

# MULTNOMAH COUNTY



## VOTERS' PAMPHLET GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 7, 2006

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Dear Multnomah County Voter:

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

- Voted ballots **MUST** be received at our office or drop site location by **8:00 PM, Tuesday, November 7, 2006** to be counted.
- Not all the candidates or measures in this Voters' Pamphlet will be on your ballot. Your residence address determines those districts for which you may vote. Your official ballot will contain the candidates and issues which apply to your residence.
- Not all candidates submitted information for the Voters' Pamphlet.
- This Voters' Pamphlet is on our website. Our website also includes helpful information such as links to other election and media sites: [www.mcelections.org](http://www.mcelections.org).
- At 8:00 PM on election night we will have election results posted on our website and we will update that site throughout the evening.
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- If you make a mistake or change your mind while marking your ballot, you may request a replacement ballot from the Elections Office. If there is not enough time before the election to receive AND return a replacement ballot, you may make your changes on the ballot but it is critical that you make your choice obvious because election workers will inspect each ballot to make sure voter intent is understood and the ballot is counted correctly.
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# MULTNOMAH COUNTY

## County Commissioner, District No. 2



### JEFFREY COGEN

**OCCUPATION:** Chief of Staff, Commissioner Dan Saltzman  
**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Founder, President – Portland Pretzel Company; Policy Advisor – Former County Chair Bev Stein; Attorney  
**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** J.D. – UCLA; B.A. – Brown University  
**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL**

**EXPERIENCE:** None

#### Jeff Cogen: Progressive Values and a Solid Record of Results

The Bush administration is taking our country in the wrong direction. The state legislature has abandoned our schools. We need our local government to defend our values and community.

**“Jeff Cogen is progressive, practical and principled. He has made a tremendous difference for children, families and North/Northeast neighborhoods. He’ll make an even bigger difference as County Commissioner.”**

**--Former Governor Barbara Roberts**

#### Actual Accomplishments for our Community

Jeff helped launch the Children’s Investment Fund, which  **fights child abuse, gets kids to school ready to learn, and helps struggling students.** The fund is a model of financial accountability – the kind of accountability the county desperately needs.

His leadership spurred the City of Portland to **oppose the Bush Administration’s Patriot Act.**

Jeff led the effort to use **clean, Oregon wind power for the City of Portland.**

Jeff applied his small business experience to **create jobs in North/Northeast Portland** by connecting business students with emerging small businesses.

#### As our County Commissioner, Jeff Cogen will:

- Work to ensure that every child in the county has access to health care.
- Help restore accountability and civility to the County Commission.
- Improve the delivery of health care, public safety, and other County services we depend on.

#### That’s why Jeff Cogen is endorsed by:

Stand for Children, Mayor Tom Potter, Sierra Club, Oregon League of Conservation Voters, Bike. Walk. Vote., SEIU Locals 49 & 503, UNITE HERE Local 9, Lonnie Roberts, IBEW Local 48, Randy Leonard, Carpenters Locals 247 & 2154, JoAnn Bowman, Oregon Nurses Association, Xander Patterson, Dan Saltzman, Oregon Art PAC, Dan Noelle, Michael Schrunck, Bev Stein, Nick Fish, and the employees of Multnomah County – AFSCME Local 88

Basic Rights Equality PAC (Greenlight)  
 NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon (Greenlight)

Visit [www.jeffcogen.org](http://www.jeffcogen.org) to learn more

*(This information furnished by Friends of Jeff Cogen)*

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## County Commissioner, District No. 2



### LEW FREDERICK

**OCCUPATION:** Writer/ Consultant.  
**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Assistant to the President, Portland Community College, Cascade Campus; Director of Public Information, Portland Public Schools; Television News Reporter KGW-TV; Contract Negotiator, Union Board

Member, AFTRA (American Federation of Television and Radio Artists); Consultant, Scientists’ Institute for Public Information; Teacher Aide, Metropolitan Learning Center, Portland Public Schools.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Ph.D. candidate, PSU, Urban Affairs/Speech & Communications; Earlham College, B.A; Bush/Knight Fellowship, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Science Writer’s Fellowship. Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory; Also: Morehouse College, University of Evansville, PCC.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Delegate, Democratic National Convention.

#### Heart in the Community Eyes on the Future

**This community is my home of over 30 years.** I reported in depth on its challenges and triumphs, and I lived those challenges and triumphs while raising my family. I listened to and worked with people from all walks of life. With your vote, I will make that knowledge of the community part of County decisions.

**North and Northeast Portland deserve a representative who is of this community,** one who knows its history and its hopes, one who will put people before politics.

**Health care. Safe, healthy places to live. Effective after-school programs. Emergency preparedness. Access to tools of economic self-reliance and growth. Equal opportunity and equal protection. These are not luxuries, but the lifeblood of community. We have to end the tyranny of false choices.**

Only **sound decision making, grounded in stewardship and cooperation,** can ensure that County government is **focused on making life better for the people in our community.**

**Please** join Former Mayor Bud Clark, Superintendent of Public Instruction Susan Castillo Labor Commissioner Dan Gardner, Senator Avel Louise Gordly, Representative Gary Hansen, Roy Jay, Jefferson Smith, Johnell Bell, Ronault Catalani, Democratic Party of Multnomah County, Oregon Natural Resources Council PAC, Joint Council of Teamsters No. 37, National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 82 and many other supporters and **give me your vote on the November 7th ballot.**

**Please visit our website at [www.Vote4Lew.com](http://www.Vote4Lew.com) for more.**

*(This information furnished by Friends of Lew Frederick)*

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# CITY OF FAIRVIEW

## Mayor



### MIKE WEATHERBY

**OCCUPATION:** Mayor, City of Fairview  
**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Member Oregon Board of Parole; Multnomah County Corrections Hearings Officer; Corrections Counselor; Juvenile Court Counselor

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** University of Portland, M Ed; Portland State University, B.S.; Cleveland H.S., Diploma.  
**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** City of Fairview Council Member; Member, City of Fairview Planning Commission; Member, Reynolds School Board, 3 terms.

Fairview faces several unique challenges that will have a major impact on the quality of life for our citizens. I am committed to work to resolve all of them.

The first of these is the issue of a proposed gambling casino in Wood Village. It would be the first privately owned casino in the state and would literally be across the street from one of our family neighborhoods. I am resolute in my opposition to the placement of that casino there. The destruction to the quality of life in Fairview would be irreparable.

Some of the other issues that I continue to work relentlessly are the placement of a new and complete signal system at 223rd and Sandy, with left turn lights and lanes. And, the replacement of the railroad underpass on 223rd next to I-84. This is scheduled to take place this winter, but need final approval from Union Pacific Railroad to allow this to take place

*(This information furnished by Mike Weatherby)*

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## City Council, Position No. 4



### STEVE OWEN

**OCCUPATION:** Sr. Director Media Publications, Automatic Data Processing  
**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Controller, Administrator Automatic Data Processing  
**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Western Business College, Graduate, Accounting

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Solid Waste Advisory; Citizen Noise Advisory Committee (PDX Airport); Fire Advisory Committee Representing Fairview; Council Citizen Alliance; Budget Committee; Fairview City Councilor 1997-present; Council President since 1999

Past involvement includes Boy Scouts of America, Cubmaster Pack 651, Assistant Scoutmaster Fairview Troop 588

**With your vote I look forward to continuing the progress we have made together in making our city livable. Here are just a few of my thoughts on improving our city.**

- I will continue to support the hiring of new police officers. Our police resources must continue to be a top priority as funding decisions are made.
- I will emphasize the need for a new spirit of cooperation between the cities in close proximity to Fairview. I believe we can build solid relationships with our neighboring cities.
- We need to keep the pressure on undesirable development that will adversely impact our livability. I was pleased the Port of Portland abandoned the Intermodal Rail plan for the Reynolds Metal property. Your voices made a difference!
- We must push for the long overdue improvements of the Fairview Avenue and Sandy Boulevard intersection. This includes the replacement of the railroad bridge that puts our safety in jeopardy.
- I am committed to filling the City Administrator job with a high quality candidate. This will allow the Council to focus on City policy and strategy.
- I look forward to your comments and suggestions as we work together in creating a stronger sense of community in Fairview. Please send me your suggestions to [steve\\_owen@comcast.net](mailto:steve_owen@comcast.net), we can all make a difference.

**Vote Steve Owen for Fairview City Council Position #4**

*(This information furnished by Steve Owen)*

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# CITY OF FAIRVIEW

## City Council, Position No. 5



### LISA BARTON MULLINS

**OCCUPATION:** Retired  
**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** General Business Accounting; Small Business Owner  
**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Attended S.O.S.C., Ashland; Attended Mt. Hood Community College, Gresham; Graduated Parkrose

High School, Portland

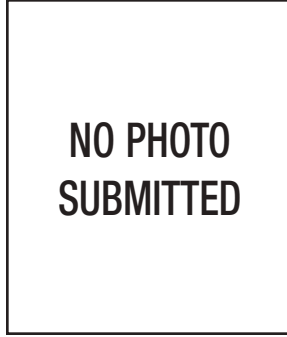
**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Member, Fairview Budget Committee; Chair, Fairview Council/Citizen Alliance Committee; Councilor, Gresham City Council; Metro Future Vision Commission Member; Member, Bi-State Policy Advisor Council; Member, Gresham Sister City Committee; Board Member, Fairview Windstorm Park Homeowners' Association; Led Gresham Sister City Visits to Japan, South Korea; President, Gresham Farmers' Market

Thank you for your vote and encouragement, allowing me to help manage Fairview's growth into one of Oregon's best cities.

*(This information furnished by Lisa Barton Mullins)*

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## City Council, Position No. 6



### LARRY COOPER

**OCCUPATION:** President  
– Cooper Tractor & Equipment, Inc.  
**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Pacific North Equipment, Inc.; Howard-Cooper Corp.  
**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Washington High School 1956-1960 12th; Portland State College

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Metro Council 1984-1988; Multnomah Drainage Dist. #1 1991-present; City of Fairview Council #6 2006-present; City of Fairview Council #3 2004

*(This information furnished by Larry L. Cooper)*

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# CITY OF GRESHAM

## Mayor



### CHARLES J. (CHUCK) BECKER

**OCCUPATION:** Retired  
**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Professor, Health and Physical Education, Portland State University  
**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Brigham Young University, EdD; University of Oregon, BS, MS  
**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Mayor 1999 to

present. City Councilor 1973-76 and 1981-84

“Keep Gresham’s Progress Moving”

When first elected, Chuck took action for long-term financial planning, and commissioned an Economic Development Plan. As a result, the City was able to survive the 2001-02 downward spiral of the national economy without increasing taxes. With citizen input, a system for prioritizing the delivery of city services was developed thus increasing effective and efficient use of tax dollars.

Under Chuck Becker’s outstanding eight years of proven leadership:

- Gresham Station opened and has grown to a major local industry, stopping an \$800 million outflow in retail sales to others in the Metro area.
- Major employer Fujitsu was replaced with Microchip Technology and LSI Logic was replaced with ON Technology, saving hundreds of high-paying jobs.
- He worked with Metro and State to fund reconstruction of local and regional arterials.
- He accomplished the transfer of responsibility for County roads located in Gresham to the City of Gresham.
- He worked in partnership with our state legislators to receive state and federal funding for the East Metro Gang Enforcement Task Force.
- He played a major role in developing Metro’s Construction Excise Tax which will repay Gresham \$914,000 for planning Springwater.
- He led the development and adoption of Gresham’s five major initiatives for: 1) Historic downtown 2) Civic Neighborhood 3) Rockwood Urban Renewal 4) Pleasant Valley and 5) Springwater.

There’s still much to do. The mayor’s role in these accomplishments has been substantial. Chuck’s creative plans and vision are needed to successfully complete the projects now underway including parks, public safety and better roads. Mayor Becker’s political leadership and ability to work with people and diverse organizations makes him the only candidate who can keep the City of Gresham moving forward.

Continue the Vision, Continue the Progress,  
Keep Moving the City Forward

Re-elect Chuck Becker for Mayor

Experienced Respected Trusted

*(This information furnished by Chuck Becker for Mayor Committee)*

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## Mayor



### SHANE BEMIS

**OCCUPATION:** Business owner  
**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Owner/Operator three restaurants; Finance Manager, Westons; Gordon Stones Clothing  
**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Mt. Hood Community College; Gresham High School  
**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL**

**EXPERIENCE:** City of Gresham: City Councilor (2003 – Present); Council President (2004, 2005 and 2006); Chairman, Graffiti Task Force; Chairman, Gresham Centennial Celebration 2005.

#### New and Experienced Leadership for Gresham

“As a business owner, Shane makes decisions in order to achieve clear and measurable goals. As Mayor, Shane will provide strong and consistent leadership to deliver results. Accountability is his hallmark.”

Travis Stovall

President-Elect, Gresham Chamber of Commerce

#### Shane Is Committed to the Issues You Care Most About

##### Crime

Crime and gangs will be job one. Recently with Shane’s leadership, six additional officers were put on the streets. When there’s a problem, Shane takes action.

##### Growth

Shane will call for an immediate clean-up of conflicting codes and processes. Inconsistent codes make it difficult to ensure quality development. We must act now.

##### Traffic

Shane will continue to provide leadership in finding solutions for traffic congestion, light signalization, and road maintenance. After a 20 year stalemate, Shane’s leadership in Salem and the region helped facilitate a successful transfer of roads from Multnomah County to Gresham.

##### Jobs and Economic Development

Shane has successfully grown three small businesses. He knows the importance of recruiting new business to Gresham while helping existing businesses thrive. Increasing family-wage jobs is essential to the long-term stability and future prosperity of our community.

##### Educational Cooperation

Shane will work with educational leaders to make sure the City is a responsible partner in preparing our young people for their futures.

##### Shane Bemis is endorsed by:

- Gresham City Councilors Shirley Craddick, Karylenn Echols, Jacquenette McIntire, David Widmark
- Mayors Dave Fuller, Wood Village; Paul Thalhofer, Troutdale; Mike Weatherby, Fairview
- Multnomah County Commissioner Lonnie Roberts
- Former Gresham Mayor Gussie McRobert
- Ernie Drapela, Mary McSwain, Pat Fiedler, Rich Correa, Dina DiNucci, Pat Swift, Robin McGregor, Hiroshi Morihara, Wendy Gerkman, Sue Piazza
- Gresham Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 1062

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

*(This information furnished by Shane Bemis for Mayor Committee)*

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# CITY OF GRESHAM

## City Council, Position No. 2



### MIKE BENNETT

**OCCUPATION:** Principle Facilities Engineer – ON Semiconductor (Formerly LSI Logic)

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Facilities Engineering Manager – LSI Logic (1996 – 1999); Owner – Fabricon, Inc. (1993 – 1995); Owner – Process Sciences & Technologies (1991 – 1996);

Facilities & Equipment Engineering Manager – Epitronics Corp. (1986 – 1991)

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Arizona State University (1972 – 1974); Glendale Community College (1970 – 1972); Multiple professional development courses in personnel management, project management, and technical specialties.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Gresham Budget Committee (Chair); Gresham Finance Committees (Vice Chair); City of Gresham Audit Committee; Mount Hood Community College Bond Committee – Treasurer; Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce – Board; East Metro Economic Alliance –Board.

**As Councilor, Mike is committed to:**

- Maintaining resources for public safety in the areas of police, fire and code enforcement.
- Promoting a “team environment” with the Mayor, Councilors and Staff to address issues facing the City.
- Continuing development of sound prioritization and budgeting policies.
- Removing “bureaucratic roadblocks” to new development while encouraging a balance with environmental and livability standards.
- Supporting fiscally responsible approaches to the revitalization of Historic Downtown Gresham.
- Supporting policies and initiatives that attract new business and industry to provide sustainable family-wage jobs for the citizens of our community.
- Supporting the proper implementation of the Rockwood Urban Renewal plan and establishment of a new Justice Center.
- Enhancing relationships with surrounding cities, counties and other intergovernmental agencies.
- Supporting policies that address issues related to traffic control, zoning, long-range planning, and maintaining quality neighborhoods.

**“Mike’s experience encompassing both small and large businesses coupled with his volunteer efforts on the City Budget and Finance Committees plus the City Audit Committee gives him the proper blend of experience to serve as an effective Gresham City Councilor.”**

**Dave Shields**  
Former City Councilor

**Mike Bennett is endorsed by:**

- All present members of the Gresham City Council and Gresham Finance Committee.
- Many other business and civic leaders.

*(This information furnished by Mike Bennett for City Council)*

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## City Council, Position No. 4



### RICHARD STRATHERN

**OCCUPATION:** Retired  
**OCCUPATIONAL**

**BACKGROUND:** Director of Business and Industries, Worksystems Inc; Director of Human Resources, Precision Castparts Corp; Plant Manager, PCC Airfoils Division; Director of Human Resources, Y & O Coal

Division, Panhandle Eastern Pipeline

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Xavier University, Masters Degree Educational Administration; University of Dayton, Bachelors Degree

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Gresham Fire Advisory Committee; Worksystems Inc. (City of Portland, Multnomah & Washington Counties, Workforce Training)

**Personal:** Married to Patty 18 years, 1 Child, 1 Grandchild

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Richard Strathern** will ensure that fire and police are fully funded and that we receive timely response from fire, police and emergency medical services and make crime prevention a top priority.

**Endorsements:** Bernie Giusto, Multnomah County Sheriff; Gresham Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local 1062; Chief Doug Branch, Chairman, Gresham Fire Advisory Committee

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Richard Strathern’s** economic development plan focuses on launching competitive “shovel-ready” industrial sites to recruit major private investment. Richard’s goal is to recruit businesses with a track-record of promoting environmental responsibility and paying family wage jobs.

**Endorsements:** Judy O’Connor, Northwest Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO; Eileen Drake, Vice President, Administration & Legal Affairs, Precision Castparts Corp.

**CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT**

**Richard Strathern** is committed to increasing citizen participation and involvement in decisions. Our leaders must be accessible, open-minded and most importantly accountable to citizens.

**Endorsements:** Chuck Becker, Gresham Mayor; Shane Bemis, Council President; Paul Warr-King, Gresham City Council

**PROTECTING OUR QUALITY OF LIFE**

**Richard Strathern** will work to enhance our city’s livability. In order to protect our community’s quality of life we must manage new growth and redevelopment to protect our neighborhoods from excessive traffic congestion, air and noise pollution.

**Endorsements:** Lonnie Roberts, Multnomah County Commissioner; Michael McKeel, DMD, Chairman, ODS Companies; Tom Giusto, Oregon First, Realty

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM RICHARD STRATHERN

“I will represent you with honesty and integrity. I look forward to your support on November 7th. If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact me at [www.getgreshammoving.com](http://www.getgreshammoving.com)”

**PERFORMANCE, ACCOUNTABILITY, INTEGRITY**

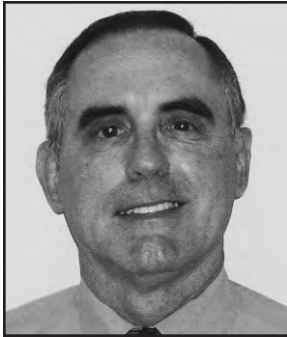
**Richard Strathern** for Gresham City Council – Position #4

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# CITY OF GRESHAM

## City Council, Position No. 6



### JOHN H. KILIAN

**OCCUPATION:** Dentist  
**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Family and Cosmetic dentist; Eastside Dental Clinic. 30 years  
**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Oregon State University, B.S.; Waseda University, Tokyo, study abroad; Oregon Health Sciences University, Dental

School, DMD; U. of Houston, Texas, Psychology internship; Academy of General Dentistry, Fellowship.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Rural Health Coordinating Council, governor appointed; CODA, outpatient drug abuse, Oregon Dental Association representative to Multnomah County; Dentists/Physicians Advisory Committee, Oregon State University; Mentor, Oregon Health Sciences University, Dental School; Mentor, Boston University Dental School.

**PERSONAL:** Dr. John Kilian, and his wife Maren, enjoy their blended family with six children and four grandchildren.

Dr. Kilian has shown experienced community involvement in Gresham for more than 30 years. His Vision will create and sustain a positive atmosphere for job growth, smart development and educational opportunities.

As **Gresham City Councilor**, he will:

- **Promote an Identity** for Gresham in the local, regional and global Marketplace
- **Ask Difficult Questions** and provide thoughtful alternatives and Answers
- **Build Community Trust** with Troutdale, Wood Village, Fairview and Sandy
- **Support Safety** in Schools, Transit locations and Neighborhoods
- **Address Retiree Concerns** in health and housing
- **Endorse Neighborhood Associations** and Citizen Involvement
- **Create Opportunities** for Business to be Competitive
- **Respect Natural Resources** and promote alternative Energy
- **Ensure Fiscal Responsibility** and Accountability
- **Enhance Livability** with Smart, Compatible Development
- **Attract Businesses** and facilities that focus on families and family activities

**A Personal Message from John H. Kilian, DMD**

“The biggest challenge for Gresham over at least the next 20 years will be reconciling land development and conservation of natural resources within an urban growth boundary. The blueprint for where and how we live will be largely determined over the next four years. I respectfully declined all endorsements in order to represent you and no special interests. My interest is in a dynamic, thriving city of Gresham.”

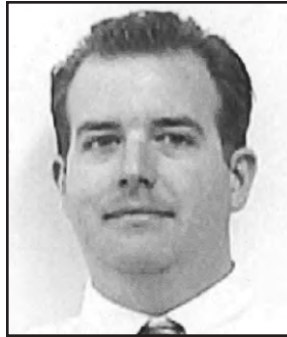
**Experience and Integrity**

**John H. Kilian, DMD for Gresham City Council Position #6**

*(This information furnished by John Kilian for Gresham City Council)*

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## City Council, Position No. 6



### BRYANT LISTER

**OCCUPATION:** Microsystems for Education & Business, Inc., Manager and Coordinator of Data Services  
**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** 2001-2006, Microsystems for Education & Business, 1998-2001, Lister Chiropractic Services, Physician  
**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Doctor of Chiropractic from

Western States Chiropractic College, Bachelor of Science from the University of California, Riverside.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Member of the Gresham Police Advisory Committee

I pledge to represent you, the citizens of Gresham, on the City Council. The business community and real estate interests already have representation that protects their interests. I will seek your advice so I can present your concerns to the Council and advance the measures that matter most to you.

**You Deserve:**

- a Council member who puts your concerns before the interest of business and real estate developers.
- an independent thinker bringing fresh approaches to the table.
- a representative committed to enhancing police, fire and other essential city services.
- an advocate who looks at issues from your point of view.

**I Will Work for You:**

- to protect and enhance the parks, natural areas and livability of our City.
- to counter-balance the grip that business and real estate interests have on the Council.
- to ensure the highest quality of City Services while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

I will represent all the citizens of Gresham without reservation. I have no ties to the power structure on the Council, no conflicts of interest, and no axes to grind so I can freely represent you, your concerns and your interests.

I ask you to cast your vote for BRYANT LISTER and, in return, I pledge to serve you to the best of my abilities with wisdom, compassion and integrity.

*(This information furnished by Bryant Lister )*

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# CITY OF GRESHAM

## City Council, Position No. 6



### CAROL L. NIELSEN-HOOD

**OCCUPATION:** Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce, Chief Executive Officer

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Political Consultant; Executive Director, Central Eastside Industrial District; Annexation Coordinator for City of Gresham

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

Woodstock Grade School; Franklin High School; Mt. Hood Community College

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Multnomah/Washington County Regional Investment Board; City of Gresham Economic Task Force; Board of East Multnomah Economic Association; City of Gresham 100 Centennial Board; City of Gresham Sister City Association; President Ebetsu, Japan Sister City Association

**CAROL NIELSEN-HOOD IS INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY:**

- Gresham Area Chamber of Commerce, Chief Executive Officer, over 10 years.
- Mt. Hood Community College Board of Directors, past Board member.
- Mt. Hood Community College Foundation Board of Directors, past Board member.
- Multnomah/Washington County Regional Investment Board.
- East Multnomah County Economic Association.
- City of Gresham Economic Task Force.
- Gresham Mayor's Economic Forum.
- Gresham-Barlow School District Long-Range Facilities Planning Committee.
- Soroptimist International of Gresham.
- Committee on City of Gresham Expansion and Annexation.
- Rockwood Urban Renewal and County Courthouse Planning Committee

**CAROL NIELSEN-HOOD WILL WORK TO:**

- Continually work to participate in the decisions of how Gresham evolves.
- Encourage trust and participation in the East County regional partnerships.
- Establish priorities for the city and build budgets to address them.
- Encourage and support new and existing businesses in Gresham to prosper, both large and small.
- Support and evaluate the progress of Gresham's five initiatives to assure they meet our growing needs.
- Advocate for a community we can all live, work and play in.

"Carol has demonstrated strong leadership skills time and time again for the community. She is well respected in the community and the region. Gresham will be well served by having Carol Nielsen-Hood on the Council."

Karylinn Echols, Gresham City Councilor

*(This information furnished by Carol Nielsen-Hood for Gresham City Council)*

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# CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

## City Council



### ROGER HENNAGIN

**OCCUPATION:** Self-employed as lawyer in private practice.

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** 1976-1980 Burlington Northern Railroad – Trial Lawyer; 1974-1976 Multnomah County District Attorney – Deputy District Attorney; 1972-1974 Oregon

State Employment Division – Hearings Referee; 1970-1971 The Honorable Robert C. Belloni, US District Judge, Law Clerk; 1967-1970 United States Department of Justice, Law Clerk

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Georgetown University Law Center, 20, J.D., Law; Seattle University, 16, B.A., Political Science

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Lake Oswego-Portland Traffic Alternatives Advisory Committee, appointed; Lake Oswego Downtown Transit Alternatives Advisory Committee, appointed; Multi-Jurisdictional Strike Force Re: Purchase of Jefferson Street Railway, appointed; Advisory Committee on Lake Oswego Local Improvement District Ordinance, appointed; Deputy District Attorney for Multnomah County, appointed; Hearings Officer for Oregon State Employment Division, appointed; Law Clerk to United States District Judge, appointed; Law Clerk—Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice, appointed

A PERSON WITH A LIFETIME OF CARING, COMMITMENT, INVOLVEMENT AND SERVICE.

Lake Grove Neighborhood Association, President  
 Lake Grove PTA  
 Lake Oswego's Local Improvement District Committee  
 Lake Oswego High School Parents Club  
 Boones Ferry Commercial Club, President  
 The Arc of Clackamas County (formerly The Association for Retarded Citizens), President  
 Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce, Director  
 Multi-Agency Strike Force Re: Purchase of Willamette Shore Line  
 Lake Oswego Rotary Club, Director  
 The Arc of Oregon, President  
 Metro's Lake Oswego/Portland Traffic Alternatives Advisory Committee  
 Lake Oswego's Downtown Traffic Alternatives Advisory Committee

A PROBLEM SOLVER WHO RECOGNIZES THE BENEFITS OF DISCUSSION AND COLLABORATION.

A PERSON WHO LISTENS, MAINTAINS AN OPEN MIND, GIVES THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION TO REASONABLE PROPOSALS AND CREATIVE IDEAS, AND WORKS FOR POSITIVE SOLUTION.

AS YOUR COUNCILLOR, I WANT TO PLAY A DECISIVE ROLE IN FINDING COST-EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS THAT ARE IN THE LONG-TERM BEST INTEREST OF OUR COMMUNITY.

*(This information furnished by Roger Hennagin)*

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## City Council



### KRISTIN JOHNSON

**OCCUPATION:** Recruiting Clerk, Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt

**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Paralegal, Congrave Vergeer Kester; Office Assistant, Denton Plastics

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Lakeridge High School, 12, Diploma; Boston College, Freshman Yr; Clark Honors College, University of Oregon, Senior Yr, BA, Political Science; University of Granada; Junior Yr.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Lake Oswego Youth City Council

#### Youth

At 22 years-old, Kristin is not your average candidate. That youth provides her an ability to understand and represent her peers – a slice of the population that could be better represented – and a fresh outlook on city government allowing her to bring new ideas without any agenda other than a desire to best represent every generation in the city.

#### Experience

Kristin proves that youth and experience are not mutually exclusive. She has been involved in political activities ranging from debate team and mock legislature to working on campaigns and serving on the Youth City Council. She volunteers at Oregon Girls State teaching 17 year-old girls about the legislative process. In college, she pursued an interest in local policy issues and built an academic background that makes her a qualified and trusted City Councilor.

#### Commitment

A third-generation resident of Lake Oswego, Kristin is part of a large family that has been committed to the city since they bought their first home here in 1961. Her own community involvement has involved doing everything from yard work, to teaching Sunday School, to working at the Festival of the Arts, to going on a speech circuit to promote Westridge Elementary's Puddle Jumper Press when she was eleven.

#### Vision

"I am committed to seeing Lake Oswego on a track of sustainable, smart growth. We need the right kind of growth to maintain and hopefully increase the livability of our city. As a City Councilor, I want to explore and pursue a path for the city that is both innovative and practical. This Council can be both cutting-edge and fiscally responsible, and I want to be part of making that happen."

–Kristin Johnson

*(This information furnished by The Committee to Elect Kristin Johnson to Lake Oswego City Council)*

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# CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

## City Council



### **DONNA JORDAN**

**OCCUPATION:** Homemaker  
**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Public information and advertising management; Realtor.  
**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** University of Oregon, BS, Journalism  
**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Lake Oswego

Transportation Advisory Board; Lake Grove Village Center Advisory Committee; Portland Public Schools Board; Multnomah Education Service District Board.

We arrived in Lake Oswego in 1973. I began my community service as a PTA volunteer at Forest Hills Elementary when my first child started school. Much has happened since then, yet our community remains a safe and beautiful place to live. I want to serve you on the Lake Oswego City Council by insuring that our special quality of life remains, even as inevitable change takes place.

Our family moved to Southwest Portland in 1979 and returned to Lake Oswego in 1998. The major impact that growth would have on our community was taking shape. The capacity of our aging infrastructure was challenged. Infill began to change the character of older neighborhoods. Tree removal and traffic speeds were topics of heated discussion.

I was appointed to the Lake Oswego Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) in 2000 and still serve there today. I have worked with neighborhood associations to find common sense solutions to traffic calming and pedestrian safety. I carried these ideas into my work with neighbors and business owners on the Lake Grove Village Center Advisory Committee.

My work experience and years of public service have taught me a great deal about budgeting, planning, conservation, development, transportation, infrastructure and working with people in a public process. I have the intelligence to understand detailed information in order to make sound decisions, but I am smart enough to know that I don't have all the answers.

I want to work with you to find innovative, collaborative solutions to the challenges facing Lake Oswego in the next four years. The future livability of our community depends on decisions we make today. Thank you for your vote.

*(This information furnished by Donna Jordan)*

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## City Council



### **J.T. TENNESON**

**OCCUPATION:** President and CEO of Excel Excavation, Inc. (1995-present)  
**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Worked as a construction project manager from 1987 to 1995, and then began Excel Excavation, Inc., with continual focus on working with communities,

public agencies, and private firms.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Lake Oswego High School; Oregon State University – Construction Engineering Management, Bachelor of Science

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Lake Oswego Canal Bridge Advisory Committee (2004-05), Downtown Transportation Alternatives Advisory Committee (2005-06), Water Conservation Management Plan Review Committee (current)

Community Service: Leadership Lake Oswego (1999-2000), Co-Chair of the Leadership Program (2000-01), Board Member of Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce (2000-current), President of Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce (2004-05)

#### **IMPLEMENT THE VISION**

We have set the course in Lake Oswego for a strong livable community, now we need strong leadership to implement the vision.

“J.T. has strong business experience and a perspective that will greatly benefit Lake Oswego’s future decision making process.”

Carol Winston,  
Resident and Business Owner in Lake Oswego

#### **COMMITTED LEADERSHIP TO SERVE THE LAKE OSWEGO COMMUNITY**

My wife and I both grew up in the Lake Oswego community. Our children currently go to the same grade school we did. We left the area for a brief amount of time and quickly realized that this was a community where we truly wanted to return to raise our children. We have a real sense of commitment to this community, as we both know what a great place it was, it is, and needs to continue to be.

#### **BALANCED APPROACH TO GROWTH**

In order to achieve the appropriate growth patterns within our community it is important to increase communication and partnering with the various organizations involved with the process and committed to keeping Lake Oswego livable and sustainable.

#### **SUPPORTING A HEALTHY BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT**

I will encourage a healthy entrepreneurial environment throughout the city – from Lake Grove to downtown to Palisades. It is important to support the businesses within our community to maintain our livability.

*(This information furnished by J.T. TENNESON)*

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# CITY OF TROUTDALE

## City Council, Position No. 1



### JIM KIGHT

**OCCUPATION:** Business Owner

**OCCUPATIONAL**

**BACKGROUND:** Kight Photography, U.S. Navy Vietnam era/honorable Discharge

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Washington H.S., MHCC, PSU

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL**

**EXPERIENCE:** Troutdale City

Councilor, Budget Committee, Charter Review Committee, Emergency Management Representative, Joint Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation Four Cities of East County, Tri-Met Transit Choices for Livability, League of Oregon Cities Transportation Committee.

It is important for the residents of Troutdale to have a sense of belonging to a community. In the 10 years I served as your elected representative, I diligently worked to make Troutdale a better community to live in.

- Relocation of the sewer plant away from downtown and construction of the new plant.
- Development of the north side of downtown.
- Expansion of parks, most notably the addition of 62.6 acres adjacent to Mt Hood Community College as dedicated green space. Full service parks were developed and improvements were made to local neighborhood parks.
- Support of the parks program for all ages.
- Rejected additional streets connecting to 257th.
- Rejected having streets cut through residential areas that would create safety hazards.

There are always additional areas needing change or improvement.

- Improving the former sewer treatment site.
- Addition of an esplanade along the Sandy River along with other amenities.
- Improvement of the south side of downtown.
- Work with ODOT to make improvements for alleviating congestion along South Frontage Road.
- Propose new library centrally located in our community.
- Maintain a fully staffed and well trained/equipped police department.

**I am committed to be accessible and work diligently on behalf of the Troutdale community. I ask for your vote and support for election to the Troutdale City Council.**

*(This information furnished by Jim Kight)*

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## City Council, Position No. 1



### MARIANNE VIER

**OCCUPATION:** Human Resources- Recruiters

Architecture- CH2M HILL

**OCCUPATIONAL**

**BACKGROUND:** Employment Staffing Consultant; Social Work: Public School Counseling- Edgefield

Children's Center, Troutdale; Public Safety- Volunteer Crisis

Line Counselor- Raphael House, Portland; Stay-at-home mother

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** The College of Saint Rose, BA Public Communications; Mount Hood Community College, AA Architectural Engineering Technology; New York University,- Music/Piano; PSU-Graduate School of Social Work

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Troutdale Planning Commissioner; Redevelopment Committee, Riverfront Renewal Plan

My candidacy for City Council is a natural extension of my engagement with citizens.

My continual presence at the local level in Troutdale is evident. I will continue to draw upon the expertise of our own citizens.

I feel privileged to have met active citizens, City Staff and Council members who continue to face decisions that impact local and regional economies.

Key Point: My opponent has not been present to share his views at any significant City Council or Planning meetings for the last two years.

This year we analyzed and approved the Transportation System Plan, integrated new neighborhoods to our community, and helped create unique goals for the Riverfront Renewal Plan. I will focus on the promises made to develop a Riverfront Park and pedestrian River trail connecting to the 40-mile loop.

I understand citizens' wishes for balanced high quality development with special attention to integrating existing green-space.

My relevant professional qualifications are aligned with our communities plan to advocate for job creation. This is an integral component of the Riverfront Renewal Plan and the Columbia Cascade River District Vision.

My children have enjoyed the success of Troutdale's excellent Recreation program. I agree with the approved Troutdale's Parks Master Plan and encourage the enhancement of existing park space.

I support a balanced collaborative planning process that involves public workshops or charrettes as a tool to engage interested citizens, and the design community.

Member: Troutdale Historical Society; Original member of Troutdale Mom's Club.

Endorsements:

Paul Thalhofer, Mayor of Troutdale

Doug Daoust, Troutdale City Council President

*(This information furnished by Marianne Vier, Citizens for Vier #1)*

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# CITY OF TROUTDALE

## City Council, Position No. 3



**PAT SMITH**

**OCCUPATION:** Retired  
**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Bookkeeping/Management for 3 businesses owned in Troutdale; 16 years for Burns Brothers; 4 years as Night Auditor, Motel 6  
**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Public Schools; Graduated Hughes HS, Cincinnati, Ohio

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Troutdale City Council; Troutdale Budget Committee; Troutdale Parks Advisory Committee

I have lived in Troutdale for over 35 years. My husband and I have been owners of three separate businesses in Troutdale. We raised our family of 4 children here, always staying involved in local activities. I currently serve on Troutdale's Budget Committee and Parks Advisory Committee.

My goals for Troutdale:

- Public Safety; Support adequate police.
- Strong opposition to higher density. We are growing too fast. It affects roads, schools and services.
- Support park acquisition for future use. Upgrade our current parks.
- Keep our small town feel. Carefully develop our remaining land.

I have not received money or endorsements from real estate developers, as my opponent has in past elections. I am retired and represent the people.

My years on Troutdale City Council and Budget Committee were very successful years. We developed the downtown, power lines were put underground, Imagination Station was built. I favor positive change that helps preserve what is best about Troutdale; its livability and small-town atmosphere.

I also favor improving Troutdale's tax base with quality development of our industrial land north of the freeway. I strongly opposed the rail yard and am glad the Port recently dropped it.

When it's time to vote, please study what the candidates stand for. See who my opponent has received support and money from. Compare my record and vote for Pat Smith.

ELECT "PAT SMITH"

*(This information furnished by Pat Smith)*

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## City Council, Position No. 3



**NORMAN D. THOMAS**

**OCCUPATION:** Software Engineer (ADP since 1983).  
**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** U.S. Army  
**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Graduated Centennial High School 1972; Graduated Portland Community College 1983 (A.A.S. Applications Computer Programming; A.S.

General Studies); Continuing Education Mt. Hood Community College (Business Administration)

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Troutdale City Council (2003-Present), Troutdale Planning Commission 2002, Troutdale Citizen Advisory Committee 1994-2001 (Chair 2000); Mt. Hood Cable Regulatory Commission 1996-present (Chair 1998-2000 and 2006).

**"I want to help".** Troutdale is growing, and the way it grows is important. Positive growth requires proper management to preserve the livability of Troutdale for everyone. Key activities which can involve residents in the decision making process include promoting and building neighborhood associations, business relationships, boosters, and other citizen groups. Citizen involvement is essential in maintaining Troutdale as the community in which we want to live.

**Personal Background:**

- U.S. Army 1972 to 1981 (Honorable Discharge)
- Married Charlene in 1974; We have two children and three grandchildren. Both children graduated from Reynolds High School.
- Troutdale resident since 1992
- Involved in local churches since 1981
- Board Member of the Troutdale Boosters/Oregon River Safety Program since 2001.
- Board Member of the Troutdale Lions Club since 2000 (Vice President 2003-2005)

**Goals:**

- Build Neighborhood associations and increase citizen input and participation. Communication is the necessary Key to guide the future of Troutdale.
- Responsible economic development by working cooperatively with both the public and private sectors to meet Troutdale's needs.
- Work with other local governments to insure Troutdale needs and desires are accomplished.
- Keep public safety (Police and Fire protection) as top priority.
- Maintain the livability of Troutdale through responsible development and planning.

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*(This information furnished by Norman D. Thomas)*

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# CITY OF TROUTDALE

## City Council, Position No. 5



### **BARBARA KYLE**

**OCCUPATION:** Self employed  
Real Estate Broker 1997 to  
present

**OCCUPATIONAL  
BACKGROUND:** Owner/  
Innkeeper, Oregon Coast,  
1985 to 1996; Legal Secretary/  
Para-Legal 1973-1979

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**  
Union High School, Union, Or,

12th, diploma; Kinman Business Univ., Spokane, WA, 13th,  
diploma; Spokane Falls Comm. College, credits; Oregon State  
Real Estate Div. License 1994 to present

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Appointed: Troutdale  
Budget Committee; Troutdale Planning Commission. Elected:  
Troutdale City Council, Position 5

Troutdale's location along a major highway and at the edge  
of a large region, makes balancing livability, jobs and safe  
transportation through our neighborhoods a challenge. My  
initial concern is primarily my Troutdale neighbors, then the  
region. I approach city issues with study and thoughtful  
consideration. Communication and information sharing  
with councilors from nearby jurisdictions provides an  
understanding of issues beyond Troutdale.

I am not a supporter of high density/smaller lots. I believe  
that Troutdale has exceeded Metro's density requirements.  
I've requested council education and information on current  
density and policy review. It is my hope that our neighbors will  
not come to think of Troutdale as "houses made of ticky-tacky  
and they all look just the same." More houses, smaller spaces  
= more public services (police and fire), cost to Troutdale =  
more taxes/less livability.

I proudly welcome guests to our home town, but I love to see  
my neighbors enjoying the benefits of living in Troutdale. I  
have chaired our annual community celebration, SummerFest.  
This past year I helped organize the first Troutdale Bite and  
Bluegrass event in downtown Troutdale.

I encourage citizen involvement. I've initiated an online  
"comment" box and hope that my neighbors will find it on the  
city web site after the first of the year.

When re-elected, I'll continue to work for what I feel is  
important to my Troutdale neighbors: Livability, living wage  
jobs, safe transportation through our neighborhoods, regional  
involvement AND NO WASTEFUL SPENDING.

Barbara Kyle

*(This information furnished by Barbara Kyle)*

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for accuracy by Multnomah County.

## City Council, Position No. 5



### **MATTHEW WAND**

**OCCUPATION:** Attorney  
**OCCUPATIONAL**

**BACKGROUND:** Retail Sales,  
Customer Service

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**  
Northwestern School of Law  
of Lewis & Clark College –  
J.D.; Portland State University  
– B.S. (Political Science); Mt.  
Hood Community College;

Reynolds High School (Class of '93)

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Troutdale Budget  
Committee; Troutdale Planning Commission (Alternate);  
Troutdale Centennial Celebration Committee

Building the future, respecting the past.

My wife and I chose to live and raise our children in Troutdale,  
my hometown, because of its values and sense of community.  
I have lived in east county my entire life except for a brief time  
while attending law school in Portland. I continued living here  
while attending college, and my wife and I met while working  
at Movie House Video in Troutdale. I would like to serve you  
as City Councilor to make certain that Troutdale's children  
grow up with the same community values that I experienced.

Public safety is my highest priority, and the highest obligation  
of the City. The City may lose significant revenue from  
Multnomah County's business tax, and currently pays a large  
and growing fee for fire services. I will protect full funding of  
our fine police officers. I support Troutdale's efforts to develop  
a more cost effective solution for fire protection.

Our strong community tradition continues with Troutdale's  
cooperation with local community groups, and in the popular  
programs offered by the Community Services Department. I  
support full funding of these vital community activities.

I will uphold your trust so that the progressive vision of the  
Troutdale Riverfront Plan, conducted with fiscal responsibility,  
will be a source of community pride and success.

In my business, I have represented numerous general  
contractors on public works projects. I have been involved in  
bid disputes and claims, and in the process, I have learned  
important lessons that can help protect Troutdale from costly  
litigation and expense while implementing the Troutdale  
Riverfront Plan.

I look forward to serving you.

*(This information furnished by Friends of Matthew Wand)*

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for accuracy by Multnomah County.

# EAST MULTNOMAH SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## Director, Zone 2

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### LAURA MASTERTSON

**OCCUPATION:** Farmer  
**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Farmer  
**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Reed College, Bachelor of Science  
**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** 1 year Associate Director, EMSWCD; 1 year Director, EMSWCD

*(This information furnished by Laura Mastertson)*

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## Director, Zone 3



### DIANNA L. POPE

**OCCUPATION:** RN, Nurse Practitioner (NP), Danville Services of Oregon; Multnomah Education Services District.  
**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Nursing in Portland at St. Vincent's and Emanuel Hospitals; Parry Center for Children; Portland

Public Schools; OHSU and Multnomah Education Service District.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Emanuel Hospital School of Nursing; Oregon Health Sciences University Division of Continuing Education.

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** 1984 to present: Director, East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District; 1989 to 1999, member, Oregon Soil and Water Commission.

For the past 22 years I have been privileged to serve as a Director on the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District. During this time the District has worked with private individuals, groups of citizens, local, state and federal governments and agencies to identify and address natural resource conservation issues.

My work with the District for the past four years has emphasized expansion of our efforts to reduce water pollution in urban, suburban and rural areas. We have continued to work with local watershed councils such as the Johnson Creek, Columbia Slough and Sandy River Basin councils.

We were successful in obtaining voter approval of a modest tax rate in 2004 and have completed our first year of budgeting under this rate. We will continue to seek appropriate grants and other sources of funding for our programs.

I am dedicated to the principle that conservation districts are local people working together to achieve consensus on natural resource issues, ensuring that all viewpoints are considered. Soil and Water Conservation Districts and their nonpartisan volunteer directors are the "bridge" between citizens whose economic welfare depends on our natural resources and those whose interest is principally the protection of our environment. I will continue to work with everyone concerned for the conservation and careful use of our natural resources upon which all of our lives depend.

Thank you for your VOTE!

*(This information furnished by Dianna L. Pope)*

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# EAST MULTNOMAH SWCD

Director At Large, Position No. 2



## BRENT DAVIES

**OCCUPATION:** Director of Community and Public Forestry, Ecotrust  
**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Executive Director, Sea Resources Watershed Learning Center  
**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Master of Science from the College of Forest Resources, University of Washington

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Director, East Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation

As a family forestland owner with a background in watershed restoration, community forestry, and sustainable economic development, I would like to help the East Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District prioritize their restoration and protection efforts in areas with the highest conservation values and on projects that maximize the benefits to our community. Specifically, if elected, I would like to work on forest conservation, riparian restoration, and home gardens.

Multnomah County is in the heart of Salmon Nation and can demonstrate how urban and rural areas within the same county can grow and prosper while protecting and restoring our valuable natural resources unique to this place.

The District plays a critical role in engaging urban and rural citizens through their outreach and education programs which address our natural resource concerns. I believe these programs can compel landowners and other residents to adopt conservation practices at home and at work and become involved with community efforts to protect and restore our remaining natural areas, soil and water resources, backyard habitats, and community gardens.

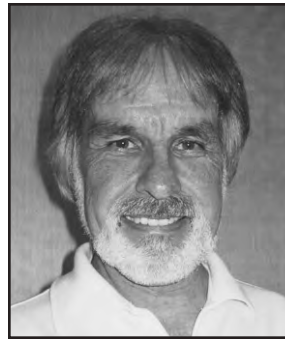
I have a graduate degree from the University of Washington's College of Forest Resources and am currently employed by Ecotrust as the Director of Community and Public Forestry where my focus is on the intersection of salmon recovery and forestry in the coastal watersheds of Oregon and Washington.

*(This information furnished by Brent Davies)*

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# WEST MULTNOMAH SWCD

Director At Large, Position No. 2



## WILLIAM R. GOODE

**OCCUPATION:** Lawyer – Private practice in Oregon since 1984. Federal trial practice – Civil Rights, Consumer Law, Indian Law; Outstanding Volunteer Attorney award – Legal Aid – Senior Law Project - 1989  
**OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Law Clerk, City Attorney's Office, St.

Petersburg, Florida; Deputy Sheriff, Hillsborough County, Florida; Registrar – Tampa College; Director – Hillsborough Association for Retarded Citizens; Teacher – Vanguard School, Lake Wales, Florida

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Stetson University, College of Law, Juris Doctor; University of South Florida, M.A. – Criminology, B.A. – Sociology; Portland Fire Bureau – N.E.T. Training

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** As Law Clerk for the City of St. Petersburg, one of my long term projects was assisting the City Attorney in coordinating a Pretreatment Ordinance to direct waste water treatment services provided to 27 municipalities under the Clean Water Act. During my first two years law practice in Oregon a principal client was Columbia County. I worked in landuse and municipal government law.

My guide for use of the public's funds will be **citizen** input consistent with the Legislature's policy creating SWCDs.

As a "new" director, I will use my expertise to insure accessible well publicized, public meetings and accessible public records that inform neighbors what is happening.

The two "At Large" positions in the District are particularly important because they allow an urban perspective to conversation of our soil and water resources. Conservation becomes more and more critical as mature trees are removed for residential development, and in-fill.

Much of West Multnomah does not have curbs or sidewalks or proper street drainage, and how we handle surface water, and waste water is critical to the livability in our hills and waterways.

West Multnomah should be doing much more to bring in outside funding for neighborhood stewardship projects and better enforcement of existing water quality rules, by fostering:

- partnerships to enhance urban and rural greenspaces;
- assistance for landowner conservation easements;
- restoring stream corridors;
- brush/weed-clearing & naturescaping;
- partnerships for after-school and community service projects.

Endorsed by:

Elizabeth Callison, Director at-large, West Multnomah SWCD  
Charles Lane, P.E., Soils Engineer

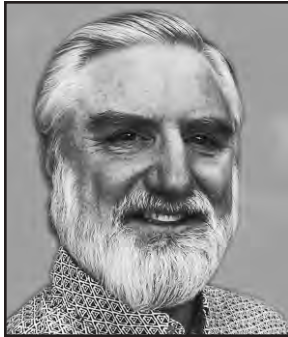
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# WEST MULTNOMAH SWCD

Director At Large, Position No. 2



## RICHARD W. SANDERS

**OCCUPATION:** V.P. Design marketing and business services for Integrity Design & Marketing

**OCCUPATIONAL**

**BACKGROUND:** Printing Management – Li Grafix, Rond Graphic Communications

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Portland Community College

– Supervisory Certificate

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE:** Current: Vice Chair West Multnomah SWCD; Past: Chairman Multnomah County Fair Task Force

I have been the Vice Chairperson of the WMSWCD for 4 years and have developed a strong interest in the success of the board. I volunteered to lead its members through a process to develop our strategic business plan. My past involvement with the Portland Rotary Club and the north Portland Youth Accountably Board has given me a strong interest in supporting youth in Multnomah County.

My experience in urban and rural communities helps me understand the needs of both. I firmly believe in win, win solutions. I also believe in the current WMSWCD Permanent Rate Limit, Measure 26-82 and that I can help establish economical goals, programs and budgets.

Rick Sanders operated a 38 acre Highland Cattle farm in the Rock Creek drainage. Conservation and water resources are a long time interest going back to the 1970's as a member of environmental Touring Companions and his ownership of 32 acres of wetlands on the Nehalem River. Dealing with his own soil and water conservation issues brought him in touch with Federal and State agencies

Lin and Rick have two adult children, Caitlin and Davis. He works in Graphic Communications and was President of his own company for 15 years. For hobbies, Rick enjoys river touring, which has taken him down thousands of miles of West Coast rivers and back roads anywhere.

**Past Involvement**

Rotary Club of Portland, Past President and served on both the Club Board and Charitable Trust Board as Treasurer

1998 Rotary District Chairperson for a successful fund-raiser to benefit the Children's Museum

*(This information furnished by Richard W. Sanders)*

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# ROCKWOOD WATER PUD

Director, Subdistrict No. 2



## DONALD JAMES McCARTHY

**OCCUPATION:** Retired, living on pension

**OCCUPATIONAL**

**BACKGROUND:** Powell Valley Road Water Dist. 31 yrs.

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** David Douglas High School; Completed 12 yrs. of school; High School Diploma

**PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL**

**EXPERIENCE:** Rockwood PUD budget board, 1997, 1998; 31 yrs. with Powell Valley Water Dist.; 2 yrs. as Board of Commissioner, 2004 to present

As a present Board of Commissioners, of Rockwood Water PUD, we have approved the following:

An intergovernmental agreement, granting the City of Gresham the right to purchase water produced by the District's ground water wells.

We approved a 20 year wholesale water contract with the City of Portland in April. Under the new contract, the District's water rate will drop from 83 cents to almost 52 cents yielding a significant savings.

One other concern of mine is, the question of taking on the electricity in our district, as a PUD, but I feel that this is not the time.

Please continue to support me with your vote.

Thank-you,

Donald James McCarthy

*(This information furnished by Donald James McCarthy)*

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# MULTNOMAH COUNTY

## Measure No. 26-81

### BALLOT TITLE

Referred to the people by the Board of County Commissioners.

#### **RENEW FIVE-YEAR LOCAL OPTION LEVY TO CONTINUE LIBRARY SERVICES**

**QUESTION:** Shall Multnomah County continue library services with levy of 89.0 cents per \$1,000 assessed value for five years beginning 2007?

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

**SUMMARY:** The library levy approved by voters in 2002 will expire in 2008. It provides over half of the library's funds. Renewal will keep libraries open, maintain hours and services, and open two planned branches. If not renewed, some libraries will close, others will be open fewer hours, and library services will be greatly reduced.

Renewing the levy will:

- Continue programs for school age children, story hours for babies and toddlers, summer reading, literacy services for children in child care, programs for teens.
- Help teachers and students use library resources; provide homework helpers to assist children with school work.
- Maintain free access to information; update books and materials.
- Continue book delivery to homebound seniors and nursing home residents.
- Open planned libraries in underserved neighborhoods of East County and North Portland.
- Keep libraries open; maintain current hours and services at Central and neighborhood libraries.

The levy raises approximately \$33 million in 2007-08; \$34.1 million in 2008-09; \$35.3 million in 2009-10; \$36.5 million in 2010-11; and \$37.8 million in 2011-12.

This levy replaces the current voter-approved library levy. The estimated cost to a homeowner of an average value single family home will be \$11.13 a month.

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

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

#### **Continue Multnomah County Library Services**

Measure 26-81 will replace the current library levy. Its cost will be 89 cents per \$1,000 assessed value per year. According to the County Department of Assessment and Taxation, the average single family home would pay about \$11.13 per month for this levy.

#### **RESULT OF A 'YES' VOTE**

Measure 26-81 provides over half the library's funds. Voting yes will renew funding for current library programs and services.

### Library Services Expected To Be Maintained Include:

- Library services for young and school-aged children – story hours for babies and toddlers, homework help, summer reading, and services for children in child care;
- Multnomah County libraries open at least six days a week for an average of 53-58 hours each;
- Central Library and neighborhood libraries open Sunday afternoons;
- Services to seniors including computer classes and book delivery for those who are homebound;
- Library services for jobseekers, small business owners, and English language learners;
- Buying new books, magazines, and other library materials.

The library levy will also provide funds to operate planned branches in underserved neighborhoods of North Portland and East County, which will open during the course of this five-year levy.

Measure 26-81 will fund continued hours and services at Multnomah County libraries including Central Library and:

Albina	Hollywood
Belmont	Midland
Capitol Hill	North Portland
Fairview/Columbia	Northwest
Gregory Heights	Rockwood
Gresham	Sellwood-Moreland
Hillsdale	St. Johns
Holgate	Woodstock

### How Are Libraries Used?

- 52,000 kids participated in the Library's Summer Reading program in 2005, which includes over half of the county's elementary school children.
- More than 300,000 people attend library programs and events for children and teens each year.
- Each day about 13,000 people visit the 17 libraries.
- An average of 28 books are checked out every year for every man, woman, and child in the county.
- Librarians and library staff provide personal help an average of 90,000 times each week – answering questions, reading stories, checking out books, assisting students after school, and more.
- The library provides 24/7 online access to information, learning resources, and the library catalog.
- Library outreach programs to schools make nearly 120,000 contacts with students and teachers during the school year;

### RESULT OF A 'NO' VOTE

The library receives over 55% of its funding from the current voter-approved levy. If the library levy is not renewed, library services will be greatly reduced. New branches will not open, others will be open fewer hours, fewer books will be purchased, and many neighborhood libraries will close.

Submitted by:  
Board of County Commissioners  
Multnomah County



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY

## Measure No. 26-81

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### As teachers we really count on our libraries.

As classroom teachers, we are dedicated to giving our students the best possible education and the opportunity for the best possible future.

#### **Libraries are one of our most important partners in that effort.**

The importance of libraries starts long before children enter their first classroom. Few things are a more accurate indicator of academic success than students starting school ready to learn. Libraries are the most significant community resource in teaching kids to read and enjoy learning.

It's not just about books and a building: librarians are a great resource as well, teaching both kids and teachers how to use a library and find information.

Libraries help us in the school building as well: programs like Books 2 U and School Corps bring library resources into the classroom.

**In fact, our Multnomah County Libraries have never been more important to our public schools: school libraries and staff have been reduced from school budgets. As teachers, we very much need the library to be there, making sure kids have access to information.**

Over 50% of the library's budget comes from this levy. Cutting library funding in half would hurt our community, hurt our schools, and make it much more difficult for our kids to learn.

**Please vote yes for our libraries:  
They help teachers teach, and students succeed!**

#### **VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-81**

Elizabeth Cannon, Teacher (Gresham High School)  
Rebecca Erickson (Laurelhurst School)  
William Herbert, Teacher (Walt Morey Middle School)  
Marilyn Karr (Laurelhurst School)  
Rob Melton, Teacher (Benson High School)  
Joan Nicholas, Teacher (Glenfair Elementary School)  
KD Parman, Teacher (George Middle School)  
Portland Association of Teachers  
Bryan Smith, Teacher (Benson High School)  
Michele Stemler, Teacher (Grant High School)  
Nadine Trincherro, Teacher (Chapman Elementary)

*(This information furnished by KD Parman)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Libraries for Kids (and parents too)!

As a parent, it is hard to think of a better resource for my family and all children than our local libraries.

Our local library certainly makes a difference for our family:

- Safe, constructive, and open for all, the library is the place our kids began a lifelong journey of learning.
- That started long before they began school: the library prepared them to learn, teaching a love of reading through programs like book babies and story time.
- Once they entered school, the library was an invaluable partner in their education, providing homework help and teaching them how to use library resources.

We love and count on our local library, and our family is far from alone. Here are two amazing statistics: 50% of the county's elementary school children participate in summer reading, 300,000 people a year participate in the libraries' programs for children.

**Without the library levy, there is no way the library will be able to continue to provide the wonderful and needed services to our kids and families: over 50% of the library's budget comes from this levy.**

Please join me in voting Yes on Measure 26-81!

Tricia Snyder-Neiwert, parent

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# MULTNOMAH COUNTY

## Measure No. 26-81

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Let Libraries continue to serve senior citizens

I've lived for a long time (more years than I would like to admit!) I've been around long enough to know how important our libraries are to our community. Supporting our libraries is one of the best values around.

This is especially true for older residents of Multnomah County.

We all love the library because it is a place of learning. Libraries offer constructive activities for young people, help with homework, reading programs, and help keep kids out of trouble.

But libraries serve seniors like us in several important ways:

- Older adults use the library daily to check out materials, volunteer, meet up with friends, attend book groups, or sometimes just to see a friendly face.
- Programs like Cyber-Seniors offer help for seniors who want to know how to use computers. Many seniors use library computers to keep in touch with grandchildren and friends, make travel plans, and check on doctors and medication!
- And for those who can't make it to the library, our libraries reach out to nursing homes, those who are homebound, and those who face physical challenges.

These are just some of the reasons I am voting yes for our libraries.

And there are just two more things I hope everyone understands:

Measure 26-81 is not a new tax. It continues the library levy and library services we approved a few years ago. In fact, we are pleased to have a chance to say 'yes' to our libraries occasionally.

Over half of the library's day to day funding comes from the levy we are voting on. If it fails, all of us – seniors included- will lose a lot.

Our library is always there for everybody, no matter his or her circumstances. In these uncertain times, that's a real necessity – and something worth protecting.

Please join me in voting YES for our Libraries!

Elayne Scoofakes

*(This information furnished by Elayne Scoofakes)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### The library is an invaluable resource for families

Our family started going to the library fifteen years ago. With two young kids, it was a great place to get us out of the house and one of the few places we could go for free. Now, the library is a part of our lives every day.

When the boys were little, we walked to the library for story time and other children's programs. Now that the kids are older, we still use the library but in different ways.

This summer for our family vacation we checked out guide books on Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons so we knew what to visit. We checked out 10 books on tape to listen to in the car, and of course, all of us had our favorite books from the library to read on our adventure.

Our kids now stop in at the teen lounge to do their homework and participate in programs for teens. My oldest son picks the librarian's brain for new books to read, and they use the library for school. Their homework often requires research but their school libraries do not have the collections that are necessary.

As a mom, my favorite part of the library is not just the books I check out. I love that the library is a part of our community. I see people I know there every day. My kids can go there after school, and it's a place I know they will be safe. It's still one of the rare things our family can do together.

The library is a part of our life. Given the high cost of raising kids, having free access to books, movies, cd's, magazines, and the internet helps us make ends meet.

**It's our turn to be there for the library.  
We're voting yes on 26-81 to renew funding for our libraries.**

Anne Pearson, parent

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# MULTNOMAH COUNTY

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

A Message from Library Volunteers

**Well Loved. Well Used.  
The Library is an incredible value.**

As library volunteers we are in the libraries every day. We have a first-hand view of what a great value our libraries are and how much they mean to people.

We like to think we're one of the reasons libraries are a good deal: between the Friends of the Library, the Library Advisory Board, The Library Foundation, and in-library volunteers, there are nearly 2,000 of us helping out every year making every library dollar go further.

And those dollars do go far:

- Over 13,000 people use the libraries every day.
- Our Multnomah County Libraries have the highest total circulation in the country (that's right, higher circulation than New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston, and all the others). We think that says something wonderful about our community.
- And if you are careful with your money, here is the fact that you will really appreciate: our library system is ranked by the Urban Libraries Council as the most cost-efficient large public library system in the nation.

**Measure 26-81 is the only way to keep all these great things going.**

The Library Levy is the way we fund our libraries: the levy provides more than half of the libraries' funding.

**We work hard as volunteers, but there is certainly no way we could make up a 50% budget cut!**

Libraries are a great investment, and our local Multnomah County Libraries are the greatest.

**Let's keep a great thing going:  
Vote YES for Our Libraries!**

Friends of the Multnomah County Library

*(This information furnished by Stephanie Vardavas,  
Friends of the Multnomah County Library)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Local librarians Ask for YOUR Support.

There is nothing more wonderful than seeing a child learn to love reading, a teenager discovering a new world, or a grandparent learning from a grandchild how to use a computer.

As librarians we love our jobs. We know that the programs and services we offer make a difference in people's lives and improve our communities.

Every one of our neighborhood libraries is unique. But every branch shares one thing in common – your support. Our 17 library locations check out more materials than any other library system in the United States. And, we've been ranked the most cost efficient library system of our size in the country!

Being a librarian is a wonderful job, and we're very proud of the work we do. We are also very lucky and grateful to be part of a community that uses and supports their libraries.

**The library levy is how we pay for our libraries.** Over 55% of the libraries funds come from this levy. If the levy does not pass, many of our neighborhood libraries will close, and the remaining branches will be forced to cut hours and programs.

Measure 26-81 will keep our libraries open and offering the same programs and services that we've come to depend on.

We hope you'll join us in renewing funding for your local library (see the list below) by supporting Measure 26-81.

Albina	Hollywood
Belmont	Midland
Capitol Hill	North Portland
Central	Northwest
Fairview/Columbia	Rockwood
Gregory Heights	Sellwood-Moreland
Gresham	St. Johns
Hillsdale	Woodstock
Holgate	

Steve Armitage, Librarian	Andrea R. Milano, Librarian
Jane Corry, Librarian	Vailey Oehlke, Librarian
Marci Davis, Librarian	Patricia H. Welch, Librarian
Peter Ford, Librarian	Laural Winter, Librarian

*(This information furnished by Andrea R. Milano)*

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# MULTNOMAH COUNTY

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Our libraries are there for all of us

Libraries are one of the issues we don't have to think twice about voting yes for. But just in case you are not fully decided, here are three important reasons to vote Yes on Measure 26-81:

1. Libraries are important partners to our schools. They provide reading programs to children, homework help and after school programs that help kids succeed. Librarians help teachers and students use public library resources. In fact, in some schools a library card is on the list of school supplies!
2. Libraries are invaluable resources for families. With the costs of raising children, having free access to books, magazines, learning materials, and reading programs can make a real difference to a family. And for homebound seniors or those who have trouble getting to the library, the library will bring books to their homes.
3. Libraries provide free access to information and learning for everyone. Whether you're trying to figure out a career, learn a new skill, or start a hobby – whether you're 15 or retired, have a PhD, or are working on a GED; the Library is there for you. We all use the library in many ways – and the library is there for all of us.

With 50% of funding on the line, voting yes means our libraries will stay open and continue providing great services for all of us in the community.

Regardless of where you live in Multnomah County, the library is a service you can rely on. Please join us in voting Yes for our libraries.

Terry McCall, resident, City of Gresham  
Diane McKeel, East Multnomah County Resident

*(This information furnished by Terry McCall)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Small Businesses Rely on Our libraries too!

In 2001, we sat down to plan our new restaurant menu. We both love Italian food and our vision was to create an authentic Italian pastaria. We had recipes and ideas but needed a crash course on Italy. As most small business owners, we couldn't afford to buy books that might have only one relevant idea, and we didn't have the resources to spend 6 months in Italy.

We stopped in at the library to see if they had any cookbooks. We were amazed at what was available at our library!

Not only did the library have a huge assortment of cookbooks, but it also had a wide variety of books about Italian food traditions and wine. That day, we spent three hours in the library and checked out as many books as we could carry. We found so many we had to ask the library staff how many we could check out at one time.

We went back four times and must have looked at every book in the cookbook section. The books we found about Italy in the travel and agri-tourism section were even more interesting and influenced our menu in just as many ways. In fact, it was at the library that we learned how different shapes of pasta are specific to certain regions in Italy. We've passed on this pasta lore to customers in "Know Your Noodle" on our menu.

**Our restaurant has grown from one to four locations. We can honestly say that the library was a key to our business opening and being a success. For us, that means providing over 100 jobs and helping our economy. And we know many other businesses for whom the library played the same role.**

Please join us in voting Yes on Measure 26-81, for our libraries!

Susan & Craig Bashel, Co-Owners, Pastini Restaurants

*(This information furnished by Susan L. Bashel,  
Pastini Restaurants)*

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# MULTNOMAH COUNTY

## Measure No. 26-81

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**As a mother, I want to keep my kids safe.  
I am glad that our libraries work to keep my kids safe too!**

This can be a scary time to be a parent. It is very important to me that my kids have safe and constructive places to go. For me, the library is at the top of that list.

We go there for story times and to check out books, movies, and magazines; and my kids go there to use the computer

With all that is available on the Internet, I am so glad that the library has kept the concerns of parents in mind when they set their policies on computer use.

**Librarians worked closely with parents** to develop policies that protect children from viewing objectionable material. All computers in all the children's area have filtering software. Even as my kids get older, the library gives **me** the choice to keep their access to the internet filtered.

I'm glad that we have that choice: I don't want someone else making the decision for me about what my children can and cannot look at.

And I know that the librarians and other staff keep a close eye on kids to keep them safe.

The library makes my community a safer place to be. I am proud to support it and very enthusiastic about voting YES on the Library Levy that keeps the doors open, and the library enriching the lives of all of our families.

**We love our library and the good people who make it work!  
PLEASE VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-81**

Rocio Bates, Parent & Gresham Resident

*(This information furnished by Rocio A. Bates)*

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### ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

My daughter was exposed to pornography at the Multnomah County Library...  
...and we're all paying for it!  
I'm voting NO on Measure 26-81

My 10-year-old daughter Heidi was exposed to graphic pornography while standing next to me at the Gresham branch of the Multnomah County Library.

Because of library policy, this kind of incident is not as rare as we'd all like to think. Since my daughter's horrific experience I've heard the stories of dozens of patrons who have been unwillingly exposed to internet pornography at our libraries. The library should be a safe place. It should be a place where children can't see images of violence against women, child pornography, and sexual acts. But, right now, that's not the case.

The Multnomah Country Library is using our tax dollars to allow unfiltered access to images that are harmful to kids and degrading to women. Though they have the needed filtering software, they allow patrons over age 13 to access pornography in public view. (Even though people can't legally view porn until they're 18!)

The library's Internet policy is also costing us money. In 2004 Multnomah County decided not to follow the Children's Internet Protection Act that was signed by President Clinton. It provides funding to libraries that use filters to help remove obscene images, child pornography, and material harmful to children. In the first year alone, the library gave up \$104,000.

Now, we're being asked to provide millions of dollars to an organization that isn't putting children's safety first.

We can't afford to have our kids exposed to pornography. That's why I'm urging all Multnomah County residents to vote NO on levies, until the library adheres to the common-sense policies of the Children's Internet Protection Act.

Toni Manning,  
Executive Director

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*(This information furnished by Toni Manning,  
Friends For Safer Libraries)*

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## Measure No. 26-80

### BALLOT TITLE

Referred to the people by the Metro Council.

#### **BONDS TO PRESERVE NATURAL AREAS, CLEAN WATER, PROTECT FISH, WILDLIFE**

**QUESTION:** Shall Metro preserve natural areas; protect fish, wildlife; improve water quality; issue \$227.4 million in general obligation bonds; audit spending? 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:** Protects specific natural areas, lands near rivers and streams, wildlife and trail corridors through land acquisition and restoration. Funds specific local water quality, wildlife and park protection projects for local parks providers. Funds water quality and wildlife habitat restoration matching grant program for local communities. Requires 2 to 1 match for local community grants. Match may be met with volunteer hours. Approved bonds will:

- Preserve specified natural areas
- Protect and restore watersheds for improved water quality
- Protect streams, fish and wildlife
- Increase the presence of nature in neighborhoods

This measure directs Metro to buy and restore natural areas for the protection of water quality and preservation of fish and wildlife habitat for the benefit and enjoyment of current and future generations, establishes a citizens oversight committee and requires a yearly independent financial audit to be published in local newspapers. Bonds mature in not more than 20 years. Bond cost estimate is about 19 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value per year. The average homeowner in the region pays \$2.50-\$2.92 per month.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

With passage of the Bond Measure, voters would direct Metro to protect natural areas and lands near rivers and streams throughout the Metro area, safeguarding the quality of our water while managing the impacts of growth and maintaining the Metro area's quality of life for future generations.

The \$227.4 million general obligation bond measure would provide:

- \$168.4 million for Metro to purchase, in 27 specifically identified target areas, regionally significant river and stream corridors, headwaters, wildlife areas, other natural areas and trail corridors to hold in public trust for their protection, enhancement and restoration of habitat for fish, wildlife and water quality. The target areas emphasize protection of natural area lands now in urban areas or in areas where development is likely to occur. Other target areas are designated to protect water quality inside the urban area. Target areas include: the Tualatin River and tributaries in the Stafford, Sherwood and Forest Grove areas; the Rock Creek watershed near Bethany in Washington County; the Clackamas River and tributaries near Damascus; headwaters and buttes such as Scouter Mountain, and Johnson Creek and tributaries in Multnomah and Clackamas County.

- \$44 million to be provided to 28 cities, counties and local park providers in the Metro area, on a per capita basis for: purchase of specifically identified natural areas, wildlife and trail corridors; for restoration and enhancement of water quality, fish and wildlife habitat; and for identified neighborhood parks and capital improvement projects providing public access use and education. Identified projects include: acquisition of lands along Erickson Creek and restoration of lands along Beaverton Creek in Beaverton; greenway acquisition along Orenco, Dawson, Bronson and Rock Creeks in Hillsboro; acquisition along Johnson Creek in the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District, acquisition of natural area adjacent to Forest Park, in the Tryon Creek watershed, and along Johnson Creek and the Columbia Slough in Portland; and central Beaverton park and natural area acquisition and restoration in the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District.
- \$15 million for a Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program for schools, local neighborhood associations, community groups and other non-profits, cities, counties and public parks providers to provide funds to increase natural features and their ecological functions on public lands in neighborhoods, and to help ensure that every community enjoys clean water and nature as an element of its character and livability. Grants will be awarded competitively, and should be matched by the applicant with outside funding or in-kind services equivalent to twice the grant amount; and
- Establishes a citizen oversight committee and requires a yearly independent financial audit to be published in the local newspapers.

In the first year following its passage, the 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure would likely cost property owners 19 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. For the average homeowner, the total annual cost is likely to be \$30-35 per year. That annual cost will likely decrease during the repayment period of the bonds, which will be no more than 20 years.

Submitted by:

Michael J. Jordan  
Metro Chief Operating Officer

# METRO

## Measure No. 26-80

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

There are a lot of worthy measures on the ballot.

Here is why this one is different.

We live in a special place, with a connection to nature that other places have lost – if they ever had it at all. Our natural areas, rivers and streams are right here, helping define a quality of life that we treasure as a heritage.

But that heritage is not guaranteed. We are growing fast, and that growth poses great challenges to the things we love about our part of Oregon.

Protecting our water, our land, and our way of life is a choice that we must make. The Natural Areas Parks and Streams Bond stands alone as a chance to protect the very place we live. And it is a smart, affordable and accountable way to do it.

Here is what Measure 26-80 will do:

- Preserve natural areas throughout the metropolitan area, concentrating on the areas most threatened by growth.
- Protect and restore rivers and streams to improve water quality.
- Protect natural areas and habitat for fish and wildlife
- Improve and complete neighborhood park and trail projects.

And Measure 26-80 creates a very high standard of accountability:

- The money can only be spent according to a detailed plan that you can review before you vote: visit [www.savenaturalareas.org](http://www.savenaturalareas.org) to read it.
- A citizen advisory committee will oversee the program.
- Measure 26-80 funds are subject to annual audits, published in the newspaper.

And what will protecting all this cost?

**Less than \$3 per month for the average household.**

This is an investment worth making.  
And it is one that we would regret not making years from now.

**Yes on 26-80.  
It's about where we live.  
And who we are.**

*(This information furnished by Matthew Reed,  
Yes on 26-80, for Natural Areas Parks and Streams)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### INDEPENDENT CITIZEN COMMITTEE APPROVED SCIENCE-BASED, SPECIFIC AND ACCOUNTABLE PLAN PROTECTING NATURAL AREAS, PARKS AND STREAMS

We, the undersigned citizen members of the Blue Ribbon Committee, developed and reviewed the proposed Natural Areas, Parks and Streams Measure, including its scientific basis, proposed implementation plan, impact on taxpayers and accountability mechanisms. We voted unanimously to support Measure 26-80 and recommended that the Metro Council refer it to voters.

#### Specific, Science-Based Plan

A team of biologists, ecologists and naturalists designed Measure 26-80 to protect the most ecologically sensitive lands in the region. Lands targeted for protection are the highest value natural areas for water quality, wildlife habitat and access to nature. These lands are under tremendous development pressure as we grow.

#### More Accountability

Measure 26-80 sets a high standard for accountability and taxpayer protection. It requires annual audits to be published in the newspaper and available for public review, and establishes a citizen oversight committee. The measure also requires money to be spent according to a detailed plan that voters can read before the election at:

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

The cost is between \$2.50 and \$2.92 per month for the average homeowner which will likely decrease during the repayment period of the bonds.

#### We urge your YES vote on Measure 26-80.

Fred Miller, Chair, Blue Ribbon Committee  
Fred Bruning, President, CenterCal Properties  
Richard Cantlin, Partner, Perkins Coie LLP  
Debbie Craig, Community Volunteer  
Carol Dillin, Vice President for Government Affairs and Public Policy, PGE  
John Griffiths, Board of Directors, Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District  
Mike Houck, Director, Urban Greenspaces Institute  
Charles Jordan, Board Member, The Conservation Fund  
Lynn Lehrback, Joint Council #37, Teamsters Union  
Lori Luchak, President, Miles Fiberglass  
Patricia McCaig, McCaig Communications and Opinion Research  
Randolph L. Miller, Chairman, The Moore Co., Chairman, Portland Ambassadors  
Don Morissette, President, Don Morissette Homes  
Larry Sitz, President, Emerick Construction  
Sara Vickerman, Senior Director, Biodiversity Partnerships, Defenders of Wildlife  
Dilafroz Williams, Professor of education policy, Member, Portland School Board

*(This information furnished by Fred Miller,  
Blue Ribbon Committee)*

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# METRO

## Measure No. 26-80

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### IT'S ABOUT CLEAN WATER. We depend on it.

Our families' health and the region's future depend on having a reliable supply of clean water. This measure will help maintain and improve water quality in the region's rivers and streams – many of which supply our drinking water.

Biologists, ecologists and naturalists identified target areas for protection that are the highest value natural areas for water quality and fish and wildlife habitat. Many of these areas are also some of the most vulnerable for development. Specifically, Measure 26-80 will:

- Protect and restore the Willamette River by protecting land along the river from Wilsonville to the Multnomah Channel;
- Protect critical natural areas along the Clackamas and Tualatin Rivers;
- Protect headwater creeks and streams like Johnson Creek, Rock Creek, Fanno Creek and Gales Creek that include spawning grounds for salmon and critical habitat for wildlife; and
- Clean up polluted storm water and protect groundwater quality to improve water quality.

It's not too late to protect and restore clean water resources in our region.

BUT WE MUST ACT NOW to protect water quality before growth and development overwhelm our fragile network of rivers, lakes and streams.

**Join us in Voting YES on Measure 26-80  
to protect clean water!**

**Oregon Clean Water Action Project  
WaterWatch of Oregon  
Willamette Riverkeeper  
Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes  
Johnson Creek Watershed Council  
Friends of Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge  
Clackamas River Basin Council  
Columbia Slough Watershed Council  
Tryon Creek Watershed Council  
Rock Creek Watershed Partners  
Tualatin Riverkeepers  
Fans of Fanno Creek  
Friends of Vermont Creek  
Cedar Mill Creek Watershed Watch  
Friends of Arnold Creek  
Three Rivers Land Conservancy  
The Wetlands Conservancy  
Fernhill Wetlands Council  
Oregon Council Trout Unlimited  
Norman Penner, President, Friends of Tualatin River  
National Wildlife Refuge**

*(This information furnished by Matthew Reed,  
Yes on 26-80 for Natural Areas, Parks and Streams)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Auditors Urge Your YES Vote on Measure 26-80

#### Measure 26-80 Requires Tough Accountability Provisions to Protect Taxpayers

As retired auditors, our job was to ensure that public money was spent responsibly and accountably. We understand how important it is to citizens and taxpayers that their money is spent wisely and as promised...

**That's why we enthusiastically support the strong accountability measures contained within Measure 26-80.**

Measure 26-80 requires:

- Annual independent audits that will be published in local newspapers.
- Citizen oversight through an advisory committee that will review projects funded with taxpayer dollars.
- That the money generated by the bond measure will be spent according to a specific, detailed plan to preserve clean water and natural areas. In addition to the plan outlined in the ballot measure's Explanatory Statement, voters can see the areas targeted for protection at [www.savenaturalareas.org](http://www.savenaturalareas.org).

**Measure 26-80 ensures our tax dollars will be spent as promised – to help protect and preserve natural areas, clean water and our unique quality of life.**

**It deserves your support.**

Jewel Lansing, former Multnomah County  
and Portland City Auditor  
Anne Kelly Feeney, former Multnomah County Auditor  
Barbara Clark, retired Portland City Auditor

*(This information furnished by Jewel Lansing)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Scientists Urge A YES Vote on Measure 26-80 for Natural Areas, Parks and Streams

Measure 26-80 will make it possible to protect and restore regionally and locally significant fish and wildlife habitat. These habitats include stream and river corridors, wetlands, and at-risk areas identified by ecologists and biologists as the highest priority for protection and restoration in the region.

**Measure 26-80 will protect plant and animal species that live in our streams, forests, and wetlands in both the urban and rural landscape.** The bond measure will help ensure that threatened and sensitive species like salmon, steelhead trout, bald eagles, peregrine falcons, purple martins, and western bluebirds, continue to co-exist with humans. Plant communities, like oak woodlands and wetlands that harbor both rare and common species of birds, mammals, and insects, will be protected and restored as well.

**Measure 26-80 will improve water quality in our streams, rivers and wetlands** by helping control stormwater runoff, which degrades our streams, rivers and wetlands.

**Measure 26-80 will protect air quality** by preserving, and in some neighborhoods increasing, the region's urban forest canopy, which will reduce the "urban heat island effect" and cut down on ozone and other pollutants that are detrimental to the health of humans and ecosystems.

**Please vote YES on Measure 26-80.**

Heejun Chang, PhD, Hydrologist  
Geoffrey Duh, PhD  
Andrew G. Fountain, PhD, Geomorphologist  
Scott Hoffman Black, Ecologist and Entomologist  
Steve Johnson, PhD, Urban and Social Ecologist  
Tony Laska, PhD, Fish Biologist  
Noelwah R. Netusil, PhD, Professor of Economics  
Joe Poracsky, PhD, Geographer  
John Rueter, PhD, Environmental Scientist  
Ethan Seltzer, PhD, Urban Planner  
Bob Van Dyk, PhD, Professor, Forest Grove  
Alan Yeakley, PhD, Environmental Scientist

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER REGION SUPPORTS MEASURE 26-80

#### Protect Water Quality, Natural Areas, Fish and Wildlife Habitat

The League of Women Voters of the Columbia River Region urges you to Vote Yes on 26-80 to protect our area's unique quality of life and preserve our legacy of clean water and pristine natural areas as we grow.

#### Plan for growth

With more than one million new people expected in the next 25 years, the Portland metropolitan area faces increasing pressure on its rivers, streams and wildlife habitat. We must act now to protect the things that make this a great place to live.

#### Protect Clean Water

Our families' health and our region's future depend on clean water. Measure 26-80 will help protect and improve our rivers and streams—many of which supply our drinking water. Measure 26-80 will protect land along the Willamette, Clackamas and Tualatin Rivers and the major creeks and streams that feed them.

#### Preserve Natural Areas and Parks

Measure 26-80 includes more than 140 natural areas and park projects, like expanding Forest Park; improving trail connections from Wilsonville to Forest Park and Tigard to Damascus; protecting mountain tops from Gresham's buttes to Chehalum Ridge; and investing in our neighborhood parks.

#### Tough Accountability

And Measure 26-80 ensures that our tax dollars will be spent as promised:

- Funds can only be spent according to a specific, binding plan;
- Annual audits will be published in the newspaper; and
- A citizen oversight committee will guide the program.

#### Protect Our Legacy for Less than \$3 a Month!

Measure 26-80 will cost the average property owner \$2.50 to \$2.92 a month. That's a small price to pay for our communities, our children and our future.

**The League of Women Voters  
of the Columbia River Region  
Urges You to VOTE YES on Measure 26-80**

*(This information furnished by Joyce Lekas,  
League of Women Voters of the Columbia River Region)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### PROTECT RIVERS, STREAMS, NATURAL AREAS, FISH & WILDLIFE HABITAT

**Audubon Society of Portland, The Trust for Public Land,  
Oregon Environmental Council, Friends of Trees,  
And The Sierra Club support Measure 26-80**

**Measure 26-80** is our opportunity to preserve our region's quality of life and natural beauty as we grow, and to ensure that our children and grandchildren will be able to enjoy the same quality of life we do.

#### A Plan to Manage Growth

Our area is one of the fastest growing parts of the state and will add one million people in the next 25 years. **Measure 26-80 helps plan for the growth and reduce its impact** by protecting land that might otherwise be threatened by development.

Now is the time to pass this measure – if we don't act, more critically important natural areas and fish and wildlife habitat will be lost forever as our region continues to grow.

The lands targeted for protection by Measure 26-80 were carefully selected based on scientific and biological criteria, to ensure the most ecologically valuable lands for **fish and wildlife habitat and watersheds are protected.**

#### Preserving Clean Water

Maintaining and improving water quality in the region's rivers and streams is essential to our quality of life and a central component of the bond measure.

Measure 26-80 specifically protects land around major rivers like the **Willamette, Clackamas and Tualatin**, as well as smaller streams and creeks, including Johnson, Fanno, and Tryon Creeks. The measure also provides funds to restore watersheds, clean up polluted storm water and protect ground-water supplies.

We urge you to support Measure 26-80.

**For clean water today and a legacy we can be proud of.**

We hope you join us in VOTING YES ON 26-80.

*(This information furnished by Meryl Redisch,  
Audubon Society of Portland)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### MEASURE 26-80 PROVIDES DIRECT BENEFITS TO CITIES IN WASHINGTON, MULTNOMAH AND CLACKAMAS COUNTIES

#### Local mayors unite in support of Natural Areas, Parks and Streams.

By passing measure 26-80, voters will safeguard the quality of our water while managing the impacts of growth and maintaining our area's quality of life for future generations.

As Mayors, we've seen firsthand how our communities have grown and changed in the last decade. And we know there's more to come. In the next 25 years, another one million people will be living in the area. Measure 26-80 helps us protect the quality of life in our communities.

Measure 26-80 directs Metro to protect natural areas and lands near rivers and streams throughout the metropolitan area by providing money to local communities. Local cities, counties and park providers in the Metro area will be able to:

- Preserve specified natural areas, wildlife, and trail corridors;
- Protect and restore watersheds for improved water quality; and
- Preserve fish and wildlife habitat.

As important as the local and regional benefits are, we support Measure 26-80 because it also includes strong accountability standards to ensure the money is spent as promised, **including a citizen oversight committee and requiring a yearly independent financial audits to be published in local newspapers.**

Please join us in voting YES for our communities, and YES on Measure 26-80.

Beaverton Mayor Rob Drake  
Fairview Mayor Mike Weatherby  
Forest Grove Mayor Richard G. Kidd  
Gresham Mayor Charles J. Becker  
Happy Valley Mayor Eugene Grant  
Hillsboro Mayor Tom Hughes  
Lake Oswego Mayor Judie Hammerstad  
Chuck Faes, Mayor, The City of King City  
Milwaukie Mayor Jim Bernard  
Oregon City Mayor Alice Norris  
Portland Mayor Tom Potter  
Tigard Mayor Craig Dirksen  
Troutdale Mayor Paul Thalhofer  
Wilsonville Mayor Charlotte Lehan  
Wood Village Mayor David Fuller

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Local Small Businesses Support Measure 26-80

As local small business owners and business associations in Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington Counties, we urge you to join us in voting YES on Measure 26-80.

We know that protecting our clean water, natural areas and fish and wildlife habitat is essential to maintaining a healthy local economy and attracting and retaining a quality workforce. We believe Measure 26-80 is balanced and reasonable at less than \$3.00 a month for an average homeowner.

**Measure 26-80 also includes tough accountability provisions to ensure the money is spent as promised**, including annual audits and citizen oversight. To see the detailed plan, go to [www.savenaturalareas.org](http://www.savenaturalareas.org).

**Please join us in VOTING YES on Measure 26-80.**

North Clackamas County Chamber of Commerce  
Wilsonville Chamber of Commerce  
Columbia Corridor Association  
Advanced M&D Sales, Inc.  
Ash Creek Forest Management, LLC, Tigard  
Backyard Bird Shop, Gresham, Wood Village, Clackamas,  
Lake Oswego and Beaverton  
Bernard's Garage, Milwaukie  
Bike Gallery, Portland, Beaverton and Lake Oswego  
C&E Systems, SW Portland  
CenterCal Properties, Gresham  
Chavez Lumber, Sherwood  
Clear Creek Distillery  
DCC Consulting, Inc.  
Denham Construction, Inc., Tigard  
Domestic Arts, NE Portland  
First American Title, SW Portland  
Five Star Signs, Inc.  
Forest Capital Partners, LLC, SW Portland  
Fregonese Calthorpe Associates, SW Portland  
The Gardensmith, Milwaukie  
GeoPacific Engineering, Inc.  
Hamilton Realty  
Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland  
Thomas T. Joseph, President, Personalized Dry Cleaning, Lake  
Oswego, Clackamas, Portland  
Landels Construction, Inc.  
Landscape Oregon, Inc.  
Jeffrey M. Lang, Gales Creek Insurance Services, Portland  
Lean Path, Inc., SW Portland  
Logotek, Inc., West Linn  
Miles Fiberglass, Oregon City  
Don Morissette Homes, Lake Oswego  
Northern Lights Marketing, SW Portland  
Pacific Lumber Company, Lake Oswego  
Ron Paul Consulting, NW Portland  
Renaissance Homes, Lake Oswego  
Lyndon Ruhnke, PC  
South Waterfront Discovery Center  
Steward Construction Corp.  
Tandem Design, Inc., NW Portland  
Tilbury, Ferguson & Neuburg, Inc., NW Portland  
Wells Development Company, LLC, Lake Oswego  
Williams & Dame Development, Inc.  
(partial list)

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### **PARENTS, TEACHERS AND CHILDREN'S ADVOCATES SAY VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-80**

As parents, teachers and advocates for children, we know that learning happens both in and outside the classroom. That's why we enthusiastically support Measure 26-80.

Our region's parks and natural areas are also outdoor classrooms for our kids, providing unique environmental education opportunities in natural settings close to home. Measure 26-80 will increase environmental education opportunities across the region.

**Preserving clean water, abundant wildlife, and access to parks and natural areas will ensure our children and grandchildren will enjoy the same quality of life we do today.**

And at less than \$3 a month, Measure 26-80 is a small price to pay for a big investment in our kids' future.

#### **VOTE YES!**

Stand for Children-Portland Chapter  
Jonah Edelman, Executive Director, Stand for Children  
Karen Akers, School Secretary, N. Portland  
Joshua Alpert, Parent, Portland  
Margaret Armstrong, Teacher, Beaverton  
Laura Baxter, Parent, Portland  
Tom Beck, Retired Professor, Forest Grove  
Eric Brattain, Teacher, Forest Grove  
Ben Cannon, Teacher, Tualatin  
Cheyne Cumming, Teacher, NW Portland  
Meghan DeNiro, Teacher, NE Portland  
Kristine Dillon, Parent, Sherwood  
Elena Frank, Parent, Garden Home  
Jackie Furrer, Teacher, Tualatin  
Paul Grosjean, Parent, Pleasant Valley  
Gary Hancock, 5th Grade Teacher  
Jane Harold, Teacher, Lake Oswego  
Jim Hartmann, West Linn Teacher  
Michael Horrigan, Teacher, Beaverton  
Faun Hosey, Parent, Hillsboro  
Nancy Johnson, Teacher, SE Portland  
Ben Keller, Teacher, SE Portland  
Tim Kniser, Teacher, NE Portland  
Sam Koss, Teacher, Beaverton  
Sara and George Kral, Parents, Tigard  
Bernard Lahart, Speech Pathologist, NE Portland  
Shirley Lewton, Teacher, NE Portland  
Sue Manning, Teacher, Tigard  
Dan and Jeanne Marston, Parents, Hillsboro  
Ginny Peckinpaugh, Parent, SE Portland  
Geoff Roach, Parent, Portland  
Sherri Rood, Parent, NE Portland  
Doug Sammons, Teacher, SE Portland  
Charles F. Sams III, Parent, Portland  
Esther Shepsman, Tualatin Teacher  
Elaine Stewart, Parent, Cedar Mill  
Angela Van Patten, Parent, SE Portland  
Lori Waldo, Parent, Bethany  
Julie Ward, Teacher  
Susan Webb, Teacher, NE Portland

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### PROTECT THE WILLAMETTE, TUALATIN AND CLACKAMAS RIVERS

##### Vote Yes on Measure 26-80

Our rivers and streams are suffering the effects of growth and development. Hundreds of miles of the Willamette, Clackamas and Tualatin Rivers and their streams are in need of protection and restoration, according to scientists.

**Measure 26-80 will help restore the Willamette, Tualatin and the Clackamas Rivers and the many streams and creeks that feed into them.** By protecting critical land along rivers, lakes and streams across the region, Measure 26-80 will help maintain and improve water quality as we grow.

Protecting land along rivers and streams is critically important to reduce polluted storm water run-off, to preserve habitat for fish and wildlife, and to protect groundwater and other sources of our drinking water. **Measure 26-80 is a smart investment in a clean water future.**

Our quality of life depends on maintaining healthy rivers and streams close to home. Measure 26-80's protection and restoration projects were carefully chosen to invest in the most important and most threatened lands today, before they are harmed by development.

The longer we wait, the more natural areas, rivers and stream banks we will lose to development and the more expensive it will be to protect water and wildlife in the region.

Vote Yes on Measure 26-80 for Clean Rivers and Streams!

**Willamette Riverkeeper  
Johnson Creek Watershed Council  
Tualatin Riverkeepers  
Clackamas River Basin Council  
Columbia Slough Watershed Council  
Tryon Creek Watershed Council  
Three Rivers Land Conservancy  
Rock Creek Watershed Partners  
Cedar Mill Creek Watershed Watch  
WaterWatch of Oregon  
Fans of Fanno Creek  
Friends of Arnold Creek  
Friends of Vermont Creek  
Oregon Council Trout Unlimited  
Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes  
Friends of Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge  
The Wetlands Conservancy  
Fernhill Wetlands Council  
Norman Penner, President, Friends of Tualatin River  
National Wildlife Refuge  
Oregon Clean Water Action Project**

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### East County Citizens urge you to Vote Yes on Measure 26-80 for Natural Areas, Parks, and Streams!

Funds from the passage of Measure 26-80 would go directly to purchase and protect the **highest value natural areas, parkland and trails** throughout the region and East County. Measure 26-80 would only buy land from willing sellers and has stringent accountability measures to ensure our tax dollars go to benefit clean water and wildlife.

We need to buy and protect critical natural areas for clean water, wildlife, and public access **now** to ensure future generations enjoy a high quality of life. Since East County is rapidly growing, we have more at stake in the passage of this measure. East County would directly benefit from numerous natural area and park-related acquisitions if voters pass Measure 26-80, including:

- Gresham to Fairview Trail acquisition and construction.
- Natural area acquisition in the Gresham Buttes and Sandy River Gorge.
- New public facilities and trails at Hogan Butte Nature Park.
- Habitat and water quality protection and improvement along Johnson Creek and Columbia Slough.
- Salish Ponds Park trails, plantings and interpretive signage.
- Beaver Creek Greenway.
- Extension of Springwater Corridor Trail to Barton Park.
- Natural Area acquisition in Wood Village.

**The following East County individuals and organizations urge you to Vote Yes on 26-80 for natural areas, park and streams!**

**East Multnomah County League of Women Voters  
Gresham City Council  
Gresham Coalition of Neighborhood Associations  
Stephanie Nystrom, Nystrom Engineering  
Jeff Uebel, Chair, Johnson Creek Watershed Council  
James B. Davis, Troutdale resident  
Paul & Lee Dayfield  
William Dodds  
Ernie Drapela  
Merlene Drapela  
Susan A. Foster, Ph.D. Biologist  
Kathryn Henton  
Michael Henton  
Jason C. Howard  
Sam & Jim Murray  
John Vandermosten  
Shirley Z. Vandermosten  
Suzan J. Wells**

*(This information furnished by Lee Dayfield)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY  
Recommends a YES VOTE  
For Measure 26-80

**The Natural Areas, Parks and Streams measure** is a unique opportunity to safeguard our region's quality of life for our children and grandchildren.

#### Clean Water

Clean drinking water depends on healthy streams, lakes and rivers. Measure 26-80 directs Metro's Regional Government to follow a specific, binding plan to purchase and protect natural areas especially around rivers and streams.

This measure will improve water quality in the Willamette, Clackamas, Sandy and Tualatin rivers, and in streams and creeks including Johnson, Fanno, Rock, Tryon and many others.

#### Fish and Wildlife Habitats

Oregonians love seeing healthy fish in our streams and watching wildlife in our parks and natural areas. We know wildlife can thrive even around cities – but it takes planning and investing for the future.

Scientists from The Nature Conservancy and others have identified the highest priority natural areas to protect for clean water and wildlife across the Metro region.

Now is the time to pass Measure 26-80 – because the longer we wait, the more expensive it will be to protect the critical lands and waters our fish and wildlife need to survive

#### We're Growing

This is an incredibly special place to live, work, play and raise a family. But it's no secret. Over the next 25 years, 1 million new residents will make their homes in Multnomah, Clackamas or Washington Counties.

That many people will have a huge impact. But if we take responsibility for our future, plan ahead for growth and invest in our natural areas, rivers and streams, we can save what we love about Oregon.

#### Cost

For less than \$3 dollars per month for an average household, Measure 26-80 will produce tangible, local benefits – protecting water quality, natural areas, and healthy habitats for fish and wildlife – right in our own communities. That's a tremendous gift to ourselves and to future generations.

VOTE YES ON 26-80

*(This information furnished by Russell Hoeflich,  
The Nature Conservancy)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**Support Our PARKS and TRAILS  
Support Measure 26-80**

Our region's parks and recreation system has a scope, ambition and vitality most cities can only dream of. The green spaces, gardens, forests, swimming pools and playing fields are truly our community's backyard. Neighborhoods affectionately borrow their names, and identities, from the parks they adjoin. Kids of all ages enjoy and depend on our parks, for ball games and learning to swim, family picnics and peaceful nature walks.

By all yardsticks, the region's network of parks works. We use them. Cherish them. They teach us. Bring us together. Draw new business and national acclaim through the quality of life they provide.

But our parks have always depended on visionaries. Even at the outset, when Portland itself was largely wilderness, there were those setting aside green spaces to enjoy in perpetuity.

As the region grows, it is vital that are parks and trails keep pace. With more than 140 local projects across the region, Measure 26-80 is a wise investment – permanently protecting natural areas and parkland for our enjoyment for generations to come.

**Pass on our legacy of parks and recreation to our kids and grandkids by voting YES on Measure 26-80!**

**Portland Parks Foundation  
Friends of North Clackamas Park  
Friends of Powell Butte Nature Park  
Rock Creek Watershed Partners  
Friends of Forest Park  
Tualatin Riverkeepers  
Friends of Tryon Creek State Park  
Fans of Fanno Creek  
Jeff Tryens, Portland Parks Board member  
(partial list)**

*(This information furnished by Linda G. Laviolette,  
Portland Parks Foundation)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### MEASURE 26-80 PRESERVES FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT

Scientists agree that clean water and open space are critical to preserving fish and wildlife health and habitat. Today, in the Portland metropolitan area, that habitat is being threatened by growth and development.

**Measure 26-80 protects lands that were carefully selected based on scientific and biological criteria, to ensure the most ecologically valuable lands for fish and wildlife habitat and watersheds are protected.**

Measure 26-80 protects lands along the **Willamette River** from Wilsonville to the Multnomah Channel. It protects the **Clackamas** and **Tualatin Rivers** and the major creeks and streams that feed them—including key spawning grounds for salmon and other fish.

Measure 26-80 also protects important wildlife corridors, connecting Forest Park to Rock Creek, undeveloped bluffs along the Clackamas and forested buttes from Gresham to Damascus.

**Protect our region's fish and wildlife habitat for salmon, elk and bald eagles.**

**Join us in voting YES for Measure 26-80!**

Norman Penner, President, Friends of Tualatin River  
National Wildlife Refuge  
The Wetlands Conservancy  
Oregon Council Trout Unlimited  
Friends of Oaks Bottom Wildlife Refuge  
Fernhill Wetlands Council  
Three Rivers Land Conservancy  
Friends of Smith and Bybee Lakes  
Clackamas River Basin Council  
Columbia Slough Watershed Council  
Cedar Mill Creek Watershed Watch  
WaterWatch of Oregon  
Tryon Creek Watershed Council  
Tualatin Riverkeepers  
Friends of Vermont Creek  
Johnson Creek Watershed Council  
Rock Creek Watershed Partners  
Friends of Arnold Creek  
Oregon Clean Water Action Project  
Fans of Fanno Creek  
Willamette Riverkeeper

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### A LEGACY FOR OUR GRANDCHILDREN

As grandparents, we often worry about the kind of Oregon that our grandchildren will inherit. Measure 26-80 will allow our grandkids to grow up in the kind of Oregon that we grew up in – a beautiful and healthy community.

Every day we see more and more people moving in to the neighborhood, and we try to be good neighbors. But we can't help but think that with all of these new people, we are not going to have any more places for our grandchildren to explore and play in.

Measure 26-80 solves that problem by preserving land not just for our grandchildren, but for ALL of our grandchildren. Not only that, but Measure 26-80 will create new parks and trails, allowing families to spend more time together hiking, biking, and enjoying the things that have made Oregon special to us. And Measure 26-80 will result in a healthier environment for us, our families, and future generations by protecting and improving our rivers and streams.

What's more, Measure 26-80 costs less than \$3 a month, which for us is very important. As the cost of nearly everything keeps going up, we are faced with tough choices. But because Measure 26-80 costs so little, we don't have to choose between being responsible grandparents and cutting back on other necessities.

And because the funds raised from Measure 26-80 can only be spent on a specific plan, with a citizen oversight committee and an independent audit to make sure that the money is being used correctly, we don't have to worry that politicians will squander our hard-earned dollars.

**Please join us in voting YES on Measure 26-80.** Let's give our kids and grandkids the Oregon that we got to grow up in; an Oregon that we can ALL be proud of.

-Murray Kaufman and Hildegard Zuckerman

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#### **Audubon Society of Portland Urges you to Vote Yes on Measure 26-80!**

We live in a special region, uniquely endowed with a rich diversity of native fish and wildlife that still inhabit and migrate through our urban environment. We currently enjoy access to nature matched by few cities around the world. These values support a tradition of stewardship that believes in creating communities where people and wildlife can flourish together. That means protecting a space of nature in our neighborhoods to sustain viable populations of native fish and wildlife as our region continues to grow.

Despite past successes in protecting natural areas, habitat loss from development in our region still outpaces protection. Over the last decade the region lost over 16,000 acres of habitat, an area larger than the City of Gresham. By the year 2030 over 1 million new people will live in the Portland-Metro region, adding pressure to develop environmentally sensitive lands.

Measure 26-80 represents the most important opportunity in a decade to protect our highest-value fish and wildlife habitats and safeguard the clean water that sustains fish, wildlife and people throughout the entire region. It will also ensure that more of our children live in neighborhoods with access to parks and natural areas. At Audubon Society of Portland, we see first hand how access to nature enhances children's concentration, sense of place, and self-worth. Having nature nearby is among the basic necessities for kids to effectively learn, grow, and thrive in an equal opportunity society.

Past generations demonstrated tremendous foresight in purchasing and protecting many of the outstanding public parks and natural areas we enjoy and benefit from today.

Lets leave a similar legacy for future generations by protecting the region's highest value natural areas!

The staff, board, and members of Audubon Society of Portland Urge You to Vote Yes on Measure 26-80!

Meryl Redisch, Executive Director

Bob Sallinger, Urban Conservation Director

Mike Houck, Urban Naturalist

Jim Labbe, Urban Conservationist

*(This information furnished by Meryl Redisch)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### **FOR BETTER HEALTH...SUPPORT MEASURE 26-80.**

"Physical inactivity and poor diet are responsible for an estimated 400,000 deaths annually from coronary heart disease, colon cancer, stroke, and diabetes.

"Parks, trails and greenways not only provide a low-cost and fun way for people of all ages to increase their physical activity levels but also can provide other health and environment benefits to communities."

- Active Living By Design Primer Fact Sheet

Measure 26-80 promotes active living and improves access to neighborhood parks, natural areas, rivers and streams close to home. By improving and completing trails throughout the region—from the Westside Trail in Washington County to the Willamette River Greenway and Springwater Corridor along Johnson Creek—Measure 26-80 creates new opportunities for exercise, better design for our communities and healthier living.

And by protecting natural areas and land along rivers and streams, Measure 26-80 will help secure for future generations the clean air and water essential for good health.

**Please vote YES for Measure 26-80.**

**American Heart Association  
Oregon Nurses Association  
Active Living by Design  
Upstream Public Health**

**Dick Stenson, President and CEO, Tuality Healthcare  
Kristine Dillon, P.N.P  
Diane Drum, RN  
Kipenda Herve, Registered Nurse, N. Portland  
Lyn Jacobs, Physician, Hillsboro  
Jeanne Marston, Retired Nurse, Hillsboro  
Maye Thompson, RN, PhD  
Marie Valleroy, MD**

*(This information furnished by Martin Taylor,  
Oregon Nurses Association)*

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# METRO

## Measure No. 26-80

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### **NATURAL AREAS, PARKS AND STREAMS ADD VALUE TO OUR HOMES, BUSINESSES, AND COMMUNITIES**

#### **Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland Supports Measure 26-80**

As homebuilders from across the Portland metropolitan area, we are committed to preserving and enhancing the region's quality of life. Measure 26-80 helps create stronger communities and helps protect the environment as we grow. That's why we urge you to join us in supporting this measure.

For a great quality of life, we need thriving businesses, a vibrant community, and a healthy environment.

#### **Measure 26-80 is good for our economy.**

Our region's natural beauty provides an economic advantage over other communities. Our economic growth has been defined not just by what we have developed, but also by what we have chosen not to develop. Measure 26-80 will help the region keep its economic edge by protecting the rivers and streams, natural areas and parklands that add value to our homes and business.

#### **Measure 26-80 will make our communities even better places to live and work.**

Measure 26-80 will add to our quality of life by improving access to parks and preserving natural areas to enjoy near our neighborhoods. It will create new places for our children to play, to explore, and to learn.

#### **At less than \$3 per month for the average homeowner, we can all have a part in preserving and enhancing our quality of life.**

Join Us in Voting YES on Measure 26-80!

*(This information furnished by James E. McCauley,  
Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### **OREGON FAMILY FARMERS AND NURSERY OWNERS SUPPORT MEASURE 26-80**

As family farmers and nursery owners from Washington, Clackamas and Multnomah Counties, we respectfully ask our fellow Oregonians to vote YES ON MEASURE 26-80 to protect the region's farm and forestlands.

Measure 26-80 will preserve clean water needed for farms, and provide buffer areas to protect working farms from being harmed by continued development.

This area has some of the best soils and most productive farmland in the country. Washington and Clackamas Counties are two of the top five agricultural counties in Oregon. But growth and development pressures make farming near urban areas much more difficult.

#### **Measure 26-80 helps protect the economic, environmental, cultural and scenic values of our family farms as the region grows.**

#### **Please join local family farms and nurseries in supporting Measure 26-80.**

Oregon Agricultural Alliance  
Don Kruger, Kruger Farms  
Peter McDonald, Inchinnan Farm, Wilsonville  
Sara Kral, Scholls Valley Native Nursery  
Shari Raider, Sauvie Island Organic Farm  
Morning Star Farm, Forest Grove  
La Finquita del Buho, Farm, Hillsboro  
Marcus Simantel  
Friends of Zenger Farm

*(This information furnished by Matthew Reed,  
Yes on 26-80 for Natural Areas, Parks and Streams)*

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# METRO

## Measure No. 26-80

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### MEASURE 26-80: A SPECIFIC PLAN WITH REAL BENEFITS HERE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY

When Measure 26-80 passes, Multnomah County residents will benefit from the following projects. For more details of each project, visit [www.savenaturalareas.org](http://www.savenaturalareas.org).

#### Water Quality Improvement and Wetlands Projects

- Johnson Creek and Watershed, Portland/Gresham
- Columbia Slough, Portland
- Willamette River Greenway, Portland
- Westside Stream and Wildlife Corridors, SW Portland
- Sandy River Gorge, Troutdale

#### Protection of Wildlife Habitat and Forestland

- Natural Area near Blue Lake, Fairview
- Butler Creek Park, Gresham
- Hogan Butte Nature Park, Gresham
- Kane Road Park, Gresham
- Pleasant Valley Area, Gresham
- Springwater Area, Gresham
- Forest Park, Portland
- Willamette River Greenway, Portland
- Willamette Bluffs, Portland
- Mt. Hood Community College Natural Area, Troutdale
- Donald L. Robertson City Park, Wood Village

#### Neighborhood Parks and Natural Areas Improvements

- Salish Ponds Nature Park, Fairview
- Main City Park, Gresham
- East Gresham Park, Gresham
- Cully Neighborhood, Portland
- Argay Neighborhood, Portland
- Centennial Neighborhood, Portland

#### Hiking and Biking Trail Improvements

- Gresham-Fairview Trail, Fairview/Gresham
- Main City Park, Gresham
- Forest Park, Portland
- Springwater Corridor, Portland
- Marine Drive and Columbia Slough, Portland
- Sandy River Trail, Troutdale
- Beaver Creek Greenway Trail, Troutdale

**And all this for less than \$3.00 per month.  
Vote "YES" on Measure 26-80.**

*(This information furnished by Matthew Reed,  
Yes on 26-80, for Natural Areas, Parks and Streams)*

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### ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

#### Is Metro in the farming business?

Why is Metro proposing to use your tax dollars to buy up farm land **outside** of the Metro boundaries and far from where you live?

Is it to prevent development of natural areas?

**NO!!** Many of the proposed areas for purchase are zoned farm or forest land and there are no plans to expand the Urban Growth Boundary in that direction.

Is it to protect water quality or wildlife?

**NO!!** Stewardship of these lands are already addressed by landowners and your local government under current zoning, which protects water quality and wildlife.

Is it to gain control of land which is outside of Metro's jurisdiction and influence the actions of those who have no vote at Metro?

**Yes!!** Local residents around many of the proposed purchase areas, have no vote at Metro nor do they get to vote on the Greenspace Bond measure. Yet, they will feel the impact of Metro as a neighbor if this measure passes. They will have no representative at Metro when greenspace land management impacts local agricultural enterprises.

Metro has bought off local governments by offering a percentage of the funds to them for their own greenspace purchases. In reality, much of your money will be spent in another jurisdiction other than Metro. **Yet, you pay the taxes!**

Please tell Metro to keep the greenspace program within its own boundaries.

Vote **NO** on greenspace bond measure 26-80

*(This information furnished by Andy Duyck)*

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# CITY OF PORTLAND

## Measure No. 26-86

### BALLOT TITLE

#### **AMENDS CHARTER: CHANGES FIRE AND POLICE DISABILITY AND RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

**QUESTION:** Shall system be changed to require independent, qualified experts to decide disability claims and limit additional unfunded pension liability?

**SUMMARY:** This measure amends the City Charter for the Fire and Police Disability and Retirement System so independent experts decide disability claims, independent audits are conducted, and the retirement system for new employees is changed.

The Board of Trustees' role and composition will change. The Board will no longer decide disability claims. A qualified administrator will deny or approve claims. Appeals will be made to independent hearing officers with disability experience.

The number of Board members will be reduced from eleven to five. Two members of the Board will be citizens with relevant experience, one member will represent the City, and two members will represent the members of the system.

The retirement system for new employees will change to limit additional unfunded pension liability by placing new employees in the Oregon Public Service Retirement System. These changes are expected to increase the existing property tax levy rate in the short-term and decrease the rate in the long-term.

Audits by independent auditors will be conducted to evaluate the efficiency and finances of the Fund.

two citizens with expertise in disability or retirement systems, one City representative, and two representatives of members of the system.

The changes to the retirement system are expected to improve the future financial health of the City. Currently, the City faces a \$1.64 Billion dollar unfunded property tax liability for the Fire and Police Disability and Retirement system. Unless changes are made to the retirement system, this liability is expected to increase to over \$8 Billion dollars in 40 years time.

To change the retirement system, this measure would move all new police and firefighters into a funded retirement system. A funded retirement system means that property tax dollars would be collected and invested to reduce future property taxes. Changing the retirement system for new public safety officers is expected to increase the existing property tax levy rate in the short-term and decrease the rate in the long-term. The average annual residential property tax bill is expected to increase gradually by a maximum of \$111 in 26 years. Thereafter the average annual residential property tax bill will decline, decreasing by \$399 in year 40.

Submitted by:

City of Portland City Council  
Mayor Tom Potter  
Commissioner Sam Adams  
Commissioner Randy Leonard  
Commissioner Erik Sten  
Commissioner Dan Saltzman

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure would make changes to the Fire and Police Disability and Retirement system in the Portland City Charter. The measure would change components of both the disability system and the retirement system.

This measure would require that independent audits of the disability system would be conducted. The measure would also change the current structure of the disability claims process to require that independent and neutral experts make disability claims decisions. In addition, the retirement system for new public safety officers would change, thereby limiting additional unfunded property tax liability.

An independent expert in disability systems will conduct an initial audit of the disability system within 9 months of the effective date of this measure. A subsequent audit will also be conducted by an independent expert in disability systems 12 months after the initial audit.

The changes to the disability system are expected to continue providing benefits to injured public safety officers while requiring that independent expert hearing officers make claims decisions regarding firefighters and police officers. The Board of Trustees would no longer make disability claims decisions. The number of members of the Board of Trustees would be reduced from 11 members to 5 members, including

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**No arguments AGAINST this measure were filed.**

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# CITY OF PORTLAND

## Measure No. 26-86

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### MEASURE 26-86 IS A REAL SOLUTION TO A REAL PROBLEM

#### Disability decisions need to be made by Independent Experts

"The FPD&R Board of Trustees is made up of firefighters, police officers and city officials who may have good hearts and brains, but they have no particular expertise in assessing the validity claims."

*The Oregonian. September 21, 2005.*

"Crucial steps are removing the board from voting on individual claims, making sure claims are aggressively administered to prevent abuses and providing incentives for the police and fire bureaus to get injured employees back to work."

*The Oregonian. April 28, 2006.*

"Injury claims for other public employees ... are investigated and approved or denied by independent claims adjusters."

*Willamette Week. March 25, 1998.*

#### Current system jeopardizes the City's financial health

"The reform plan would improve what's not only costly and outrageous, but also scary about the Fire and Police Disability and Retirement system – its \$1.6 billion unfunded pension liability. That's projected to swell to \$8 billion over the next 40 years, jeopardizing the city's credit rating and its ability to pay for city services."

*The Oregonian. May 15, 2006.*

"This unfunded fiscal time bomb ... the current pension funding system makes little economic sense. Financed by property taxes, if the fund levy cannot cover the plan's annual expenses, the city's general fund makes up the difference."

*Portland Tribune. July 18, 2003.*

"Suffice it to say that the current Fire and Police Disability and Retirement system is a gaping, unfunded liability that could cripple the city if the economy took a spill."

*Portland Mercury. May 11, 2006.*

#### VOTE YES on 26-86

- Ensure independent experts will decide disability claims
- Prevent the City from getting \$8 Billion dollars in debt
- Guarantee independent audits of the disability system

*(This information furnished by Dan Saltzman,  
Citizens for Fair & Responsible Reform)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Measure 26-86 is an absolutely critical solution to a problem that many Portlanders aren't even aware of. The problem goes by a very boring name: the unfunded liability of Portland's Fire and Police Disability and Retirement (FPD&R) system. As an experienced consulting actuary and financial professional, however, I can tell you that behind that dull name is a financial disaster for Portland unless we act today.

**Currently, Portland faces a \$1.64 billion (and growing) unfunded liability for the FPD&R system. Unless we make changes to this system, this liability will balloon to \$8 billion dollars in 40 years. With 500,000 citizens, that's \$16,000 for every Portland resident!**

If the City's police and fire retirement system is not fixed, we leave our children and grandchildren a huge and unmanageable debt in the billions of dollars.

**Failing to address this looming problem threatens the financial health of the City, including the possibility that the City could face bankruptcy and cuts to essential services like road repairs, parks, and public safety.**

Measure 26-86 will solve that problem for Portland by reforming the FPD&R system. To fix the problem, all new firefighters and police officers would be moved into a funded system. A funded system collects contributions designed to stably fund the amount of pension benefits earned each year. These funds would be invested and then used to pay pension benefits when due. Under a funded system, investment earnings help offset a portion of the cost of pension payments.

This reform will protect our firefighters and police officers but will also protect Portland taxpayers. And it will prevent the "unfunded pension liability" from swallowing the budget that pays for our basic city services.

**Please vote YES on 26-86.**

Jeff Furnish  
(Financial Professional, Citizen Member & Chair of Independent Review Committee for the Fire and Police Disability & Retirement System)

*(This information furnished by Jeff Furnish)*

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# CITY OF PORTLAND

## Measure No. 26-86

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

I have been waiting a long time to be able to encourage support for a measure like this.

As a small business person from the East side, I know watching the bottom line is crucial to the success of any business. I understand the importance of good city services, but I want to make sure that there is real accountability for how our money is spent. That is why I am urging you to vote Yes on Measure 26-86.

We have all read about problems with the Fire and Police Disability system. One of the biggest problems with this system has been firefighters and police officers have been deciding who gets disability benefits. This Measure solves that conflict of interest by having decisions on disability awards made by neutral and independent experts.

**Measure 26-86 makes changes to prevent fraud and abuse of the system and make the system more fair, and accountable.**

This measure also ensures that independent audits of the disability system are completed. We deserve accountability from this system.

By changing to a more responsible pension system, Measure 26-86 will save taxpayer money and protect city services for the long term.

**Please vote Yes on Measure 26-86.**

Ken Turner  
President, 82nd Avenue of Roses Business Association

*(This information furnished by Ken Turner)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

When I consider the reasons to ask you to vote Yes on the pension and disability system reforms of Measure 26-86, I come at it from three perspectives: as a former police officer, as a citizen, and as your Mayor.

As a former police officer and participant in the system, I know first hand how important it is to our police officers and firefighters. I can assure you that as Measure 26-86 makes the pension and disability system more financially stable, independent and fair, it keeps faith with the men and women who put their lives on the line to protect us everyday.

As a citizen, I am pleased that I have the chance to vote on a measure that will do so much to improve the stability and responsibility of Portland's finances. The looming debt of the current pension system is one of the single greatest threats to Portland's future.

As your Mayor, I am proud that City Council was able to tackle a difficult issue that has frustrated city government for years. It took a great deal of cooperation, trust, and good faith to get this measure on the ballot. The hard work was worth it, as a failure to reform the system would have threatened the financial health of our city, left a huge and unmanageable debt to future generations, and could have led to cuts to important city services like our parks, public safety, and road repair.

A yes vote will ensure that our children and grandchildren are not left with an enormous financial burden; it will improve our City's fiscal health; and make sure that we have a fair system for our public safety officers.

**YES on 26-86, fixing this system now – it's the right – and smart – thing to do.**

Portland City Mayor Tom Potter

*(This information furnished by Tom Potter)*

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# CITY OF PORTLAND

## Measure No. 26-86

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

I am a retiree who lives on a pension from the fire and police retirement system. This measure won't impact me – the system will stay the same for Portland police officers and firefighters who are currently retired or serving. The measure continues to keep the promises made to us.

But this measure is even more important to those who come after us. That's true for future police and firefighters who will have a fair pension and disability to protect them, just as they will protect all of us. And that is especially true for Portland taxpayers, who will have a reformed system with controlled and predictable costs.

As someone who lives on a fixed income, I have to be very careful with money. I expect our government to be careful with the money we give it. This measure is a chance for us to make a smart, long term financial decision that will pay dividends now and in the future.

**Please join me in voting YES on 26-86 for a better financial future for taxpayers, and a fair reform for the people who keep you safe.**

Mel Pittmon  
Retired Portland Firefighter

*(This information furnished by Mel Pittmon)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Measure 26-86 makes significant and sweeping reforms to the Fire and Police Disability system.

**FIXES THE DISABILITY SYSTEM: Creates a fair system that won't be abused; a system that will protect injured firefighters and police officers.**

An independent citizens committee spent months examining this system and found that the major problem with the current system is that disability experts do not make decisions in claims. Instead, a board controlled by beneficiaries of the system has been making decisions on disability claims.

For the public to have confidence in this system, qualified and independent experts in disability matters must make claims decisions. Measure 26-86 fixes that problem and ensures that neutral and independent experts make claims decisions.

**ENSURES ACCOUNTABILITY: Guarantees independent audits of the disability system.**

Measure 26-86 also ensures that independent audits of the disability system will be conducted. The public deserves to know its dollars are being spent wisely, while still making sure that the system takes care of firefighters and police officers injured in the line of duty – which is exactly what Measure 26-86 does.

**Please vote YES on 26-86.**

Questions? Please call 503-224-5160.

Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman

*(This information furnished by Dan Saltzman)*

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# CITY OF PORTLAND

## Measure No. 26-86

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

City Club of Portland has carefully and objectively studied Portland's Fire and Police Disability and Retirement Fund 12 times – first in 1932 and most recently in 2005-06. Our members were compelled to study this system because of mounting concerns about the financial viability of the system and its potential impact on other essential city services.

We have closely followed the efforts of City Council to reform the Fire and Police Disability and Retirement Fund and have helped shape this package of much needed reforms, which are now on your ballot.

#### City Club Urges You to Vote YES on Measure 26-86.

- This measure solves the problem of having fire and police officers decide disability claims, and instead guarantees that independent experts will decide disability claims.
- This measure requires independent auditors to conduct program audits of the disability system.
- This measure creates a system administered by neutral, objective and fiscally responsible parties.
- The current structure of the system is extremely detrimental to the city's financial health. Measure 26-86 will in time eliminate the pension system's unfunded liability.
- Left unaddressed, the system's unfunded pension liability will grow from \$1.64 billion to over \$8 billion in 40 years.
- This measure will protect current members of the system and will serve future generations of firefighters and police officers as well.

#### Please Vote YES on Measure 26-86.

Founded in 1916, City Club of Portland is a nonprofit, nonpartisan civic affairs organization that promotes civic engagement and active citizenship to build a stronger community. Through unbiased research and compelling programs, City Club connects citizens with ideas and issues that affect our community.

*(This information furnished by Eva Schweber,  
City Club of Portland)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

We are the union that represents the lieutenants, captains, and commanders who lead the Portland Police Bureau. It is our job to protect the interests of the police officers we lead, just as they protect our lives.

But we are also community members who care deeply about Portland, and the financial health and stability of city government.

Measure 26-86 is the product of long and sometimes difficult work: Balancing the needs and interests of all is difficult but that is exactly what this measure does. All the interested parties came to the table and worked hard to arrive at this product that is both fair for the members of the Police and Fire Bureaus and also fair for the citizens of our city.

Measure 26-86 is something that we must support to insure the financial stability of our pension system and the health of the city's financial future.

We gladly add our voices to the voices of community leaders, the local business community and citizens who care about Portland's future.

#### Vote Yes on Measure 26-86.

Portland Police Commanding Officers Association

*(This information furnished by Dave Benson,  
Portland Police Commanding Officers Association)*

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# BEAVERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Measure No. 34-139

### BALLOT TITLE

#### GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO CONSTRUCT AND UPGRADE SCHOOLS

**QUESTION:** Is Beaverton School District authorized to issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$195,000,000 to build, expand and improve its facilities? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**SUMMARY:** If approved, this measure would provide funds to finance capital construction and improvements, including providing funds to build and furnish new schools, add classroom space, expand, upgrade and renovate existing schools and facilities, acquire land for future facilities, and pay bond costs. Specifically, this measure would:

- Construct and furnish two new elementary schools.
- Construct and furnish two option high schools.
- Add classroom space at several existing elementary schools, Sunset and Southridge high schools, and the Arts & Communication Magnet Academy.
- Renovate and upgrade classrooms, libraries and cafeterias in existing buildings.
- Replace roofs, heating, ventilation and plumbing systems, and make other safety and security improvements.
- Purchase land for future school facilities.
- Pay associated bond issuance and building costs.

This measure would cost property owners an estimated average of 51 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value per year.

The Bonds would mature in twenty-one (21) years or less from issuance date and may be issued in one or more series.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In the last five years, Beaverton School District's enrollment has increased by over 3,000 students. According to district facilities planning data, most elementary schools are near or over 100% of capacity, and four of the five comprehensive high schools are over 105% of capacity. Enrollment projections by the school district and the Portland State Population Research Center estimate that nearly 4,000 new students are expected to enroll in Beaverton schools by the year 2010.

#### What Would the Bond Do?

If approved by voters, the \$195,000,000 bond would address capacity and infrastructure needs for the next four years.

Proceeds from bond measure # 34-139 would help the Beaverton School District to:

- Construct new schools and build additional classrooms in existing schools
- Renovate and upgrade existing schools and facilities
- Purchase land for future school facilities

Here is what it would do:

#### Construct New Schools and Build Additional Classrooms in Existing Schools

The majority of the school bond measure would add new capacity by the following:

- Build two new elementary schools and two option high schools.
- Add additional classrooms at several existing elementary schools, Sunset and Southridge high schools and the Arts & Communication Magnet Academy
- Renovate and upgrade classrooms, libraries and cafeterias in existing buildings.

#### Renovate and Upgrade Existing Schools and Facilities

The bond measure would also renovate and improve the district's existing elementary, middle and high schools and other district facilities. Improvements would include replacing roofs, upgrading life safety and security systems, plumbing systems, and ventilation and heating systems.

#### Purchase Land for Future School Facilities

The school bond measure would provide funding to purchase land now for future school construction. For example, when the district bought the land for Southridge High School in 1971, the cost was \$4,400 per acre. Land in many parts of the Beaverton School District service area now costs over \$400,000 per acre, according to area realtors.

#### What Will the Bond Cost?

This bond measure would cost the property taxpayer in the Beaverton School District an estimated average of 51 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value per year during the life of the bonds.

#### Informing the Public

The Beaverton School District would report progress on bond projects monthly to citizens as part of the regular school board meeting, website updates, and through periodic updates directly to the community.

Submitted by:

Jerome E Colonna, Superintendent  
Beaverton School District

No arguments FOR or AGAINST this measure were filed.

# DAVID DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Measure No. 26-85

### BALLOT TITLE

#### DAVID DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 40 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AUTHORIZATION

**QUESTION:** Shall David Douglas School District No. 40 be authorized to issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$45,000,000? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**SUMMARY:** If approved, this measure provides funds to finance capital construction and improvements, and pay bond costs. Specifically, this measure would:

- construct, equip and furnish additional classrooms and support facilities at existing sites;
- construct, equip and furnish a new elementary school;
- renovate, upgrade and improve district facilities including roofs, heating, ventilation, plumbing, and other replacements or improvements;
- make safety, site and security improvements;
- purchase land for future district facilities; and
- pay associated bond issuance and project costs.

The Bonds would mature in thirty (30) years or less from issuance date and may be issued in one or more series.

In addition, this bond measure would provide funds to purchase land for future school construction and pay associated building site improvement and bond issuance costs.

**The principle amount of the bond will not exceed \$45 million.**

The average cost to property owners for the bond measure is approximately \$1.12 per \$1,000 of assessed value over the life of a 20 year bond, or \$16 per month for the average homeowner. Rates could be less depending on interest rates and the growth in the district's total assessed value.

Submitted by:  
Barbara Rommel, Superintendent  
David Douglas School District

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Nearly 10,000 students get a high quality education in David Douglas Schools, according to test scores, community surveys, and college enrollment statistics.

That's over 2,100 more students than seven years ago and the highest number of students in the district's history. As a result, classrooms are overcrowded and buildings are at capacity. Enrollment is expected to increase each year for the next 10 years.

Voter approval of this bond measure would permit David Douglas School District to:

- **Relieve overcrowding and reduce class size**  
Add classrooms and make other improvements at existing schools  
Construct and furnish one new elementary school on district-owned property
- **Protect students and the community's investment in our schools**  
Renovate, improve, and upgrade aging facilities  
Make safety, health, and security improvements
- **Prepare students for meaningful careers**  
Construct and equip professional technical classrooms at David Douglas High School  
Renovate classrooms for vocational preparation

**No arguments AGAINST this measure were filed.**

# DAVID DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Measure No. 26-85

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The David Douglas business community supports Measure 26-85.

As employers, we depend on a well-prepared work force. When we hire a new employee, we need to know that they are ready to work and contribute at a high level.

That's why we support the David Douglas School District construction bond measure.

The David Douglas School District seeks to help students "learn today to live tomorrow." That's exactly as it should be. When our local students graduate from David Douglas High School, they need to either be ready to succeed in college, or prepared to excel in the workforce. Bond Measure 26-85 will help make that happen.

Measure 26-85 will ease overcrowding, maintaining lower class sizes and helping kids learn.

Measure 26-85 will create new, state-of-the-art labs at David Douglas High for auto tech, electronics, carpentry and metals, providing our students with the skills they need to succeed in today's work world.

As business people, we know the importance of protecting our investments. Measure 26-85 protects the community's investment in its school buildings with needed facility improvements and updates.

Measure 26-85 protects our children with safety and security improvements.

Please join the David Douglas business community by voting yes on Measure 26-85.

Midway Business Association

Portland Business Alliance

Gateway Area Business Association

*(This information furnished by Eric Nelsen,  
David Douglas Citizens for Schools)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

David Douglas Booster Clubs and PTAs support Measure 26-85!

The Booster Clubs and PTAs of the David Douglas School District support our local schools because we know that they provide our children their best chance to prepare for a future in college and work.

David Douglas schools have done a great job of preserving a wide range of programs like professional-technical education, music, art and athletics, all the while preserving excellence in core academics. Our students have a wide choice of interests to pursue as they prepare for their future. David Douglas is also one of the few districts in Oregon to offer full-day kindergarten to all eligible students.

But the fact is most of our schools have used up all their available classrooms and are beginning to convert places like stages and storage rooms into instructional areas. If our kids are truly going to "learn today to live tomorrow," they need the room to do it.

We support Measure 26-85 because:

- Our kids need more room to learn
- Our kids need lower class sizes
- Our kids need to keep their wide range of educational options
- Our kids need the safety and security improvements in this bond measure
- Our community needs to protect its investment in our schools

For our kids and community, please vote yes on Measure 26-85.

Karen Britton, President, David Douglas High School PTSA  
Caprice Karpa, President, Alice Ott Middle School Boosters  
Ken Hutchins, President, Cherry Park Elementary PTA  
Kimberly Stonewall Carlson, President, Earl Boyles Elementary Booster Club  
James Braet, President, Gilbert Park Elementary PTA  
Lauren Brundidge, President, Lincoln Park Elementary Booster Club  
Tory Engalgau, President, Menlo Park Elementary Booster Club  
Barbara Tew, President, Mill Park Elementary Booster Club  
Thomas L. Erickson, President, West Powellhurst Elementary Booster Club

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David Douglas Citizens for Schools)*

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# DAVID DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Measure No. 26-85

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Citizens for Schools urges a YES vote on Measure 26-85

The David Douglas School District has long been a leader in educational excellence in the Portland area. This reputation is so widely known that people are moving to the district because of the wonderful schools. This increase in population, along with increased development, has caused class sizes to rise dramatically whereas other large school districts in the area are seeing a decrease in their enrollment.

This fall, Citizens for Schools is asking for a YES vote on Measure 26-85 to help alleviate this overcrowding. This measure would allow David Douglas Schools to open a new elementary school on property that it already owns. This new school would help lower elementary class sizes district-wide. Passing measure 26-85 would also help add classrooms to Floyd Light Middle School, which would ease overcrowding at all three middle schools in the district.

Voters have the opportunity to protect their investment in schools by passing Measure 26-85. When passed, 26-85 would also allow the school district to replace roofs and update ventilation systems at many district facilities. Maintaining the infrastructure in a community is vital to its long-term livability. Many residents of the district are, themselves, products of David Douglas Schools. It stands to reason that the future of David Douglas Schools lies in its ability to continue its tradition of excellence and fiscal responsibility.

In October you will be getting your ballot. Please make sure to support the kids, the community and the future of David Douglas Schools by voting YES on Measure 26-85

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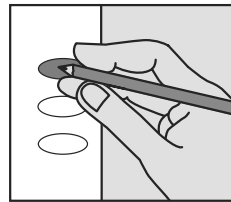
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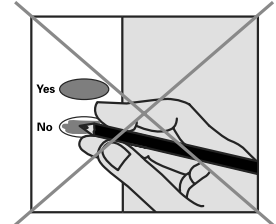
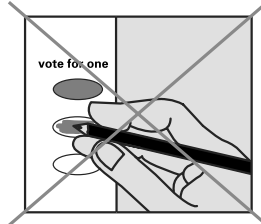
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# HILLSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Measure No. 34-128

### BALLOT TITLE

#### GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO CONSTRUCT AND UPGRADE SCHOOLS

**QUESTION:** Is Hillsboro School District authorized to issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$169 million to build, expand, and improve facilities? If the bonds are approved they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**SUMMARY:** If approved, this measure would provide funds to finance capital construction and improvements, including providing funds to build and furnish new schools, add classroom space, expand, upgrade and renovate existing schools and facilities, acquire land for facilities, and pay bond costs. Specifically this measure would:

- Construct and furnish four new elementary schools.
- Construct and furnish a new middle school.
- Replace roofs, heating, ventilation, lighting, and plumbing systems and make other safety, seismic, and security improvements.
- Add classroom space at Brown, Evergreen, and Poynter Middle schools.
- Renovate and upgrade classrooms and technology access.
- Purchase land for school facilities.
- Pay associated bond issuance and building costs.

The bonds would mature in 20 years or less from issuance date and may be issued in one or more series.

Because enrollment exceeded capacity, the District closed enrollment in two schools during the 2005-06 school year and will place portable classrooms at three schools for the 2006-07 school year. The proposed construction is intended to manage District growth on a long-term basis. Estimates from Portland State University Center for Population Research indicate that the District would not need to seek additional construction funds until at least 2012 if growth projections are consistent.

What will the Bond Cost?

The District has reviewed forecasts indicating that this bond measure would cost the property taxpayer in the Hillsboro School District an estimated \$1.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value per year during the 20-year life of the bonds. For the owner of a home assessed at \$200,000, the additional annual property tax would be approximately \$250. The actual annual cost to property owners will depend on factors such as interest rates at the time the bonds are sold and the way the bond debt service is structured by the District to minimize year to year variations in the District's total tax levy.

Accountability

The Board of Directors and District staff are committed to report progress on bond projects monthly and to ensure a committee of citizens serves as a communication tool with the District patrons throughout the construction projects.

Submitted by:

Nicole Kaufman  
Executive Director of Community  
Relations, Hillsboro School District 1J

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

According to data from Portland State University Center for Population Research, Hillsboro Schools District's student enrollment is expected to increase by 2,000 students by year 2010 and 3,600 by 2015. Several of the District's elementary and middle schools currently exceed or have reached capacity.

What would the bond do?

If approved by voters, the \$169 million would increase capacity of District facilities to accommodate current and future student populations; addressing infrastructure needs for the next six years.

Proceeds would fund projects to:

- Accommodate rapid enrollment growth by constructing new schools and building additional classrooms in existing schools
- Renovate and upgrade existing schools and facilities
- Implement school safety, security, seismic, and utility efficiency improvements
- Expand technology infrastructure for classroom instruction and school management
- Purchase two land parcels for elementary school construction

The bond measure would renovate and improve existing elementary, middle, and high schools. Brown, Evergreen, and Poynter Middle schools would be expanded to increase capacity using the same administrative staff.

**No arguments FOR or AGAINST this measure were filed.**

# MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## Measure No. 26-83

### BALLOT TITLE

#### MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AUTHORIZATION

**QUESTION:** Shall Mt. Hood Community College District issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$58,800,000 to make capital improvements of its facilities? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of Section 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**SUMMARY:** Bond proceeds would be used to: It's been 37 years since the campus was built and over 25 years since the last voter-approved bonds were passed.

The \$58.8 million is a small portion of the work that needs to be done to renovate the campus and bring it to current standards. This bond will not meet all the needs, but will make an important impact.

- Roofing will be replaced and asbestos removed.
- Handicap access will be improved.
- Lighting will be replaced for safety.
- Sidewalks, parking lots, curbing and roadways will be repaved to remove hazards.
- Overgrown trees and plants will be removed to help prevent crime.
- Earthquake safety work will be done.
- The College will refinance some existing capital improvement debt.
- Early Childhood Education Center will be relocated from its 30-year old 'temporary' buildings to a new facility.
- \$13.6 million will be the match for state-funded construction. If state funds are not approved, the bonds will be reduced by this amount.

Bonds will mature in not more than 25 years.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

It's been 37 years since the Mt. Hood Community College campus was built and over 25 years since the last voter-approved bonds were passed. During this time, the College has served over 838,000 students/area residents and contributes over \$603 million to the local economies each year adding to local economic development. The College is one of the area's major employers and through workforce development, it prepares students and adults for higher education, job training and career development.

The College was originally built with a locally-approved bond authorization that has been completely paid off. Mt. Hood Community College is one of the few Oregon colleges that have no outstanding general obligation bonds.

However, 37 years of constant use has impacted the campus. Roofs need to be replaced to protect against damage and leaks. The original lighting needs to be replaced for safety and efficiency. Sidewalks, parking lots, curbing and roadways need to be repaved to remove hazards. Overgrown trees and plants need to be trimmed and removed to improve sightlines to help prevent crime. Earthquake safety work needs to be done and asbestos needs to be removed. The Early Childhood Development Center, which prepares students for careers in early childhood education and provides child care for students, has been operating in 30-year old 'temporary/modular' buildings

and needs replacement to keep up with new and changing federal and state requirements.

The State of Oregon requires community colleges to match state-supported construction dollar for dollar. Mt. Hood Community College is proposing the construction of a multipurpose Educational Center building to improve, expand and increase educational opportunities for our students. The Educational Center will also allow the College to develop new agreements with local high schools and Oregon universities to expand programs for area residents and students.

The College has had to operate without state capital improvement funds. Without state capital improvement funds and no locally approved general obligation bonds, the College has had to borrow money to maintain its facilities. Of the \$12 million it has borrowed, \$4 million is being proposed to be refinanced by the general obligation bond. This refinance will save the College general fund about \$500,000 per year which will be used to support and improve educational programs and operations.

A recent study by architects, engineers and construction specialists identified over \$277 million of work that is needed to get the campus repaired to current standards for safety and efficiency. The proposed bond authorization of \$58.8 million will address only the needs that the MHCC Board of Education believes to be the most critical to protecting the campus and the community's investment in the College.

The general obligation bond authorization of \$58.8 million, on average, will cost 17 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of property. A home of \$200,000 value will be assessed approximately \$2.83 per month or approximately \$34.00 per year to support this effort. Bonds will mature in not more than 25 years.

Submitted by:

Robert M. Silverman  
President  
Mt. Hood Community College

**No arguments AGAINST this measure were filed.**

# MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## Measure No. 26-83

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

We live in east Portland, in the Parkrose school district.

Like all east Portland homeowners, we are part owners of – and investors in – Mt. Hood Community College.

Over forty years ago, the people of east Portland and east Multnomah County voted to invest in our communities' future, to build our own community college.

That investment has paid off.

Mt. Hood Community College has educated hundreds of thousands of east Portlanders. **Each year students from Parkrose and David Douglas continue their education at our community college, Mt. Hood.** Thousands more east Portlanders of all ages have benefited from training, apprenticeships, and community education classes offered by Mt. Hood.

While Mt. Hood has been well cared for and has delivered for east Portland, **like any investment, like a home, there comes a time when simple maintenance isn't enough:**

**When the roof needs replacing.**

**When the electrical system is obsolete.**

**When the mechanical systems are failing.**

**When the safety and security designed for 1966 simply isn't safe enough for 2006.**

When you **vote "yes" for Mt. Hood**, you're ensuring that the college will continue to be the investment that pays off for east Portland.

It's time to protect your investment.

This measure makes the same kinds of necessary, basic, common sense investments in the college that homeowners do.

**The Mt. Hood measure:**

**Repairs the roof, electrical, and mechanical systems.**

**Makes the campus safer and more secure.**

**Refinances some existing college debt, ensuring better, more efficient use of taxpayer funds.**

**Makes it possible to bring east Portland and east county our fair share of state matching funds.**

**Establishes a citizen oversight committee to make sure every dollar is well spent, and that your investment is protected.**

Mt. Hood Community College's main campus is located in Gresham, but as east Portlanders, it is our college. All of us who live east of I-205 are Mt. Hood's owners and investors.

**Let's protect our investment.**

Duke & Laura Shepard  
East Portland

*(This information furnished by Duke Shepard)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Fellow Oregonians,

My association with Mt. Hood Community College began at the inception of the College. My husband, Frank Roberts, served on the first MHCC Board of Education and was intimately involved with the construction of the current facilities. Also, I served on the Board from 1978 to 1981. My children have taken classes at the college and our family remains connected. So, as you can tell, I hold a deep affection for this institution. Each time I walk on campus I am struck with the vision of buildings and facilities that have not changed in 40 years. It breaks my heart to see the pressing needs for facility upgrades. As Former Governor of the State of Oregon, I understand the true value of the College to our state and the entire region. Over 800,000 students have received a quality education at MHCC over the past 40 years. The college contributes more than \$600 million dollars to our local economy each year. Now is the time to step forward and protect our investment. Our college must be supported to continue to meet the demands of the business community for a trained workforce. Support of bond measure 26-83 is required to ensure the continued stability and effectiveness of MHCC. The bond will cost taxpayers 17 cents per \$100,000 assessed value. For a \$200,000 home that's only \$2.83 per month. For the cost of a cup of coffee each month, you can help ensure the future of our community. It's now time for MHCC and its future.

VOTE YES ON Measure 26-83.

Respectfully,

Governor Barbara Roberts

*(This information furnished by Barbara Roberts)*

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# MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## Measure No. 26-83

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

There is no better investment we can make in the future economic and social health of our community than voting "YES" on the Mt. Hood Community College Bond Measure.

I am an ardent supporter of the community college and have been for many years. As a business owner and community member, I have seen first hand how important it is that people in this community have easy access to high quality education and job training programs. Where else would our local hospitals and clinics turn to find well-trained nurses, paramedics, dental hygienists and other employees? Who fixes our cars, repairs our computers and staffs our offices? Where do new businesses turn to train their workers or upgrade their employees' skills? Every day I depend upon a community college graduate to help make my life run smoothly. Every day I am grateful that Mt. Hood Community College is here to help recent immigrants learn English, to teach people job skills so they can shake off welfare, to provide access for our high school students to college degrees and to give all of us lifelong educational opportunities.

This bond measure is not filled with 'nice-to-do' projects or fancy new buildings. It will meet just the bare bones needs of our aging and deteriorating campus buildings. It will replace outdated and unsafe instructional areas, provide for better energy efficient operations and save valuable public dollars. It will help extend the useful life of campus buildings by at least ten years. It makes good business sense.

It is high time we give Mt. Hood Community College the support they need to continue to provide us with the services we rely upon so much. The bond measure is a small price to pay for this incredible community resource. Please join me in voting YES for MHCC.

*(This information furnished by Fred Bruning,  
Friends of Mt. Hood Community College)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Community members

I am voting "YES" on the Mt. Hood Community College bond measure because as a State Senator from the Gresham area as well as a nurse, I recognize the value MHCC provides to us. The nursing shortage has emerged as one of the most critical issues facing the citizens of Oregon. The need for more highly trained nurses only increases as we grow older. I am passionate about this issue and have dedicated my legislative agenda to focus upon what can be done for the health care in Oregon. MHCC has demonstrated how a community college can assist in this effort. When informed of the critical need for trained nurses, the college board of directors set a goal of doubling the nursing program's output of highly qualified nurses. The college was able to accomplish this goal and even exceed it through the construction of a new nursing facility. This facility became a reality thanks in no small part to a donation from a local family. That donation along with others resources provide a state-of-the-arts facility. Without such community support the college would not have been able to increase the number of graduates and provide up to date training for our future care givers. This example illustrates the ability the college has to meet the challenges of providing a trained workforce to support the people of our region and the state. Adequate support is what's needed to ensure the college's response to such challenges. A trained workforce is critical to the economic health of the state. We must support our college to ensure our future way of life. The college needs to update facilities built over 30 years ago. If the facilities continue to decline, there will be fewer programs like nursing available. It's time to step forward. Vote yes on initiative 26-83 in November. There is no better investment you can make in our future.

Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson

*(This information furnished by Laurie Monnes Anderson,  
Friends of Mt. Hood Community College)*

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# MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## Measure No. 26-83

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Mt. Hood Community College is proposing a bond measure to take care of essential repairs to the college classroom buildings, electrical, plumbing and heating systems, roofs, parking lots and much more. Proceeds from the bond will also provide better security for our students and staff. What's being proposed are not items that would be nice to fix. These are essential repairs that have been put off for so long that they must be taken care of now or the college runs the risk of having to close parts of the campus and certainly faces even more costly repairs in the future as the buildings continue to deteriorate.

I was a teacher in the David Douglas District when voters first approved the establishing of Mt. Hood Community College. It was an immediate hit because the college provided a first class education and vocational training at a very reasonable cost compared to four year colleges. As many as 50% of David Douglas college graduates picked MHCC as their first choice.

Throughout the years MHCC has continued to provide the community with a first class education. As the Superintendent of David Douglas School District from 1981 to 1985, I worked closely with the community college; I can assure you the college provides a superior education for the students and adults of this community. I know hundreds of students who had great experiences at MHCC, including my own children.

Since my retirement, I too have taken enrichment classes at the community college. As a frequent visitor to the campus, I've seen first hand the run down condition of the buildings and grounds. I urge you to visit the campus and see for yourselves. The vote "Yes" to bring MHCC up to today's standards for asbestos control, disabled access, and earthquake protection. Let's invest now in the vital community resource so we will have the college around for many more years for our children and grandchildren.

Dr. Tony Palermi

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Friends of Mt. Hood Community College)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Vote YES on Measure 26-83  
Protect Your Investment

Mt. Hood Community College is the heart of our region. The college is the Engine that provides the workforce for economic development in East County. MHCC serves 26,000 students a year. This includes technical training, college transfer programs, community education classes, childcare educational programs and athletic programs for the community.

We need your help in support of the bond for many reasons:

- The College's aging facility is in desperate need of repair. Leaky roofs are a good example of the wear and tear that is taking place.
- The facility is not prepared for a catastrophic earthquake. Seismic upgrades are a must.
- The College lost one of two cooling systems this summer, another example of aging infrastructure.
- Safety and security on campus has always been a top priority, that's why upgrading the outside lighting system is a necessity. Keeping our campus safe should be of concern to all.
- Parking lots and walkways are aging as well and should be resurfaced.
- The Early Childhood Education Center is over 30 years old, meant only to be temporary; it needs to be replaced to continue to provide childcare to our students and the community.

Mt. Hood community College makes it financially possible to get the workforce training or Degree people need to better support their families and climb above a minimum wage job. This in turn attracts big business and employers gain better employees. It all comes full circle; educated communities become financially successful communities.

Our college campus is beautiful and resourceful, but it needs and DESERVES our help to keep it that way.

Join us in support of Measure 26-83, to protect our most treasured investment – Mt. Hood Community College.

PLEASE VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-83.

Mayor Paul Thalsofer, Troutdale  
Mayor Chuck Becker, Gresham  
Mayor Tom Potter, Portland  
Mayor Mike Weatherby, Fairview  
Mayor David M. Fuller, Wood Village  
Gresham City Council

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# MT. HOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## Measure No. 26-83

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Argument in Support of MHCC Bond Measure 26-83

I am a business owner in East County and am a strong advocate of improving economic development in this region. It has been 30 years since the college has passed a general obligation bond, and as the result, most campus buildings are beginning to fall apart. The college needs up-to-date facilities to educate the future workforce. Good businesses with family wage jobs will continue to come to East County if we invest in the college and provide a quality, educated workforce. Therefore, I strongly support Measure 26-83, and I hope you will do the same.

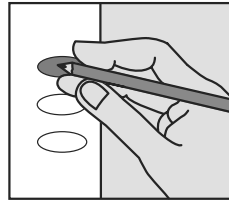
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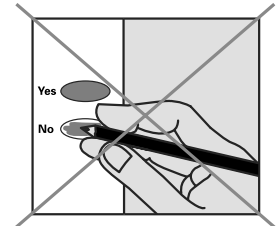
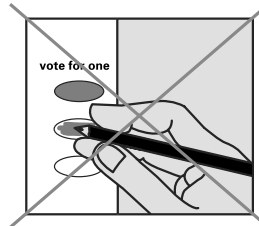
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# PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Measure No. 26-84

### BALLOT TITLE

#### **PORTLAND SCHOOLS LEVY FOR TEACHERS, CLASSROOMS, EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, LEARNING MATERIALS**

**QUESTION:** Shall PPS protect class size, educational programs; levy \$1.25 per \$1000 assessed value for five years beginning 2007; mandate oversight? This measure may cause property taxes to increase by more than three percent.

**SUMMARY:** Portland Public Schools designs its budget to provide the learning tools, instructional programs and materials that students and teachers need for a well-rounded education.

Levy Funds will be dedicated to:

- teaching positions;
- preventing increases in class size so students receive more individual attention from teachers;
- replacing out-of-date textbooks and workbooks;
- modernizing teaching materials, science labs, equipment;
- continuing vocational and technical training;
- providing extra assistance to at-risk kids; and
- ensuring more kids have access to physical education, music and art classes.

Financial Accountability and Taxpayer Oversight: Mandates independent citizen oversight so funds are used as approved by voters. No funds will be used for administration.

The levy will produce an estimated \$33.0 million in 2007-08; \$35.7 million in 2008-09; \$37.7 million in 2009-10; \$39.5 million in 2010-11; and \$41.6 million in 2011-12. The levy is one dollar and twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per \$1,000 assessed value per year. The typical homeowner will pay about \$12.88 per month.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In the year 2000, voters approved a five-year local option levy for Portland Public Schools. Over that period of 2000-2005, student achievement improved at virtually every grade level in the four subjects tested by the Oregon Department of Education: reading, mathematics, writing and science. Portland students now regularly match, and often exceed, the state averages in terms of percent of students meeting standards, a rare occurrence among urban districts.

That local option expired in 2005.

Currently, Portland Public Schools serves students in 85 schools throughout the neighborhoods of Portland.

PPS has designed its budget to provide its 47,000 students with educational services including:  
Class sizes that provide students with individual attention from teachers;  
Up-to-date textbooks and learning materials;  
Extra help for at-risk and struggling students;  
Art, music and PE classes as part of a complete curriculum;  
Classrooms that are safe and maintained; and  
Curriculum, technology and training that prepare students for their future – whether they go on to college or career.

In order to meet these goals, the Portland Public School District has referred a new five-year local option levy to the voters.

#### **The local option levy will help fund:**

**1. Teachers in every school** with class sizes that provide students the chance for individual attention.

**2. Tools for learning and teaching including:**  
Up-to-date textbooks, workbooks, and teaching materials; and science labs and libraries equipped with current technology.

#### **3. Classroom safety and maintenance**

**In addition, Portland Public Schools will use this funding to:**  
Protect reading programs that promote literacy in early grades; Strengthen math and science programs; Protect vocational and technical classes that provide skills that prepare students for the workplace; and Provide more kids with access to art, music and physical education.

**Schools with Fiscal Accountability and Taxpayer Oversight**  
Since the last local option levy was passed in 2000, Portland Public Schools has:

Reduced central administration costs;

Sold or leased unneeded buildings and land;

Ended the practice of administrative contract buyouts; and

Had key functions audited by independently-elected auditors.

This local option will mandate independent citizen oversight to ensure that tax dollars are used for purposes approved by local voters---teachers, classrooms, learning materials, educational programs and curriculum.

No funds from this local option levy will be used for district administration.

Submitted by:

Heidi B. Franklin  
Chief Financial Officer  
Portland Public Schools

**No arguments AGAINST this measure were filed.**

# PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Measure No. 26-84

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Yes on Measure 26-84 For Strong Schools and Successful Kids.

Strong, quality public schools are the foundation of success for our children, families, neighborhoods, and community. They're also the backbone of a strong, local economy-- teaching the skills businesses need, and attracting new jobs to help continue our economic recovery.

**Portland Public Schools--** serving 47,000 students at 85 schools throughout local neighborhoods-- **strives to provide each child with a quality education preparing them for the next level of achievement.**

**This renewed five-year local option levy will help them do that, funding:**

- Nearly 400 teachers – some in each school – so class sizes offer students individual attention;
- Up-to-date textbooks, workbooks, and teaching materials;
- Vocational and technical classes providing skills preparing students for the workplace;
- Extra help for at-risk and struggling students, including full-day kindergarten;
- Access for more kids to art, music and PE classes as part of a complete curriculum; and
- Classrooms that are safe and maintained.

#### Accountability to Taxpayers

Since the last local option levy-- passed in 2000 and expired in 2005, Portland Public Schools cut spending and saved taxpayer dollars by:

- Reducing central administration costs;
- Selling or leasing unneeded buildings and land;
- Ending contract buyouts for administrators; and
- Having key functions audited by independently-elected auditors.

**This local option mandates independent citizen oversight to ensure tax dollars are used for purposes approved by voters** – teachers, classrooms, learning materials, educational programs and curriculum.

**No funds from this levy can be used for district administration.** All funds remain in Portland Public Schools with none going to Salem or to the rest of the state.

**We count on our local schools, and now they're counting on us. Please join us in providing this critical support for our local children, teachers, and classrooms.**

**Vote Yes on Measure 26-84  
The Local Option for Portland Public Schools**

**Julia Brim-Edwards, Sho Dozono, Portlanders for Schools  
Campaign Co-Chairs  
Earl Blumenauer, Honorary Campaign Chair**

*(This information furnished by Earl Blumenauer,  
Honorary Campaign Chair Portlanders for Schools)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Parent Volunteers Know Our Schools, And They Know Our Schools Need Measure 26-84.

As active volunteers, we're in our local schools everyday, across our community. We know firsthand how hard everyone is working to educate our children. Teachers work hard to provide kids with a challenging, rigorous curriculum with enough individual attention. Special support is provided for struggling students. As a result, student achievement in PPS is on the upswing.

**In order to continue providing our kids with reasonable class sizes and a well-rounded curriculum, please support the Portland Public Schools Local Option Levy, which will fund:**

- Nearly 400 teaching positions – some in each of our 85 schools – so kids can continue to receive individual attention when needed;
- Up-to-date textbooks and learning materials;
- Access for more kids to music, art and PE as part of a well-rounded curriculum;
- Protection of vocational and technical training programs to ensure students are prepared to succeed in their future if they don't go right to college;
- Strengthening math and science programs, including science labs and needed technology; and
- Ensuring classrooms are safe and provided basic maintenance.

**This levy pays for the very foundation of a sound education, in each school in Portland.**

**Something else you should know: The money for schools goes directly into the classroom.** It cannot go towards administration. There is mandated citizen oversight, so funds are used as the voters intend – for teachers, classrooms and up-to-date materials.

After repeatedly failing to fix the problem, the state legislature cannot be counted on for adequate school funding. **We must take responsibility for protecting our local schools ourselves so that this remains a community where families can raise their children.**

#### Join us in voting YES on 26-84!

Jennifer Owen,  
Stephenson Elementary

Mary Allis Rumbaugh  
Sabin PTA

Kris Anderson  
Irvington PTA

Timothy D. McLaughlin,  
Jefferson High School

Barbara Brooks,  
Beach PTA

Debbie Gordon,  
Buckman Elementary  
Grandmother

Otto Schell  
Beaumont PTA

*(This information furnished by Rhys Scholes,  
Portlanders for Schools)*

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# PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Measure No. 26-84

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Senior Citizens Support Measure 26-84!

As senior citizens, we don't have children in school right now, but we will be voting for Measure 26-84, which will provide urgently-needed resources to our Portland Public Schools.

Here's why we support this funding for our local schools: We attended public schools in various communities where we were raised. For us, and for so many of our friends, that experience made all the difference in the world. Many of us could have easily gone down the wrong path. We didn't, in large part because our schools were good. We received the individual attention that young people need, classrooms that were in good condition and current textbooks. We were offered a wide range of classes that are central to a well-rounded education.

Of course, good schools were important to us kids as we were growing up. But they were even more important to the community we became a part of. Honoring and supporting public education was the foundation of most everything we were proud of about our country. It was a responsibility our parents and grandparents were pleased to shoulder, even through the depths of the Depression, or the War.

With age comes a bit of wisdom, and a bit of perspective. We can see more clearly than ever that when our public schools are strong, we all benefit. Good schools keep kids in class, out of trouble and prepare them to be good citizens. That means a better, safer and more prosperous community for all of us. By supporting schools, we honor and keep faith with the generation before us, who did the same for us. We can't imagine a more important example to set for today's young people.

At about \$12 per month for the typical homeowner, our local classrooms, teachers and students are a truly good investment. Please join us in voting Yes on Measure 26-84!

Elders in Action Commission

*(This information furnished by Betty Brislawn,  
Elders in Action Commission)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Classroom teachers across Portland know that the Local Option Levy is essential to educating our community's children

We are classroom teachers in Portland Public Schools. We are proud of the progress students are making at every grade level.

#### Currently teachers provide:

- Individual attention to students because we have reasonable class sizes;
- Students who are struggling academically with the extra help they need to succeed;
- Assistance to English language learners so they can read, write and speak English faster;
- Reading programs that promote student literacy in the early grades, and
- Vocational and technical training to students who seek these skills for the workplace.

All of this, and more, is at stake with the PPS Local Option Levy.

The local option provides essential funding that our schools cannot obtain from anywhere else. And we believe that after repeatedly failing to solve the problem, our state legislature cannot be counted on to come through. So, we're asking our local community to help out our schools by supporting Measure 26-84, which will:

- **Keep reasonable class sizes so that student achievement continues to improve;**
- **Fund the purchase of more up-to-date books and learning materials, as well as the teaching materials we need to be successful; and it will**
- **Support enough teaching positions to allow us to provide more kids with access to art, music and PE – as part of a well-rounded education.**

The bottom line is – kids have one shot at getting a decent education. When they go without enough teachers and books to go around, we're sacrificing part of their future. Let's not allow any more kids to lose their chance at the best education possible.

#### Join us in Voting YES on 26-84.

Karen T. Baker, Teacher  
Marysville School

Jane Morgan, Librarian  
Ockley Green Middle School

Jan Peterson, Teacher  
Madison High School

Rebecca Levison, Teacher  
Clarendon Elementary

Suzanne Cohen, Teacher  
Peninsula Elementary

Amy Durham LeBus, Teacher  
Jefferson High School

*(This information furnished by Jeff Miller,  
Portland Association of Teachers)*

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# PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Measure No. 26-84

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**Portland Public Schools works hard to be accountable to taxpayers and deserves your support.**

As Oregon's State Treasurer, it's my job to keep an eye on the financial bottom line. Taxpayers expect that government will spend dollars in a responsible way.

As a parent with three kids attending Portland Public Schools, I expect no less.

PPS strives to put every possible penny into the classroom, and to budget their stretched resources in the most prudent way. Examples include:

- Cutting central administration by nearly 66% since 1991;
- Selling or leasing unneeded school buildings and land;
- Ending the policy allowing 'buyouts' of administrative contracts; and
- Putting key functions through performance audits, by independently-elected auditors.

In the year 2000, Portland voters approved a five-year local option which expired in 2005. In 2005, student achievement in Portland Schools improved at every grade level in reading and math.

Now, Portland Public Schools needs reinvestment by our community in a renewed local option. These funds will go to support nearly 400 teaching positions, purchasing up-to-date textbooks and learning materials for students, and protect funding for vocational and technical education so critical for students to gain the skills that businesses need.

**As the state's financial watchdog, I am particularly pleased that this local option law mandates citizen oversight of funds so that we know they go to the uses promised – teachers, learning materials and classrooms.**

Our schools are the backbone of our neighborhoods and, equally as important, serve as the foundation of a strong economy. Schools can even help continue our economic recovery by attracting more businesses to our community and helping those already here to expand.

Please join me in supporting our local schools. At about \$13 per month for the typical homeowner, we can enjoy a great return on our investment.

**Oregon State Treasurer Randall Edwards**

*(This information furnished by Randall Edwards)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**SMALL BUSINESSES SAY PLEASE VOTE YES ON 26-84 Strong Schools are essential to Portland's neighborhoods and business districts**

Small business creates most of the jobs in our community. We also represent the entrepreneurship, energy and hard work that is the key to our economic future.

**As locally-owned small business owners, we are strong supporters of Portland Public Schools Local Option Levy,** because we know that our success depends on strong, vital neighborhoods, of which schools are a critical institution:

- Strong schools help attract and keep young families with children in Portland – an important customer base for us.
- Strong schools can help continue our economic recovery by attracting more small businesses, and expanding those already here, to our thriving neighborhoods.
- Strong schools create the workers of the future, and provide them with skills that businesses need to succeed.
- Strong schools are the best form of public safety we have – keeping kids focused and productive instead of distracted by more marginal activities.

**We also like the accountability built into the local option levy law:**

- Funds are to be spent on teaching positions, learning materials and routine classroom maintenance – all vital elements of a good learning environment for our children.
- The law mandates citizen oversight of expenditures so we know that dollars are spent as voters intended – for teachers, classrooms and up-to-date learning materials.
- No funds can go to administration and no funds will be sent out of our community – to Salem or to the rest of the state.

A tax is never something one looks forward to paying. But this money is a wise investment in our children's and community's future, and its accountability is clear.

**VOTE YES ON 26-84.  
It's a good business decision.**

Steve Miller  
Hippo Hardware

Claire Randall  
Grand Central Bakery

Tom Kelly  
Neil Kelly, Inc

John Whisler  
Kitchen Kaboodle

Mike Roach  
Paloma Clothing

Roberta Dyer  
Broadway Books

Howie Shechter  
Chez Jose East & West

David Yudkin  
Hot Lips Pizza

*(This information furnished by Mike Roach,  
Paloma Clothing)*

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# PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Measure No. 26-84

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### **My kids are grown. But I'm still voting YES for our schools.**

I'm a 60-something Portlander, looking towards retirement. My kids are grown and gone from home. I'm generally wary of new taxes at this point, since everything I save means I can retire earlier.

Yet, I'll be voting YES for Portland Public Schools' Local Option Levy – Measure 26-84 – and here's why:

- We all benefit when kids are in school and engaged. It keeps them out of trouble and means we will have better citizens and a better workforce. After all, when we are retired, we will be counting on today's students. For students to succeed they need a strong and complete curriculum, including PE, art, and music – which will be available to more kids if the local option funding passes. If we go back to the budget cuts of the recent past it will mean limited classes, and larger class sizes – both of which allow kids to fall through the cracks.
- Schools help retain all of our property values. As long as there's a good school in my neighborhood, we continue to attract new residents – including young families with children. That contributes to my bottom line, and to yours, too.

At \$12/month for the typical homeowner, this is a sound investment for empty-nesters. And I appreciate the accountability: none of the money from the local option can be used for administration, and citizen oversight is required to monitor how these dollars are spent.

Of course, not all of the reasons for voting yes have to do with self-interest. We owe today's children the same good education that our parents and grandparents – as well as many community residents – provided for us.

**VOTE YES for Portland schools.  
It's the smart – and right – thing to do.**

**Lynn Beveridge**

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Portlanders for Schools)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### **Social Service Providers Say Vote Yes on Measure 26-84 Because they Want All Children to Succeed!**

Portlanders share a common desire that all of our children have the opportunity to be successful in life even if we have many different definitions of what success might be. Helping agencies like ours are at work in every neighborhood because too many children are "at-risk" of losing that opportunity.

We work closely with children who need extra help because of issues in their families such as mental illness or addiction. Children who face these challenges can still succeed in life, but it is often up to the community to make sure they have the tools needed to overcome barriers. Good schools make a big difference.

Children all need and deserve a good education, but our schools are especially important to "at-risk" kids. In particular, reasonable class size means students who need a little extra attention can get it. In an overcrowded classroom, they can get lost.

In addition, schools need to be able to provide kids with special programs that help with reading or expose children to art and music, especially for kids who can't get that extra help anywhere else. When budgets are cut, those programs go away and at-risk kids lose those essential supports.

Measure 26-84 is a common-sense approach to making sure that schools are there for all kids, including those who need schools the most. Voting Yes on Measure 26-84 is the way we can express our common desire that all of our children have the opportunity to be successful.

#### **Join us in voting YES on 26-84!**

Tony L. Hopson, Sr.  
Self Enhancement, Inc.

Susan Stoltenberg  
Portland Impact

Nicole Maher  
Native American Youth  
and Family Center

Rick Nitti  
Neighborhood House

*(This information furnished by Kathy Turner)*

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# PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Measure No. 26-84

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### WHAT DO OUR CLASSROOMS NEED? ASK US: WE'RE IN THEM EVERY DAY!

We're high school students from Portland Public Schools. We work hard to learn, and we have great teachers helping us. **Please help us keep enough teachers to go around, and to get more current books, by supporting the PPS local option.**

Right now, there are lots of kids in our classes, but we can still get our teachers' attention when we need it. Without the PPS local option funding, we'll lose nearly 10% of our teachers and then who knows how many kids will be in our classrooms?

If the local option passes, our schools get two more important tools. One is more kids getting access to art, music and PE. Some get those classes now, but some don't. Many kids really like those classes, and without them – we wonder whether they would even stay in school.

The other help the local option gives us is newer books and workbooks. Many of the books and materials we have to use are frustrating with old, out of date information. We have science textbooks missing elements from the periodic table of elements. And there aren't enough books to go around, especially literature books.

We need your support for our future. Many kids want to go to good colleges, and without this local option, our schools will be missing classes and programs that colleges look for.

Many of us have been to Salem to lobby for more money for our schools. Year after year, they don't come through. That's why we're turning to our neighbors to help take care of our local schools.

We know we're responsible for working hard in school, and we try our best. But we need current books, and enough teachers and classes to succeed.

**Please vote Yes on Measure 26-84.**

Lee Rush,  
Pauling Academy,  
Marshall Campus

Shannon Duron,  
Cleveland High School

Thomas Scharff,  
Grant High School

Isabel Osgood-Roach,  
Lincoln High School

*(This information furnished by Scott Bailey,  
Portlanders for Schools)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Stand for Children urges you to support our community's children by Voting YES for our local schools

**Stand for Children** is a citizen voice for children. We advocate for improvements to, and funding for, programs that give every child a fair chance in life.

Our local teachers and school staff are working hard to help struggling students, to provide a rigorous curriculum for all students, and to increase student achievement at all levels. We can all help them by joining together to support the Portland Public Schools Local Option this fall.

Measure 26-84, the PPS local option, will provide the funding necessary to:

- Keep class sizes reasonable so students have access to individual attention from teachers. Research has shown that students do better in smaller class environments;
- Protect reading programs that promote student literacy in the early grades;
- Strengthen math and science programs, including specialized teachers, science labs and needed technology – so kids can compete in the workplace and in life; and
- Prevent cuts to P.E. for students, which play a key role in fighting childhood obesity and promoting overall physical health.

All funds from the local option for Portland Public Schools must be spent on teachers, learning materials and classrooms; none can be spent for administration and none is shipped out to Salem or the rest of the state.

And the levy mandates citizen oversight so we know funds will be spent on these critical classroom needs.

**Strong schools are the backbone of our community and the means to success for our community's children. Please join us in standing up for Portland's children - VOTE YES for Portland Public Schools Local Option Levy.**

*(This information furnished by Shannon Campion,  
Stand for Children)*

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# REYNOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Measure No. 26-88

### BALLOT TITLE

#### GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO CONSTRUCT AND UPGRADE REYNOLDS SCHOOLS

**QUESTION:** Shall the Reynolds School District #7 be authorized to issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$115,000,000? 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, the bonds will provide funds to:

- Make extensive capital improvements at Fairview and Troutdale Elementary Schools and replace Wilkes Elementary School, all of which were constructed prior to 1926.
- Create safer, more efficient schools and meet current standards by making capital improvements including windows, structural, electrical, HVAC and mechanical upgrades
- Relieve crowding and make space for all day kindergarten by adding 16 classrooms to existing elementary schools
- Finance the purchase of the Edgefield property and construction of the Four Corners School
- Meet elementary enrollment growth by constructing a school on the Edgefield property
- Relieve high school crowding and meet enrollment growth by remodeling existing buildings and constructing a new grade 6-12 magnet school on the Edgefield property
- Provide similar learning environments and comparable facilities district-wide by renovating, expanding and/or adding libraries, cafeterias, covered play areas, computer labs and specialty classrooms at existing schools

The Bonds would mature in twenty-one (21) years or less from the issuance date and may be issued in one or more series.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Reynolds School District continues to grow, with 1,312 more students enrolled since 2000. Rapid growth is projected at the east end of the district.

#### Community Involvement

Beginning in 2004, over 50 community members reviewed district facilities and enrollment trends. The Task Force prioritized the district needs contained in this \$115 million measure. These projects increase capacity to meet projected enrollment, protect the investment in current facilities and provide comparable learning environments across the district.

#### High Schools

Reynolds High School is one of the largest high schools in the state with 2,800 students. Projected enrollment is 3,165 high school students by the year 2010.

This bond will add classrooms, expand the media center and computer lab, and make capital improvements at RHS.

The bond would ease high school crowding by:

- Building a magnet school on the Edgefield property serving up to 500 students with career-focused training.
- Making improvements at the Natural Resources Academy, an off-campus career-focused program near Corbett.

Students in these programs attend RHS on alternating days. Students have career training and full access to RHS programs (e.g. advanced and elective classes, athletics and clubs) without building duplicate specialty classrooms or a second comprehensive high school.

#### Middle Schools

Enrollment at Walt Morey is projected to grow by 12.7% in five years. This bond would build a magnet school on the Edgefield property to meet enrollment growth. Other projects include: expanding computer labs and media centers, adding covered play areas, updating entry vestibules, updating electrical, HVAC and structural systems.

#### Elementary Schools

A new school will be built on the Edgefield property to accommodate enrollment growth on the district's east end.

#### Comparable Learning Environments

Wilkes, Fairview and Troutdale Elementary Schools, built over 75 years ago, are in need of major repairs or replacement and do not meet current district facility standards. This measure would replace Wilkes and make extensive upgrades at Fairview and Troutdale Elementary Schools. Other elementary improvements include: adding classrooms for all-day kindergarten programs, upgraded libraries and computer labs, covered play areas and specialty classrooms.

#### Land Purchase

The bond would finance the purchase of:

- 53-acres near Edgefield, where rapid enrollment growth is projected. The site is large enough for two schools and other small programs.
- Four Corners School will serve up to 120 special needs students, improve services for disabled students and reduce expenses within Reynolds School District.

#### Accountability

The Reynolds School District will report on bond projects monthly to citizens at the regular School Board meeting and through updates to the community. Community participation will be sought for design teams for new schools and the Wilkes replacement. Bond funds can only be used for capital improvement projects, not operating expenses.

#### Cost to Taxpayers

Taxpayers would pay an average of \$1.73 per \$1,000 of assessed value. On a home assessed at \$200,000, taxpayers would pay an average of \$346 per year or about \$0.95 per day.

Submitted by:

Terry Kneisler, Superintendent  
Reynolds School District #7

**No arguments AGAINST this measure were filed.**

# REYNOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Measure No. 26-88

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Dear Voters,

As the mayor of Portland, I encourage you to support your neighbors by voting for the Reynolds School District Capital Improvements Bond. The cities of Fairview, Gresham, Troutdale, Wood Village, and Portland have experienced tremendous growth in population. Businesses are thriving. The schools, asked to welcome more and more students, are struggling with crowded buildings and safety concerns. These pressures make it increasingly difficult for Reynolds to deliver quality education to kids in facilities that are compromised by design and age.

Strong local schools contribute greatly to the health of cities, and the economic benefit schools provide has been proven time and again. Businesses tell us they want to move to communities with strong schools. Likewise, parents want to live and work in communities that support education. And, great local schools help develop the next generation of community members who will give back to their cities in innumerable ways.

The commitment Reynolds is asking you to make to improve your schools, guarantees a long-term investment in East Multnomah County. The proposed grade 6-12 magnet school will provide career programs and career training, a focus businesses tell us schools currently lack. Students graduating with this training are less likely to live in poverty or enter the social services system and are more likely to become fully employed, contributing back to their communities in positive ways. This bond also will upgrade computer labs and libraries to ensure students have access to first-rate technology and research materials in order to compete in a global economy.

Great schools mean a better quality of life for the entire community, not just for those with children. A vote for this bond is a vote for the future work force of our cities, the leaders of tomorrow, the business owners and the residents who enjoy the benefits of living in great cities like ours.

Sincerely,

Mayor Tom Potter, Portland

*(This information furnished by Donna Edgley,  
Neighbors for Reynolds Kids)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### **Crowded Schools?**

Yes and more kids are coming!

**What to do? Vote Yes on #26-88**

#### **Relieve High School Crowding**

- Add Classrooms to RHS
- Add New Media Center & Computer lab to RHS
- Add New off Campus program at Edgefield site
- Improve other Off Campus sites & programs

#### **Relieve Middle School Crowding**

- Build New School at Edgefield site

#### **Relieve Elementary Crowding**

- Build New school at Edgefield site
- Add Classrooms to existing schools for all day Kindergarten

#### **Comparable Facilities?**

All Reynolds Kids deserve similar learning environments at any Reynolds School.

**What to do? Vote Yes on #26-88**

#### **Add Classrooms**

- Add specialty classrooms to existing schools

#### **Add Covered Play Areas**

#### **Remodel Libraries**

#### **Remodel Computer labs**

#### **Make Infrastructure Improvements**

#### **Old, Old Buildings?**

Yes! Wilkes, Fairview and Troutdale Elementaries are our oldest buildings, all built before 1926 and need extensive repairs.

**What to do? Vote Yes on #26-88**

#### **Replace.....**

Wilkes Elementary with a new, modern, efficient building on the same site. Community members will help design the new school and honor the Wilkes tradition.

#### **Renovate.....**

Fairview and Troutdale Elementaries to preserve the good parts and replace the sub-standard sections so the schools will function for another 50 years.

#### **What will it cost?**

##### **About a dollar a day**

Your dollar a day will buy \$115 million of new schools, renovations and repairs to Reynolds School District facilities. These projects will extend the life of our buildings and give us classroom capacity for many years. The tax rate is expected to be \$1.73 per \$1000 of assessed value or \$346 a year on a \$200,000 house. The tax rate will lower as new houses pay their share.

#### **Why Now?**

A citizen review committee has studied all of the Reynolds Schools for two years and made these recommendations. If we wait, these same projects will still be needed in 2008 and will cost much more. Your kids can't wait.

**Vote Yes on #26-88**

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# REYNOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Measure No. 26-88

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Our Kids Can't Wait

During the past two years a facilities committee made up of community members, parents, school board members and staff walked through every room in every school in Reynolds School District. We analyzed the conditions of the schools, measured the enrollment data and devised a plan that assures every school in every neighborhood has safe and comparably equipped buildings. Through careful planning and evaluation, we developed a plan encompassing a combination of new buildings, added classrooms and modernized infrastructures that will make our buildings appropriate learning environments for all our students. The plan meets the needs of projected enrollment and program essentials for the next ten years.

The bond measure buys added technology at all schools, with the high school and the middle schools getting a new library media center and enlarged computer centers respectively. It keeps classroom sizes amongst the smallest in the state and allows the space needed for our youngest students to have an added half-day of education. It eliminates serious safety issues at Fairview and Troutdale Schools, while building a brand new school at Wilkes, at a cost only slightly more than the essential remodeling that is needed there. The bond measure also builds an additional combined high school and middle school facility to relieve crowding and a new elementary school all on the recently purchased Edgefield property. The bond measure pays for the purchase of the Edgefield property from Multnomah County.

Now is the time to take this step for our children. While the cost of this plan is not cheap, it is affordable, less than \$1.00 per day. If we wait, the cost will increase from \$115 million in 2006 to more than \$138 million in 2008. Our kids can't wait. Not a dime will be spent on administration or staff salaries, not a penny on anything other than our buildings.

Vote Yes on #26-88.

Kathy Farlow  
Cliff Hirsch  
Rick Phelps  
Enrollment and Facilities Task Force

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Neighbors for Reynolds Kids)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Reynolds High School is crowded with almost 2,800 students in need of repairs and expansions, particularly of the media center and computer lab. The high school was not built to accommodate the current number of enrolled students, so all the common areas are undersized.

This plan of adding off-campus academic-focused programs will offer advanced career training. Reynolds High School has a career pathway model, which enables juniors and seniors to explore career program areas while preparing for work or for college. Using this model to provide up to 500 students with the opportunity to study a career and still retain access to the advanced classes, elective and activities, such as Leadership, Athletics and Clubs provides relief and expands the offerings available to students without the expense of a second high school, which would require at least 60 acres of land and is projected to cost \$80 million.

The current proposal is to spend \$24 million to update Reynolds High, improve Natural Resources Academy, build a new off-campus facility and improve Reynolds Learning Academy. This plan:

- Maintains a large range of options at an affordable price by having only one comprehensive high school
- Manages student growth in the most affordable manner for taxpayers
- Expands the high-level career-focused programs that students and employers desire
- Provides for improvement of facilities at all grade levels, while focusing significant resources to the high school crowding problem.

We need to address the high school crowding today before an additional 400 students enroll. Please join me in supporting Measure 26-88.

John Nelsen, Parent

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Neighbors for Reynolds Kids)*

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# WEST MULTNOMAH SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## Measure No. 26-82

### BALLOT TITLE

#### WEST MULTNOMAH SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT PERMANENT RATE LIMIT

**QUESTION:** Shall the District have a permanent rate limit of \$0.0750 (7.5¢) per \$1000 assessed value beginning fiscal year 2007-2008?

**SUMMARY:** The West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District shall use funds generated by this measure to meet the demand for natural resource education and technical assistance to urban and rural residents, farmers, business owners, public schools, and the general public, and to increase the economic viability and environmental value of the rural greenbelt surrounding the urban region. The District's goal is to protect clean water and wildlife habitat. Funds generated may be used to support education, voluntary conservation agreements, and operations.

This measure establishes a permanent rate limited at \$0.0750 (7.5¢) per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The District expects to levy a lower rate of approximately 50% of the total allowable rate, for up to five years, until conservation programs are proven to be effective. The permanent rate is an upper limit that by law can never be raised.

The demand for services the District can provide, including natural resource education, conservation planning, and technical assistance, has increased over the past several years, while support from local, state and federal governments has diminished. If its vital programs are going to continue, the District needs funds generated by passage of Measure 26-82 to support and further ongoing initiatives to protect and enhance clean water and wildlife habitat in West Multnomah County and Sauvies Island.

Submitted by:

Jim Robison, West Multnomah  
Soil & Water Conservation District

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The District will prioritize funding on effective ways to combat noxious weeds, improve fish passage, control soil erosion, and work with landowners to cooperatively protect natural areas. The District may support landowners seeking to purchase conservation agreements to protect drinking water, natural areas, or farmland. It will use funds to strengthen support for conservation education programs, such as high school natural resource camps and the Envirothon (an annual national environmental education competition for students).

Funding will allow a modest increase of staff, who will provide landowner technical assistance and strengthen partnerships with watershed councils and natural resource organizations. It will also enable the District to attract additional funds from foundations and other agencies for the benefit of West Multnomah County and Sauvies Island.

The District provides assistance to help protect and support a productive greenbelt around the City of Portland, including local fiber and food production from agricultural land on Sauvies Island and the northwest natural area corridor, and these essential programs will be furthered by future funding. Such support will also allow ongoing and improved targeted assistance to priority watersheds, such as Sauvies Island (Sturgeon Lake), Rock Creek, Fanno Creek, Balch Creek, McCarthy Creek, and Tryon Creek. The District will also work with land trusts and the Oregon Department of Agriculture to support working farms.

**No arguments AGAINST this measure were filed.**

# WEST MULTNOMAH SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## Measure No. 26-82

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

I am writing this to encourage voters to support building the capacity of the West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District. I have seen first hand the need for and the assistance that Conservation Districts offer to private landowners. Districts are non-regulatory and have no authority under state law. But the technical assistance and partnering abilities of Districts, fill a much needed niche, by providing site specific, on the ground, conservation technical assistance.

A vote for the Soil & Water Conservation District is a vote for private landowners, and the conservation of soil & water. The Yamhill SWCD passed their tax measure years ago and are getting a relatively small amount of tax payer funds. But they have been able to leverage their tax funds by 8 times through grants and partnerships.

The District is planning to create a substantial fund for securing conservation easements. Agricultural conservation easements that keep working farms operating is one method of protecting farmland as well as shaping urban growth. With congress recently passing significant tax change benefits for these easements through 2007, there is a window of great opportunity for landowners and communities across Oregon.

Forest park has some significant challenges that the District could address; invasive weeds and bio-fuels reduction. As a small woodland landowner near Forest park, I am very concerned about these threats and the District could address these issues with additional capacity.

The Conservation District is run by a board elected from different regions in the County. The effectiveness of the organization will have much to do with their leadership and the input from County residents. I ask you to engage and support your local conservation district. Help landowners protect and restore our communities.

*(This information furnished by Jeffrey A. Kee)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

We are Oregonians who love our local natural landscape, wildlife, and healthy watersheds. We enjoy living where agriculture is valued, forestland is within sight, and salmon are nearby. We enjoy that we have an agricultural base within minutes of an urban center.

Multnomah County should support its agricultural and forest land base. The West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District has worked with rural landowners for over 60 years to protect our soil and water quality, and improve conservation practices on their land. Keeping and expanding these relationships helps knowledgeable landowners voluntarily improve their land management skills to protect wildlife, water quality, and ecosystem.

This voluntary approach eases traditional governmental pressures by encouraging and assisting landowners to adopt options for managing natural resources that protect and enhance those resources, while improving their investment, and meeting personal goals. Providing technical assistance to local farmers and foresters will help maintain a true greenbelt of natural resource land in West Multnomah County, including Sauvie Island.

Given the passage of Measure 37 in 2004, the role of Conservation Districts in protecting rural lands from development pressure increased many fold. The voluntary approach to conservation planning practiced by the District can be combined with voluntary Agricultural and Conservation Agreements with landowners to protect this land for the future.

This approach is a win-win solution for rural and urban residents alike.

Measure 26-82 is endorsed by:  
Sandra Diedrich; Jane Hartline, Sauvie Island Farmer; Don Kruger, owner Kruger Farm, Sauvie Island; Portland Commissioner Randy Leonard; Amanda Fritz; State Representative Mitch Greenlick; Tryon Creek Watershed Council; Maria Rojo deSteffey Multnomah County Commissioner; Dan Saltzman, Portland City Commissioner; Susan McLain, Metro Councilor; Will Newman II, Co-Founder, Director & Trustee Oregon Sustainable Agriculture Land Trust; The Pumpkin Patch, Sauvie Island; Shari Raider, Sauvie Island Organics; Greg Malinowski, Organic farmer West Hills; Sauvie Island Drainage Improvement Co.; Miles Merwin, Skyline ridge Christmas tree farmer; Pat Wagner, resident Linnton; John Eccles, Sauvie Island Resident

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# WEST MULTNOMAH SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## Measure No. 26-82

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

West Multnomah Conservation District successes:

Oregon Youth Conservation Corps program provided meaningful jobs for youth;

Partnerships for improved salmon passage in Tryon Creek;  
Urban high schools students' attendance at Resources and People (RAP) Camp;

Conservation planning and technical assistance to farm and forest landowners, including, over its sixty year history, likely every farm on Sauvies Island;

Expanding the Enhanced Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program to Multnomah County;

Assisting the Sauvie Island Drainage Improvement Company to assess and improve operations and respond more effectively to landowner's changing goals;

Working with Army Corps of Engineers and Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife to improve Sturgeon Lake for wildlife and salmon;

Assisting working farms on Sauvies Island to gain federal assistance through the Conservation Security Program and Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The demand for services is far beyond what the District's current two part-time employees can satisfy. Passage of Measure 26-82 will allow the District to support a team of natural resource professionals who can work directly with landowners to support the educational and technical needs of its citizens and enhance the spirit of cooperation that will improve the health of area watersheds.

Proposed future projects include:

Direct support for noxious weed control;  
Habitat enhancement for songbirds, waterfowl, turtles and other wildlife;

Conservation Agreements for land protection;  
Expanded salmon habitat restoration and fish passage improvements;

Restoration of Oregon State University Extension Service presence in west Multnomah County and Sauvies Island;

Expanded conservation education for school age children and for landowners.

Support for the Conservation District is a reasonable, cost effective option that will address our local needs.

Typically, for every \$1 provided to the District an additional \$5 is added to its programs via grants, federal funds and existing partnerships. The value returned is well worth it. Please support Measure 26-82.

Jeff Joslin, urban planner & Sauvie Island land owner; George Sowder, Skyline Ridge Forest Landowner; Brian Lightcap, West Hills Agroforestry farm; Terri Preeg Riggsby, SW resident

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# LUSTED WATER DISTRICT

## Measure No. 26-87

### BALLOT TITLE

#### LUSTED WATER DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AUTHORIZATION

**QUESTION:** Shall Lusted Water District be authorized to issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$600,000? 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:** Passage of this measure would provide funds for capital construction and improvements and bond costs. Specifically, this measure would provide funds to demolish and remove the existing elevated Barlow water tank and construct and equip a new elevated water tank and pay fees associated with issuing the bonds.

The bonds would mature in twenty (20) years or less from the date of issuance and may be issued in one or more series. The estimated average annual cost of this bond would be \$0.45 per \$1000 of assessed value. The owner of a home assessed at \$200,000 is estimated to pay \$89.00 a year.

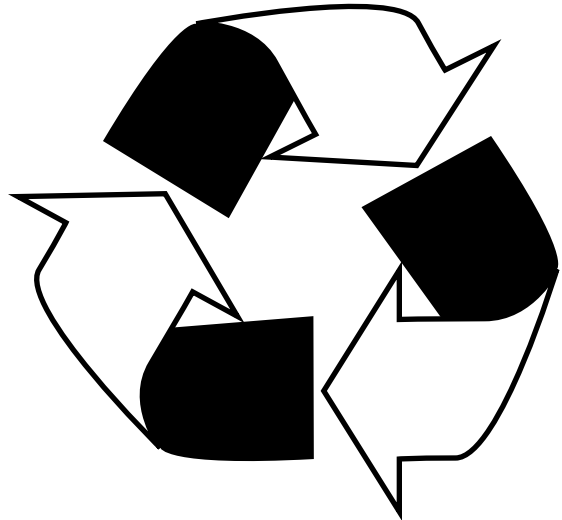
### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The District's Barlow Tank elevated reservoir was built in the 1930's. Video inspection reports were provided to Compass Engineering and Lee Engineering to conduct a comprehensive study regarding the condition of the reservoir and the useful life of it. The study determined that the 1930's reservoir should be replaced before any failures occur. The structure does not meet current earthquake standards and poses safety issues. A comparison of costs by the District indicate that the replacing the existing elevated reservoir rather than repairing it would save the District money over time.

Passage of the bond measure would provide funds to demolish and remove the existing elevated Barlow water tank and construct and equip a new elevated water tank and pay fees associated with issuing the bonds.

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Submitted by:  
Ron Fortune, Chairman  
Lusted Water District



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No arguments FOR or AGAINST this measure were filed.



# SCAPPOOSE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## Measure No. 5-153

### BALLOT TITLE

#### FIVE-YEAR LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT

**QUESTION:** Shall the Scappoose Fire District impose .94¢ per \$1,000 assessed value for 5-years for personnel and equipment beginning 2007-2008? *This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.*

**SUMMARY:** A "yes" vote on this levy would retain the current paid firefighter/paramedics, allow for additional paid firefighter/medical positions and provide funds for fire and ambulance equipment. The District's goal is to have 3 paid personnel on duty 24-hours per day to respond to fire and medical emergencies. The District currently has 2 paid personnel on duty. Many emergencies require volunteers to respond to the station prior to answering your emergency call for help. When seconds count, this time waiting for volunteers is critical.

The tax rate is inadequate to properly ensure fire and ambulance service. Due to the continuing growth in the community, emergency alarms have increased significantly and have become extremely demanding for our volunteer force to provide consistent coverage for fire and ambulance emergencies.

This levy will begin after the expiration of the current levy. The increase from the current \$0.66 levy to the \$0.94 levy on a home with an assessed value of \$150,000 (The market value for that same house is roughly \$200,000) would be \$42 per year for 5 years. *The proposed rate will raise approximately \$752,347 in 2007/08, \$782,441 in 2008/09, \$813,739 in 2009/10, \$846,288 in 2010/11 and \$880,140 in 2011/12. 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

Scappoose Rural Fire District provides fire and ambulance service to 12,000 citizens in Scappoose, Chapman, Holbrook, and Warren. The District is seeking renewal of a 5-year local option levy expiring June 30, 2007. This increases the levy rate from \$0.66 per thousand to \$0.94 per thousand of assessed valuation upon renewal July 1, 2007.

The primary use of the levy is to retain the current paid personnel covered by the outgoing 5-year levy and add additional paid personnel to cover the continuing increase in fire and medical alarms. Additional funds will be used to purchase and upgrade lifesaving fire and medical equipment.

Due to the increased number of alarms, the District's plan to maintain an adequate level of service using volunteer and paid Firefighters and medical personnel is increasingly being compromised. Growth of the community and the increase in emergency calls along with a decline in volunteers has put emergency response time at risk. The District responded to 1246 emergency incidents in 2005 and 70% were medically related. If a transport is required, it typically takes 2 hours from the time of the call until the ambulance returns to the fire station. Transport time is very demanding on volunteers. The levy will retain the Firefighter/Paramedics hired under the current levy and hire additional paid Firefighter/Paramedics thereby improving 24-hour coverage and emergency response times.

Without the levy, the tax rate is not adequate to properly ensure the current level of fire and ambulance service. Many emergencies, especially overlapping emergencies, will require volunteer response to the station before answering the alarm. The renewed levy provides 3 on-duty personnel 24-hours a day, allowing immediate fire or medical response. We will then rely on the available volunteers to assist with additional emergency calls for help.

#### What happens if the levy fails?

As the alarms increase, residents will likely see delays in response to their emergency. The tax rate cannot fund paid on-duty Firefighter/Paramedics 24-hours a day and the District would be unable to operate the ambulance. Volunteers are not always available to respond to your emergency call for help and there will not be enough on-duty personnel to adequately respond to emergencies. Overlapping alarms will become even more difficult. The current local option levy expires in June 2007 which funds the second paid Firefighter/Paramedic on 24-hour shifts. If the levy fails, there would only be funding for a daytime Firefighter/Paramedic on duty.

#### If the levy passes, the additional revenue would be used to:

- Retain the current paid Firefighter/Paramedics
- Hire more paid Firefighter/Paramedics to staff one ambulance or one engine company
- Purchase and upgrade lifesaving fire and medical equipment
- Purchase equipment to support emergency operations

#### What will it cost me?

Actual Scappoose Fire District homes sold in the past year will pay an additional:

- Assessed Value \$135,370 – Selling Price \$225,000  
– \$37.90/year or \$3.16 per month
- Assessed Value \$143,980 – Selling Price \$242,000  
– \$40.31/year or \$3.36 per month
- Assessed Value \$262,670 – Selling Price \$299,000  
– \$73.55/year or \$6.13 per month

Submitted by:

Dennis J. Marceaux,  
President, Board of Directors  
Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District

**No arguments AGAINST this measure were filed.**

# SCAPPOOSE RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## Measure No. 5-153

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Since 1954, the Board of Directors of the Scappoose Fire District has managed the operations of the District. The small Scappoose community began the fire district with an all-volunteer force. Since that time, the community has grown and so have the needs of the citizens.

It is the Board's responsibility to ensure that citizens are provided with rapid, quality care when they have fire and medical emergencies. With the current tax rate, the Board feels that they can no longer offer that security and is asking voters to renew a 5-Year Local Option Levy.

The District currently staffs the fire station with two paid firefighter/paramedics 24-hours per day. This staffing is deemed to be inadequate to rapidly respond to nearly 1300 fire and medical emergencies each year. Renewing the levy would fund one additional firefighter/paramedic per shift increasing the total to three firefighter/paramedics on duty 24-hours per day.

The Board believes that this staffing level is still a conservative approach compared to other fire districts. We still hope to increase our volunteer roster knowing that Scappoose is a tight-knit community that enjoys volunteering. Volunteerism has declined nationwide due to two-income families, longer commutes, year-round sports and changes in society. The District will still rely on volunteers to complete the staffing of fire and medical apparatus.

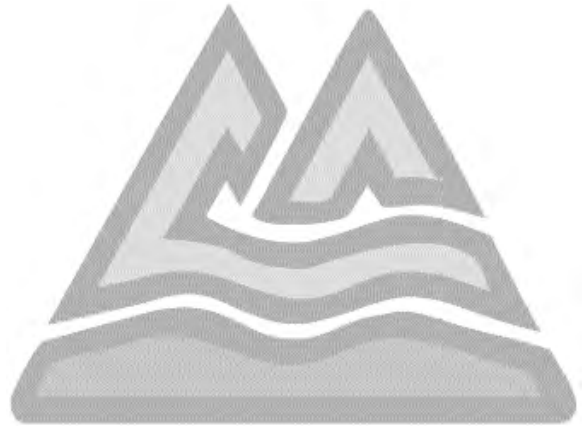
If the levy fails, the District will have to reduce staffing to one daytime firefighter/paramedic on duty. The one person will have to wait for volunteers to respond to the fire station before responding to your emergency. The nighttime response will be volunteer personnel. A minimum of two is required to respond to medical emergencies and a minimum of four is needed to respond to fires and other emergencies. Volunteers can only respond when available and many hold full-time jobs outside of the community.

**Your vote counts when seconds count!**

*(This information furnished by Dennis Marceaux,  
Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District)*

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# TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

## Measure No. 34-133

### BALLOT TITLE

#### TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE (TVF&R) GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AUTHORIZATION

**QUESTION:** Shall TVF&R issue \$77.5 million in general obligation bonds for capital improvements that support fire and emergency medical response? 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:** Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue provides fire and emergency medical response to approximately 420,000 people.

The bonds would fund:

- Constructing, furnishing, and equipping two additional fire stations to help meet response time goals;
- Purchasing new and replacement fire engines and other emergency response vehicles to help ensure safe and timely emergency response;
- Buying land and making site improvements for future stations and other TVF&R facilities;
- Replacing five older stations which have operational and safety issues;
- Making safety upgrades to eight stations and other TVF&R facilities to maintain response following an earthquake or other major event; and
- Constructing, furnishing, and equipping a command and business operations center to consolidate facilities and improve access to District.

Bonds would be issued over time, as funds are needed, resulting in lower costs the first two years when fewer projects would be underway.

The annual cost for a home with an assessed value of \$200,000 is estimated at \$14 in 2007 and 2008 (.07/\$1,000), and is estimated to average \$29 for years 2009-2026 (.11/\$1,000).

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) provides emergency medical, fire suppression and prevention, and specialized rescue and HazMat services to approximately 420,000 citizens in a 210-square mile area. TVF&R serves the cities of Beaverton, Durham, King City, Rivergrove, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin, West Linn, and Wilsonville as well as unincorporated portions of Washington, Clackamas, and Multnomah Counties.

TVF&R has approximately 400 employees and 100 volunteers who respond to more than 31,000 emergency incidents annually.

#### What does this measure call for?

Voters are being asked whether TVF&R should issue \$77.5 million in general obligation bonds to:

- Construct two additional fire stations;
- Purchase replacement fire engines and other emergency response apparatus;
- Purchase land for future stations;
- Rebuild five fire stations;
- Make operational and safety improvements to eight stations; and
- Relocate the command and business operations center.

If approved, bonds would be repaid over a maximum of 20 years from their issue date.

#### Why has TVF&R proposed these projects for funding?

- Emergency calls responded to by TVF&R increased by over 60 percent between 1995 and 2004, according to 9-1-1 data. Construction of two additional fire stations would help TVF&R meet response time goals.
- To help ensure reliable operation, TVF&R typically replaces its fire engines and other response units after 15 years or 150,000 miles of service. The bonds would pay for approximately 15 fire engines and eight additional response units over several years.
- Competition for developable land has prompted the TVF&R Board of Directors to prioritize property acquisition for future fire stations. The bonds would contribute funds for at least two future station sites.
- Five current stations are undersized and/or have safety issues that impact daily operations. Rebuilding these stations and making safety improvements to eight others would help ensure that TVF&R is able to quickly respond to emergencies, particularly after an earthquake or other major event.
- The bonds would fund relocation and consolidation of support facilities into a new command and business operations center, which would provide easier access to TVF&R's 210-square mile service area. The current command center is on the far western edge of the service area where it is part of a neighborhood and industrial area slated to eventually be annexed into the city of Hillsboro, a community not served by TVF&R.

#### What would the cost be to the typical homeowner?

If authorized by voters, TVF&R would issue the bonds over time to fund the identified projects. In 2007 and 2008, when fewer projects would be under construction, only a portion of the bonds would be issued and the cost would be lower.

For a typical homeowner with a \$200,000 assessed value (AV)\* the annual cost of the bond is estimated at \$14 in 2007 and 2008, or \$.07/\$1000 AV. Over the 20-year repayment period, that same homeowner would see an estimated average annual payment of \$29, or \$.11/\$1,000 AV.

\* Market value is currently 40-45% higher than assessed value per county assessors.

Submitted by:

Jeffrey D. Johnson  
Fire Chief and Administrator  
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue

**No arguments AGAINST this measure were filed.**

# TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

## Measure No. 34-133

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### TVF&R BOARD SUPPORTS MEASURE 34-133

As the voter-elected Board of Directors for Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R), we are responsible for referring Measure 34-133 to the ballot.

TVF&R is your fire department and first-responder for medical emergencies. We provide services to over 420,000 citizens. Last year, 295 career firefighters and 100 volunteers responded to more than 31,000 calls – that's up 60% in the last ten years.

The citizens we serve want us to provide emergency services as economically as possible. That's true, until an emergency touches close to home; then they want TVF&R firefighters and paramedics to respond as quickly as possible and with all the necessary equipment and resources to save a life or extinguish a fire.

Balancing these competing expectations is a challenge, but we think that's what we have done with Measure 34-133. A relatively small investment on your part helps ensure that TVF&R continues to provide the kind of quality service you expect.

#### YES on Measure 34-133 results in:

- Building two additional fire stations so we can respond to your emergencies quickly;
- Rebuilding five fire stations to address serious operational and safety problems;
- Buying new and replacement fire engines so our fleet remains reliable;
- Buying land for future stations before prices go higher or the land is lost to development;
- Upgrading stations to ensure that they function when you will need firefighters and paramedics most – after a major earthquake or other disaster; and
- Relocating our command center to allow better access to our service area.

Of course, there is a cost to this list – an average of \$29 annually for twenty years for a home with a current taxable value of \$200,000. We think that's a great value, and hope you do, too.

Thank you for your continued support.

Clark Balfour, President  
Robert Wyffels, Vice President  
Carol Gearin, Secretary  
Brian Clopton, Board Member  
Larry Goff, Board Member

*(This information furnished by Clark Balfour,  
TVF&R Board of Directors)*

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### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### Help Us Help You

Last year, the firefighters and paramedics of Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue responded to over 31,000 emergency 9-1-1 calls. The men and women who responded are highly trained and well equipped, which leads me to a statement that you don't hear often enough as a taxpayer:

#### Thank you.

As firefighters, we know that the expectations of our communities are high, and we work to exceed them 365 days a year. Your financial support helps ensure that we have the tools and the training to get the job done. In return, should you ever need us because of a medical emergency or fire, your firefighters will respond with great expertise, professionalism, and a genuine concern for your welfare.

**Measure 34-133 continues this safety partnership.** If approved, it will:

- Build two new stations that are key to maintaining quick response to emergencies.
- Replace existing fire engines and trucks **after** they have provided quality service and **before** they run the risk of serious breakdown.
- Rebuild and upgrade stations in all areas of the fire district to ensure that firefighters can respond safely to your emergencies when you will need us most – after a large earthquake or other major incident.

While these projects could overwhelm a smaller community, they are achievable when the benefits and cost are shared by a growing region of more than 420,000 people. The typical cost to a homeowner would be \$29 per year over the 20-year term of the bond. **I hope you'll consider that a wise long-term investment.**

For each of us, there is no better job and no better place to be a firefighter than serving you as part of Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue. Thank you for your support, and remember, when seconds count, you can count on your firefighters!

Rocky Hanes  
President, Local 1660  
Tualatin Valley Firefighters Union

*(This information furnished by Rocky Hanes,  
Tualatin Valley Firefighters Union)*

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# TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT

## Measure No. 34-133

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

#### VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS SUPPORT MEASURE 34-133

As officers representing nearly 100 volunteer firefighters with Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, we're asking for your support for Measure 34-133.

Volunteer firefighters?

That's right: TVF&R utilizes the largest group of volunteers of any fire department in Oregon.

The presence of so many volunteers says a lot about the history of TVF&R. It evolved over the past three decades as smaller city and rural fire departments – which depended heavily on volunteers – decided that joining forces would improve their service and lower their cost. Today, TVF&R serves over 420,000 residents, responds to more than 31,000 calls annually, and has the lowest tax rate of similar fire districts in the region.

Fortunately, the decision was made to retain volunteers as an important part of TVF&R. Our thousands of hours of service is a significant benefit to taxpayers. Also, because we live where we serve, we help TVF&R stay connected to the communities it serves.

One of the challenges TVF&R inherited through the merger of the smaller fire departments was an assortment of fire stations. Some were reasonably modern and others were built decades earlier and had very real structural and safety problems. Significant progress has been made, but bringing the remaining stations up to a common performance and safety standard is in the best interest of everyone served by TVF&R.

Measure 34-133 is a big step in that direction. In addition to building two new fire stations, it will rebuild five others, and correct serious operational and safety problems in eight more.

If we address these issues now, before they worsen, the typical household cost will be an affordable \$29/year.

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 34-133 so that the men and women of TVF&R can respond quickly when your family needs us most.

#### Tualatin Volunteer Firefighters Association

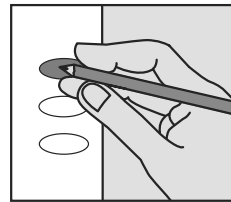
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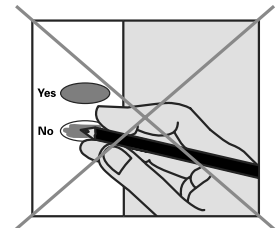
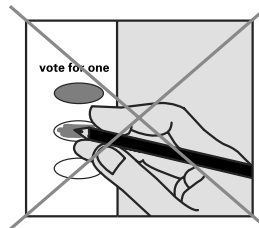
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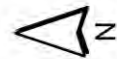
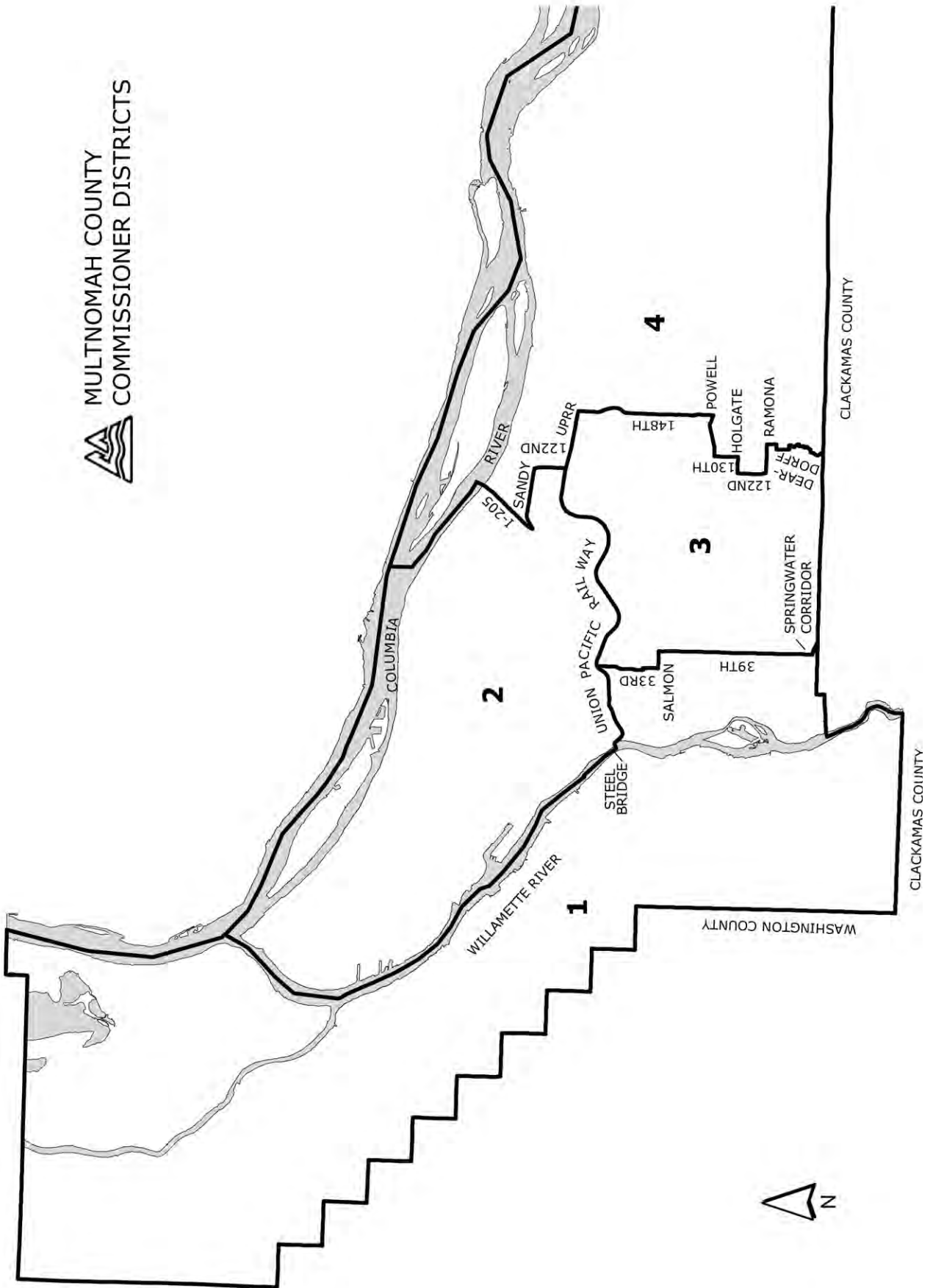
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Please note our new 24 Hour Ballot Drop Box Locations at Pioneer Courthouse Square and Multnomah County Elections.

# MULTNOMAH COUNTY LIBRARY BALLOT DROP SITES

Voted ballots may be delivered to any Multnomah County library through 8:00 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, November 7, 2006. Ballots may be deposited in the drive-up book drop at Central Library.

Central Library - 801 SW 10th Ave.

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

Branch Libraries:

Gresham - 385 NW Miller Ave., Gresham  
Hollywood - 4040 NE Tillamook St.  
Midland - 805 SE 122nd Ave.  
Hillsdale - 1525 SW Sunset Blvd.

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

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Albina - 3605 NE 15<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Belmont - 1038 SE 39<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Capitol Hill - 10723 SW Capitol Highway  
Fairview-Columbia - 1520 NE Village St., Fairview  
Gregory Heights - 7921 NE Sandy Blvd.  
Holgate - 7905 SE Holgate Blvd.  
North Portland - 512 N Killingsworth St.  
Northwest - 2300 NW Thurman St.  
Rockwood - 17917 SE Stark St.  
St. Johns - 7510 N Charleston Ave.  
Sellwood-Moreland - 7860 SE 13<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Woodstock - 6008 SE 49<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Sundays:	Noon	-	5:00 PM
Monday:	10:00 AM	-	6:00 PM
Tuesdays & Wednesday:	Noon	-	8:00 PM
Thursdays - Saturdays:	10:00 AM	-	6:00 PM

## MAKING IT EASY TO VOTE IN MULTNOMAH COUNTY

- Independent Living Resources provides audio tapes of this Voters' Pamphlet to those who are sight-impaired or blind. Call 503-232-7411 (Voice) or 503-232-8408 (TTY).
- The League of Women Voters of Portland has produced a local Voters' Guide for the November 7, 2006 General Election. Copies are available in the Elections Office.
- In addition, the League of Women Voters of Oregon has produced a state-wide Voters' Guide. It is available in the Elections Office in English, Spanish, or large print.
- The *EASY-TO-READ VOTING GUIDE* is also available in the Elections Office. It provides easy to understand, non-partisan information about the candidates for federal and state-wide offices. Printed copies (English or Spanish) and audio CD's are available. Text and audio versions are on the web at [www.lwvor.org](http://www.lwvor.org).
- All public entrances to the Elections Office have power assist.
- An accessible opening in the north window by the front door allows 24 hour ballot deposit by pedestrians.
- Voter Assistance Team (two staff persons not members of same political party)
  - In Elections Office, curbside, private home, care facility, hospital, or at voter's chosen location
  - Please call ahead to make arrangements: 503-988-3720 or 1-800-735-2900 (TTY) or 711 for TTY Relay Services
- Language Assistance is available. Please call ahead to make arrangements for the language you need: 503-988-3720 or 1-800-735-2900 (TTY) or 711 for TTY Relay Services. Speech to Speech Relay Service 1-877-735-7525 is also available for those with speech disabilities who have difficulty being understood.
- Elections Office staff are trained to help people with disabilities access voting services.
- Two handicapped parking spaces are available next to the Elections Office at 1040 SE Morrison. Additional parking **for voters with handicapped parking permits** between SE Belmont, SE Morrison, and bordered by SE 12th is provided courtesy of AJP Northwest. (Use the SE Belmont Street entrance to this parking lot.)
- The Helen Walton Conference Room at the Elections Office is available for voters who wish to vote privately and independently in a quiet setting. An elevator makes this room accessible.
- A portable Video Magnifier for voters with visual disabilities (up to 26x) is available at the Elections Office.
- Tactile envelopes help voters with visual difficulties "tell" when their official ballot arrives in the mail. Additional tactile envelopes "tell" these voters where to sign on the return envelope.
- 24 Hour Ballot Drop Boxes, accessible in almost all locations from the driver's seat of your vehicle. (The Pioneer Courthouse Square location is pedestrian only.)
- If the voter is unable to sign the Return Identification Envelope, a signature stamp may be used. This is only considered a valid signature if the voter has submitted a Signature Stamp Attestation to the Elections Office. Signature Stamp Attestation forms are available at the Elections Office.
- Telephone assistance for the hearing impaired to call the Elections Office is 1-800-735-2900 (TTY) or 711 for TTY Relay Services.