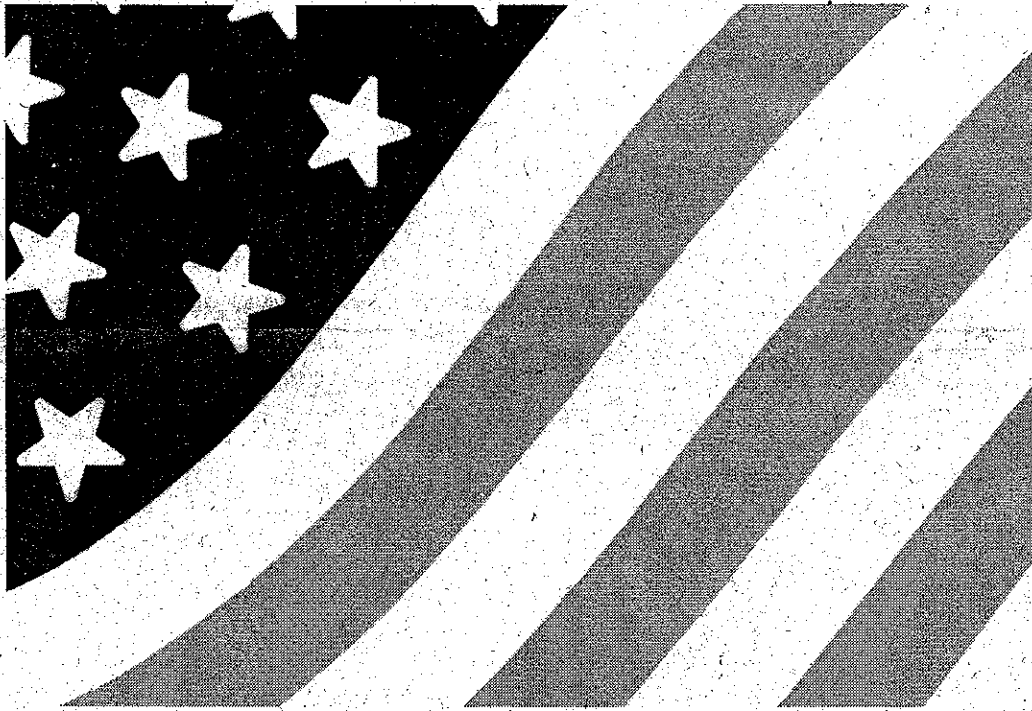


MULTNOMAH COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET



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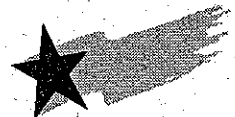
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MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Measure No. 26-58

Referred to the People by the
Board of County Commissioners.

BALLOT TITLE

PUBLIC LIBRARY FIVE YEAR SERIAL LEVY

QUESTION: Shall Multnomah County operate Libraries, levy 59.47 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation, outside permanent rate for five years beginning 1998-1999?

This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

The proposed levy will be in effect for five years.

SUMMARY: This measure may be passed only at an election with at least a 50 percent voter turnout.

Levy keeps the Central Library and all branch libraries open to the public and provides these expanded services:

- More library hours at Central and all branch libraries;
- All branches will have Sunday afternoon hours;
- Open busiest libraries on Mondays;
- More books and other library materials;
- Children's library programs, including story hours, homework help, art programs, special reading initiatives, and services to children in day care;
- Special library programs for all audiences including adults, seniors, and youth on local history, computers and other subjects;

If the levy is not approved, library services will remain at current reduced level with shortened hours, fewer books and fewer services. If approved, the levy may provide partial replacement funding for library services currently financed by the County's general fund.

Levy cost estimate is about 59.47 cents per \$1,000 assessed value per year. Typical home pays an additional \$6 per month as a result of this levy.

This levy, dedicated to library operations, is estimated to provide \$19.7 million in 1998-1999, \$20.4 million in 1999-2000, \$21.3 million in 2000-2001, \$22.1 million in 2001-2002, and \$23 million in 2002-2003.

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of the estimate.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Measure 26-58 will renew library operations, allowing the libraries to provide services planned prior to passage of Measure 47. It will help operate the downtown Central Library, and all library branches: Gresham, Midland, St. Johns, North Portland, Albina, Hollywood, Gregory Heights, Rockwood, Holgate, Woodstock, Belmont, Sellwood-Moreland, Hillsdale and Capitol Hill.

Increased Hours for County Libraries

It will increase the number of days and hours these libraries are open and will increase the amount spent on books and other library materials. It will provide for the opening and operation of two new libraries, one in Northwest Portland and one in cooperation with the Parkrose School District.

Who the Library Serves

The Multnomah County Library serves the people of Multnomah County by providing books and other materials to meet their information, education, cultural, and recreation needs.

The County Library system is among the busiest in the nation and provides services every year to over 500,000 library card holders; over 70% of the people who live in Multnomah County. Nearly 8.5 million books and other library materials are borrowed from the library each year. Library staff annually responds to more than 800,000 requests for information. More than 1,000 people a day access the library by dialing in to the library's automated system.

What the Library Provides: Books and More

Approving the library levy will provide for the following:

- All branches will have Sunday afternoon hours.
- Operating and staffing downtown Central Library, Gresham Library, Midland Library, and 12 other branch libraries located throughout Multnomah County.
- Restoring and extending hours at the Central and branch libraries.
- Buying more books and other library materials and continuing improvements in library technology.
- Operating and staffing two new branches, a medium sized library in Northwest Portland and a small branch in cooperation with Parkrose School District.
- Improving library service to children, adults and senior citizens with special needs.
- Providing 24-hour-a-day access to DYNA, the library's computerized card catalog and community resource and events calendar data base, and increasing access to other computerized information for the public.
- Expanding special programs for children including story hours for toddlers, services for children in daycare, homework help for students, art programs and reading initiatives. Offering adult and senior citizen programs on technology and other subjects.
- Providing information and reference materials for students, job-seekers, business users and the general public.
- Gaining free access for Multnomah County residents to the special library collections housed at the Oregon Historical Society.

This library levy is about 59.47 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. The typical home in Multnomah County pays an additional \$6 per month over five years for library operations and the services listed above.

Submitted by
Multnomah Board of County Commissioners

No arguments AGAINST this measure were filed.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Measure No. 26-58**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR**

A Message from members of Friends of the Library

**Re-Open Our Libraries • Restore the Cuts
Vote Yes on Measure 26-58**

Our Libraries need your help!

With Central Library and 14 branches throughout the county, Multnomah County's libraries are among the busiest in the nation, providing services every year to over 500,000 library card holders - over 70% of the people who live in Multnomah County. Nearly 8.5 million books and other library materials are borrowed each year.

But our libraries can only work if they are open.

In May, 1996 Multnomah County voters approved a levy to provide dedicated operating funds for the library. However, the passage of Measure 47 & 50 ended that dedicated funding, and reduced the overall amount of money available to operate our libraries. Now, most of our libraries are open only limited hours (38.5 hours per week), and all are completely closed Sundays and Mondays: our libraries have the fewest open hours of any city our size!

Here is what approving Measure 26-58 will do for Central Library and our 14 branch libraries:

- Restore and extend library hours, including opening all branches on Sundays.
- Buy more books, library materials and improve library technology.
- Expand programs for children including story hours for toddlers, services for kids in daycare, and homework assistance.
- Offer adult and senior programs on technology and other subjects.
- Increase public, on-line access to the libraries computerized information.
- Operate and staff Central, Gresham and Midland Libraries and 12 other branch libraries located throughout Multnomah County.

The levy will also provide funds to operate a new library in Northwest Portland, cooperative library projects with Parkrose and Corbett high schools, and a library presence in the Troutdale/Fairview/Wood Village area.

Approving Measure 26-58 provides our libraries a dedicated source of funding which could not be cut for the 5 year life of the levy.

**VOTE YES FOR OUR LOCAL LIBRARIES
VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-58**

(This information furnished by Penny Hummel & Jerrold M. Packard)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Dear Neighbor,

At 73 years of age, I have been using the public library for nearly a lifetime. Three generations of the Wright family count on the library: my children and grandchildren use it as much as I do. Whether for homework, adult education or sheer enjoyment, the library is a central part of our lives. In fact, the library just provided me with my first introduction to the Internet!

As a community, we have a right to be proud of creating a public investment that makes a real difference in our quality of life.

But unless we pass Measure 26-58, much of this investment will go to waste.

Largely because of the effects of Measure 47 and 50, our libraries have suffered cuts in services—especially in terms of how many hours they are open. Right now, Central Library and most branches are open only 38.5 hours per week. Some branches are open only 30 hours per week. Our libraries have the fewest open hours of any other city our size!

That is inconvenient for me: I'm a morning person, and that is when I would prefer to use the library. But I am even more concerned about children who need the library to do their homework or a report, and can't get in during the evenings. Computer access to information is now essential for students, and for many, the library is their only after-school resource.

Most of all, it is a terrible shame that the doors of this wonderful public resource we have all invested in are closed so much of the time. Please join me in voting yes on the Library Levy, so those doors can be opened to every generation, every day.

Sincerely,
Ralph Wright

P.S. What's inside the library is as important as the doors being open! Measure 26-58 will also buy new books and replace outdated or damaged materials in every branch.

(This information furnished by Ralph Wright)

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Measure No. 26-58

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

MEASURE 26-58 MEANS BETTER LIBRARY SERVICES FOR GRESHAM AND EAST COUNTY

We and our families are regular users of the Gresham Library, and treasure it as an important reason that our community is a great place to live. But the Gresham Regional Library has to shoulder a very heavy burden. Right now, Gresham is the easternmost library in the Multnomah County system. As a result, residents of Troutdale, Fairview, Wood Village, Corbett and other parts of East County must travel to Gresham if they want to visit a library.

The Multnomah County Library Levy will restore and extend hours in Gresham, Midland, Central Libraries, and all 12 other branch libraries throughout the county. But Measure 26-58 is especially important to those of us who live in Gresham and East Multnomah County.

By passing the Library Levy, we can dramatically improve services to our communities. Measure 26-58 provides funding to:

- Restore the cuts in library hours to the Gresham Regional Library. Open hours will increase from 38.5 to 63 hours per week.
- Create a library presence in the Troutdale/Fairview/Wood Village area.
- Open Gresham Library Sunday afternoons.
- Establish a cooperative library project with Corbett High School.
- Buy more books and replace outdated materials.

Passing the Library Levy is good for every Multnomah County resident, no matter where you live. But if you live in Gresham or East County, you have an extra special reason to send your ballot in marked YES on Measure 26-58!

And don't forget, the Library Levy can only pass if there is a 50% or more voter turnout. If you don't send in your ballot, it is the same as voting NO on the libraries. So please remember to vote!

**More Open Hours • Better Services
Vote Yes on the Library Levy**

(This information furnished by Gwenda McCall & Bonnie A. Morris)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Vote Yes on the Library Levy! from the Barnett-Family

The Multnomah County library system is so important to our family that we each wanted to tell you why we hope you will vote yes on Measure 26-58.

Our local library is the Hillsdale branch—we visit 2 or 3 times a week. (By the way, our branch's librarians are incredibly helpful and patient!) It's where the Hillsdale book discussion group has met monthly for 24 years. Hillsdale is now open only 38.5 hours a week instead of 59 hours—almost a 35% cut. Measure 26-58 will restore those hours and open libraries Sunday afternoons as well.

We also use Central Library, especially to research financial information, and take advantage of the library's on-line services from our home computer. The Library Levy restores and improves those services.

Finally, Measure 26-58 will buy new and replace old and outdated books and materials.

Our libraries are there for all of us. It's time for us to be there for our libraries.

Jenna and Mark Barnett (Mom & Dad)

As a music student (I play cello), the library is incredibly important to me. It is where I go to get sheet music for pieces I have to study. I also borrow tapes and CDs so I can hear how other musicians approach the music I am learning. The library is more than books, it is important for a lot of reasons. Please vote yes for the library!

Nora Barnett (age 16)

The library is the best place to do homework and reports because it is quiet, has reference materials and Internet access, but it just isn't open enough. Lots of kids don't have computers at home, and the library is free to everybody. That's why I think it is so important to open the libraries more.

Levi Barnett (age 12)

(This information furnished by Mark, Jenna, Levi & Nora Barnett)

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Measure No. 26-58

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

IF YOU DON'T VOTE, THE LIBRARY LEVY ELECTION WON'T COUNT!

Because of new voting rules, the Library Levy cannot pass unless at least 50% of Multnomah County's registered voters return their ballots for this November's election.

That means if voter turnout isn't high enough, every single ballot could be marked YES on the Library Levy and it still wouldn't pass!

*IF YOU CARE ABOUT OUR LIBRARIES
IT IS ABSOLUTELY VITAL THAT YOU RETURN YOUR BALLOT.*

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE!

Ballots are due back by November 4th, but don't wait until the last minute.

Mark and return your ballot today!

*(This information furnished by Mark Wiener, Re-Open
Our Libraries Committee)*

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**Yes for Libraries
and
Yes for Schools!**
Our children need both!

As members of organizations working to win adequate funding for Portland's Public Schools, we very much appreciate the important role that our libraries play as an educational resource for our children. The Library Levy will restore lost hours, increase access to homework help and offer special reading programs for school age, pre-school and day-care children. We urge a Yes vote on the Library Levy as a good investment in our children and our community.

There is another Measure on the ballot that is vital for our children's education: Measure 52.

Measure 52 is the statewide "lottery dollars for local schools" bond measure. It authorizes the State of Oregon to sell \$150 million in lottery-backed bonds, the proceeds of which will be used to fund vital, long-term capital improvements in schools throughout Oregon.

Some important facts about Measure 52:

- **Measure 52 is a statewide measure that benefits our local schools, and all schools statewide** - The proceeds of Measure 52 bonds are distributed to all school districts according to enrollment. Portland's share will be about \$15 million.
- **Measure 52 comes from lottery dollars, not property taxes** - Measure 52 is a great way to have the Oregon Lottery work for our schools! These bonds will be repaid from lottery income.

Examples of how Portland Public Schools can use funds from Measure 52 include:

- Repairing leaky or damaged roofs.
- Replacing damaged or worn floor tiles.
- Fixing broken windows.
- Graffiti clean-up.
- Replacing light fixtures.
- Routine boiler repair.

**Our community needs both the Library Levy and Measure 52!
Say "Yes-Yes" to our libraries and local schools!**

Signed,

Kathryn Humes Active Parents Network	Russ Plaeger Portland Citizens for Oregon Schools
Will Fuller Schools for the City	Jane Ames Coalition for School Funding Now!

*(This information furnished by Kathryn Humes, Will Fuller,
Russ Plaeger & Jane Ames)*

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Measure No. 26-59

Referred to the People by the
Board of County Commissioners.

BALLOT TITLE

**MULTNOMAH COUNTY VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE FOR
ROADS, WILLAMETTE RIVER BRIDGES**

QUESTION: Shall Multnomah County establish a vehicle registration fee to repair and maintain safe roads and bridges?

SUMMARY: This measure establishes a Multnomah County motor vehicle registration fee not to exceed \$15.00 per year. The fee will not be paid for vehicles exempted by state law. Revenue may be used only to make safe, maintain, repair, and operate existing roads and bridges in Multnomah County. This revenue will be shared with cities in the county for repair and maintenance of city streets.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Approval of this measure will address the immediate repair and maintenance needs of the road and bridge system in Multnomah County, and the cities of Portland, Gresham, Troutdale, Fairview, Wood Village, and Maywood Park. Road and bridge conditions are deteriorating as a result of extreme weather, increased use, and age. Revenues from the measure will be used to improve the condition and safety of roads and bridges. Maintaining the existing system will reduce future repair and construction costs.

Federal, state and local resources are inadequate to maintain existing roads and bridges. The state legislature has not voted to increase transportation fees since 1991.

Multnomah County's Willamette River Bridges carry over 160,000 vehicles per day. Most of these bridges were built 70 to 90 years ago. Time and intense use have taken their toll on the bridges. There is a critical need to make structural repairs, update and replace electrical and mechanical operating systems. The oldest bridges were not designed in accordance with today's earthquake standards. Consequently, they require seismic upgrades to ensure the public safety. Over the next 20 years, Multnomah County will need over \$200 million to make these necessary repairs and seismic improvements to preserve and extend the life of the bridges and make them safe. This measure will raise a portion of the money needed for these important improvements.

Within the City of Portland, the number of lane miles in poor condition increased from 449 in 1990 to 840 in 1996. Portland needs an additional \$121 million to maintain its road system. To preserve existing streets and keep pace with rapid growth, the City of Gresham needs at least \$10 million over the next 20 years to maintain its street system.

This measure sets a county annual motor vehicle registration fee equal to the current state fee (i.e. an additional \$15.00 per year for an automobile, and \$9.00 per year for a motorcycle). Under state law some vehicles are exempt from the fee including farm vehicles and certain trucks. It is estimated that the fee will raise \$8 million per year. Multnomah County will use its portion of this revenue to make safe, repair, maintain, and operate the Willamette River bridges. Cities will use their share of this revenue to make safe, repair, maintain and operate their existing city street systems.

Failure to take care of the existing system of roads bridges will result in increased need for major rehabilitation. The American Public Works Association estimates that every \$1.00 spent on pavement maintenance saves \$5.00 on major rehabilitation. By maintaining roads and bridges today, more costly future repairs can be reduced.

Submitted by
Multnomah Board of
County Commissioners

(For a copy of the Ordinance,
call (503) 248-3277)

No arguments AGAINST this measure were filed.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Measure No. 26-59**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR**

A YES vote on Measure 26-59 is assurance our roads and streets will have the funds necessary for adequate maintenance and repair.

A Multnomah County vehicle registration fee of \$15.00 will raise \$8 million ANNUALLY to revitalize our transportation system by updating bridge improvements and expanding our ability to perform maintenance and repair on our LOCAL roads and streets.

State motor vehicle registration fees and gas tax monies have not kept pace with expanding growth in road miles and burgeoning repair needs. In addition, age, intense use, extreme weather conditions and delayed maintenance and repair have caused our roads and streets to deteriorate faster than normal.

Multnomah County and the Cities within have experienced increasing backlogs of streets in need of routine maintenance and repairs. As an example of what cities are experiencing, Gresham needs an ADDITIONAL \$10 million over the next 20 years to preserve its existing 200 miles of streets and keep pace with growth. Gresham's estimated revenue from this measure would be \$500,000 annually and would be spent in the following manner each year:

- An additional 13.3 miles of city streets would receive a new surface through application of a slurry seal,
- An additional 2.2 miles of city streets would receive 1 1/2-2 inches of new Asphalt,
- Gravel and grading of an additional 1.4 miles of existing gravel and dirt roadways.

Measure 26-59 is an affordable means to protect the investment we have in our bridges, roads, and streets that provide us the opportunity for commuting, delivery of freight, local services and emergency services.

*(This information furnished by Charles J. Becker,
Citizens For Better Streets)*

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR**SAFE STREETS AND BRIDGES HELP US SAVE LIVES!**

As Public Safety officials, we believe that **Safe Streets and Safe Bridges** are essential for the safety of Multnomah County citizens. Police cars, ambulances and fire trucks need well maintained streets and bridges to respond to emergency situations.

We are speaking out in favor of **Measure 26-59**

- In 1996 Multnomah County ambulances traveled over **849,103 miles**.
- The citizens of Multnomah County deserve the best **emergency services** we can provide. We believe this measure will help us provide those services swiftly and safely.
- In responding to a fire, a **1 minute delay in response** can mean the difference between **life and death**.
- **Rundown streets** can contribute to accidents.
- **\$15 is a reasonable price to pay to help keep our streets and bridges safe.**

Measure 26-59 is a sound investment in safe streets and bridges for our community. The money generated by **26-59 will ONLY be spent on maintenance and repairs** to our streets and bridges. This wise investment now: **will save citizens millions of dollars** in future maintenance costs for our streets and bridges.

**HELP US SAVE LIVES
VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-59**

- Charles Moose
- Dan Noelle - Multnomah County Sheriff
- Robert Wall - Portland Fire Bureau
- Legacy Health System
- American Medical Response
- Portland Firefighters Association
- Amalgamated Transit Union

*(This information furnished by Trace Skeen,
American Medical Response)*

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Measure No. 26-59

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

MEASURE 26-59 IS A WISE INVESTMENT FOR SENIORS

As long-time Portland voters and residents, we have invested in our cities streets and bridges and believe it is important to continue to protect our investment and maintain a livable community.

We understand the need to protect our investment by **keeping it safe and sound**. Voting **YES FOR MEASURE 26-59 is voting YES for safe streets and bridges** and is a prudent and **affordable** way to take care of our streets and bridges.

INVESTING IN SAFE STREETS AND BRIDGES MEANS PROTECTING OUR INVESTMENT

- **Our city is like a home** - in order to keep it safe and sound, we must invest in its maintenance.
- Our future generations deserve to **inherit** a transportation system that has been well-maintained. By investing in our streets and bridges **now**, we will be protecting our investment for the future.
- Every **\$1** we spend on pavement maintenance today, saves us **\$5** in repairs in the future.
- **Our roads and bridges connect our communities and the region**. Without a viable transportation system our communities will not function well.
- Many of us rely on public transportation. **Measure 26-59** will help ensure that our public transportation system functions well.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-59 SAY YES TO SAFE STREETS AND BRIDGES.

- Vivian Grubb (NE Portland)
- Robert Morris Smith (SE Portland)
- Esther D. McGinnis (SW Portland)
- Arlene M. Kelly (NE Portland)
- Jim D. Duncan (NE Portland)
- Ernestine Francisco (SE Portland)
- Peg Henwood (NW Portland)
- Mary Lou Munroe (N. Portland)
- Estill N. Deitz (NE Portland)
- Jeanne Pulliam (Gresham)
- Jane E. Baker (SE Portland)

(This information furnished by Peg Henwood)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

VOTE YES on Measure 26-59

It's a Fair Price to Pay to Extend the Life of Our Historic Bridges

We support **Measure 26-59** because it dedicates all of Multnomah County's share of the vehicle registration fee to help maintain and improve the safety, efficiency and accessibility of our historic bridges.

The Willamette River Bridges carry nearly 200,000 vehicles and several thousand pedestrians and bicyclists every day. The bridges connect both commerce and our communities throughout the region.

Measure 26-59 will support the following critically needed maintenance improvements:

- **Broadway Bridge (1913)**
 - Electrical and mechanical repairs will ensure continuing operation.
 - Replacement of lighting systems, sidewalks, and deck and grating will ensure user safety.
 - Painting the bridge will preserve and prevent it from rust and corrosion.
- **Burnside Bridge (1926) designated as the "lifeline" route across the Willamette River.**
 - Rehabilitate the roadway deck will help ensure a safe and smooth riding surface.
 - Seismic retrofit so it will remain open in the event of an earthquake.
- **Morrison Bridge (1958)**
 - Rehabilitate the Eastside deck to improve the road surface and increase safety.
 - Strengthen approach ramps to ensure heavy vehicles can use the bridge to move goods and services throughout the region.
 - Improve bicycle and pedestrian connections to the Eastside and Westside.
- **Sauvie Island Bridge (1950) is the only access to the island.**
 - Structural strengthening, until a replacement bridge can be built, to get goods to the market.
- **Sellwood (1926) most heavily used two-lane bridge in Oregon.**
 - Weight restrictions now exist. Needed maintenance will continue until the bridge is replaced.

Vote YES on Measure 26-59 Help Maintain Our Historic Bridges

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|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| • Sharon M. Wood, author/historian | • Charles J. Becker |
| • Willamette Light Brigade | • Sue O'Halloran |
| • Bicycle Transportation Alliance | • Terry Cook |
| • M'Lou Christ | • A. McKay Rich |
| • Dennis E. Anderson | • Ron Pennington |

(This information furnished by Paddy Tillett, Willamette Light Brigade)

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Measure No. 26-59**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR****SAFE STREETS AND BRIDGES FOR A STRONG ECONOMY**

As local business leaders, we believe **Measure 26-59** will help keep the **Portland area economy strong**. Our economy depends on a reliable, safe transportation system. **Measure 26-59** would make a **sound investment** in the maintenance of Multnomah County's streets and bridges.

SAFE STREETS AND BRIDGES MAKE GOOD ECONOMIC SENSE FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY

- Businesses rely on a sound and safe transportation system to move goods and services efficiently throughout the Portland region. **Measure 26-59** will help keep our streets and bridges safe.
- We rely on the Morrison Bridge for access to I-5 and for connecting the Central Business District with the Central Eastside Industrial Area. It needs structural improvement to ensure the continued use by heavy vehicles.
- **Measure 26-59** is a sound investment in our streets and bridges. For every \$1 spend on pavement maintenance we will save \$5 on repairs later.
- The revenue from **Measure 26-59** is **dedicated and will ONLY be spent on fixing** Multnomah County's streets and bridges.
- **We all benefit** from a reliable transportation system that provides safe vehicle, transit, bicycle and pedestrian travel. It is essential to a healthy economy.

LOCAL BUSINESS AND LABOR LEADERS URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-59:

- Hawthorne Boulevard Business Association
- Northwest Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO
- Columbia Corridor Association
- Tom Kelly - Neil Kelly Co.
- Peter Finley Fry
- Nancy Chapin - The Support Group
- Mike Thorne

(This information furnished by Ron Fortune, Northwest Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR**VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-59 AND HELP US PROTECT OUR FUTURE**

For the last decade, Multnomah County and the cities within the County have had inadequate revenue to properly maintain existing streets and bridges. Decreased funding has resulted in a steady increase in the number of streets and bridges in poor condition:

- For example within the City of Portland, lane miles in poor condition increased from 449 in 1990 to 840 in 1996.
- The City of Portland's bridges in poor condition, increased from 15% in 1986 to 22% in 1996.

As a fifteen-year member of the City of Portland's Citizen Advisory Committee on transportation, I am concerned with the impact of deferred maintenance on our children. **We are handing down enormous unmet maintenance needs to future generations.**

- Over the next twenty years, **Multnomah County needs an additional \$200 million just to maintain and keep safe the bridges over the Willamette River.**
- Portland needs an additional **\$121 million** to maintain its road system.
- **Every \$1 we spend today on pavement maintenance saves us \$5 dollars on major rehabilitation.** This future revenue could otherwise be spent on improvements that reduce congestion and increase bicycle and pedestrian access.

Oregon's \$15 vehicle registration fee is one of the lowest in the nation. The annual cost to register a 1994 Honda Accord in Washington is \$402, in California \$288.

Vote yes on Measure 26-59 to protect the life of the existing system, to increase our safety, and to reduce the need to re-build poorly maintained streets and bridges in the future.

(This information furnished by Catherine V. Sohm, Portland Transportation Bureau Advisory Committee)

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Measure No. 26-59

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-59 MAKE A SENSIBLE INVESTMENT IN OUR STREETS AND BRIDGES

Multnomah County's vehicle registration fee is one of the lowest in the country. We believe **\$15.00** is a **sensible amount to help meet the rising costs of fixing our streets and bridges** while we work for a state-wide solution.

Your support of **Measure 26-59** will provide dedicated funding which can only be used for maintaining and repairing our streets and bridges and reducing future repair and construction costs.

Here are the facts...

- **Failure** to take care of the existing system of streets and bridges will result in increased need for major repair. The American Public Works Association estimates that **every \$1.00** spent on pavement maintenance **saves \$5.00** on major repair.
- **Our Legislature and Congress have failed to provide money to adequately maintain streets and bridges which are rapidly deteriorating.** Our communities can no longer wait for others to solve the problem.
- Over the last few years, **the condition of streets and bridges in the cities within Multnomah County have deteriorated due to deferred maintenance.** The pavement maintenance backlog within Portland has grown **20 percent** in the last three years due to **inadequate funding.**
- Multnomah County needs over **\$200 million** in the next twenty years to make maintenance repairs and seismic improvements to the Willamette River Bridges.
- All of the money raised will be spent on fixing the county's streets and bridges. **Fifty percent** of the revenue will be dedicated to Multnomah County's bridges and **fifty percent** to be shared among the six cities, based upon population, for street repairs.

We Urge You to Vote YES on Measure 26-59

- Beverly Stein, Chair-Multnomah County
- Mayor Vera Katz, City of Portland
- Mayor Gussie McRobert, City of Gresham
- Mayor Roger A. Vonderharr, City of Fairview
- Mayor Donald Robertson, City of Wood Village
- Mayor Jeffrey C. Steffen, City of Maywood Park
- Mayor Paul Thalhofer, City of Troutdale

(This information furnished by Mayor Vera Katz)

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Measure No. 26-60

Referred to the People by the
Board of County Commissioners.

BALLOT TITLE

MULTNOMAH COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL FEES INCREASE

QUESTION: Shall Multnomah County increase Animal Control service fees so that service users assume more responsibility for program costs?

SUMMARY: This measure increases user fees for Animal Control services to more completely cover the costs of labor, supplies and support services necessary to provide animal control regulation. This increase will reduce reliance on property tax revenue to fund Animal Control.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners is requesting voter approval for increases in certain Animal Control service fees. These services have traditionally been partially supported by General Fund Property Tax revenue. If fees are increased, more of the costs of Animal Control will be paid for by the people who use those services.

Ballot Measure 50, approved by the voters of Oregon, requires local governments to seek voter approval before increasing fees to make up for reduced Property Tax revenue.

If approved, this measure will amend the existing ordinance to increase Animal Control fees. The current fee structure in place for Animal Control does not provide for full cost recovery. The costs of Animal Control not covered by fees are paid by the County General Fund.

Multnomah County's Financial and Budget Policy states that "...user fee and service charges will be established at a level to recover the costs to provide services..." The new fee schedules will be established at a level which will enable those services to be more fully compliant with the County's policy.

Submitted by
Multnomah Board of
County Commissioners

(For a copy of the Ordinance,
call (503) 248-3277)

Measure No. 26-61

Referred to the People by the
Board of County Commissioners.

BALLOT TITLE

MULTNOMAH COUNTY LAND USE PROCEEDINGS FEES INCREASE

QUESTION: Shall Multnomah County increase its fees for land use action proceedings and administrative action to recover 100% of its costs?

SUMMARY: This measure imposes increased user fees for land use action proceedings and administrative actions to reflect cost increases and to reflect the actual costs of labor, supplies and support services necessary to process land use applications. This increase will eliminate the 22% subsidy from the County General Fund.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners is requesting voter approval for increases in certain user fees for land use proceedings and administrative actions to reflect cost increases and to reflect the actual costs of labor, supplies and support services necessary to process land use applications. These services have traditionally been partially supported by General Fund Property Tax revenue. If fees are increased, more of the costs of land use planning will be paid for by the people who use those services.

Ballot Measure 50, approved by the voters of Oregon, requires local governments to seek voter approval before increasing fees to make up for reduced Property Tax revenue.

If approved, this measure will amend the existing ordinance to increase land use planning fees. The current fee structure in place for land use planning does not provide for full cost recovery. The costs of land use planning not covered by fees are paid by the County General Fund.

Multnomah County's Financial and Budget Policy states that "...user fee and service charges will be established at a level to recover the costs to provide services..." The new fee schedules will be established at a level which will enable those services to be more fully compliant with the County's policy.

Submitted by
Multnomah Board of
County Commissioners

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No arguments FOR or AGAINST these measures were filed.

CITY OF WOOD VILLAGE

City Charter Amendments:

Measure No. 26-62

BALLOT TITLE

CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT ADDING SPECIFIC CITY OFFICERS NAMED

QUESTION: Shall Section 11 of the City Charter regarding other officers be amended?

SUMMARY: This amendment will add to the "other officers" of the City the position of City Administrator and the position of City Attorney.

Measure No. 26-65

BALLOT TITLE

CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT RELATING TO BID PROCEDURES

QUESTION: Shall Section 44 of the City Charter regarding bid procedures be amended?

SUMMARY: This amendment will require City bid procedures for public contracts and public improvements to be governed by applicable State law as concerns competitive bids, exemption and emergency procedures and conditions within framework of City Ordinances consistent therewith.

Measure No. 26-63

BALLOT TITLE

CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT MODIFYING MANNER OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

QUESTION: Shall Section 38 of the City Charter regarding the reading and passing of City Ordinance be amended?

SUMMARY: This amendment will permit a proposed City Ordinance to be read by title only rather than in full with the unanimous consent of the City Council and with the provision that such proposed Ordinance is made available in advance of the meeting to the Council members and the general public.

Measure No. 26-66

BALLOT TITLE

CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT RE REGULAR CITY ELECTIONS

QUESTION: Shall Section 25 of the City Charter regarding regular elections be amended?

SUMMARY: This amendment will provide that regular City elections shall be held at time of general State election and meet State law requirements.

Measure No. 26-64

BALLOT TITLE

CHARTER AMENDMENT PROVIDING DEBT LIMIT NOT TO EXCEED STATE LIMITATIONS

QUESTION: Shall Section 46 of the City Charter regarding debt limit meet those imposed by State law?

SUMMARY: The proposed amendment eliminates specific reference to debt calculation while providing that the same shall not exceed the debt limits imposed by State law. Responsibility of City Officers and employees retained.

Measure No. 26-67

BALLOT TITLE

CITY CHARTER AMENDMENT RE SPECIAL CITY ELECTIONS

QUESTION: Shall Section 27 of the City Charter regarding special elections be amended?

SUMMARY: This amendment will require that special City elections shall be consistent with the requirement of applicable State law.

City Charter Amendments:

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Approval of these measures will amend the City of Wood Village Charter.

- Measure #26-62 recognizes the administrative structure of the City by adding the City Administrator and City Attorney positions to the "other officers" identified in the charter. The City charter dated July 1, 1953 provides for a municipal judge, recorder and other appointed officers.

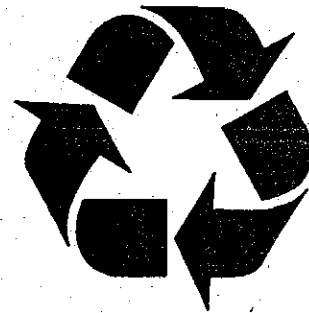
- Measure #26-63 simplifies the procedure for the adoption of ordinances. This amends the charter to permit, with the unanimous consent of the Council, the reading of a proposed ordinance by title only rather than being read in full and it requires that proposed ordinances be provided to the Council and be available to the public in advance of the meeting at which they are considered. The charter requirement to read ordinances in full is cumbersome in many instances when the proposed ordinance may be upwards of 20 pages long.

- Measure #26-64 conforms the City's debt limit to the limitations placed on cities by the State of Oregon instead of a specific dollar amount.

- Measure #26-65 requires the City's bid procedures for public contracts and public improvements to meet the State law as concerns competitive bids, exemption and emergency procedures. The charter currently requires that all contracts in excess of \$1,500 follow a formal bid procedure which incurs significant additional expense. The Council believes the charter should provide broader parameters and that the purchasing policy and procedures including dollar limits should be adopted by ordinance. This amendment will allow the City to modify bid procedures as needed in the future without incurring the time and expense required for a charter amendment.

- Measures #26-65 and #26-66 conform the City's requirements for regular and special elections to applicable State law. In the case of the charter section on regular elections it strikes the term "biennial" thus if the time set for the general elections should be changed by the State the City's regular election date would change accordingly. This amendment modifies the charter section on special elections by adding "consistent with the requirements of applicable State law". These are both housekeeping type measures.

Submitted by
Mayor Donald L. Robertson
Council President Timothy R. Fier
Councilor Janet Van de Riet
Councilor Karen A. Hunt
Councilor Peggy Jo Minter



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No arguments FOR or AGAINST these measures were filed.

HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1JT

Measure No. 34-67

BALLOT TITLE

HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1J GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AUTHORIZATION

QUESTION: Shall the District be authorized to issue general obligation bonded indebtedness in an amount not to exceed \$35,500,000? If the bonds are approved they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limitations of section 11 and 11b, Article XI, of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: This measure may be passed only at an election with at least a 50-percent voter turnout. The District has undertaken with a citizen review group and the Portland State University Center for Population Research a study of existing and future attendance patterns for the elementary, middle and high schools of the District. This study has identified the need for two new elementary schools if the District is going to maintain neighborhood schools for elementary age students as a priority. The bonds will finance the construction, equipping and furnishing of two new elementary schools, and will finance new construction, remodeling, renovation and mandated safety and building improvements for Hillsboro High School.

The proceeds of the bonds will be used as follows (approximate percentages):

New Construction, equipping and furnishing of two elementary schools, 67.8%

Construction, Remodeling, Renovation, Mandated Federal/State, Health and Safety Improvements to Hillsboro High School 32.2%

Costs of issuance will be paid from the bonds, which will mature over a period of not to exceed 20 years.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

CONSTRUCT TWO ADDITIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS - \$24 MILLION

A number of Hillsboro's elementary schools are overcrowded. The last elementary school was built in 1992. Thirty-four portable classrooms now house nearly 850 students. A citizen's task force studying enrollment concluded that two new elementary schools are needed immediately to alleviate current crowding and accommodate future growth.

Building elementary schools now would:

- Relieve today's overcrowding. Two new schools would serve 1,200 students in grades kindergarten through six. The schools would be built on district-owned land in the Orenco neighborhood and near Glencoe High School—two areas experiencing rapid housing development.
- Meet growing enrollment needs. Reflecting our community's growth, our elementary-age student population increased by 1,650 since 1990 and 600 more children are expected by the year 2000, according to estimates by the Portland State University Center for Population Research.

Why Not Add More Portable Buildings To Handle Overcrowding?

Thirty-four portable classrooms now absorb crowding at the district's 20 elementary schools. These portables alone serve enough students to fill nearly two new elementary schools. A citizen's

committee concluded that portables are poor learning environments for elementary students because they overload core facilities such as libraries and gyms, lack water and restrooms, force children outside in inclement weather, and have high operating costs.

HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION & IMPROVEMENT - \$11.5 MILLION

Hillsboro High School is in need of major repairs and capital improvements as well as renovation to accommodate today's technology. The project includes:

- Install new wiring for security and fire alarms, lighting and intercom systems. Replace heating/ventilating systems.
- Connect buildings. Remodel four free-standing buildings now connected only by open walkways, keeping students out of inclement weather, improving campus security, and providing better use of instructional space.
- Update technology capabilities. Wire classrooms for networked computer systems and convert industrial education center into a technology center.
- Provide learning centers for students. Construct an indoor student study area and a building to serve dual function as a lecture hall and student performance center.

Why Does Hillsboro High School Need Renovation?

Joining four buildings now separated by walkways that are wet and muddy during inclement weather and providing an indoor study area for students are needed capital improvements requested by Hillsboro students, parents and graduates. Further, the aged infrastructure requires replacement for security, fire alarms, lighting, intercom and adequate and efficient heating and ventilation. The campus-style design and construction require capital improvements to provide an indoor student study area and a lecture hall and student performance center. The project would provide additional space for computer technology and extend the ability to provide current technology in all classrooms.

What Will The Bond Cost A Homeowner?

During the first year, the cost of the twenty-year bond would be approximately \$6 per month for the owner of a \$140,000 home. This amount would decrease if property development continues.

For information, call the school district office at 648-1126.

Submitted by
Penney Hoodenpyle, Board Chair
Hillsboro School District 1JT

No arguments FOR or AGAINST this measure were filed.

FUTURE ELECTION DATES

March 10, 1998	(Vote-By-Mail Election)
May 19, 1998 "PRIMARY ELECTION"	(At-The-Polls Election)
September 15, 1998	(Vote-By-Mail Election)
November 3, 1998 "GENERAL ELECTION"	(At-The-Polls Election)

The May 19, 1998 Primary Election nominates candidates for State, County, City of Portland and Metro Offices. Qualified voters may file for State offices with the Oregon Secretary of State Elections Division (986-1518) and for the City of Portland offices with the City of Portland Auditor's Office (823-3562).

Qualified voters wanting to file for either a County or Metro office can obtain information about filing, including filing fees or number of petition signatures required and the qualifications to be a candidate by contacting the Multnomah County Elections office at 248-3720.

The deadline to file as a candidate is 5:00 PM, Tuesday March 10, 1998.

BALLOT DROP SITES

The "Voter Express" ballot drop sites will be open **ONLY** on:

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