

young learners throughout their tenure in PPS with proven, culturally specific models. This new collective impact effort translates the decades of visionary leadership and advocacy rising from the community into culturally responsive and pedagogically sustaining approaches of community-based High School, and Black-led community-based organizations in the Albina Neighborhood.

The CBSE will serve as a living expression of Portland Public Schools' expressed commitment to Black Lives and will help advance PPS's mission to prepare students to be compassionate critical thinkers, able to collaborate and solve problems, and prepared to lead a more socially just world.

Please join us. Vote YES on Measure 26-215.

Albina Vision Trust

Former Senator Avel Gordly

Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)

Brown Hope

Candace Avalos

Latino Network

Oregon Food Bank

Portland: Neighbors Welcome

Safe Routes Partnership

Somali-American Council of Oregon

Stand for Children

Sunrise Movement PDX

(This information furnished by Steph Routh, Renew the PPS School Bond)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Business Leaders: An Investment in Schools is an Investment in our Economy

As leaders and entrepreneurs of businesses large and small across Portland, we ask you to vote YES to renew the PPS School Bond as both an investment in our future, and to help our city's economic recovery.

Portland's economy rests upon the bedrock of public education. Excellent public schools are necessary for building and retaining Portland's quality workforce, supporting and attracting new businesses, and preparing the next generation of Portlanders for a rapidly-changing economy.

AN INVESTMENT IN PORTLAND SCHOOLS IS AN INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY.

We're invested in our community's success, and invested in the success of our public schools. Voting YES on Measure **26-215 to renew the Portland Public School Bond allows the district to continue its historic effort to provide safe, modern**

classrooms for every PPS student.

This investment will also provide thousands of hours of work for local construction companies, manufacturers, architecture firms and workers employed by these industries. Portland Public Schools' "Equity in Public Purchasing and Contracting Policy," will help direct bond investments to small, local businesses. These investments in underrepresented companies ensure that the PPS Bond will create immediate jobs, cut the district's energy usage through critical building improvements, and ensure every student in PPS is prepared for a modern education.

NO NEW TAXES - AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR EVERY DOLLAR SPENT.

As businesses, we understand the importance of monitoring the bottom line. Measure 26-215 renews the school bond without raising taxes. This renewal will continue to provide independent community oversight so that tax dollars will be used only for approved purposes. The measure also requires independent performance audits of all bond expenditures.

Please support this investment in Portland's economy. Business leaders ask you to vote YES on Measure 26-215.

Portland Business Alliance

Bozz Media

Columbia Corridor Association

Forum Law Group

Melvin Mark

NIKE

TenBridge Partners LLC

The Standard

(This information furnished by Julia Brim-Edwards, Renew the PPS School Bond)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

REMOVING BARRIERS TO EDUCATION

Measure 26-215 calls for a landmark commitment of funds to make the first floor of every school in the district accessible to those with disabilities. **Within five years, every first-floor bathroom, classroom, library and cafeteria will be accessible.**

This is both a heartening step forward and an indictment of how long accessibility concerns have languished. The Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law 30 years ago, yet in 2020, the majority of school districts are not accessible to students with disabilities.

Access and belonging take more than ramps and doorways, but the \$16-million-dollar investment PPS Bond aims to make—together with the implementation of 21st century best practices addressing broader equity—is nationally significant and will have profound impact for all learners.

"In 2015, when my daughter was preparing to enter elementary school, I was quickly disheartened to learn families were being directed beyond their neighborhood schools both for accessibility reasons and predetermined notions of how a child with a disability was taught. In this I found no real inclusive commitment to those children and their community. Support of the PPS 2020 School Bond in November is one real way to start moving forward with inclusive schools and I'm glad to see the board move ahead with this commitment."

- Mindy Parker, Llewellyn / Cleveland Parent

"Kids with disabilities, and without, should be able to go to school. Grandmas and volunteers and teachers with disabilities should be able to go in any school. When we go in school we should teach all students, all disabilities, all races. We all belong. Next bond, finish the job. You have been talking about equity a long time. Vote for the bond. Free Our People!"

- Daniel Jarvis-Holland, Benson Polytechnic High School Graduate and member of the NW Down Syndrome Association Student Social Justice Committee

Disability Advocates Support the Bond Renewal:

Community Vision

Carole Smith, PPS Parent

Kiel Moses, Disability Advocate

(This information furnished by Mike Rosen, Renew the PPS School Bond)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Parents, Portland Council PTA: Vote Yes

Portland Council PTA encourages you to Vote YES for our Schools! Parent Teachers' Associations (PTAs) represent everything that makes a school great: parent volunteers, dedicated teachers, and a commitment to robust education for all students. We build strong communities and strive to give each child the opportunity to learn, grow, and have a successful future.

A YES vote will continue the commitment our city began in 2012 to modernize our schools. We must continue to make our buildings safe with seismic upgrades and updates to security, HVAC systems, roofs, and plumbing.

A YES vote will increase special education funding and remove physical barriers which currently impact student and family access to school buildings. Increasing access will help expand family engagement and ensure success for vulnerable community members.

A YES vote will fund investments in historically underserved communities by creating the Center for Black Student Excellence. This work is past due; it is time for Black students to have access to the education and opportunities that have not been provided to them in the past. Together, we need to uplift young BIPOC students and

provide the resources needed for education, growth and leadership.

- Portland Council PTA

Join parents districtwide in Voting YES:

Gabrielle Mercedes Bolivar, PPS Parent

Todd Borkowitz, Woodlawn ES Parent

Peter G Glynn, Lincoln HS Parent

Dacia Grayber, Wilson HS Parent

Jonas Hinckley, Robert Gray MS and Bridlemile ES Parent

Mary Kroener-Ekstrand, Grant HS PTA President

Jean McGowan, Lincoln HS Parent

Nova Newcomer, Roosevelt HS, Jefferson HS Parent

Steph Noll, Beach ES Parent

Joan Petit, Benson HS Parent

Cindi Polychronis, MLC, Alameda Parent

Amy Sample Ward, Future PPS Parent

Kari Schlosshauer, Abernethy ES Parent

Sarah R Taylor, Beverly Cleary Parent

Mychal Tetteh, Vernon ES Parent

Keli Yeats, Scott ES Parent

Sierra Stringfield, MLC Parent

(This information furnished by Dara Wilk, Renew the PPS School Bond)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The Portland Association of Teachers: Renew the PPS School Bond!

This has been a back-to-school season like none other. Instead of decorating our classrooms, organizing supplies, and arranging desks, Portland teachers learned new online platforms, adapted their lesson plans for online learning, and designed new ways to engage young learners in previously unthinkable circumstances. It has been a learning curve for educators, students, and families, and has showcased the resilience and dedication of our school communities.

Educators can't wait to get back into physical classrooms with your students. By passing the 2020 PPS School bond, we can ensure that current and future PPS students will learn in modern, safe, healthy classrooms. The pandemic has highlighted issues with our facilities that have existed for decades: poor ventilation and inoperable windows, leaky roofs, unreliable heating, and a lack of ADA accessibility in many schools.

In addition to modern and healthy classrooms, our students need culturally-relevant,

engaging materials and curriculum. This bond includes substantial investment in new curriculum across core subject areas, including language arts, math, science, the arts and social-emotional learning as well supporting an investment in the courses that engage our students' passions, like climate justice, ethnic studies, computer science, and so much more.

It is essential that we continue the work of rejuvenating our aging school buildings. This bond will fund the renovation of Jefferson High School, as well as a center for Multiple Pathways to Graduation at Benson High School, while creating plans for the renovations at Cleveland and Wilson High Schools.

Crucially, this bond includes funding for the new Center for Black Student Excellence. We are pleased to see this demonstration of the District's commitment to partner with Portland's Black community to invest in and support our Black students and families.

Please join PAT and teachers across the district:

Vote YES on Measure 26-215 and Renew the PPS School Bond.

(This information furnished by Elizabeth Thiel, Portland Association of Teachers)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

High School Principals Across the District: Renew the PPS School Bond.

Several years ago, we embarked on a long term project to rebuild our high schools. Our modernized schools are centerpieces in our community with the ability to positively impact all of our students living in the neighborhood. Simply walking into newly modernized Roosevelt, Franklin and Grant High Schools speaks to the power of space in education.

Seeing the construction underway at Madison and Lincoln gives students, neighbors, and local businesses hope.

Each modernized school reflects the community, modern instructional practices, and the physical learning conditions we want for all students.

We are thrilled the 2020 Bond referred by the PPS School Board will continue this by:

- **completing construction at Benson;**
- **investing in a thorough renovation of Jefferson;**
- **funding planning, design, and construction documents for rebuilds at Wilson and Cleveland High Schools;**
- **building a new Multiple Pathways for Graduation alternative school;**
- **funding planning/design for additional capacity at Roosevelt.**

Jefferson was built in 1908 and is a crumbling building with classrooms that are not safe, healthy or appropriate for learning. With this bond, we will be actualizing our racial equity values in communities of color and in N/NE Portland. This investment will build a strong foundation for students and their future.

Our community has the opportunity to make historic investments in students and to build on the investments already made or underway. This bond and investments will support the work of students and staff happening every day.

Please Vote YES on Measure 26-215.

Margaret Calvert, Principal, Jefferson HS

Peyton Chapman, Principal, Lincoln HS

Chris Frazier, Principal, Franklin HS

Bonita Hobson (Bonnie), Multiple Pathways to Graduation

Filip Hristic, Principal, Wilson HS

James McGee, Principal, Grant HS

KD Parman, Principal, Roosevelt HS

Adam Skyles, Principal, Madison HS

Jo Ann Wadkins, Principal, Cleveland HS

(This information furnished by Steph Routh, Renew the PPS School Bond)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

This is our chance to stand up for Public Education. Vote YES on Measure 26-215 to renew the PPS School Bond.

As elected officials who represent PPS teachers, students, and families at multiple levels of government, we hear from our constituents every day how public education positively impacts our economy, our neighborhoods, and our quality of life. This is the most important election of our lifetimes.

A vote to renew the PPS Bond is a vote to ensure our community honors its commitment to invest in public schools, the cornerstone of successful, prosperous, equitable communities. It's a vote to invest in Portland's families, Portland's neighborhoods, and Portland's future. We must continue to ensure that Portland Public Schools can provide a fulfilling, modern education for every student in the district.

This pandemic will soon end, and our students will return to schools. A YES vote on Measure 26-215 will ensure that Portland continues to prepare for this future, and that we will continue to strive to deliver an excellent education to every Portland student.

Join us in voting YES to Renew the Portland Public School Bond:

US Congressman Earl Blumenauer

Former Governor Barbara Roberts

Senator Ginny Burdick

Senator Michael Dembrow

Senator Kathleen Taylor

Senator Robert Wagner

Former Senator Margaret Carter
Speaker Tina Kotek
State Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer
State Representative Rob Nosse
Dacia Grayber, Candidate for House District 35
Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury
Multnomah County Commissioner Susheela Jayapal
Multnomah County Commissioner Lori Stegmann
Multnomah County Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson
Metro Councilor Sam Chase
Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler
Commissioner Dan Ryan
Former PPS Board Member Bobbie Regan
Sarah Iannarone, Candidate for Portland Mayor
Chris Smith, Candidate for Metro Council District 5
Multnomah County Democrats
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(This information furnished by Steph Routh, Renew the PPS School Bond)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Accountability, Fiscal Responsibility, Auditing of Bond Funds: A Key Component of the 2020 Bond Plan

Dear Voters:

As the PPS Audit Committee Chair, I know PPS funds must be carefully managed and accounted for.

Taxpayers and community members expect school district leaders to be accountable and responsible with the bond funds approved by voters. Here is what you can expect for the 2020 PPS Bond:

Fiscally Responsible: Long term planning & no increase in the tax rate!

This bond is part of a **comprehensive, long term plan** to improve and modernize schools in every neighborhood of our city. Most of our schools were built 80-100 years ago and are in need of improvements and modernizations. This bond is a critical piece of the long term plan and is structured so that there is **NOT expected to be an**

increase in property tax rates.

Community Accountability: Bond package estimates and expenditure reviews

An independent community committee, the Bond Accountability Committee (BAC), is charged with **providing external review of bond estimates BEFORE any construction begins and also expenditures.** They reviewed the 2020 Bond and a July 2020 report to the School Board stated: “...in our judgment, the proposed bond package is appropriately backed by robust, professional cost estimating processes and risk management considerations.”

Independent Performance Auditing of PPS Bonds: Audit of Bond expenditures required!

An independent performance auditing firm will audit bond expenditures and report to the Audit Committee and BAC on findings, recommendations, and whether previous audit recommendations have been implemented.

If approved, these bond funds will receive external and independent review and auditing to ensure they are spent according to the 2020 Bond Plan. The Board of Education has also established an Office of Internal Performance Auditors, hired internal performance auditors to provide on-going performance auditing, and established an Audit Committee.

Sincerely,

Julia Brim-Edwards

Member, Board of Education/Bond Campaign Chair

(PPS Audits Information: www.PPS.net/Page/14445)

(This information furnished by Julia Brim-Edwards)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

A Message from the PPS Board:

This is our chance to reaffirm our commitment to a quality education for every PPS student.

In what has been a difficult year for our students, for our teachers, and for our entire community, it's been inspiring to watch the community rally to support Portland Public Schools through unprecedented times.

We've seen teachers innovate to find ways to provide instruction and support online. We've seen the community band together to support our students and families. We've seen parents, teachers, and staff make enormous sacrifices and find creative solutions, all in service to our students.

In 2019, the Board of Education adopted "PPS reimagined," a community-driven vision for what we want for all our students. This ambitious vision represents the values and aspirations of thousands of Portland students, families, staff, partners, and members of the community, and articulates our foundational and enduring belief in Racial Equity

and Social Justice and that all students can succeed academically.

Furthermore, PPS students are deeply cognizant of the injustices in our society and it's our responsibility to hold ourselves accountable for providing an equitable education to all of our students.

The 2020 PPS Bond is a critical part of PPS reimagined.

This measure would provide an unprecedented investment in rebuilding Jefferson High School, an historic and important public institution for Black Portlanders and creation of a Center for Black Student Excellence, investments in barrier-free campuses so our schools are accessible to all, and updated and culturally relevant textbooks and curriculum materials.

Also, the bond would ensure all students have access to tablets or laptops to equitably access and engage in learning and coursework.

And we can invest in our students and our communities - **without raising existing taxes.**

Please join the PPS School leaders and vote YES on Measure 26-215.

Portland Public School Board

Chair Eilidh Lowery

Vice-Chair Scott Bailey

Julia Brim-Edwards

Michelle DePass

Amy Kohmstamm

Rita Moore

Andrew Scott

Nathaniel Shue - Student Representative

(This information furnished by Aaron Brown, Renew the PPS School Bond)

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Taxpayer Association of Oregon urges No on #26-215

Problem #1: It's a taxpayer bailout from the \$238 million over-budget scandal from 2017 school bond.

The *Oregonian* (1/8/20) reports "The school board on Tuesday voted unanimously to have district staff develop a bond of at least \$238 million to cover cost overruns from projects voters greenlit in 2017". This bond is based on nearly \$238 million in cost overruns from the last school bond!!!

Problem #2: Audit shows 2017 school bond scandal based on hiding costs from public.

Last year, an audit of Portland Public Schools' 2017 bond found cost estimates provided to the public were \$100 million less than professional construction estimates

circulated internally. The PPS board knew the costs would be higher, but effectively lied to the public because they knew voters would reject such outrageous spending. This is why they are asking taxpayers to bail them out from the 2017 bond scandal.

Problem #3. Pandemic shifting school needs, don't commit taxpayers to \$1.2 billion bond.

COVID-19 is dramatically changing schools and education models around the entire globe. Don't stick taxpayers with a

\$1.2 billion tax bill without knowing how our schools need to adapt to it.

Taxpayer Association of Oregon urges No on #26-213

- Don't bailout politicians from their 2017 scandal
- Don't reward their 2017 dishonesty with a \$1.2 billion raise
- Don't commit taxpayers to \$1.2 billion in the middle of a pandemic

-- Please follow us online at OregonWatchdog.com (see also OregonCatalyst.com).

Taxpayer Association of Oregon has been fighting government waste, fraud and abuse for over 20 years.

(This information furnished by Jason Williams, Taxpayers Association of Oregon)

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RIVERDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure 26-216

BALLOT TITLE

Five-Year Local Option Tax For District Operations

Question: Shall the District renew five year levy of \$1.37 per \$1,000 of assessed value beginning 2021-2022 for operations? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: This measure authorizes Riverdale School District No. 51J, Multnomah and Clackamas Counties, Oregon, to levy a property tax in the amount of \$1.37 per \$1,000 of assessed value each year for five years. The taxes would be used to help finance District operations. Without the additional revenue, the District will have to reduce staff and services.

An estimate of the total amount to be raised each fiscal year is:

\$1,023,379 in 2021-2022

\$1,054,081 in 2022-2023

\$1,085,703 in 2023-2024

\$1,118,274 in 2024-2025

\$1,151,822 in 2025-2026

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

What is the Local Option Measure?

- . This 5-year property tax levy will bring continued funding for education provided by the Riverdale School District. All funds raised by the levy will flow directly to Riverdale to serve our community's children.

Why does the Riverdale School District need Local Option revenues?

- . Although state dollars allocated for education in general have increased in the last legislative session, actual dollars into the classroom have remained stagnant. The Local Option partially offsets for Riverdale this insufficiency in state funding.
- . Measures 5 and 50, and the shift from local to State funding of school districts in the 1990's reduced the amount of money our school district receives for each student.
- . Riverdale received just \$8,638 per student in state funding in 2019-20. The actual cost of educating a student in Riverdale exceeds \$14,000.
- . Although Riverdale is a small district, operating costs have continued to increase.
- . The Local Option distributes the cost of a Riverdale education between all property owners in our community, as we all benefit from the existence of exceptional neighborhood schools.

What will passage of this measure do?

- . This measure maintains and improves the existing Local Option levy that has been supported and approved by voters in 2000, 2005, 2010 and 2015.
- . It helps to maintain and grow Riverdale's current level of exceptional core academic programs and services.
- . It provides a predictable, stable source of funding to support Riverdale's Strategic Plan.
- . Allows our neighborhood to fund programs such as Art and Music, which are no longer feasible with the current State School Funding formula.

How will the Local Option dollars be used?

- . Local Option resources become part of Riverdale's school operating budget and are used to:
 - . Retain classroom teachers
 - . Maintain low student-to-staff ratio.
 - . Support current programs
 - . Purchase instructional supplies
 - . Support operational needs such as security and maintenance

What would happen if the levy fails?

- . The Local Option Levy provides extra financial support for our community's public

schools, which contribute to the livability of enrich the neighborhood. Without this important support:

- . Loss of approximately 9.3% of Riverdale's annual operating funds.
- . Potential cuts district-wide to adapt to loss of revenue.

How will this levy affect my taxes?

- . This measure would continue the existing levy rate (which cannot exceed \$1.37 per \$1,000 of assessed value) for another five years.
- . It is not a new or additional tax.
- . The exact amount varies from property to property, based on Ballot Measure 5 limitations. For a home assessed at \$900,000 and taxed at the maximum levy rate, the cost would be \$1,233 per year or about \$103 per month.
- . Taxes from this levy would increase due to increased assessed values or improvements.
- . Property owners can find their current Local Option costs by looking at the Riverdale SD #51 Loc Opt line on their property tax statement.

Submitted by:

Joanna Tobin, Superintendent Riverdale School District 51J

NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

RIVERDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure 26-216

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

To support high quality educational programs that attract and incentivize families to reside in our neighborhood, Riverdale seeks to continue the local option which has been approved by district voters in 2000, 2005, 2010 and 2015, and maintain the current rate of \$1.37 per \$1,000 of Assessed Value. All local option monies go directly to the District.

Continuing the local option will generate approximately \$1,000,000 a year, representing about 10% of the budget. In addition to maintaining programs, these funds will provide a buffer from the vagaries of education funding given COVID- related economic contraction, PERS, and unfunded legislative mandates. Over the next five years, the local option will ensure a vital piece of the operating budget, providing for approximately 7-8 classroom teachers.

Riverdale's reputation for excellence contributes to a substantial elevation in resale values for neighborhood homes. Students from across the Portland metropolitan area are attracted to and enrich our school community, supplementing operating revenues by bringing in additional State School Funds or tuition dollars.

The \$1.37 rate remains lower than neighboring school districts and represents a continued investment in our Riverdale community.

The year 2020 presents challenges and issues never encountered before by the Riverdale School District. However, throughout recent months our dedicated parents, teachers and staff have remained committed to working meticulously through frequently changing directives so that Riverdale students can move forward and thrive. Only with unwavering community support and input has this been possible, not always with unanimity of agreement, but always unanimity of purpose: For the students!

Please join us and support Measure 26-216.

Adria Cassidy

Craig Chanti/Donna Avedisian

Holly Coit

Josh/Kristine Collins

Debbie/Jim Coonan

Paul Duden

Richard/Karen Durrett

Paul Francis

Ashleigh/Mike Gunter

Chrys/Brent Hutchings

Kristen/John Kohnstamm

David/Suzi Maddocks

Margaret Pedersen/Elliot Mainzer

Scott/Amber Moore

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Mina/Taft Stricklin

David/BB Veverka

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(This information furnished by Craig Chanti, YES on 26-216)

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CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure 26-220

BALLOT TITLE

Bonds to Construct, Renovate, and Improve District Facilities

Question: Shall Corbett School District issue \$4,000,000 in bonds and receive State grant to construct and renovate schools? 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: District will receive \$3,878,367 state grant only if bonds are approved and is on waiting list to receive additional \$121,633 if voters approve bonds, funds are available and another district's measure fails to pass. If bonds are not approved grant will be diverted to another district. Bond and grant funds are expected to finance or refinance the following capital costs:

- . Improvements, renovation and/or construction of facilities for grade and middle schools, high school and District offices and facilities, including high school remodel for additional office space and grade school roof repairs
- . Furnishing, equipping and improvements to facilities, including for CTE, Title IX and ADA
- . Site improvements, refinance loan for land acquisition and improvements, demolition, bond issuance costs.

District would establish citizen oversight committee to ensure proceeds are used for purposes indicated.

Bonds would mature in not to exceed 11 years from issuance and may be issued in series. The estimated tax rate is \$1.02 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Actual levy rate may differ due to changes in interest rates and assessed value.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This \$4 Million bond is estimated to cost voters approximately

\$1.02 per \$1,000 of assessed property value annually. This is less than the average \$2.58 per \$1,000 of assessed value District taxpayers paid annually over the life of the previous Grade School bond. Actual levy rate may differ due to changes in interest rates and assessed value.

Corbett School District has also secured a \$3,878,367 capital improvement grant from the State only if this bond is approved.

- . District will only receive the grant if this bond measure is approved.
- . District is on a waiting list to receive up to an additional \$121,633 if District voters

approve bonds, funds are available, and another district's measure fails to pass.

- . If District voters do not approve this measure, these funds will be diverted to another school district.
- . District's grant was allocated based on a lottery; District and taxpayers may not have this opportunity at a future election.

With the combined \$7,878,367 of bond and grant funds, the District plans to:

Relocate Middle School and District Offices to Woodard property. Permanent facilities are expected to be created at the main campus if future bonds are approved.

- . Begin to address a portion of approximately \$28 Million of identified long-term capital improvement needs.

More specifically, if approved, bond and grant funds are expected to finance or refinance the following capital costs:

- . Improvements, renovation and/or construction of facilities for:
 - . Relocation of middle school to Woodard property
 - . Relocation of district offices to Woodard property
 - . Renovation of high school facilities
 - . Grade School roof repairs
 - . Seismic improvements to Multi-Purpose Building on Main Campus
 - . Decommission existing middle school facility
- . Furnishing, equipping and improvements to facilities, including for CTE, Title IX and ADA
- . Site improvements, refinance loan for land acquisition and improvements, demolition, bond issuance costs.
- . If District's proposed use of Woodard property is not approved by authorities having jurisdiction, including Multnomah County, then funds planned for relocating Middle School and District Offices to Woodard will be used to accommodate them at the main campus.

The District faces aging facilities, educational changes resulting from increased access to technology, State mandates, and changes in educational standards, curricular focus, and changing student demographics. The buildings are in disrepair from age and heavy usage. The District's last bond to fund construction of the Grade School was approved in 1994. If approved, this bond would finance capital costs to help the District comply with state and federal laws that protect students, staff, and the community from hazardous materials, safety concerns, seismic deficiencies, and assist with ADA and Title IX (gender equity) compliance.

If approved, the District would establish a citizen oversight committee to ensure that bond proceeds are used for purposes indicated. The citizen oversight committee would make regular reports to the School Board throughout the design and construction process.

Bonds would mature in a period not to exceed 11 years from issuance and may be issued in series. Financial audits and oversight will be required.

Submitted by:

Robin Lindeen-Blakeley, Deputy Clerk Corbett School District

NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure 26-220

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE 26-220

Corbett schools are a source of pride for our community, and our kids are our number one priority. While teachers and staff do a great job educating our children, some of our facilities are outdated and inadequate. As a community, we should provide our kids what they need to succeed.

Corbett kids need your YES vote!

This \$4M Bond does the following:

- Relocates the middle school and District office to the Woodard property
- Renovates the high school with CTE improvements
- Repairs the Grade School roof
- Addresses ADA and Title IX (gender equity) issues
- Decommissions the existing middle school building

How this impacts our property taxes:

- The cost is estimated at \$1.02 per \$1,000 of assessed property value
- For example, if your home is valued at \$363,000 (the District average home value) the cost of this bond would be \$30.86 per month, paid annually

This Bond requires:

- A Bond oversight committee
- Independent third-party audits
- Funding of capital improvements, not salaries
- Would be paid off in 11 years or less

Benefits to Our Community:

- . Takes advantage of \$3.88M of State grant funding – available to us ONLY if this bond is approved.

Corbett gets \$7.88M of funding for only \$4M cost to us.

- . Maintains our community's commitment to our kids
- . Improves property values
- . Honors our community's history of valuing education
- . Invests in our youth and our future
- . Protects investment in our school's facility assets
- . Moves our community beyond school bond politics – let's focus on the kids!

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-220, for our students, for our community!

s/ Corbett School District Board of Directors Michelle Vo

Todd Mickalson David Gorman Katey Kinnear Todd Redfern Bob Buttke Rebecca Bratton

(This information furnished by Michelle Vo, Corbett School District Board of Directors)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Corbett Students Urge you to VOTE YES on the School Bond

The school bond will:

- . Improves student and school district safety
- . Improves equity in the school
- . Improves access to resources that benefit students, like safe classrooms, needed equipment, and more
- . Frees up funds, allowing money to return to programming such as music, STEM, sports, or counseling
- . Provides care from the board members to the school community

Student and Alumni Quotes on the Bond

“Passing the school bond improves our learning spaces and pushes for increased safety for students, leading to growth among all ages in the community.”

- Sarah Applin, Current Senior, class of 2021

“Passing the bond would give the students and staff a safe building where sustainable class sizes and increased resource availability aren't just dreams, but reality.”

- Morgan Stafford, Current Senior, class of 2021

“By passing the bond, the community is demonstrating its support of the Corbett students, and giving the opportunity for further funds to be allocated towards extracurricular activities that build well-rounded students.”

- Helen Perry, Alumni, class of 2020

“Passing the school bond would not only make students feel supported by their community, but would also provide better conditions for learning.”

- Ryan Bunnell, Current Senior, class of 2021

(This information furnished by Sarah Applin)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

VOTE YES FOR CORBETT SCHOOLS!

Support students by investing in the future of our schools.

Benefits of the bond include:

Double the Impact of Your Money

State matching funds up to approx \$3.9 million (Spend \$4 million and get \$7.9 million)

Low cost bond with nearly a 2 for 1 payout

Safer Facilities for Students

Move students out of unsafe middle school building Seismic upgrade to Multipurpose Building (MPB)

Necessary Infrastructure Investment

Replace Grade School Roof

Repays Woodard Property Purchase Loan

Frees approx \$300,000/year in General Fund Budget

This bond helps students be safe, protects facilities by providing essential upgrades and investments, and sets up a possible future CTE center.

Show up for our kids and vote Yes on the School Bond!

Together for Corbett

(This information furnished by Hope Beraka, Together for Corbett)

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CLACKAMAS FIRE DISTRICT #1

Measure 3-560

BALLOT TITLE

Merge Estacada Fire District #69 with Clackamas Fire District #1.

Question: Shall Estacada Fire District #69 merge with Clackamas Fire District #1, creating a new fire district covering both Districts territories?

Summary: Clackamas Fire District #1 has provided fire and emergency services to Estacada Fire District No. 69 since January 1, 2020 through an Intergovernmental Agreement. To provide services more efficiently, the Districts now desire to merge Estacada Fire District No. 69 into Clackamas Fire District #1. The result of a merger is the creation of a new fire district (to be called Clackamas Fire District #1) which will serve the territories of both districts at a tax rate of \$2.4012 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Currently, Estacada Fire District No. 69 has a tax rate of \$2.4029 per \$1,000 of assessed value and Clackamas Fire has a tax rate of \$2.4012 per \$1,000 of assessed value. All of Estacada Fire District No. 69's duties, obligations, assets and liabilities shall be transferred to Clackamas Fire District #1 upon successful merger. In order to pass, this measure must be approved by a majority of electors in both Districts.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

On January 1, 2020, Estacada Rural Fire District No. 69 (Estacada Fire) entered into an 18-month intergovernmental agreement with Clackamas Fire District #1 (Clackamas Fire). The parties agreed that Clackamas Fire would furnish all fire and life safety services to the Estacada Fire service area, including fire protection, fire prevention and emergency medical services. Under this agreement, all Estacada Fire employees became employees of Clackamas Fire District #1, all Estacada Fire volunteers became volunteers of Clackamas Fire, and Estacada Fire pays a monthly fee to Clackamas Fire for providing all services. If passed, this proposed merger would formalize and permanently legally integrate Estacada Fire into Clackamas Fire and the parties would terminate the existing intergovernmental agreement.

Clackamas Fire District #1 is a large fire protection district that serves over 235,000 citizens within the cities of Happy Valley, Johnson City, Milwaukie, Oregon City and the unincorporated areas of Beaver Creek, Boring, Carus, Carver, Central Point, Clarkes, Damascus, Eagle Creek, Oak Lodge, Redland, South End, Sunnyside and Westwood. Clackamas Fire provides a wide range of services, including: fire suppression, advanced life support, emergency medical care, fire prevention, swift water rescue, hazardous materials response, Community Emergency Response Teams, emergency management, community education, community paramedic and other programs. Clackamas Fire responds to the communities' needs from 21 community fire stations with a workforce of approximately 290 employees and 75 community volunteers.

If this measure passes, Estacada Fire's permanent tax rate of \$2.4029 per \$1,000 of assessed property value would decrease to \$2.4012 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Clackamas Fire's permanent tax rate would be \$2.4012 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Clackamas Fire intends to increase Estacada Main Station staffing to four firefighters, with one paramedic on duty at all times, effective July 1, 2021. Response capabilities would increase to the communities of Eagle Creek, Highland, Logan, Boring and Clarkes with the proposed additional firefighters staffing the Estacada Main Station.

Clackamas Fire District #1 has a 2015 general obligation bond. Clackamas Fire's debt payments for that bond will not be charged to Estacada Fire District No.69 residents, as all funds generated from the bond sales have been expended on capital projects within Clackamas Fire's current boundaries.

By a majority vote, the Board of Directors of Clackamas Fire District #1 has determined that a proposed merger of the Estacada Fire District into Clackamas Fire District #1 is in the best interest of the Clackamas Fire District #1 residents and the Board of Directors therefore submit this question to the Fire District voters as required by state law.

Submitted by:

Fred Charlton, Fire Chief Clackamas Fire District #1

NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OR OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.