

MULTNOMAH COUNTY



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Dear Multnomah County Voter:

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

- Voted ballots **MUST** be received at our office or drop site location by **8:00 PM, Tuesday, May 15, 2007** to be counted.
- Not all the candidates or measures in this Voters' Pamphlet will be on your ballot. Your residence address determines those districts for which you may vote. Your official ballot will contain the candidates and issues which apply to your residence.
- Not all candidates submitted information for the Voters' Pamphlet.
- This Voters' Pamphlet is on our website: www.mcelections.org. Our website includes helpful information such as links to the original candidate filings, other election information and media sites with additional information about the candidates and measures.
- At 8:00 PM on election night we will have election results posted on our website and we will update that site throughout the evening.
- If a ballot was delivered to your residence for someone who should no longer be receiving a ballot at your address, please write "RETURN" on the envelope and place it back in your mailbox. If a ballot was sent to someone who is deceased, please write "DECEASED" on the envelope and place it back in your mailbox.
- If you make a mistake or change your mind while marking your ballot, you may request a replacement ballot from the Elections Office. If there is not enough time before the election to receive AND return a replacement ballot, you may make your changes on the ballot but it is critical that you make your choice obvious because election workers will inspect each ballot to make sure voter intent is understood and the ballot is counted correctly.
- If you lose your ballot, accidentally destroy it, or did not receive a ballot and you are a registered voter, please let us know immediately so we may issue a replacement ballot in time for you to vote.
- Telephone assistance for the hearing impaired to call our office is 1-800-735-2900 (TTY) or 711 for TTY relay services.

If you have any questions you can contact our office at: 503-988-3720 or fax 503-988-3719.

Sincerely,

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MULTNOMAH EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT

Director, Position 2, At-Large



ZAK JOHNSON

OCCUPATION: Web Development Editor, Learning.com

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Training Coordinator, Language Arts Curriculum Developer, Archaeologist, English-as-a-Second-Language Instructor, Commercial Fisherman

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: M.A. in Archaeology, University of Minnesota; M.A. in Liberal Studies, St. John's College; B.A. in International Affairs, The George Washington University

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Precinct representative and leader, Third Congressional District Democratic Committee member, founder and caucus chair of the GOC-DPO, Democratic Party of Oregon Executive Committee member

Success Begins with Respect:

- Respect for Students
- Respect for Parents
- Respect for Staff, Community and Ourselves

www.ZakForMESD.com

CIVILITY

MESD parents and staff deserve directors who view them as partners in our children's education. I will work to restore civility to the board and strengthen alternative pathways to success for students throughout Multnomah County.

TRANSPARENCY

I will advocate for fairness, for treating staff as equals of administration, and for creating an efficient organization whose policy decisions and funding priorities are transparent to the citizens whose taxes support it.

EXPERTISE

I will bring real knowledge about educational practices and curriculum to the board. I have worked the past seven years as an award-winning designer of education curriculum, assessment and teaching materials with a focus on the effective integration of technology into the classroom.

ENDORSEMENTS

- **American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees**, Local 1995, Multnomah Education Service District
- **Multnomah County Democratic Party**
- **American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees**, Council 75, Oregon AFSCME
- **Susan Hagmeier**, former Portland Public Schools Board of Education member, 1995-2003
- **Jenny Greenleaf**, Oregon DNC Committeewoman
- **Jim Robison**, President, Portland Progressive Toastmasters
- **Kathy McCoy**, former David Douglas School District Citizen Advisory Board member

Respect is a core value of our community, and it is my guiding principle for service.

(This information furnished by Zak Johnson)

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Director, Position 2, At-Large



JOHN H. KILIAN

OCCUPATION: Dentist

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Family Dentistry; Eastside Dental Clinic, 30 Years

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Oregon State University, BS; Waseda University, Tokyo; U. of Houston, Psychology

Internship; OHSU Dental School, DMD; Academy of General Dentistry, Fellowship

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Rural Health Coordinating Council, governor appointed; Mentor, Boston University and OHSU Dental Schools; CODA (Outpatient Drug Abuse), Oregon Dental Association representative; Chair, Publicly Funded Programs and Speaker's Bureau, ODA; US Navy Reserve Dental Corp 1973, 1974

JOHN H. KILIAN CONTRIBUTES TO THE COMMUNITY:

- High School Career advisement
- Mentoring Dental and Hygiene students
- Dental Outreach care for high school students
- Troutdale Chamber of Commerce
- Mt. Hood Repertory Theater

JOHN H. KILIAN WILL:

- Apply his health care knowledge and education in early childhood development to enhance MESD services.
- Provide leadership, solutions and fiscal management implementing MESD policies and its \$100 Million budget
- Foster trust and cooperation between school districts, MESD Board and MESD employees
- Promote a safe, supportive school environment, allowing students and teachers to succeed

JOHN H. KILIAN IS ENDORSED BY:

John Lim, OR State Representative; **Mike Burton**, Vice Provost, PSU, Extended Studies; former Executive Officer, Metro; Member Oregon Legislature; **Harry Ainsworth**, Vice Chair; MESD; **Jean Haliski**, MESD Board member; **Ken A. Kissir**, MESD Board Member; **Charles Becker**, former Gresham Mayor; **Gussie McRobert**, former Gresham Mayor; **Carol Nielsen-Hood**, Gresham City Councilor; **Paul Warr-King**, Gresham City Councilor; **Richard Strathern**, Gresham City Councilor; **David Ripma**, Position 2, Troutdale City Councilor; **Pat Casey**, Head Baseball Coach, OSU

"In John Kilian, voters have a unique opportunity to elect a superbly qualified candidate to the MESD Board. His natural leadership skills, strength of character and hands-on experience with MESD issues make John Kilian the outstanding choice."

Cindy Banzer, former State Representative and Metro Presiding Officer

"I highly value your trust and your vote. I will balance the issues, making informed decisions in the best interest of our community."

John H. Kilian

(This information furnished by John H. Kilian)

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MULTNOMAH EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT

Director, Position 2, At-Large



FREDERICK (RICK) OKAMURA

OCCUPATION: Small Business Owner, Attorney

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Law Clerk, U.S. Attorney's Office; Mentor, Portland Police Activities League; Office Clerk, Package Routing Sorter, United Parcel Service; Cook, Shari's Restaurant;

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College, Juris Doctor, Certificate in Federal Tax Law; The Evergreen State College, Bachelor of Arts, Political Economics; AFL-CIO Organizing Institute, Certificate of Achievement

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Awarded the 2006 Public Service Award by the Oregon State Bar's New Lawyer's Division;
- Schools Committee of Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., Arnold Creek Neighborhood Association representative;
- Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), representing the best interests of abused and neglected children in the juvenile court system;
- President's Appreciation Award, Roseway Lions Club;
- Portland Roseway Lions Club, Vice President;
- Law Related Education Committee for the Oregon New Lawyers Division of the Oregon State Bar, (Lawyer in the Classroom Projects, Oregon High School Essay Contest, E-mentoring Project) Past Chair, Liaison;

I am a father of three children who will each be entering into our public school system in the near future. It is my singular goal to make our schools better. Please join me in this effort by participating in one of the coffee chats below, and encourage your friends and neighbors to vote for the best candidate in this election.

Please join Rick for coffee and an informal exchange about the future of our public schools on **Saturday, May 5th from 7:30 – 9:30 A.M. at the Papaccino's Coffee House** near the corner of Terwilliger and SW Taylor's Ferry Rd (8421 SW Terwilliger) in Portland,

Visit "www.rickformesd.com" for more informal coffee chat dates and locations.

If you are unable to attend one of the scheduled events, please send an E-mail to "rick@rickformesd.com" with any questions, concerns, or comments.

Thank you.

(This information furnished by Frederick (Rick) Okamura)

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Director, Position 5, Zone 1

No Photo Submitted

GERI WASHINGTON

OCCUPATION: Canvass Director

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Executive Secretary, Union Organizer, Deputy Campaign Manager, Community Organizer, Canvass Director; I have been employed as an organizer by the Urban League of Portland,

Jobs with Justice, the Environmental Justice Action Group, Service Employee International Union, Basic Rights Oregon, Coalition for a Livable Future, Oregon Action and as a public health advocate for the City of Portland and the State of Oregon.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Grant High School; Education Major, Mt. Hood Community College, University of Oregon

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Director Multnomah Education Service District, Position 5, Zone 1 1999-present; Office of Neighborhood Involvement, mediation volunteer; Governor's Task Force on Environmental Justice; Oregon State Health Division, HIV program; Albina Community Plan advisor; Interstate Urban Renewal Advisory Committee; MLK/Fremont Vision Task Force, N/NE Portland Brownfield Community Advisory Committee

It has been my privilege to serve on the Multnomah Education Service District Board of Directors for the past eight years. In my eight years of service on the MESD board my focus has and will continue to be on keeping children in school and ensuring that all Multnomah County's children receive the quality education they so richly deserve.

I am a lifelong resident of Portland and care about Oregon, our community and our children. For the past four years as co-chair to the OAESD and MESD legislative committee. I worked very hard in the legislature to secure stable school funding and in our community to establish strong learning support systems for our children. My continued commitment to our children is to move through these tough times by making tough decision.

This election as all others is important to me. I ask for your commitment in working together to provide the best education possible for our children.

Endorsements: Lew Fredrick, Susan Hagmeier, State Representatives: Chip Shields, Diane Rosenbaum, Ruth Alice Anderson, Clayborn Collins and MESD Board members: Ken Kissir, Kevin Spellman

(This information furnished by Geri Washington)

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MULTNOMAH EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT

Director, Position 6, At-Large



JANICE GRATTON

OCCUPATION: Consultant-Child and Family Services; Director, Multnomah Education Service District

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Director, Clinical Director and School Mental Health Consultant; Behavioral Health Division, Multnomah County; Involuntary

Commitment Investigator; Psychiatric Technician; Teacher; Salesclerk

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Lewis & Clark College: Master of Education-Counseling; California State University-Long Beach: Teaching Credential, BA-History

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Director, MESD, 2003-present; Advisory Director for Social Services, MESD; Chair, Early Childhood Council, Multnomah County Commission on Children, Families and Community; Co-Chair, Early Childhood Mental Health Partnership; Partners for Children & Families, State Commission on Children and Families; Member-Multnomah County Child Fatality Review Team

Janice Gratton

- Accountable—to make tough decisions and measure good work
 - Responsible—to provide quality education for all of Multnomah County's Children
- Experienced—to move through tough times with resilience

Janice lives in mid-county with her husband of 40 years. She has on the Multnomah ESD Board since 1995, serving as Chair twice and as Vice Chair. Janice has 37 years of experience in public service, most of that time spent serving children and families in Multnomah County. She has been a teacher, a parent and a community volunteer (Scouts, Goose Hollow Family Shelter, Early Childhood Mental Health Partnership, Early Childhood Council, Board of Directors-Samaritan Counseling Center). She developed and delivered many services to Multnomah County's children including the School Mental Health Program, Early Childhood Mental Health, the Partner's Project, School-Based Health Center Mental Health Services, CARES, NW Family Support Program, and the Children's Receiving Center. She currently serves the Native American Rehabilitation Center and the Children's Relief Nursery.

"The best of this year's crop is Janice Gratton"
Willamette Week Editorial, May 6, 2003

Endorsed by Harry Ainsworth, MESD Vice Chair; Jean Haliski, MESD Board Member & Kevin Spellman, MESD Director

**Janice Gratton pledges to work for stable school funding!
Janice Gratton pledges to work for stable,
committed leadership!**

**Vote for
Janice Gratton**

Multnomah ESD Board of Directors, Position 6, At Large

(This information furnished by Janice Gratton)

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for accuracy by Multnomah County.

Director, Position 6, At-Large



ROBERT R. WEAVER

OCCUPATION: Chief Financial Officer, Sunstone Circuits

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Chief Financial Officer, Rivergate Farms; Chief Financial Officer, TransLogic Technology, Inc.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland State University,

Bachelors of Science: Accounting and Information Systems & Quantitative Analysis, 1991

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

About 2,500 known varieties of apples are grown in the United States. More than 7,500 are grown worldwide. So the old saying of getting an "apples to apples" comparison has new meaning in our modern society. Variation in human learning is as vast as varieties of apples grown worldwide. Each learning style is unique, rich in substance, and just as valid as any other. The MESD plays a key role in the education of our most precious resources, our children. Just because a child has a disability, they deserve to have a worthwhile education experience that is respectful and allows them to reach their maximum potential.

Why Elect Robert R. Weaver?

Education IS Special, and every child deserves the right to learn to their potential and yet I realize funds are limited and we don't have enough resources to customize an education plan for each and every student. The administrators we elect, hire and entrust our children's education attempt to reach a delicate balance between limited funds and levels of service. The members of the MESD board are charged with tremendous responsibility and we need its members to be well rounded, and they cannot forget the children who are challenged with disabilities. Over the course of my career in private business as Chief Financial Officer for various businesses, I've managed to accomplish the mission of the organizations I've served, all the while, working within the limits of financial resources. I believe in working in teams rather than taking it on alone, and I ask for your support to put me on the MESD Board of Directors so we can use our limited resources and accomplish the awesome task of making education a special experience for all of our children.

(This information furnished by Robert R. Weaver)

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for accuracy by Multnomah County.

MULTNOMAH EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT

Director, Position 7, Zone 3



ALEXA SHOOK

OCCUPATION: Marketing Manager, WebMD – Create communication plans for a broad range of large employer clients to help deliver health and benefit information to their employees/members. – Understand the needs of large corporations and their employees/members who want to provide better access to

online health and wellness programs.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Public Relations Specialist, Nike; Wave Rock Communications; Public Relations Senior Account Executive; Young & Roehr; Public Relations Manager; Gard and Gerber, Public Relations Senior Account Executive

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Sunset High School; Oregon State University, BS, Political Science

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Legislative Assistant, Representative Barbara Ross; Health Curriculum Committee, Beaverton School District; Campaign Manager, Shook for Senate

Prior Community Service: Board of Directors, Kids on the Block (powerful puppetry); Committee member, The Arc of Multnomah-Clackamas

ALEXA SHOOK: A NEW PARENT...PASSIONFOR EDUCATION

- Now is the time to balance the school board by adding a new parent – and a lifelong resident of Multnomah County – to identify with the alternative programs offered by the MESD.
- Proven leadership and experience in public relations, marketing, community relations, and communication with younger parents.
- Strong sense of issues which are important to parents, educators and students today within our community.
- An advocate for students with special interests and needs through her work with The Arc of Multnomah-Clackamas and Kids on the Block Powerful Puppetry.

ALEXA SHOOK: PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

- Respect, inclusion, and recognition that parents and teachers are equal partners in their child's education.
- A pledge that parents and teachers will have every opportunity to be heard and respected in all aspects of their child's education.

ALEXA SHOOK – A NEW VOICE FOR THE COMMUNITY

WE NEED HER PASSION AND CONNECTION WITH YOUNG PARENTS, NOW, MORE THAN EVER!

VOTE ALEXA SHOOK TO THE SCHOOL BOARD – A VOTE FOR CHANGE AND IMPROVING STUDENT SUCCESS!

(This information furnished by Alexa Shook)

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Director, Position 7, Zone 3



KEVIN SPELLMAN

OCCUPATION: Adjunct Instructor, Oregon State University & Portland Community College; Trainer & Consultant

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: President (retired) of regional commercial building contractor

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Master of Science, Construction Management, Reading University (U.K.), B.A. Business Finance, City of London College

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Director (current), Multnomah Education Service District; Member, City of Portland Combined Sewer Overflow Tunnel Project Oversight Committee; Chair, City of Portland Paving Audit Task Force; Mentor, Port of Portland-Mentor/Protégé Program; Member, City of Portland Fair Contracting & Employment Forum

COMMUNITY SERVICE: Chair, Children's Land Trust; Mentor to disadvantaged businesses; Trustee, Carpenters' Health & Welfare Plans

FAMILY: Wife Carol, former Special Education teacher, children Matt (22) and Katie (17), both educated in Portland Public Schools.

AS MESD DIRECTOR SINCE 2006, Kevin serves on the Program Review Committee, working with leadership and staff from Functional Living Skills, Early Childhood Special Education, Donald E. Long, Social-Emotional Skills, Alternative Education at Alpha High School, and Outdoor School. Kevin chairs the Facilities and Technology Committee, and works with legislators to increase school funding.

Kevin is endorsed by elected policy makers including five MESD Directors, plus leaders in business, education, children's services, and organized labor.

WE ENDORSE KEVIN!

Phil Keisling, Oregon Secretary of State (1991-99); Rep. Greg Macpherson; City Commissioner Sam Adams

Housing Authority of Portland Chair, Jeff Bachrach; Jay Bloom; Samuel Brooks; Jonah Cohen; Barton Eberwein; Jim Francesconi; David Fuks; Spencer Hinkle, CKD; Dennis Morrow; Wayne Rembold; Pete Savage; PCC Director Harold Williams.

Janice Gratton, MESD Director & Chair; Harry Ainsworth, MESD Vice Chair; Jean Haliski, MESD Board Member; Ken Kissir, Board Member; Geri Washington;

A proven leader, Kevin insists on **trust and respect** within the MESD family, and demands **fiscal responsibility and accountability** as we maximize classroom services for our children.

Kevin is committed to **excellence, equity and opportunity for all students**, and ensures that appropriate educational paths are always available.

(This information furnished by Kevin Spellman)

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MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Director, Zone 3



DUKE SHEPARD

OCCUPATION: Political Director, Oregon AFL-CIO

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Economic Development and Small Business Policy Manager, Portland Business Alliance; Peter DeFazio for Congress; Policy Advisor, Multnomah County Chair's Office; Project

Manager, Worksystems, Inc.; Oregon Nurses Association; Raise Minimum Wage Coalition

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Lebanon High School; University of Oregon

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Mt. Hood Community College Board; Oregon Commission for Voluntary Action and Service; Oregon Progress Board; Gateway Program Advisory Committee;

VOTE DUKE SHEPARD FOR MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD

Our community college system is an essential part of Oregon's educational efforts. Because of its lower cost and attention to part-time students, many working people are able to improve their lives through community colleges.

As a board member of Mt. Hood College, Duke Shepard is proud of the advancements we've made in the past four years:

- Quadrupled numbers of registered nursing graduates to meet Oregon's nursing shortage – without increasing taxes.
- Increased financial aid for low income students to allow more local residents the opportunity to improve their lives through community college programs.
- Increased course offerings in summer, evenings and weekends, providing needed flexibility for working people taking MHCC classes.
- Adopted an entrepreneurial business plan to make the MHCC swimming pool self supporting.

DUKE SHEPARD IS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING SERVICE AND FACILITIES

We face important challenges in the next four years, including saving the MHCC Child Development Center, which provides daycare for students and training for childcare professionals.

As we work to improve our program offerings and ensure local residents have access to our classes and facilities, we also need to be wise stewards of your tax dollars.

DUKE SHEPARD HAS THE EXPERIENCE WE NEED TO SUCCEED

"With my background in economic development, labor issues, and workforce training, I'm working to instill an entrepreneurial spirit where our community college, apprenticeship programs, and local businesses work together to improve the community college experience for our students and our community."

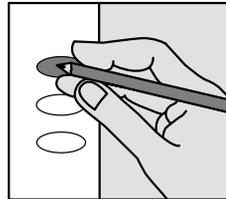
VOTE DUKE SHEPARD FOR MHCC BOARD.

(This information furnished by Duke Shepard)

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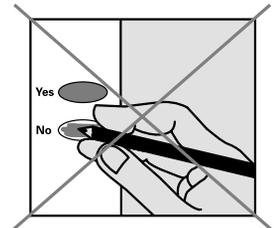
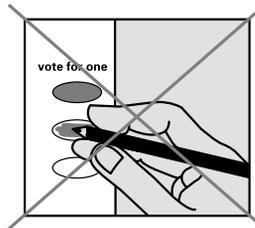
check your ballot!

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



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

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



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

Contact Multnomah County Elections to request a replacement ballot if:

- you make a mistake
- your ballot is damaged or spoiled
- your ballot is lost

or for any other reason.

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PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Director, Zone 2



HAROLD C. WILLIAMS

OCCUPATION: Chief Executive Officer/Board Chair, CH2A Associates

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Consultant, Oregon Youth Authority, 1995-2006; Consultant, Portland Development Commission, 2006 to present; Affirmative Action Director, Office of the

Governor, 1975-79

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland State University, BS – Political Science, MS - Education

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Chair, African American Chamber of Commerce; President, African American Community College Trustee's Committee; Member, Mayor Potter's Charter Commission

Harold Williams: Keeping PCC in Reach of All Students

Harold Williams fights to keep PCC affordable. Harold is always mindful of the needs of students, and has promoted adding dollars in the PCC budget to expand student financial aid and scholarships for low-income students.

Harold Williams promoted the expansion of the Cascade Campus in North Portland to a full-service community college campus, and was instrumental in guiding the building of a new college center on SE 82nd and Division to bring college services to more people in SE Portland. His leadership focused community college construction contracts to minority and women-owned businesses.

Harold Williams has a long and solid record of service to the community and extensive background in civil rights, affirmative action, education and justice. He is President of the African American Chamber of Commerce, President of the African American Committee of Community College Trustees nationally, and a widely known motivational speaker. He served on Mayor Tom Potter's Charter Review Commission, and acts as a consultant to PDC in their efforts to expand minority and women-owned business contracts. He has served on many advisory committees and has volunteered hundreds of hours of time to civic, religious and cultural activities.

Harold Williams leads by example, always taking steps to help others less fortunate. Harold Williams started the "Success Academy" where spiritual and cultural leaders come to assist students who want to attend college. He is a mentor to many youth who are disconnected from society and helps get them back on track to success.

Harold Williams: No One Works Harder

(This information furnished by Harold C. Williams)

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Director, Zone 5



DAVID C. SQUIRE

OCCUPATION: President of the Entrepreneurs Foundation of the Northwest, non-profit providing programs to encourage early stage companies to be involved in the community. Managing Partner of the Tygh Valley Group, a product development consulting business.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Director Engineering, Planar Systems Inc.; Vice President of Engineering, Lightware Inc.; President & CEO, InControl Solutions Inc.; Chief Operating Officer, Systematic Designs International Inc.; Vic President of Engineering, InFocus Systems Inc.; Chief Operating Officer, E-Machines Inc.; Business Unit General Manager, Tektronix Inc.; Board of Directors, InControl Solutions Inc.; Member of the planning team for the Digitization of Healthcare economic development cluster; Founding member of the Oregon Display System Consortium; former member of the Strategic Planning Team for Roosevelt High School.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Ashland, Oregon, Senior High School Graduate; BS in Electrical Engineering, Oregon State University; MS in Electrical Engineering with a minor in Business, Oregon State University

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Appointed to the Board of Directors, Worksystems Inc.- 1999-2005 (Chair of the Board 2001-2003, Chair of the Youth Council 1999-2001); Appointed to the Board of Directors, Oregon Quality Initiative- 1992-1995; Appointed to the Board of Directors, Lintner Center for Advanced Education- 1991-1994

I believe that a strong economy requires a skilled workforce and a workforce that can rapidly change to meet new opportunities. As the baby boomers retire we will also be facing a major shortage of skilled workers. This will create great economic opportunities for people who are able to upgrade their skills. PCC will play a vital role in training and retraining our globally competitive workforce. PCC is cost effective and has the ability to respond rapidly to changes. As a board member I will keep this vision as my guiding principle. PCC is a great resource for our region. I will work to make it even better.

(This information furnished by David C. Squire)

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

CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Director, Zone 2

Director, Position 3, At-Large



SHAR GIARD

OCCUPATION: Realtor/Remax Equity Group/Gresham

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: 1989-Present Realtor; 1981-1989 Stock Brokerage (Exec. Asst., Broker); 1975-1981 Realtor

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland State U. Jr Gen.

Studies; Willamette U. Freshman Gen Studies

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: 1992-1996 Chair of the City of Gresham Community Housing and Development Committee; 1992-2000 & 2003-2006 Board Commissioner of the Housing Authority of Portland (representing the City of Gresham); 1993-1998 Member of the City of Gresham Budget and Finance Committee; 1995-1996 Represented the City of Gresham on the Metro 2040 Means Business Committee; 1999-2006 Member of the Centennial School District Budget Committee; 2005-2006 Member of the Centennial High School Success Committee

Shar Giard agrees with the Centennial School District's mission statement-"All students learn, succeed and care about themselves, others and the world." (District Mission Statement/adopted 4/26/06)

Now, more than ever, the education of our children is important to the future of this country and the world. We are shaping the parents, the leaders, the business people, the scientists, the inventors and the entrepreneurs of tomorrow. What we offer, how we nurture, what we expect are all important elements of our children's success.

- I believe that we need to create an environment where students are challenged to achieve excellence.
- I believe we must provide a safe environment in which our children can learn.
- I believe that we should encourage the involvement of families in the education of their children.
- I believe that we need to provide support to our teachers, our staff and to our students to ensure their success.
- I believe that we need to be good stewards of our funds, to maintain our current financial stability.

Centennial School District provides outstanding education opportunities to our children. I intend to be an active member of the Board, participating in the decisions that will improve our excellence.

(This information furnished by Sharlene M. Giard)

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BRENDA CLARK

OCCUPATION: Oroweat Bakery Beaverton, Oregon 1982 to present

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Fred Meyer 1978-'80; Danielsons True Value 1980-'82

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Graduated Centennial High

School 1980; George For University 1980-'81; Mt Hood Community College 1981-'83; Portland Community College 1995-'98; American Institute of Baking Diploma 20-week Resident Course, Baking Science and Technology; Senior Class Treasurer, Centennial High School 1979-'80; Freshman Class President, George Fox University 1980-'81; President, Class 163 American Institute of Baking 2003; Secretary, Centennial Little League 2002; President, Centennial Little League 2002-'06;

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

I am a graduate of Centennial High School as well as all six of my brothers and sisters. I am a parent of a graduate of Centennial and three more children attending schools in the Centennial District.

After I attended college I moved back into the district and have lived here for the past twenty years. In that time I have been active in the community in a number of positions. I have been a volunteer at Pleasant Valley School and have seen first hand what a committed community can do in the schools. I have been an active volunteer for the last eight years for Centennial Little League, first as a Team Parent then as Secretary of the league for one year and finally as President of the league for four years. I continue to be involved in Centennial Little League in an At Large Board Member.

I want to continue my involvement in the district, but on a different level. I see my experience as a volunteer for community organizations as a great tool to bring to the position that I am running for on the School board. I hope to be more involved and informed of the education opportunities at a district level as well as state wide.

(This information furnished by Brenda Clark)

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CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Director, Position 3, At-Large



GREG SHAY

OCCUPATION: writer, businessman

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: owner- Biotech Systems- distributor of clinical laboratory products and instrumentation – over a decade in the western region. Sales, marketing manager, representative, consultant-

reference clinical laboratories, products. Analytical chemist: QC and QA manager- pharmaceuticals.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: PSU chemistry major; Cleveland HS class of '73

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Centennial HS site council- last 2 years.

- Community Service:** 2500 hours community coaching.
- 5 years President, started and ran USATF sanctioned Centennial Track Club. I initiated and with the help of other parents put on 2 State Middle School Invitational Track meets.
 - 1 year full time parent volunteer coach 6th grade track program.
 - 4 years full time volunteer coach Centennial Middle School wrestling program.
 - 5 years assistant Centennial Mat Club coach.
 - 4 years Centennial Mat Club representative to kids Mat Club wrestling association(NJCWA).

I support the idea of true partnership of parents, teachers, students; their respective rights and responsibilities. While community coaching I always worked for safe environment and believe this essential for education.

I bring a very different, aggressive perspective fixit type approach by systemic analysis and entrepreneurialism; having a high-tech business background, but I am also an outdoorsman, an avid reader and believe in the “old school” approach to education- the Jeffersonian tradition- we educate the whole person. I support reading aloud at the primary levels and more PE.

Before we move on to a new bond measure we must guarantee the integrity of the “operating system” and make sure the our money was properly spent from the last bond measure. This greatly concerns me. I come from a technical background where things are fixed by a “systems approach” – not by a “squeaky wheel” approach” - when some parent complains. We need to insure a greater integrity in the process of building new schools and programs.

My wife and I, having lived in the Centennial district for over 23 years, had 3 children in the Centennial System- one at Pacific, one at PSU, one to graduate this year.

(This information furnished by Gregory M. Shay)

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CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Director, Position 7



MARK HYZER

OCCUPATION: Mechanical Engineer, Harris Group, Inc., Paid Employment, Sept 2004 - Present

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Consulting Engineering.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: University of Vermont, BS

Mechanical Engineering

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Director, Corbett School District, Position #7, Elected May 2005

For the last four years, it has been my pleasure to be involved in the Corbett School District, first serving on the budget committee and later as a school board member. During this time I have gained a deeper understanding of the details of school budgets, budget management, staff contracts, and public school policy issues. As a result of the hard work and dedication of current and previous board members and school staff, we have been able to attract and retain some of the finest and most dedicated educators in the state. The results of this effort are high staff and student moral, higher state test scores, and repeated recognition in the press as an exceptional school in the metro Portland area. It is my desire to see this tradition of excellence continue and to work to ensure all Corbett School students have the best possible public education.

School funding and escalating cost issues continue to be of primary concern to the district. The district has made cuts in staffing every year I have been involved in the district. Most recently, funding for sports programs was significantly reduced. I am excited to see the way parents, community members, staff, and students have pulled together to fill the holes that have been created due to these cuts. For the upcoming budget cycle, the district will be faced with making additional cuts to balance costs and revenue streams. If I am elected, I will work to ensure our programs are run as efficiently as possible, and that budgets are managed in a way that does not reduce the quality of education students receive in our district.

Please vote for me, Mark Hyzer as an advocate for quality public education in Corbett.

(This information furnished by Mark Hyzer)

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DAVID DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Director, Position 5



DEBORAH BAKER

OCCUPATION: #1. Mother of Three; #2. Small Business Owner Deborah's CleanStreak: Residential/Commercial Cleaning Services Serving Portland Area for 8 Years

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: International Specialized Book Services Data entry/Customer Service;

ServiceMaster, Inc. Front Office

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Graduate of Grant High School, Portland; Associates program, Portland Community College

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Citizens Advisory Committee, David Douglas District, 2 terms., 2004-2006; David Douglas Budget Committee 2004-present; Vision 20/20 Committee, 2005-present

I am the mother of three children, two of whom attend David Douglas Schools. I am a member of the PTA, and head up a clothing closet at Cherry Park Elementary school for families in need of assistance (I would love to see this happen throughout the district!). I have had a student in the district for the past 7 years. As a parent of students in the district, I have made it a point to try to be of use to the staff and students by volunteering at school functions and making myself available to teachers for classroom help.

My experience with the district has been positive from the very beginning. I have immense respect for all the work that goes into educating our children, including the fiscal requirements needed to do so. David Douglas has proven to be fiscally responsible and maintains many programs other districts lack. I would like to be elected to the Board so that I can join in the good work going on and contribute to maintaining programs and services for the families of our growing district.

(This information furnished by Committee for Electing Deborah Baker)

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Director, Position 5



MIKE PRICE

OCCUPATION: Operations Manager at Price Industrial Service Co Inc. Sales Service. 1979 to Present.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: David Douglas youth sports coach/Referee 10 years; Alice Ott Middle School sports score keeper 6 years; David Douglas

community Sports Assistant Baseball Coordinator 2002-Present.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Graduated David Douglas High School 1979; MT. Hood Community College attended classes in business administration 1980; AED/CPR First aid certification.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Citizens Advisory Committee 2000 to Present; David Douglas Budget Committee 2000 to Present; David Douglas Dads Club President 1 year; Booster Club President 2 years Lincoln Park Elementary and 2 years Alice Ott Middle School.

Who is Mike Price?

Mike has been a resident of the David Douglas School District for 40 years. He attended and graduated from David Douglas High School. Mike and Lori have been married for 24 years. They have three children who have attended schools in the district since kindergarten. Two sons that graduated from David Douglas High School and a daughter who will graduate in 2008.

Where Mike Stands:

- **Mike believes** that Oregon schools are challenged to prepare students for the future but that smaller budgets should not be used as an excuse for eroding educational quality.
- **Mike believes** all children are entitled to a quality education. Children are our future leaders and they must be given the best opportunity to be successful and self-reliant citizens.
- **Mike believes** students need to have a challenging academic curriculum and should be expected to meet high academic standards.
- **Mike supports** the increased use of technology to help achieve these attainable goals.
- **Mike supports** the continued use of school facilities for community activities such as music, athletics, after school programs and Portland Parks Recreation activities etc.
- **Support Mike Price for position #5.** He is experienced. Mike is concerned and dedicated to the children and residents of the David Douglas School District. Mike can make a positive difference in our schools and community.

(This information furnished by Committee to Elect Mike Price)

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DAVID DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Director, Position 7



FRIEDA J. CHRISTOPHER

OCCUPATION: Administration Manager – Cramer Fish Sciences (2003-present)

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Administration Manager – GemTop (1998-2003); Assistant Manager – Larson Bus Sales, Inc. (1995-1998); Co-Owner – Mark’s Car Clinic Inc. (1980-1996); David

Douglas Educational Foundation (1991-present) Three years Treasurer; David Douglas High School PTSA(1985-1994), Two years President; Floyd Light PTA(1983-85, 1988-1990), Three years Vice President; David Douglas Citizen Advisory Committee(1979-82), One year Secretary; Lincoln Park PTA(1978-88), Two years President, One year Treasurer

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Masters in Business Administration Portland State University, June 1991; Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, Portland State University, June 1990; Associate of Science Degree in Business Administration Mt. Hood Community College, June 1986

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: David Douglas School Board, (1991-Present) – Two years Chair; David Douglas Budget Committee(1987-Present); Program Advisory Committee – Opportunity Gateway (1998-Present), Committee Member

My husband, Mark, and I have been residents of the David Douglas district since 1976. As a volunteer in the David Douglas School District for the past thirty years, I have spent many hours working with students, staff, and parents. My focus is to serve the district to the best of my ability and to advance the district goals in preparing the children for the 21st century. The next few years will be challenging as the district must deal with capacity enrollment, but with limited ability to expand facilities. At the same time the mandates by the federal government with No Child Left Behind will continue to test the district. As a member of the School Board, I have been actively involved in addressing these issues and would like to continue finding solutions to the challenge of increasing student performance with limited financial resources.

I always felt open communication between school and community was a number one priority. And as a school board member I would like to continue to foster the feeling of open communication with the residents of the David Douglas School District.

(This information furnished by Frieda J. Christopher)

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PARKROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Director, Position 2



KATIE LARSELL

OCCUPATION: Community Volunteer

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Industrial Engineering

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: MS University of Arizona, BA Macalester College, St. Paul, MN, Jackson High School,

Portland Oregon

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: 6 years on the Parkrose School Board, two years as Vice Chair, three years as Chair

I enjoy being on the Parkrose school board because I can make a difference there. Education faces real challenges in Oregon. Public schools are asked to do more with less funding. Parkrose is meeting the challenge by getting better at what it does: teaching children. I am proud of the district and proud to represent the community’s interest in our local schools.

In the three years I have been board chair:

- I’ve spearheaded a successful Superintendent Search and Strategic Plan
- Helped revive the Parkrose Education Foundation and helped start the Foundation Auction
- Worked to bring county and city funding into the schools to replace ITAX funding

Excellence – My top priority is the education and achievement of all students in the district. Parkrose is a good school district poised to become a great school district. The board needs to communicate high standards and support the superintendent, principals, teachers and parents as we all work together.

Advocacy – I pledge that Parkrose will gets its fair share of all available tax dollars. Schools are now funded from local property taxes, the State General Fund, the federal government and at times, the City of Portland and Multnomah County. I will continue to lobby and communicate with local officials to ensure Parkrose children get their fair share.

Community – The Parkrose school district has a strong tradition of community support. I will continue to work to strengthen the trust between the community and the schools. I will reach out to our local government and business community whenever I can.

I’m Proud to be a Parkrose Parent and Community Member

Vote Larsell for Parkrose Schools

(This information furnished by Katie Larsell)

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PARKROSE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Director, Position 3



GUY CRAWFORD

OCCUPATION: Director, Human Resources/Employment Services, Northwest College of Construction, 12/2005 - Present

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland Business Alliance, Community Service Program Coordinator,

9/2002-11/2005

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: University of California, Santa Barbara, BA/History; University of Phoenix, MAOM/Management

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Parkrose Educational Foundation, President, 2003-2004

Since moving into the district over ten years ago, my family and I have developed a deep and sincere appreciation for the Parkrose neighborhood.

As our son has progressed through Russell Elementary, then Parkrose Middle School, and finally into Parkrose High School, and participated in athletics and other activities, we've developed close friendships and common interests with our neighbors.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to participate in the growth of the school district as a soccer coach, President and Vice-President of the Parkrose Educational Foundation, participant in the Parkrose School District Strategic Planning Committee, and participant in the Polytechnic Charter Development Committee.

As a school district, we are about to enter into a transitional period. Our present administration has provided us with much needed stability and a solid financial base, but we are in the process of hiring a new superintendent, and the change in administration will provide us with an opportunity to reexamine our priorities and grow to meet new challenges.

At the same time as we continue to improve traditional academics and extra-curricular programs, there are several areas that I will explore to look for opportunities to expand or create new services. These areas include:

- Diversify the curriculum to include technical and vocational programs.
- Expand services to homeless students.
- Improve and expand health and nutritional programs.
- Reestablish the library partnership with Multnomah County.

As a district, we are entering into a period which will present new and exciting challenges. With your support, I hope to participate in the ongoing improvement of our schools, and provide systems that will allow our students to create successful lives and provide them with the tools to become tomorrow's leaders.

Thank you.

(This information furnished by Guy Crawford)

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Director, Position 3



MELISSA WHITCOMB

OCCUPATION: Key Private Bank Relationship Associate 2004-Present

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: KeyBank, NA 1988-2003; Positions held included Branch Manager and Operations Officer

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Concordia University, BS Business Administration

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Parkrose School District Budget Committee Member 2004-2006

For the student's of the Parkrose School District, Melissa Whitcomb supports and believes in:

Coordinated curriculums between elementary, middle, and high schools

The expansion of the use and availability of technology at all grade levels

A structured learning program for higher achieving students

Physical education in every student's schedule

The availability of structured programs to benefit students choosing to enter a trade industry upon graduation

A History of Community Service

Classroom and activity volunteer at Russell Academy
Treasurer of Russell Academy PTV

Volunteer for American Heart Association's annual Heart Ball

Volunteer classroom instructor for Junior Achievement

Volunteer for March of Dimes

Promotions Chair for the Milwaukie Downtown Development Association

(This information furnished by Melissa Whitcomb)

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PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Director, Zone 1



RUTH ADKINS

OCCUPATION: Market Research Analyst

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Analyst/writer for local businesses; Neighborhood Partnership Fund support staff

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Yale University, B.A. &

Master's

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

PORTLAND SCHOOLS EXPERIENCE: PTA president, classroom volunteer, school funding campaign leader, parent of three children in Portland Public Schools

RUTH ADKINS: FOR A SCHOOL BOARD THAT'S CLOSER TO THE COMMUNITY

For a decade, Ruth has worked tirelessly for our schools. Her independence, integrity and experience will ensure our community has a clear, strong voice on the School Board. "Ruth has been there when it counts, for all our kids."

--Jane Ames, longtime education leader

"Nobody is a more dedicated voice than Ruth for strong neighborhood schools throughout Portland."

--Sharon Ross, past PTA president

RUTH ADKINS: BUILDING ACCOUNTABILITY & RESTORING PUBLIC TRUST

Ruth's business and schools experience makes her uniquely qualified to:

- Ensure **tax dollars go to the classroom** to support high-quality curriculum
- **Require school audits** be available to the public
- Provide **greater oversight** on administrative budgets

"Ruth watches the bottom line. She's the effective watchdog we need."

--Mike Roach, small business owner

"Ruth is smart and fair. She'll bring accountability to the School Board and ask the tough questions."

--Portland City Commissioner Randy Leonard

TEACHERS AND SCHOOL LEADERS SUPPORT RUTH

"We trust Ruth Adkins to stand up for our kids and classrooms, and make teaching and learning the top priority."

--Rose M. Murdock and Rob Herder, Portland teachers

--Carla Randall, former Portland principal

Dear Portlanders,

As your School Board member, I will:

- Insist on **equal learning opportunities** and high achievement for all students
- Foster greater **openness and collaboration** with the community in decision-making
- Create partnerships to **increase school enrollment**
- Better maintain our school facilities for **safe kids and strong neighborhoods**
- Support the superintendent, principals and teachers in their focus and hard work to **improve student performance**

I would appreciate your support.

-Ruth

Endorsed by Stand for Children, For Our Children's Future, parents, teachers, senior citizens and community leaders across Portland!

www.VoteRuthAdkins.com

(This information furnished by Ruth Adkins)

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Director, Zone 1



DOUGLAS F. MORGAN

OCCUPATION: Director, Executive Leadership Institute, Hatfield School of Government, PSU.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Teaching (36 years); Public Service (15 years).

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Ph.D., M.A. Political Science University of Chicago; B.A. Claremont McKenna

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: School Board (4 years); Chair, Public Utility Review Board (7 years).

As a father of two daughters who graduated from our neighborhood schools and a grandson currently attending, I am deeply committed to **high performing public schools for all of our kids**. As the son of tenant farmers, I attended 5 schools in the first 6 years of my schooling. I know from personal experience the importance of high achieving schools **for every child in every neighborhood**.

I ask for your vote.

--Doug Morgan

THOUGHTFUL! COURAGEOUS! TRUSTWORTHY!

"Doug's service on the school board shows what an enormous difference **thoughtful, strong and creative leadership** makes to the success of Portland's school system!"

Governor **Barbara Roberts**

"Director Morgan plays an important role in the board's budget work. Faced with another budget crisis Doug led the board in making the necessary tough financial choices. This vital work set the stage for the legislature, local partners, and PPS voters to support more stable funding. Doug has the **courage to make the difficult decisions**."

Doug and Neeley Wells, parent leaders

"I am extremely impressed with Director Morgan's commitment to the public engagement process. During the K-8 reconfiguration discussions, he spent lots of time listening, communicating our concerns to his board colleagues and working with the superintendent to problem-solve. **Doug is fair, he listens, and he can be trusted** to make balanced and well considered judgments."

Mary Welch, Rose City Park Parent

WE SUPPORT DOUG!

Portland Association of Teachers TVIP/PAT recommendation; **Stand for Children; For Our Children's Future**; State Senator **Ginny Burdick**; State Representatives **Jackie Dingfelder, Mitch Greenlick, Greg Macpherson**; County Commissioner **Jeff Cogen**; Portland City Commissioners **Dan Saltzman, Sam Adams; Gretchen Kafoury, Sho Dozono, Hank Miggins, Scott Bailey; Carol Turner; Nick Fish, Kris Olson, Don and Betty Balmer, Fred Neal** and many more.

(This information furnished by Doug Morgan for School Board)

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PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Director, Zone 2



MICHELE SCHULTZ

OCCUPATION: Consultant, The Northwest Academy (Development); President, PTSA, Winterhaven School; Parent of two PPS students

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Non-Profit Executive (6 years); Mental Health/Crisis Triage – Management & Training (6

years); Special Education Advocate (6 years); Parent Educator (5 years); School Volunteer Leader (5 years)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Boston College, MSW in Administration; Wesleyan University, BA

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Maine – Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee for Preschool Handicapped Children; Bureau of Children with Special Needs; County Committee on Transition

Michele will bring to the Portland School Board:

- an authentic voice for parents & their children
- 20 years experience in social work
- excellent communication skills
- commitment to “bottom-up” instead of “top-down” decision-making

I would be honored to serve the 46,350 students in PPS by volunteering my time for the School Board. ~ Michele Schultz

Advocate of the Year ~ Maine Assn. of Directors of Services for Children with Exceptionalities

WE ENDORSE MICHELE!

“With her long history of community service, she is a natural fit for PDX School Board. She brings the **leadership skills, experience and dedication** essential to the success of our kids, our schools and the Board.”

Melissa Rowe-Soll, (PPS Parent)

“Michele brings a **calm perspective** and **steadying influence** to any group. I have long been impressed with her political and organizational prowess.”

Leslie Jones, Realtor; Managing Broker, Former Winterhaven Site Council Chair

“Michele has a style that is **effective, efficient and collaborative**. Her skills and personality proves she is a natural leader!”

Diane Lia, Former Colleague

“In order to create the most effective change in an organization, everyone in the organization needs to understand where there is dissatisfaction, what the future vision is and what the next steps will be. Michele’s understanding of the **importance of community involvement** when making decisions about public education would be of great benefit to the Portland School Board.”

Mark Hamilton, Consultant

MICHELE SCHULTZ
CREATING CONNECTIONS – BUILDING COMMUNITY
A VOICE FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN
www.vote4michele.com

(This information furnished by Michele Schultz)

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Director, Zone 2



DAVID WYNDE

OCCUPATION: Vice President, Community Relations, US Bank; Father of Kendall (12), Sophie (9).

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Banking/Finance (20 years); Human Resources (6 years); Community Service (4 years).

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: University of Hawaii, Masters in Social Work; Nottingham University, Bachelor of Arts.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Portland Public Schools, School Board (4 years)

As a father of two, I believe strongly in our public schools. My **commitment to equity and opportunity** comes from the heart. I’m the first member of my family to graduate from college. My parents, teachers and schools gave me the chance to build a better life for myself and my family. We’ve made lots of progress in the past four years, but there is more to do to ensure **all our children** have that chance.

I ask for your continued support.

--David Wynde

“David cares about our children, especially children of color and children whose families are struggling. He knows these are the kids who have the most to gain from a district, a school board, and a community focused on ensuring that **every child has an equal chance** to learn.”

Martin Gonzalez, community leader.

“David’s leadership was important in our work to improve the relationship between the teachers’ union and the district. We’ve reached agreement on two contracts in the past four years. Both times negotiations were respectful and professional. Much of the credit for this critical change in tone goes to David. **He’s firm but fair.**”

Retired Portland teacher **Steven Palumbo**.

“David’s provided leadership to navigate PPS to a position of relative financial stability. He’s made the tough decisions to **control costs and balance the budget**, while still investing in the quality of our children’s education.”

Samuel Brooks, business and community leader.

WE SUPPORT DAVID!

Portland Association of Teachers TVIP recommendation; **Stand for Children; For Our Children’s Future**; State Treasurer **Randall Edwards**; State Senators **Kate Brown** and **Avel Louise Gordly**; County Commissioner **Jeff Cogen**; **Kris Anderson, Scott Bailey, Sho Dozono, Lorenzo Poe, Sheila Warren**, and many more

(This information furnished by David Wynde for School Board Committee)

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PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Director, Zone 3



BOBBIE REGAN

OCCUPATION: Co-Chair,
Portland School Board

**OCCUPATIONAL
BACKGROUND:** Marketing
Director; Management and
Communications for
Businesses and Non-Profits.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:
BA, Fredonia State (NY)

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Portland School Board
Member; Legislative Assistant, US Congress

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP: Board Member, Portland School
Board (2003-present), Co-Chair 2005-2007; Board Member,
statewide Oregon School Boards Association; Ex-Officio
Board Member, Portland Schools Foundation; former Vice
President, Community and Parents for Public Schools; former
Co-founder, HOPE (Help Out Public Education); former PTA
President, Site Council Co-Chair, Foundation Board Member;
classroom volunteer.

FAMILY: Barrett Stambler (husband); sons Jamey, Dillon.

**Bobbie Regan ... An effective, passionate leader for our
schools**

"Bobbie's leadership has helped move Portland Public
Schools through turbulent times to a place of stability and
hope."

-Doug Wells, Parent Activist
-Sam Adams, Portland City Commissioner
-Sho Dozono, Owner, Azumano Travel
-John Whisler, Co-owner, Kitchen Kaboodle

Leadership Counts! As a school board member, Bobbie has:

- Ensured strong leadership focused on supporting
teachers and students in schools.
- Raised graduation requirements and increased supports
for students who struggle or need acceleration.
Achievement scores in math and reading rose the past
two years.
- Worked tirelessly to ensure public support for PPS,
stable funding and stronger statewide partnerships.
- Worked to manage health-care costs and address
excess building capacity, targeting funds to the
classroom. Hired performance auditor to ensure
operational efficiency.

"As a parent, Bobbie's focus on the classroom never waivers."

-Portland parents Pamela Echeverio, Mike Roach, Otto Schell

Teachers & Principals Support Bobbie!

"Bobbie is a tireless advocate for kids, schools and our
community."

--Retired Principals Rose Bond, Vonnie Condon

"Bobbie's in schools often. She supports and respects our
work."

- Portland Teachers Anne Hasson, Debra Lande

We also endorse Bobbie: Stand for Children; For Our
Children's Future, State Treasurer Randall Edwards; Governor
Barbara Roberts; State Senators Avel Gordly & Kate Brown;
Multnomah County Commissioner Jeff Cogen; Portland City
Commissioner Randy Leonard; Judy Peppler; Steffen
Mendoza Gray; Dr. Jim Davis; Scott Bailey; and many more.

(This information furnished by Bobbie Regan)

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for accuracy by Multnomah County.

Director, Zone 7



DILAFRUZ WILLIAMS

OCCUPATION: Professor of
Education, Portland State
University.

**OCCUPATIONAL
BACKGROUND:** Director,
Community-University
Partnerships, PSU; Director,
Urban Teacher Preparation,
Syracuse University;
Secondary Science/Math

Teacher.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Ph.D. (Education), M.P.A.
(Public Administration), Syracuse University; C.A.S. (Teaching,
Curriculum, Learning Environments), Harvard University;
M.Ed. and B.Ed. (Science/Math Education), M.Sc. and B.Sc.
(Botany), Bombay University.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Portland School Board
(2003-Present).

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE: Portland Public Schools (PPS)
Site Council, Parent Volunteer; Founding Member,
Environmental Middle School (now Sunnyside); many local,
state, and national education groups.

PERSONAL: Dilafruz's son, James, attended PPS for 12
years, served on the School Board, and graduated in 2002.

"I have committed my personal life and professional career to
educational excellence and equity. I strongly support
accountability to ensure that resources are focused on our
children and their classrooms. **I am not afraid to ask tough
questions**. My experiences as a parent, classroom teacher,
board member, and teacher of teachers/principals put me in a
unique position to **advocate for the community and our
children**."

- Dilafruz Williams

"**Dilafruz knows our schools**, and is a **problem-solver**."

- Gloria Gostnell, former Portland principal

"**Dilafruz brings transparency, integrity, and clear
communication** to the Board."

- Lorenzo T. Poe, Jr., Carol Turner, former Portland School
Board members; Judy Bluehorse Skelton, teacher

"**Dilafruz hones the vast talent of the community for
creative solutions**."

- Amilcar Alvarez, owner, Gabriel's Bakery

"**Dilafruz Williams...would keep the board grounded in the
classroom**."

- *The Oregonian* editorial, 5/4/03

WE ENDORSE DILAFRUZ WILLIAMS!

Organizations: Stand for Children; TVIP/Portland
Association of Teachers recommendation; For Our Children's
Future; American Association of University Professors-PSU

Elected Officials: Governor Barbara Roberts; Mayor Tom
Potter; City Commissioners Erik Sten, Randy Leonard, Dan
Saltzman; Metro Council President David Bragdon; Metro
Councilor Robert Liberty; Senate Majority Leader Kate Brown;
Senator Avel Gordly; State Representative Mitch Greenlick.

Community Leaders: Sho Dozono, Fred Miller, Karin
Hansen, Martin Gonzales, Stephen Griffith, Debbie Goldberg
Menashe, Sue Hagmeier, Karla Wenzel...**hundreds more
parents, educators, community supporters!**

Dilafruz Williams: For Excellence, Accountability, Equity

www.VoteWilliams.org

(This information furnished by Dilafruz Williams)

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for accuracy by Multnomah County.

REYNOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Director, Position 5



SHELLY CHASE

OCCUPATION: Pearson Financial Group – March, 2006 to current; Financial Planning Assistant; 5665 SW Meadows Rd, Suite 120; Lake Oswego, Oregon 97035; 503-670-0500; Conrad Pearson – Owner and President

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Reynolds

School District Substitute – September, 2004-February, 2006; Consumer Cellular – June, 1996 – July, 2004; Office Manager

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: George Fox University – October, 1995 – March, 1997; Completed Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Resource Management; Oregon State University – September, 1988 – April, 1992; Lake Oswego High School – 1984-1988 - Graduate

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

With a degree in human resources from George Fox University, work experience in the business/financial planning field, experience as a successful fundraiser, a good working knowledge of school foundations, and an active mom with boys ages eight and two, I believe I would make an excellent candidate for the Reynolds School District School Board.

We have lived in Fairview for nine years during which time I have been a substitute for Reynolds School District, an active FEPA member at Fairview Elementary School, and an energetic team mom for my oldest sons multiple sports teams.

All my previous jobs have included public contact. As a result I feel comfortable dealing with people on many different levels. As a team player who strives for excellence I would be honored to represent the students, parents, patrons, and staff in our community.

(This information furnished by Shelly Chase)

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Director, Position 5



JOEL A. HUFFMAN

OCCUPATION: Project Superintendent SD Deacon Enterprises 1990 to Present

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Ralph D. McDowel Corp. Project Superintendent 1987 to 1990

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Junction City High School – 12; Lane Community College – 14 Music Major

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Reynolds School District Director 1995 to 1999; Reynolds School District Director 1999 to 2003; Reynolds School District Director 2003 to 2007; Reynolds School District Facilities Committee; Davis Elementary Site Council; Reynolds Learning Academy Site Council

It has been my pleasure to serve the students and patrons of Reynolds School district. I will continue to work hard to make sure that every student receives the best education possible. I believe I bring years of hard work and stability to the Reynolds Board. The Reynolds School District is facing many challenges in the near future. Challenges that include increasing enrollment, aging facilities, and the greatest challenge to provide our students with an education that prepares them for a global society. I believe I am the right candidate to meet those challenges. I would appreciate your vote.

(This information furnished by Joel A. Huffman)

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REYNOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Director, Position 7



DANNY CHARLES KREAMIER JR.

OCCUPATION: Regional Collection Manager - Community Loans of America (Paid); Owner – Dan’s Fishin Mission Adventures (Paid); Board Member – Credit Association of Portland (Unpaid)

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Branch Manager – Fidelity Collection Service (Paid); Marketing Executive – Bonded Credit Co. (Paid)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Columbia High School – Graduated 1988; Mt. Hood Community College – Graduated 1991; Warner Pacific College – 1991-1993

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

A life long resident of East Multnomah County, who actively participates in my children’s school and extra-curricular activities. I coach both basketball and soccer through the YMCA and Reynolds Youth Soccer Association, respectively. With young children in the district I want to play a role in the decision making process that will affect the quality of education within Reynolds School District.

(This information furnished by Danny C. Kreamier Jr.)

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Director, Position 7

No Photo
Submitted

CLAUDETTE NAYLOR

OCCUPATION: None/retired

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Retired Teacher/Counselor Portland Public Schools '68-'02

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Willamette University BA '68; Portland State MS '86

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL

EXPERIENCE: Reynolds School Board – 9 yrs.

Having lived in our diverse Reynolds’ community for 31 years, I have seen our school district develop from a 6,000 student, one high school district through a two high school program to today’s nearly 11,000 student population with the state’s largest high school. My 34 years of experience as a Portland Public School high school teacher and then counselor demonstrates my sincere interest and commitment to public education and to our most important asset, students. I am involved with Reynolds School Board because of this continued interest and feel that my experience with and knowledge of the workings of public education can benefit our students, our dedicated, hard working employees and our district patrons. I am proud of the existing programs in our district and would like the opportunity to continue being part of the exciting growth in east county. The future challenge to provide quality literacy programs, ELL programs and academic/social/athletic opportunities for Reynolds’ students should remain at the forefront of our community development and planning. I am willing and capable of contributing to this goal. Thank you.

(This information furnished by Claudette Naylor)

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R.F.P.D #10

TUALATIN VALLEY F.& R.D.

Director, Position 2

Director, Position 5

No Photo Submitted

MIKE MCKEEL

OCCUPATION: Dentist; Developer

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: none

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland State University, BS Biology; Oregon Health Sciences University, DMD

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL

EXPERIENCE: Gresham Barlow School District Director, 1981-2001; Rural Fire Protection District #10 Director, 2002-Present



BRIAN CLOPTON

OCCUPATION: Contractor.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Owner/Operations Manager, Brian Clopton Excavating, Inc.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: No formal college education.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Board of

Directors for Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (1988-2007).

Through eight years of service on the Board of Directors for Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue (TVF&R), Brian Clopton has championed smart financial management, excellent customer service, and “small town” connections between fire stations and their communities. Looking forward, his experience in the construction industry will provide the Board of Directors with practical expertise as it fulfills commitments made to voters to modernize TVF&R’s fire stations and apparatus.

As a successful local business owner, Brian Clopton brings a “no excuses” focus on service and financial management to his role on the Board of Directors. He built a successful company by investing with a long-term view, encouraging commitment and pride from employees, and consistently exceeding the expectations of his customers. He strongly supports a similar focus at TVF&R.

As a life-long resident of the fire district, Brian Clopton has seen housing and employment growth increase demand for critical public services. He also watched small city and rural fire departments work together to create TVF&R, a regional fire district. While an advocate for the financial and operational efficiencies of a regional provider, Brian’s deep local roots cause him to strongly support maintaining “small-town” connections between fire stations and the communities they serve.

With thirty year’s of experience in the construction industry, Brian Clopton is uniquely qualified to work with the Board of Directors to ensure TVF&R meets the commitments of the \$77.5 million bond voters approved in November 2006. Brian’s first-hand experience with project management, financing, and contractor relations will be invaluable as the board helps ensure that 15 projects are completed within budget and in a timely manner.

Keep Brian Clopton on the TVF&R Board of Directors. He has the skills to help shape the District’s future and the experience to retain important traditions from its past.

(This information furnished by Mike McKeel)

(This information furnished by Brian Clopton)

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CORBETT WATER DISTRICT

Position 3 Commissioner



VICTOR SCHMIDT

OCCUPATION: Consultant
OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Consulting, Business Owner, Engineer
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Corbett High School, BS IE Oregon State University, University of Portland
PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL

EXPERIENCE: none

We have an opportunity with a new Water District Manager and the low interest funding already secured to surge forward with many of the planned projects that will significantly improve service to the customer.

Although there are technical difficulties yet to be ironed out, such as filter pond #2 still being off line, inconsistent data logging, and the retirement of reservoir #1, I am confident that the district can be 100% in the upcoming two years.

I know that service outages have frustrated customers in the recent years, but the timely implementation of plans and funding already in place will provide the consistent service that we all want.

My background in automated systems, process control and business will provide a positive resource in understanding and solving both technical and management problems.

Having grown up with reservoir #4 smack in the middle of our property, I have gained a long term appreciation of Corbett Water District's effort to provide better water from the tap than most people get from bottles with fancy labels.

Let's keep our good water! Thank you for your vote.

(This information furnished by Victor Schmidt)

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Position 5 Commissioner



EARCEL (SONNY) BOYD

OCCUPATION: Retired Training Manager; Minister
OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Certification and Testing Specialist, Xerox; Service Training Manager, Tektronix; Marketing Consultant; Instructor Trainer, US Navy

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland Community College, Associates Degree requirements for Business Management, Vocational Education, Electronics Engineering Technology; University of Guam, Electronics Engineering; US Navy, Electronics Technician Radar A and C Schools; Concordia Parish Trade School, Radio and Television Electronics

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

Since having moved to Corbett in 1999, I've been a satisfied customer of the Corbett Water District and have seen a few ups and downs within the district. I've seen the district workers endure harsh winter conditions and uneasy managerial and political changes to keep our service constant. But I know that **change is necessary in any business** if it is to provide its customers with a continuing high level of service and utility.

As a utility provider, **the Corbett Water District is a business and should be operated as such.** Service must be maintained at a high level to insure customer satisfaction, incorporating new technologies, methodologies, preventive and corrective maintenance, research, and planning for future service and growth (yes, growth). At the same time, the business must be managed for the benefit of its customer base, employees, and community.

I pledge to do my best to educate myself and others to the business requirements of the Corbett Water District; to help lead it into the future that will better serve customers, the community, and the employees that serve us so well.

(This information furnished by Earcel "Sonny" Boyd)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-89**BALLOT TITLE****AMENDS CHARTER: REQUIRES CITY TO PERIODICALLY REVIEW CHARTER.**

QUESTION: Shall Council convene Charter Review Commission at least every 10 years with recommendations submitted to voters in certain circumstances?

SUMMARY: Currently there is no requirement for periodic review of the City Charter. This measure requires the Council to convene a Charter Review Commission at least every 10 years. The first Commission will convene within two years after the effective date of this measure. The Commission will reflect the diversity of the City and will be made up of 20 residents. Each Council member shall nominate four Charter Commission members, subject to confirmation by the Council. The Mayor and Council can request review of specific Charter sections, but the Commission's review is not limited to such sections. The Commission must provide written reports to the Council. Charter amendments supported by at least 15 members of the Charter Commission shall be submitted to the voters of the City by the City Council. Charter amendments proposed by the Charter Commission that are supported by a majority but less than 15 members of the Charter Commission shall be recommendations to the City Council, which may, but is not required to refer such proposed amendments to the voters.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure is one of four recommendations by the 26 citizen-member Charter Review Commission.

It requires the City Council to convene a panel of citizens at least once every 10 years to review the City Charter and forward their recommendations directly to voters.

Background

In November 2005, Portland City Council appointed a panel of 26 Portlanders to take the first comprehensive look at the City Charter since 1913. This independent volunteer citizen committee – the Charter Review Commission – represented a wide range of ages, ethnicities, experiences and backgrounds.

To facilitate its work, the Commission held over 100 public meetings, collected information from a variety of sources, including review of written reports, invited testimony from legal and academic experts, and public testimony, including:

- Testimony from current and former elected officials of Portland and other municipalities, City employees, community organizations, neighborhood associations and other stakeholder groups and individuals;
- Testimony of outside experts in government studies and public administration; and
- A survey of comparably-sized cities.

What does the measure do?

Currently, the City Council decides when, or if, citizens can review the Charter, the document that spells out the laws and procedures that define how the city operates. Under the current system any changes proposed by citizens must be approved by the City Council and then referred to voters.

The measure:

- Provides more citizen oversight by requiring the City Council to convene a panel of no more than 20 citizens who are representative of the entire city to review the Charter at least every ten years.
- Establishes a process that allows the citizen commission to put recommendations directly before voters without City Council approval.

Elected officials would be excluded from being members of the Charter Commission. And, while the City Council can request the review of specific Charter sections, the Commission would be free to review any part of the Charter it chooses.

Each Council member would nominate four Charter Commission members, subject to confirmation by the entire Council. Charter amendments supported by at least 15 members of the Charter Commission would be submitted directly to the voters.

The Portland Metro area is expected to grow by 1 million residents in the next few decades. The Charter Review Commission recommended periodic review in order to permit citizens to periodically determine whether the City's governance reflected the changing needs of the city and its residents. The Commission also said that periodic review would continue Portland's tradition of civic engagement and citizen involvement in the workings of their government.

The first review would take place within two years of the passage of this measure.

Submitted by:

Mayor Tom Potter
City of Portland

No arguments AGAINST this measure were filed.

CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-89

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

PARENTS, TEACHERS, ACCOUNTANTS, RETIREES,
COLLEGE STUDENTS, PARKS SUPPORTERS,
SCHOOL ADVOCATES, CONSERVATIONISTS,
GRANDPARENTS, AFFORDABLE ACCESSIBLE HOUSING
ADVOCATES, SMALL BUSINESSES,
PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS, PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATORS, COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS,
SENIORS.....

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* a partial list.

We hope you'll join us....

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Extensive Public Input

In November, 2005 a unanimous City Council appointed a panel of 26 Portlanders to take the first comprehensive look since 1913 at how the City was working. This independent volunteer committee spent 15 months developing their recommendations and held more than 100 public meetings.

These volunteers listened to over 2000 hours of testimony from:

- Current and former elected officials;
- Neighborhood organizations;
- Senior organizations;
- Minority media representatives;
- Youth organizations;
- City workers;
- Bureau directors;
- Academic and legal experts;
- Public administrators;
- Community organizations;
- Labor representatives;
- Auditors;
- Professional managers; and
- Community members.

The panel developed draft recommendations and presented them to more than **30 diverse community and neighborhood organizations for review and discussion**.

All of the panel's meetings were **open to the public and televised**. The panel reported formally to the City Council 3 times throughout the 15 months in addition to meeting individually with City Commissioners. The panel's final recommendations were submitted to the City Council in January 2007 and referred to the voters.

Portlanders will have been discussing the need for these reforms for many years by the time they vote May 15th.

And, these reforms **are long overdue!**

They are the first to be submitted to the voters in 94 years that include more citizen oversight, streamlined government, and increased accountability.

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-89

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

A MESSAGE FROM TOM POTTER**Real Reform at City Hall**

Dear Neighbors,

Two years ago I campaigned for Mayor by asking for your help in changing how City Hall works. You told me about the problems you had in accessing City services. We've made a good start together, bringing a renewed sense of openness and transparency, and making City Hall more welcoming to everyone.

Now it's time to finish the job.

We have a once in a lifetime opportunity to adopt four reforms proposed by an independent committee of Portlanders that **will increase accountability, achieve more efficient use of tax dollars, and bring more community oversight to City Hall.**

I'm proud to support this volunteer commission's recommendations for real reform at City Hall. Their reforms include some of the most significant changes to our City since 1913. And, it's about time!

- 89: Provide **you** the opportunity to review city government every ten years and allows the public to vote on community recommendations;
- 90: **Streamline and modernize** public employee provisions – eliminate outdated, confusing and conflicting rules;
- 91: **Eliminate duplication** of City services and improve communication and coordination between City bureaus by allowing managers to run City bureaus, and hold them accountable; and
- 92: Give the City Auditor more authority to conduct **financial and performance audits** on the Portland Development Commission;

Reforming City Hall will take hard work, but that's what you've elected me to do.

I need your help.

I hope you'll help me bring more accountability and citizen oversight to City Hall by supporting Reforms 89, 90, 91 & 92.

Take care and thank you,

Tom Potter
Mayor

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

GOVERNOR BARBARA ROBERTS**CITIZEN OVERSIGHT & VOTERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Portland is a wonderful city and I'm proud to call it home. I've raised my children in this community, served as a legislator from Portland as well as our state's Governor. Today I live in a southeast neighborhood where I can walk with my grandchildren to the coffee shop, library and neighborhood park.

I believe one of the reasons Portland is such a special place is because of the quality and character of the people who live here – and their commitment to their community.

I also believe Portland faces real challenges in the next few decades. Our population is exploding, and our roads, parks and schools are stretched to the limit.

Reform 89 provides us with access to our most valuable resource – the people who live, work and raise their families here.

Reform 89 lets citizens review how government is working every 10 years and vote on recommendations for change.

To continue to protect what we value most about our community, we must engage our greatest resource. Only by allowing citizens to have a role in shaping our future can we hope for a future as good as our past.

I urge you to vote Yes so we can keep Portland a great City.

Sincerely,

Governor Barbara Roberts

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-89

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

GIVE PORTLANDERS MORE OVERSIGHT OF CITY HALL And Give Voters a Voice

Today the City Council decides when, or if, community members can review the document that defines how the City provides services. Under the current system any changes to the Charter must be approved by the City Council before being referred to the voters.

That's just not right!

That's why an independent volunteer committee has recommended bringing more oversight to City Hall and requiring community recommendations to be passed on directly to the voters.

Community Oversight

Reform 89 provides more community oversight by directing the City Council to appoint an independent committee of community members at least once every 10 years to review how the government is working.

Give Portlanders a Voice

Reform 89 creates a process that allows the community's recommendations to go directly to voters-- without City Council approval!

This recommendation is one of four reforms designed to increase efficiency, bring more accountability and provide **you** more oversight of City Hall.

**IT IS YOUR CITY AND YOU DESERVE A VOICE IN
IMPROVING IT!**

Vote Yes on Reforms 89, 90, 91 & 92.

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Portland ranked 37th out of 46 cities in managing City finances.

As a small business owner on the Eastside, I know that watching the bottom line is crucial.

But, I am also willing to support quality services that make our City better – light rail, street car, clean water, parks and good schools.

These services make a difference to my business, but more importantly, to my family and our community.

I've reviewed the independent Charter Review Commission's recommendations to reform City Hall and believe reform is necessary if Portland wants to meet the needs of our growing population and protect our quality of life.

After 94 years, our government is outdated. It is not designed to meet today's challenges. It is inefficient, stifles communication, and limits coordination

I have willingly supported increases in my taxes to pay for quality services. But, now it's time for City Hall to tighten its belt.

City Hall simply needs better management...more coordination and communication would help eliminate duplication and save money for needed services. The community proposed reforms do exactly that:

- **89: Give citizens the power to determine what's working at City Hall and what's not, and vote on changes to make things better.**
- **90: Modernize and eliminate outdated, confusing and conflicting public employee regulations.**
- **91: Stop the duplication and waste among City bureaus that often don't cooperate or communicate with each other, and hold more managers accountable for their performance.**
- **92: Give the City Auditor more authority to conduct financial and performance audits on the Portland Development Commission.**

I'm one of the hundreds of Citizens to Reform City Hall. I hope you'll join us.

Vote Yes on 89-90-91-92

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CITY OF PORTLAND

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**IT'S ABOUT COORDINATION & ACCOUNTABILITY
AT CITY HALL****Streamline and modernize City government**

Portland is the last big city in America where politicians still run huge, highly technical bureaus....with little or no experience. That's in part why taxpayers pay \$2.8 million a year for the four commissioners' staff on top of bureau management costs.

Our politician--run bureaus promotes a duplication of services, erects barriers between bureaus and creates blind spots that produce disasters like the Water Bureau's \$ 10 million billings fiasco and a tram that cost four times the city estimate.

"....then each commissioner rules over his or her collection of fiefdoms. Remember, each commissioner is a politician first, and usually has no expertise in any of those departments. No wonder other large cities reject this problematic scheme."

The Columbian, 2/25/07

"The city's form of government invests extraordinary power in each city commissioner, often at the expense of the city as a whole."

The Oregonian, 3/5/2007

The package of reforms proposed by the independent volunteer commission will:

- provide coordination between city bureaus;
- implement consistent administrative policies in all bureaus;
- bring more accountability and citizen oversight to city government; and
- deliver more efficient services to taxpayers.

"We have a good city but changing the form of government would make it even better."

The Oregonian, 2/5/2007

Please support Reforms 89, 90, 91, & 92.

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

WHY?

For years Portlanders have asked....

Why can't we do a better job coordinating City bureaus?

Why don't we have consistent administrative policies between City bureaus?

Why are we wasting taxpayers' dollars by duplicating services and personnel between City bureaus?

Why?

Because our form of government is obsolete and inefficient. **No other large city in the nation still has politicians in charge of City bureaus. They just can't afford to.**

Reforms 89-90-91-92 will end business-as-usual at City Hall:

- **Increase coordination:** Replace a system where the Water Bureau can withhold critical internal memos from other bureaus that foretold a multi-million dollar billing problem. The result? A \$ 20 – 30 million billing fiasco that cost ratepayers.
- **Increase accountability:** Establish clear decision-making authority and hold managers accountable if they do not perform – and end the excuses that allow the price tag for the tram to go from \$ 15 million to \$ 55 million, and no one knows why or is held accountable.
- **Increase citizen oversight:** Finally bring citizens back into government. Establish citizen oversight to review how our government is working and make recommendations directly to Portland voters.

Citizen Inspired, Citizen Led Reforms

A package of reforms to bring more citizen oversight, accountability and efficiency to city government.

Vote YES on Reforms 89-90-91-92

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CITY OF PORTLAND

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

PORTLANDERS TO REFORM CITY HALL

The independent Charter Review Commission members learned a lot in their 15 months of research about how and why Portland is run the way it is. And they learned how much it costs taxpayers to continue with a form of government that has not changed since 1913.

They learned that Portland is the **last big city in the nation where politicians are in charge of multi-million dollar, highly complex bureaus.**

And they learned that taxpayers foot the bill for our politicians' inexperience.

They also learned that our current government breeds inefficiencies and duplication, and limits coordination and oversight.

Audit exposes \$ 10 - \$ 15 million wasted annually.

One independent audit in 2006 estimated that the City is wasting **\$ 10 - \$ 15 million a year.**

The cost of this **uncoordinated, haphazard approach** to running our government is more than we can afford.

That's why the citizen led Commission recommended a package of reforms to:

- **Provide more community oversight and give voters a voice in improving City Hall;**
- **Streamline and modernize City Hall; and**
- **Provide greater accountability through performance and financial audits.**

We hope you'll support 89-90- 91- 92.

Please vote YES to Reform City Hall.

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

POLITICIAN-RUN CITY BUREAUS— WASTE MILLIONS

Duplication Costs Taxpayers

In our outdated, politician-managed government, City bureaus change hands every few years with new politicians....

And that's costing taxpayers millions.

In the last 6 years:

- the Water Bureau has been managed by **5 different** City Commissioners;
- the Transportation Bureau has changed hands **7 times**; and
- the Sewer Bureau **6 times...in the last 6 years.**

Each time a new politician takes over, the bureau lurches off into a new direction—the politician can hire, fire, move personal staff into bureau positions, conduct studies, approve contracts and leases, all without coordinating or communicating with other commissioners, the mayor or any centralized clearinghouse.

Politicians think our system is great, and so do the special interests that elect them....

But there's a reason every other large city in America has abandoned the politician-managed bureaus – it is just too expensive:

- Today we pay \$ 640,000 a year to keep City-owned space vacant while eight different bureaus rent private office space.
- While that space remains vacant, the eight bureaus pay \$ 2.5 million a year for downtown offices.
- Four City bureaus don't even use the City's payroll system.
- Two different bureaus paid for multi-million dollar studies at the same time on the same issue, and over the same piece of property.

Bring accountability back to City Hall.

VOTE YES on Reforms 89-90- 91-92.

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-89

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

IMPROVE COMMUNICATION AT CITY HALL

“Bureaus bicker (especially when their respective commissioners are at odds), and some bureaus, in effect, run themselves, creating blind spots and disasters...”

The Oregonian 2/5/2007

After 100 plus public meetings, 2000 hours of testimony, and 15 months of work, the volunteer independent committee concluded that Portland has outgrown our politician-run government.

They recommended a package of reforms designed to increase efficiency and accountability and give Portlanders a voice in improving City Hall:

- **89:** Give the community a chance to review how the City is working every ten years and then let the community vote on the recommendations.
- **90:** Streamline and modernize public employee regulations – eliminate outdated, confusing and conflicting rules;
- **91:** **Eliminate duplication of City services and improve communication and coordination between City bureaus. Allow experienced managers to run day to day operations, but hold them accountable for performance; and**
- **92:** Give the City Auditor more authority to conduct financial and performance audits on the Portland Development Commission;

“Just as a city needs experts running police, fire and other key departments, a city hall needs a competent, non-political, public administration expert running daily operations.”

The Columbian, 2/25/07

VOTE YES ON REFORMS 89, 90, 91 & 92

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**REFORMING CITY HALL IS NOT
FOR CAREER POLITICIANS**

“Portland city commissioners must suppress the urge to protect their political turf and instead allow voters in a May election to decide the fate of recommendations from a citizen-led charter review panel that considered how City Hall can best operate in the future.”

Portland Tribune 1/11/2007

Local career politicians have been lining up to come out against the citizen-led reforms that will bring more oversight, performance audits and efficiency to City Hall.

That’s no surprise. After all, an independent volunteer committee is asking voters if they would rather have skilled and experienced managers look after our City’s resources. If the answer is yes, we will replace a system where politicians now exercise total control with no oversight or accountability.

- **89:** Give citizens the power to determine what’s working at City Hall and what’s not, and vote on changes to make things better.
- **90:** Modernize the Civil Service that protects our workers, eliminating outdated, confusing and conflicting rules.
- **91:** Stop the duplication and waste among City bureaus that often don’t cooperate or communicate with each other, and hold more managers accountable for their performance.
- **92:** Give the City Auditor more authority to conduct financial and performance audits on the Portland Development Commission.

Twenty-six of your neighbors spent 15 months and held 100 public meetings to develop these recommendations.

Now **you** can make these reforms real!

Vote YES on Reforms 89, 90, 91 & 92.

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-89

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

More Community Access, Oversight & Representation (Five Times (5X) More Access)

The independent Charter Review Commission's proposed reforms deliver:

- **increased efficiency; AND**
- **more community access, representation and responsiveness.**

Today, special interests take up too much time at City Hall. A neighbor with a problem, a senior with a question, a family confused about a water bill – we all have a hard time being heard.

Whether it is a problem with an abandoned car, too much traffic on your street, or you need to get the right permit to remodel your garage...**you have to depend on the good graces of the one politician in charge of the City bureau to get anything done.**

Reforms 89-90-91-92 change that.

An ordinary person could approach **ANY** City Council member for help. And **all** City Council members would have a stake in providing a response, not just one. **The chances of getting something done are multiplied by five.**

The package of reforms proposed by the independent commission puts the day to day management in the hands of experienced managers and allow City Commissioners to actually get out of their office and talk to real people about real problems in their community.

City Commissioners would have:

- the time to focus on people; and
- get out of their offices, be part of the community; and
- learn about the needs of **all** Portlanders.

That's the experience we desperately need at City Hall.

Vote Yes on Reforms 89-90-91-92

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

NO FALSE PROMISES

**No new money needed to implement reforms.
(And ending duplication and inefficiency
will save money.)**

Rather than coming with their hand out again, this package of reforms will bring some common sense savings by making City Hall act the way the rest of us do who have to work within a budget, look for bargains and not spend money on things we don't need or already have.

Imagine a system where:

- We're not paying to have five different bureaus renting space in private buildings while a City-owned building sits vacant – essentially paying twice for everything.
- We're not humoring bureaus that want to run their own customized computer systems – costing all of us an extra \$10-15 million every year.
- Bureaus aren't fighting over who owns what while they spend millions duplicating, studies on the same topic at the same time.

This package of reforms won't cost a dime in new money – but it will save us millions

Vote YES on Reforming City Hall – 89-90-91-92.

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A postmark does not
count!**

CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure No. 26-90

BALLOT TITLE

AMENDS CHARTER: UPDATES AND CLARIFIES CIVIL SERVICE PROVISIONS

QUESTION: Shall City simplify civil service provisions, authorize Council to implement merit system, exclude certain policy-making employees from civil service?

SUMMARY: This measure maintains the City's Civil Service Board that is appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council. The measure clarifies the merit system for civil service protected positions by replacing existing provisions with updated language and giving City Council power to establish, regulate and maintain the merit system and designate protected categories of persons. Details of implementation relating to job classification plans, recruitment, selection and promotions are removed from the Charter, allowing the Council more flexibility in implementing the merit-based system. The measure establishes a 21 day period for appeals to the Civil Service Board. The measure removes current provisions for temporary appointments.

The measure allows the Council, upon recommendation of the administrator for personnel issues, to determine that future employees in a classification with a major role in the formation of policy requiring exercise of independent judgment will be excluded from civil service protection. This measure will become effective January 1, 2008.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure is one of four recommendations by the 26 citizen-member Charter Review Commission.

It streamlines and modernizes the City's civil service requirements by eliminating outdated, conflicting and confusing language.

Background

In November 2005, Portland City Council appointed a panel of 26 Portlanders to take the first comprehensive look at the City Charter since 1913. This independent volunteer citizen committee – the Charter Review Commission – represented a wide range of ages, ethnicities, experiences and backgrounds.

To facilitate its work, the Commission held over 100 public meetings, collected information from a variety of sources including review of written reports, invited testimony from legal and academic experts, and public testimony, including:

- Testimony from current and former elected officials of Portland and other municipalities, City employees, community organizations, neighborhood associations and other stakeholder groups and individuals;
- Testimony of outside experts in government studies and public administration; and
- A survey of comparably-sized cities.

What does the measure do?

After 14 months of study the Charter Review Commission found the civil service requirements confusing, conflicting, and outdated. The most recent amendments to some of these civil service requirements were nearly twenty years ago.

The measure:

- Deletes or updates outdated language;
- Requires an annual report to City Council from the Civil Service Board;
- Requires the Civil Service Board to meet at least quarterly;
- Provides a more flexible and adaptable structure for a merit based personnel system;
- Standardizes the civil service appeals process; and
- Allows for certain top level employees to be removed based on non-performance. This only applies to certain future employees.

The measure provides the City workforce with more current, consistent, and predictable civil service requirements and protections.

If passed, the measure will become effective January 1, 2008.

Submitted by:

Mayor Tom Potter
City of Portland

CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure No. 26-90

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS, PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATORS, COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS,
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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Extensive Public Input

In November, 2005 a unanimous City Council appointed a panel of 26 Portlanders to take the first comprehensive look since 1913 at how the City was working. This independent volunteer committee spent 15 months developing their recommendations and held more than 100 public meetings.

These volunteers listened to over 2000 hours of testimony from:

- Current and former elected officials;
- Neighborhood organizations;
- Senior organizations;
- Minority media representatives;
- Youth organizations;
- City workers;
- Bureau directors;
- Academic and legal experts;
- Public administrators;
- Community organizations;
- Labor representatives;
- Auditors;
- Professional managers; and
- Community members.

The panel developed draft recommendations and presented them to more than **30 diverse community and neighborhood organizations for review and discussion**.

All of the panel's meetings were **open to the public and televised**. The panel reported formally to the City Council 3 times throughout the 15 months in addition to meeting individually with City Commissioners. The panel's final recommendations were submitted to the City Council in January 2007 and referred to the voters.

Portlanders will have been discussing the need for these reforms for many years by the time they vote May 15th.

And, these reforms **are long overdue!**

They are the first to be submitted to the voters in 94 years that include more citizen oversight, streamlined government, and increased accountability.

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure No. 26-90

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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Now it's time to finish the job.

We have a once in a lifetime opportunity to adopt four reforms proposed by an independent committee of Portlanders that **will increase accountability, achieve more efficient use of tax dollars, and bring more community oversight to City Hall.**

I'm proud to support this volunteer commission's recommendations for real reform at City Hall. Their reforms include some of the most significant changes to our City since 1913. And, it's about time!

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Reforming City Hall will take hard work, but that's what you've elected me to do.

I need your help.

I hope you'll help me bring more accountability and citizen oversight to City Hall by supporting Reforms 89, 90, 91 & 92.

Take care and thank you,

Tom Potter
Mayor

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

CLEAN UP OUTDATED, CONFUSING & CONFLICTING REGULATIONS

BRING MORE ACCOUNTABILITY TO PERFORMANCE

In November 2005, Portland City Council charged a group of 26 independent volunteers to comprehensively review the City Charter.

After meeting for 14 months, holding over 100 public hearings and listening to more than 2,000 hours of testimony, a majority of the 26 members of the commission came up with four reforms designed to increase the efficiency and accountability of city government.

Streamline and Modernize the City's Civil Service Requirements

One of these reforms – Reform 90 – will streamline and modernize outdated language found in the City Charter's civil service language.

Establish a Flexible, Merit-based Personnel System

The measure will provide a more flexible and adaptable structure for a merit-based personnel system, rewarding more employees for their performance, not their tenure.

Require Annual Reports

Require the City's Civil Service Board to report to City Council yearly; meet at least quarterly; and review any administrative rules adopted or set to go before Council –helping reduce the use of confusing or conflicting language.

Increase Accountability

Provide greater accountability by increasing the number of top level employees that can be fired if they do not perform.

Vote Yes on 89, 90, 91 & 92.

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Measure No. 26-90

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Streamline work rules that are too often outdated and cost the City time and money

Portland's Charter, which hasn't had a comprehensive review since 1913, is filled with Civil Service language that is old, outdated and often confusing.

It's time to modernize and streamline our Civil Service rules while maintaining protections for our rank and file workers. These changes will:

- strengthen the reporting requirements of the Civil Service Board;
- standardize the civil service appeals process; and
- delete or update, outdated, confusing and inconsistent regulations.

Reform 90 also increases accountability by increasing the number of top level employees that can be fired if they do not perform.

A YES vote on Reforms 89, 90, 91 & 92 will:

- update and streamline government;
- provide more coordination among bureaus;
- hold managers accountable; and
- provide more citizen oversight.

Give citizens a voice in improving City Hall.

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

VOTE NO ON MEASURE 26-90
What they say is NOT what you will get!

To read the Explanatory Statement of Measure 26-90, it seems like it might be a modest "housekeeping" measure. They say the measure just "streamlines and modernizes the City's civil service" system.

Unfortunately, Measure 26-90 is another example of a measure that says one thing, and then does another. This measure's flawed language will harm the City government and the dedicated people who serve the public every day. What's worse, it locks these flaws into the City Charter.

According to a study of the measure conducted by the respected Portland law firm of Bennett, Hartman, Morris and Kaplan, Measure 26-90 is riddled with flaws – flaws with serious consequences.

Here are just two of them:

- The most important element of a civil service system is fairness and public accountability. It is the regulations of the system that ensure that accountability. **But Measure 26-90 REMOVES current public notice, comment and hearing requirements before adoption, amendment or repeal of rules and regulations.** This change significantly weakens the public safeguards that ensure hiring and promotional processes are publicly accountable.
- **Measure 26-90 removes the current requirement that the City seek diversity in hiring.** One way to prevent cronyism and provide better service is to have a workforce that looks like the public it serves. Removing this provision would be a step backwards – and one that doesn't respect Portland's values.

The Charter is Portland's constitution. It should not be changed lightly. **And it certainly shouldn't have flawed language inserted into it.**

It isn't possible to know whether these flaws are intentional or simply mistakes. But even if you would like to see changes to the civil service system, it is clear that these flaws have no place in our Charter.

VOTE NO ON MEASURE 26-90

See the next Voters Pamphlet Statement for more of Measure 26-90's flaws!

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure No. 26-90

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

EVEN MORE FLAWS OF MEASURE 26-90

Measure 26-90 – which claims to simply “streamline” Portland’s civil service system – has so many serious flaws they could not fit in a single Voters Pamphlet Statement.

Here are some of the other problems with Measure 26-90, as outlined by the respected Portland law firm of Bennett, Hartman, Morris and Kaplan:

- Measure 26-90 changes the definition of “at-will” employees, creating a much lower standard for taking away someone’s job. The Explanatory Statement claims to only affect “certain top level employees.” **But the new definitions are so poorly drafted and vague, that they could impact far more employees – making it more difficult to get the best qualified people for jobs that have a real impact on our quality of life.**
- Measure 26-90 removes the requirement that union-covered city employees choose between a union grievance procedure or a civil service appeal when they have a dispute with the city. **That may sound boring and technical, but this flaw could cost taxpayers time and money by creating a confusing system that could create duplicated defense costs and conflicting remedies.**
- **Measure 26-90 removes the requirement that temporary employees be hired on emergency, non-recurring basis, for a maximum of 5 months.** This means that city managers could reclassify current permanent positions as temporary. What would that mean? Perhaps city managers could save some money by taking away people’s health care or other benefits. But the services we rely on to keep us safe and Portland livable could be provided by temp workers instead of a skilled, stable workforce. That’s not smart or safe. And in the long run, it would prove to be very expensive to all of us.

**Don’t put a flawed measure into our Charter!
VOTE NO ON 26-90**

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure No. 26-91**BALLOT TITLE****AMENDS CHARTER: CHANGES FORM OF CITY GOVERNMENT.**

QUESTION: Shall executive authority be transferred from Commissioners to the Mayor, and Council exercise legislative and quasi-judicial duties?

SUMMARY: The measure changes the structure of city government adopted in 1913. City Council members and Mayor currently share all executive, legislative, quasi-judicial and administrative functions. This measure distributes executive and administrative functions to Mayor and legislative and quasi-judicial functions to Council. The Mayor remains a voting member of Council, but does not have veto power. The Mayor prepares the budget, distributes work among offices, hires and discharges most employees, subject to civil service. Council adopts the budget and strategic plans, and exercises legislative oversight through investigations and hearings.

The measure authorizes Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to manage and coordinate city operations, administration and personnel, under supervision of the Mayor. The Mayor hires the CAO, subject to Council confirmation. The Mayor may fire the CAO.

Bureau directors are currently hired by individual Commissioners. The measure transfers responsibility for performance, including hiring and firing of bureau directors, to the Mayor.

The measure also changes the process for filling vacancies in City elective office. This measure is effective January 1, 2009.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure is one of four recommendations by the 26 citizen-member Charter Review Commission.

The measure increases coordination of City services by centralizing City management in the chief administrative officer.

Background

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- Testimony from outside experts in government studies and public administration; and

- A survey of comparably-sized cities.

What does the measure do?

Portland's current form of government was adopted in 1913. This 'commission' form of government combines the legislative and executive functions together in a five member commission. It requires that specific administrative responsibilities be divided among five elected City Commissioners, or City Council members, in addition to traditional legislative and oversight responsibilities. When elected, City Council members assume full time administrative roles as department heads of City bureaus.

The measure:

- Directs the Mayor, subject to City Council approval, to appoint a chief administrative officer to oversee the delivery and coordination of all City services and bureaus.
- Directs the City Council to oversee the budget, set strategic direction and policies, exercise oversight of City operations through investigations, committees and hearings, and provide constituent representation.
- Directs the City Council to retain legislative and quasi-judicial authority.
- Maintains a City Attorney appointed and removed by the City Council.
- Retains the Mayor as a voting member of the five member Council.
- Does not provide the Mayor veto authority over Council actions.
- Requires appointments of all bureau directors be approved by the City Council.
- Requires all appointments made by the Mayor be approved by the City Council.
- Maintains an independently elected Auditor and staff.

This measure replaces the current form of government where City Council decides public policy and administers City bureaus. It replaces the current form of government with a governing structure where the mayor is held accountable for a chief administrative officer who runs the day to day operation of the City and City Council members focus on setting policy, approving budgets, exercising legislative and quasi-judicial authority, and representing the citizens of Portland.

This measure if passed is effective January 1, 2009.

Submitted by:

Mayor Tom Potter
City of Portland

CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure No. 26-91

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure No. 26-91

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**IT'S ABOUT COORDINATION & ACCOUNTABILITY
AT CITY HALL****Streamline and modernize City government**

Portland is the last big city in America where politicians still run huge, highly technical bureaus....with little or no experience. That's in part why taxpayers pay \$2.8 million a year for the four commissioners' staff on top of bureau management costs.

Our politician--run bureaus promotes a duplication of services, erects barriers between bureaus and creates blind spots that produce disasters like the Water Bureau's \$ 10 million billings fiasco and a tram that cost four times the city estimate.

"....then each commissioner rules over his or her collection of fiefdoms. Remember, each commissioner is a politician first, and usually has no expertise in any of those departments. No wonder other large cities reject this problematic scheme."

The Columbian, 2/25/07

"The city's form of government invests extraordinary power in each city commissioner, often at the expense of the city as a whole."

The Oregonian, 3/5/2007

The package of reforms proposed by the independent volunteer commission will:

- provide coordination between city bureaus;
- implement consistent administrative policies in all bureaus;
- bring more accountability and citizen oversight to city government; and
- deliver more efficient services to taxpayers.

"We have a good city but changing the form of government would make it even better."

The Oregonian, 2/5/2007

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

WHY?

For years Portlanders have asked....

Why can't we do a better job coordinating City bureaus?

Why don't we have consistent administrative policies between City bureaus?

Why are we wasting taxpayers' dollars by duplicating services and personnel between City bureaus?

Why?

Because our form of government is obsolete and inefficient. **No other large city in the nation still has politicians in charge of City bureaus. They just can't afford to.**

Reforms 89-90-91-92 will end business-as-usual at City Hall:

- **Increase coordination:** Replace a system where the Water Bureau can withhold critical internal memos from other bureaus that foretold a multi-million dollar billing problem. The result? A \$ 20 – 30 million billing fiasco that cost ratepayers.
- **Increase accountability:** Establish clear decision-making authority and hold managers accountable if they do not perform – and end the excuses that allow the price tag for the tram to go from \$ 15 million to \$ 55 million, and no one knows why or is held accountable.
- **Increase citizen oversight:** Finally bring citizens back into government. Establish citizen oversight to review how our government is working and make recommendations directly to Portland voters.

Citizen Inspired, Citizen Led Reforms

A package of reforms to bring more citizen oversight, accountability and efficiency to city government.

Vote YES on Reforms 89-90-91-92

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure No. 26-91

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

POLITICIAN-RUN CITY BUREAUS— WASTE MILLIONS

Duplication Costs Taxpayers

In our outdated, politician-managed government, City bureaus change hands every few years with new politicians....

And that's costing taxpayers millions.

In the last 6 years:

- the Water Bureau has been managed by **5 different** City Commissioners;
- the Transportation Bureau has changed hands **7 times**; and
- the Sewer Bureau **6 times...in the last 6 years**.

Each time a new politician takes over, the bureau lurches off into a new direction—the politician can hire, fire, move personal staff into bureau positions, conduct studies, approve contracts and leases, all without coordinating or communicating with other commissioners, the mayor or any centralized clearinghouse.

Politicians think our system is great, and so do the special interests that elect them....

But there's a reason every other large city in America has abandoned the politician-managed bureaus – it is just too expensive:

- Today we pay \$ 640,000 a year to keep City-owned space vacant while eight different bureaus rent private office space.
- While that space remains vacant, the eight bureaus pay \$ 2.5 million a year for downtown offices.
- Four City bureaus don't even use the City's payroll system.
- Two different bureaus paid for multi-million dollar studies at the same time on the same issue, and over the same piece of property.

Bring accountability back to City Hall.

VOTE YES on Reforms 89-90- 91-92.

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

IMPROVE COMMUNICATION AT CITY HALL

“Bureaus bicker (especially when their respective commissioners are at odds), and some bureaus, in effect, run themselves, creating blind spots and disasters...”

The Oregonian 2/5/2007

After 100 plus public meetings, 2000 hours of testimony, and 15 months of work, the volunteer independent committee concluded that Portland has outgrown our politician-run government.

They recommended a package of reforms designed to increase efficiency and accountability and give Portlanders a voice in improving City Hall:

- **89:** Give the community a chance to review how the City is working every ten years and then let the community vote on the recommendations.
- **90:** Streamline and modernize public employee regulations – eliminate outdated, confusing and conflicting rules;
- **91: Eliminate duplication of City services and improve communication and coordination between City bureaus. Allow experienced managers to run day to day operations, but hold them accountable for performance; and**
- **92:** Give the City Auditor more authority to conduct financial and performance audits on the Portland Development Commission;

“Just as a city needs experts running police, fire and other key departments, a city hall needs a competent, non-political, public administration expert running daily operations.”

The Columbian, 2/25/07

VOTE YES ON REFORMS 89, 90, 91 & 92

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure No. 26-91

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**More Community Access, Oversight & Representation
(Five Times (5X) More Access)**

The independent Charter Review Commission's proposed reforms deliver:

- **increased efficiency; AND**
- **more community access, representation and responsiveness.**

Today, special interests take up too much time at City Hall. A neighbor with a problem, a senior with a question, a family confused about a water bill – we all have a hard time being heard.

Whether it is a problem with an abandoned car, too much traffic on your street, or you need to get the right permit to remodel your garage...**you have to depend on the good graces of the one politician in charge of the City bureau to get anything done.**

Reforms 89-90-91-92 change that.

An ordinary person could approach **ANY** City Council member for help. And **all** City Council members would have a stake in providing a response, not just one. **The chances of getting something done are multiplied by five.**

The package of reforms proposed by the independent commission puts the day to day management in the hands of experience managers and allow City Commissioners to actually get out of their office and talk to real people about real problems in their community.

City Commissioners would have:

- the time to focus on people; and
- get out of their offices, be part of the community; and
- learn about the needs of Portlanders.

That's the experience we desperately need at City Hall.

Vote Yes on Reforms 89-90-91-92

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**GIVE PORTLANDERS MORE OVERSIGHT OF CITY HALL
And Give Voters a Voice**

Today the City Council decides when, or if, community members can review the document that defines how the City provides services. Under the current system any changes to the Charter must be approved by the City Council before being referred to the voters.

That's just not right!

That's why an independent volunteer committee has recommended bringing more oversight to City Hall and requiring community recommendations to be passed on directly to the voters.

Community Oversight

This package of reforms directs the City Council to appoint an independent committee of community members at least once every 10 years to review how the government is working.

Give Portlanders a Voice

And the reforms create a process that allows the community's recommendations to go directly to voters-- without City Council approval!

These reforms are designed to increase efficiency, bring more accountability and provide **you** more oversight of City Hall.

**IT IS YOUR CITY AND YOU DESERVE A VOICE IN
IMPROVING IT!**

Vote Yes on Reforms 89, 90, 91 & 92.

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure No. 26-91

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

NO FALSE PROMISES

No new money needed to implement reforms.

(And ending duplication and inefficiency will save money.)

Rather than coming with their hand out again, this package of reforms will bring some common sense savings by making City Hall act the way the rest of us do who have to work within a budget, look for bargains and not spend money on things we don't need or already have.

Imagine a system where:

- We're not paying to have five different bureaus renting space in private buildings while a City-owned building sits vacant – essentially paying twice for everything.
- We're not humoring bureaus that want to run their own customized computer systems – costing all of us an extra \$10-15 million every year.
- Bureaus aren't fighting over who owns what while they spend millions duplicating, studies on the same topic at the same time.

This package of reforms won't cost a dime in new money – but it will save us millions

Vote YES on Reforming City Hall – 89-90-91-92.

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

REFORMING CITY HALL IS NOT FOR CAREER POLITICIANS

“Portland city commissioners must suppress the urge to protect their political turf and instead allow voters in a May election to decide the fate of recommendations from a citizen-led charter review panel that considered how City Hall can best operate in the future.”

Portland Tribune 1/11/2007

Local career politicians have been lining up to come out against the citizen-led reforms that will bring more oversight, performance audits and efficiency to City Hall.

That's no surprise. After all, an independent volunteer committee is asking voters if they would rather have skilled and experienced managers look after our City's resources. If the answer is yes, we will replace a system where politicians now exercise total control with no oversight or accountability.

- **89: Give citizens the power to determine what's working at City Hall and what's not, and vote on changes to make things better.**
- **90: Modernize the Civil Service that protects our workers, eliminating outdated, confusing and conflicting rules.**
- **91: Stop the duplication and waste among City bureaus that often don't cooperate or communicate with each other, and hold more managers accountable for their performance.**
- **92: Give the City Auditor more authority to conduct financial and performance audits on the Portland Development Commission.**

Twenty-six of your neighbors spent 15 months and held 100 public meetings to develop these recommendations.

Now **you** can make these reforms real!

Vote YES on Reforms 89, 90, 91 & 92.

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure No. 26-91

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**Portland ranked 37th out of 46 cities
in managing City finances.**

As a small business owner on the Eastside, I know that watching the bottom line is crucial.

But, I am also willing to support quality services that make our City better – light rail, street car, clean water, parks and good schools.

These services make a difference to my business, but more importantly, to my family and our community.

I've reviewed the independent Charter Review Commission's recommendations to reform City Hall and believe reform is necessary if Portland wants to meet the needs of our growing population and protect our quality of life.

After 94 years, our government is outdated. It is not designed to meet today's challenges. It is inefficient, stifles communication, and limits coordination

I have willingly supported increases in my taxes to pay for quality services. But, now it's time for City Hall to tighten its belt.

City Hall simply needs better management...more coordination and communication would help eliminate duplication and save money for needed services. The community proposed reforms do exactly that:

- **89: Give citizens the power to determine what's working at City Hall and what's not, and vote on changes to make things better.**
- **90: Modernize and eliminate outdated, confusing and conflicting public employee regulations.**
- **91: Stop the duplication and waste among City bureaus that often don't cooperate or communicate with each other, and hold more managers accountable for their performance.**
- **92: Give the City Auditor more authority to conduct financial and performance audits on the Portland Development Commission.**

I'm one of the hundreds of Citizens to Reform City Hall. I hope you'll join us.

Vote Yes on 89-90-91-92

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Extensive Public Input

In November, 2005 a unanimous City Council appointed a panel of 26 Portlanders to take the first comprehensive look since 1913 at how the City was working. This independent volunteer committee spent 15 months developing their recommendations and held more than 100 public meetings.

These volunteers listened to over 2000 hours of testimony from:

- Current and former elected officials;
- Neighborhood organizations;
- Senior organizations;
- Minority media representatives;
- Youth organizations;
- City workers;
- Bureau directors;
- Academic and legal experts;
- Public administrators;
- Community organizations;
- Labor representatives;
- Auditors;
- Professional managers; and
- Community members.

The panel developed draft recommendations and presented them to more than **30 diverse community and neighborhood organizations for review and discussion.**

All of the panel's meetings were **open to the public and televised.** The panel reported formally to the City Council 3 times throughout the 15 months in addition to meeting individually with City Commissioners. The panel's final recommendations were submitted to the City Council in January 2007 and referred to the voters.

Portlanders will have been discussing the need for these reforms for many years by the time they vote May 15th.

And, these reforms **are long overdue!**

They are the first to be submitted to the voters in 94 years that include more citizen oversight, streamlined government, and increased accountability.

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure No. 26-91

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

“THE SKY IS FALLING!.....THE SKY IS FALLING!”

“Oh No! Oh No! The Sky is Falling!”

The Sky is Falling # 1: The Mayor can fire the staff of the City Auditor.

The Facts:

“It is clear to me there was no intent to weaken the office of the auditor in holding city government accountable, either by the Charter Review Commission or the Mayor.”

Gary Blackmer, City Auditor 3/16/07

“It is my recollection that the Charter Review Commission did not intend to make any changes to the Auditor’s authority.....I don’t recall any discussion of changing the Auditor’s authority.”

Linda Meng, City Attorney, 3/12/2007

The Sky is Falling # 2: The Mayor can sell park lands.

The Facts:

“The Charter explicitly requires – and would continue to require – that the Council (emphasis added) find the property is no longer needed.”

Linda Meng, City Attorney, 3/12/2007

The Sky is Falling # 3: The Mayor can sell or lease public property with council oversight.

The Facts:

“I believe it would be a reasonable interpretation of the Charter to say that the Council (emphasis added) could set criteria or standards for what City property could be sold, including requiring that the Council make the determine of whether property is surplus.”

Linda Meng, City Attorney, 3/12/2007

For more facts go to:

WWW.REFORMCITYHALL.COM

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

The League of Women Voters of Portland Urges a NO Vote on 26-91.

For nearly 100 years, Portland has operated successfully under the current Charter, our Constitution. Changing it should be done carefully and with maximum public participation.

Measure 26-91 contains questionable provisions.

- Transfers significant power to the Mayor and an unelected Chief Administrative Officer.
- Inadequate checks and balances on the power of the Mayor leave him/her with control over all bureaus and staff, yet continuing to vote as a member of Council.
- The Mayor would appoint all members of all citizen boards and commissions.
- The current Charter requires a 4/5 vote of Council for sale of city property. 26-91 eliminates that requirement.

Measure 26-91 was rushed to the ballot.

- The proposal was unveiled January 18, and quickly sent to the ballot on February 7 by a divided City Council.
- Proponents have not provided a clear explanation of the cost of implementing 26-91.
- Little consideration was given to improving our current form of government.
- Short timeline prevents informed and inclusive public debate.
- 26-91 targets an election day with likely low voter interest and turnout. May 2005 turnout was 16.91%.

Our current form of government is accountable, responsive, and innovative.

- Elected Commissioners are directly accountable to voters for their bureaus’ performance and service delivery.
- Commissioners hire professional bureau managers.
- Commissioners develop and implement innovative programs within their bureaus. Portland is a national and international leader in alternative transportation, green building, and ending homelessness.
- Five elected Commissioners work directly with the community on issues we care about, reinforcing our city’s culture of civic engagement.
- The Mayor assigns bureaus, optimizing each Commissioner’s strengths and assuring sound management.
- Excellent candidates run for office because they have the authority to make a real difference.

Credible change requires a well-crafted proposal and broad public discussion.

Keep Portland’s government accountable.

Reject Measure 26-91.

(This information furnished by Carol Cushman, President, League of Women Voters of Portland)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure No. 26-91

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Measure 26-91: Still a Very Bad Idea

Seven times over the past 90 years, Portlanders have voted NO on changing our successful commission style of city government – most recently in 2002.

Now, we are now being asked an eighth time. Once again, the answer should be NO.

In fact, this proposal is even worse than the others. Just some of the problems:

This Measure Puts FAR Too Much Power in the Hands of the Mayor

- If 26-91 passes, **the mayor would be the only person in charge of appointing all of the city's boards and commissions.** For example, a future mayor could stack the city planning commission with developers and other special interests, allowing them to wield too much power.
- Currently, the Charter requires a four-fifths vote of the city council and mayor to sell city parkland. **This measure removes this requirement so that there is no council vote required for the final sale of city property.** The mayor can make the final sale on his or her own.

Throughout history - including in the White House – we have seen that **too much power in the hands of one person is a dangerous thing.** Power in the hands of one is not accountable government.

This Measure is Costly

Measure 26-91 make government put **too much power in the hands of one person, make government less accountable and open our city up to control by developers and other special interests.** It will also cost us money. Estimates for the transition to this form of government start at \$2 million every year, and may end up being much more. We have better places to spend the money.

Portland has become a model U.S. city because of its unique form of government. There is an old saying: if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Measure 26-91 doesn't fix anything. But it could break the city we love.

VOTE NO ON 26-91

*(This information furnished by Mark Wiener,
Portlanders for Accountability)*

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Hi Portland Voter,

I'm Bud Clark. I was your mayor from 1985 to 1992. **I oppose the proposed charter changes to Portland's unique form of government.**

Our current charter is a major factor in the creation and maintenance of a livable city admired by people across the nation and the world. It's extremely flexible and adaptive to changing circumstances – ideal for the 21st Century. **To change to a form used by many cities across our nation, who do not enjoy the livability we do, is a step in the wrong direction.**

I campaigned for Mayor Tom Potter. I agree with most positions he has taken, **but not this proposal.** Our current charter allows Mayor Potter to take all the bureaus, as he did when first in office, and appoint a city manager. The proposed charter changes would do this by writing it in "stone," losing the flexibility and adaptability that has served us so well.

When I was mayor I considered taking all the bureaus and appointing a city manager. If I had done that, I would have lost the passion of my commissioners for work and innovation. To name just a few of their/our accomplishments: Mildred Schwab for the Performing Arts Center; Margaret Strachan for the Central City Plan; Dick Bogle for the heliport; Earl Blumenauer for recycling, traffic calming, and the streetcar; Mike Lindberg for park improvements and energy conservation; Gretchen Kafoury for homeless and housing programs. I focused on building the Convention Center and the introduction of community policing.

We accomplished a lot by setting goals and dividing up tasks. We did it together by consensus. Portland was recognized in 1992 by Ambac, an international insurer and financier of governments, as the "Best managed City of its Size in the Nation".

The "proof is in the pudding." **Please vote NO to changing our flexible, adaptive, and innovative charter.**

WHOO! WHOO!

BUD

(This information furnished by Bud Clark)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure No. 26-91

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Charter Review Commission Members Urge No Vote

We were honored to serve on the Portland Charter Review Commission. After participating in hours of information gathering and deliberation we respectfully disagree that the Charter amendments on the May 2007 ballot are ready for voter approval.

- The ballot measure would significantly change the distribution of power in City government. Portland's citizens deserve a deliberate and inclusive opportunity to learn about this change. The decision to rush to the May ballot does not afford this opportunity.
- The proponents of the strong-mayor form of government did not demonstrate to us that changing the distribution of power in City government will make Portland a better place to live, work and play.
- The proponents of the strong-mayor form of government did not demonstrate to us that changing the distribution of power in City government would enhance citizen participation in government decisions or improve government responsiveness and accountability to tax payers' concerns.
- The Commission discussed many ways the existing form of government might be enhanced to promote efficiency, effectiveness and citizen participation. These alternatives deserve public discussion before amending the Charter to consolidate power under the mayor and a lead bureaucrat.

We voted against recommending an amendment to the City Charter to create a strong-mayor form of government. Please cast your vote for a great Portland and a better process. Vote **no** on 26-91.

Portland Charter Review Commission Members:

Jillian Detweiler
Ed Hall
Peg Malloy
Robin Plance

(This information furnished by Jillian Detweiler)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

TOP TEN REASONS TO VOTE "NO" ON MEASURE 26-91

by

Jewel Lansing

**Former Multnomah County Auditor (1975-1982) and
City of Portland Auditor (1983-1986)**

Author, *Portland: People, Politics, and Power, 1851-2001*

10. Citizen access to City Hall would be dramatically reduced by shifting so much power to the mayor.
9. Portland is a model of urban livability for visitors from all over the globe. Our revitalized waterfront, vibrant neighborhoods, lively downtown, ever-growing light rail system, a "people's living room" at Pioneer Courthouse Square, and hundreds of miles of hiking and biking trails are the envy of other jurisdictions.
8. Just because we're the largest "big city" with the commission form of government doesn't mean it's not right for Portland. Trust your own eyes.
7. The mayor has plenty of power now – authority to reassign bureaus from his fellow commissioners, power of the gavel, preparing the annual proposed budget, access to the media, a bully pulpit from which to address to the public, and status in the eyes of the world.
6. This measure proposes major changes without enough time for study and debate. It is not ready for the ballot.
5. The new CEO and staff would add a costly layer of bureaucracy in city hall.
4. An 11-member City Club committee concluded, in 1989, after 26 months of study, "The prospect that Portland's city government could be dramatically improved by doing away with its present commission form is not bright enough to warrant the years of turmoil and uncertainty reorganization would cause."
-- Article by Donald J. Sterling Jr., *Oregonian*, 5/16/89.
3. Portland voters already rejected similar measures seven times: 1917, 1926, 1927, 1958, 1966, 1974, and 2002.
2. Portland doesn't need a czar.
1. **IF IT AIN'T BROKE, DON'T FIX IT!**

(This information furnished by Jewel Lansing)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure No. 26-91

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

DON'T THROW OUT A WINNING FORMULA – VOTE “NO” ON MEASURE 26-91

Portland is a pretty special place. Thanks to involved citizens and a unique form of city government, we do a lot of things better here. Don't take our word for it. Here's what other folks say about our city:

- Best Place to Live in the U.S. – *Men's Journal* (April 2006)
- Best Walking Town in America – *Prevention* (April 2006)
- Best Cycling City in the U.S. – *Bicycling* (March 2006)
- 2006 American Society of Landscape Architects General Design Award of Honor to the City of Portland for the Sustainable Stormwater Management Program/SW 12th Ave. “The best executed-example of this type of work we've ever seen.” -- *Awards Jury Comments*.
- EPA 2005 Children's Environmental Health Recognition Award to the Portland Water Bureau's Lead Hazard Reduction Program
- No. 2 in U.S. for Sustainable Cities – *SustainLane.com* (June 2005)
- Top 5 “Impressive City” award for “communities where citizens are making a difference in their environment.” – *Delicious Living* (April 2004)
- Partnership for a Walkable America's 2003 Pedestrian Project Award for retrofitting existing signals with audible signals.
- One of “five cities of the future.” *The Guardian*, London (Jan 2003)
- “The city's neighborhoods have distinctive, lively personalities.” -- *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* (Oct 2002)
- Portland is a vibrant, thriving and friendly urban destination.” -- *The New York Times* (April 2001)
- Portland's Forest Park named “Best Urban Park” in the United States. -- *Outside* (Oct 2001)
- “Most Livable City” -- *Money* (Dec 2000)
- One of the nation's 15 hottest spots for new kinds of job growth. -- *Time* (Jan 20, 1997)
- No. 3 “best managed city in the U.S. – *Financial World* (March 19, 1995)

Now some people are saying our commission form of government doesn't work, that our city is in trouble. They want to change what has made it possible for Portland to be the “best” in so many ways.

We say you don't throw out a winning formula. Vote “NO” on Ballot Measure 26-91.

(This information furnished by Mark Wiener, Portlanders For Accountability)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Keep Portland government accessible, flexible and efficient

I'm a native Portlander. One thing I've always relished about my hometown is its accessibility; how easy it is to meet and talk with people. With three calls or less, you can meet and talk with virtually anyone.

Another reflection of this accessibility is our form of government. Not only are our elected officials accessible, you're talking to someone who is vested with responsibility and can make a difference. Portland's government structure requires only three votes to, or undo, anything; and one of these three does not have to include the mayor. This is a remarkably flexible and accessible system, and one that has served our community extraordinarily well.

But some say that we should throw out our system in search of more efficiency. They propose Measure 26-91 which calls for the consolidation of power under the mayor. That's a chilling prospect for our democracy and an invitation to special interests. The most “efficient” system is a benevolent dictator, however, this is not the system I would choose. There are ways we can improve bureaucratic efficiency without abandoning the system that has helped keep Portland unique among America's cities.

In his best-selling book, *Better Together*, the sequel to *Bowling Alone*, author Robert Putnam cites Portland, Oregon as an anomaly and example for the rest of America because of our vibrant civic engagement. He cites our “quirky” system of government as one of the reasons.

Rather than abandoning it, I urge my fellow Portlanders to appreciate the gift we've inherited, to reject Measure 26-91, and continue to work through our accessible and flexible system to build on our wonderful community.

Ted Gilbert
President, Gilbert Brothers Commercial Brokerage

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure No. 26-91

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

WHY PORTLAND CITIZENS SHOULD SAY “NO WAY!” TO 26-91

- Portland is internationally recognized for addressing the issues that confound all urban places. This didn't happen overnight or by accident. There is no evidence our form of government is holding us back.
- Portlanders enjoy unprecedented access to city government – lost if 26-91 passes. All 26-91 promises is someone, maybe, to listen.
- The measure leaves council members dependent on the good graces of the mayor to get anything done.
- The measure gives the mayor the power to sell or lease public land with no council oversight. Imagine your neighborhood park accommodating a drive-thru because it's “good for economic development.”
- The measure gives the mayor the unilateral power to hire and fire a new, highly paid city administrator, someone who will keep their job by serving the mayor, not the people.
- The measure allows special interests to easily control Portland politics
- The measure requires the council to plan, but doesn't require the plan be used for anything – a mockery of the planning and citizen involvement that makes community involvement respected and engaged.
- This measure creates a blank check for the mayor. How much will it cost? How much will it save? No data is provided to demonstrate any cost savings, or even that the measure won't actually make the cost of government more expensive.
- The measure claims efficiency by cutting citizens and the council out of decision-making, planning, and politics. If efficiency means greater distance between citizens and their government, then Portland has no need for this “improvement.”
- This is a radical and unneeded measure. There will be no debate about merits, only an up or down vote. Once enacted, it can't be easily or cheaply fixed.

Making neighborhoods and citizens less important is not good for anyone. Save our “city of neighborhoods” by saying “NO WAY!” to Measure 26-91.

Ethan Seltzer
Sumner Sharpe
Margaret Strachan

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Former City Commissioners Say Vote “No” to Giving Mayor Too Much Power!

Let's be blunt about it: Measure 26-91 is a terrible idea. It was a terrible idea in 2002 when voters turned it down, and nothing has changed. There is simply no reason to change a government that works!!

If voters fall for this shameless power-grab, here's what they will get:

LESS ACCOUNTABILITY

AN EXPENSIVE SUPER-BUREAUCRAT

TOO MUCH MAYORAL POWER

Portland's unique form of government is one reason why our city is such a great city. Why? Because **five** elected leaders have hands-on responsibility for leading city bureaus. That's accountability. But it's much more than that. Portland's city government, unlike most big cities, puts much of its effort into **GETTING THINGS DONE**, rather than just endless debate. Many special “Portland” projects have gotten done because of City Commissioners who advocated for and championed them:

Pioneer Courthouse Square & Waterfront Park

The Portland Streetcar

10-Year Plan to End Homelessness

Southwest and East Portland Community Centers

We don't have the space to list all the bad ideas that have failed because **three** commissioners had the political weight of past mayors, but if you go back in history, you can think of some really bad ideas. We didn't always agree on the City Council, but the energetic discussion and debate were spirited – and that's the way it should be!

Don't fall for this misguided and cynically mislabeled “reform.”

Vote NO on Measure 26-91!

Gretchen Kafoury

Charlie Hales

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure No. 26-91

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Protect Portland's Unique Culture of Citizen Involvement

Vote NO on 26-91

The Commission form of government is one of the key contributing factors to Portland's history of active and successful citizen engagement.

Bureaus headed by elected officials are naturally more responsive to citizen complaints, suggestions and involvement.

Don't shield bureaucrats behind a Chief Administrative Officer, one more layer of bureaucracy.

Portland's system of requiring three out of five Commissioners to agree to adopt policy provides multiple avenues of access for citizens. **Don't put critical decisions in the hands of a single official.**

Not only is Measure 26-91 trying to fix something that's not broken, it would throw out the baby with the bathwater! Citizen involvement is responsible for Portland's quality of life, strong and vibrant neighborhoods and spirit of innovation. **Don't put all this at risk for what someone may claim is a more "efficient" form of government.**

Keep Portland's government accountable and open to citizens.
Vote NO on Measure 26-91.

- **Chris Smith, citizen activist**

(This information furnished by Dave Mazza, Committee for Accountable City Government)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

COMMUNITY MEMBERS SAY "NO" TO 26-91!

We live in this community. We are neighbors, parents, business people, former public servants and active members of our community who are committed to Portland. We think Ballot Measure 26-91 is a turn in the wrong direction.

This so-called reform of our commission-style government would:

- Place too much power in the hands of the mayor and an appointed chief administrative officer;
- Make our city government less accountable;
- Reduce our community's voice in important decisions for our city;
- Increase the influence of special interests;
- Stifle creativity and innovation with a new layer of bureaucracy; and
- Change a government that has made Portland No. 1 in so many ways.

Ballot Measure 26-91 is a turn in the wrong direction for our government and for our community.

Vote "No" on 26-91!

Jo Ann Bowman
Trudy Cooper
Susan Francois
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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure No. 26-91

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Hello Portland neighbors, we're Amanda Fritz and Dave Lister.

Last year, we ran for City Council because we love Portland.

During that race, we agreed to disagree about many things.

Like public campaign financing, for which Amanda was the first candidate to qualify. Dave chose private financing, because he thought there should have been a vote.

But now, you're being asked to vote to change our form of government to a "Strong Mayor" system.

And on this we agree. We are asking you to vote NO.

Do we want a Mayor with all the power over all city bureaus, and also the power to appoint all citizen committees and boards overseeing those bureaus?

Do we want a Mayor who can sell city property to special interests, without a 4/5 vote of the Council?

Do we want the Mayor alone to "make expenditures from the General Fund" for "assisting private industry and business enterprises in obtaining contracts"?

Do we want to add another layer of bureaucracy, without knowing how much it will cost to hire more administrators?

And do we want to reaffirm and give to the Mayor ancient powers copied from the old Charter, including the power to "punish paupers" and "to declare from time to time what literature, books, papers, prints, pictures, films, advertising matter and other materials are obscene"?

We don't think so. And we hope you don't, either.

Portlanders have voted similar proposals down seven times before.

This proposed "Strong Mayor" system gives the Mayor so much power, it would be like making President George W. Bush the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and giving him twenty votes in the Senate as well.

Would this proposed change make Portland better for its neighborhoods, its businesses, or its citizens? We don't think so.

Portland is a great place because the current form of government gives a balance of power.

Please vote NO on measure 26-91.

(This information furnished by Amanda Fritz and Dave Lister)

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VOTE "NO" ON 26-91!

Oregon Action urges you to vote **no on Measure 26-91**. Portland's current city government works well for us and there's no justification for scrapping a successful city government.

Under our current system, Portlanders can reach out to their Commissioners and the Mayor and get their voices heard. Voter-owned elections create an even stronger connection between the public and government. This system is open and accessible – something that it won't be with an unelected city manager accountable only to the Mayor. **Charter reform will limit Portlanders access to government.**

Proponents of charter reform constantly remind us that Portland is the only major city with a commission-style of governance. If Portland were a failed city, that might be noteworthy. Instead, they are trying to fix what isn't broken. When cities are ranked on quality of life issues, over and over **Portland is ranked among the top ten cities** – and not just in America, but also in the world. If quality of life measurements indicate what form of government serves the people best, all those other cities should consider changing to our system.

We are in the top ranked cities for sustainability, environmental cleanliness, best places to have a baby, healthiest population, being well-read, best educated, best place to make movies, best for the arts and on and on. Frommer's placed Portland among the top 12 travel destinations in the world. Even more impressive, the European Institute for Urban Affairs ranked it among the 9 most successful cities in the world – the only American city to make the list.

The most common argument in favor of charter reform is that "everyone else is doing it." It's odd that adults, who would never accept that as a reason for anything else, trot out the average adolescent's excuse as a reason to change our government. That argument doesn't work with parents, it shouldn't work with voters either.

(This information furnished by JoAnn Bowman, Oregon Action)

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Just as major corporations control the White House and Congress, the Portland Business Alliance will control the Mayor and the General Manager. Currently, this form of government does not work for residents living in Vancouver, Washington, where citizens have no voice in land use issues, or how their tax funds are allocated for parks or road improvements. For 80 (?) years, the City Commissioner form of government has worked well for Portland. In 1970, citizens stopped the Mt. Hood Freeway, and started the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, to hold our elected Mayor and Commissioners to a standard of transparency, accountability and responsibility to the citizenry. Before we throw the baby out with the bath water, ask yourself this: Who will benefit financially from this change? With the passage of 26-91, there will be no point in having an Adjustment Committee where neighborhood association leaders and immediate neighbors can appeal land use zoning issues. **Please join me in voting NO on 26-91.**

(This information furnished by Mary Ann Schwab)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

We believe that Portland is a great city not in spite of our unique commission form of government, but rather because of it. As citizen activists, one of the things we treasure most about Portland is the ability to be heard and to see our concerns translated into on the ground action. We do not believe that Portland's unparalleled efforts to build livable communities, protect parks and natural areas, preserve wildlife, and promote a sustainable economy have happened by accident. They are a reflection of the concerns of citizens and the fact that we have a form of government that responds to those concerns.

The commission form of government can be messy and inefficient. That is the nature of democracy. We question whether the alternative, a "strong" mayor" form of government, would be any less so. However, we are convinced that citizen's ability to interact with decision-makers would be greatly limited. The Commission form of government means that there are multiple pathways by which to be heard and multiple voices at the table when the most important decisions facing our community are made.

When each commissioner is responsible for his or her portfolio and the bureaus within their charge, they have a vested interest in ensuring the city bureaus are responsive to the direct involvement of citizens. If Portland were to switch to a "strong mayor" form of government:

- Council members would have less accountability for the impact of their decisions.
- City Councilors would not be steeped in the details of bureau programs which would make it impossible for them to make informed decisions regarding bureau programs and their funding requirements.
- There would be no one who was elected by the public to act as an advocate for individual bureaus.

We're glad that Portland is not like other cities. Please retain the commission form of government.

Mike Houck
Urban Parks and Natural Areas Advocate

Bob Sallinger
Urban Parks and Natural Areas Advocate

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure No. 26-91

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Vote **NO** on Measure 26-91

What's it about: **Control of City Government**

A **NO** vote – Small and creative companies, neighborhood organizations and individuals can influence change. It's about ideas.

A yes vote – Gives big business, lobbyists and moneyed interests more power and access. It's about the \$\$\$.

Why should I care: **My Government, My Voice?**

A **NO** vote – Portland will continue on the right track. *I wouldn't want to live anywhere else.*

A yes vote – Portland will be on the wrong track. **I MIGHT AS WELL LIVE IN CHICAGO.**

What does 26-91 do: **Consolidates power and eliminates Checks and Balances!**

A **NO** vote – **CONTINUES** a system with multiple layers of checks and balances, creating an environment of dialogue. Five heads are better than one.

A yes vote – Creates a strong mayor and executive officer without any checks and balances. One person could screw things up royally.

Why 26-91 is so important: **Portland's current City Charter has been effective for 100 years!**

A **NO** vote – Continues Portland's long tradition of inclusive city government. Parks, Alternative Transit, advocacy, progressive ideas, need we say more...

A yes vote – Tosses out Portland's traditions. We don't know what will happen.

Why 26-91 is important to Business: **Both Small and Large Businesses need access to Government Officials!**

A **NO** vote – Gives every business, regardless of size and revenue, equal opportunity to have individual issues addressed by city Government. *Government is open to everyone!*

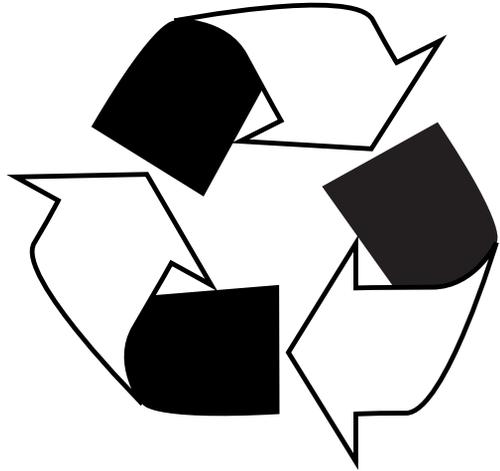
A yes vote – Puts access in the hands of a very few powerful and well-financed groups and organizations. *Government is closed to all but a select few.*

On behalf of other Portland small businesses and creative industries, I urge a resounding NO Vote on 26-91.

For more information, visit TooMuchPower.org

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Portlanders for Accountability)*

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure No. 26-92**BALLOT TITLE****AMENDS CHARTER: DEFINES MISSION, INCREASES OVERSIGHT OF PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION.**

QUESTION: Shall the Portland Development Commission budget be subject to City Council oversight with financial and performance audits by City Auditor?

SUMMARY: Under the current Charter, the Portland Development Commission (PDC) is the City's urban renewal agency. This measure directs PDC to implement the City's urban renewal, affordable housing and economic development vision and goals. If authorized by state law, the Council will be the budget committee for the Commission. The Commission budget will be required to incorporate City goals and will be submitted to the Council in conjunction and conformity with the City budget process. The measure provides that the Commission shall advance social equity, involve the constituencies of the City, and promote home ownership and the creation and retention of multi-family housing.

The measure authorizes the Mayor to appoint and remove PDC Commissioners, with approval of the City Council. The measure provides that the Commission shall be subject to financial and performance audits by the City Auditor. The measure requires that the annual Commission report to Council include an evaluation of Commission activities with respect to City adopted vision and goals. The measure would be effective July 1, 2007.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure is one of four recommendations by the 26 citizen-member Charter Review Commission.

It gives authority to the City Auditor to conduct financial and performance audits of the Portland Development Commission and provides budget oversight by the City Council.

Background

In November 2005, Portland City Council appointed a panel of 26 Portlanders to take the first comprehensive look at the City Charter since 1913. This independent volunteer citizen committee – the Charter Review Commission – represented a wide range of ages, ethnicities, experiences and backgrounds.

To facilitate its work, the Commission held over 100 public meetings, collected information from a variety of sources, including review of written reports, invited testimony from legal and academic experts, and public testimony, including:

- Testimony from current and former elected officials of Portland and other municipalities, City employees, community organizations, neighborhood associations and other stakeholder groups and individuals;
- Testimony of outside experts in government studies and public administration; and
- A survey of comparably-sized cities.

What does the measure do?

The Portland Development Commission has a \$250 million budget and is responsible for implementing the City's vision and goals relating to urban renewal, economic development and affordable housing. Additionally the Portland Development Commission has been directed to involve the constituencies of the city to create, maintain, and promote a diverse, sustainable community in which economic prosperity, quality housing and employment opportunities are made available to all residents.

The measure:

- Provides that the Portland Development Commission shall be subject to financial and performance audits by the City Auditor;
- Provides that the Portland Development Commission's budget will be subject to City Council oversight;
- Requires the Portland Development Commission to report its progress on meeting urban renewal economic development and housing goals to the Council each fiscal year; and
- Requires the Portland Development Commission to involve the constituencies of the City in promoting home ownership and the creation and retention of multi-family housing.

The measure helps define the mission of the Portland Development Commission and provides City Council with budget oversight and City Auditor with more authority to review the Portland Development Commission's work.

If passed, the measure will be effective July 1, 2007.

Submitted by:

Mayor Tom Potter
City of Portland

CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure No. 26-92

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

PARENTS, TEACHERS, ACCOUNTANTS, RETIREES,
COLLEGE STUDENTS, PARKS SUPPORTERS,
SCHOOL ADVOCATES, CONSERVATIONISTS,
GRANDPARENTS, AFFORDABLE ACCESSIBLE HOUSING
ADVOCATES, SMALL BUSINESSES, PUBLIC SAFETY
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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Extensive Public Input

In November, 2005 a unanimous City Council appointed a panel of 26 Portlanders to take the first comprehensive look since 1913 at how the City was working. This independent volunteer committee spent 15 months developing their recommendations and held more than 100 public meetings.

These volunteers listened to over 2000 hours of testimony from:

- Current and former elected officials;
- Neighborhood organizations;
- Senior organizations;
- Minority media representatives;
- Youth organizations;
- City workers;
- Bureau directors;
- Academic and legal experts;
- Public administrators;
- Community organizations;
- Labor representatives;
- Auditors;
- Professional managers; and
- Community members.

The panel developed draft recommendations and presented them to more than **30 diverse community and neighborhood organizations for review and discussion.**

All of the panel's meetings were **open to the public and televised.** The panel reported formally to the City Council 3 times throughout the 15 months in addition to meeting individually with City Commissioners. The panel's final recommendations were submitted to the City Council in January 2007 and referred to the voters.

Portlanders will have been discussing the need for these reforms for many years by the time they vote May 15th.

And, these reforms **are long overdue!**

They are the first to be submitted to the voters in 94 years that include more citizen oversight, streamlined government, and increased accountability.

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure No. 26-92

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

A MESSAGE FROM TOM POTTER

Real Reform at City Hall

Dear Neighbors,

Two years ago I campaigned for Mayor by asking for your help in changing how City Hall works. You told me about the problems you had in accessing City services. We've made a good start together, bringing a renewed sense of openness and transparency, and making City Hall more welcoming to everyone.

Now it's time to finish the job.

We have a once in a lifetime opportunity to adopt four reforms proposed by an independent committee of Portlanders that **will increase accountability, achieve more efficient use of tax dollars, and bring more community oversight to City Hall.**

I'm proud to support this volunteer commission's recommendations for real reform at City Hall. Their reforms include some of the most significant changes to our City since 1913. And, it's about time!

- 89: Provide you the opportunity to review city government every ten years and allows the public to vote on community recommendations;
- 90: **Streamline and modernize** public employee provisions – eliminate outdated, confusing and conflicting rules;
- 91: **Eliminate duplication** of City services and improve communication and coordination between City bureaus by allowing managers to run City bureaus, and hold them accountable; and
- 92: Give the City Auditor more authority to conduct **financial and performance audits** on the Portland Development Commission;

Reforming City Hall will take hard work, but that's what you've elected me to do.

I need your help.

I hope you'll help me bring more accountability and citizen oversight to City Hall by supporting Reforms 89, 90, 91 & 92.

Take care and thank you,

Tom Potter
Mayor

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

INCREASE OVERSIGHT OF PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Give City Auditor More Authority to Conduct Financial & Performance Audits

After 100 plus public meetings, 2000 hours of testimony, and 15 months of work, the volunteer independent committee concluded that Portland has outgrown our politician-run government.

They recommended a package of reforms designed to increase efficiency and accountability and give Portlanders a voice in improving City Hall:

- **89:** Give the community a chance to review how the City is working every ten years and then let the community vote on the recommendations.
- **90:** Streamline and modernize public employee regulations – eliminate outdated, confusing and conflicting rules;
- **91:** Eliminate duplication of City services and improve communication and coordination between City bureaus. Allow experienced managers to run day to day operations, but hold them accountable for performance; and
- **92: Give the City Auditor more authority to conduct financial and performance audits on the Portland Development Commission.**

Specifically Reform 92 provides:

- The Portland Development Commission shall be subject to financial and performance audits by the City Auditor;
- The Portland Development Commission's budget will be subject to City Council oversight; and
- The Portland Development Commission will report its progress on meeting City goals; and
- The Portland Development Commission will involve the community in promoting homeownership and creating and retaining multi-family housing.

Bring accountability and oversight to City Hall – Vote Yes on Reforms 89-90-91-92.

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Measure No. 26-92

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

A GREAT CITY Accountable AND Responsive

The Portland Development Commission and its \$250 million budget is our single most powerful tool for creating homes for families, good-paying jobs and clearing the blight that cripples our neighborhoods.

These citizen-led reforms will provide real oversight and accountability over the city's urban renew agency for the first time:

- Giving the City Auditor the power to perform financial and performance audits;
- Forcing the PDC budget to reflect the urban renewal, economic development and housing goals of the elected City Council; and
- Requiring the PDC to publicly report its progress to the Council every year.

Portland is growing fast and we can see the changes all around us. These reforms will keep the Portland Development Commission strong by providing the oversight and accountability that earns community confidence and builds community support.

Please support Reforms 89, 90, 91, & 92 – for a Great City.

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

VOTING YES ON 26-92 MEANS MORE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR OUR TAX DOLLARS.

The Portland Development Commission spends over \$247 million of taxpayers' money every year. Yet there is very little public accountability for how the money is spent:

- Currently there is no Charter requirement for public hearings. The public has a right to know and should be allowed to comment to their elected representatives on how the PDC is spending their money.
- Portlanders' elected representatives have no direct oversight role in the operations of PDC, one of Portland's largest government agencies.
- There is no requirement for regular, independent audits. Better auditing and oversight would have helped prevent some of the financial missteps PDC has made over the past few years.

Measure 26-92 will solve these problems.

- 26-92 will require public city council hearings on the Portland Development Commission budget before its budget is approved, giving the public a voice in how their money is spent.
- 26-92 will also require oversight by the City Council, giving Portlanders additional accountability through their elected representatives.
- 26-92 will require the City Auditor to conduct financial and performance audits of PDC.

MAKE THE PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MORE ACCOUNTABLE TO TAXPAYERS

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-92

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure No. 26-92

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**Measure 26-92 will help make sure that
PDC serves our interests, not special interests.**

The Portland Development Commission spends hundreds of millions of public dollars on development that is supposed to serve the public. PDC's priorities are supposed to include

- Revitalizing struggling neighborhoods,
- Increasing the availability of affordable housing.
- Improving Portland's economic vitality.

When that much money goes into development deals, it is absolutely critical that there be full public involvement, oversight and accountability for how the money is spent.

Measure 26-92's increased oversight will help make sure that PDC is making responsible investments that benefit the entire community – and does not engage in deals that provide a greater benefit to developers than to the public.

Public budget hearings before the city council, independent financial and performance audits and the scrutiny of our elected officials are indispensable tools to protect our interests and our money. Right now none of those things is a requirement for PDC.

**Measure 26-92 will place these critical protections in
Portland's Charter.**

**That is the kind of accountability we need for our money, our
priorities and our future.**

Vote YES on Measure 26-92

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**Yes on Measure 26-92.
Because it's your money and your future.**

It's pretty simple: if somebody is spending hundreds of millions of dollars of your money every year, you should be able to keep an eye on it.

That is the most important reason to vote YES on Measure 26-92. If it passes, it will be the first time the Portland Development Commission will be required to have public hearings before the City Council – before its budget is approved. Instead of the entire process being dominated by a few insiders, you will have a voice in how your money is spent.

But there is another important reason to vote Yes on 26-92: the future of our city.

The decisions that PDC makes have the power to change Portland forever. Will all your tax dollars go to expensive developments like the Pearl District or South Waterfront? Or will there be room in their budget to make investments that benefit neighborhoods and small businesses, and create more affordable housing for regular people?

There is no question that the broader community will benefit when they have a chance to be part of the process.

That is what 26-92 provides:

**The right to know how your money is spent.
The power to make sure it is spent responsibly – and on the
right priorities.**

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-92

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure No. 26-92

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

WOULD THINGS YOU LOVE ABOUT PORTLAND EXIST
UNDER MEASURE 26-92?

DON'T RISK IT. VOTE NO.

If all you knew about urban renewal in Portland came from politicians, you might want to overhaul it, like Measure 26-92 would. But be careful about throwing away something that has served Portland well.

Pioneer Square, MAX, Waterfront Park, Riverplace, Chinese Garden, historic Meier and Frank Building, are just a fraction of major urban renewal projects in Portland.

Start-up loans for neighborhood businesses, affordable apartments, low interest home rehabilitation loans, recruiting and retaining businesses to create jobs are key PDC initiatives. These are all in the urban renewal system that has made Portland a model city.

In 1958, voters created an urban renewal system where:

Elected officials (City Council):

- Set Policy,
- Establish and approve urban renewal areas and plans,
- Issue urban renewal bonds,
- Appoint commissioners to oversee urban renewal.

Appointed citizen volunteers (Portland Development Commission):

- Set urban renewal budgets,
- Serve as the directors for the urban renewal agency,
- Implement City Council policy and plans.

Why this structure?

- Holds elected officials accountable for policy but prevents them from using urban renewal money for political goals.
- Makes qualified citizen volunteers directly accountable for implementing urban renewal decisions.

We need to keep this.

Would so many projects that benefit the city have been completed if elected politicians had complete control of urban renewal expenditures, as under Measure 26-92? Or would they use the money to build political careers and satisfy supporters?

The citizen Charter Review Commission recommended maintaining our system with minor modifications designed to enhance the city's responsiveness to community needs. City Council drastically changed the recommendations to make themselves the PDC budget committee. You have to ask yourself why?

We can't risk the future of our City. Vote No on Measure 26-92.

BUD CLARK **NOHAD A TOULAN**
Former Portland Mayor Charter Review Commission Member
PSU Urban & Public Affairs Emeritus Dean

(This information furnished by Nohad Toulan)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

MEASURE 26-92

1. DESTROYS ALMOST 50 YEARS OF CHECKS AND BALANCES;

2. HANDS OVER URBAN RENEWAL SPENDING TO POLITICIANS;

3. GIVES CITY COUNCIL AUTHORITY OVER MULTNOMAH COUNTY AND SCHOOL FUNDS.

VOTE "NO" ON MEASURE 26-92

Since 1958, Portland's urban renewal has been the envy of cities worldwide. We have an elected City Council that sets policy, approves urban renewal districts and plans and appoints volunteer citizens to oversee expenditures.

Measure 26-92 would hand over urban renewal spending to politicians (Remember water bureau billing system cost overruns, the tram, the expensive takeover attempt of PGE, covering reservoirs in Mt. Tabor Park, etc.?) Would that be wise?

Also, consider whether it's fair to give City of Portland politicians control over money that isn't even theirs to spend. Most urban renewal money is not City of Portland tax money. More than 60% would otherwise go to Multnomah County for social services, jails, bridges and other essentials, and for school funding. Why hand spending authority to Portland politicians?

Voters thoughtfully decided in 1958 against giving complete control over urban renewal money to elected officials, fearing they might be motivated by personal or political goals such as reelection and helping campaign supporters. Instead, our system allows citizen volunteers to direct urban renewal spending, following City policy.

Read Measure 26-92 carefully and ask yourself:

1. Are you prepared to destroy a balanced system in place since 1958?
2. Do you want to put control over urban renewal spending entirely in politicians' hands?
3. Is it fair for Portland City Council to determine how to spend the 60% of urban renewal money that would otherwise go for essential Multnomah County services and school funding?

CREATING A BALANCE OF POWER FOR URBAN RENEWAL SPENDING WAS A GOOD DECISION BY VOTERS IN 1958.

**PRESERVING IT IS A GOOD DECISION NOW.
VOTE "NO" ON 26-92**

VERA KATZ
Former Portland Mayor
Advisor, Charter Review Commission

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Belmont - 1038 SE 39th Ave.

Capitol Hill - 10723 SW Capitol Highway

Fairview-Columbia -1520 NE Village St., Fairview

Gregory Heights - 7921 NE Sandy Blvd.

Holgate - 7905 SE Holgate Blvd.

North Portland - 512 N Killingsworth St.

Northwest - 2300 NW Thurman St.

Rockwood - 17917 SE Stark St.

St. Johns - 7510 N Charleston Ave.

Sellwood-Moreland -7860 SE 13th Ave.

Woodstock - 6008 SE 49th Ave.

Sundays:	Noon	-	5:00 PM
Mondays:	10:00 AM	-	6:00 PM
Tuesdays & Wednesdays:	Noon	-	8:00 PM
Thursdays - Saturdays:	10:00 AM	-	6:00 PM

MAKING IT EASY TO VOTE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY

- Elections Office staff are trained to help citizens with disabilities access voting services.
- Independent Living Resources provides audio tapes of this Voters' Pamphlet to those who are sight-impaired or blind. Call 503-232-7411 (Voice) or 503-232-8408 (TTY).
- All public entrances to the Elections Office have power assist.
- An accessible opening in the north window by the front door allows 24 hour ballot deposit by pedestrians.
- Voter Assistance Team (two staff persons who are not members of same political party)
 - o In Elections Office, curbside, private home, care facility, hospital, or at voter's chosen location
 - o Please call ahead to make arrangements: 503-988-3720 or 1-800-735-2900 (TTY) or 711 for TTY Relay Services
- Language Assistance, including sign language, is available. Please call ahead to make arrangements for the language you need: 503-988-3720 or 1-800-735-2900 (TTY) or 711 for TTY Relay Services. Or provide us with written notice of your specific need, your availability, and your telephone number. Mail your request to Multnomah County Elections, 1040 SE Morrison Street, Portland OR 97214.
- Speech to Speech Relay Service 1-877-735-7525 is also available for those with speech disabilities who have difficulty being understood. Provide the Multnomah County Elections telephone number of 503-988-3720 to this Relay Service so telephone contact may be made with the voter.
- Two handicapped parking spaces are available next to the Elections Office at 1040 SE Morrison. Additional parking **for voters with handicapped parking permits** between SE Belmont, SE Morrison, and bordered by SE 12th Avenue is provided courtesy of AJP Northwest. (Use the SE Belmont Street entrance to this parking lot.)
- The Helen Walton Conference Room at the Elections Office is available for voters who wish to vote privately and independently in a quiet setting. An elevator makes this room accessible.
- A portable Video Magnifier for voters with visual disabilities (up to 26x) is available at the Elections Office.
- Tactile envelopes help voters with visual difficulties "tell" when their official ballot arrives in the mail. Additional tactile envelopes "tell" these voters where to sign on the return envelope.
- 24 Hour Ballot Drop Boxes are accessible in almost all locations from the driver's seat of your vehicle. (The Pioneer Courthouse Square location is pedestrian only.)
- If the voter is unable to sign the Return Identification Envelope, a signature stamp may be used. This is only considered a valid signature if the voter has submitted a Signature Stamp Attestation Form to the Elections Office. This Signature Stamp Attestation Form is available at the Elections Office or on line.
- Telephone assistance for the hearing impaired to call the Elections Office is 1-800-735-2900 (TTY) or 711 for TTY Relay Services.

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