

## Dear Multnomah County Voter:

This part of your Voters' Pamphlet is provided by Multnomah County Elections Division. It includes information about candidates and measures from local jurisdictions within the boundaries of Multnomah County. We have inserted the County Voters' Pamphlet to save on mailing and production costs. The State Pamphlet (on either side of the color bar portion) includes federal and state candidates.

Here are a few things you should know:

- You can view your registration status at [www.oregonvotes.gov/myvote](http://www.oregonvotes.gov/myvote). There you can check or update your voter registration or track your ballot.
- Ballots will be mailed beginning on Wednesday, October 19, 2016.
- 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 so you may have candidates on your ballot that are not in the Voters' Pamphlet.
- Voted ballots **MUST** be received at any County Elections Office or official drop site location by **8:00 PM, Tuesday, November 8, 2016** to be counted.
- This Voters' Pamphlet is on our website: [www.mcelections.org](http://www.mcelections.org). Starting at 8:00 PM on election night, preliminary election results will be posted on our website and updated throughout the evening.

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

Sincerely,



Tim Scott  
Multnomah County Director of Elections

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# Reading the voters' pamphlet

This Voters' Pamphlet includes information about candidates and measures from local jurisdictions within the boundaries of Multnomah County.

You'll find statements provided by candidates running for office. Not all candidates submitted a statement. You'll also find ballot measures and measure arguments. Keep in mind that Multnomah County Elections does not write or edit these statements. Multnomah County Elections does not fact check or correct punctuation, grammar, syntax errors or inaccurate information.

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# Voting is as Easy as 1 – 2 – 3

## Instructions for completing your ballot.

- 1. Look at your official ballot and vote it.**  
Look at your Official Ballot. Find the candidate or measure response (YES or NO) of your choice for each contest. To vote, completely darken the oval to the left of the response of your choice with black or blue ink.

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

- 2. Review your ballot and get ready to return it.**

Make sure you have correctly marked your choice for each contest. Your official ballot will contain contests printed on both front and back.

### **Get ready to return your voted ballot.**

Place the ballot in the return identification envelope. You may choose to use the optional secrecy sleeve. Election staff protects the secrecy of your ballot.

**Remember: Read the Voter's Statement on the return envelope and sign it on the signature line.** Your ballot will not be counted if the return envelope is not signed. Every signature is checked against the registration signature on file and the signatures must match for the ballot to be counted.

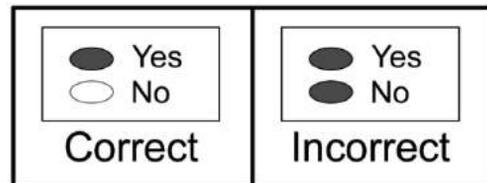
- 3. Return your ballot.**

- **By mail:** Attach a first-class stamp to the signed and sealed return envelope. Mail it no later than the Thursday before Election Day in order for it arrive at the Multnomah County Elections Division by 8:00 pm on Election Day. A postmark does not count!
- **In person at an official drop site:** Deliver the signed and sealed return envelope to any official drop site no later than 8:00 pm on Election Day. Postage is NOT required if delivered to an official ballot drop box location (<http://bit.ly/2cwEKfu>).

## Check your ballot!

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

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



**If you make a mistake or change your mind while marking your ballot**, you may request a replacement ballot from the Elections office or you may make your changes on the ballot. It is critical that **you make your choice obvious** because election workers will inspect each ballot to make sure your intent is understood and the ballot is counted correctly.

Two examples of how to make your voter intent clear are below.



You do not have to vote in all contests. Your other votes will still count. You cannot change your vote once you have mailed or dropped off your ballot.

Contact Multnomah County Elections Division to ask for help if:

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

or for any other reason.

### **Contact:**

Multnomah County Elections Division  
503-988-3720

[www.mcelections.org](http://www.mcelections.org)  
[elections@multco.us](mailto:elections@multco.us)

Oregon Relay Service: 1-800-735-2900

## Return Your Ballot

You can vote your ballot as soon as you receive it in the mail. Return it early to be counted in election night results and to have plenty of time to resolve any issues.



**Through the Mail** - You can vote and return your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service as soon as you receive it. One first class stamp is all you need to mail the ballot back in Multnomah County. Your ballot must be received by 8:00pm Election Day. Postmarks do not count.



**Official Ballot Drop Boxes** - You can also return your ballot to an Official Drop Box by 8:00 pm Election Day. Locations in Multnomah County are listed below. Ballots may be delivered to any Official Ballot Drop Box in Oregon until 8:00 pm Election Day.

## 24-Hour Official Ballot Drop Boxes

**A-BOY SUPPLY** - 7365 SW Barbur Blvd.

**GOODWILL STORE** - 3134 North Lombard St.

**MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT** - West side of NE 40th Ave. between NE Tillamook St. and NE Hancock St. (Near the Hollywood Library.)

**REGAL CINEMAS MOVIE THEATER / M & M CAR WASH** - SE Division St & SE 165<sup>th</sup> Ave, Portland - drop box located in Regal Cinemas parking lot behind M & M Car Wash.

**MULTNOMAH COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE** - 1040 SE Morrison St. Portland - Two Drop Box locations. Box located on the East Side of **SE 11<sup>th</sup> Ave.** between SE Morrison St. and SE Belmont St. Another box located on the North Side of **SE Belmont St.** between SE 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. and SE 11<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**GRESHAM BRANCH LIBRARY** - 385 NW Miller Ave.

**MIDLAND BRANCH LIBRARY** - 805 SE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

**PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE** - 700 block of SW Broadway (next to Starbucks and across from Nordstrom)

## Library Official Ballot Drop Sites & Hours

Voted ballots may be delivered to any Multnomah County library from the day ballots are mailed until 8:00 PM on Election Day, during library hours (<http://bit.ly/2d7Vpf3>). An official ballot drop box is securely located inside each library; library hours are listed below. For 24-hour access use the 24-hour drop sites listed above or the ballot/book return at Central Library.

**Central Library** - 801 SW 10th Ave.

- Monday - 10 am - 8 pm
- Tuesday - noon - 8 pm
- Wednesday - noon - 8 pm
- Thursday - 10 am - 6 pm
- Friday - 10 am - 6 pm
- Saturday - 10 am - 6 pm
- Sunday - 10 am - 5 pm

**Belmont Library** - 1038 SE César E. Chávez Blvd.

**Gresham Library** - 385 NW Miller Ave., Gresham

**Hillsdale Library** - 1525 SW Sunset Blvd.

**Hollywood Library** - 4040 NE Tillamook St.

**Midland Library** - 805 SE 122<sup>nd</sup> Ave.

- Monday - 10 am - 6 pm
- Tuesday - 10 am - 8 pm
- Wednesday - noon - 8 pm
- Thursday - noon - 8pm
- Friday - 10 am - 6 pm
- Saturday - 10 am - 6 pm
- Sunday - 10 am - 5 pm

**Albina Library** - 3605 NE 15th Ave.

**Capitol Hill Library** - 10723 SW Capitol Highway

**Fairview-Columbia Library** - 1520 NE Village St., Fairview

**Gregory Heights Library** - 7921 NE Sandy Blvd.

**Holgate Library** - 7905 SE Holgate Blvd.

**Kenton Library** - 8226 N Denver Ave.

**North Portland Library** - 512 N Killingsworth St.

**Northwest Library** - 2300 NW Thurman St.

**Rockwood Library** - 17917 SE Stark St.

**St. Johns Library** - 7510 N Charleston Ave.

**Sellwood-Moreland Library** - 7860 SE 13th Ave.

**Troutdale Library** - 2451 SW Cherry Park Rd., Troutdale

**Woodstock Library** - 6008 SE 49th Ave.

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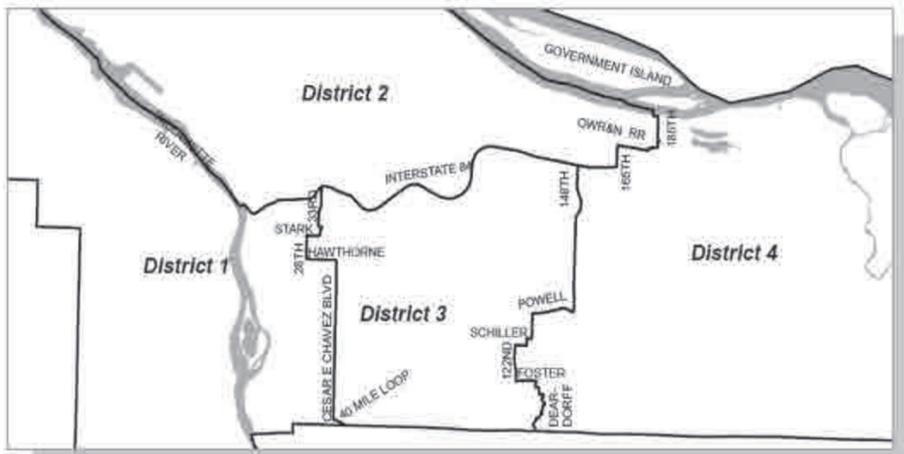
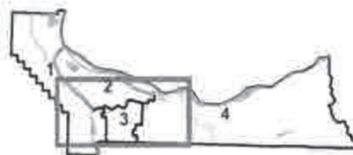
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## MULTNOMAH COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY

## Commissioner, District 1



### ERIC ZIMMERMAN

**OCCUPATION:** Chief of Staff, Multnomah County Commissioner

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** U.S. Army/ Oregon Army National Guard, Captain

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** University of Portland, B.S. & M.B.A.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Alternate designee for Multnomah County Commissioner Jules Bailey

**Eric Zimmerman: The Choice for Change**

**Endorsed by Governor Barbara Roberts**

“Eric’s extensive experience within Multnomah County government makes him **best suited to help the region’s most vulnerable people**. Everybody wants to help women, children and those most in need. **The difference is Eric knows how to get it done.**”

**Proven Alliances, Real Plans, Fresh Perspective**

Rent hikes, escalating home prices, lack of family wage jobs, and the need to assist the homeless are all facing Portland. We need leaders like Eric who understand how the county works and will collaborate with partners to create change:

- Increase housing inventory and dedicated affordable housing
- Convert the Wapato Campus to provide vital shelter and homeless services
- Offer more job opportunities to underserved youths
- Criminal justice reform to address racial disparities in county jails

**Endorsed by Multnomah County’s Employees, AFSCME Local 88**

**Endorsed by Oregon League of Conservation Voters**

“Fighting climate change and ensuring clean air and water has one champion in this race - vote Eric.”

**Proven Leadership, Public Service**

Eric served his nation in Iraq, earning the Bronze Star. Eric is dedicated to equality within the ranks. Enlisting women into previously closed jobs and serving openly as a Captain today, Eric worked hard to end Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell so that all LGBTQ Oregonians can serve proudly. Eric Zimmerman has dedicated his life to public service.

**Only candidate endorsed by Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC**

**Additional Endorsements:**

- Mayor Sam Adams
- Multnomah County Commissioners Loretta Smith, Diane McKeel
- State Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson
- Representatives Brent Barton, Chris Gorsek
- Stephen Marc Beaudoin, Multnomah ESD Board Chair
- Anita Yap
- Byron Beck
- Multnomah County Deputy Sheriff’s Association
- Multnomah County Corrections Deputy Association, Catherine Gorton, President
- Multnomah County Prosecuting Attorneys’ Association

[www.ericzimmerman.org](http://www.ericzimmerman.org)

*(This information furnished by Friends of Eric Zimmerman)*

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## Commissioner, District 1



### SHARON MEIERAN

**OCCUPATION:** Emergency room doctor

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Child abuse crisis line counselor; Children’s advocate; Lawyer; Medical Director, Oregon Foundation for Reproductive Health

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** UC Berkeley; Hastings College of Law;

UCSF Medical School

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Portland Police Community Oversight Advisory Board, Mental Health Crisis Subcommittee Co-Chair; Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Advisory Commission

**“Multnomah County is where public health, safety, and human services intersect. This is where I’ve dedicated my life’s work, and where I see the incredible potential to make our limited dollars help the most people.” -Sharon Meieran**

**“Sharon is smart, caring and effective. I’m proud to support her because she’s in it for all the right reasons.” -Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury**

As a public health advocate, PTA president and mother, Sharon Meieran will be a champion for:

- Finding effective solutions to our housing crisis
- Coordinating mental health and addictions services
- Advocating for growing local businesses
- Protecting our natural resources, especially air and water quality
- Keeping our neighborhoods safe, diverse and affordable
- Providing critical services to children, seniors and those who are most vulnerable

**“As an ER doctor, Sharon knows how to set priorities and make tough decisions. She’ll make the most out of our county’s limited resources.” -US Senator Ron Wyden**

**“I have never seen anyone more qualified to be our County Commissioner.” -Congressman Earl Blumenauer**

**Endorsers:**

- NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon PAC
- Oregon Working Families Party
- Oregon Nurses Association
- SEIU Locals 49 & 503
- Oregon State Council for Retired Citizens
- Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC approved

- Senator Ron Wyden
- Senator Jeff Merkley
- Congressman Earl Blumenauer
- Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici
- Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury

- Mary Nolan, Executive Director, Planned Parenthood PAC
- Advocates of Oregon
- Mel Rader, environmental health advocate
- Dick and Jeanne Roy, environmental advocates
- Richard Harris, former director, Central City Concern
- Stephen Aiguier, CEO and Founder, Green Hammer
- Jim Davis, senior advocate

[www.VoteSharon.com](http://www.VoteSharon.com)

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

*(This information furnished by Friends of Sharon Meieran)*

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# MULTNOMAH COUNTY

## Commissioner, District 4



### LORI STEGMANN

**OCCUPATION:** Small Business Owner, Farmers Insurance Agent; City Councilor

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Small Business Owner, Insurance Agent 1993-present.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Mt. Hood Community College, Portland

State University, BA

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Gresham City Council President, Gresham City Councilor, Gresham Redevelopment Commissioner, Planning Commissioner and Public Safety Committee

**Community Involvement:** Co-founder Rockwood Business Coalition; Multnomah County Citizen Budget Advisory Committee

**“Stegmann’s long history of political, business and nonprofit experience are an outgrowth of her passion for serving the people living in East Multnomah County and make her the best choice for Position 4 of the Multnomah County Commission”**

*Portland Tribune, 5/3/16*

**Lori Stegmann will:**

#### **Prioritize East County Jobs and Economic Growth:**

- Streamline government.
- Provide tax credits to grow neighborhood businesses. Increase good paying jobs.
- Incentivize large employers to expand and invest in our communities.
- Ensure East County gets its fair share of tax revenue and investment.
- Require yearly performance audits of County departments.

#### **Provide Real Solutions for Homelessness in East County:**

- Promote public-private-nonprofit partnerships that equip homeless families with essential life skills.
- Sell nonessential county properties to fund shelters.
- Focus funding on programs that match people with jobs and homes.

#### **Protect Public Safety and Communities:**

- Invest government dollars on proven, evidence-based programs.
- Focus on youth with gang prevention, education and job training opportunities.
- Combat human trafficking to keep kids and families safe.

**We Stand with Lori Because She Fights for Us  
Please Join Us and Vote for Lori**

#### **Bipartisan Support:**

Shane Bemis, Gresham Mayor  
Diane McKeel, Multnomah County Commissioner  
Rod Park, Former Metro Councilor  
Ted Wheeler, Portland Mayor-Elect

#### **Public Safety:**

Gresham Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 1062  
Rod Underhill, Multnomah County District Attorney  
Fairview Police Officers Association  
Michael Reese, Multnomah County Sheriff

#### **Business Organizations:**

Portland Business Alliance  
Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce  
Drake Snodgrass, CEO Drake’s 7 Dees Landscaping  
Lila Leathers, Leathers Enterprises, Inc.

#### **Community Advocates:**

Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC  
Oregon League of Conservation Voters  
Oregon National Organization for Women  
Oregon artPAC

[Votelistegmann.com](http://Votelistegmann.com)

*(This information furnished by Friends of Lori Stegmann)*

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for accuracy by Multnomah County.

## Commissioner, District 4



### AMANDA SCHROEDER

**OCCUPATION:** Veterans Service Representative

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** U.S. Army

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Mt. Hood Community College, Oregon State University, Portland State University – Masters, 2005

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** None

#### **A Life-Long Advocate for Women, Families & Veterans, A Fighter for East County**

I’m an Army veteran, mother, women’s advocate, and breast cancer survivor. Advocating for our community would be my most-rewarding fight yet.

I live by my values in my work and in my life:

- To ensure **women are treated equally in the workplace.**
- That **veterans get the benefits they’ve earned**, and
- Raising two children to care about those around them and this community. **I want them to have every chance at success – a good education and job opportunities in East County.**

That’s why **Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC** has green-lighted my candidacy. These values will inform my work as a Commissioner:

- **Living-Wage Jobs:** Families are struggling to make ends meet – everyone deserves fair wages.
- **Investing in Children:** Help kids show up to ready to learn through early education programs and affordable, quality daycare.
- **Social Services:** More help for those with mental health and addiction challenges, and those facing homelessness.
- **Safer Neighborhoods:** Addressing threats like gangs and sex trafficking; support to help people get back on track.
- **Infrastructure:** Better roads and more sidewalks.
- **Better Community:** Where all are welcome, all can succeed, making East County a better place to live.

“Amanda is an extraordinary individual whose energy and advocacy are an inspiration to all who have had the chance to work alongside her. She is a tenacious champion for those she feels are being mistreated or under-represented.”  
Jonathan Berreth, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor

“Amanda is a fighter for East County.” Christopher Gorsek, State Representative House District 49

Endorsed By:

**Senator Diane Rosenbaum  
Portland Police Association  
Oregon Nurses Association  
Portland Fire Fighters Association  
Oregon NOW  
Northwest Oregon Labor Council  
SEIU Locals 503 and 49  
Oregon AFSCME and AFSCME Local 88  
UFCW 555  
Teamsters Joint Council No. 37  
...and many other community members!  
[www.amandaforeastcounty.com](http://www.amandaforeastcounty.com)**

*(This information furnished by Friends of Amanda Schroeder)*

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for accuracy by Multnomah County.

# MULTNOMAH COUNTY

## Sheriff



### MIKE REESE

**OCCUPATION:** Multnomah County Sheriff

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Police Chief; Law Enforcement Commander, Captain, Lieutenant, Sergeant; Director, Lents Boys and Girls Club.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Executive Master of Public Administration, BS, Portland State University; Mt Hood

Community College; Roosevelt HS.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Multnomah County Sheriff

**Family:** Wife Cindy Reese, three children: Alexandra, Rebecca, Rachel.

#### Mike Reese Our Sheriff. Our Values.

"Mike's values are Multnomah County's values. Mike is committed to accountability and he is exactly who we need leading the Sheriff's office." **Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury**

Mike understands that the problems the sheriff's office confronts begin with lives in crisis. For him these are not just law enforcement issues they are about who we are as people.

Mike has been a leader on addiction, mental health and housing related issues.

"As a board member for one of Portland's largest providers of housing for the homeless, Mike showed genuine compassion for people." **Doreen Binder, former executive director Transition Projects Inc.**

Mike is committed to working with social service partners, community leaders, and public safety professionals to keep our community safe by breaking the cycle of recidivism, especially when it involves addiction and mental illness.

"I served as Chair of the Behavioral Health Unit Advisory Committee when Mike was the Portland Chief of Police. He took the time to understand our community's concerns and find solutions to help de-escalate potentially deadly interactions with those in mental health crisis. He listens to his critics and works to include community advocates in the process." **Shannon Pullen, Community Mental Health Advocate**

Some of Mike's Endorsements

#### Law Enforcement:

Washington County Sheriff Pat Garrett  
Clackamas County Sheriff Craig Roberts  
Multnomah County Deputy Sheriff's Association  
Portland Police Association

#### Elected Officials:

Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury  
Rod Underhill Multnomah County District Attorney  
Oregon Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick  
Oregon House Majority Leader Jennifer Williamson  
Portland City Commissioners Nick Fish and Dan Saltzman

#### Community Leaders:

Doreen Binder, former executive director, Transition Projects Inc.  
Rev. Dr. Rodney Page, former Executive Director of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon

*(This information furnished by Friends of Mike Reese)*

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## NEED HELP VOTING IN YOUR NATIVE LANGUAGE?

Interpretation services are available at no cost to you.

Servicios de interpretación están disponibles sin costo para usted.

Толкование услуги предоставляются бесплатно для вас.

Giải thích các dịch vụ được cung cấp miễn phí cho bạn.

口译服务可在没有你的成本。

Adeegyada tarjumaadda ayaa la heli kara lacag la'aan.

تویوفشلا تم جرتلا تامدخ مكل رفون

통역 서비스는 당신에게 무료로 사용할 수 있습니다.

Interpretasyon serbisyo ay makukuha sa walang gastos sa iyo.

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## Multnomah County Elections

503-988-3720 | elections@multco.us

# CITY OF FAIRVIEW

## Council, Position 1



### CATHI FORSYTHE

**OCCUPATION:** Human Resources - City of Gresham

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Independent Sales Director 1994-Present, Personal Banker, Back-up Police Assistant, Licensed Health Insurance Agent/ Providence Medicare Marketing Representative, Member Service Representative

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Sandy Union High School, College Prep, Graduate; Ashford University, Business Administration, BBA; American Public University, Public Administration MPA

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Fairview Arts and Community Events Advisory Committee, Fairview Public Safety Advisory Committee

I'm proud to have called Fairview my home for the past 18 years. I've raised my kids here, supported local business, built relationships, and engaged in community involvement through the Gresham Chamber of Commerce, Fairview on the Green, The East County Bite, and various school fundraising efforts. It is my goal to dedicate myself to being a bridge of collaboration for Fairview residents in our ever changing community and the public servants who work daily to provide the needs of their constituents. Together, we can do great things that benefit many while embracing the qualities that make Fairview a desirable place to live, play, raise a family, and retire. It's time for positive change. Your tax dollars matter and how these resources are spent to support your vision for our community is a priority.

Honesty, integrity, and transparency are qualities that represent my value system. It's time to develop a council that will work alongside one another to adequately address community needs: public safety, emergency response, economic development, environmental conscientiousness, recreational programs for youth, business growth and development, and regional collaborative efforts that improve fiscal outcomes.

I would be honored to represent you and make a difference for today's community members and generations to follow.

*(This information furnished by Cathi Forsythe)*

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## Council, Position 3



### KEITH A KUDRNA

**OCCUPATION:** Architectural Home Designer; Suntel Design, Inc.

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Home Designer; K-2 Home Designs

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** David Douglas High School; Phoenix Institute of Technology

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Fairview Planning Commission; Fairview Budget Committee; Mayor's Visioning Committee; Fairview Transportation System Plan Community Advisory Committee

In 2001, I moved my family from Portland to Fairview largely for the quality of living offered here. Like many Fairview residents, I enjoy the combination of natural resources, access to many stores and restaurants, as well as the small town feel and atmosphere of community. I have chosen to run for city council to do my part to make sure that my daughters can continue to enjoy this quality of living for years to come.

One of the biggest challenges we face is **repairing the fractured reputation** of the council. In the past, we have seen too many instances of councilors making things personal, having personal agendas and making personal attacks. It's time to get back to having a council that is professional. In my profession, residential architecture and in my volunteer activities, I often find myself working with individuals who have different ideas; I have learned to work with people to **unify everyone involved so that we can accomplish our goal**. I will bring these same practices to city council. I want to help create an atmosphere where **residents and other stakeholders are comfortable coming before council to discuss their concerns and leave knowing they were heard**.

We have some **challenges in our near future:**

- the decision of whether to use the **Multnomah County Sheriff's office** for police concerns
- creating a **sustainable, balanced budget** that can withstand the rising costs of salaries and services
- **repairing and maintaining our existing infrastructure** such as water wells and sewer systems.

I am excited at the possibility of working with the council to find solutions for these challenges in a professional, transparent manner.

Keith A Kudrna

Endorsed by:  
Larry Morgan: Troutdale City Council  
Mike Weatherby: Fairview City Council

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# CITY OF FAIRVIEW

## Council, Position 4



### RENAYE DELANO

**OCCUPATION:** Owner Kaardel Safety Services

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Safety/Medical Training; Corporate Safety Manager, Workers Compensation Specialist, Lab Technician

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Astoria HS; Mt Hood Community College;

Reed College

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Fairview Arts Committee 2011-Present; Fairview Economic & Development Committee 2011-Present; Government Contracts NW Casting Company 1981-1991; City of Troutdale 1993; OSHA Compliance

I have lived in Fairview for 39 years. I've witnessed political and economic strife, but nothing like the most recent years. I volunteered to serve on the Arts Committee to bring more celebration to Fairview – We accomplished that. I joined Economic & Development to help bring economic development to Fairview – That goal is showing progress. I now want to bring back a balance in city politics.

As a recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award and the Bonita Jenkins Volunteer Award, I have a proven record of rolling up my sleeves and working diligently with everyone to get the job done.

As a leader of the successful Bite of East County, I had to use creative problem solving and decades of finely turned people skills. I'll bring these same skills to the Fairview City Hall to put the needs of citizens first.

As a safety professional, I'll bring my experience to keep focus on the most important things a city government is tasked to do: Provide for public safety and livability. And as a successful Fairview business woman, I'll use my experience to make sure our tax dollars are invested wisely.

I ask for your vote and will commit to dedicate my time as an elected volunteer to end the political strife, use our limited revenue wisely, make our streets and community safer, and increase the livability of our city.

Endorsed by:

Ted Tosterud, Mayor of Fairview  
Mike Weatherby, Fairview City Councilor  
Fairview City Councilor Dan Kreamier  
Fairview City Councilor Natalie Voruz  
West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce  
Dean Hurford, Owner Bumpers Grill & Bar  
Roy Moore, Owner Moore Excavation  
Trevin Webb, President, Trevin Webb Insurance

*(This information furnished by Renaye Delano)*

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## Council, Position 4



### LISA BARTON MULLINS

**OCCUPATION:** Retired

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Accounting; payroll; small business owner

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Mt Hood Community College; Parkrose Sr. High School

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Fairview City

Council 2006-2014; Fairview Municipal Audit Committee; Fairview Budget Committee; Fairview Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, liaison; East Metro Economic Alliance; Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation; East Multnomah County Transportation Committee; Fairview Windstorm Park Homeowners' Association, past president; Gresham City Council; Gresham Budget Committee; Gresham Sister City Association, led Gresham Sister City visits to Japan and South Korea.

**Community Service and Other Experience:**

Community Emergency Response Team Training; Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) past volunteer; TIP National Leadership Training Academy; Gresham Farmers' Market, past president; Meals on Wheels; American Cancer Society; SOLVE volunteer.

### LISA BARTON MULLINS EXPERIENCE – INTEGRITY – LEADERSHIP

**Business:** We need to thoughtfully develop the buildable land we have left in Fairview to provide the largest number of family-wage jobs possible. With the severe shortage of buildable land in the Portland metro area, we don't need to give huge tax breaks or other costly incentives to attract developers, while unfairly shifting the tax burden onto the rest of the businesses and citizens of Fairview.

**Public Safety:** I want to ensure the safety and well-being of all the citizens of Fairview, along with the safety of our dedicated and hardworking Fairview police officers. The consolidation of Fairview's police department into the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office should only be considered if it is conclusively demonstrated that it will reduce crime rates and improve response times, for the same price or less than Fairview taxpayers are now paying.

**Integrity:** Fairview's City Council needs members with integrity, experience, and vision. But even beyond these requirements, our councilors need to have a spirit of respect, appreciation, and cooperation between themselves, the city's staff, and the community. There has been way too much posturing and polarizing within the Fairview City Council recently that needs to end.

*(This information furnished by Lisa Barton Mullins)*

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# CITY OF GRESHAM

## Council, Position 1



### JERRY W HINTON

**OCCUPATION:** Gresham City Councilor (incumbent); General Manager of ADESA Portland; President-elect of NAAA

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** General Manager of Brasher's Portland

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Brigham Young University, Business

Finance, Bachelor of Science; National University, Business Administration, Masters of Business Administration; Concord School of Law, Law, Executive Juris Doctorate.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** One term as Gresham City Councilor; Budget and Finance committee; East Multnomah County Transportation Committee; Metro Policy Advisory Committee; Citizens Involvement Committee.

#### Family Advocate

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

#### Strong Business Sector Advocate

Jerry fights to reduce government red tape that impedes the progress of business and the creation of family wage jobs. He has fought to reduce permit timing and fees and other business start-up licensing fees. He works with existing businesses by supporting Enterprise Zones to increase capital improvements and job creation. Gresham's financial ecosystem is a fragile balance that requires the experience and understanding of seasoned and educated leaders.

#### Safety Advocate

Jerry supports our brave men and women in all of our emergency response personnel. He believes the primary duty of government is the protection of its citizens. He has successfully worked to not only maintain, but to enhance their capacity for service.

#### Quality of Life Advocate

Jerry fights to improve the quality of life of our citizens. Gresham still faces many obstacles that threaten our quality of life, such as rampant homelessness and slum and blight in parts of our neighborhoods and business districts. He will continue to fight to provide compassionate, yet responsible mitigation of these issues and help maintain the natural beauty of our city.

#### Endorsements

Mayor Shane Bemis  
Council-President Mario Palmero  
Councilor Karylinn Echols  
Councilor Kirk French  
Councilor David Widmark  
Councilor Lori Stegmann  
Police Chief Craig Junginger - retired

*(This information furnished by Jerry W. Hinton)*

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## Council, Position 3



### KARYLINN ECHOLS

**OCCUPATION:** Gresham City Councilor; Executive Director, Healthcare Hospitality Network

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Small business owner; education; nonprofit; criminal justice

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** University of Phoenix, Organizational Management, MA; Oregon

State, Political Science, BA.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** City Councilor 2011- present, 2005-2007; Council President 2012 & 2013; Gresham Redevelopment Commissioner and Vice Chair; Budget Committee; Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization; A Home for Everyone Executive Committee; Oregon Criminal Justice Council, Gubernatorial Appointment; Washington DC Public Health Task Force

**Karylinn's commitment to our community is demonstrated by what she supports:**  
**Public Safety**  
**Economic Development and Jobs**  
**Community Livability**  
**Sound Fiscal Management**  
**Regional Collaboration**

#### Commitment to Public Safety

- Protect funding for emergency services
- Support initiatives that keep Gresham safe

#### Commitment to Economic Development and Jobs

- Advocate strategies that strengthen local businesses
- Back recruitment initiatives to bring more traded sector businesses to Gresham and create more family wage jobs

#### Commitment to Community Livability

- Support strategies that protect community amenities such as parks and open spaces
- Champion efforts to engage a broader and more diverse representation of residents in planning for Gresham's future

#### Commitment to Sound Fiscal Management

- Participate actively in planning for long-term financial sustainability
- Make financial decisions that are consistent with the priorities of our community

#### Commitment to Regional Collaboration

- Represent Gresham on the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization
- Work with partners in addressing the many concerns of homelessness

We endorse Karylinn Echols because of her commitment to our community. Karylinn is a leader with the experience to continue as an effective and responsive Gresham City Councilor.

Shane Bemis, Mayor  
Mario Palmero, Council President  
Jerry Hinton, City Councilor  
Kirk French, City Councilor  
Lori Stegmann, City Councilor  
David Widmark, City Councilor  
Chief Craig Junginger, Gresham Police (Retired)  
Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson  
Carla C. Piluso, State Representative  
Carol Nielsen  
Joan Albertson

*(This information furnished by Karylinn Echols for Gresham Committee)*

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# CITY OF GRESHAM

## Council, Position 5



### DAVID WIDMARK

**OCCUPATION:** City Councilor and Community Volunteer

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Federal Public Affairs Officer

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Dept. of Defense, Public Affairs, Diploma.

#### PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL

**EXPERIENCE:** Current and past Gresham City Councilor; Past chairs, Gresham Planning Commission and Finance Committee

#### WHY YOU SHOULD RETAIN DAVID WIDMARK ON GRESHAM'S CITY COUNCIL

"David's common sense approach and years of experience makes him an incredible asset to the city council. His leadership is critical to moving Gresham forward." —Gresham Mayor - Shane Bemis

#### David has championed INITIATIVES that have improved the quality of life for Gresham Residents

- Gradin Sports Park Complex
- Center for the Arts Plaza & Children's Fountain
- Main City Skatepark
- Rockwood Urban Renewal developer
- Rockwood Community Policing Building
- Housing vouchers for homeless families
- Gresham Police Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET)
- Springwater Trail and derelict properties sweeps

#### DAVID WILL CONTINUE WORKING ON ISSUES THAT CONCERN YOU, THE WAY YOU WANT THEM ACCOMPLISHED

- Collaborate! manage homelessness crisis with jurisdictional partners
- Work! to get **MORE** funding for police and fire
- Support! a new Community Center
- Promote! Gresham's economic and business development (jobs!)
- Inclusive! a relentless effort to include our diverse communities
- Quality-designed housing! across Gresham
- Transform! Rockwood's Commercial Center
- Manage! our public utilities for the benefit of rate payers
- Parks! Enhancing and maintaining our parks and open spaces; protecting sensitive wetlands and streams
- Prepare! our city and citizens for a major disaster
- Fiscally transparent! while providing state of the art services
- Establish a Master Plan! for managing and replacing our aging water, sewer, and street systems
- Focus! on redevelopment of greater downtown Gresham

#### DAVID WIDMARK IS ENDORSED BY LEADERS, BUSINESS OWNERS AND FRIENDS

- Mayor Shane Bemis
- All current Gresham City Councilors
- Multnomah County Commissioner Diane McKeel
- Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick
- Representative Carla Piluso
- State Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson
- Terry Shumway, Community Leader
- Craig Junginger, Gresham Chief of Police (retired)
- Gresham Professional Firefighters Local 1062

I'd be honored to continue to serve you. I trust I've earned your vote.

Thank you,  
David

See more at [www.davidwidmark.com](http://www.davidwidmark.com)

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## Council, Position 5



### CHRISTOPHER BENTLEY

**OCCUPATION:** I work for the U.S. Forest Service doing Digital Media Management. My duties include overseeing effective use of social media, website development, video production, and using other technological tools to enhance our ability to gain feedback from and communicate with the public.

#### OCCUPATIONAL

**BACKGROUND:** I have also worked within a corporate bank's HR department, a municipal government in the intermountain region supporting sustainability initiatives, and interned within the current White House under Barack Obama's leadership within Presidential Personal. I have two certifications in Negotiation, one in collaboration, and one in focus group facilitation. I have led numerous organizations in developing concrete, objective-driven mission and vision statements in a pro bono capacity.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Indiana University, Public Administration, Master's in Public Administration; Weber State University, Organizational Behavior, Bachelor's of Integrated Studies.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Chair of the Natural Resource and Sustainability Committee; Two-year Vice Chair of the Rockwood Redevelopment Advisory Committee; Three-year Chair of the Central City Neighborhood Association; Member of the Mayor's Rise, Advance, Dream (RAD) Task Force.

*(This information furnished by Christopher Bentley)*

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# CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

## Mayor



### DAVE BERG

**OCCUPATION:** Sales & Marketing Director

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Engineering, Operations, IT, VP/General Manager, Program Manager, Global Sales & Marketing Manager, Division Manager, Sales & Marketing Director.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Loyola Marymount University, MBA; Pepperdine University, BS – Management.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Permitting Supervisor Oregon DEQ, Program Operations Manager Oregon DEQ; Chair Budget Committee Lake Oswego (3 years); Vice Chair Budget Committee Lake Oswego (2 years); Gubernatorial appointment – Recycling Markets Development Council.

As your Mayor, I will

- **Ensure fair and effective governance**
- **Budget responsibly**
- **Preserve the character and quality of life in our community**
- **Reduce the cost of local government and public utilities**
- **Increase transparency and citizen involvement**
- **Invest in our critical infrastructure**
- **Support local education**
- **Promote effective economic development**
- **Stop tax and fee increases**
- **Reduce the impact of local government regulations on individual rights**

**The mayor should provide leadership** to the City Council and **sensible oversight** to the city staff and operations. As a 26-year resident, I am deeply committed to Lake Oswego and will continue to address waste in city budgets; reinvesting savings in core services such as roads, public safety, parks, and community improvements.

**Citizens cannot afford ever-increasing water rates and the escalating cost of local government.** I will find innovative ways of delivering services at lower costs to improve affordability and quality of life. We need a balanced approach to ensure Lake Oswego remains a fantastic and affordable place to live.

**We need the input of our citizens and their informed consent to govern properly.** I will ensure broad citizen participation and embrace new ideas by engaging the community to determine city priorities and enhance core services desired by our residents.

**I will work to preserve our community character,** using our resources to maintain our streets, parks, and core facilities while approving development only when it's consistent with our community values.

I sincerely appreciate your support and remain committed to our city and our principles.

**DaveBergForMayor.com**

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## Mayor



### JON GUSTAFSON

**OCCUPATION:** Partner/ Owner, Beals Design-Build Inc.

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Architectural Designer; Remodeler; Real Estate Broker.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Portland State University, BA, Architecture.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Lake Oswego City Council; Lake Oswego Planning Commission; Lake Oswego Comprehensive Plan Citizen Advisory Committee.

#### My Priorities and Vision

It has been an honor to serve on the Lake Oswego City Council, and I'm excited to ask for your support as our next Mayor.

When my husband, Michael, and I talk about the future we want for our daughter, Georgia – we think about raising her in a city with excellent schools, safe streets, a healthy environment and a strong sense of community.

In my time on the council, I have led on important issues to improve our quality of life – from protecting open space and the unique character of our neighborhoods to prioritizing funding for transit improvements and family friendly parks.

As your mayor, I won't back down to development special interests and will always put our community livability first.

#### Proven Results

"Jon has been a valuable leader on the City Council, helping to restore civility and a community centered attitude at City Hall."

**Donna Jordan, Former Lake Oswego City Councilor**

#### Supporting our Schools

"As the only candidate with a child in LO schools, Jon understands the importance of a strong partnership with our school district."

**Mary Puskas, Former ED Lake Oswego Schools Foundation**

#### Working for Our Future

"Jon conscientiously takes time to learn about the issues facing our local businesses. This analytical talent constitutes why he will be an effective mayor for both business and the community."

**Mike Buck, Lake Grove Business Association**

#### WE STRONGLY ENDORSE JON GUSTAFSON!

**Darlene Hooley, US Congresswoman  
Ann Lininger, State Representative**

**Judie Hammerstad, Former Lake Oswego Mayor  
Joe Buck, Lake Oswego City Councilor**

**Oregon League of Conservation Voters  
Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC, Green Light  
Willamette Women Democrats**

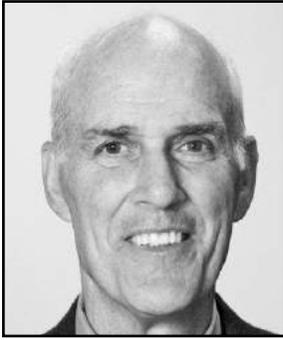
**Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County, IAFF  
Local 1159  
NW Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO**

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# CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

## Mayor



### KENT STUDEBAKER

**OCCUPATION:** Mayor of Lake Oswego.

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** U.S. Marine Corps (1970-1973); Multnomah County DA's Office (1973-1976); Corporate Attorney, Louisiana Pacific (1976-1985); Small Business Owner, G/S Associates (1985-2006).

#### **EDUCATIONAL**

**BACKGROUND:** Lake Oswego High School, diploma; U of O, Economics, BA; U of O, Law, JD.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Multnomah County DA; Chair, LO Budget Committee.

**Mayor Kent Studebaker – Balance: Leadership: Vision**

**Personal:** Married to Kim forty seven years, two daughters

#### **Balance**

“By working from the middle and uniting around your priorities, we restored financial stability and our sense of community.”  
Kent Studebaker

- Spent first on roads, pathways, police, fire, parks and other infrastructure
- Stabilized a very shaky budget
- Reduced staff, saving \$2million

#### **Leadership**

“Without increasing taxes and with focus and discipline we’re attracting new tax paying families to support our schools.”  
Kent Studebaker

- Expanding funding for parks, the arts, the library and new miles of bike paths and walkways
- Making Lake Oswego more attractive for businesses to stay or relocate here.
- Allowing citizens full enjoyment of their property without over-reaching regulations

#### **Vision**

“Livability and fiscal sanity will go hand in hand.” Kent Studebaker

- Continue to oppose Metro’s plan to turn LO into an urbanized mess
- We will have a future where neighborhoods are protected against higher density developments
- Enriching lives through parks, recreation, the arts and sustainability measures will remain a priority

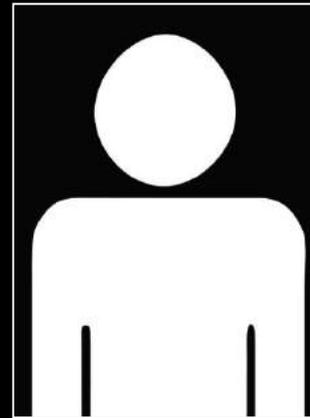
“I ask for your vote so that together we can stay focused and continue to move into a dynamic future.” Kent Studebaker

“Mayor Studebaker is supported by Oswegans, not by outside organizations who support one of his opponents and who want our great little city to become more like Portland. Visit web site below to see a partial list”  
Jonathan Harnish, local small business owner, former school board member.

Vote Kent Studebaker  
[www.studebakerformayor.com](http://www.studebakerformayor.com)  
[www.facebook.com/StudebakerForMayor](http://www.facebook.com/StudebakerForMayor)

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**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 so you may have candidates on your ballot that are not in the Voters' Pamphlet**

# CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

## Council



### THERESA KOHLHOFF

**OCCUPATION:** Attorney, small business owner  
**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Solo Practitioner; Partner in Kohlhoff and Welch  
**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** PSU, BA; Lewis and Clark Law School, JD

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** None

Community Involvement: Board of Governors, Oregon State Bar, Budget & Finance Chair; Advisory Board, Avel Gordly Center for Healing at OHSU

When my four daughters were young I put myself through four years of night law school, commuting from Philomath to Portland. Now, with 36 years of legal experience I'm a skilled leader who is mindful of all our community members, who will make sure our city works for all of us and where every voice is heard.

**"Theresa would be a great addition to council. She's a long time resident and has a distinct voice that would help bring some balance to the city's decisions." Jon Gustafson, City Councilor**

I support a vision of our city where children and grandchildren can safely ride their bikes and walk to school. Let's make sure seniors and the disabled can move safely on our streets and all residents have opportunities for efficient transit.

**"Theresa has the energy, intelligence and deep caring to help guide the city forward. Lake Oswego, our home, will be a better place with her on the city council." Joseph Buck, City Councilor**

Let's work to provide housing opportunities so retirees can stay in Lake Oswego and young families can send their kids to our great schools. I support making Lake Oswego a place known for promoting environmental sustainability and generosity of spirit.

Proudly endorsed by:  
 Paul T. Brown, retired police lieutenant formerly with Lake Oswego Police Department  
 Joseph Buck, Lake Oswego City Councilor  
 Jon Gustafson, Lake Oswego City Councilor  
 Judie Hammerstad, Former Mayor, Lake Oswego  
 Darlene Hooley, US Congresswoman, retired  
 Rep. Ann Liningner  
 Mary Nolan, Executive Director, Planned Parenthood PAC of Oregon  
 NW Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO  
 Oregon League of Conservation Voters  
 Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County, IAFF 1159

Vote Theresa Kohlhoff for Lake Oswego City Council

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## Council



### CHARLES COLLINS

**OCCUPATION:** City Councilor; City of Lake Oswego.  
**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Sales Management; VF Corporation 1983-2016 (Retired).  
**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Oglethorpe University, Philosophy, BA 1975.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Chairman; Citizens Budget Committee, City of Lake Oswego.

**Charles Collins – Background:** Serving on the Lake Oswego City Council since 2015. Previously served as chair of Lake Oswego Citizen's Budget Committee, Councilor Collins has also served on the board and as president of the Lake Oswego Rotary Club and the Riverbend Homeowners Association. In 1978 he began a career in the apparel industry with **Levi Strauss**. He is a retired sales manager of 32 years with **Lee Jeans** and it's parent co.

Councilor Collins holds a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Oglethorpe University and is a veteran of the US Air Force Reserves. Residing in the Old Town neighborhood of Lake Oswego, he and his wife Candice a graduate of Lake Oswego HS and University of Oregon have lived in Lake Oswego for over 20 years.

**Charles Collins – Priorities:** Maintain the trust and civility that has been a hallmark of the current city council. Prioritize fiscal responsibility with an emphasis on infrastructure such as roads, pedestrian & bicycle safety, the new maintenance operations center and a new police 911 / LOCOM facility **without asking the residents for an additional dollar.**

**Charles Collins - Commitments:** Preserve private property rights. Continue to build pathways and bicycle lanes integrated with scheduled street repair and maintenance. Support our schools, our award-winning library and our own local fire and police departments.

I am running my campaign on: **Experience, Civility and Commitment to Lake Oswego.** I would appreciate your vote.

**Endorsements:**

Lake Oswego Municipal Employees Association, AFSCME Local 1546.

Mayor Kent Studebaker  
 Councilor Skip O'Neill

**More information at: [collins4council.net](http://collins4council.net)**

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# CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

## Council



### SKIP O'NEILL

**OCCUPATION:** "O'Neill Builder's"  
**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Co-Founder Leading Technology Inc.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Michigan State University, BA, Advertising

#### **PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL**

**EXPERIENCE:** Lake Oswego City Councilor

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** Lo City Councilor past 4 years. LO Rotary. Board member Lakewood Center for LO Arts. LO School Foundation. LO Soccer and Lacrosse Coach. Former board member Lake Corporation. Member Our Lady of the Lake Parish.

#### **Our Lake Oswego Community is The Customer**

"During my first term we listened to the community and together established a big picture plan." Councilor Skip O'Neill

- Core services - police, fire, roads and other infrastructure are prioritized.
- Schools, pathways, parks and the arts benefited from a new focus.
- Direction and council discipline allowed us to meet challenges and stabilize the budget without raising taxes.
- We are building a new Maintenance Center, designing a new Police and 911 Center.
- New businesses are moving in.
- Additional housing options are being built.

#### **Focus and Vision Must Continue**

"We will have an awesome city dominated by a Lake Oswego vision not a Portland agenda." Councilor Skip O'Neill

- Our priorities must continue so new taxpaying families locate here to support our schools.
- Tax generating businesses should be encouraged to stay or re-locate, again to support our students.
- Private property owners, good stewards of their land, should not be overwhelmed with burdensome regulations.
- We must protect neighborhoods against higher density developments.
- Careful growth should go hand in hand with retaining the Oswego character.
- City government must be about balance, priorities, inclusiveness and decisiveness.

"I ask for your vote for re-election so I can again bring an understanding of the issues, meet the challenges and work with you all. As a family we have been deeply involved in this community for over thirty four years. I look forward to a great future for LO." Councilor Skip O'Neill

#### **Endorsements**

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

[VoteSkipO'Neill.COM](http://VoteSkipO'Neill.COM)

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## Council



### JOHN LAMOTTE

**OCCUPATION:** City Planner

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Managed/built own consulting companies serving cities, land owners, developers, institutions and civic groups. Directed planning practice for international design firms. Planner/program director for suburb, rural county and large economic development agency.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** University of Wisconsin (Master in Urban and Regional Planning); University of Utah (Bachelor of Geography).

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Lake Oswego Planning Commission (Chairman); Lake Grove Parking Plan (Commission Liaison); Iron Mountain Park Master Plan (Commission Liaison); L.O. Arts Council (Board); Village on the Lake H.O.A (President); Clackamas County Sheriff's - Juvenile Diversion Panel; L.O. Fire Department (CERT); L.O. Chamber of Commerce (Member).

#### **Strategic thinking for our great city.**

I am a City Planner with extensive experience in land use, community development and conflict resolution as well as the leadership of civic/professional groups. I have worked with many cities, public agencies, institutions and the private sector on a wide range of planning/development initiatives.

I want to bring my **expertise, leadership and vision** to the Lake Oswego City Council as we need to take next steps regarding **strategic thinking**. We have established budget discipline and implemented infrastructure projects. What we need to do in the next term is address our public facilities, economic development, neighborhoods and annexation policy in **a more strategic manner with vision**.

- **Maintain budget/tax discipline and quality services.**
- **Upgrade roads and paths/trails.**
- **Think strategically about public facilities.**
- **Be proactive about economic development.**
- **Maintain neighborhood character.**
- **Balance property rights and environmental stewardship.**
- **Rethink annexation policy.**
- **Streamline L.O. Development Code.**

I am running a positive campaign that addresses what makes Lake Oswego great and how it can be better. I am a problem solver interested in moving the ball forward and getting things done. Thank you for your support.

#### **Endorsed by:**

- **Homebuilders Association of Metropolitan Portland**
- **Lake Oswego Municipal Employees Association, AFSCME Local 1546**
- **Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County, IAFF Local 1159**
- **Jon Gustafson, Lake Oswego City Councilor**
- **Joe Buck, Lake Oswego City Councilor**

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# CITY OF PORTLAND

## Commissioner, Position 4



### CHLOE EUDALY

**OCCUPATION:** Owner, Reading Frenzy

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Non-profit program coordinator; travel agent; office manager.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Portland Community College, Honors Program

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Multnomah County Cultural Coalition; PPS District Parent Involvement Committee

**Progressive Values. Dedicated Advocate. Collaborative Leader.**

Chloe is a small business owner and community activist who has devoted the past 25 years to progressive causes -- most notably disability rights and affordable housing advocacy -- and over two decades to Portland's literary and art community through her mission-driven bookshop and as co-founder of the Independent Publishing Resource Center.

**"She represents a segment of Portland that no one else on the city council does." -- Former Portland City Auditor LaVonne Griffin-Valade, Willamette Week, 8/30/16**

Portland needs a Commissioner who understands the urgent needs of our city, knows how to prioritize while working with a tight budget, and puts people before profit.

**"Chloe stands up for the health of our communities and our environment. We need more commissioners who are connected to the grassroots." -- Bob Sallinger, conservation advocate**

**Affordable Housing for All:** Portland needs rent stabilization, just cause evictions, increased investments in affordable housing, and a housing first approach to homelessness.

**Environmental Justice & Jobs:** Clean up of the Portland Harbor and adoption of a resilient, clean energy economy will provide economic opportunities for local businesses and create living-wage jobs.

**Equity and Inclusion:** Only two people of color and seven women have ever served on City Council. Portland needs new leadership that better reflects its growing diversity and commitment to social justice.

**Open and Accountable Elections:** We need an alternative to corporate politics that will decrease the barriers to participation in our city government for candidates who pledge to keep monied interests out of their campaigns.

**"Eudaly would bring a fresh perspective and a deep-rooted passion to city government..." -- Portland Mercury, 4/27/2016**

**A VOTE FOR CHLOE IS A VOTE FOR MAKING PORTLAND A CITY THAT WORKS FOR ALL OF US**

Basic Rights Oregon's Equality PAC approved  
Former State Representative JoAnn Hardesty  
Bernie PDX

[www.chloeforportland.com](http://www.chloeforportland.com)

*(This information furnished by Chloe for Portland)*

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## Commissioner, Position 4



### STEVE NOVICK

**OCCUPATION:** City Commissioner

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Attorney; Policy Advocate

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** University of Oregon, B.A.; Harvard Law School, J.D.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL**

**EXPERIENCE:** Environmental Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice

**PROGRESSIVE PRINCIPLES, REAL RESULTS**

Steve Novick is a lifelong activist always eager to get things done. Early in his term, he was impatient for change, and at first, was not always easy to work with. But now, working together with fellow city leaders and community members, he's accomplished much, collaborating to:

**Improve the lives of Portland's workers and families**

- Established **paid sick leave** for Portland workers.
- Ensured a **\$15 minimum wage** and paid family leave for full-time City workers.
- Provided discounted downtown parking for low-income late shift workers.
- Implemented the new **"text to 911"** system so hearing impaired people or people who can't safely talk in an emergency can get help.

And now he's working to protect low-wage workers from unpredictable work schedules that disrupt their lives.

**Provide concrete plans to address Portland's housing and homeless crisis**

- Adding \$30 million in **housing and homeless services**.
- **Funding new affordable housing** with construction excise tax.

Steve is fighting to require developers to **build affordable units** as part of new housing construction, and **end improper evictions** by providing "Just Cause" protections for renters.

**Steve is taking action addressing climate change**

- Converted streetlights to LED lights, saving millions and reducing carbon emissions.
- Made investments making it safer and easier for people to **walk, bike, or take transit** instead of driving, reducing congestion and emissions.

**LEADERS WE TRUST SUPPORT STEVE**

Mayor-Elect **Ted Wheeler** and Portland City Commissioners **Nick Fish** and **Dan Saltzman** support Steve because they want an effective partner on Council.

Steve is also endorsed by:

**Oregon League of Conservation Voters**  
**Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC Green light**  
U.S. Senators **Jeff Merkley** and **Ron Wyden**  
House Speaker **Tina Kotek**  
Representative **Lew Frederick**  
**Storm Large**  
**Portland Firefighters Association, IAFF Local 43**  
**SEIU 49**  
**AFSCME Local 189**  
**UFCW Local 555**

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# CITY OF TROUTDALE

## Mayor



### CASEY RYAN

**OCCUPATION:** Senior Vice President, Banking

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Manufacturing Production Supervisor; Bank Branch Manager

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Oregon State University, B.S. (Sociology)

**Prior Government Experience:** None

Troutdale is a hidden gem, and it is time for it to shine for all of East County.

We have good people, the gorge, a beautiful downtown, a world renowned sculptor, public art, a strong park system, an airport and industrial land available to create permanent, family-wage jobs for us and our children. We cannot let these resources stagnate.

I have a vision for the future of our town and together we can accomplish it.

**Imagination Station:** Rebuild it right away and allow residents and local businesses to help. Volunteers built it and want to restore it. We shouldn't stop them.

**Job Creation:** The City should support and promote new jobs in the industrial area around the airport, in our downtown and in the Urban Renewal District. We need these local jobs in order to prosper and our City services need the tax revenues that these developments deliver. Residents cannot shoulder this burden alone.

**Public Safety:** Our officers and firefighters risk their lives to protect us. I will fully support them and will make sure that our Sheriff's contract continues to provide the support and training they need to keep us safe.

**Civility:** In our public meetings, the public and elected officials will treat each other with dignity and respect. Disagreement shows healthy thinking, but our town has no time for accusations, rudeness, or smears. Our community is better than that.

We have big things to accomplish and I am committed to this vision for our future. I ask for your vote in this election.

[www.electcaseyryan.com](http://www.electcaseyryan.com)

**Endorsements:**

Scott Anderson, Former Troutdale Police Chief  
West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce  
Diane McKeel, Multnomah County Commissioner  
Doug Daoust – Mayor of Troutdale  
Ted Tosterud, Mayor of Fairview  
Mayor Patricia Smith Wood Village  
Bess R. Wills, East County Business Owner

*(This information furnished by Friends of Casey Ryan)*

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## Mayor



### RICH ALLEN

**OCCUPATION:** Engineer, Microchip

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Business Owner; Sr. Analyst, On Semiconductor

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Cascade HS, General Studies, Diploma;

Sno-Isle Vocational, Circuit design / Programming, Certificate; USAF/ANG, Radar / Telecommunications, Certificate; Various Schools, Sciences / Engineering

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Troutdale City Council; Citizens Advisory Committee; Budget Committee; Multnomah County Transportation Committee; Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization; Precinct Committee Person.

I'm ready to be your mayor:

- **Accessibility:** I've gained knowledge by listening to people like yourself. For any subject that's come before council, I've found that people in our town have relevant experiences and expertise to share. I will continue to listen.
- **Process:** The mayor controls the agenda and the conduct of the meetings. Without good process, you're not going to have good decision making, and people like yourself will feel left out of their own government. Good process is the key to results we can all be proud of.
- **Knowledge:** New people are going to make mistakes no matter how well intentioned they may be. Government is a minefield of requirements and rules. Years of volunteering for committees and council have prepared me to be mayor.
- **Quality of Life:** I always support the quality of life we enjoy here in Troutdale. We all moved here for a reason. Having the city run efficiently and effectively benefits us all.
- **Fairness:** I will not allow anyone to use their friends and influence to effectively control the outcome of a process that they will personally benefit from at the expense of people like you.
- **Future:** Our future is bright. I've worked with colleagues at all levels of government to bring economic opportunities to and around Troutdale.

**Endorsements:**

Glenn White, Troutdale City Councilor;  
Zach Hudson, Troutdale Citizens Advisory Committee Chair;  
Corey Brooks, Troutdale City Councilor;  
Mike Weatherby, Fairview City Councilor;  
Saul Pompeyo, Ristorante di Pompello;  
Jean Ice – real estate Principal Broker;  
Marilee Thompson, Troutdale Historical Society Treasurer;  
Spiro K. Sasselos owner of SKS Development Inc.;  
Len Otto;  
Sue Handy;  
Greg Handy;  
Mark Kelsey – "IT's TIME";  
Jon Brown, member PSAC, CAC

*(This information furnished by Rich Allen)*

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# CITY OF TROUTDALE

## Council, Pos 2



### COREY BROOKS

**OCCUPATION:** VP of Client Success, Digital Marketing Agency

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Associate Area Manager – Print and Digital Marketing, United States Marine Corps, Oregon Army National Guard

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Rogue CC;

MHCC, political science.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Troutdale Parks Advisory Committee, Troutdale Budget Committee, Current Troutdale City Councillor.

I'm **Corey Brooks**, and I'm running to continue to serve you, the citizens of Troutdale. I have shown my willingness to volunteer for my city. I pledge honest hard work, something I learned serving my country in the Marines and my state in the Oregon Army National Guard.

#### Troutdale, Oregon – Our Home

Troutdale is where each of us chose to live and raise our families. As your current city councillor, and as a citizen who chose to live in this beautiful little city, I ask for your vote to keep my independent voice on the council.

#### My Promise to You...

I will always listen to all sides, ask questions, do my research and vote for what is in the best interest of Troutdale citizens. Let's work together to responsibly increase job growth, maintain Troutdale's livability, enhance public safety, keep costs down and keep our city thriving, not just for us, but for the future.

**I pray that I can earn your vote this November and we can get back to work.**

I'm representing you. Just ask my supporters listed here.

- **Taney Staffenson** - Troutdale Budget Committee Chair, Troutdale Planning Commission Chair
- **Zach Hudson** - Troutdale Citizens Advisory Committee Chair
- **Marilee Thompson** - Troutdale Historical Society Treasurer
- **Jean Ice** - Real Estate Principal Broker
- **Glenn White** - Troutdale City Councillor
- **Rich Allen** - Troutdale City Councillor
- **Dave Ripma** - Troutdale City Councillor, Council President
- **Karylenn Echols** - Gresham City Councillor
- **Jon Brown** - Public Safety Advisory Committee, Citizens Advisory Committee
- **Spiro Sassalos** - Owner of SKS Development Inc
- **Saul Pompeyo** - Owner of Ristorante di Pompello

**VOTE COREY BROOKS FOR TROUTDALE COUNCIL**

[www.coreybrooksfortroutdale.com](http://www.coreybrooksfortroutdale.com)

*(This information furnished by Corey Brooks)*

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## Council, Pos 2



### RANDY LAUER

**OCCUPATION:** Union Laborer/Utility Worker

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Utility Worker; Small Business Owner; Gresham Running Club; Volunteer CrossFit/Youth Athlete Coach; 3-46 GRIT CrossFit

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Gresham

High School; Mount Hood Community College; Portland Community Colleges

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** 13+ years Public Works; Gresham-R.A.D. Committee

I want to bring the City's focus back to what is important - the people. Troutdale is experiencing fast-paced growth. I understand we must plan for the future livability of our city. Through community awareness and citizen involvement, we can make Troutdale the place to live, work, and raise a family.

#### As councilman, I'm committed to:

##### NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

- Supporting the work of East Metro Gang Enforcement Team (EMGET) to keep our streets safe from gang violence.
- Prioritizing first-responders in the City's budget.
- Working with Reynolds School District to educate and protect children from the dangers of Human Trafficking that's impacting our community.

##### BUSINESS AND JOB GROWTH

- Supporting the growth of small businesses that create living-wage jobs with benefits.
- Building positive business relationships with local chambers of commerce and neighboring cities.
- Promoting a "shop local" campaign to increase prosperity for Troutdale businesses.

##### LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

- Investing in our public works department, road maintenance, and critical infrastructure projects that families in Troutdale can rely on to be fully operational and safe to use.
- Remembering simple things like street lights that work, safe and clean parks, and a functioning recreation program. These basic necessities help create a secure community for everyone.
- Focusing on the growth and success of Mount Hood Community College to ensure our neighbors can connect to career-minded programs that pay family wages.

**AREA LEADERS AGREE– Randy Lauer is the clear choice for Troutdale!**

##### Proudly Endorsed By:

Doug Daoust, Troutdale Mayor  
 Shane T Bemis, Gresham Mayor  
 Pat Smith, Wood Village Mayor  
 Ted Tosterud, Fairview Mayor  
 Diane Mckeel, Multnomah County Commissioner  
 Chief Scott Anderson (RET), Troutdale Police  
 Amanda Schroeder, OR AFL-CIO EBoard

Please visit [www.electrandylauer.com](http://www.electrandylauer.com), or call me at (503) 912-8877

*(This information furnished by Randy Lauer)*

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# CITY OF TROUTDALE

## Council, Pos 4



### GLENN WHITE

**OCCUPATION:** Truck Driver & Mechanic (Retired)- Sunshine Dairy

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Boeing Food Service Director; Tad's Chicken 'n Dumplings; Regional Manager Casa Lupita Restaurants; Corporate Trainer Ponderosa

#### EDUCATIONAL

**BACKGROUND:** Business Administration, Green River Community College

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Current Troutdale City Councilor; Fire Board; Troutdale's Open for Business Committee; Budget Committee; Citizens Advisory Committee; Troutdale River Safety Committee

#### Councilor Glenn White: Putting Citizens First

I care about the people of Troutdale and truly understand that Troutdale is a special, beautiful, little town in large part because of past and present caring: volunteers, committees, thoughtful developers, business owners, nonprofits, and city employees who choose to be here.

In all decisions concerning Troutdale and its citizens, I am known for fighting for an open process that includes: truthfully informing you (pros and cons), justification of expenses, a thorough budget review, committee involvement, allowing your voice to be heard, effective decision making and giving you enough time to participate.

- We have the lowest utility rates in East Multnomah County, let's keep it that way!
- I will continue to stand against efforts to create a parks district that will give away control of our parks and increase the cost to live here.
- I will continue to put you and our livability first, when working with regional neighbors.
- I will advocate for a city calendar to encourage more public participation.

Thanks for your support. This election, there are a few good volunteers that serve and advocate selflessly, without ceasing to represent you.

**Let's continue to work together to enhance Troutdale's livability, safety, parks, economic development, health and community!**

#### Vote Glenn White

971-320-9000

#### ENDORSEMENTS:

Rich Allen, Troutdale City Councilor  
 Corey Brooks, Troutdale City Councilor  
 Zach Hudson, Troutdale Citizens Advisory Committee Chair  
 Tanney Staffenson, Troutdale Planning Commission Chair  
 Brian Sheets, Troutdale Budget Committee Vice-Chair  
 Jon Brown, member of PSAC, CAC  
 Ryan McNaughton, Business Owner  
 David Ripma, Troutdale City Councilor

Saul Pompeyo, Ristorante di Pompello  
 Jean Ice, Real Estate Principal Broker  
 Eugenia Terzis, Business Owner

Dave Flood  
 Len Otto

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## Council, Pos 4



### ROBERT CANFIELD

**OCCUPATION:** Fleet/Lease Transportation, ADESA Portland

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Training/ Project Management, Canfield Communications; Telecommunications Project Analyst, OHSU; Co-Owner, Bullseye Secretarial Service Inc; Account Manager, AT&T; Area Representative, CWA

Local 7901.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Portland Community College, Legal Assistant, A.S. Legal Assistant; Portland State University, History.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Troutdale City Council, 2004-2008; Troutdale Urban Renewal Agency, 2006-08; Troutdale Budget Committee, 2004-2010; 2016-present.

Troutdale's budget director has continually warned Troutdale is running out of money. The city council and the budget committee continue to ignore him. If you don't want Troutdale to spend more of your money than we take in, VOTE ROBERT CANFIELD.

Troutdale parks need more money. We'd have more money if everyone paid their fair share of taxes. Troutdale businesses told the city they're ok paying their fair share. The only people against business paying their fair share is the council and budget committee. If you want EVERYONE to pay their fair share of taxes, VOTE ROBERT CANFIELD.

In Troutdale, small business has a tough time dealing with the city. Permits are hard to get. Applications sometimes sit on someone's desk for months. If you want to make sure Troutdale is "easy to do business with", VOTE ROBERT CANFIELD.

Troutdale's city council voted to give tax breaks for a now-cancelled natural gas-fired power plant. It would have polluted Troutdale and the Columbia River Gorge. If you want CLEAN ENERGY businesses in Troutdale, VOTE ROBERT CANFIELD.

If you want someone who will provide much needed leadership, who will professionally and respectfully represent all Troutdale residents and businesses, VOTE ROBERT CANFIELD.

Endorsements: State Rep. Chris Gorsek; Doug Daoust, Mayor of Troutdale; Ted Tosterud, Mayor of Fairview; Donna Erwin; Terry & Jodi Smoke, Troutdale General Store; West Columbia Gorge Chamber of Commerce; Tami Tlustos-Arnold.

*(This information furnished by Robert Canfield)*

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## CITY OF TROUTDALE

## Council, Position 6


**ZACH  
HUDSON**

**OCCUPATION:** Teacher,  
Reynolds High School

**OCCUPATIONAL  
BACKGROUND:** Teacher,  
Mount Hood Community  
College, ITT Technical  
Institute, Corbett High School  
and Gresham High School

**EDUCATIONAL  
BACKGROUND:** Portland  
State University, M.Ed

King Alfred's College, BA and MA

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Troutdale Budget  
Committee, 2010 – 2016 Troutdale Citizens Advisory  
Committee, 2010 – 2016

I teach math at Reynolds High School, where I help prepare our next generation for success. I serve on the Troutdale Budget Committee, where I have advocated for using our city's resources wisely. I chair the Troutdale Citizens' Advisory Committee, where I have helped voice the concerns of the people of Troutdale to their elected leaders. I have helped organize the Troutdale SummerFest, which brings our community together and encourages other people to visit our city.

**I hope to continue this work as a member of Troutdale's City Council.**

Here are my priorities:

- Increasing transparency and public interaction with the City Council by keeping the public informed and creating a welcoming environment at Council meetings.
- Promoting small business and development by increasing efficiency and responsiveness to the needs of local businesses. A healthy business community helps us all.
- Protecting infrastructure and services while working toward a balanced budget, and building up reserves for future emergencies.
- Maintaining good regional relationships without losing our independence. We can do amazing things when we work with other cities, the county, and Metro.
- Guiding Troutdale successfully through the Urban Renewal process.

**I am honored to have been endorsed by:**

State Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson  
State Representative Chris Gorsek  
State Representative Carla Piluso  
Rich Allen, Troutdale City Council  
Dave Ripma, Troutdale City Council  
Glenn White, Troutdale City Council  
Corey Brooks, Troutdale City Council  
Susie Jones, Mt. Hood Community College Board Chair  
Nell Simien, Troutdale Parks Committee  
Carol Allen, Troutdale Parks Committee  
Victoria Rizzo, City of Troutdale Budget Committee  
Carol Hasler, Troutdale Budget Committee and Citizens Advisory Committee  
Paul Wilcox, Troutdale Citizens Advisory Committee  
Marilee Thompson, Troutdale Historical Society Treasurer  
Donna Erwin, owner, Columbia River Gallery

[www.electzachudson.com](http://www.electzachudson.com)

*(This information furnished by Zach Hudson)*

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for accuracy by Multnomah County.

## Council, Position 6


**JOHN L  
WILSON**

**OCCUPATION:** Account  
Executive, The Gresham  
Outlook.

**OCCUPATIONAL  
BACKGROUND:** 42 years in  
sales, marketing, budgeting  
and planning.

**EDUCATIONAL  
BACKGROUND:** California  
Coast University,  
Management, Bachelors.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Troutdale City  
Council 2012-Present; Troutdale Budget Committee 12 years;  
Troutdale Riverfront Renewal Committee, Vice Chair.

We moved to Troutdale I'm sure for the same reasons you did. Small town feel, affordable housing, low crime, dedicated and responsive police, fire and medical services, and quality of life.

As a City Councilor I've been **Working for You:**

I advocated for partnerships with other cities to get the most out of our taxes. If **collaboration** is important to you **Vote John Wilson.**

I authored a resolution committing funds to pay off the Troutdale Police Building bond. If **cutting taxes** is important to you and your family **Vote John Wilson.**

I passed a resolution to help lower the cost of building new homes in Troutdale. This helps to make them more affordable. If this is important to you **Vote John Wilson.**

I have fought to better fund of our Parks (**Including Imagination Station**) while others on the budget committee have made cuts. If better **Parks funding** is important to you **Vote John Wilson.**

I took on the establishment to end the big business subsidy for storm water runoff. While some would rather subsidize big business I supported economic equality. If you feel everyone should pay their fair share **Vote John Wilson.**

I championed government reforms as a member of the City Organization Review Subcommittee. If **transparency and public interaction** are important to you **Vote John Wilson.**

"One Troutdale Councilor led the fight to cut taxes for Troutdale Residents, that was John Wilson" - **Taxpayer Association of Oregon.**

Endorsements: Doug Daoust, Mayor of Troutdale; Chris Gorsek, State, Representative; Diane McKeel, Multnomah County Commissioner; Shirley Craddick, Metro Councilor; Ted Tosterud, Mayor of Fairview Tamie Tlustos-Arnold, Mt Hood C.C. Board of Directors; Michael Calcagno, MHCC School Board Trustee

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# CITY OF TROUTDALE

Council, Position 6



## JOHN P SUNSERI

**OCCUPATION:** Corporate  
Finance Officer

**OCCUPATIONAL  
BACKGROUND:** Carpenter,  
Business Owner

**EDUCATIONAL  
BACKGROUND:** Central  
Catholic HS, Diploma; Portland  
State University, B.S., Finance;  
MHCC, Business, A.A.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** None

I've lived in East County for many years. I am asking for your vote if you believe as I do that the City Council is entirely broken. We need new people on Council to stop the bickering and the endless focus on conspiracy theories.

I bring a business background and long term focus to the Council. I have accepted no endorsements because it is time for someone who has not already committed to voting with a block of other council candidates. I will consider every issue independent of personalities and without bias, focusing only on what is best for our entire town and our future. No other council or the Mayor will be able to pressure me to vote with them because I accepted their endorsement.

I do not intend to post signs or raise campaign contributions for this campaign. We have enough of that already. I know people read the Voter's Pamphlet; that should be enough in a city race.

I support a balanced budget for our City so that we aren't spending reserves every year. I do not know how anyone currently serving on the budget committee can expect to be on Council considering how long the budget has not been balanced. We are spending too much.

We shouldn't still be renting a City Hall after our original building was closed as unsafe. I will not vote in favor of a tax increase or new to build a City Hall. There is enough money already in the budget to pay off a loan.

I support Urban Renewal because the voters passed it and it's time for Council to respect that. Just get it done.

Lastly, our parks maintenance is being neglected. I will fight for that to change for the better.

Please Vote for Sunseri!

*(This information furnished by John Sunseri)*

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for accuracy by Multnomah County.



# Extended Hours

## Multnomah County Elections Office

1040 SE Morrison St  
Portland OR 97214

### Normal office hours

8 AM – 5 PM

Monday - Friday

### Voter Registration Deadline

#### Extended Hours \*

Tues. Oct. 18

8 AM – 7 PM

### Extended Election Office Hours \*

Wed. Nov. 2

8 AM – 7 PM

Thur. Nov. 3

8 AM – 7 PM

Fri. Nov. 4

8 AM – 7 PM

Sat. Nov. 5

10 AM – 2 PM

Mon. Nov. 7

8 AM – 7 PM

\* These extended hours apply only to  
Multnomah Co. Elections Office.

### Always open on Election Day

Tues. Nov. 8

7 AM – 8 PM

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# MULTNOMAH COUNTY

## Measure 26-181

Referred to the people by the Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee.

### BALLOT TITLE

**Amends charter, extends term limits to three consecutive terms**

**Question:** Should charter be amended to extend term limits to three consecutive four-year terms in any one office in 16 years?

**Summary:** The current Charter limits elected officers to two full consecutive four-year terms in any one elective county office in a 12 year period. The proposed amendment would allow elected officers to serve up to three full consecutive four-year terms in any one elective county office within a period of 16 years. The Charter would retain the provision stating that if an officer is elected or appointed to an elective county office for a term of less than four years, the time served does not count against the limitation on terms within any 16-year period.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The current Charter limits elected officers to two full consecutive four-year terms in any one elective county office in a 12 year period. The proposed amendment would allow elected officers to serve up to three full consecutive four-year terms in any one elective county office within a period of 16 years. The Charter would retain the provision stating that if an officer is elected or appointed to an elective county office for a term of less than four years, the time served does not count against the limitation on terms within any 16-year period.

Submitted by  
Jacqueline A. Weber  
Deputy County Attorney  
Multnomah County

**NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OR OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

# MULTNOMAH COUNTY

## Measure 26-182

Referred to the people by the Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee.

### BALLOT TITLE

**Amends charter, commissioners may run for Chair midterm without resigning.**

**Question:** Should charter be amended to allow commissioners to run for Chair mid-term without resigning their current elected office?

**Summary:** The current Charter provides that if an elected official files to run for another elective office midterm they effectively resign their office on the date they file for another office. The only exception occurs in the last year of an elective term. Filing for another office in the last year of an elective term does not constitute resignation. The proposed amendment allows a county commissioner to run for county chair midterm without resigning their current elected office, and clearly specifies that no other elected official may run for another elective office midterm without resigning.

A county commissioner running for an elected office midterm other than the chair's office will remain subject to the resignation provision. Similarly, the chair, auditor, and sheriff – the three other elected officials in the county – must resign their office if they run for another elective office midterm, unless they do so in the last year of their elective term.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The current Charter provides that if an elected official files to run for another elective office midterm they effectively resign their office on the date they file for another office. The only exception occurs in the last year of an elective term. Filing for another office in the last year of an elective term does not constitute resignation. The proposed amendment allows a county commissioner to run for county chair midterm without resigning their current elected office, and clearly specifies that no other elected official may run for another elective office midterm without resigning.

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Submitted by  
Jacqueline A. Weber  
Deputy County Attorney  
Multnomah County

**NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OR OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

# MULTNOMAH COUNTY

## Measure 26-183

Referred to the people by the Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee.

### BALLOT TITLE

**Amends Charter, changes elected sheriff position to appointed department head.**

**Question:** Shall the Charter be amended to change from an elected to an appointed sheriff, effective January 1, 2019?

**Summary:** The office of sheriff is currently an elected position. This measure proposes to change the office to an appointed position effective January 1, 2019. The sheriff would be appointed in the same manner as other county department heads, and serve as the head of the sheriff's department. Currently the charter provides that the county chair has sole authority to appoint, order, direct and discharge administrative officers of the county, including department heads. Appointment of department heads is subject to consent of a majority of the board of county commissioners. The sheriff would continue to perform all functions of a county sheriff as prescribed by state law and continue to have sole administration of all county jails and correctional institutions. Because the sheriff would no longer be an elected official, the sheriff would not: (1) be required to be an elector of Multnomah County; (2) be subject to term limits or other requirements unique to elected officials; (3) have a salary set by the salary commission.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The office of sheriff is currently an elected position. This measure proposes to change the office from an elected position to an appointed position effective January 1, 2019. The position of sheriff would be appointed in the same manner as all other county department heads within the county. Currently the charter provides that the county chair has sole authority to appoint, order, direct and discharge administrative officers of the county, including department heads. Appointment of department heads is subject to the consent of a majority of the board of commissioners. The sheriff would serve as the head of the sheriff's department. An appointed sheriff would continue to perform all functions of a county sheriff as prescribed by state law and continue to have sole administration of all county jails and correctional institutions.

This amendment also requires an amendment to Charter section 4.30 relating to compensation of elected county officials. As an elected official, the compensation of the sheriff is set by the Salary Commission. As an appointed official, the salary of the sheriff would be set in the same manner as all department heads of the county.

The sheriff would no longer be subject to the qualifications required of elected officials, meaning the sheriff would not have to be an elector of the county and would not be required to be eligible to be bonded.

Submitted by  
Jacqueline A. Weber  
Deputy County Attorney  
Multnomah County

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### ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

#### Don't Surrender Your Voice.

The Multnomah County Sheriff is your elected voice for law enforcement. As an elected leader the Sheriff is accountable to you, the voters, instead of being controlled by a county board of commissioners.

A "no" vote means voters will retain the right to elect our sheriff.

"We need a sheriff who is independent and accountable. Don't give up your right to make that choice. Join me in voting NO."  
**– Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill**

Community leaders know how important it is to have a sheriff that is directly accountable to the people.

"I strive to earn your trust and your vote every day by working hard to protect and serve this community. I work for you, not an appointment from elected officials. Join me in voting no to keep it that way." **Multnomah County Sheriff Mike Reese**

"I have been a champion for excellence in law enforcement for many years. I believe we should not surrender our voice as voters in favor of trusting politicians." **– Robert Ball**

Some of the community leaders and elected officials are voting no on M 26-183

Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill  
 Multnomah County Commissioner Diane McKeel  
 Multnomah County Sheriff Mike Reese  
 Former Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Schrunk  
 Former Multnomah County Sheriff Fred Pearce  
 Robert Ball  
 Shannon Pullen, Community Mental Health Advocate  
 Doreen Binder, Former Executive Director Transitions Projects Inc.

*(This information furnished by Don't Surrender Your Voice)*

### ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

#### Join Community and Elected Leaders in Voting No on M26-183

In 1967 voters in our community lost the right to elect their sheriff. Over the next ten years county politicians hired and fired sheriffs and put public safety at risk with some very bad choices for the county's top law enforcement officer. Let's not repeat that mistake.

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office plays an important role in promoting public safety throughout the county. This includes community policing for the cities of Troutdale, Wood Village, and Maywood Park.

"The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office provides the law enforcement for the City of Troutdale. We value having an independently elected sheriff leading the men and women who serve and protect our community. Please join us in voting No on M 26-183."

**- Troutdale Mayor Doug Daoust & Troutdale City Councilor Larry Morgan**

"The residents of Maywood Park depend on the Sheriff's office to keep our community safe. Having an elected Sheriff gives us a voice in the selection and accountability of our law enforcement leadership." **– Maywood Park Mayor Mark Hardie**

Our county sheriff should be directly accountable to the people. Only an election guarantees that the Multnomah County Sheriff will have to appear at public forums and address our concerns. An appointed sheriff need only be responsive to the politician who arranged their appointment.

Leaders across Multnomah County know how important a strong public safety leader is to the livability and safety of our community. Please join us and other community leaders in voting no on this measure.

Gresham Mayor Shane Bemis  
 Maywood Park Mayor Mark Hardie  
 Fairview Mayor Ted Tosterud  
 Troutdale Mayor Doug Daoust  
 Troutdale City Councilor Larry Morgan  
 Wood Village Mayor Patricia Smith  
 Multnomah County Sheriff, Retired Bob Skipper  
 Matt Miller, Gresham Business Leader  
 Lila Leathers, Gresham Business Leader

*(This information furnished by Don't Surrender Your Voice)*

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Referred to the people by the Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee.

### BALLOT TITLE

#### Limits contributions, expenditures, requires disclosure in Multnomah County candidate elections.

**Question:** Should charter require limit contributions, certain funding disclosures, expenditures by individuals and certain entities to support/oppose candidates for county offices?

**Summary:** Creates charter provision, implemented by county ordinance, operative September 2017:

1. Limits Contributions, Expenditures to support or oppose Candidates for Multnomah County elected offices:
  - Limits Contributions received by Candidate, Candidate Committee per Election Cycle to:
    - from any Individual: \$500
    - from any Political Committee: \$500
  - Allows formation of Small Donor Committees, limits Contributions they may accept to \$100 or less per Individual person per year. No limits on a Small Donor Committee's Contributions to Candidates or Independent Expenditures.
  - Requires Entity that spends more than \$750 per election cycle on Independent Expenditures register as a Political Committee, requires reporting of the sources of its funding.
  - Limits Independent Expenditures in any County Candidate race to:
    - \$5,000 per Individual
    - \$10,000 per Political Committee, but only from contributions by Individuals of \$500 or less per year
2. Requires each Communication (defined) to voters related to County Candidate Election prominently disclose five largest true original sources of funding (in excess of \$500) for the Communication.
3. Provides civil fine for violations. Includes definitions.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure creates a new Charter provision placing limitations on:

1. Contributions to political campaigns for candidates running for county elective offices.
2. Independent Expenditures in support or opposition to any Candidate for a county elective office.

The measure also requires that each Communication to voters related to a Multnomah County Candidate Election prominently disclose the five largest true original sources of funding (in excess of \$500) for the Communication.

The measure is to be implemented by county ordinance operative not later than September 1, 2017.

#### Provisions:

The measure:

1. Limits Contributions and Expenditures to support or oppose Candidates for public office in Multnomah County elections:
  - Limits Candidate or Candidate Committee to receiving only these Contributions per Election Cycle:
    - from any Individual: \$500
    - from any Political Committee: \$500
  - Allows formation of Small Donor Committees, which may accept contributions only in amounts of \$100 or less per Individual person per calendar year. Imposes no limits on a Small Donor Committee's contributions to Candidates or Independent Expenditures, as long as it complies with the \$100 per Individual per year limit on its incoming contributions.
  - Requires any entity that spends more than \$750 per Election Cycle on Independent Expenditures to register as a Political Committee, which requires reporting of the sources of its funding and its expenditures to the state ORESTAR system.
  - Limits Independent Expenditures in any Multnomah County Candidate race to:
    - \$5,000 per Individual
    - \$10,000 per Political Committee, but only from contributions to the Political Committee by Individuals of \$500 or less per Individual per calendar year
2. Requires that each Communication (defined) to voters related to a Multnomah County Candidate Election prominently disclose the five largest true original sources of Contributions and/or Independent Expenditures in excess of \$500 each that funded the Communication.
3. Violations are subject to a civil fine of not less than two and not more than twenty times the amount of the unlawful Contribution, Expenditure or Independent Expenditure.
4. Allows Individuals to make Contributions by payroll deduction, if the employer agrees or institutes payroll deductions for any other purpose.
5. Includes adjustments for inflation on January 1 of each odd-numbered year.
6. Includes a severability clause to preserve the operation of all constitutionally valid elements of measure, should any portion be judicially determined to be unconstitutional.

#### Definitions:

"Contribution" and "Expenditure" are defined in state law, with some exceptions added in this measure. State law defines "Political Committee", "Candidate", and "Candidate Committee". Other terms defined in the measure include: "Communication", "Election Cycle", "Entity", "Individual", "Membership Organization", "Small Donor Committee".

"Election Cycle" is defined generally is the period between elections for the same office, disregarding intervening primary, nominating, recall, or vacancy elections; a different period is used for recall and special elections for vacancies.

Submitted by  
Jacqueline A. Weber  
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Multnomah County

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Alliance for Democracy urges YES on 26-184 for limits on campaign contributions/expenditures and disclosure of true funders of county-level political campaigns.

Ten years ago Oregon voters approved limits on campaign contributions/expenditures and prominent disclosure of who funded political ads. The Secretary of State and Attorney General refused to enforce that measure, effectively overturning the will of the people.

Thus, Oregon has had no limits, one of only six such states. As a result, we have among the most expensive political races in the nation. Our political leaders should not be decided by who has the most money to spend; yet, in the vast majority of cases, that is exactly what happens.

Just in the past several weeks, we have read of contributions being given to Portland City Councilor Steve Novick from corporations and people with interests before the City Council.\* This is not unusual. While we don't know that these contributions (many of them \$5,000 each) influenced his decisions, we are left to wonder if decisions are made on the basis of merit or on the basis of who has made big contributions. We wonder if contributions are in fact bribery.

\*He has taken very large contributions from half a dozen real estate developers, rail car manufacturers, a steel company executive, and Nike.

We should not have to wonder; we should be able to trust that merit is the deciding factor.

Voters in Multnomah County now have the opportunity to enact limits and disclosure requirements for county level offices – county commissioner, auditor, district attorney, and sheriff. Measure 26-184 limits contributions to \$500 per individual per election cycle, limits the amounts of independent expenditures, and bans all corporate contributions and expenditures. Further, it requires political advertisements disclose the real identity of the top 5 funders of the ads.

We deserve HONEST ELECTIONS.  
We want limits on campaign contributions/expenditures.  
Vote YES on 26-184!

*(This information furnished by Alliance For Democracy)*

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Reclaim Democracy at Home

#### Get Big Money out of Politics

We had the honor of serving in the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee, convened every six years to refer amendments to the County Charter. We put Measure 26-184 on the ballot to give our neighbors the chance to enact meaningful campaign finance reform.

While the worst excesses occur at the national level, Multnomah County is not impervious to the rising tide of big money. The 2014 race for County Commission Chair set a record, with the winning candidate spending \$466,000. The future does not bode well, as Oregon is one of six states to place no limits on campaign contributions

**Reclaim our democracy.** We all want a government of, by and for the people. But right now, big money wields undue power. By limiting campaign contributions and independent expenditures, Measure 26-184 strikes a blow for democracy in Multnomah County.

**Get big money out.** Enough is enough with big money flooding our political system! This measure puts reasonable limits on campaign contributions and independent expenditures.

**Send a strong message: “money is not speech; corporations are not people.”** Measure 26-184 challenges the destructive U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Citizens United*.

**Remove obstacles** to running for office. Imagine a political system where a candidates with good ideas and strong messages can run viable campaigns, even if they are not wealthy or connected to moneyed interests.

**Strengthen small donors.** This measure allows the formation of “small donor committees” that have no spending limits, so long as all their money comes from donations of \$100 or less per person. This amplifies the voice of ordinary voters.

**Increase transparency and accountability.** Measure 26-184 requires that political advertisements disclose the real identity of its top funders, allowing voters to make better informed decisions.

**“Yes” on Measure 26-184 is a vote to reclaim democracy at home.**

Juan Carlos Ordóñez  
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*(This information furnished by Juan Carlos Ordóñez, Moses Ross, Liz Trojan)*

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### THESE OREGON GROUPS AND OREGONIANS SUPPORT “YES” ON MEASURE 26-184 FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

Democratic Party of Multnomah County  
Working Families Party  
Pacific Green Party  
Oregon Progressive Party  
Independent Party of Oregon

#### Community Organizations

Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)  
NAACP Portland Branch  
Unite Oregon  
Sierra Club of Oregon  
Portland Clean Air

Jobs with Justice - Portland Executive Committee  
Teamsters Local 206

Alliance for Democracy  
Bernie PDX  
First Unitarian Church, Economic Justice Action Group  
Health Care for All Oregon  
Move to Amend PDX  
Oregon Unitarian Universalist Voices for Justice  
Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility  
Portland Forward  
Represent Portland  
Utility Reform Project

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### Elected Officials

Brad Avakian, Oregon Labor Commissioner and the Democratic candidate for Secretary of State, stated his support for Measure 26-184 at the Charter Review Committee:

"For me campaign finance limits is partially about stopping the huge wash of wealth that drowns out voices but the other part of it for me which is why I think this is a smart proposal. . . I think it helps your public servants begin focusing on humanity again and not so much on where the next dollar is going to come from."

-- Brad Avakian June 28, 2016  
<http://mult.honest-elections.com/brad-avakian-testimony.html>  
(posted 9/11/2016)

Chip Shields State Senator

### Candidates for Elected Office

Chloe Eudaly	Portland City Council
Sharon Meieran	Multnomah County Commission
Amanda Schroeder	Multnomah County Commission
James Ofsink	Oregon Senate

### Individuals

Alex Linsker	Jim Kelly
Aneesah Furqan-Peace	J.E. (Jim) Robinson Jr.
Aram Andriesian	Jody Wiser
Audrey Gnich	John Vandermosten
William Michtom	Joyce Tsongas
Carolyn Leonard	Juan Carlos Ordonez
Cassidy Martinez	Layla Assem
Dan Meek	Liz Trojan
David Delk	Maigen Bergio
Emma Darden	Mims Rouse, Jr.
Glendora Claybrooks	Moses Ross
Hyung Nam	Rob Harris
Jamie Partridge	Ronald Buel
Jason Kafoury	Seth Woolley
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## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### GET BIG MONEY OUT OF MULTNOMAH COUNTY POLITICS

The Center for Public Integrity in November 2015 graded Oregon an overall "F" in systems to avoid government corruption. Oregon ranked 49th worst out of 50 states in control of "Political Financing," beating only Mississippi.

THE OREGONIAN [4/10/2010] reported that Oregon candidates raise and spend more in their campaigns for the Legislature, per capita, than in any state other than New Jersey. The amount spent on races for the Oregon Legislature has increased 10-fold over the past 20 years and by 50% since that OREGONIAN article.

Most of those races are not competitive, as one party holds an overwhelming registration advantage in the district. But the average spent in 2014 by each of top 10 Oregon Senate candidates rose to \$750,000; by each of the top 10 Oregon House candidates rose to \$684,000. Some candidates spent over \$70 per vote earned.

The same big money arms race has infected local races. This year Ted Wheeler raised and spent over \$1 million running for Mayor of Portland. In 2012 Charlie Hales raised and spent over \$1.7 million, mostly from large donors. Steve Novick is approaching \$500,000 for a seat on the City Council. Races for Multnomah County Commission are also costly. Deborah Kafoury's campaign spent \$466,000 in 2014 v. \$330,000

for her main opponent. This year candidates for district Commissioner seats have raised up to \$230,000 each to influence 1/4 of Multnomah County voters.

The largest corporate contributors in local races are typically property developers, construction companies, and health care corporations--all have high financial stakes in local government decisions.

We propose that Multnomah County join Seattle by adopting limits on political campaign contributions, which are in place for 90% of local governments in the United States. The limits we propose are the same as those adopted by voters in Seattle in 2015: candidates may not receive contributions larger than \$500 per person.

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## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### Strengthen democracy and advance racial equity

With Measure 26-184, Multnomah County has an opportunity to strengthen our democratic process and advance equity.

APANO has long sought to raise the voices of people of color, immigrant communities, and Oregonians of different backgrounds. But one of the biggest structural barriers to this has been the role of money in politics.

The lack of contribution limits has led to exponential increases in the cost of a campaign for elected office in Oregon. This creates a significant racial disparity, placing a disproportionate amount of power in the hands of a handful of millionaires. When one or two millionaires can pump major donations into campaigns, they undermine our basic democratic principles -- one person one vote. The most successful candidates often have wide networks of wealthy people financially supporting their campaigns.

This dynamic makes it very difficult for low-income communities and historically disenfranchised communities to have their voices heard equally in our political process. If you need to have a wealthy network to be a candidate, people who don't have that network struggle to run an effective campaign. Because many communities of color in Oregon do not have access to those networks, and experience higher rates of poverty, it is hard for a person of color to run for office.

Oregon is a diverse state, and it needs to have more diversity in its elected positions. By limiting campaign contributions, we can help to bring down the costs of running for office. That will allow young people, people of color, people from both low-income and rural communities, and people of different backgrounds to participate in our democracy by serving as candidates. Every community should be able to vote for a true representative in their government, who understands their experiences because they have also shared those experiences.

Rev. Joseph Santos-Lyons  
Executive Director  
Asian Pacific American  
Network of Oregon

*(This information furnished by Rev Joseph Santos-Lyons, Executive Director, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon)*

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Vote Yes on Multnomah County Ballot Measure 26-184

The Sierra Club is America's largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization, with more than 2.4 million members and supporters nationwide and more than 20,000 in Oregon. The Sierra Club works to safeguard the health of our communities, protect wildlife, and preserve our remaining wild places through grassroots activism, public

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education, lobbying, and litigation.

The Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club endorses Measure 26-184 because:

We believe it will result in the election of diverse candidates who are representative of the people of Multnomah County. This will lead to a more just and healthy society with greater respect for the environment.

Big money interests will no longer have disproportionate access to and influence on our elected officials and decision makers. The end result will be a government that is more attuned to the needs of Multnomah County residents, who overwhelmingly support environmental protection and environmental justice.

We believe Measure 26-184 will help bring about greater social and racial justice in Oregon's most populous and diverse county and it deserves the support of Multnomah County residents.

*(This information furnished by Sierra Club of Oregon)*

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### OREGON DOES NOT REQUIRE EFFECTIVE DISCLOSURE OF THE SOURCES OF BIG MONEY

#### "Independent Expenditures"

In Oregon it is easy to pay for political ads through a **501(c)(4) "dark money"** nonprofit corporation with a nice name. The corporation never has to identify where its money came from, making it impossible to identify the true source.

#### Direct Campaign Contributions

Even if the ad is purchased by the candidate's PAC, Oregon **does not** require that the ad identify the PAC or any of its sources of money. If the ad identifies the PAC, it is usually "Friends of Mary Jones [candidate name]."

Yes, you can look up on ORESTAR the contributions to the candidate's PAC, but those often come from other PACs, which in turn are funded by yet other PACs. Unlike most states, **Oregon allows unlimited PAC-to-PAC transfers**, which can be used to hide the true sources of the money.

Requiring the voter to spend hours on Internet research to find out the funding sources is not at all the same as revealing them directly in the political ad itself.

### TAGLINE REQUIREMENTS IMPACT ELECTION AND AIR QUALITY OUTCOMES

Taglines on candidate ads in Richmond, California foiled the massive attempt by Chevron, Inc. to take over Richmond leadership in 2014.

Accidents (including huge explosions) at the Chevron refinery in Richmond released toxic gases. Richmond City Council pushed for toxic controls and sued Chevron for damages resulting from a major fire in 2012 that sent thousands of Richmond residents to hospitals. Chevron decided to take over the city government by running candidates for mayor and city council in 2014. Chevron spent over \$3 million promoting its 4 candidates (\$281 per voter), outspending the environmentalist candidates, including Green Party members, by a factor of 50.

But California law required that the ads identify their major funder: **Chevron, Inc.**

**All of Chevron's candidates lost overwhelmingly. Air quality won.**

See [http://pdxcleanair.org/richmond\\_article](http://pdxcleanair.org/richmond_article)

### GREENS & PORTLAND CLEAN AIR SUPPORT YES ON 26-184

*(This information furnished by Portland Clean Air and Pacific Green Party)*

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### MEASURE 26-184 REQUIRES THAT POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS DISCLOSE THEIR BIG FUNDERS

The Pacific Green Party and Portland Clean Air jointly support 26-184 because real campaign transparency works for environmental causes.

Portland Clean Air publishes pollution maps and educates neighbors so they can fight back against pollution, but political pressure from shadowy campaign funders made it ridiculously difficult to get records from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

See [http://pdxcleanair.org/oregonian\\_article](http://pdxcleanair.org/oregonian_article)

Voters should know who are paying for political ads in order to judge credibility of the messages and so stop electing politicians beholden to corporate polluters.

Measure 26-184 requires that every political ad in a Multnomah County candidate race state, **in the ad itself, the 5 largest true, original sources of money** used to fund it.

Opponents of limits on campaign contributions often say that all the public needs is disclosure of the funders of the political advertisements. But such disclosure does not work well in Oregon.

Laws requiring that political advertisements identify their source are in place in 46 states. The Oregon Legislature repealed the law so requiring in 2001. **Here it is legal to do political ads and never identify their source or who paid for them.**

Federal law requires that ads on broadcast TV and radio at least identify their source, but even that can be the name of a nice-sounding committee or nonprofit corporation that tells you nothing about the real sources of the money.

The Corporate Reform Coalition (75 prominent organizations) in 2012 concluded that only 6 states have worse systems than Oregon for disclosing "independent expenditures" that pay for political ads. **Oregon earned an F**, while Washington got an A. Oregon has not improved since 2012.

Several states have adopted more stringent "tagline requirement" laws that mandate that political advertisements identify their true, original major sources of funding, including California, Washington, Connecticut and Maine.

Voters deserve to know who is providing the Big Bucks behind political ads.

### VOTE YES ON 26-184

*(This information furnished by Portland Clean Air and Pacific Green Party)*

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### VOTE YES ON 26-184 TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT

Multnomah County residents have recently become aware that our urban environment is not the green and healthy place that many believed it to be. The air shed is filled with unhealthy levels of toxic metals, our rivers are polluted, our children's drinking water is contaminated with lead, and dangerous fossil fuel infrastructure sits in seismic liquefaction zones where it can leak or explode -- especially in the event of a large earthquake.

Lax environmental regulation is at the core of these problems.

One major factor is that our government at all levels is unduly influenced by polluters who make large campaign contributions to the politicians they believe will protect their interests.

Here's how it works:

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- (1) environmental and public health laws are weak because big polluters have an undue influence in the political process;
- (2) regulators recognize this influence and are less aggressive in enforcing the already weak environmental rules; and
- (3) the apparent conflicts of interest reduce public confidence in government, and people stop expecting the government to protect public health and the environment.

Elected officials come to rely on campaign contributions in order to stay in office and adjust their regulatory priorities as to not upset big contributors. This undue influence filters down to the bureaus, departments, and agencies who are charged with administering our environmental rules. This “regulatory capture” is often why environmental rules are weakened and underenforced.

Examples include the failure of government to:

- require significant clean-up of toxic materials in the Willamette River at Portland Harbor
- protect our air from cadmium, arsenic, chromium, & lead emissions from local industries.

We can take an important step toward creating a government willing to protect the environment and public health based on the best available science, instead of looking out for the profits of polluters.

Please vote YES for 26-184 to move Multnomah County toward better environmental stewardship.

Nicholas Caleb  
Environmental Attorney

*(This information furnished by Nicholas Caleb)*

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

For too long our local democracy has been overshadowed by a handful of special interest lobbyists who are able to influence elections unduly.

Time and again throughout this year’s campaign, as members of BerniePDX would talk to members of the public about becoming involved in the political process, we would hear a sense of frustration and futility, a feeling that their voice would never be heard over the louder voices of lobbyists and big donors.

Our elections are often decided long before they ever reach the ballot box. And incredibly, in a state in which we pride ourselves on our progressive nature, we are lacking even basic protections like limits to the amount that a person or corporation can give.

What is needed, now more than ever, is a campaign-finance system that enables those in our electorate who would stand up and serve the interests of all our county’s citizens.

The members of BerniePDX believe that carrying the revolution forward will largely be determined by electing officials who are invested in the needs of the people and not just developers and investors, and this ballot measure can be the first step in creating a system in which every voice counts.

**BerniePDX**      [www.berniedpx.us](http://www.berniedpx.us)

*(This information furnished by Bernie PDX)*

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### Health Care for All-Oregon Action Supports 26-184

Health Care for All-Oregon Action aims to pass a 2020 ballot measure to implement an equitable, affordable, comprehensive, high quality, publicly funded universal health care system serving everyone in Oregon.

HCAO Action supports Multnomah County’s measure 26-184 limiting campaign contributions for candidate elections in the county. We recognize that a big reason for lack of universal

publicly funded healthcare up to now, which is supported by a majority in Oregon, is excessive money from corporations and wealthy individuals that candidates feel they need to win elections. The resultant influence is said by some in public debates to make the most effective and affordable approaches to health care “politically unrealistic.”

Measure 26-184 is a small step to limit the influence of big money in politics and policy making. It will improve public accountability in the county. It can help build momentum for wider reform, by offering a good example for other counties and the state of Oregon to follow.

HCAO Action has adopted principles of Universality, Equity, Accountability, Transparency, Participation, and health care as a Public Good. Measure 26-184 helps make candidate elections more equitable, by limiting the effect of wealth on candidate elections. It has specific requirements that increase transparency. If passed the measure may increase participation by giving ordinary voters more voice in elections. Increased transparency and participation will make officials more accountable to the public as a whole, rather than to wealthy donors.

HCAO Action urges Multnomah County voters to approve measure 26-184.

*(This information furnished by Health Care for All-Oregon Action)*

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Portland Jobs with Justice says, Vote Yes on Measure 26-184!

Jobs with Justice exists to fight abusive corporate power, by organizing labor and community members to support one another when we face specific struggles.

Such struggles are stacked against ordinary working people, because laws are influenced by big campaign donations from corporate interests and the rich.

Time and again in recent years Multnomah County residents have seen the effects of Oregon’s bad campaign finance laws that allow unlimited campaign contributions.

The Portland area faces a crisis of affordable housing. Real estate and developer interests use campaign money influence to get their way in local governments. State laws passed under the influence of big donations have denied local leaders tools used in other places to ensure dignified shelter for all and enough housing at fair rents and prices.

Unlimited campaign money likewise affects local ability to set fair minimum wages, to fund schools, to pay for services we need in our communities and families, and to keep our environment safe and healthy.

Jobs with Justice knows that such unfair money power often hits hardest people who have been marginalized and faced discrimination, including communities of color, women, LGBTQIA people, and low and middle wage workers.

Measure 26-184 limits the undue influence of money in Multnomah County elections. It is one step. Other steps are needed for other election units. But it is an important step.

Portland Jobs with Justice urges you to vote YES on Measure 26-184!

*(This information furnished by Portland Jobs with Justice)*

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Working people deserve an equal voice in politics. But Oregon has no law limiting campaign contributions to candidates or how much any person or corporation can make in “independent expenditures” to support or oppose candidates.

Having no limits lets corporations and rich people buy too much access and influence with elected officials.

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No limits also means that only people who can raise a lot of money have much chance to be elected.

### The current system is unfair to working people.

Measure 26-184 makes the rules fairer in county elections. Measure 26-184 puts reasonable limits on large donations by individuals and political committees. The measure allows small donors to work together in Small Donor Committees to have a bigger voice in elections. A Small Donor Committee can accept contributions only from individuals (and only \$100 or less per person per year) and can use all of those funds to support or oppose candidates in elections for Multnomah County officials. This is Grass-Roots Democracy.

Measure 26-184 also increases accountability. The measure requires that large donors and large "independent spenders" be named, right in the political ads that they fund. It requires that all expensive messages, such as t.v. and radio ads or fancy mailings, must say who the top five funders are, so the people can tell who is behind the messages. They must state the "true, original sources" of the money, not just the names of nice-sounding PACs or nonprofit corporations.

While Measure 26-184 only affects Multnomah County elections, it is part of a bigger movement. Voting Yes helps build momentum for more fairness in state and national election funding.

**We need to get big money out of politics.**

**We need more fairness in election funding.**

**Please vote Yes on Measure 26-184.**

-- Teamsters Local 206

*(This information furnished by Stan White, Teamsters Local 206)*

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

As a union member, I know how working class citizens struggle to be heard even on a local level. As a candidate facing an incumbent with millions in corporate contributions, I know what an uphill battle it is to be heard in elections regardless of how desperately voters seek an alternative. Passing the Honest Elections Measure will allow candidates supported by ordinary citizens to compete in Multnomah County elections on an equal footing with those supported by the big money interests.

By limiting campaign contributions and requiring more reporting of who pays for campaign communications, the Honest Elections Measure protects fairness and transparency in Multnomah County. Instead of spending their time asking for big campaign contributions, candidates will be able to spend more time talking with voters. This way, elected officials will better understand the needs of our community and will win democratically by prioritizing policy instead of peddling influence.

These are the reasons the Working Families Party and I have endorsed the Honest Elections Measure. Vote yes on 26-184 for a participatory democracy in Multnomah County.

*(This information furnished by Shanti Lewallan, candidate for US Senate)*

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### Fed up with Big Money Politics? Vote Yes on Measure 26-184

There is WAY too much money from too few people in politics today. Millionaires and billionaires shouldn't have a larger voice than anyone else when it comes to Oregon elections.

Measure 26-184 sets tough, fair limits on the amount of money anyone can contribute to a local candidate, PAC, or political party. Let's shut down the loopholes that big donors are using to secretly funnel huge amounts of money to influence public policy in Oregon, and let's force every campaign to disclose its

major donors right in their ads. Don't let big money drown out your voice. Vote YES on Measure 26-184.

### Ban SUPERPACS and Dark Money groups by voting YES on Measure 26-184

Under current law, wealthy interests can give unlimited amounts of money to so-called "independent" campaigns or secretive "non-profit" organizations that don't even have to disclose their donors. Those groups then fund attack ads and mailers that clog your mailbox, television and computer screen with slander and mudslinging.

Let's make local politics honest by making SuperPACS and other campaign organizations play by the same rules that individuals have to play by, with limited contributions promptly disclosed. Measure 26-184 would do that and require every political ad to identify its top 5 sources of funding.

### Make Multnomah County Officials Accountable to Ordinary Citizens

Even our local elected officials in Multnomah County raise most of their campaign funds from a small group of wealthy interests. After the election, those officials inevitably listen more to the big donors who funded their campaigns than they do to the rest of us.

We can change that by requiring all candidates to raise their campaign funds from small donations that come from a broad base of their constituents. That will ensure that everyone's voice is heard during campaigns. More importantly, it will make politicians accountable to their constituents, not big money interests.

**Vote YES on Measure 26-184.**

Barbara Dudley  
Jim Kelly

*(This information furnished by Barbara Dudley and Jim Kelly)*

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### The time for action is now; our democracy can't wait!

Honest Elections is one vital way that we can stand up and say that we, the people of Multnomah County, believe that elections should be about issues and engagement and not about connections to deep-pocketed donors.

I am currently a candidate for the Oregon Senate where in 2014 the **top 10 candidates spent an average of \$750,000 each on their campaigns**. This money is raised primarily from wealthy individuals and special interest groups.

This "affluence barrier" discourages many young people, poor people, and wage earners--who would be great representatives for their communities--from even participating in our political process.

When corporations pour tens of thousands of dollars into local elections it drowns out everyone else's voice.

For the last decade, I have worked in this community to strengthen our democracy through organizations like the League of Women Voters, Common Cause and City Club of Portland, where we encourage everyone to participate in our civic systems and try to ensure that every voice is heard.

As a leader with Hack Oregon, I have seen how much money flows through our political system, and it is shocking. The Behind the Curtain tool (<http://btc.hackoregon.org/>) tracks political donations showing that money often shuffles through several political action committees, which makes it difficult for the public to know who is buying political access and influence.

By the time we as voters see a postcard or billboard, we may have no way of knowing the large donors whose money paid for it. Measure 26-184 requires political ads to identify their top 5 original sources of funding. "Americans for Prosperity" would now be: "Paid for by the Koch Brothers."

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I am voting yes on 26-184, because Multnomah County can draw a line in the sand proclaiming to the country that we believe in a democracy of, by, and for the people and not of, by, and for the dollar.

*(This information furnished by Supporters of James Ofsink)*

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Big money from corporate interests, often hidden from public view, is corrupting our democracy and deciding who has access to power. All around the country, ordinary citizens are beginning to push back, demanding an equal voice for every voter.

It's time for Multnomah County residents to push back as well: by setting limits on political campaign contributions and "independent expenditures" and requiring that political advertisements identify their top 5 "true original sources" of campaign cash. That means disclosing to the public the corporations and individuals who are putting up the big money, not just nice-sounding names of PACs.

Oregon has lots of those, like the Oregonians for Food and Shelter PAC. Sounds very nice. But its money comes from corporations that produce chemicals, pesticides, and GMO seeds, including Monsanto and Dow, and logging companies.

Or the Good Neighbor Farmers PAC. That's really chemical corporations, including Monsanto, DuPont, Bayer (made GMO seeds that contaminated the U.S. rice supply in 2006), BASF, Dow, and other agri-corporations.

This two prong approach reduces the influence of special interests, while forcing them into the public eye. The effect this has on elections is simple: candidates listen to **all** their constituents, instead of a handful of wealthy donors. In communities across the country, regulations like these already work to return power to the people. They will work in Multnomah County too.

It is important we start here at the local level, instead of waiting for our elected officials to act. Legislators at the state and federal level are stalled on issues like these. Many politicians from both major parties are opposed to this type of reform. We can't expect the same people who benefit from this system to change it! That's why real change starts here and now, with ballot measures like these.

Please join Represent Portland in voting "YES" on 26-184!

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*(This information furnished by Aram Andriesian)*

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Big money dominates local elections, in part due to Oregon's lack of contribution limits. Contribution limits could help restore balance to local elections, allowing regular people to play a bigger role in determining who can run for public office, who can win, and what issues elected officials work on while in office.

In Portland's 2016 Mayoral race, big donors giving thousands of dollars each dominated the election, with just 400 donors giving nearly half a million dollars together. Regular people contributing tens of dollars each, and candidates who rely on regular people to support their campaigns, can not compete with the flood of money from big donors. By limiting the amounts each big donor can give, contribution limits would restrict big donors from overshadowing regular people.

The State Integrity Investigation of the Center for Public Integrity gave Oregon and "F" in systems to avoid

government corruption, and ranks Oregon 49th out of 50 states in "Political Financing" (only Mississippi scored worse). Contribution limits would be a first step towards improving the integrity of local elections.

*(This information furnished by Kristin Eberhard, Sightline Institute)*

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### CANDIDATES DO NOT NEED HUGE CONTRIBUTIONS IN ORDER TO RUN EFFECTIVE CAMPAIGNS

##### VOTE YES ON 26-184

Some opponents of campaign finance reform say that Measure 26-184's limits on political contributions would not allow candidates to run effective campaigns for public offices of Multnomah County.

Measure 26-184 limits candidates to receiving only contributions from individuals or PACs in the amount of \$500 each per election cycle.

**But similar limits have been in place for decades in 44 other states**, and candidates there are running effective campaigns. The difference is that those candidates need to contact more people who are not corporate executives or wealthy individuals. They have to contact more regular people, like us. That can be done, thanks to the internet.

Campaign contributions in Washington have been limited to \$600 per person per 2-year election cycle for a long time. Seattle last year reduced the limit to \$500 per person. Yet, politicians there raise funds and conduct effective campaigns there.

Many states limit contributions to \$600 or less per person per election cycle in all candidate races:

Alaska	\$ 500	Kansas	\$ 500
Colorado	\$ 200	Maine	\$ 375
Connecticut	\$ 250	Montana	\$ 170
Delaware	\$ 600	Wisconsin	\$ 500

Candidates for Multnomah County office can certainly conduct effective campaigns, funded by contributions capped at \$500 per person and per PAC.

**The Bernie Sanders campaign raised \$231 million from 7 million donations (from 2.7 million donors), an average of \$86 per donor (\$33 per donation).** It is now very fast and easy to make political contributions on the internet.

Also, Measure 26-184 provides for Small Donor Committees, which is any PAC that limits its incoming contributions to \$100 per year per individual. The Small Donor Committee can then spend all those funds to support or oppose candidates. So candidates can obtain significant financial support from grassroots organizations that receive only small contributions.

#### We call that Grassroots Democracy.

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### HOW IS MULTNOMAH COUNTY MEASURE 26-184 DIFFERENT FROM THE "PUBLIC FUNDING" OF CAMPAIGNS PROPOSAL BEING CONSIDERED BY THE PORTLAND CITY COUNCIL?

They are very different, but they could work well together in the future.

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Measure 26-184 limits campaign contributions and independent expenditures and requires that political ads identify their top 5 funders. The limits are:

- Contributions to candidates from individuals and political action committees: \$500 per election cycle (4 years)
- Contributions and "Independent Expenditures" by corporations: Zero
- "Independent Expenditures" by individuals: \$5,000 per election cycle (4 years)

It does not provide public funding to candidates. It applies to races for Multnomah County offices, including the County Commission, the District Attorney, the Sheriff, and the County Auditor.

Measure 26-184 is a ballot measure to be adopted, or rejected, by a vote of the people of Multnomah County.

#### City of Portland Public Funding of Campaigns Proposal

This is a proposal under discussion by the Portland City Council. It is not on this ballot.

The Portland proposal would not limit campaign contributions or independent expenditures. It would provide public funding for candidates for Portland City elected offices (Mayor, City Council and Auditor) by paying matching funds for every contribution of \$250 or less received by each participating candidate. It includes restrictions on which candidates qualify and requires each to agree to a cap on overall campaign spending:

Mayor	\$950,000
City Council	\$550,000

It is expected to cost about \$2 million per 2-year election cycle.

#### Learning for the Future

Both approaches to campaign finance reform have advantages over the present Oregon system of unlimited contributions, unlimited expenditures, and poor disclosure of the sources of campaign money.

If Measure 26-184 passes, and the Portland City Council adopts the public funding plan, we can learn from the implementation of both systems.

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### MEASURE 26-184 LIMITS "INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURES" IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY CANDIDATE RACES

#### Didn't the U.S. Supreme Court say that is unconstitutional in Citizens United (2010)?

Yes, the 5-4 majority in the U.S. Supreme Court, led by Justice Scalia, ruled in **Citizens United** in 2010 that limiting "Independent Expenditures" in political campaigns violated the U.S. Constitution.

**But that 5-4 majority is now gone** and is not likely to return in the coming years. The Court will almost certainly return to

its previous thinking, as when in 2003 it upheld the complete ban on "Independent Expenditures" by corporations and unions in campaigns for federal office (McCain-Feingold Act).

Measure 26-184 indeed limits independent expenditures in races for Multnomah County public office.

But the "Scalia Court" is gone. The next Justice will be appointed by President Obama or by President Hillary Clinton, who has stated many times that overturning **Citizens United** is a litmus test for any new Justice.

On April 14, 2016, she said at the CNN presidential primary debate:

"There is no doubt that the only people that I would ever appoint to the Supreme Court are people who believe that **Roe v. Wade** is settled law and **Citizens United** needs to be overturned."

So there will be at least a 5-4 majority to uphold limits on "Independent Expenditures" by the time Measure 26-184 gets to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The next President will probably replace 3 of the 5 members of the **Citizens United** majority. Clarence Thomas announced that he considering retirement, and Anthony Kennedy is 80 years old. Replacing them, and Scalia, with Obama/Clinton appointees would produce a 7-2 majority in favor of reversing **Citizens United** and similar decisions.

But it is necessary for the people to adopt limits on "Independent Expenditures" in order for that new law to be challenged and reach the U.S. Supreme Court. The people of Multnomah County can do that service for America.

Committee of Oregon Lawyers for Democracy  
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### ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

#### OREGON ELECTIONS ARE RIGGED BY BIG MONEY

#### LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY.

#### VOTE NO ON 26-184

With Oregon's unlimited political campaign contributions and spending (unlike 44 other states), the candidate who raises and spends the most money wins over 90% of the time.

Local races now cost upwards of \$1 million to win, sometimes almost \$2 million.

*THE OREGONIAN* [4/10/2010] said that Oregon candidates raise and spend more in their campaigns for the Legislature, per capita, than in any state other than New Jersey. And that amount has increased by over 50% since then.

Most of that money comes from huge contributions. Some corporate executives and wealthy persons write individual checks for \$300,000 or more to candidate campaigns in Oregon.

These huge contributions come from the elite leaders of our society. They know best who should serve in public office. And elected officials should indeed listen to them and act accordingly while in office.

#### POWER TO THE BEST PEOPLE WITH THE MOST MONEY!

In Oregon, the "best people" include timber company executives, commercial real estate developers, and leaders of multinational corporations.

As the distinguished leader, Donald J. Trump, said:

"As a businessman and a very substantial donor to very important people, when you give, they do whatever the hell you want them to do." (July 29, 2015)

"I gave to many people, before this, before two months ago, I was a businessman. I give to everybody. When

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they call, I give. And do you know what? When I need something from them two years later, three years later, I call them, they are there for me." (August 6, 2015)

"When I call, they kiss my ass." (January 9, 2016)

Talking Points Memo, September 6, 2016

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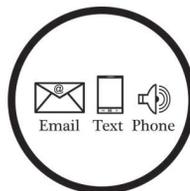
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# MULTNOMAH COUNTY

## Measure 26-185

Referred to the people by the Board of County Commissioners as recommended by the Multnomah County Charter Review Committee.

### BALLOT TITLE

#### **Amends charter review committee appointment process, sets appointment, convening timelines.**

**Question:** Shall Office of Citizen Involvement create charter review committee candidate pool, sets timelines for application, appointment, convening committee?

**Summary:** The Office of Citizen Involvement (OCI) will be responsible to inform residents of the county of the purpose of the charter review committee and the opportunity to serve on the committee, and will endeavor to produce a diverse pool of applicants to serve on the committee. The OCI will forward all applications to the appropriate State senator or representative. The current process for appointment to the committee by State senators and representatives representing senate districts located in Multnomah County will remain the same. The proposed amendment: 1) changes the date by which appointments to the committee must be made from August 30 to August 15; 2) adds a requirement that the committee convene its first meeting in September 2021, and every six years thereafter; 3) specifies OCI shall convene the meetings of the committee; 4) requires the board of county commissioners appropriate sufficient funds for OCI to carry out these duties; 5) removes requirement that vacancies on the committee be filled by the senator and representative who had the authority to make the original appointment.

The measure deletes the procedure for filling a vacancy, meaning the charter will not provide for filling a vacancy.

The measure adds two administrative requirements:

- 1) The committee must convene its first meeting in September 2021 and every six years thereafter; and
- 2) OCI shall convene the meetings of the committee.

The measure requires the board of county commissioners to appropriate sufficient funds for the OCI to carry out the duties specified.

Submitted by  
Jacqueline A. Weber  
Deputy County Attorney  
Multnomah County

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure proposes changes to Chapter 12.40 of the County Charter, which establishes the process for appointment of the members of the Charter Review Committee (CRC), and adds administrative requirements.

The measure adds five requirements to the appointment process: 1) requires the Office of Citizen Involvement (OCI) to inform residents of the County of the purpose of the CRC, and the opportunity to serve on the committee; 2) requires the OCI endeavor to produce a diverse pool of candidates; 3) requires OCI to begin accepting applications to serve on the CRC January 1, 2021, and every six years thereafter; 4) requires OCI to deliver any application to serve on the CRC to the state senator and/or state representative who represents the applicant by April 1, 2021, and every six years thereafter; 5) changes the date by which the state senators and representatives must make their appointments to the CRC from August 30 to August 15, 2021 and every six years thereafter.

**NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OR OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

# CITY OF FAIRVIEW

## Measure 26-176

### BALLOT TITLE

#### Prohibiting certain marijuana facilities in Fairview

**Question:** Shall Fairview prohibit marijuana researchers, medical marijuana processors, dispensaries, and grow sites; and recreational marijuana producers, processors, wholesalers, and retailers?

**Summary:** State law allows operation of: (1) registered medical marijuana processors, dispensaries, and grow sites; and (2) licensed recreational marijuana producers, processors, wholesalers, and retailers. The Fairview City Council has temporarily prohibited the listed marijuana facilities but is submitting this measure to the voters for their approval.

In addition, state law also allows certification of individuals who perform public and private marijuana research. The Fairview City Council would also like to present to the voters the prohibition of public and private marijuana research occurring in the City.

Approval of this measure would prohibit the establishment of medical marijuana processors, medical marijuana dispensaries, medical marijuana grow sites and recreational marijuana producers, recreational marijuana processors, recreational marijuana wholesalers, recreational marijuana retailers, and marijuana research facilities within the area subject to the jurisdiction of the city.

If approved, the city will be ineligible to receive distributions of state marijuana tax revenues and will be unable to impose a local tax or fee on the production, processing, or sale of marijuana or any product into which marijuana has been incorporated.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Approval of this measure would prohibit the establishment of certain marijuana activities and facilities within the city.

The Oregon Medical Marijuana Act, as amended by the Legislature in 2015, provides that the use, processing, dispensing, and growing of medical marijuana is legal statewide. The Oregon Health Authority registers medical marijuana processors, medical marijuana dispensaries, and medical marijuana grow sites. Medical marijuana processors compound or convert marijuana into concentrates, extracts, edible products, and other products intended for human consumption and use. Medical marijuana dispensaries facilitate the transfer of medical marijuana and medical marijuana products between patients, caregivers, processors, and growers. Medical marijuana grow sites are locations that produce medical marijuana for registry identification cardholders (i.e. those authorized to engage in the medical use of marijuana).

Measure 91, approved by Oregon voters in 2014 and amended by the Legislature in 2015 and 2016, provides that the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (Commission) will license recreational marijuana producers (those who manufacture, plant, cultivate, grow or harvest marijuana), processors, wholesalers, and retailers. The Commission also certifies public and private researchers of marijuana.

A city council may adopt an ordinance prohibiting the establishment of certain entities within the city, but pursuant to state law, the council must refer the prohibition of certain marijuana facilities to the voters at a statewide general election. The Fairview City Council has adopted an ordinance prohibiting the establishment of medical marijuana processors, medical marijuana dispensaries, medical marijuana grow sites, and recreational marijuana producers, processors, wholesalers, and retailers within the city and, as a result, has referred this measure to the voters. In addition, the Fairview City Council is also referring to voters the question of whether private or public marijuana research is allowed in the City.

If approved, this measure would prohibit (1) medical marijuana processors, dispensaries, and grow sites; (2) recreational marijuana producers, processors, wholesalers, and retailers; and (3) public and private marijuana research within the city.

Approval of this measure has revenue impacts. Currently, ten percent of state marijuana tax revenues will be distributed to cities to assist local law enforcement in performing their duties under Measure 91. If approved, this measure would make the city ineligible to receive distributions of state marijuana tax revenues.

Currently, under the 2015 legislation, a city may impose up to a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items by a marijuana retailer in the city. However, a city that adopts an ordinance prohibiting the establishment of medical marijuana processors and dispensaries, or recreational marijuana producers, processors, wholesalers, or retailers may not impose a local tax or fee on the production, processing, or sale of marijuana or any product into which marijuana has been incorporated. Approval of this measure would therefore prevent a city from imposing a local tax on those activities.

Submitted by:  
Heather Martin, City  
Attorney  
City of Fairview

**NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OR OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

# CITY OF GRESHAM

## Measure 26-186

### BALLOT TITLE

#### **Gresham Tax on the Sale or Transfer of Recreational Marijuana.**

**Question:** Shall Gresham impose a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana by a recreational marijuana retailer?

**Summary:** The Gresham City Council enacted an ordinance imposing a tax of three percent on the sale of marijuana in the city by a licensed recreational marijuana retailer. The ordinance must be referred to Gresham voters as required by State law.

Approval of this measure would impose a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana in the City of Gresham by a licensed recreational marijuana retailer. The tax would be collected at the point of sale and remitted by the recreational marijuana retailer to the City of Gresham.

If approved by the voters, Gresham Revised Code 9.62.030, Levy of Tax, would be amended to add a new subsection 3 as follows:

(3) As provided by Oregon Laws 2015, chapter 614, section 34a (ORS 475B.345), the amount of tax levied for recreational marijuana shall be 3% of the gross taxable sales of a marijuana retailer with a retail license issued under Oregon Laws 2015, chapter 1, section 22 (ORS 475B.110).

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Approval of this measure would impose a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana by a recreational marijuana retailer within the City of Gresham. The City will use this revenue for public safety purposes.

Oregon voters adopted Measure 91 in November 2014, which was amended by the Oregon Legislature in 2015 and 2016. Pursuant to this law, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission will license the retail sale of recreational marijuana. The law provides that a city council may adopt an ordinance imposing up to a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items, which include marijuana concentrates, extracts, edibles, and other marijuana products intended for human consumption and use. Council must refer that ordinance to the voters at a statewide general election. The Gresham City Council has enacted an ordinance imposing a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana by a recreational marijuana retailer in the city and is referring this measure to the voters.

Submitted by  
Susanjoy Baskoro  
City of Gresham

**NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OR OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

# CITY OF GRESHAM

## Measure 26-188

### BALLOT TITLE

#### **City of Gresham Community Center, Recreation, Swimming/Aquatic Facilities Bonds**

**Question:** Shall Gresham provide Community Center, Recreation, Swimming/Aquatic Facilities, including pools, event/exercise/educational programming space, gymnasium; issue \$48,000,000 bonds?

**Summary:** Uses general obligation bonds to provide Community Center, Recreation, Swimming/Aquatic Facilities ("Facilities"). Amenities expected to include pools for lap swimming, swimming lessons, aquatic exercise classes; recreational/leisure pool with large curvy waterslide, water features for family entertainment; senior center providing activities for older adult residents; classroom meeting space for community education courses and children's programming; gymnasium, workout/exercise facilities and equipment; community meeting space for birthday parties, meetings, community groups, events and celebrations; community kitchen, other amenities. Facilities would be centrally located in Gresham.

The Community Center concept emerged from Gresham's multi-year Rise, Advance, Dream (RAD) community visioning process and 2016 Gresham Commission on Children and Families.

Bond proceeds could be used for purchase of property, demolition, design, site preparation and improvements, construction, renovation, furnishings, equipment and bond issuance costs. Bonds may be issued in separate series and each series will mature in 21 years or less. Estimated bond tax rate is thirty-five cents per \$1,000 assessed property value. Bond revenues and project expenditures would be monitored by Gresham's citizen volunteer Finance Committee

Gresham does not currently have public facilities of this type, and heard the concept emerge as a recommendation during the multi-year Rise, Advance, Dream (RAD) community engagement and visioning process, in which it was ranked the top priority, and the 2016 Gresham Citizen Commission on Children and Families Final Report, which cited a community center as a recommendation.

Community facilities like this are one way local government agencies or districts provide recreational and fitness opportunities and community meeting space for their residents. Facilities like what is being proposed in Gresham can be found in communities across the Portland region, with five full service centers in the City of Portland including the Southwest and East Portland Community Centers, at least four community centers as part of Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District and community centers in or planned for Salem, Sherwood, Tigard, Clackamas and Wilsonville.

#### Public Input:

- Multi-Year Rise, Advance, Dream (RAD) Community Visioning and Engagement Project
- 2016 Gresham Citizen Commission on Children and Families Final Report
- 2016 Gresham Community Center Task Force
- Gresham City Council meetings on July 12, 2016 and August 16, 2016.

**Oversight:** Gresham's citizen volunteer Finance Committee would monitor bond revenues and project expenditures.

The proposed Community Center, Recreation, Swimming/Aquatic Facilities are planned to be centrally located in Gresham and accessible to residents from across the City. If approved by voters, the City of Gresham would issue up to \$48,000,000 in General Obligation bonds which could be issued in separate series. Each series will mature in 21 years or less. Estimated bond tax rate is thirty-five cents per \$1,000 assessed property value.

Submitted by  
Susanjoy Baskoro  
City of Gresham

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The City of Gresham has placed Community Center, Recreation and Swimming/Aquatic Facilities on the ballot for voter consideration.

The Community Center, Recreation and Swimming/Aquatic Facilities would be home to a range of amenities, expected to include a six lane, 25 yard lap swimming pool, swimming lessons, aquatic exercise courses, and leisure/recreational pool for children and families with water park features and a large curvy waterslide. Additionally, the amenities are expected to include a senior center that provides activities and programming for Gresham's older adult residents, classroom meeting space for community education courses and children's programming, event and conference space, a gymnasium for basketball and other indoor sports, a children's drop-in center for preschool programming and children's activity classes, work-out and exercise equipment and facilities for fitness, aerobics, dance, and exercise courses. Additional planned amenities include a commercial kitchen for catering, cooking courses, or community use, a venue for birthday parties, retirement ceremonies, and family celebrations, a large indoor rock climbing wall, and an indoor running track.

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## Measure 26-188

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

It is my absolute pleasure to support the Gresham Community/Aquatic Center proposal this November.

When I was growing up in Gresham, I had the great benefit of an incredible family network, excellent coaches, and access to facilities, which helped me find athletic success at Gresham High School, the University of Oregon and, most recently, at the Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. Unfortunately, many students I grew up with did not have access to the same network of opportunities, and found themselves on a different path.

When it comes to the Gresham Aquatic and Community Center proposal, we have a chance to open up a whole new world of opportunity for Gresham's youth and families. Our community desperately needs to make these types of investments to remain a family-oriented, well-rounded city. Moreover, athletics and community involvement are integral parts of character development, and a community center would help shape and mold Gresham residents in a profound and positive way.

What I learned as a member of Team USA at the Olympics this summer is that teamwork, comradery, character, and determination are the real fruits of athletic involvement, and that athletics can be a powerful entry point to authentic community. Whether training for the Olympics, learning to swim or play the guitar, or breaking your personal record during senior lap-swim, people of all ages and walks of life can benefit from the character and community that comes with improving oneself.

I know that Gresham is an outstanding community because I grew up here, and it helped shape who I am as a person and an athlete. All of Gresham's youth deserve the same opportunity I had to challenge themselves, grow, excel, and achieve their dreams. Our families deserve a place that symbolizes the community's priority for their success and prosperity. I strongly encourage you to support the measure. Our youth and families are worth the investment.

Sam Crouser  
Gresham native and 2016 Team USA Olympian

*(This information furnished by Gresham Community Center for All )*

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

As lifelong residents of the Gresham area we have watched this community grow from 2,000 residents to over 100,000. The population of nearby areas make that number even greater.

But with that growth has come stress. And when a city is stressed the best city leaders know they must act before it consumes a town's livability. Police cannot and will not solve the problems magnified by having little or no places for us to be with each other doing good things for little cost.

In Ray Oldenburg's classic book "The Great Good Place" he describes all kinds of public places where people can gather, where they can put aside the concerns of home and work and just hang out with others. The pleasure of getting together and speaking and enjoying each other is the true heart of a community.

Places like community centers can and do revitalize us all. As gathering places, they are the grassroots of our democracy and an enduring gift to our seniors, to our children and to all of us in between.

For less than thirty cents per day, per household, we can have a wonderful place for all of us. Please join me in supporting our community center, a "great good place" for every person in this city for generations to come.

As the theme song of the classic TV show "Cheers" aptly put it, 'where everyone knows your name.' It's been too long coming, let's not miss our chance.

Mike McKeel  
Diane McKeel

*(This information furnished by Gresham Community Center for All )*

### ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

#### Let's Put Public Safety and Education First

As citizens and taxpayers of Gresham, we know how many of our essential services...Police, Fire, Schools etc...are underfunded.

The Gresham Community Center, Recreation, Swimming/Aquatic Facilities Bond would **ignore these primary needs**, and instead **raise \$48,000,000 in taxes** to build an extravagant and lavish government-run health club that will **lose millions of dollars annually, while taking precious resources away from essential government services.**

**Taxpayers can't fund everything...we have to choose our priorities.** Do we want lower crime rates, faster fire and EMT response times, more desired schools...or a government run and subsidized health club **used by less than 10% of Gresham taxpayers?**

What we need now is to better equip our Police to combat drugs, and crime in our community. What we need now is to make sure our Fire Department has enough funding to provide our community with protection from fire and assist in medical emergencies. What we need now is to invest in our children and our schools.

Join us in voting NO on the Gresham Community Center Recreation, Swimming/Aquatic Facilities Bond. **Put public safety and education first.**

*(This information furnished by Chris Card )*

### ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

#### Say NO to POOLS, and YES to SCHOOLS

- **All Citizens will pay the \$48,000,000 bond for 21 years, but studies show that less than 10% of citizens will use it.**

- **It will cost annually to support the financial losses.** By the city's own projections, it will only cover 55-60% of its costs through user fees and monthly memberships. That equals approximately **\$1.5 million per year** in taxes that could be better prioritized.

- There are many options already available to the community including our existing Senior Center, private clubs, gyms and studios from \$10/month to \$60/month.

- **Our local High Schools all have tax-payer funded pools**, as does Mt Hood Community College.

- **Prioritize our tax dollars for public safety and education.** Let for profit business that pay taxes provide the recreation facilities, and have government provide essential services.

**Say NO to a taxpayer funded athletic club, and the ongoing expense of operating it, and instead, say YES to kids by supporting our local school bonds.**

*(This information furnished by Mark Eisenzimmer)*

### ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

VOTE NO  
ON NOVEMBER 8TH  
AGAINST THE PROPOSED  
GRESHAM COMMUNITY AND AQUATICS CENTER BOND

# CITY OF GRESHAM

## Measure 26-188

The Fitlife Club Network is an association of 90 independently owned tax-paying health and fitness clubs in the Pacific Northwest, and we urge Gresham residents to **VOTE NO** on the proposed **Gresham Community Center, Recreation, Swimming/Aquatic Facilities Bonds**.

### WHY would you raise your taxes and rents to build this?

- In any given year, fewer than 1 in 7 Americans visit a health and fitness facility of any sort (private, community, tax-exempt, schools, studios, gyms etc).
- Why should 100% of Gresham residents see their taxes and rents raised when so few people would ever use it?
- Gresham already has public community center and pool facilities that exist right now...namely your schools...that are already built and funded by taxpayers, and available for people who can't afford private clubs.

### How much will this COST?

- **\$48,000,000 is a LOT of money.** The most lavish tax-paying health clubs in the entire State of Oregon were built for fraction of the cost that Gresham has proposed for this project.
- In addition to saddling your community with \$48,000,000 in debt, there would **still be substantial monthly fees** charged to use the facility.
- Despite charging substantial fees to taxpayers to use the facility, the City of Gresham estimates that the Community Center would still operate at a 45% loss, saddling Gresham residents with **\$1,500,000 or more annually in additional taxes...indefinitely.**

Raising taxes and rents on every Gresham resident is a waste of your hard-earned tax dollars. Government should focus on providing essential services that private businesses can't.

*(This information furnished by FitLife Club Network )*



# Order Ahead Replacement Ballot Online

## Need a Replacement Ballot?

1. Order your replacement ballot online at <http://bit.ly/2cpBwiR>
2. Choose which method you want to receive your replacement ballot:
  - A. Pick it up at our office  
(1040 SE Morrison St., Portland, OR)
  - B. Send it via mail  
(this option is only available until 11/3)
3. Fill out your ballot and turn it in before Nov. 8 at 8:00pm.

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# CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

## Measure 3-489

### BALLOT TITLE

#### Lake Oswego Charter Amendment Relating to Notices of City Elections

**Question:** Shall the Lake Oswego Charter be amended to update language and eliminate requirements to post election notices at certain locations?

**Summary:** Section 24 of the City Charter requires that notices of regular city elections be posted at City Hall and one public place in each voting precinct at least ten days before regular city elections. Section 24 also states that regular city elections will be held at the same “times and places” as biennial primary and general state elections, and requires that notices specify the “time and place” of elections.

State law now requires that elections be conducted by mail, with ballots mailed to voters at least 14 days before the election date. Consequently, voters receive mailed notice of elections. Because votes are cast by mail or drop-off, there are no polling places in the City.

Approval of this measure amends Section 24 of the Charter to eliminate the ten-day posting requirement for election notices. The measure also replaces references to the “times and places” of elections with references to the “dates” of elections. Section 24 will continue to require that election notices be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the city.

Section 24 of the Lake Oswego Charter currently states that regular elections will be held at the same “times and places” as biennial primary and general state elections. It also requires that notices specify the “time and place” of the election. Because voting is now by mail, there are no longer polling places at which ballots are cast. Approval of this measure amends Section 24 of the Lake Oswego Charter to replace references to the “time and place” (or “times and places”) of an election with references to the “date” (or “dates”) of the election.

A “yes” vote amends the Section 24 Lake Oswego Charter as described above. Although Section 24 applies to regular elections, Section 25 of the Charter states that special elections require the same notices as regular elections. As a result, these Charter amendments will apply to both types of elections.

A “no” vote retains Section 24 of the Lake Oswego Charter in its current form.

Submitted by  
Anne-Marie Simpson  
City of Lake Oswego

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure has been submitted to the voters by the Lake Oswego City Council.

Section 24 of the Lake Oswego Charter currently requires that notices of regular City elections be posted at City Hall, and in one public place in each voting precinct, at least ten days before each election. By state law, all City elections are now conducted by mail, with ballots mailed to voters at least 14 days before the election date. This measure asks voters to determine whether the City should continue to post election notices when voters already receive notice by mail. Approval of this measure amends Section 24 of the Charter to eliminate the ten-day posting requirements. Section 24 will continue to require that election notices be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

**NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

# CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

## Measure 3-489

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Updating Our Charter

In 1998 the voters of Oregon approved voting by mail. Prior to 1998 and continuing to today, Section 24 of the Lake Oswego Charter requires that notices of City elections be posted at City Hall and in one public place in each voting precinct in the City at least 10 days before the election.

State law now requires that elections be conducted by mail, with ballots being mailed no later than 14 days before each election. The mailed ballot serves as a notice of the pending election to each voter. Because votes are now cast by mail or drop-off, there are no longer polling places within the city.

With vote by mail now in place and every registered voter receiving a ballot, the posting of election notices around the city is an unnecessary expense of the city. Because voting is now by mail, there are no longer neighborhood locations at which ballots are cast. Hence, the need for posting is no longer needed. Notification in the Lake Oswego Review will continue.

The City Council has unanimously decided it is time to amend Section 24 of the Lake Oswego Charter to better reflect the change in voting and to save the city time and expense associated with posting of election notices. Times have changed and how we manage our election process should be updated accordingly.

- 1) Will registered voters still receive their ballots in the mail? Yes.
- 2) Will the city save time and money if the charter amendment is approved? Yes
- 3) Will the city continue to post notice of the election in the Lake Oswego Review? Yes
- 4) Will the city continue to provide ballot drop off sites? Yes

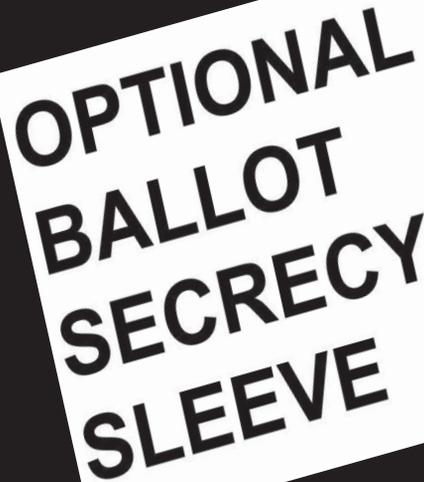
We urge the citizens of Lake Oswego to vote yes on this Charter Amendment that will bring our Charter up to date.

Mayor Kent Stuebaker

Councilors Joe Buck, Charles Collins, Jon Gustafson, Jeff Gudman, Jackie Manz and Skip O'Neill

*(This information furnished by Jeff Gudman, Lake Oswego City Council)*

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BALLOT  
SECRECY  
SLEEVE**

Please follow the instructions. In case of a mistake, your ballot is void. For assistance, you can call 503-988-3720. For more information, visit [www.lakeoswego.gov](http://www.lakeoswego.gov).

Make sure you follow these steps:

- Sign the return envelope. Your signature is required for the ballot to be counted.
- Place the ballot in the secrecy sleeve.

# Forgot Your Optional Secrecy Sleeve?

## Relax!

Election workers will preserve the privacy of your ballot if you forget to enclose the secrecy sleeve and your ballot will still count.

You can open the return envelope and use the secrecy sleeve or just deliver it without the secrecy sleeve.

# CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

## Measure 3-490

### BALLOT TITLE

#### Prohibits Certain Marijuana Production and Sales Facilities in Lake Oswego

**Question:** Shall Lake Oswego prohibit medical marijuana processors and dispensaries, and recreational marijuana producers, processors, wholesalers and retailers, within the city?

**Summary:** State law allows operation of registered medical marijuana processing sites and dispensaries, and licensed recreational marijuana producers, processors, wholesalers, and retailers. State law also authorizes cities to adopt ordinances, to be referred to city voters, prohibiting establishment of any of these activities. The Lake Oswego City Council has adopted Ordinance 2689 banning each of these activities within the city.

Approval of this measure approves Ordinance 2689 and prohibits medical marijuana processing sites and dispensaries, and recreational marijuana producers, processors, wholesalers and retailers, in Lake Oswego. The city would be ineligible for distributions of state marijuana tax revenues.

Disapproval of this measure disapproves Ordinance 2689 and allows these marijuana facilities to be established in the city subject to state regulations on location and operation, and subject to the city's zoning and licensing regulations. As of the date of the referral of this measure, the city was considering adopting additional location and operation regulations that could be applied to marijuana facilities if this measure does not pass.

This measure bans only the listed facilities in the city. It does not apply to the personal use, possession, or growing of recreational or medical marijuana, or medical marijuana "grow sites," as may be allowed, limited, or prohibited by state law.

The 2015 State Legislature adopted what is now ORS 475B.800, authorizing cities to enact ordinances prohibiting any of the above-listed marijuana facilities within the city. On December 1, 2015, the Lake Oswego City Council enacted Ordinance 2689 banning each of the listed facilities. As required by state law, the City Council has submitted Ordinance 2689 to city voters for approval at the November 8, 2016, general election.

A "yes" vote approves Ordinance 2689 and bans each of the listed marijuana facilities in the City of Lake Oswego. Under current law, until July 1, 2017, ten percent of state marijuana tax revenues will be distributed proportionally to cities, based on population, to assist local law enforcement in performing duties under state marijuana laws. Beginning July 1, 2017, the distribution will be proportional based upon the number and type of recreational marijuana facility licenses within each city. Approval of this measure will make Lake Oswego ineligible for these state marijuana tax revenues under either distribution formula.

A "no" vote disapproves Ordinance 2689 and allows the listed facilities in Lake Oswego if licensed or registered by the state. The City would be eligible for state marijuana tax revenues, and could also impose an additional local tax of up to three percent on sales by recreational marijuana retailers.

If this measure is disapproved, marijuana facilities in Lake Oswego would be subject to state regulations that prohibit processors, wholesalers, retailers and dispensaries in residential zones, and prohibit dispensaries and retailers within 1,000 feet of schools. The facilities would also be subject to Lake Oswego zoning and licensing requirements. As of the date this Explanatory Statement was submitted, the city was in the process of determining whether additional location and operation regulations should be adopted that would apply to marijuana facilities in the city if this measure is disapproved. The details and current status of any proposed marijuana facility regulations can be found at [https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/boc\\_pc/lu-16-0009-marijuana-time-place-and-manner](https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/boc_pc/lu-16-0009-marijuana-time-place-and-manner) or by contacting the Lake Oswego Planning Department at (503) 635-0269.

Submitted by  
Anne-Marie Simpson  
City of Lake Oswego

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Approval of this measure prohibits establishing or operating the following state-licensed or state-registered marijuana facilities within the City of Lake Oswego:

- Medical Marijuana Processing Sites (compounding or converting marijuana into medical cannabinoid products, concentrates, or extracts)
- Medical Marijuana Dispensaries (facilitating the transfer of marijuana and marijuana products between patients, caregivers, processors and growers)
- Recreational Marijuana Producers (manufacturing, planting, cultivating, growing or harvesting marijuana)
- Recreational Marijuana Processors (processing, compounding or converting marijuana into cannabinoid products, concentrates, or extracts)
- Recreational Marijuana Wholesalers (purchasing marijuana items for resale to persons other than consumers)
- Recreational Marijuana Retailers (selling marijuana items to consumers)

**NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OR OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

# CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

## Measure 3-491

### BALLOT TITLE

#### Advisory Vote on a Municipal Broadband Network

**Question:** Should the City of Lake Oswego provide a municipal fiber optic broadband network for residents and businesses?

**Summary:** The Lake Oswego City Council has considered entering into a partnership with a private company to finance, construct, and operate a high speed (gigabit per second) fiber broadband network. It would be operated on a break-even basis, with the goal to keep high speed Internet cost as low as possible for Lake Oswego residents and businesses.

Current estimates are that gigabit (1,000 megabits per second) residential Internet service could be provided for \$59.95/month. This estimate is subject to actual costs of construction and operation. There would be some financial risk to the City if an insufficient number of households use the service. To minimize this risk, the project would not proceed until enough residents sign up for service to ensure the system can be self-supporting.

This advisory vote is intended to gauge voter interest in the issue, and does not preclude any future action by the City

If customer revenues fall below the minimum lease-purchase payment amounts, the City would owe the difference to the private partner. To minimize the financial risk to the City, the project would not go forward unless customers have signed up in advance in numbers that would create subscription revenues that meet or exceed the minimum payment amounts.

As tentatively planned, the primary focus would be high speed Internet service with a price target of around \$60/month, but households that subscribe to the service could also choose (at additional cost) telephone (Voice over Internet Protocol) and digital television service. Prices for these services would be comparable to those offered by other video and phone providers. Subscribers would also have access to streaming video services such as those provided by companies like Hulu and Netflix, some of which charge for services. There would be no data caps.

The alternative to a municipal broadband utility is continuation of the current situation where Internet service is provided only by private for-profit cable TV and telecommunication companies. Internet service prices are unregulated, and there are no requirements for universal broadband service (i.e., service made available to all homes and businesses in the city).

The results of this advisory vote will be informative for the City Council, but will not require or prohibit any future action by the City. There are numerous details that would be involved in implementing a City-owned broadband utility, including many to be negotiated as part of an agreement with a private partner. This advisory measure asks only if voters support the City pursuing a municipal broadband service under the general approach outlined in the ballot summary and this Explanatory Statement. Approval of this measure will not be considered blanket approval of all potential agreement terms or financial details. The City Council retains the responsibility to determine whether the project is in the public interest.

Submitted by  
Anne-Marie Simpson  
City of Lake Oswego

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

With increased reliance on the Internet by households and businesses, broadband service is considered by many communities to be an essential service. The objective of a City-owned broadband utility is to make high speed Internet service available to all homes and businesses in the City, setting the monthly price at a break-even basis.

To avoid issuing bonds and adding staff, the Lake Oswego City Council has explored a public-private partnership approach, where one or more private partners would provide lease-purchase financing for the system, design and construct the network, and provide Internet service. The City would guarantee the private partner minimum lease-purchase payments. At the end of the lease-purchase period (tentatively projected to be between 20 and 30 years), the City would own the network outright.

While the City owns and operates a fiber-optic broadband network connecting City-owned buildings, providing this service to households and businesses would be a new utility service for the City. The City is considering contracting with a Lake Oswego-based startup company to operate the utility.

**NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

# CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

## Measure 3-491

### ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

#### Fiber Follies

The Sunstone Financial/Symmetrical Networks proposal for a public/private partnership fiber network with eventual city ownership is not in the city's best interests. Providing better service at lower cost without risk to taxpayer residents is. The proposal fails. Risks outweigh benefits.

The proposal has the city on the hook for 30 years ensuring a \$197,000 monthly guaranteed payment to Sunstone Financial/Symmetrical Networks for a 35% "take rate" for fiber service.

The city has been or will be a part of public/private partnerships...Lakeview Village, Wizer and North Anchor. The City did not guarantee a 35% take/occupancy rate for any of them.

Sunstone Financial/Symmetrical Networks, a startup company, is asking the city to financially backstop the deal. Sunstone Financial/Symmetrical Networks is unwilling to release the entire set of financial projections.

Imagine the cost if you had to replace all coaxial cable currently embedded in your walls with fiber cable.

The world is going wireless, rather than wired.

The city getting into a new line of business, when we are not performing all core city services exceptionally well

Sunstone Financial has never built a built/operated fiber networks before.

The likely sign up rate of 34.7% provides the city no financial margin of safety.

This arrangement is called "take or pay". You want to be the receiving end, not the payment end of this arrangement. For Sunstone/Symmetrical, this arrangement is "heads I win, tails you lose."

There will be additional city overhead costs.

The proposal provides a pipe, not content. Everyone will be responsible to secure their content for additional dollars along with the hassle of multiple pieces of equipment and bills from different providers.

When things go wrong in the internet service the city will be blamed.

Investing in speed for speed's sake and not for benefits that the investment can deliver is a mistake.

The Sunstone Financial/Symmetrical Networks proposal is the wrong proposal at the wrong time in the wrong place.

Jeff Gudman  
City Council

*(This information furnished by Jeff Gudman)*

### ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

#### VOTE NO ON LAKE OSWEGO MEASURE 3-941 CONSIDER:

- Proven Failure - Plans to build a city broadband network have failed miserably in Portland and Seattle.
- Costs Explode - Lessons from failed government broadband projects from across the nation suffer from cost-overruns.
- Taxpayer Bailout - The promise that taxpayers won't pay anything means absolutely nothing the moment that sign-ups don't meet projections—which will require our tax dollars to bailout the losses.
- Hiding Costs - Critics are slamming the City for creating a brand new utility without budgeting for staff to handle billing and customer service.

- False Comparison - Supporters cite Sandy and Independence as role models, but fail to mention that these are remote small rural towns with broadband access problems.

- Extreme Risk - Consumer trends, completion and technology breakthroughs swing wildly in the technology industry. The City wants to dump millions in this high risk business field.

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*(This information furnished by Taxpayer Association of Oregon)*

### ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

#### GOVERNMENT-OWNED BROADBAND NETWORKS ALMOST ALWAYS FAIL!

Key Highlights from a 2014 New York Law School, Advanced Communications Law and Policy Institute paper on government owned broadband networks:

- Bristol, VA--"By one recent estimate the total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the bond is approximately \$73,927,054." "...there is continued debate as to whether the benefits of the system outweigh the significant public resources that were used to build it." page 57
- Lafayette, LA--"...this concern is acute given that its Government Owned Network has not become financially self-sustaining and, after investing more than \$150 million, the network has attracted only 14,000 subscribers (there are 48,800 in Lafayette, LA.)" page 63
- Monticello, MN--"Ongoing operational costs and unanticipated expenses proved to be substantial and in excess of initial estimates." page 65
- Cedar Falls, IA--"Much to the dismay of many residents, the local government approved a property tax increase for the coming year. Some of these revenues might have been used to pay for a new highway exchange." page 71
- UTOPIA, UT (16 Utah cities )--"The cost of UTOPIA has been very high: factoring in debt service and other payments, the total cost of the network approaches \$500 million. Despite lofty aspirations about UTOPIA being a broadband utopia for residents and business there is broad agreement the government owned network has been a financial failure." page 76
- Groton, CT--"The rise and fall of the government owned network highlights a number of assumptions often made by local officials and others who advocate in favor of municipal broadband deployment." Page 82
- Provo, UT--"The government owned network In Provo, Utah, will forever be linked with Google, the company that purchased the municipal network in 2013 for one dollar." page 83

Source--<http://www.nyls.edu/advanced-communications-law-and-policy-institute/wp-content/uploads/sites/169/2013/08/ACLP-Government-Owned-Broadband-Networks-FINAL-June-2014.pdf>

*(This information furnished by Bill Tierney and Jeff Gudman)*

# CITY OF PORTLAND

## Measure 26-179

Referred to the People by the City Council.

### BALLOT TITLE

#### **Bonds to fund affordable housing.**

**Question:** Shall Portland issue bonds, fund affordable housing for low income families, seniors, veterans, people with disabilities; require public oversight?

If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**Summary:** Measure would authorize \$258,400,000 in general obligation bonds for affordable housing for low income households.

Bonds will be used to build new housing, purchase, rehabilitate existing housing to maintain affordability, prevent displacement, allow residents to remain in their homes.

Housing will contain a mix of unit sizes. Some units will be accessible for low-income people with disabilities, seniors. Housing may include space to provide products and services for residents.

Affordable means rents restricted by designated household size and income level for the dwelling. Low income means a household making 60% or less of median family income; lower income thresholds for some units; flexibility for existing residents and hardship. In 2016, 60% of median family income for a family of four is \$43,980 per year.

A five-member independent oversight committee will review bond expenditures; provide annual reports.

Tax rate for this measure is estimated to be \$0.4208 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Bonds may be issued in multiple series. Annual audits required. Administrative costs cannot exceed seven percent.

Affordable housing units that are built or purchased will provide housing for low-income Portland families, seniors, veterans, and people with disabilities. Affordable housing built or purchased will contain a mix of unit sizes, including family-sized units with two or more bedrooms to house low-income families with children. Affordable housing will be built or rehabilitated to include units that are accessible to low-income people with disabilities and low-income seniors with limited mobility.

The housing will be affordable to low-income families who make 60% or less of the median family income, and will provide dedicated affordable housing for households with income below 30% of median family income. In 2016, a family of four making 60% of the median family income would make \$43,980 per year, and a family of four making 30% of the median family income would make \$22,000 per year.

A Bond Oversight Committee will be appointed to review bond expenditures and to report annually to the Council and the public. The Measure restricts the costs associated with administering the bond to seven percent or less of the total bond funds. The Measure also requires audits regarding the use of the bond funds to ensure the use of the funds is consistent with the intent of the voters.

The City estimates that the tax rate for the bonds authorized by this Measure will not exceed \$0.4208 per \$1000 of assessed value, or approximately \$75 per year on a home with the median assessed value for a home in Portland, which is \$178,320.

Submitted by:  
Commissioner Dan  
Saltzman  
Portland City Council

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Portlanders are currently experiencing increases in rent while renter household incomes continue to fall. In the last 15 years median housing costs for Portland renters have increased by 30% while median income for renters has fallen by 7%. In 2015, the average monthly rent for new rental housing was \$1,954.

This Measure would allow the City of Portland to issue up to \$258,400,000 in general obligation bonds. The money from the bonds would be used to build new affordable rental housing and to purchase existing market-rate buildings which would be converted to affordable housing for low-income households and to prevent displacement of people residing in the units. In addition, money from the bonds will be used to provide funds for capital improvements, rehabilitation and renovation of housing purchased.

**NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

# CITY OF PORTLAND

## Measure 26-179

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Join the Welcome Home Coalition in Voting Yes for Affordable Homes

Every night an estimated 4400 Portlanders sleep outside or in our shelters. Increasingly these are families, people of color, people with disabilities and seniors.

Every day, our social service agencies help families and people experiencing homelessness and prevent homelessness for those at risk. We work to address medical, mental health, addiction, employment and other needs. **But these services can not address the fundamental root cause of this crisis: a lack of affordable homes in Portland.**

10 years ago, we could help people in a housing crisis with immediate access to shelter or rent assistance, and access to affordable housing opportunities in one to six months. **Now we have only waitlists to offer these families. Today in Portland, accessing a shelter can take two to eight months, while waiting for permanent affordable housing requires one to three years.**

Here is what that means in our city:

- While families wait for shelter and permanent homes, their kids don't get the sleep they need and can't get to school on time or regularly.
- Parents struggle to keep employment necessary to get back into housing – difficult while also trying to keeping their families safe.
- Seniors suffer with medical conditions worsened by stress, lack of sleep, inconsistent diets, prolonged standing, and limited access to medication.
- While Portlanders with disabilities wait, many have nowhere to turn for help except emergency rooms.

**Those of us on the front lines know the only solution to homelessness is more affordable homes for Portlanders with very low incomes.**

**Voting Yes on Measure 26-179 will create urgently needed permanent and affordable homes for 3000 Portlanders today, and tens of thousands of Portlanders over the lives of these new apartment buildings. This is the right and necessary step for Portland to take now, to ensure our city is safe and accessible for all Portlanders.**

Welcome Home is a coalition of over 140 member organizations.  
welcomehomecoalition.org

*(This information furnished by Yes for Affordable Homes)*

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### MEASURE 26-179 WILL HELP FAMILIES LIKE MINE

My name is Richard Edwards. A few years ago, I was renting a house for my family. It was a great place for my wife Linda and I to raise our two kids, Kevin and Tatianna. I was working at OHSU, making good money, and paying my rent on time. Then the house we were renting went into foreclosure, and we were on the streets with little notice.

We had nowhere to go. We slept in the car, just to stay together as a family. My wife is disabled, and uses a wheelchair; We hid it near the car each night.

**Homelessness was very scary for my family, especially my kids.**

And we're one of the lucky families. Thanks to JOIN, we found an affordable apartment at Stevens Creek Crossing, a Home Forward property. I have the stability of a five-year lease, and a new job that allows me time to be my wife's caregiver. After paying rent, there's enough in my family's budget for groceries, medical expenses—even savings. I'm working toward buying a house.

**Most importantly, my kids are safe now.** They're content, going to good schools, and their grades went up. I'm so proud of them.

But none of that would have happened if we hadn't found a safe, stable, affordable home.

There are still a lot of homeless families out there, and they need help. Families are forced to move every year because of rent increases, and sometimes more than once; many need to switch their kids' school, putting them behind.

Measure 26-179, the affordable housing bond, would build at least 1,300 more affordable apartment homes—with more than half of those big enough for families. These homes will make a huge difference in the lives of 3,000 people—people like me, and kids like mine.

**Everyone deserves a safe and affordable place to live and raise their family. Please vote yes.**

Richard Van Edwards

*(This information furnished by Yes for Affordable Homes)*

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### New Seasons Market says YES! to Affordable Homes

There's not enough affordable housing in Portland—we need 25,000 more affordable homes than we currently have. At the same time, housing costs continue to rise. In 2015 alone, average monthly rents increased by \$128 citywide. As a result, thousands of families can't find a home they can afford, and many are finding themselves forced to leave the city or become homeless.

The housing affordability crisis threatens the resiliency of our communities and the vibrancy of our city. **It's a problem that touches all of us—and that we need to solve together.**

We are proud to support Measure 26-179 and say YES! to affordable homes. At New Seasons Market, we believe that our employees should be able to live and thrive in the neighborhoods where they work, and that customers should be able to afford healthy food and other necessities. Affordable housing is critical to realizing these deeply held values—for our employees and customers, and for all Portlanders.

Measure 26's historic investment in affordable housing will create homes that are permanently affordable, reducing the financial strain on low-income families, one-quarter of whom spend more than half of their incomes on rent. It will also address homelessness by dedicating funding to people who are homeless or living on fixed incomes, including seniors and people with disabilities.

Yes on 26 means 1,300 new affordable homes that will house tens of thousands of our fellow Portlanders in the coming years.

**Please join us and vote YES for affordable homes!**

Wendy Collie  
President & CEO  
New Seasons Market

*(This information furnished by Wendy Collie, New Seasons Market)*

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

YES for Our Families, Our Homes  
投票 是的 给我们的家庭, 我们的家  
Bỏ phiếu Có cho Gia Đình Của Chúng Ta, Nhà Của Chúng Ta

Our Asian and Pacific Islander communities in Portland have grown substantially over the last decade to nearly 50,000 people.

APANO supports Yes for Affordable Homes because we believe Portland should remain a place where our

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communities can live, work, play and pray. Too many of our neighborhoods are at risk of displacement, including the Jade District and other centers of the API community.

“身为工作上的父母，我投票 是的 给可支付得起的家措施 26-179，因为我看到我们社区的房租价格飞涨，明白到有足够钱支付家庭食品杂货和基本需求的困难。” Rosaline Hui 家长和翡翠区指导员

Là chủ của một doanh nghiệp nhỏ, tôi lo ngại về giá tiền muốn nhà tăng lên một cách chóng mặt vì điều đó đẩy những người muốn nhà lâu năm ra khỏi khu vực kinh doanh của họ. Tôi bỏ phiếu CO cho Dự Luật Nhà Trong Khả Năng Chi Trả 26-179 bởi vì điều đó mang đến sự ổn định cho những thanh thiếu niên và các cụ lớn tuổi, là những người mà tôi đã phục vụ trong suốt 21 năm qua.” Tiên Sĩ Thụy Tran, Chủ của Rose City Vision Care và Hội Đồng Giám Đốc của Main Street Alliance of Oregon

“As a student with a part-time job, I want to find housing close to where my family is. I’m voting YES on Measure 26-179 to be able to stay connected to my culture and my extended family.” - Hong Yu, Portland State Student and ALLY Leader

“APANO and a broad coalition of communities of color, immigrants and refugees, are leading the fight against displacement. This measure is a real solution that will have a concrete benefit for our families.” - Rev. Joseph Santos-Lyons, APANO Executive Director

APANO urges you to vote YES on Measure 26-179.

Visit [www.apano.org/voterguide2016](http://www.apano.org/voterguide2016) for more information.

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*(This information furnished by Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon)*

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### RENTS IN PORTLAND CONTINUE TO SKYROCKET MEASURE 26-179 WILL CREATE NEW SAFE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Every month, local headlines confirm the severity of Portland’s housing crisis:

“Median rent for a Portland one-bedroom apartment climbed 3.8 percent in June to \$1,360 a month. Portland continues to be the 15th most expensive rental market in the nation.” (Willamette Week, August 1, 2016)

“Rents in Seattle (\$2k) and Portland (\$1,764) are fastest growing in nation” (Oregonian, July 24, 2016)

“Portland continues to have some (of) the highest rents in the country” (Portland Tribune, May 31, 2016)

“Rents in the Portland area rose 13 percent over the past year – far above a national rate that is closer to 4 percent” (Oregonian, April 26, 2016)

Many Portlanders don’t need to read the news to know that rental rates continue to skyrocket: With rents up 15% from last year--an average increase of \$108 a month--they feel the crunch with every rent check. For some, the increase is even higher—so high it forces them to find a new place to live, often in a new neighborhood or even a different city.

Studies show that Portland has a shortage of about 24,000 homes and apartments that are truly affordable for families and seniors making less than \$37,000 per year.

Our families and communities of color face disproportionate housing cost burdens, often spending more than 30% or even 50% of their income on housing.

Funding from Measure 26-179, the affordable housing bond, would help fill this gap, creating safe, affordable housing for people who live and work in our communities.

Working parents and seniors should be able to afford housing, and still have enough money for groceries and necessities – but our community’s skyrocketing rents are making that impossible for too many.

VOTE YES on Measure 26-179 to create more safe, stable, and affordable housing for people who are rapidly being priced out of Portland.

*(This information furnished by Yes for Affordable Homes)*

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### The League of Women Voters of Portland Urges a YES vote on Measure 26-179 Portland’s Affordable Housing Bond

The League has long advocated for decent, safe, and affordable homes for everyone, with an emphasis on those most in need.

#### Families, Seniors, Veterans, and People with Disabilities Need Safe and Affordable Homes.

The League supports the measure because:

- Portland has a shortage of over 23,000 rental homes and apartments truly affordable to our lowest income individuals and families (annual incomes below \$15,400 for individuals or below \$24,300 for families of four). This bond funding is an important first step in filling the gap.
- Nearly half of the 1,300 homes created will be large enough for families with children, and all of the units will be affordable to people with low and extremely low incomes, including seniors and veterans who are homeless or at risk of having no place to call home.
- Portland is experiencing a housing crisis with approximately 4,000 people living on the streets or in shelters on any given night. Spending a \$75 per year for a typical single-family homeowner (based on the average assessed value of \$178,230) is a reasonable price to pay so that people in our community have a safe place to live.
- The homes created by this bond measure will be permanently affordable, serving tens of thousands community members over the life of the housing.
- Placing families and individuals quickly and permanently into affordable homes will free up space in our shelters, making shelters available for true emergencies, not long-term housing.

#### Measure 26-179 is Prudent and Accountable.

- Administrative costs are capped at seven percent.
- A five-member community oversight committee will review expenditures and report annually to the public.

### The League of Women Voters of Portland Urges You to Vote YES for Affordable Homes YES on Measure 26-179

*(This information furnished by League of Women Voters of Portland)*

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### Veterans were there for us when we needed them. Now, they need us.

There are many ways to serve our community and their nation, and Portlanders do more than most. But very few actually lay their lives on the line. We owe our military veterans the same kind of commitment and support that they have given us.

I served in the Navy for over 11 years as a medic and operations specialist. My return to civilian life was a good one. But too many of my brothers and sisters in arms have not been so fortunate, often struggling once they come home.

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Most sadly, we can all see some of these struggles on our streets.

**According to the last snapshot of homelessness in our community, 12% were veterans – that came to more than 450 people.**

One of the most frustrating parts of this: the red-hot real-estate market and skyrocketing rents mean that even when they have access to veterans' benefits, there is not enough affordable housing for homeless vets to find a place to live. And for those who struggle with medical or mental health issues, a safe, stable place to live is one of the most important elements of being able to get their life back on track

**That is why Measure 26-179 is so important for our veterans.**

The housing bond will build and rehabilitate the kind of housing Portland really needs and the market is not creating: over 1300 rental units that are permanent, safe and affordable. It will mean that over the life of the buildings built by the bond, 58,000 people who would otherwise not be able to find a place to live in our community will have a home – including the veterans to whom we owe so much.

Please join me in voting YES on Measure 26-179.

Gregg GA Griffin, Navy Petty Officer Second Class

*(This information furnished by Yes for Affordable Homes)*

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### Oregon Food Bank supports Measure 26-179

Rent or food? Our clients face tough choices like this every day. In Multnomah County, Oregon Food Bank serves an average of 63,200 Oregonians each month, and we hear stories like the ones below every month.

"I have to pay my rent and electricity. The money goes so quickly. Sometimes it just isn't enough, so the food box helps us a lot."

"I make a list of what needs to be bought no matter what. Then I cross things off of the grocery list. I couldn't afford milk, I couldn't afford this or that — it got really difficult. It's always food I cut back on.... At some point the grocery list just got too short."

Oregon Food Bank supports Measure 26-179 because far too many of our neighbors cannot afford food and housing. Every day people tell us they need food assistance because housing costs too much or is simply not available.

Oregon Food Bank holds people experiencing hunger at the center of all we do. More and more we hear that the cost of housing drives many of our neighbors to experience hunger. Each story is unique and each shares the connection between housing and hunger.

Parents miss meals so they can put a roof over their family. Seniors' fixed incomes do not keep pace with rapidly rising rents. Working people with full-time jobs pay more than half their income in housing. And they all turn to their local food pantry for food assistance.

As a community we cannot accept this. As a community we must do better.

Measure 26-179 will provide much-needed safe and affordable housing for Portland families. It will be an important step forward for our community to address issues of housing and hunger.

Oregon Food Bank urges you to vote yes on Measure 26-179.

Susannah Morgan, CEO Oregon Food Bank

*(This information furnished by Oregon Food Bank)*

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM ELDERS IN ACTION

#### **Voting YES on Measure 26-179 is Especially Important for Seniors**

Homelessness and our community's urgent lack of affordable housing is a critical issue for people of all ages. But there is one group of Portlanders that may be less visible, but is particularly vulnerable: the elderly.

Older people living on fixed incomes – often just what they receive in Social Security – are among the least able to deal with Portland's skyrocketing rents. Here are some statistics:

**There are 61% more Oregon seniors living in poverty today than just a decade ago.**

**Between 2013 and 2015 there was a 23% increase in the number of people aged 55 and older that were homeless.**

**Over that same period, there was a 10% increase in the number of people 55 and older that were completely unsheltered.**

A principle cause: a lack of permanent, affordable rental housing in Portland that has become dramatically worse as the real estate market has driven the average rent of new apartments past \$1,900 a month.

Measure 26-179 will construct and renovate the kind of permanent, affordable rental housing that seniors on fixed incomes urgently need, including those who are disabled or have limited mobility. This bond measure is a critical piece of the puzzle we need to address Portland's overall housing crisis.

There are many reasons to vote yes on 26-179. Please consider the needs of our older neighbors as one of them.

Elders in Action is a nonprofit organization that advocates for older adults, provides meaningful volunteer opportunities and works to build an age-friendly community.

*(This information furnished by Yes for Affordable Homes)*

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### **CITY CLUB OF PORTLAND SUPPORTS AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND MEASURE**

**City Club of Portland** recognizes that the current housing crisis is real. Most new rental units being built are priced at market rates and above, unattainable to the more than 72,000 Portland renters who earn less than 60 percent of the area median income (just under \$44,000 for a family of four).

In 2016, City Club member-volunteers conducted an exhaustive research study on Housing Affordability in Portland. The report, approved by members with 87% support, included the following recommendations:

- Portland City Council should dedicate additional funding to build subsidized affordable units, with funding from sources including **a general obligation bond**. A bond measure referred to voters, such as Measure 26-179, has the advantage of requiring public support and will create new tax revenue to pay down debt.
- As demand to live in Portland increases, **the city should strategically acquire properties to encourage development and preservation of affordable housing**. The city currently lacks reserve funds to act when attractive properties become available.

City Club members agree that the crisis in housing affordability requires immediate action through existing funding mechanisms, such as a property tax. City Club strongly supports a general obligation bond for affordable housing and will remain vigilant in advancing other reasonable funding sources in the future.

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Given the ongoing need for more affordable housing units in Portland and City Club research that supports more dedicated public funding to address this need, **City Club of Portland strongly recommends a “YES” vote on Ballot Measure 26-179.**

Visit [pdxcityclub.org/housingaffordability](http://pdxcityclub.org/housingaffordability) to read our report, “Housing Affordability in Portland.” City Club is a non-profit, non-partisan education- and research-based civic organization. Through citizen-based research and advocacy, City Club examines issues of importance to the Portland Metropolitan Region, the state and society as a whole.

*(This information furnished by City Club of Portland)*

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-179 TO HELP OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The permanently affordable housing created by Measure 26-179 would help people across our community.

According to the last “point-in-time” count—a comprehensive survey of people who are sleeping on our streets or in shelter on a given night—3,801 people in Multnomah County were unsheltered, sleeping in emergency shelters, or in transitional housing.

The bond would create 1,300 homes that can house approximately 3,000 people.

#### MEASURE 26-179 WILL HELP SENIORS

- The number of people over the age of 55 experiencing homelessness increased by 23% - from 571 to 704 – from 2013 to 2015.
- Many seniors rely on social security income, which averages \$900 a month, about 20% of median family income. About half of the housing built by Measure 26-179 will be affordable to people making less than 30% of median family income.

#### MEASURE 21-179 WILL HELP FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

- 374 children under 18 were identified as homeless; Nearly all were in families, and a growing percentage were in families sleeping outside or in their car.
- About half of the housing built by Measure 26-179 would be two or three bedroom apartment homes, large enough for families with children.

#### MEASURE 26-179 WILL HELP PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

- 57% of people experiencing homelessness had a disability
- Many people with a disability rely on social security income, which averages \$900 a month, about 20% of median family income. About half of the housing built by Measure 26-179 will be affordable to people making less than 30% of median family income.

#### Vota “Si ”en Vivienda este 8 de Noviembre!

Las familias trabajadoras de Portland y las personas mayores, deben tener la posibilidad de costear un hogar en donde vivir y todavía tener suficiente dinero para comprar alimentos y otros artículos necesarios. Juntos podemos hacer de Portland un lugar al que todos podemos llamarle casa.

*(This information furnished by Yes for Affordable Homes)*

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS FROM EVERYWALK OF LIFE AND EVERY PART OF PORTLAND URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON 26-179.

1000 Friends of Oregon  
AFSCME CN 75  
AFSCME Local 189  
APANO  
Bicycle Transportation Alliance  
Boly: Welch  
The Bus Project  
Cascade Aids Project  
Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare  
Catholic Charities/Caritas Housing  
Central City Concern  
Coalition of Communities of Color  
Coalition of Community Health Clinics  
Community Alliance of Tenants  
East Portland Action Plan Housing Subcommittee  
Elders in Action  
Portland City Commissioner Nick Fish  
Portland City Commissioner Amanda Fritz  
Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East  
Hacienda Community Development Corporation  
Mayor Charlie Hales  
Housing Development Center  
Housing Land Advocates  
Human Solutions, Inc.  
Innovative Housing, Inc.  
JOIN  
Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury  
Living Cully  
Northwest Housing Alternatives  
Northwest Pilot Project  
Portland City Commissioner Steve Novick  
OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon  
Oregon Environmental Council  
Oregon League of Conservation Voters  
Oregon Opportunity Network  
Oregon Walks  
Oregon Working Families Party  
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Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives  
Portland Homeless Family Solutions (PHFS)  
Portland Independent Chamber of Commerce  
REACH Community Development  
Right to Dream Too  
ROSE Community Development  
Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman  
SEIU  
Sierra Club, Oregon Chapter  
Sisters of the Road  
Street Roots  
Transition Projects  
UFCW Local 555  
Ted Wheeler, Portland Mayor-Elect

*(This information furnished by Yes for Affordable Homes)*

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## Measure 26-180

Referred to the People by the City Council.

### BALLOT TITLE

#### **Establish tax on recreational marijuana sales; dedicate purposes for funds**

**Question:** Shall Portland establish 3% tax on recreational marijuana sales; fund drug, alcohol treatment; public safety; support neighborhood small businesses?

**Summary:** Measure establishes a tax of three percent on recreational marijuana sales within the City of Portland. Measure is expected to raise \$3 million per year. Sales of marijuana to medical marijuana cardholders shall not be taxed. The 2015 Legislature reduced the state tax on recreational marijuana sales from 25% to 17% effective January 1, 2017, and allowed local jurisdictions to ask for voter approval of a 3% local tax. Net proceeds from the tax will be dedicated to drug and alcohol education and treatment programs, services that increase access to these programs, and rehabilitation services; public safety investments, such as police DUII training and enforcement, firefighter paramedics, street infrastructure that improves safety; support for neighborhood small businesses, especially women-owned and minority-owned businesses; and providing economic opportunity and education to communities disproportionately impacted by cannabis prohibition. Requires independent City Budget Office oversight, annual public reporting, annual City Council vote on allocations, periodic audits on use of funds.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Measure establishes a tax of three percent on recreational marijuana sales within the City of Portland. Sales of medical marijuana to Oregon Medical Marijuana Program (OMMP) cardholders would be exempt from this tax.

In November, 2014, Oregon voters approved Measure 91, legalizing the sale and consumption of marijuana, and allowing local governments a limited scope of regulatory authority over licensed premises that grow, produce, sell, and transfer marijuana and marijuana items.

The 2015 Oregon Legislature allowed for local jurisdictions to seek voter approval for a local tax of up to three percent on recreational sales at a general election. The current state tax on recreational marijuana sales is 25%, but this will drop to 17% beginning January 1, 2017. If a three percent local tax is approved, it will result in a total tax of 20% to businesses for recreational marijuana sales

Currently, one tenth of state tax revenues after costs are distributed to cities for enforcement of Measure 91. The City of Portland's Marijuana Policy Program was established by Council in November 2014 to oversee marijuana business licensing and compliance and address community and industry concerns, and its costs are covered by license and application fees.

In its resolution referring this ballot measure, the Portland City Council recognized that voters' approval of Measure 91 indicated a desire for the safe integration of a legitimate and regulated marijuana industry into the community that allows the industry to operate while also ensuring that public safety and livability are maintained and protected.

The funds collected from the tax on recreational marijuana sales, which are estimated to be \$3 million per year, shall be dedicated for the purposes of:

- Drug and alcohol education and treatment programs, including but not limited to services that increase access to these programs and programs that support rehabilitation and employment readiness
- Public safety investments to reduce impacts of drug and alcohol abuse such as police DUII training and enforcement, support for firefighter paramedics, street infrastructure projects that improve safety, other initiatives to reduce the impacts of drug and alcohol abuse
- Support for neighborhood small businesses, especially women-owned and minority-owned businesses, including but not limited to business incubator programs, management training, and job training opportunities; and providing economic opportunity and education to communities disproportionately-impacted by cannabis prohibition

The tax on recreational marijuana sales would be subject to independent City Budget Office oversight, annual public reporting, an annual City Council vote on allocation, and periodic audits on the use of funds by the City Auditor or an independent contractor.

Submitted by:  
Commissioner Amanda Fritz  
Portland City Council

**NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**YES ON 26-180:**

**LOWER OVERALL RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA TAX  
DEDICATED FUNDS FOR DRUG/ALCOHOL EDUCATION &  
TREATMENT,  
PUBLIC SAFETY, & NEIGHBORHOOD ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT**

In 2014, Portlanders passed Measure 91 with over 70% voting in favor of legalizing, regulating, and taxing recreational marijuana. Since then, the City Council has affirmed that the marijuana industry is welcome in Portland, with careful regulation. We've partnered with community and industry leaders to ensure the safety and livability of our neighborhoods through a balanced approach to supporting positive cannabis business development.

**Measure 26-180 fits into Portland's reasonable accommodation of recreational marijuana.**

The state's recreational cannabis tax is currently 25%. Next year, the state tax lowers to 17%, and the Legislature allows cities or counties to add a small 3% local tax if approved by voters.

**Medical marijuana is not currently taxed and will not be taxed under Measure 26-180.**

The total 20% tax will still result in recreational products costing less than today, and Portland will have additional resources for services like public safety and neighborhood economic development.

**Colorado's tax is 27% and Washington's is 35%. So if Portland voters approve Measure 26-180, we will still have the cheapest and (I'm told) best recreational marijuana in the country.**

Funds from the local tax will be dedicated to good uses that the people of Portland support.

The **estimated \$3 million in annual revenue** will go into a special fund that can only be used for:

- **Drug and alcohol education and treatment programs**, including services that increase access to these programs, and rehabilitation services;
- **Public safety investments**, such as police DUII training and enforcement, firefighter paramedics, and street infrastructure that improves safety;
- **Support for neighborhood small businesses**, especially women-owned and minority-owned businesses;
- **Economic opportunity and education** for communities disproportionately impacted by cannabis prohibition.

I appreciate your consideration of Measure 26-180. I ask you to join me in voting YES.

Commissioner Amanda Fritz

*(This information furnished by Amanda Fritz)*

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Portland Friends and Neighbors,

No war is really over until the soldiers come home, casualties are healed and families are reunited. The war on drugs will be no different.

I'm proud of Oregon for acknowledging that the war on drugs created its own pain and loss in the community, without conquering the problems of addiction or crime. I'm proud that we are beginning the process of ending the war on drugs. But it's going to take a while.

Measure 26-180 on your City of Portland ballot would allow Portland to collect a 3% tax on recreational marijuana sales, but it's about more than collecting a tax. It's about addressing

problems where the war on drugs failed. It's about supporting the hard work of healing the community.

This tax will not land in the City's general fund, but will direct a projected \$3 million into a dedicated fund for specific, community-healing purposes:

- Drug and alcohol education and treatment programs, services to increase access to these programs, and rehabilitation.
- Public safety investments including DUII training for police, DUII enforcement, paramedic training and street safety improvements.
- Support for neighborhood small business, especially women and minority owned business.
- Economic opportunity and education for communities disproportionately affected by cannabis prohibition.

The people enacted Measure 91, decriminalizing recreational marijuana, but the legislature had to navigate complex issues to design how to go about it. As part of that, the legislature provided a path for those with non-violent marijuana offenses on their records to get them cleared. But we didn't make it easy or cheap. Assistance for law-abiding citizens to clear their records would be a social and economic boon to communities disproportionately affected by prohibition. Please join me in voting Yes on Measure 26-180 to help make that a reality.

Representative Lew Frederick  
House District 43  
North and Northeast Portland

*(This information furnished by Representative Lew Frederick)*

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**Portland Police Association and Fire Fighters Association  
Recommend  
YES Vote on Measure 26-180**

Every day, the rank and file men and women of the Portland Police Bureau and the members of Portland Fire & Rescue dedicate themselves to keeping Portlanders safe.

That's why **the Portland Police Association—representing the 850 rank and file members in the Police Bureau—and the Portland Firefighters Association are supporting Measure 26-180**, which dedicates a portion of a City tax on recreational marijuana sales to drug and alcohol treatment programs and public safety investments:

- **Drug and alcohol education and treatment programs:** Measure 26-180 would fund treatment programs and services that increase access to these programs, plus rehabilitation services like the Service Coordination Team (SCT), a program that offers treatment and wraparound support to the City of Portland's most frequent drug and property crime offenders to address their drug and alcohol addictions. SCT has successfully graduated over one hundred former drug offenders from its treatment program, reducing recidivism among program graduates by 91%.
- **Police DUII training and enforcement:** According to the Portland Bureau of Transportation's 2015 Portland Traffic Safety Report, 54% of fatal crashes in Portland include at least one person who was under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and 30% of pedestrian fatalities involve either an intoxicated pedestrian or driver. Measure 26-180 would fund additional training that will help officers improve their ability to recognize impaired driving and enforce our existing laws, keeping our streets safer for everyone.
- **Firefighter paramedics:** Portland Fire & Rescue responds to calls for medical assistance. With additional funding from Measure 26-180, PF&R would be able to enhance staffing levels to respond to the community's needs.

Please join us in voting **YES on Measure 26-180** to fund

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these critical public safety investments.

Daryl Turner  
President  
Portland Police Association

Alan Ferschweiler  
President  
Portland Firefighters Association

*(This information furnished by Daryl Turner and Alan Ferschweiler)*

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-180 TO CREATE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES MOST IMPACTED BY CANNABIS PROHIBITION

I am a cannabis business owner, proud to have co-founded Panacea, a Portland dispensary that gives back 10 percent of profits to social causes. I'm also co-founder and chairman of the Minority Cannabis Business Association, the first non-profit dedicated to creating equal access and economic opportunities for cannabis businesses, their patients and customers, and the communities most affected by the war on drugs. And I serve on numerous local committees dedicated to marijuana policy, including the City's Marijuana Policy Oversight Committee.

**I've seen first hand the opportunity the cannabis industry has to make positive change in our communities, and for that reason I'm a strong supporter of Measure 26-180.**

It's a modest local tax on recreational marijuana sales that will create **dedicated funding to support neighborhood small businesses**, especially women-owned and minority-owned businesses, and provide **economic opportunity and education to communities disproportionately impacted by cannabis prohibition**.

With Measure 26-180, we have the opportunity to be the **first city in the nation** that will dedicate funds from recreational marijuana sales toward correcting past inequities in the criminal justice system: When recreational marijuana was illegal in Oregon, people of color were 2.1 times more likely to be arrested for marijuana offenses, despite little difference in the rate of use.

Since voters approved Measure 91, legalizing the use of recreational marijuana, leaders in Oregon have been working to counteract these injustices—for example, creating a path for people to expunge their criminal marijuana record, making it easier to secure employment, student loans, and housing.

But we have more work to do. **Measure 26-180 will provide the resources we need to make a positive impact in Portland's communities**, including business incubator programs, management training, and job training opportunities.

**Please join me in voting YES on Measure 26-180 this November 8.**

-Jesce Horton

*(This information furnished by Jesce Horton)*



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# CITY OF WOOD VILLAGE

## Measure 26-177

### BALLOT TITLE

**Imposes city tax on marijuana retailer's sale of marijuana items**

**Question:** Shall City of Wood Village impose a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items by city marijuana retailers?

**Summary:** Under state law, a city council may adopt an ordinance to be referred to the voters of the city imposing up to a three percent tax or fee on the sale of marijuana items in the city by a licensed marijuana retailer. Approval of this measure would impose a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items in the City by a licensed marijuana retailer. The tax would be collected at the point of sale and remitted by the marijuana retailer.

Pursuant to ORS 250.296, an elector may file a petition for review of the ballot title not later than the seventh business day after the title has been filed with the City Elections Officer. The Ballot Title was filed with the Elections Officer on May 24, 2016.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Approval of this measure would impose a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items by a marijuana retailer within the city.

Under Measure 91, adopted by Oregon voters in November 2014 and amended by the Legislature in 2015, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission must license the retail sale of recreational marijuana. The 2015 legislation provides that a city council may adopt an ordinance imposing up to a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items (which include marijuana concentrates, extracts, edibles, and other products intended for human consumption and use) by retail licensees in the city, but the council must refer that ordinance to the voters at a statewide general election. The City of Wood Village city council has adopted an ordinance imposing a three percent tax on the sale of marijuana items by a retail licensee in the city, and, as a result, has referred this measure to the voters.

The 2015 legislation does not restrict how the city may use the revenues generated by this tax. Revenues from the tax may be therefore be used for any City purpose as determined by the city council through the local budget process.

Submitted by:  
Jeffrey G. Condit, City  
Attorney  
City of Wood Village

**NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OR OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

# METRO

## Measure 26-178

Referred to the People by the Metro Council.

### BALLOT TITLE

#### **Renews local option levy; protects natural areas, water quality, fish**

**Question:** Shall Metro protect water quality, fish, natural areas, parks; renew 5-year operating levy, 9.6¢ per \$1,000 assessed value, beginning 2018?

This measure renews current local option taxes.

**Summary:** This levy does not increase taxes. It continues the same rate previously approved by voters.

This levy protects water quality, restores fish and wildlife habitat and connects people with nature across 17,000 acres of parks, trails and natural areas. About half the levy funding goes toward restoring natural areas acquired over two decades and two voter-approved bond measures. The other half of the money helps connect people with nature by improving Metro parks and natural areas, providing nature education programming and grants for community nature projects.

#### **Result of a “yes” vote**

- Maintain and improve water quality in local rivers and streams
- Restore habitat for salmon and other native fish on the Willamette, Clackamas, Sandy, Tualatin rivers; Johnson creek
- Restore wetlands, forests and floodplains that provide habitat for birds, wildlife
- Provide more parks and trails; construct or replace restrooms, picnic shelters, playgrounds
- Increase opportunities for children from low-income families and communities of color to connect with nature.

A home assessed at \$200,000 would pay \$20 per year for five years.

The proposed rate (9.6¢ per \$1,000 assessed value) will raise approximately \$14.8 million in 2018-19, \$15.5 million in 2019-20, \$16.1 million in 2020-21, \$16.7 million in 2021-22 and \$17.4 million in 2022-23.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

**Measure 26-178 would help improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and increase opportunities for people to connect with nature.**

#### **Result of a “yes” vote**

This measure renews local option taxes at the current rate of 9.6 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value – approximately \$20 for a home assessed at \$200,000. That means it will not increase taxes currently being paid by homeowners within Metro’s boundaries in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties.

#### **What would renewing the levy do?**

Metro manages more than 17,000 acres of parks and natural areas in and among the greater Portland region – from Chehalem Ridge near Forest Grove to the Sandy River Gorge near Gresham, from Chinook Landing and Broughton Beach on the Columbia River to Graham Oaks near Wilsonville.

About half of the current levy funding maintains and restores wildlife habitat at these parks and natural areas. The other half of the money is used to construct park improvements, open new natural area sites to visitors, increase volunteer and education programming, and fund grants for community nature projects. Renewing the levy would continue these funding priorities.

#### **Improve water quality and restore wildlife habitat**

Restoring natural areas improves their ability to provide clean water, healthy wildlife habitat and opportunities for people to connect with nature. Planned projects would:

- Help improve water quality in the Willamette, Clackamas, Tualatin and Sandy rivers and Johnson Creek
- Benefit native fish in local rivers and streams
- Control invasive weeds that crowd out native plants wildlife need for food and shelter
- Restore rare Oregon white oak and prairie habitats
- Enhance wetlands to help control flooding and provide habitat for birds and amphibians
- Help improve forest health and reduce wildfire risk

#### **Increase access to nature for people**

Approximately 1.3 million people visit Metro’s parks each year for walking, hiking, bird watching, camping, boating, fishing, picnicking, and family and community events. Renewing the current levy would allow Metro to improve its sites for visitors at places such as Blue Lake and Oxbow regional parks, Smith and Bybee Wetlands, Mount Talbert, Scouters Mountain and Canemah Bluff. Planned projects would:

- Provide people with access to local rivers and natural areas
- Ensure programs and facilities support the needs of underserved communities
- Increase visitor services in Metro’s parks, including replacing or adding restrooms, group picnic areas, trails and playgrounds
- Provide more nature education programs, including for children from low-income families and communities of color
- Fund grants for community nature projects

#### **Measuring performance**

For accountability, an annual report detailing program expenses, major accomplishments and progress toward specific outcomes will be presented at a Metro Council meeting and made available on the Metro website. Program expenses will be subject to annual audits and presented in the budget adopted by the Metro Council. An independent oversight committee appointed by the Metro Council would review and report on levy-funded capital expenditures for compliance with program requirements.

#### **Learn more at [oregonmetro.gov/nature](http://oregonmetro.gov/nature)**

Submitted by:  
Martha J. Bennett, Chief  
Operating Officer  
Metro

## Measure 26-178

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### CONTINUING OUR COMMITMENT TO CLEANER WATER, WILDLIFE HABITAT AND PEOPLE

Measure 26-178 continues our region's long commitment to cleaner water, restored fish and wildlife habitat, and connecting people to nature.

With three decades of voter support, Metro has built a 17,000 acre network of parks, trails and natural areas crossing Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties. Measure 26-178 continues to build on that legacy, targeting smart investments in key areas:

- **WATER QUALITY:** Maintaining and improving water quality in local rivers and streams
- **FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT:** Restoring habitat for salmon and other native fish; restoring wetlands, forests and floodplains that provide habitat for birds and wildlife
- **PARKS AND NATURAL AREAS :** Taking care of parks and improving natural areas, including adding or updating restrooms, trails, picnic shelters, and playgrounds
- **COMMUNITY ACCESS:** Increasing opportunities for children from low-income families and communities of color to connect with nature, by designing programs together with community partners and funding community grants.

By renewing the levy approved by voters in 2013, funding for our natural areas will extend through 2023, while maintaining the current tax rate of 9.6 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, or about \$20 per year for a home assessed at \$200,000.

Join us in voting YES and continue preserving and protecting the region's natural areas, now and in the future.

Metro President Tom Hughes  
 Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick  
 Metro Councilor Carlotta Collette  
 Metro Councilor Craig Dirksen  
 Metro Councilor Kathryn Harrington  
 Metro Councilor Sam Chase  
 Metro Councilor Bob Stacey

*(This information furnished by Protect Our Natural Areas)*

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Water Quality Advocates Agree: Vote YES on Measure 26-178 for Clean, Safe, and Healthy Water

From small streams like Tryon Creek to the mighty Columbia and Willamette, our region's communities and habitats are tied together by water. Measure 26-178 restores and maintains these clean and healthy rivers—without raising taxes.

**Nothing is more important than clean, healthy water.** This measure provides vitally needed funding to restore water quality in rivers and streams throughout the Metro area, now and in the future.

Funds from the renewed levy will protect water quality, reconnect vital floodplains, increase native plants, and control invasive species. By preserving these critical areas we are ensuring that our streams, lakes and rivers continue to be **healthy and safe for current and future generations of Oregonians.**

The natural areas levy has been essential to improving water quality in:

- Wilsonville's Coffee Lake Creek
- North Portland's Smith and Bybee Wetlands
- Clackamas County's Beaver Creek
- Beaverton's Fanno Creek
- Oregon City's Newell Creek
- Hillsboro's Tualatin River
- Cornelius' Council Creek

- Gresham and East Multnomah County's Johnson Creek
- As well as major restoration investments along the Willamette, Clackamas, and Sandy Rivers.

**A YES vote on Measure 26-178 will ensure Metro has the necessary funds to continue improving water quality and natural habitat through 2023, all without raising existing taxes.**

#### Join us in supporting Measure 26-178:

Audubon Society of Portland  
 Willamette Riverkeeper  
 Columbia Land Trust  
 Oregon League of Conservation Voters  
 We Love Clean Rivers  
 Urban Greenspaces Institute

*(This information furnished by Protect Our Natural Areas)*

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### YES ON MEASURE 26-178: PROTECT AND ENHANCE OUR REGION'S UNIQUE OUTDOOR RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

Our local natural areas have something for everyone — natural beauty, scenery, and easy access to nature and recreation. They provide a beautiful and affordable place for recreation close to home.

**Metro facilities annually provide recreation opportunities for 1.3 million visitors.** These parks and natural spaces provide trails for hiking and biking, rivers for kayaking, lakes for fishing, and prairies for birdwatching. As our region grows, it is more important than ever to invest in keeping our parks and natural areas open to every community throughout the region.

A YES vote on Measure 26-178 will increase opportunities for people to experience nature in parts of our region that currently have few public parks or natural areas.

**The 2013 Metro Levy provided funding for the following opportunities for the region's communities to connect to the nature in our neighborhoods:**

- New aluminum docks at **Chinook Landing Marine Park** on the Columbia River
- New scenic overlook, footbridge and improved trails near **Oregon City's Canemah Bluff**
- Improvements to **Milwaukie's Riverfront Park** to provide access for residents to the Willamette River
- New restrooms, a rebuilt trail and a viewing platform at **Blue Lake Regional Park in Fairview**
- Over 400 new trail signs installed on Hillsboro's Rock Creek Trail, Milwaukie's Trolley Trail, and the Tualatin River Greenway
- A new natural play area, picnic pavilion and other improvements at the soon-to-be-opened Bull Mountain Park in Tigard.

**Your YES Vote on Measure 26-178 will preserve our region's legacy of natural beauty by protecting rivers, streams, natural areas, and wildlife habitat.** It will ensure that everyone—including kids, low-income families, and communities of color—have access to these vital resources, all without increasing the tax rate.

#### Join us in voting YES on Measure 26-178

Northwest Youth Corps  
 Bicycle Transportation Alliance  
 Northwest Trail Alliance  
 Friends of Tryon Creek

*(This information furnished by Protect Our Natural Areas)*

# METRO

## Measure 26-178

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Local Leaders Support Measure 26-178 Renewing the Levy Benefits Multnomah County's Natural Areas

Renewing the Metro natural areas levy, Measure 26-178, continues Metro's strong support for local communities.

Nature in Neighborhoods grants reward innovative approaches to restoring and connecting people with nature, and that local funding has grown through the natural areas levy. This renewal would continue those grants.

And Metro's investments have played a critical role in opening more than 70 community parks across the region, as well as acquiring natural areas, restoring wildlife habitat, and improving access to nature for every community.

In Multnomah County, the natural areas levy has supported projects like:

- Significant improvements at Blue Lake Regional Park, including native landscaping and picnic areas, and a master plan to guide future investments.
- A new nature play area concept at Oxbow Regional Park and campsite upgrades
- A master plan for the Troutdale to Springwater Corridor trail, developed with the Cities of Troutdale and Gresham
- Transformation of Milwaukie's Riverfront Park and regional planning for the Trolley Trail
- Restored habitat in North Portland's St. Johns Prairie, including increasing the variety of wildflowers and attracting native bees
- New aluminum docks at Chinook Landing Marine Park in Fairview, on the Columbia River
- Youth and family programs at Smith and Bybee Wetlands led by community organizations like Latino Network and Unite Oregon.

Please join local leaders in voting YES on Measure 26-178, to ensure that our children, grandchildren, and all future generations will enjoy the same quality of life we do, in every corner of the region.

**Senator Elizabeth Steiner-Hayward**  
**Jules Bailey, Multnomah County Commissioner**  
**Portland Mayor Charlie Hales**  
**Portland City Commissioner Nick Fish**  
**Portland City Commissioner Amanda Fritz**  
**Portland City Commissioner Steve Novick**  
**Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman**  
**Former Portland Mayor Sam Adams**  
**Doug Daoust, Troutdale Mayor**  
**Ted Tosterud, Mayor of Fairview**  
**Wood Village Mayor Patricia Smith**

**Columbia Slough Watershed Council**  
**40 Mile Loop Land Trust**  
**Friends of Tryon Creek**

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### CONNECTING PEOPLE TO NATURE: METRO LEVY RENEWAL ENSURES INVESTMENT IN DIVERSE COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE REGION

Equity partners from across the Metro region are voting **YES** on **Measure 26-178**.

Metro is committed to working together with people, businesses, nonprofit organizations and public partners to create a Portland region where **all individuals and communities benefit from a healthy environment with clean air and water**.

Measure 26-178 will increase opportunities for people to experience nature in parts of our region that currently have few

public parks or natural areas. It will provide funding for parks, rivers, streams, and natural areas in every part of the Metro area—projects that will benefit all local residents.

And Measure 26-178 will ensure that everyone has access to these vital resources, through programs that connect people to nature, and with **grants to local community groups**, such as:

- Portland's Community Cycling Center's partnership with Hacienda CDC and Groundwork Portland to lead bike tours of the Columbia River Slough.
- Columbia Land Trust's work with Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon and City of Gresham to expand, diversify and steward Backyard Habitat Certification Program
- Engagement with Centro Cultural and Adelante Mujeres to conduct environmental conservation work on Cornelius Council Creek
- Audubon Society of Portland's TALON program, which connects young people of color in East Multnomah and North Clackamas counties to environmental science professions.

Metro's renewed commitment to community engagement, hiring practices that break down barriers for applicants of color, and equitable resource allocation will help ensure that every community in the region shares in the economic opportunities and quality of life improvements provided by the levy renewal.

**Equity partners from around the region agree: Vote YES on 26-178**

**Coalition of Communities of Color**  
**Asian Pacific Islander Network of Oregon (APANO)**  
**Latino Network**  
**OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon**  
**Adelante Mujeres**  
**Verde**  
**Self Enhancement Inc**  
**Vive Northwest**

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Measure 26-178: For Healthier Communities

"Measure 26-178 is a great investment in our region's collective well-being. I support a YES vote because it will ensure future generations of Oregonians are provided more ample opportunities to take a walk, ride a bike, and enjoy easy access to nature and recreation."

- Dr. Philip Wu, MD

Investments in parks, trails, and opportunities to connect to nature lead to healthier communities. **A YES vote on Measure 26-178** will provide ongoing support for Metro's funding of initiatives for cleaner water, restored fish and wildlife habitat, and amenities to encourage recreation and healthy activities. Renewing the 2013 levy will allow Metro to continue to fund projects across the region that improve public health—without raising existing taxes.

Investment in our natural areas and parks don't just improve our collective community health; they have significant impact for our regional bottom line. A 2011 study suggests that roughly \$155 million in health care costs may be averted annually thanks to the physical activity in the parks, trails, and natural areas of the Portland metro region.

And thanks to the natural areas levy, Metro is on track to plant 1 million trees and shrubs across the region this year, in addition to thousands pounds of native plant seeds. Every tree planted across our region helps remove pollution from our air, making it healthier to breathe.

Measure 26-178 ensures everyone in our region has access to the health benefits of nature and recreation. Please join us in voting yes.

## Measure 26-178

Oregon Environmental Council  
Oregon Walks  
Friends of Trees  
Depave  
Oregon Chapter, Sierra Club  
1000 Friends of Oregon

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### MEASURE 26-178: A COST-EFFECTIVE INVESTMENT FOR PORTLAND'S GROWING ECONOMY

Oregonians pride themselves on their protection and stewardship and their prudent management and protection of the environment. Metro's decades of investment in regional parks, rivers and trails builds on these traditions through their ongoing stewardship and maintenance of public access to the region's cherished rivers, streams, parks, and trails.

In addition to the substantive improvements to quality of life and public health, these investments also represent a significant economic opportunity for the region.

#### QUALITY OF LIFE AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Our region is able to attract visitors, and recruit and retain high quality businesses and workers, thanks to our unparalleled quality of life. The natural beauty, scenery, and easy access to nature are frequently cited as reasons to locate in our region—growing the economy for all of us.

A **YES Vote on Measure 26-178** provides funding for parks and open spaces that make our region a more vibrant place to live, keeping our region economically competitive.

#### GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

Investment in protection and maintenance of the region's critical flood plains, rivers and streams saves the region's taxpayers money by lowering the costs of stormwater management, flood mitigation, and climate change adaptation.

A **YES Vote on Measure 26-178** continues these smart green infrastructure investments, saving us all money in the long run and avoiding costly problems in the future.

#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

This levy renewal will also provide employment opportunities, putting Oregonians to work on building this critical infrastructure. The jobs and investments produced by Metro's investment will help provide significant economic opportunities for working families and small businesses.

A **YES Vote on Measure 26-178** will support projects in every part of the Metro area—in Clackamas, Washington, and Multnomah Counties—that will benefit all local residents.

#### Measure 26-178 is supported by business and labor leaders, including:

Westside Economic Alliance  
Oregon City Business Alliance  
Laborers' Local 483  
AFSCME Local 3580 and 3580-1  
N.W. Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO

*(This information furnished by Protect Our Natural Areas)*

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Create a better future for our region's wildlife: Vote YES on Measure 26-178

The Oregon Zoo Foundation is an independent nonprofit that serves to advance the zoo's mission of inspiring the community to create a better future for wildlife. Our organization has led the charge to support initiatives to raise awareness of the importance of conservation, education, and animal welfare since 1997.

It is with this focus and background that we strongly endorse a **YES vote on Measure 26-178** to renew Metro's levy and

continue funding for operations and maintenance of our natural areas. Renewal of this levy will ensure that as a region we have the resources to continue to our conservation and education mission beyond the zoo's borders.

Today, a young visitor to the Oregon Zoo might leave with a renewed sense of wonder of the world after seeing native species like California condor, coho salmon, Columbia Basin pygmy rabbits, Oregon spotted frogs, or the Oregon silverspot butterfly. All of these species are currently endangered, and their future depends on prudent investment in and protection of our natural wildlife habitat here in the Willamette Valley.

A YES vote on Measure 26-178 provides Metro and other community partners the opportunity to invest in these endangered species' natural habitats.

A YES Vote on Measure 26-178 is a vote to support conservation, wildlife, and community access throughout our region. Let's ensure future generations of Oregonians are promised the opportunity to see these native species -- not just at the zoo -- but in rivers, forests and backyards across the region.

Rob Erickson  
Board Chair  
Oregon Zoo Foundation

*(This information furnished by Protect Our Natural Areas)*

### ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

#### Opposition statement to Metro's Five-Year Operating Levy – Measure 26-178

Metro is asking for a new tax levy **despite the fact that it already has sufficient funds** to operate all its parks.

According to the Metro Auditor, for the 10-year period 2003-2013:

- Total annual revenue for Metro went up by 22%, while expenses increased only 16%
- Annual property revenue increased by 40%
- Excise tax income went up 37%

In more recent years, these trends have actually accelerated. **Since 2006, annual property tax revenue collected by Metro has gone up by 122%**—from \$28.6 million to \$63.6 million.

Unfortunately, this money is not even being used to improve public access to Metro's parks. In fact, **large portions of Metro's 17,000 acres of parklands are not open to use by taxpayers.**

Many Metro properties are gated and locked; most have inadequate signage so no one can find them.

At a September town hall meeting in Forest Grove, Metro employees stated that 73-81% of the Chehalem Ridge nature park — Metro's largest single land holding — will be **zoned as "conservation areas" and off-limits to human use.**

Even if you are lucky enough to find a Metro park, **don't even think about bringing your dog.** Metro prohibits dogs and other pets on virtually all its parklands.

Since 1995, Metro has spent hundreds of millions of tax dollars buying up large tracts of lands far from where most people live. **The Metro Council doesn't want you to use most of these lands, but they do want you to pay for them.** This an elitist conception of nature.

Metro is awash in tax money. **There is no justification for a new property tax levy,** regardless of its stated purpose.

Cascade Policy Institute urges you to vote NO on Measure 26-178.

*(This information furnished by Cascade Policy Institute)*

# GRESHAM- BARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Measure 26-187

### BALLOT TITLE

#### **Bond Projects Increasing Safety, Technology, Expanding Educational and Vocational Opportunities**

**Question:** Shall Gresham-Barlow School District increase security and technology, relieve over-crowding, update/replace schools, by issuing \$291,170,000 in Bonds? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**Summary:** If approved, bonds are expected to fund projects to relieve over-crowding, increase safety and access to technology, and repair aging buildings. The District has been awarded \$8 million in state matching funds if measure is approved; reducing the amount financed by taxpayers.

Independent audits and citizen oversight would be required.

For all schools, bonds and grants expected to fund:

- Improved Learning Spaces
  - o Expanded classrooms to relieve over-crowding
  - o Increased access to technology
  - o Modernized areas for science, engineering & vocational education
- Safety Projects
  - o Secured entries
  - o Emergency communications equipment
  - o Classroom door locks
- Significant Projects:
  - o Improve water and air quality
  - o Major Renovations to Sam Barlow and Gresham High
  - o Replace North Gresham and East Gresham Elementaries
  - o Improvements to Deep Creek Damascus K-8
- Additional Costs:
  - o Refinancing capital costs
  - o Land acquisition, site and building improvements, demolition
  - o Furnishing, equipping projects and bond issuance costs.

Bonds maturity will not exceed 21 years, may be issued in series. The estimated incremental tax rate is approximately \$1.89 per \$1,000 of assessed property.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Gresham-Barlow School District serves over 12,000 students in 22 schools across 54 square miles.

School buildings average 51 years in age. Some are close to 100 years old.

Gresham-Barlow voters have not approved capital bond funds to upgrade facilities since 2000.

With the 2000 Bond the District constructed three new schools – Springwater Trail High School, Center for Advance Learning and Hogan Cedars Elementary School – as well as providing upgrades and maintenance to buildings across the district.

In 2015, District convened a bond measure planning committee made up of local citizens to identify the condition of current school facilities.

Citizens Committee reported the following issues:

- **Classrooms are Out of Date:** The student learning environment in many of the District schools lack current technology, many of the modern educational platforms and tools cannot be used.

- **Safety and Security Needs Improvement:** School buildings provide too many points of entry for visitors and general public, emergency communications are out of date, and portable classrooms at elementary schools sited away from the building.
- **Update and Increase Access to Vocational and Career Technical Education:** The classrooms that provide hands on job training opportunities for career and technical education need updating and expansion.
- **Building Systems Are Rapidly Aging:** Systems including electrical, heating, plumbing, roofs, windows, and more are in substandard condition and need updating.

**The citizens committee proposed a bond measure fund the following capital projects:**  
**District Wide**

- **Improve student environments** across the district by updating and expanding learning spaces including increased space for vocation and career technical education.
  - o The district would remodel and update schools to add capacity to address overcrowding
  - o Update classroom teaching technology for every school.
- **Provide Safety and Security Upgrades**
  - o Control access points to buildings and playgrounds, improved visibility and surveillance, internal classroom door locks and equipment for emergency communications.
- **Update and Modernize Existing Buildings**
  - o Renovate building systems including repairing exterior walls, repairing or replacing roofs, floors, ceilings, interior walls; replacing windows and doors. Update heating, ventilation, electrical and plumbing systems to improve air and water quality.

#### **School Specific**

- Major renovations and/or replacements of the following schools:
  - o Sam Barlow and Gresham High Schools would undergo major renovations; Highlights include expanded vocational and technology classrooms, new media centers and libraries, new science wings with science labs and new classrooms spaces.
  - o Hall And Hollydale Elementary Schools – each school would receive modern classrooms to address capacity and pull-out collaboration project areas.
  - o Complete replacement of aging and outdated North Gresham and East Gresham Elementary Schools
  - o Deep Creek Damascus K-8 - additional classrooms to accommodate middle school aged students and science, art and math classes.

The Board of Directors shall establish an independent citizen oversight committee to ensure bond funds are used as approved by voters.

**An Unique Opportunity:** The District was one of 11 districts to be awarded state capital matching funds and was awarded the largest of any district at \$8 million if measure is approved; reducing the amount financed by taxpayers.

Submitted by  
Mike Schofield, Chief  
Financial Officer  
Gresham-Barlow School  
District 10Jt

**NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**

# GRESHAM- BARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Measure 26-187

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Measure 26-187 Prioritizes Safety and Security

As public safety professionals and individuals who work with our children we know it's our responsibility to do everything we can to keep our community safe. When it comes to school safety, the headlines across the nation are all too frequent and similar. It's an unfortunate fact that in today's world, our schools must be ready to respond to any manner of threat.

Right now our Gresham-Barlow school buildings leave our kids vulnerable, and the adults who look after them.

#### We need to know who is in our buildings or on school grounds

With six schools bordering the Springwater Corridor, unknown adults are frequently found cutting across school grounds, lingering on playfields or near portable classrooms. **This bond will enhance basic safety features that keep our children safe at school.**

#### Staff must be able to quickly respond to emergency situations

In emergencies such as an active shooter on school grounds, the ability to respond quickly literally saves lives. This bond measure helps us do that—funding **new security technology, locking systems, security cameras and emergency communications that help keep students and staff safe in the case of imminent danger.**

**The Gresham-Barlow Bond will help keep our kids, and the adults who care for them, safe. Please join us in voting yes.**

**Local 1062, Gresham Professional Firefighters  
Carla Piluso, Retired Chief of Police  
Captain Jim Slauson, Retired Chief of Police  
Scott Anderson, Former Troutdale Police Chief  
Jeff Rhinevault, Founding Member & Past President of  
Gresham Youth Football**

*(This information furnished by Citizens for Safe and Secure Schools)*

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Yes for Kids, Yes for Safe and Secure Schools

As parents, business owners, educators and community members we urge you to say YES to our students success.

#### This bond is an accountable way to ensure students graduate college and career ready

- Expanded Classrooms to Relieve Overcrowding
- Updated and Improved Vocational Classrooms and Facilities
- Equal Access to Technology for all Students

#### It keeps students and staff safe by improving safety and security in school buildings

- Limit Access Points to School Buildings, Secure Entries
- Modern Equipment for Emergency Communications
- Classroom Door Locks

#### Makes basic repairs in order to address problems now so they don't cost taxpayers more later

- Improve Water and Air Quality
- Repair/Replace Roofs
- Energy Efficiency Upgrades

#### And reduces chronic overcrowding that impacts student success.

- Major Renovations of Sam Barlow and Gresham High

Schools

- 16 New Classrooms at Hall, Hollydale Elementary and Deep Creek-Damascus K-8
- Replacement of North Gresham and East Gresham Elementary Schools

#### **Why a Bond Now?**

#### **Classrooms and Schools are Over-Crowded and Obsolete**

- Small classrooms packed with kids, students learning in the hallways and outdated technology. These things directly affect our children's ability to learn!

#### **Major Safety and Security Upgrades Needed**

- We need to know who is in and around our schools. Right now there are too many points of entry, emergency communications that don't work and portable classrooms scattered at elementary schools across the district.

#### **Obsolete Vocational and Career Technical Education Spaces**

- Today's vocational and career technical education is not your father's shop class. These classrooms no longer meet the needs of our educators and students .

#### **Building Systems are Barely Functioning, If At All**

- Barlow High School still has its original roof from 50 years ago. Electrical, heating, plumbing, roofs and windows are decades old and no longer function properly or at all in some cases.

#### **Signed - Parents, Educators and Community Members who say Yes for Student Success!**

*(This information furnished by Yes! For Student Success)*

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Great Schools = A Great Economy

#### **Gresham-Barlow Business Owners Say YES to the the Gresham-Barlow Bond**

As local business owners and leaders we are urging you to vote YES on the Gresham-Barlow Schools Bond. Great schools are good for our economy in multiple ways. As business owner we are supporting Measure 26-187 because it:

#### **Expands Vocational Education Opportunities**

This bond will enhance vocational training programs in our high schools, ensuring students get the hands on training opportunities in up to date lab spaces and classrooms they need to give them a head start on their careers

#### **Upgrades and Updates Science, Technology and Math Education Facilities**

Creates modern classroom space for more science, technology, engineering, and mathematics courses

#### **Provides Equal Access to Technology**

Ensure students have equal access to computers and up to date technology

#### **Students Will Graduate Ready for Work or College**

This bond provide our teachers and students with the modern best practices in education and technology they need in order to help them graduate college and career ready

#### **Please join your local business community in voting YES for Schools**

Dr. Mike McKeel, DMD  
Dr. Mike Hill  
The Local Cow  
Michael R. Miller

# GRESHAM- BARLOW SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Measure 26-187

The Courts at Clear Creek  
Mt. Hood Adult Day Center  
Judith O'Connell, local business owner  
Flying Pie Pizza, Gresham  
Douglas L. Walker  
Kris Howatt, Co-owner Feather Your Nest Quilt Store  
Katherine J. Ruthruff, Board Member Gresham-Barlow  
Lori Stegmann, Stegmann Ins. Agency  
Andrea Weber, owner of Well Within, LLC  
Kelly A. Carter, MD  
Greg Moen

*(This information furnished by Gresham-Barlow Business Owners for Modern Education)*

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### Your Gresham-Barlow Educators and Classified Staff Are Asking You to Vote YES for our Students

**We work, repair and teach in our schools every day. We see first hand how our crumbling schools impact student learning.**

### Our Classrooms Are Overcrowded

An overcrowded classroom is a place where real learning gets crowded out. Our schools are so overcrowded that some classes are being conducted in the hallways—making real learning extremely difficult. **This bond will provide the space our students need to learn and grow.**

### 100 Degree Classrooms, Lead in the Water

The average age of our school buildings in the district is 51 years and one elementary school that was built before World War 1. These aging buildings lead to air and water quality problems that directly impact how our students learn. **This bond fixes these problems with modern air and water systems.**

### Outdated Technology

The technology in our schools right now is outdated and simply nonexistent in some cases. **This bond will provide equal access to technology for every Gresham-Barlow student.**

### Please join us in voting YES for the Measure 26-187

**Erika Fuller, Co-President OSEA Chapter 8**  
**Renni Ferguson, Co-President, OSEA Chap. 8**  
Lori Walter Principal, Deep Creek-Damascus K-8 School  
Mary Ann Narath Teacher Deep Creek Damascus K-8  
Jeff Gehrig Teacher Deep Creek Damascus K-8  
Colleen Kai Teacher East Orient Elementary  
Penny Held Teacher Highland Elementary  
Darlene M. Frazier Teacher Hogan Cedars Elementary  
Julie Frediani Teacher Hollydale Elementary  
Jennifer Carvajal Teacher Kelly Creek Elementary  
Kammy Breyer Kindergarten Teacher North Gresham Elementary  
Kristin Fortune Title 1 EA Powell Valley Elementary  
Tia Collins Teacher West Gresham Elementary  
Tom Erickson Teacher Clear Creek Middle School  
Craig Hemenway Teacher Dexter McCarty Middle School

Tim Tetz Teacher Gordon Russell Middle School  
Julie Stickney Teacher West Orient Middle School  
Sara Dempsey Theatre Arts Teacher/Director Gresham High School  
Bruce Schmidt Principal, Sam Barlow High School  
Paul Nickolas Teacher Sam Barlow High School

*(This information furnished by Teachers and Classified Staff United for Gresham-Barlow Schools)*

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### The Gresham-Barlow Bond : A Wise Investment of Your Tax Dollars

### Your mayor and city council say **YES to Measure 26-187!**

### **This Bond is a smart use of our tax dollars**

### Savings Directed Into the Classroom

Right now the school district saves over one million dollars a year—the equivalent of 20 teachers—by putting in place smart energy savings and efficiencies in their buildings. This bond will continue this record of success, saving taxpayers money and helping the District invest in more high quality teachers.

### Matching Funds Brings Down The Cost to You

This bond will make the Gresham-Barlow School District eligible to receive a matching grant from the state for eight million dollars. This means more improvements can be made to classrooms while reducing the burden on all of us who pay taxes here in Gresham-Barlow.

### Addresses Problems Now So They Don't Cost Taxpayers More Later

Our school are rapidly aging and will only get older. Every year we put off vital upgrades and updates, the more expensive the eventual cost will be to make these fixes. An investment today can save all of us for years to come.

### Measure 26 – 187 Let's make a wise investment!

Shane T. Bemis, Mayor of Gresham  
Jerry Hinton, Gresham City Council Member, General Manager of ADESA Portland  
Kirk French, Gresham City Council  
Karylenn Echols, City Council  
David Widmark, Gresham City Council

*(This information furnished by Let's Make a Wise Investment)*

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

### Let's Put Our Kids First

As a conservative, business owner and resident of Gresham-Barlow I know first hand how every penny counts. I also know that we have to invest in our community if we want to see it grow and thrive.

### The Gresham-Barlow Bond puts our kids first, that's where our money should go.

There are a lot of requests to help fund this program or that project on the ballot this year.

We all have to make hard choices when it comes to finances whether it is in our businesses or at home. We set priorities and make choices.

Let's all prioritize our kids first this year. Let's invest in our children.

### The Gresham-Barlow Bond should be our collective priority and is a wise investment.

Investing in our kids now, will pay off in multiple ways down the road:

**Better schools build a better community. Better schools attract businesses and bring more jobs to our community. Better schools mean higher home values.**

Join me in voting YES on the Gresham-Barlow Bond. For our kids. For our community.

### Mark Eisenzimmer- President Cascade Athletic Clubs

*(This information furnished by Mark Eisenzimmer President Cascade Athletic Club)*

# CLACKAMAS FIRE DISTRICT #1

## Measure 3-494

### BALLOT TITLE

#### **Annexation of Boring RFPD #59 boundaries into Clackamas Fire District#1.**

**Question:** Shall all properties located within the Boring RFPD #59 boundaries be annexed into Clackamas Fire District #1?

**Summary:** Clackamas Fire District #1 has been providing fire and emergency services to Boring RFPD #59 since 2014, by intergovernmental agreement. The Districts have discussed annexing the Boring RFPD #59 properties into Clackamas Fire District #1. Districts have adopted a plan of dissolution where all assets and properties of Boring RFPD #59 shall be transferred to Clackamas Fire District #1. There are two companion measures on the ballot for approval by the residents of Boring RFPD #59. Those include an approval of dissolution of the Boring RFPD #59 and the approval by the voters in that area to be annexed into Clackamas Fire District #1. All three measures must pass or all are considered null and void as they are contingent upon the passage of each other.

The board of directors of Clackamas Fire District #1 has determined that integration of the district into Clackamas Fire District #1 by means of the proposed dissolution and annexation is in the best interests of the Clackamas Fire District residents, and the board submits this question of annexation to the Clackamas Fire District voters as required by state law.

Submitted by  
John Blanton  
President, Board of  
Directors  
Clackamas Fire District #1

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure approves annexation of the Boring Fire District territory by Clackamas Fire District #1. Dissolution of Boring Fire District (a separate measure) must also be approved for the annexation to proceed. (Oregon law requires that a fire district must be dissolved before its territory can be annexed by another fire district.) Since July 1, 2014, Clackamas Fire has furnished fire protection, fire prevention and emergency medical services to the Boring Fire area under an intergovernmental agreement between the two districts. If the dissolution and annexation are both approved, all assets and liabilities of Boring Fire shall be conveyed to and assumed by Clackamas Fire pursuant to the plan of dissolution approved by the Board of Boring Fire District. The Boring Fire District residents will be paying the same rate per \$1,000 as the Clackamas Fire District residents.

Clackamas Fire District #1 is one of the largest fire protection districts in Oregon, serving approximately 220,000 citizens within the cities of Happy Valley, Johnson City, Milwaukie, Oregon City and the unincorporated areas of Carver, Beaver Creek, Carus, Central Point, Clarkes, Damascus, Oak Lodge, Redland, South End, Sunnyside and Westwood. The district provides a wide range of services including fire suppression, advanced life support, emergency medical care, fire prevention, swift water rescue, hazardous materials response, Community Emergency Response Teams, emergency management, community education and other programs. The district responds to communities' needs from 20 strategically located community fire stations with a workforce of approximately 256 employees and 100 volunteers.

# END OF COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

**NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OR OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.**