

MULTNOMAH COUNTY



VOTERS' PAMPHLET GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 6, 2012

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY

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Dear Multnomah County Voter:

This part of your Voters' Pamphlet is provided by your Multnomah County Elections Division. It includes information about candidates and measures from local jurisdictions within the boundaries of Multnomah County. We have inserted the County's Voter Pamphlet inside the State's to save on mailing and production costs. The State Pamphlet includes federal and state candidates and measures. **Ballots will be mailed on Friday, October 19, 2012.**

Here are a few things you should know:

- Voted ballots **MUST** be received at any County Elections Office or drop site location by **8:00 PM, Tuesday, November 6, 2012** to be counted.
- You can return your ballot **by mail** for one **First Class** or **Forever** stamp.
- 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 address.
- Not all candidates submitted information for the Voters' Pamphlet so you may have candidates on your ballot that are not in the Voters' Pamphlet.
- This Voters' Pamphlet is on our website: www.mcelections.org. Starting at 8:00 PM on election night, preliminary election results will be posted on our website and updated throughout the evening.
- If a ballot was delivered to your residence for someone who should no longer be receiving a ballot at your address, please write "RETURN" on the envelope and place it back in your mailbox. If a ballot was sent to someone who is deceased, please write "DECEASED" on the envelope and place it back in your mailbox.

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

Sincerely,

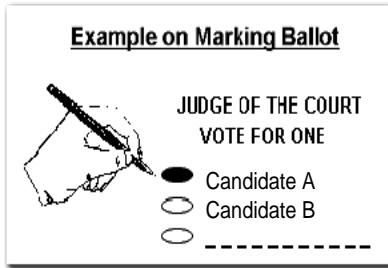
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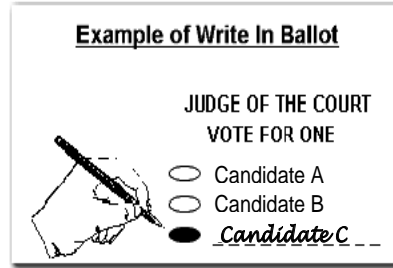
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

To ensure your vote counts, completely fill in the oval (●) to the left of the response of your choice. You may use pen or pencil.

To Write In A Name that is *NOT* printed on the ballot - Fill in the oval (●) to the left of the dotted line (_____) and write in the name on the dotted line.



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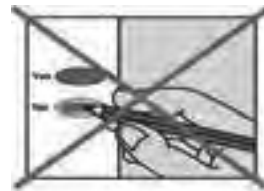


The ballot may have contests printed on front and back. Remember to vote both sides.

If you vote for more than one candidate for an office, your vote for that office will not count (unless otherwise make your intent clear on the ballot).



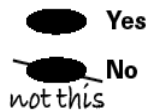
OVERVOTE!



If you make a mistake or change your mind while marking your ballot, you may request a replacement ballot from the Elections Office or you may make your changes on the ballot 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. Two examples of how to make your intent clear are below.



or



Make your intent clear!

The secrecy envelope is not required. If you forget to enclose the secrecy envelope your ballot will still count. You can open the return envelope and use the secrecy envelope or just deliver it without the secrecy envelope. Election workers will still preserve your privacy even if you do not use the secrecy envelope.

You are not required to vote for all offices or measures on the ballot.

Each time you move you must update your voter registration. Ballots are not forwarded. You can now update your registration online (with Oregon DMV ID), www.OregonVotes.org

If you have a disability or are otherwise unable to mark your ballot you may contact the Elections Division for assistance. Phone 503-988-3720 / Oregon Relay Service 1-800-735-2900.

Don't forget to sign your return envelope. Your ballot will not count if you do not sign the return envelope.

If you sign the wrong return envelope just cross it off and sign the correct one.



Candidates

- **City of Fairview**
- **City of Gresham**
- **City of Lake Oswego**
- **City of Maywood Park**
- **City of Portland**
- **City of Troutdale**
- **City of Wood Village**
- **East Multnomah SWCD**
- **West Multnomah SWCD**
- **Rockwood Water PUD**

CITY OF FAIRVIEW

City Council Position 1

City Council Position 2

NO
PHOTO
SUBMITTED

DAN KREAMIER

OCCUPATION: First Community Credit Union - Branch Manager; Dan's Fishin Mission Adventures LLC - Owner

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Community Loans of America - Regional Collection Manager; Credit Association of the Pacific NW - Board Member; Cascade Academy Foundation - Board

Member

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Mt. Hood Community College; Warner Pacific College

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Appointed to Fairview City Council - October 2009; Fairview Budget Committee; Liason to Economic Develop Advisory Committee - City Council; USS Ranger Committee Member - City Council; Regional Emergency Management Policy Committee Member; Columbia Cascade River District Steering Committee Member



BARBARA E JONES

OCCUPATION: JH Kelly, LLC / Workers Compensation Manager

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Cambridge Integrated Services Group, Inc; Board Member/Vice President Oregon Self Insureds Association; Neighborhood Mediator/ Prior Board Member, East Metro Mediation; Board Member / Professionals in

Workers Compensation; Toastmaster's International Division 7 / Area Governor; Gresham Toastmasters Club President / Vice President

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Blanchet High School, Seattle WA; Certified Professional Disability Manager, National; Certified Case Management Professional, National; Licensed Insurance Adjuster, State of Oregon; Gresham Toastmasters

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Fairview City Council 1999-2002 2004-Present; Fairview Council President 2008-2012; Citizens Noise Advisory Committee, Port of Portland; Fairview Budget Committee 1999-2002 2004-Present; Chair Fairview on the Green/Chili Cookoff 2005-Present; Fairview Park's and Recreation Advisory Council 2011-12

I have lived in Fairview since 1995 and have watched it grow in population and diversity. Fairview needs to listen to its Citizens and Businesses, and we must act on their concerns so that all our voices can be heard.

As a City Councilor, I am passionate in my commitment to identify important issues, to offer realistic and cost effective objectives, and to utilize all the experience I have gained while sitting on the Council.

Many challenges still face Fairview because of budget reductions and rising costs. Fairview has experienced the same economic crunch as the average citizen. I have worked to make sure our City continues to be fiscally responsible while still offering many of the services we provided in the past. I want our city to be as great in 20 years as it is today.

It is my responsibility as City Counselor to make sure the City is fiscally and economically sound, because the decisions we make today will impact the City and its Citizens through the next generation.

Giving my time and energy to the City of Fairview and its Citizens is an honor and a privilege.

Endorsements

Mayor Mike Weatherby
Lisa Barton Mullins, Fairview City Council
Steve Owen, Fairview City Council
Brian Cooper, Fairview City Council
Steve Kaufman, Planning Commission PRAC

(This information furnished by Danny C Kreamier Jr)

(This information furnished by Barbara E Jones)

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CITY OF FAIRVIEW

City Council Position 2



KEN QUINBY

OCCUPATION: Property management/maintenance

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Industrial hydraulics

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Hudson Bay High 12th diploma, Portland Community College

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL

EXPERIENCE: 12 years city council, 12 years budget committee, Solid Waste Citizen Advisory Committee, Regional Emergency Management Group, Multnomah County Emergency Management policy committee, Community Emergency Response Team, Founder Fairview Veteran's Day event, Veteran's Day event emcee 3 years

As YOUR councilor for 12 years, I have consistently supported the rights of citizens, voters, property and business owners. I have honored our veterans and supported enhanced playground equipment in parks. I was proudly involved in allowing parking on 205th avenue when citizens asked for it and the city code didn't make sense. I am honored to have been instrumental in easing the restrictions on signs for businesses in these tough times.

While Fairview suffered financially during the last 4 years, we fared better than most due to fiscal responsibility during my first 8 years representing you. I'm pleased that during this economy, we still succeeded in getting the 223rd overpass widened; a disc golf course opened and will be improving Salish Ponds Park. Our future requires intelligent revenue enhancement, not reduced services or stifling new taxes. That's why I strongly support the riverfront housing and commercial opportunities for development associated with the USS Ranger.

I have been open and honest about what's right and what's wrong with Fairview. At times that has cost me support from fellow councilors, but I stand for truth and what I believe is right. I take my oath to obey and support the US and Oregon's Constitution very serious. I am not one who sits on the fence to see which way the wind blows or tries to make my own rules.

Fairview can only improve when people with common sense and citizen's rights in mind make decisions. I have consistently done that and will continue. I've asked for no endorsements other than your continued support, by giving me your vote.

(This information furnished by Ken Quinby)

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City Council Position 3



STEVE PROM

OCCUPATION: Chiropractic Physician and owner of Springwater Chiropractic Clinic. -1998- Present

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Various positions from Retail clerk to Apparel Manager, Fred Meyer Inc., 1977-1994

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Doctorate in Chiropractic degree from Western States Chiropractic College – 1998; Bachelor of Science degree in Human Biology from Western States Chiropractic College – 1997; Attended Mt. Hood Community College for prerequisites prior to Chiropractic College. Graduated Gresham High School – 1978

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Current, Vice Chair of the Fairview Public Safety Advisory Committee. Current, member of the Fairview Economic Advisory Committee.

Hi, my name is Steve Prom and I live and work in Fairview. I moved my family and business in 2005 to Fairview because I believe it is the best place to live in East County. I've submitted my candidacy for City Council because I want to help to keep it a great community. I would be honored to serve the residents of Fairview.

In these tough economic times, with decreasing city government budgets, it is important that we properly prioritize government spending. My priorities will be to maintain proper levels of police protection and basic services such as streets and water.

Fairview is lucky to have city employees that are dedicated, motivated and friendly. However, we still need to look at improving the efficiencies of Government, so we can do more with less. I believe my business background and past involvement with the city can help me make the right decisions when needed.

The citizens of Fairview are experiencing belt-tightening times, which is why I will oppose new taxes and fee increases. Our City government should live within its means and keep money in the pockets of the voters.

I will place emphasis on responsible economic development that will grow our tax base without individuals having to pay more in taxes or fees. For this reason I strongly support the arrival of the USS Ranger and the waterfront development it could bring.

Citizens of Fairview, I ask for your vote and welcome your thoughts or concerns regarding our city. Please send me an email at Prom4Fairview@gmail.com.

Endorsed by Mayor Mike Weatherby

(This information furnished by Steve Prom)

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CITY OF FAIRVIEW

City Council Position 6



BRIAN L COOPER

OCCUPATION: Cooper Tractor/ Quality Diesel Parts

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Small business owner, Mechanic, Sales for construction, logging and transportation industries.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Reynolds High School, 2 years of college.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Appointed Fairview City Council 2012, USS Ranger committee, Regional Disaster Preparedness Committee.

I was appointed to the City Council in February of 2012 to fill the seat of the late Larry Cooper until the next general election. Working with my father Larry, on a daily basis, I was keenly aware of the issues and projects he felt were very important to the future of Fairview.

My goals in the coming years are as important to me as they were to Larry.

The USS Ranger Project will be an outstanding boost to the city and the region, but like any project of this size, it requires careful deliberation and smart Public/Private partnerships. As a member of the City Committee, it is my mission to see that the city acts in the best interest of the people of Fairview.

Our Community Livability – The special characteristics that drew me to Fairview; the parks, community events, the Chili on the Green festival, the overall feel people get strolling through its neighborhoods and Halloween in Fairview Village are examples of things that I want to protect and see restored after being diminished by the poor economy. I want to bring it all back for the children of Fairview, for the community's quality of life and for the economic and social benefits.

I promise in the coming years to be an enthusiastic representative to and for the people of Fairview. I love serving our community. I have the time and the energy to devote to attending meetings and finding solutions to the issues that Fairview faces.

I hope you see me worthy of your endorsement and vote this November.

Endorsed by:
Mike Weatherby – Mayor of Fairview
Steve Owen – Fairview City Councilor
Barbara Jones – Fairview City Councilor
Lisa Mullins – Fairview City Councilor
Steven Kaufman

(This information furnished by Brian Cooper)

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City Council Position 6



TAMIE TLUSTOS-ARNOLD

OCCUPATION: Registered Nurse & Owner of Village Pilates in Fairview

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Healthcare, Health & Fitness, and Financial Industry

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Walla Walla College School of Nursing (B.S. in Nursing)

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Reynolds School District Budget Committee (Appointed) and Fairview Community Arts Council (Appointed)

Experienced. Trusted. Caring.

As a working mother, a registered nurse, a small business owner, and a community volunteer for over 20 years, my local volunteer and local business experiences have given me great insight into the challenges facing our community and provided me with understanding of our communities goals and needs.

We need someone who can make tough decisions and good policies

I am running for office because I am concerned Fairview is failing to improve because of the budget issues we face as a community. In the last three years, the City Council has spent reserve funds to balance our budget while cutting needed services. As a trusted community leader, I have the skills and insight to make the decisions necessary to move Fairview forward. I am committed to:

Economic Growth

- By supporting partnerships with organizations like Providence and the USS Ranger.
- By establishing a free enterprise zone. One that would attract new business to the community and allow for growth of existing business.

Fiscal Responsibility

- By ensuring that our city is financially fit by supporting new economic activities.
- By being diligent and detailed and reviewing every line item in our budget and asking the hard questions to minimize fee increases with declining revenues

Livability

- By keeping special interest groups out of our community. A casino would have a devastating effect on our region, our home values, crime, and the livability of our city.

I would be honored and appreciate the opportunity to serve the people of Fairview by being your voice and advocate.

Supported by:

Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals
Dan Kreamier, Fairview City Council
Ken Quinby, Fairview City Council
Fairview Business Association
And other local businesses, community leaders and neighbors!

(This information furnished by Tamie Tlustos-Arnold)

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CITY OF GRESHAM

Council Position 1



JERRY HINTON

OCCUPATION: West Coast Auto Auctions; General Manager - Brasher's Portland Auto Auction

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: West Coast Auto Auctions, 1986 - Present

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Brigham Young University - B.S.; National University - M.B.A.;

Concord Law School - E.J.D.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Securities and Exchange Commission - Intern; Oregon Dealer Advisory Council - Appointed; Gresham Citizen's Involvement Committee - Appointed; Wood Village Urban Growth Committee - Appointed; Wood Village Transportation Committee - Appointed; Gresham Finance Committee - Appointed

If elected, I will focus on the economic development of Gresham. Commerce is what drives job creation and the expansion of our tax base. Gresham is in a state of decay. New business must be brought into Gresham and existing businesses must be provided a stronger city foundation. This is the key to providing a better quality of life, enhanced city services and infrastructure for all of our residents. Because of my education and business background, I know how to successfully operate a large multi-divisional operation profitably and under budget. Gresham needs this kind of practical leadership.

(This information furnished by Jerry Hinton)

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Council Position 1



MARIO A PALMERO

OCCUPATION: Benefits Coordinator, Department of Human Services-Self Sufficiency

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Case worker for the State of Oregon; Six years as a volunteer with AARP/VITA Tax Aid for Oregon working Families

EDUCATIONAL

BACKGROUND: Portland State University, BA Political Science; Mt. Hood Community College, AS Political Science

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None.

I am running for city council position seat one because I have dedicated my professional and private life to making a positive impact in my community. I am running because I believe I have the skills and knowledge to make Gresham a better place.

Through my many years volunteering for AARP, Habitat for Humanity, and the SMART program, I have come to learn that I have more than just my time to contribute to my community; I also have my ideas and unwavering determination to help build a better community founded on the principle of citizen awareness and involvement.

I am running because I want to serve my community and help Gresham in its progress of becoming one of the more prosperous and successful cities in Oregon. I am running for city council because I want to add to the growing citizen involvement in our community and to continue the tradition of informing the citizens of Gresham of all the benefits and opportunities it maintains.

I want to make it known that I will help build bridges of communication between local government and all the many diverse cultures in Gresham.

If I am given the honor of representing the City of Gresham I will hold firm to my commitment to help create a better future for our children, seniors, and working families of this community. You have my commitment that no matter how difficult our problems may be, I will work hard to find a solution and promise to never give up on any issue.

(This information furnished by Mario Palmero)

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CITY OF GRESHAM

Council Position 3



JOHN W DILLOW

OCCUPATION: Oregon Hearing and Speech Center, (503) 492- 8000, Gresham, Oregon

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: None

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Texas State University BA; U of H Audiology Graduate Studies; Western Oregon State

University

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: 1Lt USAFR

My number one priority for running for City Council is to improve the quality of life in our community by keeping Gresham safe, clean and green.

- Preserve the beauty and the charm of Historic downtown Gresham and protect locally owned businesses from large chain corporations moving into Gresham.
- Promote the American dream of home ownership; rather than, more high density apartment complexes. Gresham's streets and schools are already too crowded, congested and our infrastructure's over burdened.
- Protect Gresham from crime, gangs and keep it safe. Before any other expenditure is made, the fire and police departments should be fully funded.
- Protect and preserve Gresham's remaining green spaces, our parks, nature and bicycle trails.

We live in one of the most beautiful places in America and I want to keep it that way. The last thing I'd want to see is Gresham ending up looking like another of Portland's industrial parks.

My wish list for Gresham: A dog friendly community park.

If you agree, please for vote me.

Thank you,

John W. Dillow, BA

(This information furnished by John W. Dillow)

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Council Position 3



KARYLINN ECHOLS

OCCUPATION: Gresham City Council President (unpaid). Executive Director, Healthcare Hospitality Network

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Small business owner; education; Marion County District Attorney's Office.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: MA, Organizational Management. BA, Political Science, Oregon State

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Gresham City Council President - present. City Councilor 2011-present, 2005-2007. Budget Committee. Citizen Involvement Committee. Oregon Criminal Justice Council, Gubernatorial Appointment. Washington DC Public Health Task Force.

Karylinn is committed to the issues you care most about:
Public Safety
Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!
Sound Fiscal Management
Community Livability

As your City Councilor, Karylinn **will continue to work:**

To ensure **public safety:**

- Protect funding for emergency services and keeping all fire stations open
- Support initiatives that make our streets safer
- Open police precinct in Rockwood

For **jobs and economic growth:**

- Support small business development throughout Gresham
- Encourage business development that creates family wage jobs

"Karylinn is a strong advocate for local businesses. Her support has been, and will continue to be, vital in strengthening existing and new businesses."

Cody Clark, Owner, Café Delirium

To protect valued city services through **sound fiscal management:**

- Budgeting for results
- Community-driven decisions

"Serving as Council President, Karylinn has demonstrated strong leadership. She has a common sense approach to government and her door is always open."

Shane Bemis, Mayor

For **community livability:**

- Work with residents to create more opportunities for citizen engagement
 - Support improvements to the city development code
- "Karylinn's broad involvement in the schools and service organizations is a true testament to her commitment to family livability issues in Gresham."

Sue Piazza

We endorse Karylinn Echols because she consistently demonstrates **her commitment to our community**. Karylinn is a leader with the **experience** necessary to continue as **an effective and responsive Gresham City Councilor:**

Shane Bemis, Mayor of Gresham
 Gresham City Councilors David Widmark, Josh Fuhrer, Lori Stegmann
 Greg Matthews, State Representative
 Former Gresham City Councilors Carol Nielsen-Hood, Mike Bennett, Jacquenette J. McIntire
 Tom Hughes, Metro Council President
 Gresham Firefighters IAFF Local 1062

www.Karylinn4Gresham.com

(This information furnished by Karylinn Echols for Gresham Committee)

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CITY OF GRESHAM

Council Position 3



RICHARD A STRATHERN

OCCUPATION: Retired.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Director of Human Resources, Precision Castparts, Portland, Oregon; Plant Manager, TRW and Precision Castparts, Crooksville, Ohio;

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: M.Ed. Administration, Xavier

University; B.A., Political Science, University of Dayton.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Gresham City Councilor, Council President; Worksystems, Portland Regional Workforce Development Corporation; original advocate, chief petitioner, Measure 26-141 (Elect Mayor at-Large, Councilors by District).

After four years on Council, I understood that citizen input is too often disrespected or ignored, resulting in loss of citizen voice and government accountability. Gresham must attract jobs and reverse its current trend of deterioration if it is to continue as a desirable place to live. Without Councilors being answerable to citizens, that can't happen. As Councilor, my primary goals will be to:

- **Advocate** for all citizens;
- **Drive job creation** through supporting "clusters development",
 - small/medium sized inter-related businesses locate close to larger ones, providing needed products, parts, services and knowledge,
 - produce economic efficiencies, significantly benefiting business and community;
- **Strengthen** economic development by creating jobs in high-need communities, with citizens participating equally with business and government leaders;
- **Endorse** an economic plan, sustainable for the long term;
- **Restore** citizen majority vote to amend City Charter (not today's 60%);
- **Return** transparency by strengthening Council work rules, eliminating campaign contribution abuses and complying with open meetings law;
- **Utilize savings** through operational improvements in government to fund necessary public services;
- **Require equal response** in all neighborhoods to citizen complaints about ordinance violations that damage communities.

See www.citizens-voice.org

The citizen initiative for District elections of Councilors is on the ballot for the same reasons I am running -- to restore citizen voice and government accountability (see "Arguments in Favor of" Measure 26-141).

**RETURN YOUR VOICE TO CITY HALL
- VOTE STRATHERN AND "YES" ON
MEASURE 26-141**

John Ardner, Chair, Restoring District Representation
Cindy Banzer, former Metro Chair and Oregon Legislator
Charles Becker, former Mayor
Thomas Giusto, Oregon First
John Kilian, Councilor
Joe McFerrin, President/CEO, Portland Organization
Industrialization Center
Paul Warr-King, Councilor

(This information furnished by Richard Strathern)

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Council Position 5



MIKE MCCORMICK

OCCUPATION: 2008-Present Gresham Fire Corps Volunteer

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: US Army Welder, Fire District 10 & Portland Fireman, Emergency Medical Technician, David Douglas School Bus Driver, etc.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Centennial High Graduate (1964), Aberdeen Proving Grounds Graduate (1966), Fire Academy Graduate (1972), Emergency Medical Technician Graduate (197?), etc.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: 1965-1967 US Army, 1971-2003 Fire District 10/Portland Fire Bureau, 2009 David Douglas School District, 2009 – 2010 President of the Gresham Butte Neighborhood Association, 2010-2011 Gresham Public Safety Committee Member

Other Information: Gresham resident since 1957. Married to Kathy McCormick for 33 yrs. Two sons, Christian and Scott.

My life and experience in Gresham speaks to my passion for you, a citizen of the City of Gresham. The city is not something that you are meant to feed, but rather the city serves you and its other citizens and guests. I would be honored to continue to serve you as **YOUR** City Councilor.

I will work for you to provide an environment favorable for **Economic Growth**. I will do this by:

- Increasing *your* livability in Gresham by supporting our men & women in **Public Safety**.
- Providing our citizens incentives to start and grow their **Small Businesses**.
- Working to attract large businesses that will provide living wages (**JOBS**) for our families.
- Working to develop **Strong Partnerships** with **Businesses** in order to increase their involvement with **Community Events** and **Non-Profit Organizations**.
- Work diligently to attract Visitors and other Commerce to our great city!
- Improving **Transportation** in and around Gresham.
- And most of all, be available to **You** and **Your Family** as your voice to City Hall.

(This information furnished by Mike McCormick)

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

CITY OF GRESHAM

Council Position 5



PAUL WARR-KING

OCCUPATION: Gresham City Councilor

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Retired Commercial/International Banker

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Honors graduate of Pacific Coast Banking School at University of Washington; International

studies at UCLA

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Gresham City Councilor; City Budget and Finance Committee; East County InterCouncil; Rockwood Urban Development Commission; Sister City Association; US National Executive Reserve Corps.

EXPERIENCED TRUSTED RESPECTED LEADER

Actively Engaged in Gresham Community:

Snow-Cap; Gresham Chamber of Commerce; Kiwanis Club; Rotary Club; Council Youth Advisory Committee and Gresham Economic Development Task Force.

Champion for Gresham Citizens and Quality of Life by:

- Beginning rental housing inspection programs
- Controls on payday lenders, grocery cart retrieval, graffiti removal, towing ordinances and code enforcement
- Supporting sustainability and "green" concepts
- Working to improve transportation and roads to handle growing population
- Closely monitoring land use codes and design review standards
- Supporting Veteran programs for employment and defraying any City pay deficiency while deployed

Believes in Fairness and Transparency in Government by:

- Accessible and responsive to citizen needs
- Supporting Council redistricting to achieve representative government
- Forming Youth Advisory Committee to represent the perspective of youth in Council decisions.
- Formation of an inter-council committee comprised of council members from four cities to foster mutual cooperation.
- Restructuring Citizen advisory committees to encourage more participation.
- Recruiting and retaining Gresham based businesses

Fiscal Responsibility:

- Supports adequate funding for police, fire and emergency management programs
- Openly analyzes and challenges financial decisions for both City and Urban Renewal oversight accountability

A Few Endorsements:

Shirley Craddick; Keith Evans; Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson; Diane McKeel, Multnomah County Commissioner

RE-ELECT PAUL WARR-KING

"It is an honor to serve Gresham. I ask for your vote again so I can continue to provide responsive service, fiscal responsibility, and integrity at City Hall".

www.paulwarrking.com

(This information furnished by Paul Warr-King)

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CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

Mayor



GREG MACPHERSON

OCCUPATION: Employee benefits lawyer, Stoel Rives LLP

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: 34 years creating retirement and health plans

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Georgetown Law School JD; Harvard University AB; Albany High

School

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: State Representative for Lake Oswego; Oregon Law Commission; Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission

Restore Civility to our Civic Life

Greg Macpherson will bridge the divisions in our City Council. As our representative in Salem, he showed he could find common ground with others, earning this description:

“Fearless problem-tackler. Sees the big picture. Savvy, hard-working, deeply respected across political lines.”
— *The Oregonian*, 9/18/05

Protect our Parks and Open Spaces

Greg Macpherson will maintain our parks and extend bicycle/pedestrian paths. He will combat invasive species threatening Lake Oswego’s open spaces.

“Greg supports community gardens and leads hikes through Lake Oswego parks to build awareness of the community’s natural treasures. His leadership of the City will assure that new generations can enjoy the landscape we have today.”
— *Debbie Craig, Lake Oswego parks advocate*

Keep our Neighborhoods Safe

Greg Macpherson will make sure Lake Oswego continues to have one of the lowest crime rates around and prompt emergency response. In addition to supporting police and fire fighters, he’ll use innovation to improve safety at lower cost.

“Greg was a key player in Oregon’s successful shutdown of home meth labs by restricting access to the raw material from which meth is cooked.”
— *Rob Bovett, Lincoln County District Attorney*

Serve the Entire City

Greg Macpherson will be responsive to residents all over Lake Oswego, including Mountain Park. His openness about seeking input will connect City Hall with all the neighborhoods it serves.

“Greg came to my doorstep recently to ask what concerns I have about the City. He’s a great listener!”
— *Pamela Morgan, resident of Masaryk Street, near Nansen Summit*

A New Leader for Lake Oswego

www.votemac.com

(This information furnished by Friends of Greg Macpherson)

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Mayor



KENT STUDEBAKER

OCCUPATION: Retired

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: US Marine Corps. 1970-1973 Multnomah Co. DA’s Office 1973-1976. Louisiana Pacific Corporate Law 1976-1985. Small Business Owner G/S Associates 1985-2006

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Graduated Lake Oswego High School 1963. B.A. Economics, University of Oregon 1967. Juris Doctor of Law University of Oregon 1970

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: US Marine Corps. Multnomah County DA’s Office

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Chair Lake Oswego Citizens Budget Committee, Member NW Industrial Neighborhood Association, Former member Junior Chamber of Commerce.

PERSONAL: Married to Kim for forty three years, two daughters

Kent Studebaker – Preserving and Serving Lake Oswego

Kent Studebaker – Spending Restraints

“Together we can build a dynamic, affordable, well educated community without leaving a burden of debt with our children.”

- Must have a long term plan with agreed upon priorities
- Spend first on roads, pathways, police, fire, parks and other infrastructure
- Stop the tremendous increase in Lake Oswego debt

Kent Studebaker – The Rights of Citizens

“I will lead, not dictate. City government must work in tandem with the citizens it serves”

- Allow citizens full enjoyment of their property without over-reaching regulations
- Re-instate the bi-annual community survey to solicit your opinions and concerns
- Let’s not chase families out of Lake Oswego because of skyrocketing fees and costs of living here

Kent Studebaker – A Balanced Approach

“I want Lake Oswego to progress towards a dynamic future in a fiscally responsible way that preserves its character.”

- Enhance and preserve what we have
- Keep zoning consistent with our residential character, not re-zone to allow high density infill
- Make sure our environment is business friendly with a well educated work force

Kent Studebaker is Endorsed by (Partial List)

Councilor Mary Olson
Councilor Mike Kehoe
Richard Ackerman, former school board member
Alice Schlenker and Bill Klammer
Peter Sweet
Barry Cain
Tom Coffee
Michelle Dorman
Ann B. Miller
Lake Oswego Citizens Action League (LOCAL)
Lake Oswego Stewards PAC

Vote Kent Studebaker
www.studebakerformayor.com

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CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

City Council



KAREN BOWERMAN

OCCUPATION: Business and management education; community volunteer

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Dean, College of Business and Public Administration; Dean Emeritus, California State University, San Bernardino; author on leadership; manager of finance company

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Ph.D. Texas A&M University; M.A. Kansas University; B.A. Wichita State University

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Lake Oswego 50+ Advisory Board; U.S. Secretary of Commerce appointee, District Export Council; Executive Director, Office of Texas Governor, Commission on Status of Women

PERSONAL: Married 34 years to Earl, Professor of Plant Science. Four children, three grandchildren.

Karen Bowerman – Passion for Lake Oswego’s future

- With enthusiasm for community spirit, uphold our family-friendly culture with safe neighborhoods and open green spaces
- Foster collaborative and transparent relationships with citizens, while offering experience in strategic management, innovation and budgeting

Karen Bowerman – Priorities

Spend carefully

- Prioritize spending responsibly to ensure needed funding for essential city services including police, fire and infrastructure
- Minimize tax and fee burden; fees on utility bills are like taxes without citizen vote

Ensure citizen vote on proposed future debt

- Rapidly rising long-term debt should be kept in check by those who must pay for it - the voters
- Be accountable for spending commitments of both today’s and tomorrow’s taxes and fees

Treat all citizens with respect

- Ensure that our residents, including business owners, have meaningful voice with a Council that is “by the people and for the people”
- Value both citizens’ property and environmental stewardship

Value and serve Lake Oswego

- Preserve Lake Oswego neighborhoods, without dictates from “outside” agendas that override our values
- Keep zoning consistent with our local community character, without city support for high density subsidized housing infill

ENDORSEMENTS include:

Mike Kehoe, Lake Oswego City Councilor; Mary Olson, City Councilor; LO Citizens Action League (LOCAL); LO Stewards PAC; Tom Coffee, L.O. Planning Director, Community Development and Assistant City Manager 1991-2001; Dixie B. Powers, Founder and former CEO, Baggallini Inc; Lauren Hughes; David Streiff, DMD

Karen Bowerman for Lake Oswego City Council
www.KarenBowerman.com
www.facebook.com/kdbowerman

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City Council



JON GUSTAFSON

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

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Architectural Designer, Builder, Developer, Real Estate Broker

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland State University, BS, Architecture

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Chair, Lake Oswego Planning Commission; Lake Oswego-Tigard Water Partnership Citizen Sounding Board; Lake Oswego Comprehensive Plan Citizen Advisory Committee Work Group on Housing & Economic Development

Planning for Our Future

“Jon recognizes that to continue the great progress Lake Oswego has made in the last decade requires planning and investing in our future in a fiscally responsible manner.”

Chuck O’Leary

Proven Results

“As Chair of the Planning Commission, Jon restored trust and civility within the group and improved its ability to discuss complicated and controversial issues. Jon will use those skills on the City Council to restore the public’s confidence in city government.”

Sally Moncrieff, Lake Oswego City Councilor

Supporting our Schools

“As the only candidate with a young child in Lake Oswego schools, Jon understands that we must keep Lake Oswego attractive and attainable to the young families we need to support our school district.

Sarah Howell, parent, Lake Oswego School District

Local Priorities are Jon’s priorities

The City Council must be good stewards of the public money and trust. City spending must match local priorities: unique neighborhoods, quality schools, beautiful parks and a vibrant downtown. As your City Councilor Jon will

- Restore Trust and Civility
- Prioritize Spending and Fiscal Responsibility
- Preserve Neighborhoods
- Support High Quality Schools
- Attract and Support Businesses
- Protect Natural Resources

WE STRONGLY ENDORSE JON GUSTAFSON!

Congresswoman
Darlene Hooley

State Representative
Chris Garrett

Judie Hammerstad
Donna Jordan
Mike Buck
Mary Puskas

Bob Barman
Ken Sandblast
Debbie Craig
Robert LeChevallier

Linda Brown
Mary Beth Coffey
Tracey Elliott
Mary Ann Kunkel

Doug Cushing
Don Irving

Matt Levin
Bruce Brown

William Gaar
And many more

Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Basic Rights Oregon PAC (Green Light)
Keep Lake Oswego Great PAC

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CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

City Council



TERRY JORDAN

OCCUPATION: Owner and Instructor - EastWest Reiki Association, LLC, Lake Oswego, OR; Preschool Teacher - Village Home Education Resource Center, Beaverton, OR; Volunteer - Hospice Care of the Northwest, Portland, OR; Volunteer - Lake Oswego Library, Lake Oswego, OR; Martial Arts Instructor - World

Champion Tae Kwon Do, Lake Oswego, OR

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Board of Trustees, Fundraiser, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Portland, OR; Fundraiser, Educator, Lobbyist, American Lung Association, Burlington, MA; Health Educator, Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, Rockville, MD; Board of Directors, Village Home Education Resource Center, Beaverton, OR, School Volunteer, Hallinan, Waluga and Lakeridge, Lake Oswego, OR

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Northeastern University, BS Health Education, 1983, Boston, MA

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: none

Terry Jordan, 54
Spouse, Mom, teacher, small business owner

Lake Oswego is the most beautiful and livable city my husband Bob and I have ever called "home." We moved here nine years ago to raise our son, Timothy.

I am running for city council to take an active role in our community.

I envision exceptional schools, thriving small businesses, diversity in housing, sustainable practices, and a results-driven, fiscally responsible government.

My priorities include:

- Investing in the safety and health of all our citizens with the necessary maintenance of infrastructure
- Supporting family-friendly neighborhoods through cultural and recreational resources for all ages
- Working with our surrounding communities to create a prosperous region while maintaining our unique identity.

I bring a fresh perspective to city council free from past issues and agendas, ready to listen to my fellow citizens and collaborate with city councilors on every issue that comes before us. Together we will work to keep Lake Oswego thriving and adapting to the needs of our current and future generations.

I am excited by the prospect of representing you and I ask for your vote.

www.FriendsofTerryJordan.com

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City Council



SKIP O'NEILL

OCCUPATION: Lake Oswego Business Owner and Community Volunteer

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Owner O'Neill Builder's; Co-Founder Leading Technology Inc.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Michigan State University; 16; B.A., Advertising

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: Lake Oswego Soccer and Lacrosse Club Coach, Lake Corporation Board, Lake Oswego Chamber, Lake Oswego School Foundation

PERSONAL: Wife Lynda O'Neill, and three daughters Lauren, Katie, Kelly have lived in Lake Oswego community for 30 years.

Skip O'Neill - Future of Lake Oswego www.voteskiponeill.com

O'Neill - A Lake Oswego Plan - Not Portland's Agenda

- Elect Council members driven by your needs not by metro area projects
- Plan Lake Oswego's future by listening to citizens input
- Rein in spending so high taxes and fees do not drive families away

"Skip is about retaining the character, reassessing priorities and having Lake Oswego distinguished by financial stability, great schools and affordability." John Stirek, Community Activist

O'Neill -The Expertise To Take Us Forward

- Prioritize Police, Safety, Fire Dept., Roads, Pathways, Parks and Schools
- Determine that citizens can be good environmental stewards of their land
- Seek and encourage tax-generating business to fund development

"City Council needs adjustments in their thinking. Skip O'Neill will bring a mix of balance, inclusiveness and decisiveness." Steve Dodds, Co-Chair Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

O'Neill - Vision and Focus

- A big picture game plan, assessing where projects fit
- A new city manager and reductions in size of city government
- Stop residential density in neighborhoods

"Skip's ability to bring diverse views to the table and get consensus is just what we need on City Council." Renee Kerr, Co-Founder Down Syndrome Network of Oregon

Skip O'Neill is Endorsed by:
Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County, IAFF Local 1159 LOCAL www.locitizens.com - a non partisan organization for better government
Bill Swindells, Past Lake Oswego School Board President
LO Stewards PAC www.LOStewards.org - a grassroots organization respecting citizens property and the environment

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CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

City Council



BILL TIERNEY

OCCUPATION: Manager,
Portland General Electric

**OCCUPATIONAL
BACKGROUND:** President,
North Sky Communications;
VP, TCI Cable

**EDUCATIONAL
BACKGROUND:** Masters
Public Administration,
University Of Connecticut; BA
Economics, Fairfield University

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Lake Oswego
Council 2008 - present; Council President 2011; LO
Development Review Commission 2001 - 2008

A Moderate Who Listens

Lake Oswego is a uniquely vibrant city. It must balance the needs of the residents (present and future), the businesses that fuel its tax base, its extraordinary schools, and the cultural web that contributes so richly to the experience. Bill Tierney has proven that he looks at all sides of each issue and weighs its impact on the city both today and years from now.

Independent Thinker

Bill understands the importance of acting independently. He is flexible, continually seeks new information, and adjusts accordingly. Look no further than Bill's decision to end discussion of the Streetcar. He was Council's moderate voice seeing there was not enough money and the community divided. Lake Oswego Review (1/22/12) called it a "courageous act" and The Oregonian (1/22/12) said Bill was "dead right".

Business Approach

A city must be accountable for its expenditures. Bill's grasp of the city budget is without peer. He pushes hard to invest in our City, keep our triple A bond rating and provide top quality services while knowing citizens pay the bill.

"The health of the Lake Oswego schools is vital to the health of the city. Bill Tierney values efforts to keep Lake Oswego affordable and attractive to young families." - John Stirek, Civic and School Leader

"Bill balances economic growth, livability and city purse strings to make LO a better place." - Chuck O'Leary, Business Leader

"Bill is the only councilor who cut through the streetcar impasse by deciding to shelve the project and the citywide acrimony along with it." - Roger Martin, Former State Representative

"Top-notch schools are important to Lake Oswego, to our state and especially to our kids. The school district couldn't ask for a better advocate than Bill." - Mary Puskas, Civic and School Leader

(This information furnished by Bill Tierney)

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for accuracy by Multnomah County.

City Council



DAN WILLIAMS

OCCUPATION: Wood
Products Executive - Do It
Best Corp; Small Business
Owner; Founder and President
NeighborLink Inc. [www.
neighborlink.com](http://www.neighborlink.com)

**OCCUPATIONAL
BACKGROUND:** Lumber
Trader - Buckeye Pacific

**EDUCATIONAL
BACKGROUND:** University of
Oregon, Bachelor of Science - Business Admin/Finance

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Lake Oswego
Citizen Budget Committee 2009-2011; Vice Chairman 2011

STRONGER TOGETHER

www.williamsforcouncil.com

Citizens are concerned regarding important issues including housing density, debt and future direction of our city. We are at our community best when we listen to and respect each other. I will work to enable us to become stronger together.

Strong Neighborhoods

I will preserve our quality of life

Maintain the unique character of our neighborhoods
Preserve livability by avoiding high-density infill
Maintain parks and natural areas
Listen to and address neighborhood concerns

Strong Community

I will promote solutions that benefit all citizens

Identify cost saving opportunities in the LO/Tigard water project to limit ratepayer impact
Partner with and support a stable school district
Prioritize spending to maintain existing infrastructure: streets, pathways, water and sewer
Support and promote local businesses by addressing concerns and streamlining processes
Protect citizen property rights

Strong Finances

I am committed to protecting a strong fiscal foundation

Maintain our AAA bond rating
Department and program accountability for taxpayer benefit
Prioritize needs within existing resources
Focus on completing needed existing projects
Involve citizens in major decisions

About Dan

Over 30 years of private sector business experience
Citizen Budget Committee Member, 2009-2011, Vice Chair 2011
Founder and President of NeighborLink a non-profit serving transportation needs of LO Seniors
www.neighborlinklo.com

"Firefighters of Clackamas County support Dan Williams for City Council. As part of the Budget Committee, Dan came forward to save the EMS Coordinator position from budget cuts." — Mark Oelschlager, VP, Professional Fire Fighters of Clackamas County, IAFF Local 1159

Adelle Jenike, Jenike Real Estate & Jenike Development

Richard Akerman, Past Lake Oswego School Board Member and Chairman

Mike Kehoe, Lake Oswego City Councilor

Mary Olson, City Councilor

LOCAL www.LOcitizen.com

LO Stewards PAC

(This information furnished by Dan Williams)

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CITY OF MAYWOOD PARK

City Council



JIM AKERS

OCCUPATION: 1. I have worked for Serp Enterpriese Inc. for 15 years as Vocational Support Specialist. (Paid); 2. I have worked for the City of Maywood Park as City Councilman 13 years, (Public Safety, Roads, Ordnance committee 13 years) (Unpaid)

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: 1. Washington County Sheriffs Office , Court Security 2 years. (Paid)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: 1. Portland Community College 2 years. (Criminal Justice); 2. Portland State University 2 years. (Administration of Justice)

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: 1. I have worked for the City of Maywood Park as City Councilman 13 years, (Public Safety, Roads, Ordnance committee 13 years) (Unpaid)

(This information furnished by Jim Akers)

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City Council



ROBERT BURROW

OCCUPATION: INCOME TAX CONSULTANT

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; HIGHER EDUCATION; PRIVATE SECTOR POSITIONS IN MARKETING AND FINANCE

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: NEWTON, MASS.SR HIGH SCHOOL, DIPLOMA; WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, BA (ECONOMICS); UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, MS (INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT)

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: CITY OF TIGARD, OREGON, CITIZENS' BUDGET COMMITTEE (CHAIR); CITY OF PORTLAND, OREGON, TRANSPORTATION BUREAU ADVISORY COMMITTEE; CITY OF MAYWOOD PARK, OREGON, CITIZENS' BUDGET COMMITTEE (CHAIR)

IN 1994 I MOVED TO MAYWOOD PARK AND IMMEDIATELY DISCOVERED THE JOY OF LIVING IN OUR CITY. IT CERTAINLY DIDN'T TAKE ME LONG TO REALIZE THAT ITS UNIQUENESS AND INDEPENDENCE MUST BE MAINTAINED.

I HAVE PARTICIPATED AND ASSISTED IN A NUMBER OF PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES AND HAVE BEEN PLEASED AND PROUD OF THE IMPROVEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE.

IN RECENT YEARS I HAVE SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE CITY'S CITIZENS' BUDGET COMMITTEE, USUALLY AS CHAIR.

I AM NOW IN A POSITION THAT WILL ALLOW ME TO COMMIT THE TIME NECESSARY TO SERVE ON THE CITY COUNCIL AND PARTICIPATE MORE DIRECTLY IN THE CITY'S FUTURE. SEVERAL THINGS REMAIN TO BE DONE WHICH CAN CAUSE MAYWOOD PARK TO BECOME AN EVEN BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.

SHOULD YOU WISH ME TO APPLY WHAT TALENT I MAY HAVE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF MAYWOOD PARK, I WILL BE PLEASED AND HONORED TO SERVE YOU.

BOB BURROW

(This information furnished by Robert Burrow)

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CITY OF MAYWOOD PARK

City Council



MATTHEW CASTOR

OCCUPATION: Senior Designer - Nike, Beaverton, OR (Paid); Owner/Artisan - Form Studio, Maywood Park, OR (Paid)

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Industrial and Digital Design Director - SET, Portland, OR (Paid); Project Manager - Savoy Studios, Portland, OR (Paid); Foundry Manager and Lead

Artisan, The Art Foundry, Sacramento, CA (Paid); Studio Manager - Craig Kraft Studio, Washington, DC (Paid); Corporate Advertising Photographer - Shopko, Inc, Green Bay, WI (Paid)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Master of Fine Arts - Visual Design, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR (2001); Bachelor of Arts - Communications & Electronic Media, University of Wisconsin, Green Bay (1996)

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: -None-

We bought our Maywood Park home from a couple that had raised their entire family there and resided in our community for 58yrs. When they finally chose to sell their home, the owners received many offers from those apparently looking to turn it into a rental house or flip it for profit.

Ultimately, the couple told my wife and I that they turned down those offers and chose to sell to us because he and his wife wanted to sell their home to a young couple that would hopefully start a family of their own there someday. It was clear that they wanted the life, love, and spirit of their family's home to live on.

Now, with our first child on the way, I would like to offer my service to the community in hopes that my contributions to the Maywood Park city council will help to keep the spirit and quality of life in our community alive and well.

Maywood Park embodies what many growing cities have lost over the years. Strong community values, pride in our homes, and a connectedness with our neighbors. These things make for a place that is reminiscent of the neighborhoods in which so many of us were raised and are a part of why we all value that small town feel. I want to help ensure that as we move into the future, those qualities we value are not lost so our child will grow up learning what qualities truly make a great community.

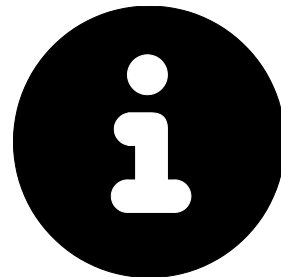
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When you vote, remember to sign your return envelope.

Every signature is compared and verified against your voter registration signature.

We cannot count your ballot if you do not sign your return envelope.



If more than one person in your household is voting, make sure to check that you are signing your own envelope.

CITY OF PORTLAND

Mayor



CHARLIE HALES

OCCUPATION: Senior Vice President, HDR Engineering

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Small Business Owner, Friends of Trees, Portland Parks Foundation, Hayhurst Neighborhood Association

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Lewis and Clark College; University of

Virginia

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Portland City Commissioner

The Progressive Mayor We Can Count On

"Charlie doesn't just have Portland's values — he makes them work. He's the one who will really move Portland forward." — **Former Mayor Vera Katz**

"The city needs a mayor who can work with others and get things done. Charlie has the character and good judgment to make the right decisions for Portland." — **Governor Ted Kulongoski**

"He'll deliver community policing, improve police accountability and get illegal guns off our streets." — **Rosie Sizer, Former Police Chief**

"Charlie's the proven choice for schools: he protected school days and teaching positions across Portland. As Mayor he'll get more resources into our classrooms." — **School Board Member Bobbie Regan**

"Charlie is the only one with a real record of protecting our water, natural areas, air and quality of life. And he'll do it again." — **Bill Bradbury, Founder, For the Sake of the Salmon**

"The difference? Charlie has a real jobs plan." — **Tom Kelly, Neil Kelly Company**

"He'll champion equity as a real and meaningful value in our city." — **Former State Senator Avel Gordly**

"He'll provide basic services to every neighborhood for less money and more accountability. As Commissioner, he paved 5 times the streets at half today's cost. He'll control water and sewer rates." — **Sarah Iannarone, Owner, Arleta Library Bakery Cafe**

How You Lead Matters

Charlie matches progressive values with his respect for others. He's demonstrated real leadership and effective management. With Charlie, we'll be proud of our city and our Mayor.

We're with Charlie! (Partial list)

Basic Rights Oregon PAC (Green Light)
SEIU 503 & 49
United Food and Commercial Workers 555
Amalgamated Transit Union
Pacific NW Regional Council of Carpenters
Joint Council of Teamsters No. 37
Oregon Art PAC

Primary Endorsements:

The Oregonian, Willamette Week, Portland Mercury, The Skanner, NW Examiner
www.CharlieHales.com

(This information furnished by Charlie Hales for Mayor)

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Mayor



JEFFERSON SMITH

OCCUPATION: State Representative, East Portland

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Founding Executive Director, Oregon Bus Project; Community Organizer; Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Grant HS, University of Oregon, Harvard

Law School

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Oregon House of Representatives; House Democratic Leadership; Oregon Transparency Commission

"**The 2011 Small Business Champion**"
Oregon Microenterprise Network

Dear Neighbor,

I'm running for mayor to get Portland **working better for everyone.**

My priorities were shaped growing up in Portland, building a successful organization, and serving Portlanders in tough times:

Homegrown Jobs: As Mayor, I'll help local businesses **grow and thrive**, boost workforce training, and spur **smart infrastructure**, sustainable building retrofits and balanced transportation.

Safe & Healthy Families: I've worked to preserve vital services as budgets tightened, and led on MAX safety and curbing human trafficking. I'll foster **community-focused public safety** and protect air and water for our children's health.

All of Portland: As our first mayor living east of 82nd Ave, I'll address needs for all neighborhoods, even those traditionally overlooked.

Prioritizing Portland's Values: I've championed government transparency and reforming tax breaks. I'll keep standing up to powerful interests against wasteful giveaways to developers and unaffordable proposals like the \$4Billion CRC mega-bridge.

I deeply value your vote,
Jefferson Smith

Endorsed by:

Sierra Club, Oregon League of Conservation Voters, BikeWalkVote
"The environmental candidate for mayor." Doug Moore, OLCV

Portland Association of Teachers

"The best choice for schools." Suzanne Cohen, Teacher

Portland Firefighters and Frontline City Workers

"An experienced, responsible budget-manager. The only candidate who will prioritize vital services." Jim Forquer, Portland Firefighters Association

The Mother PAC

"The progressive vision, compassion, and commitment to equity to make the city work better for all our families." Andrea Paluso, The Mother PAC

Thousands of Supporters, including:

Oregon AFSCME, Independent Party of Oregon, Progressive Party, Portland Police Association, Basic Rights Oregon PAC (Green Light), Representatives Lew Frederick, Carolyn Tomei, Mitch Greenlick, Michael Dembrow, Portland City Commissioner Randy Leonard, Multnomah County Commissioner Diane McKeel

Learn more: www.JeffersonSmith.com

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Commissioner, Position 1



AMANDA FRITZ

OCCUPATION: City Commissioner

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Registered Nurse, 27 years. Parent volunteer, Portland's public schools, 17 years.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: BA/MA, Cambridge University

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Portland Planning Commission; Co-founder, Tryon Creek Watershed Council

"She thinks more like a citizen than a politician."
Oregonian endorsement, 4/5/12

Amanda keeps her promise to spend taxpayers' money wisely. She knows it's *your* money.

A former OHSU nurse, Amanda works hard for hard-working Portlanders.

Amanda's priorities as the Council's fiscally responsible watchdog:

- Support job growth initiatives to increase family-wage jobs
 - Reduce water rates. Amanda saved ratepayers \$6 million by successfully fighting wasteful projects
 - Cut lower-priority spending, while protecting funding for public safety and basic services
 - Improve school funding, internships and scholarships to increase graduation rates
 - Reduce police interactions with people experiencing mental illnesses
 - Equity in City jobs, contracts and services
 - Trust, transparency, accountability
- Amanda limits campaign contributions - she's Voter Owned

"Gateway Area Business Association's 2011 Citizen of the Year. Amanda is an independent, principled leader."

Fred Sanchez, Realty Brokers

"Amanda works well with the County. She's our active partner on the Sellwood Bridge, health care, and the library."

Multnomah County Chair Jeff Cogen

"Equity for all Portlanders matters. Amanda is the leader we all need."

Former Senator Avel Gordly

"Amanda represents us, not special interests. She's Portland's voice of common sense."

Tom Potter, former Mayor

"Amanda stands up for our environment and communities"

Bob Sallinger

"Amanda strengthens public safety by improving 9-1-1 services. Her nursing experience is crucial to coordinating community care."

Sheriff Daniel Staton

"I trust Amanda"

Shelda Holmes, former NARAL Foundation Board Member

Supporters:

Oregon Nurses Association
Portland Association of Teachers

Oregon Progressive Party
Portland Green Party

Basic Rights Oregon PAC (Green Light)
Sierra Club

Oregon artPAC

City Commissioners Nick Fish, Dan Saltzman
Gretchen Kafoury, Mike Lindberg
Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick
County Commissioners Loretta Smith, Diane McKeel,
Deborah Kafoury
Senator Rod Monroe

Andrew Frazier, Annette Mattson, Bob Boyer, Kayse Jama, Mike Roach, Mike Verbout, Shelli Romero, Stephen Ying, Tony Fuentes..... more:

www.Amanda2012.com

(This information furnished by Amanda for Portland 2012)

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Commissioner, Position 1



MARY NOLAN

OCCUPATION: State Representative

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: electronics; financial management

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Dartmouth College; public schools

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Democratic

Majority Leader; Chair, NASA innovation council; Consumer Advocate, Construction Contractors Board; Environmental Services Director

"It takes more than good ideas to make a difference at City Hall. Mary Nolan reaches out to people – even those who disagree – to build bridges instead of walls. Her effective leadership makes Mary Nolan our choice for city council."

– Mayor Vera Katz, Governor Barbara Roberts, Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici

Progressive Grassroots Leader Who Gets Important Results

As a longtime Portland community activist, small businesswoman and legislator, Mary Nolan:

- **Protected school funding, expanded college scholarships, saved 3,000 teacher jobs.**
Endorsed by Portland Association of Teachers, David Douglas Education Association President Bob Gray, school board members Martin Gonzalez, Matt Morton, Bobbie Regan (Portland); Robert Lee (Reynolds), James Woods (Parkrose)
- **Created good middle class jobs and fights for economic fairness.**
Endorsed by Governor Vic Atiyeh, Oregonians for Affordable Housing, Oregon Small Business for Responsible Leadership, Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council
- **Led the initiative to protect and clean-up the Willamette and launched Portland's pioneering recycling program.**
Endorsed by Sierra Club; Representative Jules Bailey; Councilor-elect Bob Stacey; Bike! Walk! Vote!
- **Co-founded Oregon NARAL to protect women's right to choose and fights for equality and dignity for everyone.**
Endorsed by Planned Parenthood Advocates, Basic Rights Oregon PAC (Green Light), NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon
- **Built health clinics for low-income families, delivered health insurance for 80,000 Oregon children, protected homecare for seniors.**
Endorsed by Gregg Coodley MD; Janet Stein RN; Kurt Ferré DDS; Oregon Council for Retired Citizens

"We ran against Amanda and Mary in May.

Now we're all voting for Mary Nolan!"

– Bruce Altizer, Teresa Raiford, David Gwyther

Effective, Tough, Accountable Manager

Mary Nolan saved millions of dollars managing City agencies while significantly improving services.

- **She'll focus on the right priorities and do better with less.**

Endorsed by former Auditors Jewel Lansing and Anne Kelly Feeney, Portland Firefighters Association, Portland Police Association

www.marynolanforcitycouncil.com

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CITY OF TROUTDALE

Mayor



DOUG DAOUST

OCCUPATION: Assistant Director, State and Private Forestry for Oregon, Washington, Alaska, 2001–Present

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Budget Officer 1996-2001; Natural Resources Manager 1975-1996

EDUCATIONAL

BACKGROUND: MHCC; Oregon State University, B.S., Forest Management, 1974; Masters in Ecology Graduate Studies, University of Washington.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Troutdale City Council, 1996-Present; Planning Commission; Budget and Parks Advisory Committees; Economic Development Subcommittee.

As Mayor, my number one priority is to enact policy and encourage ideas that make Troutdale a better place to live, work and raise our families. I look forward to the opportunity to serve you and our City with responsibility, integrity, and vision for the future.

www.DougDaoustForMayor.com

Better Business. Our economy relies on small businesses. By developing stronger partnerships between businesses and government, Troutdale will be more prosperous. I will make certain our attitude towards long-term, family-wage jobs is positive, and make decisions to bring that to reality.

Your City, Your Voice. I will open doors for citizens to get involved through volunteer groups, organized committees, community events and town halls. We must work together to move forward together.

Improving Efficiency. We need thorough reviews of processes, to be transparent and accountable in our decision making, and expeditious in our responses to the community's needs.

Stronger Schools. Our children deserve the best we can give them. I support the School Attendance Matters initiative and will partner with educators and families to encourage success in our classrooms.

Safer Streets. Crime and drug prevention should be emphasized by education classes for our citizens, and our police force needs to be well-equipped and well-funded to protect our streets.

Endorsed by:

City Councilors

Rich Allen, Troutdale
Eric Anderson, Troutdale
David Ripma, Troutdale
Norm Thomas, Troutdale
Patricia Smith, Wood Village
Glenn White Troutdale
Steve Owen, Fairview
Lisa Barton Mullins, Fairview
Dan Kreamier, Fairview
John Kilian, Gresham
David Widmark, Gresham
Paul Warr-King, Gresham
Gresham Outlook

Mayors

Paul Thalhofer, former Troutdale Mayor
Shane Bemis, Gresham
Mike Weatherby, Fairview

Community Leaders

Diane McKeel, Multnomah County Commissioner
Terry and Jodi Smoke
Yoshida Group
Max Maydew

(This information furnished by Doug Daoust)

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Mayor



JIM KIGHT

OCCUPATION: Troutdale Mayor, Business Owner

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Kight Photography, JBN Properties, US Navy

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Washington HS, MHCC, Portland State University

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Troutdale Mayor, City Councilman, Budget Committee, Charter Review Committee, Emergency Management Rep., Oregon Mayor's Association Board Member, Columbia River District Steering Committee Chair, East County Transportation Committee, East County Economic Alliance Board Member.

Mayor Jim Kight

Leadership That Delivered

Supporting job creation close to home is critical to the livability of our community. Providing amenities we can all enjoy completes the picture.

- FedEx Regional Hub created 750 jobs.
- \$43.1m investment to Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park.
- \$3.7m in improvements to Troutdale Interchange.
- \$22m for two-way Marine Drive.
- \$73.6m for new Sandy River bridges.
- New 62 acre park east of MHCC.
- Troutdale's first Community Garden.
- Troutdale's New Police Community Center.
- Troutdale's Open for Business Plan attracted new businesses and filled storefronts.
- IBEW local 48 donated lighting for Centennial Arch.
- Opened Troutdale's First Library.

Future Vision for Troutdale

Together we can make improvements to our community and increase the quality of life for all our citizens.

- Maintain a fully staffed and equipped police department.
- Continue to seek development for the south side of downtown.
- Seek citizen involvement for a solution to replace city hall.
- Continue to support the only State recognized recreational program in East County for adults and children.
- Seek development along Sandy River on the site of the retired sewer plant.

Working for a Livable Community

"Troutdale has many assets that are unique. The 19 years I have served the community of Troutdale as your Mayor and councilman have been a privilege and an honor. I am devoted to continue to provide the time and energy required as mayor to best represent you. I ask for your support. **Your vote is appreciated.** Together we can keep Troutdale a great place to live, work and play."

Endorsed by:

- Numerous Oregon Mayors
- Local Business Owners
- Troutdale Citizens

www.mayorjimkight.com
www.mayorjimkight.blogspot.com

(This information furnished by Friends of Mayor Jim Kight)

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CITY OF TROUTDALE

City Council Position 6

City Council Position 6



ZACH HUDSON

OCCUPATION: Teacher, Mount Hood Community College and ITT Technical Institute

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Teacher, Corbett High School and Gresham High School

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: M.Ed., Portland State University; MA,

BA, King Alfred's College

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Troutdale Budget Committee; Troutdale Citizens' Advisory Committee

As a teacher I am dedicated to helping local college students achieve their dreams. I serve on two city committees, where I have advocated for using our city's resources wisely. I helped organize the Troutdale Summerfest this year, which brought our community together and encouraged other people to visit our city.

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

Priorities

Maintain City Services

- Protect important services in our budget
- Give our city employees what they need to do a good job
- Prioritize law enforcement and public safety

Encourage Economic Growth

- Rejoin the West Columbia Gorge Consortium
- Update and enforce city codes to clean up run-down properties
- Work with local partners to recruit businesses to the area
- Promote Troutdale as a local and regional destination.
- Recruit upscale hotels and restaurants that cater to a crucial tourism and business travel niche
- Build a downtown that integrates housing with walking-distance shopping and entertainment

A Sense of Community

- Build a city hall and public space that invites use and community involvement
- Promote an identity for Troutdale that extends past the main street

I would like to be part of a big, bold vision for Troutdale and the surrounding area. We have the opportunity to be a prime destination for travel as well as a vibrant community, but to do this we must not think small and spend our time trying to maintain the status quo.

Growth will require partnership with our neighbors and with developers; it will require investment, effort and creative solutions.

**Keep Troutdale Safe and Running Well
Create Local Jobs for Local People
Bring Troutdale Together**

Vote Zach Hudson for Troutdale City Council

(This information furnished by Zach Hudson)

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TOM SLYTER

OCCUPATION: None

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Multnomah County Undersheriff

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Beaverton High School, 12 years

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Multnomah County Sheriff's Office;

Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Board; Multnomah County Local Public Safety Coordinating Council; Regional Training Committee for the Oregon Board on Public Safety Standards and Training; Senate Bill 1145 Committee and Advisory Committee; Oregon Jail Standards Committee; Portland Police Bureau's Old Town/China Town Community Policing Advisory Committee; Committee on State Standards for Still Video Imaging; Oregon Sheriff's Transport Shuttle System; East County Courthouse Siting Committee

Former Multnomah County Undersheriff

A Proven Leader

Experienced
Trusted
Respected
Honest

A consensus builder who works with other government officials and agencies to ensure good stewardship of your money. Committed to public safety to foster and promote economic development, jobs, infrastructure and education.

ENDORSEMENTS

Laurie Monnes-Anderson, State Senator
Shirley Craddick, Metro Councilor
Mike Weatherby, Fairview Mayor

visit: www.slyter4troutdale.com

(This information furnished by Tom Slyter, Candidate)

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CITY OF TROUTDALE

City Council Position 6



JOHN L WILSON

OCCUPATION: Account Executive - Pamplin Media Group

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Wholesale, marketing, and retail management - 35 years

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: California Coast University Bachelors in Management

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: I served on Troutdale's Budget Committee 8 years; Committee for the Redevelopment of the old sewer treatment plant; Riverfront Renewal Advisory Committee - Vice Chair

I moved to Troutdale probably for the same reason you did. The small town feel, affordable housing, low crime, dedicated and responsive police department, fire and medical services, and the quality of life.

In order to maintain the great levels of services we enjoy in Troutdale we will need new commerce and new home development. By continuing Troutdale's open for business program our store fronts will be filled and it will attract new development and new jobs. With new jobs the real estate market will grow we will have new families buying or upgrading their home.

Our city buildings, parks and green spaces must be maintained. We need to make sure we are taking care of our resources with some maintenance. If we don't, we'll end up closing them down like our city hall.

As a City Councilor I will advocate partnering when needed with other cities to get the most out of our tax dollars. Have City Hall review our current code enforcement rules and update where needed. I will diligently keep Troutdale a great place to live.

Community Involvement past and current: 2002 Troutdale Citizen of the Year, Multnomah Library Troutdale site committee, Reynolds School Bond Committee, 12 years Troutdale SummerFest Member/Chair, 10 years Committee Chair BSA Pack/Troop 174, PTA and Parent Advisory Committee Troutdale Elementary, Past Troutdale Lions member, Kiwanis of Troutdale Past President/ member, PAC Committee Chair for Measure 26-77.

Endorsements: Matt Wand, State Representative; Doug Daoust, Troutdale City Council; Paul Thalholfer, Former Mayor of Troutdale; Eric Anderson, Troutdale City Councilor; Robert Canfield, Former Troutdale City Councilor; David Ripma, Troutdale City Councilor; Norm Thomas, Troutdale City Councilor; Glenn White, Troutdale City Councilor.

(This information furnished by John L. Wilson)

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Not all candidates submitted information for the Voters' Pamphlet so you may have candidates on your ballot that are not in the Voters' Pamphlet

EAST MULTNOMAH SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Director, At Large 1



JUSTIN BAUER

OCCUPATION: Invasive Species Specialist, Environmental Confluence Center

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Biological Technician, US Forest Service; Recreation Specialist, US Forest Service; Two term veteran of AmeriCorps.

EDUCATIONAL

BACKGROUND: B.S. in Environmental Science with an emphasis in Terrestrial Ecosystems, Oregon State University; High School Diploma, Centennial High School (Gresham, OR).

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None.

I'm proud to be a native of our District, and I would be honored to serve my friends, family, neighbors, and fellow East Multnomah County residents on the EMSWCD Board. I have dedicated my entire life to educating myself about, and working to protect the natural resources that we all depend on for our quality of life. I want to increase the level and efficacy of our conservation district's outreach efforts so that more of our residents are taking advantage of its resources and programs, and I want more public input on how we are investing your tax dollars.

Through a college education in environmental science, a long history at the US Forest Service, and my current employment as an Invasive Species Specialist, I have gained a keen appreciation for the complexities of natural resource management and the inherent responsibility of our leaders to weigh the entire spectrum of stakeholder interests before rendering pragmatic and equitable decisions. **My first priority is to work for you**, and I will always place your interests above my own ambitions.

Here are some of my own suggestions that I would submit for your approval:

- **Work to improve the nutrition options of local disadvantaged youth** by providing technical, logistical and financial support to environmental non-profits and community farms that share this goal.
- Expand the EMSWCD's commitment to floodplain management to **reduce existing hazards to life and property while enhancing local ecosystems.**
- Collaborate with other funding sources to **keep Outdoor School alive** and off the perpetual budgetary 'chopping block'.

If you would like more information about my campaign, or would like to share your vision for our District's future, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Facebook.com/VoteJustinBauer
VoteJustinBauer@gmail.com
(503) 729-9767

(This information furnished by Friends of Justin Bauer)

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for accuracy by Multnomah County.

Director, At Large 1



KELLY CALDWELL

OCCUPATION: Volunteer Program Manager for Lift Urban Portland

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Community involvement coordination, outreach and education, political engagement and advocacy, community affairs, environmental education and activism.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: B.S. in Natural Resources & Environment, U of Mich.; Masters in Urban & Regional Planning, UNO

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Successful policy advocacy on local budget issues, experience with local and global activist communities, point person for a public involvement contract for Lents Urban Renewal District 2001-2002, while employed at SE Uplift.

I am running for office because I want to:

- Promote organic gardening.
- Work to keep transgenic contamination (GMOs- aka genetically modified organisms) out of East Multnomah County (& the Pacific NW generally).
- Develop more tools to reduce excessive and improper use of pesticides and herbicides such as glyphosate (Roundup®).
- Increase involvement and education in soil health and water issues, and support deeper community engagement in local food security and food policy issues, through working with schools, congregations, and businesses on garden projects and volunteer programs, with special emphasis on under-represented populations.

Please vote for me. Thank you for your consideration.

See: GMOfreeOregon.org
For endorsements and further details.

(This information furnished by Kelly Caldwell)

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for accuracy by Multnomah County.

EAST MULTNOMAH SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Director, At Large 1

NO
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SUBMITTED

ERIC MADER

OCCUPATION: Assistant Pollinator Conservation Program Director, The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, 2008 - Present

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Assistant Professor of Extension, The University of Minnesota Department of Entomology, 2008 - 2012; Senior Crop Scientist, Midori Horticultural

Services, 2005 - 2008; Small Farms Educator, University of Minnesota Department of Horticulture, 2003 - 2005

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Masters Degree in Horticulture, The University of Minnesota, 2005

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: None.

Dear East Multnomah County Friends and Neighbors,

Please consider supporting me for the At-Large Director position on the Board of the East Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District.

For most of my professional life I have worked specifically at the intersection of sustainable agriculture and natural resources conservation. Most recently I am doing this work through the nationwide Pollinator Conservation Program at the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation where we are working to protect native pollinator habitat as a direct response to the ongoing, highly publicized decline of managed honey bees. In this role, I help manage a staff of 9 ecologists and support personnel to conduct applied research, habitat restoration on tens of thousands-of-acres, and environmental education nationwide. This work requires an advanced knowledge of sustainable agriculture, restoration ecology, human resources, and budget management. This skill set, along with a deep understanding of USDA conservation policies, and national-level participation in organizations like the Soil and Water Conservation Society, are what I hope to contribute as a Conservation District Director.

I have a particular appreciation for the legacy of our Conservation Districts – a legacy that can be traced back to the Dust Bowl of the 1930s. As we now face new, and ever more troubling environmental challenges, our District will play an even more essential role in protecting our region's natural resources. I look forward to supporting that mission with dogged energy, optimism, and most importantly, your support!

(This information furnished by Eric Mader)

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Director, At Large 1



JOHN SWEENEY

OCCUPATION: Land Management Consultant. Host on Cable Television.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Supervisor, Portland Parks & Recreation. Captain, Oregon Army National Guard.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland Community College, A/AS, Management. Kubasaki American High School, Diploma.

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Director. Multnomah Education Service District; Pricinct Committeeman, Multnomah; Democratic Central Committee.

John Sweeney has the background for the job: Land Management Consultant; Supervisor, Portland Parks & Recreation; Captain, Oregon Army National Guard; Director, Multnomah Education Service District.

As a member of the Board of Directors, East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, I will be able to use my many years of experience with the Portland Parks and as a land management consultant to work with the landowners of East Multnomah County in Managing their property in an environmentally friendly manner.

Education of landowners is a big part of what the East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District does!

Two areas that landowners can help improve the environment are, removing invasive vegetation and insuring that no pollution is added to the waterways.

Multnomah County And Oregon are being choked by invasive plants. Which are dangerous to people, animals and native plants.

Many of our streans are being polluted in small ways as streams combine with other streams and rivers on their way to the ocean.

By educating and working with landowners, many small steps can have big results that will benefit all of us.

As an East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District Director, I will be working for you.

Any questions? Call JOHN SWEENEY at 503-548-7198.

Vote for JOHN SWEENEY
1901 SE 35th Place
Portland, OR 97214
503-548-7198 or jsweeney88@gmail.com

(This information furnished by John Sweeney)

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EAST MULTNOMAH SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Director, At Large 1



RICK TILL

OCCUPATION: Conservation Legal Advocate, Friends of the Columbia Gorge; Restoration Technician, Happy Fish Restoration Landscaping

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Adjunct Professor, Lewis and Clark Law School; Urban Conservation Director (2002-2006) and Wildlife Care Center Director (1996-2002), Audubon Society of Portland; Portland Parks Board; Multiple local, state and federal natural resource committees

EDUCATIONAL

BACKGROUND: J.D., Environmental and Natural Resource Law, Lewis & Clark Law School; B.A., Philosophy, Washington State University

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Director, East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District (2008-Present)

Working to Protect Our Soil, Water, Wildlife Habitat, and Working Lands

I am proud to have served the last four years as a Director for EMSWCD. I am seeking a second term to continue the rewarding work of serving the citizens of East Multnomah County. I will continue to advocate for policies and programs that improve water quality, reduce soil erosion, protect and restore wildlife habitat, and support the long-term viability of farm and forest lands.

Conservation Education and Protecting Outdoor School

My proudest accomplishment from my first term was supporting emergency funding for Outdoor School for the 2012/2013 school year. When Portland Public Schools proposed cutting this keystone environmental education program, I initiated an EMSWCD decision to help close the funding gap for Outdoor School. We are also working to assist other school districts in East Multnomah County with similar support. Moving forward, I will continue to advocate for EMSWCD playing a role in supporting fundamental conservation education programs.

Land and Easement Acquisitions

I am working with EMSWCD to develop a land conservation program designed to protect farmlands, wildlife habitat, and to improve equitable access to natural areas. I will continue to support this programming to address the long-term conservation needs of East Multnomah County.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. I ask for your vote and the opportunity to serve for another term.

Endorsed by the following SWCD Directors:

Bob Sallinger, Director, East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District
Dianna L. Pope, Director, East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District
Jill Kuehler, Director, East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District

(This information furnished by Rick Till)

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Director, Zone 1



BOB SALLINGER

OCCUPATION: Conservation Director, Audubon Society of Portland

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Adjunct Professor, Lewis and Clark Law School; Urban Conservation Director (2002-2006) and Wildlife Care Center Director (1996-2002), Audubon Society of Portland; Portland Parks Board; Multiple local, state and federal natural resource committees

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Lewis and Clark Law School, J.D.; Reed College, B.A. Biology

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: East Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District Director and Associate Director

I have worked on local conservation issues for more than two decades including serving as an East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District Director and Associate Director during the past six years. I am asking for your vote again so that I can continue to work to protect our environment and our communities. Some of my top priorities during the next four years include:

- Developing the District's Land Conservation Fund to permanently protect water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and ecologically sensitive farmland in East Multnomah County;
- Expanding the District's conservation grant programs to support restoration and environmental education programs in East Multnomah County;
- Ensuring that the District's programs are accessible and achieve on the ground improvement in the environmental health of our most underserved communities;
- Working with partners to ensure that Outdoor School is fully funded for all sixth graders in East Multnomah County;
- Being a strong voice for protecting our environment and our communities. I believe the District should be a leader in advocating for the health of our soil, water, fish and wildlife and communities.

Please get to know your Soil and Water Conservation District. We have amazing resources and outstanding staff to help you care for your land from small inner city lots to big farms at the eastern edge of the county.

(This information furnished by Bob Sallinger)

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WEST MULTNOMAH SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Director, At Large 1



MARSHALL J MILLER

OCCUPATION: Self-employed Certified Public Accountant; d/b/a TemComp, Inc.

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Self-employed CPA since 1992; have worked with over 20 Non-Profits over the past 16 years; Prior to 1992: Contoller, Treasurer for Private and Publicly-Held Corporations approximately

14 years; CPA for Public Accounting Firms approximately 10 years

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: BS Degree Accounting, Brooklyn College

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Director at Large for West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District (WMSWCD) since November, 2008

As a Director at Large of the West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District for the past 4 years, I have had the distinct pleasure and honor of working with a very dedicated and competent Board of Directors and Staff. Collectively what we do, as more comprehensively explained in our website, is conservation planning, grant opportunities, help private land owners identify invasive weeds in order to find options for removing, provide technical and financial resources to develop either a forest stewardship plan or a harvest plan for a sustainable forest, provide outreach and education and more.

During the past four years we have revisited and rewritten a very comprehensive Strategic Plan.

Background:

Currently Treasurer for WMSWCD;
Chair the Personnel Committee for WMSWCD;
Former Board Member for Forest Park Conservancy (Formerly Friends of Forest Park), currently member for the past 16 years and their Treasurer for approximately 7 years; I currently lead weekly trail maintenance crew for FPC for past 16 years;

Responsible for coordinating the Wildwood Trail Extension from BPA road to its current location, Newberry Road, from 1997-1999;

As Director at Large for WMSWCD, responsible, with volunteers, for construction of Interpretative trail at Sauvie Island Grange and construction of Interpretative trail at Skyline Grange.

There is much more to be accomplished and I look forward to another 4 years.

(This information furnished by Marshall J. Miller)

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Director, Zone 2



JANE HARTLINE

OCCUPATION: Director, Sauvie Island Habitat Partnership; Chair, West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District; Sheep farmer

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Marketing Manager Oregon Zoo, Portland, Oregon 1981 to 2010. Public Information Officer Oregon Bureau

of Labor and Industries, Portland, Oregon 1979 to 1981. Information Officer Portland State University, Portland, Oregon 1977 to 1979.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Master of Public Administration, Portland State University, 1980; Bachelor of Journalism, University of Missouri, 1972

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Served 4 previous terms on West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District board. Worked in communication services in state government in Missouri and Oregon.

As director of the Sauvie Island Habitat Partnership, has spearheaded the following conservation projects:

- 1) Sauvie Hedgerow project
- 2) Gilbert River demonstration project
- 3) Sauvie Turtle Project
- 4) Sauvie Ivy Removal Project
- 5) Sauvie Grange Forest Restoration
- 6) Sauvie Osprey Project
- 7) Lost Lagoon habitat restoration

Involvement in other conservation organizations: Oregon Native Turtle Conservation Working Group, member, 2007 to present.

4-County Weed Management Area, Education Committee, 2010 to present.

Scappoose Watershed Council Native Plant Center, plant propagation volunteer, 2010 to present.

Sauvie Island Weed Warriors, founder, volunteer coordinator and volunteer, 2010 to present.

Portland Audubon Society, member and volunteer since 1982; board member, 1988 to 2008; served as chair of membership/development and of education committee and as a member of the executive committee.

The Oregon Nature Conservancy, Vice Chair for Communications, Board of Directors, 1988 to 1994.

Involvement in other organizations:

Sauvie Island Community Association, Co-chair of Communications Committee, 2009 to present.

Sauvie Island Grange, Member

Portland Attractions Marketing Council, Founder and chair, 1995 to 2010.

Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Member, 1981 to 2010. Member, Public Relations Committee, 1987 to 1991. Co-coordinator, 1987 National Conference. Strategic Marketing Committee 2001 to 2002.

American Marketing Association, Portland Chapter, Senior advisory Council, 2002 to 2004.

Friends of the Multnomah County Library, President, 1987. Board Member, 1986 to 1988.

Casey Family Program, Foster parent, 1994-1997

(This information furnished by Jane Hartline)

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ROCKWOOD PUD

Director, Sub-District 3



**CATHI
VANDAMME**

OCCUPATION: Multnomah Education Service District 2008 - Present; Accounting Secretary/Procurement Card Administrator; Health and Social Services Program Secretary

OCCUPATIONAL BACKGROUND: Portland Public Schools 1987 - 2004; Positions included: Data

Clerk; Special Education File Clerk; Principal's Secretary (elementary and middle schools); Secretary to the Director of Student Achievement; Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent; and Safety/Training Supervisor of Student Transportation.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: None

PRIOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Appointed Rockwood Water PUD Board Director, Sub-District #3, in August, 2008. Elected Board Director of the same sub district for a four year term in November, 2008.

During my term as Board Director I have worked to improve water quality and water pressure for those of us in Sub-District #3. I am happy to say that our sub-district will be served by a new pump station and reservoir with construction beginning in 2013. As a Board Member I have shared in keeping our rates to a minimum while ensuring the quality and quantity of water provided our customers is of the highest possible standard. As your board representative, I voted to work with a nearby water district to drill new wells and to continue seeking avenues to ensure we further plan for future water resources to allow us to continue to provide the excellent quality of water that our patrons have come to expect and rely upon.

(This information furnished by Cathi VanDamme)

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BALLOT MEASURES

- **Multnomah County**
- **City of Fairview**
- **City of Gresham**
- **City of Lake Oswego**
- **City of Portland**
- **City of Wood Village**
- **Portland School District**

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Measure 26-143

BALLOT TITLE

FORM LIBRARY DISTRICT WITH PERMANENT RATE TO FUND LIBRARY SERVICES

QUESTION: Shall dedicated library district fund Multnomah County Library hours, services; rate limited to \$1.24 per \$1000 assessed value beginning 2013?

SUMMARY: If approved, the Multnomah County Library District would be formed with a permanent rate dedicated to library services, operations, books, materials, programs, activities and oversight of the district. Its boundaries would include all territory within Multnomah County. Formation of a District would do the following:

- Provide permanent and dedicated library funding up to \$1.24 per \$1000 of assessed value;
- Restore and retain library services such as summer reading, books, student and jobseeker support, and outreach to senior citizens;
- Prevent reductions in services, programs and activities, and hours.

Library services are a matter of county concern and the District will have the powers granted to library districts and public libraries under state and local law.

The formation of a District will ensure a dedicated long-term funding source for library services, allowing libraries to retain educational resources and programming. The Board of County Commissioners, sitting as the Library District Board, will serve as the governing board of the District to provide oversight and accountability. A Library Advisory Board will provide community input.

- **Programs and activities:** for school age children, story hours for babies and toddlers, summer reading, literacy services for children in child care, homework help, programs for teens and programs helping parents teach their kids to read
- **Summer Reading:** Over 100,000 kids participated in this year's Library's Summer Reading program, including the majority of the county's elementary school children
- **Events for kids and teens:** Nearly 255,000 people attend each year.
- **Book delivery** to homebound seniors and assisted living residents
- **Remote Online Access:** 24/7 online access to information, learning resources, and the library catalog

Among US libraries serving fewer than 1 million residents, Multnomah County Library ranks No. 1 in annual circulation of books and materials, according to the 2012 Public Library Data Service Statistical Report.

Providing library services is a matter of county concern and the voters authorized this method of formation in November 2010. The Library District will have the powers granted to districts and public libraries by state law and by the Charter. There are currently 25 library districts around the state of Oregon.

The Board of County Commissioners, sitting as the Library District Board, will serve as the governing board of the new Library District to provide oversight and accountability to the public. A Library Advisory Board will be formed to provide community input on matters of library services.

Submitted by

Jenny M Morf
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Multnomah County

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Library services are currently provided by Multnomah County and funded through general fund dollars and a serial levy. These funding sources are not stable. The County's general fund has experienced budget shortfalls and a library serial levy requires voter approval every three to five years. This year, Multnomah County Libraries had to reduce services by 14% including cutting hours to 44 per week – the lowest of any library system in the region. Library programs for kids, families, senior citizens and jobseekers, book budgets and staffing have also been cut.

Formation of a Library District will secure a permanent source of funding for Library services in the County. All dollars collected for the library district would go only to library services. Library funds could not be used for other programs.

If approved, the Multnomah County Library District will be formed with a permanent rate up to \$1.24 per \$1000 of assessed value. The typical homeowner will pay \$49 a year above the cost of the current levy or \$.89 per \$1000 assessed value. The boundaries of the District will include all territory within Multnomah County.

The newly formed Multnomah County Library District will provide:

- **Libraries:** Hours at all 19 library branches including Central Library
- **Books,** research documents and other materials
- **Trained Staff:** Library staff answers 870,000 reference questions a year.
- **Career & Employment Services:** Library services for jobseekers, small business owners, and English language learners
- **Internet:** Free computer and internet services for those without access at home

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Good Libraries Make a Great Community

Vote Yes on 26-143 – a Library District for Multnomah County

With 19 locations throughout our community, our libraries help make this a great place to live.

Our libraries:

- **Teach children to love reading and learning**, with early reading programs and storytimes.
- **Are vital to schools and education**, with homework help, summer reading programs and by giving students a safe place to study after school.
- **Keep people connected**, delivering over 200,000 books a year to people with barriers to visiting the library.
- **Are an indispensable resource for job seekers**--one of the few places where unemployed people can get help searching for jobs--including resume and interviewing advice.

But our rollercoaster system of temporary funding means our libraries constantly face uncertainty and frequently must cut services, programs, hours, activities, and budgets for books.

Measure 26-143 Will Change That for the Better

By establishing a Library District for Multnomah County we can:

- **Provide dedicated, stable funding** for libraries into the future.
- **Restore recent cuts** – open hours will increase from 44 hours to 57 hours a week.
- **Protect and restore programs** for children, students, seniors and job seekers.
- **Ensure money collected for the Library District cannot be used for other programs.**

How Does It Work?

- Funds for the Library District will replace the current levy so we won't pay that anymore.
- The District permanent rate is limited to \$1.24 per \$1,000 assessed property value and cannot change. It will likely begin at \$1.18 per \$1,000 and will only rise over time if needed.
- The typical homeowner will pay an additional \$49 a year for the libraries.
- There will be no new layer of government: the Multnomah County Commission remains the Library District's governing body.
- There is real accountability, with independent oversight and audits.

Learn more at librariesyes.com

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Volunteers Support Our Libraries

We are volunteers at our local public libraries, and we love doing it!

We help out with activities like teaching computer classes, repairing books, and providing early literacy support to families and kids.

We know how important the libraries are because we see so many people there using them. And in the last few years, even more people are using them because they are a free resource open to everyone.

Our libraries have gone through ups and downs in funding. Sometimes they have full funding and sometimes not, which has meant big decreases in services.

- Right now the libraries are only open 6 days for a total of 44 hours a week, when they have been open as much as 70 hours a week in the past.
- Programs and services for families, kids, senior citizens, and job-seekers are not available as often and for as many people as want them.
- Money for new books, materials, and equipment has been reduced.

It's a problem for our libraries to only rely on temporary funding.

We support creation of the local Library District because it will dedicate stable funding to our libraries. We can restore cuts to services and hours, and fund them into the future without money being diverted to other programs.

The library has 1800 volunteers, like us, who contribute their time to the libraries. But volunteers can only do so much. We need enough open hours, and expert staff to provide individual customer service to the library users.

Please join us in supporting our libraries. They do so much for us. They make us a stronger community. Let's return the favor.

Andrea Dobson,
Volunteer,
Central Library
Anne Pearson, Volunteer,
Hollywood Library

Heather McGivney,
Volunteer,
Gresham Library
Mary Monson, Volunteer,
Central Library

Sandra Barker, Volunteer
Title Wave Bookstore

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Libraries help people find jobs.

Vote yes for our Library District: Help provide stable funding for programs that help job-seekers.

My name is Tom, and like others I'm in the process of looking for a new job.

Looking for work can be hard, but the library is here to assist with computers, services, classes and programs that really help:

- Public libraries are the main source of Internet access for over 75% of people who don't have access at home or work. These days, it's hard to find a job without a computer
- Library staff and resources can assist people with applying for unemployment
- Libraries conduct free computer classes in everything from word processing to building a spreadsheet to designing your own web site

The library also provides more in-depth help for job-seekers in the new economy:

- Job search strategy workshops – a three-part series to help us deal with the new realities of looking for work
- Library classes on interview preparation help us build confidence, be ready to answer difficult questions and participate in practice interview and receive expert feedback so we feel fully prepared on interview day!

The library also has **resources for entrepreneurs** ready to launch or expand their own business!

People looking for jobs need the libraries, but our libraries are currently underfunded, and that means they're only open 44 hours a week--the shortest of any library system in our 4-county region.

They are currently closed Mondays and only open until 8PM two days a week. When the library has to close early, it makes it hard for job-seekers looking for new work to access services.

**Please vote YES
to restore and protect services to help job-seekers.**

Good libraries mean a great community—and that includes getting people back to work. Vote YES for our libraries and our future.

Tom Mattox, Portland

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Join Local Teachers in Supporting a Local Library District!

Our Libraries are central to helping students and teachers succeed: we need them, we use them and we urge you to vote YES!

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

As teachers, we need the Library District, to provide stable funding into the future for libraries—which we really count on!

Here are just some of the services the library provides to teachers, schools and students. With a Library District, they would be fully restored and funded into the future:

School Corps: Outreach to every single public school in our county, offering teachers:

- Books and materials on requested topics for individual teachers
- Creation of customized lists of books for teachers and students
- Detailed web assistance for students

Developing student research skills by teaching:

- How to use research tools at the library
- How to safely use the Internet for research

Extra help for kids who need it, including:

- Library staff, who visit 49 targeted schools, serving 3rd -6th graders who need extra help to succeed in school;
- A Booktalkers after-school program delivers books and presentations to 17 nonprofit sites serving at-risk youth and delivers book buckets to 19 more.

And, our libraries **offer homework help for free** to every student in Multnomah County, either in-person or through an on-line tutor. This is especially important for kids who need a safe, structured place to go after school.

Creating a Library District will help ensure that our libraries can continue to be an indispensable partner to schools, teachers and students.

Join us in voting YES for our Libraries!

Robin Corrigan,
9-12th grade teacher

Lisa Kane,
3rd grade teacher

Pat Gonzales,
12th grade teacher

Patty Klindt,
6th – 8th grade teacher

Emy Markewitz,
3rd grade teacher

Dawn Martin,
9-12th grade teacher

Jim Perenboom,
9-12th grade teacher

Nancy Sullivan,
Teacher-librarian

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Our Libraries Help Kids Learn to Read and to Get Good at it!

Our libraries help prepare our community's youngest as well as our most vulnerable kids for learning and for lifelong success. But these programs are at risk because unstable funding makes it hard for the library to plan into the future and maintain services at the current level.

The library prepares thousands of young minds for school by sharing ways to read, sing, talk, write and play with books.

- First-time parents receive an invitation to the library when their child is born in Multnomah County.
- The library holds classes to teach parents how to help their kids learn to read.
- Each day, hundreds of children and their parents engage in storytimes both at libraries and in the community. Storytimes serve nearly 120,000 young children last year.
- Library staff visits child care centers, Head Start, teen parent programs, substance abuse treatment facilitates and incarcerated parents to teach people how to read to their kids.

The earlier kids learn to read, the greater their chances of success in school and lifelong achievement.

The library serves 26,000 individual children and parents at risk for low literacy and assists in preparing them to start school ready to learn.

- Working with community partners like local health clinics, homeless shelters, and mandated parenting classes, librarians teach techniques for developing early literacy skills through parent engagement and sharing of high quality books.
- The library's Early Childhood Services makes a monthly stop at 540 home and center based childcares facilities. Each site receives a fresh collection of books that encourages reading and early literacy. This effort provides over 5,000 young people with an ever-changing library of over 100,000 high quality books.

Let's keep these services available and accessible to make ^{sure} every kid can achieve school success.

Vote YES for stable funding. Vote YES for the Library District.

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

It's incredible how much the library does to promote learning, and how well the library partners with schools to help kids succeed!

Vote yes to restore and maintain programs like these:

- The library offers more than 17,000 different classes and events for youth each year. Last year, over 255,000 youth participated in library programs ranging from book discussions to arts and cultural exploration to life skill building.
- The library's innovative School Corps program connects students and educators with the resources of the public library – directly serving 48,000 students in FY12.
- Library staff create materials, gather books, and provide support to over 1,500 individual teachers.
- Books 2 U brings trained "book talkers" into 3-6 grade classrooms that post the lowest reading scores in the county. During the summer, B2U staff provide books and reading motivation to students where ever they happen to be – at a free lunch site, local park, or summer program. In FY12, over 30,000 students received B2U services.
- By partnering closely with the six largest school districts in the county, the library is able to ensure every student signs up for Summer Reading and starts tracking their reading as soon as summer begins. This year, over 100,000 babies, kids, and teens participated.
- Library staff serve over 30 S.U.N. School locations through afterschool programs including science investigation, cooking adventures, and arts and crafts exploration – always tying the experience back to materials available at the library.
- Throughout the summer, the library provides hundreds of arts and cultural programs throughout the county, offering thousands of families the opportunity to take classes, participate in the arts, and take in theatrical performances **free of charge.**

Libraries are an invaluable resource to kids no matter where they learn. We must restore and protect these services now!

VOTE YES for libraries!

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Library Programs for Teens: a Safe Place and Help for their Future.

Our libraries provide access to learning resources and a safe place for teenagers to hang out after school. But the currently underfunded library system means that all branches are closed on Mondays, and close at five every day except Tuesday and Wednesday.

Creating a Library District by voting YES would restore hours and ensure that programs geared towards teens remain available.

Library programs and services for teens activate young people's participation in the community, promote good citizenship and further their education.

Volunteerism

The library trains and supports over 800 teens annually who volunteer for the library. Teens get their first volunteer experience by staffing the Summer Reading program, assisting with arts and cultural programs, or being a storytime helper. This opportunity provides teens with the experience of meeting deadlines, showing up on time, and learning how to function in a professional setting – all adding to their developmental assets.

Teen Council

Last year, library staff held 210 teen councils, connecting over 2,000 young adults with each other, library staff, and the community. Teen Councils plan programs, consult on policy, and influence library resources.

Teen Lounges

Teens have the opportunity to attend Teen Lounges – open space time for young adults to hang out, geek out, and mess around while feeling comfortable and welcome. Last year over 3,000 teens attended one of 443 Teen Lounges.

Educational Resources

Libraries help teens plan for the future through GED learning labs, access to ACT test preparation and information about financial aid, scholarships and how to apply for college.

Teens need a safe place to learn and prepare for the future.

We must protect these vital services and make them available to as many teens as possible.

We need the library to have stable funding.

We can do that by voting YES for the Library District!

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Our libraries are here to help!

Vote YES to restore important library programs and protect them into the future.

Multnomah County Libraries provide free workshops and assistance to all of us – tax help, job interview training, computer basics, GED preparation, financial and retirement planning, and more.

The Library District will restore hours from 44 to 57 per week, making these programs available to more people. The District also stabilizes the library's funding, so programs like these will be funded into the future.

- **Tax Help** Trained tax preparers volunteer their time and expertise to help you with your taxes.
- **Ace that Job Interview!** Build your confidence by knowing which questions to expect and preparing to answer difficult questions.
- **Build an Effective Job Search Strategy** Three-part series to help improve your job search strategy, including creating a strong resume.
- **Dig Yourself out of Debt** How to get back on track with strategies addressing debt obligations effectively, knowing your legal rights, and learning how to manage debt issues in today's economic environment.
- **Protect Yourself from Scams** How to avoid phone and Internet scams. Provides information on types of scams, how to avoid scams, and what to do if you are scammed.
- **Email 101** Get started with the free web-based email service Gmail. Learn the very basics of sending/replying and features such as contacts, labels, chat, attachments, spam filters and more.
- **Ebooks & more 101** Covers the basics including set-up and downloading of electronic books. Learn which devices support library e-books and audiobooks.
- **Introduction to Computers (also in Cantonese, Mandarin, Vietnamese)** In this fun, hands-on course, you will learn all the basic computer skills.
- **Citizenship Class** Learn the citizenship process. Study United States history and government and prepare for your citizenship interview.
- **Learning Labs: GED** Learn general information about GED testing requirements. Take a practice test, learn how to study online or with library study guides.

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

A Message from Former Library Advisory Board members: The Library District Makes Good Financial Sense

We are former Library Advisory Board members and we served as volunteers reviewing library budgets, spending and financial practices for years. We've seen firsthand that the library is financially responsible.

However, the library's temporary funding structure goes through frequent periods of decline and uncertainty. This leads to cuts in hours open to the public, programs, services and activities.

A Library District will provide stable, dedicated and reliable funding so the library can continue to provide these important services into the future.

Our libraries are efficient:

- Every possible dollar goes into services for the public.
- The library routinely receives clean bills of financial health from the independently-elected auditor and is part of the annual county audit.
- To stretch dollars, the library has over 1800 volunteers to backup the librarians and staff – doing nearly 70,000 hours of work annually.

The proposal on the November ballot for a Library District gives the public the opportunity to vote to protect and preserve our libraries into the future:

- Creating a Library District would mean that all dollars collected would go only to library services, providing adequate funding for the future.
- The district does not create another layer of government because the County remains the governing body;
- At the top rate, the typical home pays \$49 more than they are currently paying for the libraries. However, less than that would be levied to start.
- The library district would continue to be part of the county's annual audit.

As former Advisory Board members, we believe the library's strong and accountable strong financial practices should be matched by a stable and dedicated financial structure.

The Library District will do just that. It's an investment our community should make.

Terry McCall Alice Meyer Rick Gustafson
Former Members, Multnomah County Library Advisory Board

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Libraries are critical to senior citizens in our community by providing continuing education and connection to others.

Join the Oregon State Council for Retired Citizens in Voting YES for our Libraries!

As we age, we can always use a little help keeping up-to-date and connected to the world. Fortunately, we have a wonderful library system that provides so much for seniors.

Lack of stable funding means the library faces constant budget uncertainty.

A Library District would change that by providing dedicated and stable funding for our libraries into the future.

Libraries help senior citizens plan for the future through educational and service programs like:

- Scam protection workshops
- AARP Tax Help
- Debt and credit management classes
- Retirement planning
- Wills, trusts and estate planning

Libraries help senior citizens learn new technology through classes and support like:

- Introduction to Computers: all the basics
- Email 101
- Ebooks & more 101
- Library2Go: learn how to operate e-books and electronic devices
- TechnoHosts, real people help you develop your computer skills

Libraries help senior citizens stay connected to the community with outreach programs like:

- Page-turners large print book group--talk about books and get to know your neighbors
- Library Outreach Services (LOS) visits hundreds of retirement homes, assisted living facilities, and shelters bringing books, movies, music, magazines, puzzles and helping people choose books based on their interests
- Visiting Voices--volunteers read to groups in Alzheimer's and memory care units

Our libraries also deliver over 200,000 books each year to homebound senior citizens and others with barriers to visiting the library.

These services help us to learn, stay active, and to live independently.

They are urgently needed by senior citizens in our community.

That's why we support the Library District. If you want to help support local senior citizens, please vote yes too!

Oregon State Council for Retired Citizens PAC

(This information furnished by Steve Weiss, Oregon State Council for Retired Citizens)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**Small Businesses Benefit from Good Libraries.
And, Good Libraries Help Make a Strong Economy.**

Vote YES for a local Library District

As business people, we support good libraries and we support the measure to create a local Library District.

We all know libraries are great, but you might be surprised at how much small businesses rely on them:

- Many libraries are located near small businesses, and library users are also customers of ours
- Libraries provide important services for small business people that are tailored to their needs: sources for researching products, locations, hiring, and more
- Libraries are anchors of neighborhoods and cities throughout Multnomah County. They attract families who are the heart and soul of our customer and employee base

So when libraries are closed, or are forced to cut programs because of our unstable system of temporary levies, it hurts us too.

We use the libraries, we get direct economic benefit from our libraries, and we support restoring hours and providing stable funding into the future.

There's one more thing to know: librarians run a tight ship. And the Library District will be no different:

- Nearly all library funding goes to front-line service for library users
- All funds collected for the district can go only to the library, not to other uses
- The library will continue to be part of the annual county audit, and will regularly be audited by the independently-elected auditor
- Three independent bodies review and oversee the library district budget

The Library District will replace the current system of temporary library funding. It will support our local libraries into the future. As business people, we need a predictable and stable environment in which to conduct our operations. Our libraries deserve no less.

Please join us in Voting Yes for our Libraries!

Tony Fuentes,
Milagros Boutique

Mark Doxtader,
Tastebud Farms

Paula Markus,
Chop Butchery

Cody Clark,
Café Delirium

Stacey Wion, Spielwerk Toys

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Vote Yes for the Libraries!

A Message from the Friends of the Library

We have a great opportunity to fix a big problem in our community—the funding of our amazing library system. The majority of the funding for our libraries currently comes from a levy that we must vote on every 3-5 years. The remaining financing comes from the County General Fund, which must be approved every year by the County Commissioners, and some from fees and grants to the library. The result is instability and uncertainty for the library budget.

Multnomah County Library is well-used and busier than ever. Our library is critically important to children learning to read, teens working on homework after school, seniors staying connected through book deliveries, and unemployed people looking for work who need help or free internet access.

There are many statistics to show our library's value and efficiency, the demographics and services, material circulation and programs provided. Our library consistently scores in the highest category in library ratings and studies.

More difficult to capture are the many stories of people using the library, every day:

- Like the homeless father that received help from library staff to research and apply for a job—and he was hired. Now, he is moving with his teenage son out of a shelter to an apartment.
- Or the many senior citizens who take library classes to learn about computers and navigating the internet in our increasingly digital world.
- Like the small children who attend storytime or their parents receiving recommendations for books that are tailored to their child's interests and reading level.

These stories and many more happen every day at our libraries. They show how the library is part of the core of our community.

Measure 26-143 will restore hours and services.

Measure 26-143 will provide funding stability to protect our library for the future.

Vote YES for Our Libraries!

The Friends of the Multnomah County Library

(This information furnished by Craig Cedros, The Friends of the Multnomah County Library)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**These days, our libraries are more important than ever!
Parents across Multnomah County urge a YES vote for libraries**

Families have lots of concerns these days – keeping our jobs and health care coverage, raising children, and supporting our own parents as they age.

Fortunately, one big support for parents like us is our public library system.

Our libraries provide so much for local families:

- **Organized activities for kids**--storytimes, homework help, a safe place to go after school. Many of us use the libraries several times a week!
- **Use of computers for those who don't have them at home**, and classes for how to get started using them
- **Help from librarians with how to search for a new or better job**, how to research family history, how to learn a new language or travel to a new place
- **Books sent to senior citizens** and others with barriers to visiting the library-- over 200,000 a year!
- **Free help for everything**--how to teach our children to read, how to get a good mortgage, apply to college, or fix our car, and nearly anything else for which we need good, quick information!

Our libraries serve us well. Let's stand up for our libraries.

It's simple: A yes vote helps create a local Library District with stable and adequate future funding.

We urge you to vote YES.

Our libraries are currently underfunded. They're only open 44 hours a week – the shortest of any library system in the 4-county region. They are closed on Mondays. This means less programs, activities and services for families. Funds for new books have been reduced.

We need fully-funded libraries and we need to count on them into the future.

Please join us in voting YES for our libraries. Good libraries mean a great community and strong support for families.

Devon Riley Eric Kaster Janis Adler
Amy Watson, DC Andrea Paluso Cathy Sherick
Beth and Danny Kapsch

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**We believe that strong libraries build a strong community.
Vote YES on Measure 26-143**

For nearly 150 years, Multnomah County Library has been an essential part of our community's health and well being. More than 34,000 people turn to our libraries every day.

But in spite of its reach and impact, our library faces financial uncertainty every year. The current system of temporary funding has left neighborhood libraries with reduced hours and cuts to programs and services.

Measure 26-143 will replace the current, flawed system of temporary funding with dedicated, stable funding for our library. Establishing a library district will ensure that:

- **Children, educators and families get the help they need**
Last year, library programs were attended by nearly 250,000 children, parents and educators. Our library reaches out to every school in all 8 school districts in our county.
- **Seniors citizens stay connected and safe**
Educational programs help seniors learn about their health, manage their finances safely and avoid the risks of identity theft. Library outreach services deliver more than 200,000 books a year to those who can't get to the library.
- **Job seekers have access to tools and information**
The library is one of the few places where those who are without work can get help. Library staff and volunteers provide job search education, online application assistance, and help with resume writing and interviewing.
- **Local businesses succeed**
Libraries help businesses thrive. They're critical to building healthy, vibrant neighborhoods.

Each year, our library breaks records and wins awards for high usage, efficient operations and programs that change the lives of children, families and seniors. Over the last decade, checkouts at our library have nearly doubled.

The Library Foundation is an independent, community-based non-profit dedicated to enhancing our library's incredible work. Our volunteers and thousands of supporters work to extend the taxpayer's investment in our hardworking library.

Join us, the volunteers and supporters of The Library Foundation, by voting yes on Measure 26-143.

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

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

As librarians, we know: in tough times libraries are especially important.

As retired librarians and library workers, we've seen how libraries serve our community in good times and bad. But we have seen how people really depend on the libraries when they are struggling through tough economic times like these.

- Libraries provide job-seekers with ideas for leads, assistance with resume writing and interviewing
- Libraries provide a safe place for kids to go after school and library staff provide homework help
- Libraries deliver over 200,000 books to homebound senior citizens those experiencing barriers visiting the library
- Library computers are available for people who don't have one at home.

But because of the unstable temporary funding system libraries are also struggling – just when they are needed most.

Our libraries have cut hours of service so now they're open only 44 hours a week (10 years ago, the libraries were open up to 70 hours a week). That's the shortest weekly hours of any library in the four-county region.

Budgets for programs, activities, computer use, new books and materials are all reduced as well.

This is why we support a local library district – because it replaces temporary funding with stable, dedicated funding now and into the future. It will restore hours, programs, and services that people need – when they really need them.

Please vote yes for our libraries.

Penny Hummel	June Mikkelson	Brandon Barnett
Cathy Camper	Ross Betzer	Percy Wise
Emily-Jane Dawson	Kim Anderson	

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**Frequently Asked Questions
About a Multnomah County Library District**

Why do we need a Library District?

The current system of temporary funding means our libraries constantly face uncertainty and we cut services, programs, hours, activities and budgets for books. The Library District provides dedicated funding for libraries into the future. It will restore what has recently been cut and provide stable funding moving forward. Money collected for the Library District could not be used for other programs.

Does this create an additional layer of government?

No. The Library District will be governed by the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners. There is no new layer of government; in fact the library may be able to cut its costs by becoming a District.

Will a Library District be accountable?

There are multiple accountability mechanisms for the District; the budget will be reviewed by the Library Advisory Board and by the County Board of Commissioners, the library will still be part of the county's annual audit. Also, The Multnomah County Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission would continue to review the annual budget. The District will periodically be audited by the independently-elected County Auditor.

How much will this cost?

The Library District would have a permanent rate that cannot change. That rate is limited to \$1.24 per \$1,000 assessed property value – although the rate will likely start lower at \$1.18. Currently, we pay \$.89 per \$1,000 for the reduced level of services. For the typical home, the district will cost \$49 more per year.

What cuts will this measure restore?

Right now, our libraries are open 44 hours per week, down from 57 a week. That's the lowest of any library in the four-county region. They aren't open seven days a week and are closed most evenings. Other cuts include programs, activities and the budget for new books and materials— exactly when more people want them.

For more info, Visit librariesyes.com/faq

(This information furnished by Michael Hanna)

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Measure 26-143

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Vote No on Measure 26-143

Historically, Multnomah County voters have been very generous toward the Library.

Over time they have approved property taxes to the extent that it has become one of the most expensive library systems in the country.

On a per resident basis, the **\$61-million-a-year Multnomah County Library costs more than double the national average.**

Measure 26-143 may look like a continuation of the levy process. It's not and that is why a prudent person would vote it down.

It would a big mistake to create a permanent taxing authority to a group of unelected government employees who will no longer have to answer to voters.

For more information & news on your taxes go to OregonWatchdog.com

(This information furnished by Don McIntire, Taxpayer Association of Oregon)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Statement in Opposition to Multnomah County Ballot Measure 26-143

The Multnomah County Library system offers valuable services to citizens, but there is no need to create a new library tax district. The library already receives generous tax support through voter-approved levies. According to Willamette Week (8/1/12), the library receives county funding of \$81.35 per capita, while the national average is \$38.95.

Despite this generous support, library service levels are actually low compared with peer cities. Last year, the Multnomah County library had a budget of \$61.9 million to pay for 18 branches, while Denver operated 22 branches for only \$30.9 million and Seattle ran 27 branches for \$50.4 million.

Library managers have been unable to contain the high cost of labor. In 2011, MCL spent an average of \$77,281 per full-time equivalent staff position. This went up to \$80,340 in 2012 and is \$81,432 for the current budget. Yet, when management felt that cuts needed to be made this year, they closed the libraries one day per week.

The current library tax levy rate is \$0.89 per \$1,000 in assessed value; under Measure 26-143 the new, permanent rate will jump to \$1.24 per \$1,000, costing the average homeowner \$49 per year in new taxes.

Unfortunately, there is no guarantee that actual library services would be maintained or improved with the new money. The library now receives \$14.9 million in general fund dollars from Multnomah County, and the County could easily transfer all of that money to other programs.

Indeed, as the Portland City Economist told the City Council on July 18, 2012, "Effectively, the majority of the increased taxes from a new library district will go to supplant funding from Multnomah County's General Fund, **not increase the library's budget.**"

The county library is already better funded than most urban libraries; there is no need for a new taxing district. Voters should Vote NO on Measure 26-143.

(This information furnished by John A. Charles, Jr., Cascade Policy Institute)

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CITY OF FAIRVIEW

Measure 26-147

BALLOT TITLE

CHARTER AMENDMENT REQUIRING RECORD OF ALL VOTES IN COUNCIL MINUTES

QUESTION: Shall Fairview amend the Charter to require that the vote of each Council member be entered into the meeting minutes?

SUMMARY: The Oregon Constitution gives City voters the right to adopt and amend home rule charters. Fairview voters adopted the current charter in 1992.

The current charter requires the City council to adopt rules of procedure to govern its meetings and proceedings.

The current charter also requires the record of Council proceedings to reflect the aye and nay votes of Council members on proposed ordinances.

In addition to adopting ordinances, the Council takes action by adopting motions, resolutions and orders. This measure would amend the Charter to require the Council to include in its rules of procedure a requirement that the vote of each member on any issue or matter voted on by the Council be entered into the Council minutes.

The City's Charter Review Commission recommended this amendment, which was referred to the voters by the Council. If approved, the amendment would take effect January 1, 2013.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Oregon Constitution gives City voters the right to adopt and amend home rule charters. Fairview voters adopted the current charter in 1992.

The Fairview City Council formed an impartial Charter Review Committee comprised of citizens of the City to evaluate the existing charter and to determine if the charter should be updated or changed. The Charter Review Committee determined that changes to the charter were warranted and prepared draft amendments to the existing charter for review by City Council. The City Council concurred with the recommendation of the Charter Review Committee and referred this measure to city voters for approval or rejection.

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If approved by the voters, the Charter amendment would take effect January 1, 2013.

Submitted by

Samantha D Nelson
City Administrator
City of Fairview

No arguments FOR or AGAINST this measure were filed.

CITY OF FAIRVIEW

Measure 26-148

BALLOT TITLE

CHARTER AMENDMENT REVISING PROCESS COUNCIL USES TO ADOPT ORDINANCES

QUESTION: Shall Fairview amend the Charter to revise the process the City Council uses to adopt ordinances?

SUMMARY: The Oregon Constitution gives City voters the right to adopt and amend home rule charters. Fairview voters adopted the current charter in 1992.

The current charter provides procedures for Council adoption of ordinances, which permit but do not require the reading of proposed ordinances on two different days.

The procedures also permit, with the unanimous consent of the Council, the reading of proposed ordinances twice in one meeting and thereafter enactment by a majority vote of the Council at the same meeting.

The amendment would require only one reading of proposed ordinances, but would also require that the reading and enactment of ordinances occur on two separate days. The amendment would permit an ordinance to be read and enacted on the same day only if the Council enacts the ordinance by a unanimous vote of all members voting at that meeting.

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If approved by the voters, the Charter amendment would take effect January 1, 2013.

Submitted by

Samantha D Nelson
City Administrator
City of Fairview

No arguments FOR or AGAINST this measure were filed.

CITY OF FAIRVIEW

Measure 26-149

BALLOT TITLE

CHARTER AMENDMENT REVISING PROCESS TO FILL VACANCIES IN ELECTED OFFICES

QUESTION: Shall Fairview amend the Charter to revise the process used to fill vacancies that occur in City elected offices?

SUMMARY: The Oregon Constitution gives City voters the right to adopt and amend home rule charters. Fairview voters adopted the current charter in 1992. Under the current charter, vacancies in elected offices are temporarily filled by council appointment. The Council's appointee serves until a person is elected for the remainder of the unexpired term at the "next election." The City has enacted an ordinance clarifying that the "next election" is the next general election. Under the current charter an election to fill an office with an unexpired term must occur even if only two months remain in the term. The amendment would clarify the Charter to reflect the current practice for filling vacancies by temporary Council appointment and election at the next general election, but would also establish that an election is not required if there are only two months left in the unexpired term. The City's Charter Review Commission recommended this amendment, which was referred to the voters by the Council. If approved, the amendment would take effect January 1, 2013.

The amendment would codify the City's interpretation of the charter by providing that the Council's temporary appointee will serve until a person is elected at the next general election for the remainder of the unexpired term. In addition, the amendment would establish that an election would not be required if the term of the vacant office is set to expire the January immediately following the November election, which would preclude the need to hold an election if only two months remain in the term of the vacant office.

If approved by the voters, the Charter amendment would take effect January 1, 2013.

Submitted by

Samantha D Nelson
City Administrator
City of Fairview

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Under the current charter, vacancies in elected offices are temporarily filled by Council appointment. The Council's appointee serves until a person is elected for the remainder of the unexpired term at the "next election." The City has enacted an ordinance interpreting the phrase "next election" to mean the next general election. Under state law, general elections occur in November of even-numbered years. Under the City's current interpretation of the charter, an election to fill an unexpired term must occur at the next general election regardless of the amount of time left in the remainder of the term.

Under the current charter, a City councilor is elected in November to a four-year term. The term of a person elected to the Council in November begins the following January. If, for example, a councilor elected to a four-year term resigns in February of the fourth year of his or her term, the Council would temporarily appoint an individual to serve on the Council from February until November. Under the City's current interpretation of the Charter, an election would be held in November to select a person to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. Under this practice, the person elected in November to fill the remaining portion of the unexpired term that ends in January, would be elected for only two months (November and December).

No arguments FOR or AGAINST this measure were filed.

CITY OF GRESHAM

Measure 26-141

BALLOT TITLE

GRESHAM CHARTER AMENDMENT: MAYOR ELECTED AT LARGE; COUNCILORS BY DISTRICT

QUESTION: Shall the Gresham Charter be amended to elect the mayor at large and councilors elected and residing in six districts?

SUMMARY: This measure was proposed by initiative petition. If approved, it would amend the Gresham Charter to provide that council shall consist of a mayor elected at large and one councilor elected and residing in each of six districts.

The voters of the City of Gresham currently elect the mayor and six councilors at large. All voters in the city can seek city elective office and all voters in the city may vote for each city elective office without regard to where in the city the voter resides.

This initiative measure would change the manner in which councilors are elected from at large to a district system. Six districts would be established within the city. The voters of each district would elect one councilor who resides within that district. Voters would not elect the councilors who reside in other districts. The mayor would continue to be elected at large.

This measure would take effect when approved by at least sixty percent (60%) of the votes cast for or against this measure.

If amended, Section 7 of the Gresham Charter would read:

CITY COUNCIL. The council shall consist of a mayor elected at large and ~~six one councilor councilors~~ elected and residing in each of six districts, ~~from the city-at-large~~. All elections for city offices must be nonpartisan.

(New text is underlined; Deleted text is strikethrough)

This measure would take effect when approved by at least sixty percent (60%) of the votes cast for or against this measure.

Submitted by
Susanjoy Baskoro
City Recorder
City of Gresham

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Gresham Charter is the constitution of the City of Gresham. The current Charter was adopted in 1978 and last amended by Gresham voters in May 2012.

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CITY OF GRESHAM

Measure 26-141

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**Join your fellow Gresham citizens
Vote YES on Measure 26-141
Mayor Elected at Large;
Councilors by District**

Measure 26-141 is a grassroots, citizen's initiative to change how the Gresham City Council members are elected. Currently, the Mayor and all city Councilors are elected in city-wide, "at large" elections. A majority of councilors can all come from the same neighborhood.

Measure 26-141 would require the establishment of six voting districts throughout the City of Gresham; each District with equal population. **The voters of each District would elect one Councilor who lives within their District.**

Some reasons to support electing Councilors by District:

- Citizen in every neighborhood of Gresham will have a voice.
- Citizens will know which Councilor to contact for help solving District and City problems.
- Councilors will be accountable to citizens in their District.
- Citizens who know their District well, will be encouraged to run for City Council.
- Increase ethnic, economic, demographic diversity and geographic representation on Council.

Vote YES for equal representation in Gresham City government!

District representation is the way we elect our Metro, County Commissioners, State, and Federal representatives. District representation gives each citizen an equal voice in the democratic process. In current "at-large" elections a majority of Councilors can and do come from the same neighborhood resulting in unequal representation.

Councilors by District:

- Ends Councilor concentration in one city area
- Provides direct representation and accountability
- Eliminates costly city-wide campaigns
- Encourages fewer unopposed contests

**Vote for Change!
Vote YES on Measure 26-141!
Vote YES for equal representation!**

For more information please visit our web site: www.Gresham6Districts.org

Petitioners for Measure 26-141:
Charles J. Becker, Former Mayor, Gresham
Kenneth E. Stine, Gresham
Richard A. Strathern, Gresham

(This information furnished by Ken Stine, Committee for Restoration of District Representation)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

To Our Gresham Neighbors:

It is a privilege for us to serve you as Gresham City Councilors. Like you, we want to have a great place to live, work and enjoy recreational opportunities with our families, friends, and visitors. We volunteer to do our best to make wise policy decisions that affect our community, not only today, but for decades to come.

That is why we **strongly endorse re-establishing Districts.** At 107,500 residents, Gresham is a large community, growing by 2000 residents per year. The larger and more diverse we have grown, the more difficult it is for City Councilors to identify with the concerns of every area of the city. Requiring City Councilors to live in the neighborhoods they represent is really a simple concept, but it has far-reaching and profound effects.

District representation is not divisive. In fact, electing Councilors by District creates a city council that is transparent and accountable to its neighborhoods. Councilors master the skills of consensus-building and compromise. District representation requires our Mayor and City Councilors to have a balanced conversation regarding critical issues that affect, not only the entire city, but each of us wherever we live.

Would you like to know your City Councilor? Would you feel better represented if you knew who to approach with concerns about: city finances, parks and recreation, city roads and sidewalks, street lighting, natural resources, sustainability, code violations, on-going and future development and public safety? While all of these might affect the entire city, sooner than later they could affect only you and your neighborhood.

Re-establishing Districts provides an advocacy for each citizen that is currently missing. Electing Councilors by District balances representation throughout the City and opens the door of opportunity for the next generation of leaders.

Measure 26-141, Mayor at Large; Councilors by District is the right measure at the right time for the City of Gresham. Vote YES on Measure 26-141.

Respectfully,
John H. Kilian, Gresham Councilor
Paul Warr-King, Gresham Councilor

(This information furnished by John H. Kilian)

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CITY OF GRESHAM

Measure 26-141

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

VOTE NO 26-141

Dear Gresham resident,

Six years ago when I first sought the office of mayor, I promised you that I would always "call them as I see them," and that you would never have to guess where I stood on an issue. I have worked very hard to do just that and to keep an open door for you, the people I represent.

Under my administration we have increased citizen involvement and have worked hard to be responsive to ALL of Gresham. Nearly everyone who calls or emails my office gets a response. This is how it should be.

The proponents of this measure would have you believe that no one is being represented and that everyone is disenfranchised. You know better. We have worked too hard on too many issues to believe this. The best part about being YOUR mayor is that we often work together to solve issues that affect you and your family.

Right now you have six councilors that work for the common good of all of Gresham. You get to vote for ALL six of them. Under the districts measure, you would only be able to vote for one councilor even though ALL six of them can affect you. I think it is crazy to give up your right to vote.

Right now you elect, from the entire city, people you believe to be the best candidates to serve. Under the districts measure you would have to vote for ONE person from some imaginary or gerrymandered line.

I agree with the Citizen Charter Review Committee who studied this issue and did not recommend a change. They got it right.

We have worked too hard to go backwards. Do not let Chicago style politics infiltrate your city government. We are better than political horse trading and false lines on a map!

Thank you for the great honor of serving as your mayor.

Shane Bemis

Mayor of Gresham

(This information furnished by Shane Bemis)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Council Argument in Opposition

Measure 26-141 asks Gresham voters to sacrifice your right to vote for all of the city councilors who set policy for the city. We believe this is a bad idea, and here's why:

- **Districts would reduce your voice in Gresham elections.** Under the current at-large system, you get to vote for three councilors every two years. Under districts, you'd get to vote for just one every four years. Your voice will be diminished.
- **Districts would limit the community's ability to be represented by the very best candidates from across the city.** Councilors are unpaid volunteers, making it difficult to attract candidates. Finding candidates to run in a limited area such as a district would create an even greater challenge with a smaller pool of candidates to choose from. The quality of the city's leadership will suffer.
- **The Outlook Editorial Board agrees: "The members of the Gresham City Council obviously approach their duties with deep conviction for the entire city. We have no sense that any neighborhood benefits at the expense of another... Gresham's history supports the decision that led to the election of councilors to at-large positions... put us down for a "no" vote." Outlook Editorial, The Outlook, 3/24/12**
- **Citizen engagement is strong under an at-large system:** We're still a small city, and there are many ways for citizens to serve the community. In 2011, 2,800 residents volunteered over 14,000 hours of their time in neighborhood associations and citizen committees, making Gresham a stronger, more engaged community.

It's time to focus on the issues Gresham really cares about: public safety, supporting local businesses, creating jobs, and enhancing Gresham's high quality of life. With limited resources, we have to come together as a community to solve our common challenges. This measure would pull us apart.

Vote NO on 26-141.

Gresham Council President Karylenn Echols
Councilor Josh Fuhrer
Councilor Lori Stegmann

(This information furnished by Joan Albertson, One Gresham)

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CITY OF GRESHAM

Measure 26-141

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

We believe you should have a say in electing all of your city councilors. Your voice is important to the direction of our community, and some are trying to stifle it. We think that's wrong.

- **Districts limit voters' choice:** The current at-large system allows you to vote for all city councilors. Districts would only allow you to vote for one councilor every four years.
- **A recent poll showed that 77% of Gresham residents are satisfied with their city government.** Despite limited resources, we have competent leadership on the city council that engages the community and stretches your tax dollars further than any of the 10 largest cities in Oregon. The city council works together to create jobs, provide top-notch police and fire services, and make Gresham the most livable community possible. Districts would jeopardize their ability to work as a unified council to solve our community's challenges.
- Districts would limit you to electing just one councilor instead of all six, even though all six have a significant impact on the direction of the community. We believe in accountability in government, which means that all council members should be accountable to all citizens of the city they represent.
- "They shouldn't try to fix what isn't broken. The current six members of the council and the mayor are elected on a citywide basis, and we've seen no evidence over the past three decades to indicate that there's anything wrong with the at-large system. We believe it's much better to draw from the larger pool of candidates that will be available citywide. We fear that the [districting] proposal could be a distraction from the important business the council is dealing with today." -The Outlook, 6-22-12

Don't throw away your right to vote for 80% of those who represent you.

Please join us, and **vote NO on 26-141**. Keep your right to vote for your entire city council.

Learn more at www.onegresham.org.

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

-*Supporters Argument in Opposition

Please join your friends and neighbors in voting **NO on 26-141**. We believe in One Gresham.

Shane T. Bemis, Mayor of Gresham
 Karylinn Echols, Gresham Council President
 Josh Fuhrer, Gresham City Councilor
 Lori Stegmann, Gresham City Councilor
 David Widmark, Gresham City Councilor
 Carol Nielsen-Hood, Former Gresham City Councilor
 Dave Shields, former Gresham City Councilor
 Thomas Griffith, Former City Councilor
 Greg Matthews, State Representative
 Brian Lessler, President/CEO, PDG Construction Services, Inc.
 Carla C. Piluso, Gresham Police Chief, retired
 Joan Albertson, Charter Review Committee
 Harrison Braaksma, Charter Review Committee
 Chris Lyons, Charter Review Committee
 Travis Stovall
 John Sage
 Bess R. Wills
 Jim Hood
 Michael Patrick
 Sue Piazza
 Sherrill Widmark
 Kirk French
 Stan Morris
 Sue O'Halloran
 Michael McClintic
 Mardella Stevens (Mardy)
 Joyce E. Miller
 Timothy M. Welch
 Matthew Norquist
 Martin L. Stone
 Tom Hughes, Metro Council President

"They shouldn't try to fix what isn't broken. With all the economic and budgetary issues Gresham has in front of it right now, this does not strike us as the best time to bring up the question of whether city councilors should be elected by district in this city. It's hard enough already to find people who are willing to spend many, many hours each week in an unpaid position that also has a tendency to invite criticism and personal attacks from those who disagree with council decisions." *Outlook Editorial, The Outlook, 6/22/12*

We believe in OneGresham ... United.
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CITY OF GRESHAM

Measure 26-141

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Revising the structure of Gresham's city council around the parochial, district concept presented in Ballot Measure 26-141 is a bad idea for our community. Webster defines parochialism as "the state of being parochial: especially: selfish pettiness or narrowness (as of interests, opinions or views)". Under this six district structure, government decision making will grind to recurring stalemates as new districts' councilors, behold to their local constituency, will lose perspective on city-wide and regional goals and economic development.

Our current city council structure is a highly effective body of representation at large. It allows dedicated leaders from throughout the community to serve governance needs. The current council structure is very accessible and responsive to ALL individual residents, neighborhood associations and the business community. Under their leadership Gresham has achieved an unprecedented level of cooperation with our 3 neighboring cities resulting in the first regional, joint transportation study, funded by Metro. The outcome is an East County transportation plan, addressing the critical north south corridor improvements required to keep our region livable over future decades. District representation would be a giant step backwards, resulting in a council focused inwardly on small aspects of the community rather than forward thinking, big picture governance for the benefit of the entire community.

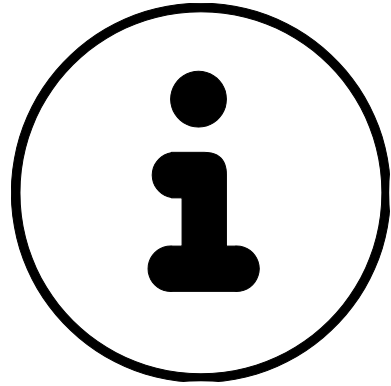
Creation of new district boundaries will obliterate current neighborhood associations' influence and ability to affect planning commission and city council decisions. Who or what interests will determine the boundaries of these 6 new districts? The formulation of these 6 districts have no assurance of increasing ethnic, economic, or demographic representation in city government. Presently all members of the community have an opportunity to vote for all council positions, not just a roster of candidates from an arbitrary district boundary.

Maintaining the current council structure is critical to the business environment and economic vitality of Gresham. District representation will negatively impact our ongoing ability to stimulate economic development and create new jobs in this local economy.

Brian Lessler

(This information furnished by Brian Lessler, PDG Construction Services, Inc)

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CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

Measure 3-405

BALLOT TITLE

LAKE OSWEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOND

QUESTION: Shall the City of Lake Oswego issue general obligation bonds not to exceed \$14 million for a new public library? 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: This measure authorizes the City to issue general obligation bonds not to exceed \$14 million to pay a portion of the cost of the design and construction of a new library of approximately 60,000 square feet in the vicinity of First and B Avenue, replacing the existing library at Fourth and D. The new library would include more space for library collections, study and computer areas, and areas for adult, teen, and children's programming. The library would also include community meeting and program space. The City plans to augment bond proceeds with other resources such as urban renewal funds and existing library capital funds to pay for the balance of the library costs and associated parking and site improvements. If the maximum bond amount is issued, the estimated property tax rate would be 17 cents per \$1,000 of Assessed Value (not Real Market Value). The bonds would mature in not more than 25 years.

If the measure is approved, bonds would be issued and repaid over 25 years or less. Property owners would pay an estimated 17 cents for every \$1,000 of Assessed Value (not Real Market Value). Bond proceeds would be used solely for capital improvements and not used to pay for library staff or the operation of the library.

Submitted by
Catherine Schneider
City Recorder
City of Lake Oswego

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Growth in Library Use

The existing 27,100 square foot Lake Oswego Public Library, located at Fourth and D in the First Addition Neighborhood, opened in 1983. Five years later, the City Council-appointed Library Growth Task Force concluded that the building had reached maximum capacity. According to the 2011 Oregon Public Library Statistical Report, since the current facility opened the number of library cardholders has increased from 17,000 to 29,778; reference questions have increased from 19,651 to 62,494; circulation has risen from approximately 444,000 to 1,350,000; and the library's collection has grown from 104,276 to 237,180 items. From 1987 to 2012, library materials circulation per capita has risen from 10.2 to 35.3. The Library has an average of approximately 1,000 visitors per day.

Description of the Proposed Library

The proposed 60,000 square foot library will be located at First Street and B Avenue in downtown Lake Oswego on a site owned by the Lake Oswego Redevelopment Agency. The new library would provide additional space for library collections and multi-media library materials; areas for adult, teen, and children's programming; study and computer areas; multi-purpose community meeting rooms; and work space for staff and volunteers. A citizen task force will participate in the design of the new library.

Project Financing

Voter approval of this measure would allow the City of Lake Oswego to issue up to \$14 million in general obligation bonds to fund a portion of the cost of a new public library. The preliminary estimated cost of the library and associated parking is \$35 million, excluding site acquisition costs. Bond proceeds would be added to other funding sources including up to \$18 million of urban renewal funds, approximately \$2 million of Clackamas County Library District and City library capital funds, and other sources such as donations and proceeds from the sale of the existing library property. The new library would be a component of a First Street North Anchor project that could include other uses, such as residential and retail space, and public parking to serve general downtown parking needs. Bond proceeds will be used only to fund the new library.

No arguments AGAINST this measure were filed.

CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

Measure 3-405

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Our Lake Oswego library is the most heavily used public building in the city; about 30,000 citizens have library cards. It's an educational and cultural resource for all ages. The current library building is too small and cannot be expanded where it sits. Fortunately the City owns property on First and B that is ideal for a two-story, 60,000 square foot library.

A new library will have room for books and other media we now have to discard simply because there is no space for them, not because they aren't being used.

A new library will have space for programs on the arts, authors, and music. More than 22,000 people attended one of 600 programs offered last year. Many of those had to be held amidst the reading room while patrons looked for materials or tried to study.

A new library will have a children's room large enough so families aren't turned away from popular programs. In addition to more room for children's books, we could have a larger space for story time.

A new library will have a teen area full of materials that speak to their interests and the life skills young adults need to master. An attractive area, filled with books written for them, can keep teens reading and help them excel in school and life.

A new library will have rooms for small group meetings and rooms for tutoring or quiet study. Many students are required to do group school assignments and there's no better place than the library.

Our new library will be the community's living room in the town's civic heart -- efficient, comfortable, and convenient. With twice the number of parking spaces and transit near by, with meeting rooms and twice as much space for people and materials, the library can continue to be our favorite public amenity.

YES -- MEASURE #3-405

Endorsed by the Friends of the Lake Oswego Library Board and Lake Oswego Chamber of Commerce

(This information furnished by Darrel Condra, Yes LOPL)

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CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

Measure 3-406

BALLOT TITLE

BOONES FERRY ROAD BOND ISSUE

QUESTION: Shall the City of Lake Oswego issue general obligation bonds not to exceed \$5 million for Boones Ferry Road Improvements? 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: This measure authorizes the City of Lake Oswego to issue general obligation bonds not exceeding \$5 million to pay for a portion of the cost of design, right of way acquisition and construction for Boones Ferry Road Improvements from Madrona to Oakridge/Reese, consistent with the 2008 Lake Grove Village Center Plan, including:

- Four vehicular travel lanes
- Landscaped medians with turn lane improvements
- New sidewalks with street trees, lighting, street furniture, and landscaping
- Additional and improved pedestrian crosswalks
- Bike lanes
- Improved storm drainage systems
- Undergrounding of utilities

The improvements also include a signalized pedestrian crossing at Lanewood near Lake Grove Elementary School.

The total project cost is estimated at \$25.4 million. Funding includes bond proceeds, urban renewal funds and other funding sources. If the maximum bond amount is issued, it is anticipated that property taxes would increase by 6 cents per \$1,000 of Assessed Value (not Real Market Value). The bonds would be payable in not more than 25 years.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure has been referred to the voters by the Lake Oswego City Council. Voter approval of this measure would authorize the City of Lake Oswego to issue up to \$5 million in general obligation bonds for improvements to Boones Ferry Road within the Lake Grove Village Center, one of Lake Oswego's two designated town centers.

Project Defined in 2008 Lake Grove Village Center Plan

The 2008 Lake Grove Village Center Plan was developed over a six-year period with public input from a Council-appointed citizen advisory committee, public meetings, and hearings. The Plan identifies a number of deficiencies with existing conditions and calls for Boones Ferry Road improvements relating to traffic movement and safety, vehicle access to businesses, stormwater management, sidewalks and pedestrian crosswalks, bicycle lanes, vehicular turn lanes, and adjustment of driveway spacing to reduce conflicts between turning vehicles and through traffic, pedestrians and bicycles.

Project Description

The Boones Ferry Road Improvements bond project includes design, right of way acquisition and construction for Boones Ferry Road Improvements from Madrona to Oakridge/Reese, consistent with the 2008 Lake Grove Village Center Plan.

Improvements include:

- Four vehicular travel lanes
- Landscaped medians with vehicular turn lane improvements
- New sidewalks with street trees, lighting, street furniture, and landscaping
- Two new signalized intersections and two new pedestrian crosswalks
- Bike lanes in each direction
- Improved storm drainage systems
- Undergrounding of utilities

The improvements also include a signalized pedestrian crossing at Lanewood near Lake Grove Elementary School.

Project Financing

Based on engineering studies, the total cost for the improvements is estimated at \$25.4 million. Project funding includes the \$5 million in bond proceeds, with the balance to be financed from other sources, including future urban renewal funds.

Property Tax Rate

If the maximum bond amount is issued, it is anticipated that property taxes would increase by 6 cents for every \$1,000 of Assessed Value. The bonds would be payable in not more than 25 years.

Submitted by

Catherine Schneider
City Recorder
City of Lake Oswego

No arguments AGAINST this measure were filed.

CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

Measure 3-406

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Safety Brings Success

Lake Oswego has two commercial centers – its Downtown which has become an inviting mix of commerce, urban residences and public spaces, knit together with attractive streets and cross-walks. Then there is Lake Grove, where Boones Ferry Road cuts an **unsafe**, impassable, unattractive, and pedestrian unfriendly swath between privately funded progress on each side.

Local businesses are making bold, attractive investments in the future of Lake Grove and the City. With the passage of measure 3-406, a modest civic investment (\$18 per year on a \$300,000 home), Lake Grove will emerge as a vibrant and accessible town center making crossing **safe**, shopping a pleasure, and boosting property values in the commercial district and adjacent neighborhoods, just as the revitalization of Downtown created value, not only on "A" Avenue but also in the First Addition, Forest Hills, and Evergreen neighborhoods.

As publicly minded citizens, it is up to us to underwrite the public infrastructure that allows the neighborhoods where we do business, shop, and dine to flourish. We owe it to ourselves to create **safe** crossings for shoppers, diners, and the students walking and biking to our neighborhood schools.

Now is the time to bring **safety** and success to Lake Grove. Vote yes for measure 3-406.

John W. "Jack"
Lundeen,
President Lake
Grove Business
Association

Jack D.
Hoffman,
Mayor of Lake
Oswego

Donna Jordan,
City Councilor
Lake Oswego

Bill Tierney,
Lake Oswego
City Councilor

Sally Moncrieff,
Lake Oswego
City Councilor

Chuck O'Leary,
CEO
Lake Oswego
Chamber of
Commerce

Michael J. Buck,
Lake Grove
Property Owner

Scot Siegel,
President
Siegel Planning
Services LLC

Greg Hume,
President
Hume Myers
Tenant Counsel

S. H. Smither,
97034/97035
Property Owner

George
Psihogios,
Psihogios
Properties LLC

Joe Buck,
Lake Grove
Business Owner

Doug DiCola,
Lake Grove Allstate

Ken Sandblast

Debra Siegel,
Kumon
Math/Reading of
Lake Grove

Eric Meyer

James A. Cooke

Kent Collins

Michael S.
Keeler

Reginald F. "Vic"
Keeler

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(This information furnished by John W. "Jack" Lundeen, Lake Grove Business Association)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-145

BALLOT TITLE

AMENDS CHARTER: CHANGES PROVISIONS OF FIRE POLICE DISABILITY RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

QUESTION: Shall limited provisions of the retirement and disability system for police and fire be changed?

SUMMARY: This measure would amend the City Charter for the Fire Police Disability Retirement System (FPDR) by:

- Clarifying the calculation of retirement benefits to include only pay a member received in the year preceding retirement.
- Changing eligibility for disability benefits for new members after completion of six consecutive months of employment as a sworn employee.
- Changing the calculation of service credit to not include post-employment service by another employer.
- Giving the Administrator, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, authority to settle claims.
- Defining service requirements for occupational disability due to heart disease and nonservice-connected disability and death benefits.
- Changing retirement benefits for part-time employees.
- Providing disability benefits on a monthly or bi-weekly basis.
- Providing interim disability benefits during the period between the application and approval of benefits.
- Clarifying language regarding occupational disability benefits.
- Changing from 10 years to 5 years the vesting period for nonservice-connected death benefits.

This amendment is expected to decrease FPDR taxpayer liabilities by \$46 Million over a 25 year period.

This measure would give the FPDR Administrator the ability to settle claims with either the approval of the FPDR Board of Trustees or under guidelines established by the Board of Trustees.

This measure clarifies service requirements for nonservice connected disability and death benefits and occupational disability benefits due to heart disease.

This measure changes the retirement benefit calculation for part-time employees so that a member receives adequate credit and pay for part-time work when calculating their pension.

This measure allows members receiving disability payments to receive payments on either a bi-weekly or monthly basis depending on the duration of their disability.

This measure allows members to receive disability payments during the period their disability application is being processed and allows the FPDR to recoup the benefits paid should the claim be denied or withdrawn.

This measure clarifies language regarding occupational disability benefits.

This measure changes the vesting period for nonservice connected death benefits from 10 to 5 years.

Submitted by

Dan Saltzman
Commissioner
City of Portland

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure would make changes to certain provisions of the Fire and Police Disability, Retirement and Death Benefit (FPDR) system in the Portland City Charter. The FPDR system is funded by a property tax levy. This amendment is expected to decrease taxpayer funded liabilities by \$46.6 million over a 25 year period.

This measure clarifies how retirement benefits are calculated to ensure a member receives a pension that is based on the Final Pay a member received or was entitled to receive during the year preceding their retirement. Currently, the Charter is written to allow a member to receive a larger retirement benefit depending on when the member retires by including more than a typical year's worth of salary and including lump sum payments attributable to service from years prior to the year preceding retirement. This measure corrects that by clearly defining the pay that is included in the member's Final Pay at retirement.

This measure changes the eligibility period for new members by requiring six consecutive months of service as a sworn police officer or firefighter with the City of Portland prior to entering the FPDR system. Members would be covered by the state Workers' Compensation system during this six month waiting period.

For members in the FPDR retirement system, this measure removes from retirement calculations credit for employment by another entity in the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System (PERS). This ensures that retirement benefits will be calculated only based on service a member provides in the City of Portland and will not increase a member's FPDR pension based on service with another PERS employer.

No arguments AGAINST this measure were filed.

CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-145

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

MEASURE 26-145 SAVES TAXPAYER MONEY

"Save(s) taxpayers about \$47 million in pension costs for police and firefighters over the next 25 years."

The Oregonian - August 9, 2012

"None of the measure is designed to undercut faith in those public servants who court risk in performing their duties. But they correctly take aim at trimming where justified to reduce fiscal risk to the city."

The Oregonian - July 31, 2012

"Passage by voters in November is essential if Portland is to bring benefit levels into conformity with public benefits elsewhere ..."

The Oregonian - August 9, 2012

"FPDR needs correction this year by Portland voters. The city's revenue is finite."

The Oregonian - July 31, 2012

VOTE YES on 26-145

- Correct unintended spikes in pensions
- Saves taxpayers at least \$47 million over the next 25 years
- Protects firefighters and police officers
- Prevents abuse of the system

"Twenty-six cents of every property tax dollar in the City of Portland pays for police and firefighter pensions. Measure 26-145 saves taxpayers money while providing a fair retirement system to our public safety officers."

Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman

(This information furnished by Dan Saltzman)

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-146

BALLOT TITLE

RESTORE SCHOOL ARTS, MUSIC EDUCATION; FUND ARTS THROUGH LIMITED TAX.

QUESTION: Shall Portland restore arts, music for schools and fund arts through income tax of 35 dollars per year?

SUMMARY: This measure creates a limited income tax of \$35 for each adult income-earning Portland resident. Individuals in households below federal poverty level pay no tax.

Tax can only be used for:

- Arts and Music Teachers: Funds to hire arts and music teachers for kindergarten through 5th grade students at local public schools attended by Portland students. Distribution of funds based on school enrollment.

- Arts Access: Remaining funds for grants to nonprofit arts organizations, other nonprofits and schools. Will fund grants to provide high-quality arts access for kindergarten through 12th grade students and to make arts, culture experiences available to underserved communities. Funds administered by Regional Arts and Culture Council (RACC).

Accountability measures include:

- Administrative costs are capped.
- Expenditures subject to oversight by citizen committee.
- Independent financial audits of RACC and School District expenditures.

Estimated funds raised will be \$12 million annually. The tax is effective beginning with 2012 tax year, with payment due when state taxes are due.

Remaining funds will be awarded as grants to non-profit organizations and schools to provide high-quality arts access for Kindergarten through 12th grade students and to make arts and culture experiences available to underserved communities. Administered by the Regional Arts & Culture Council, grants will be made to qualifying Portland-based non-profit arts organizations that demonstrate artistic excellence, provide service to the community, show administrative and fiscal competence and provide a wide range of high quality arts programs to the public. Grants will also be awarded to schools and non-profits that provide arts programs specifically for schoolchildren and underserved communities.

Measure 26-146 will generate the revenue to support the Arts Education and Access Fund through an income tax of \$35 per adult, income-earning resident of Portland. Residents living in households at or below the federal poverty limit will be exempt: they will not pay this tax.

ACCOUNTABILITY

An Independent Citizen Oversight committee that is representative of the City's diverse communities will be formed to annually review Fund expenditures and report the impact of the Arts Education and Access Fund to the public. Audits will be made available to the public annually.

After the expenditure of capped start-up costs, administrative costs of this Fund are limited to 5 percent or less of Gross Revenues over a five year period.

Submitted by

Sam Adams

Mayor

City of Portland

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

BACKGROUND

Research shows that art and music are an essential part of a basic curriculum for students, especially in the elementary school years. Studies link access to arts education to improved attendance, increased participation in math and science, higher test scores, increased graduation rates and college admittance. The impact is even greater among low-income students and students of color.

Access to arts education for public school students in the City of Portland has declined steeply. For example, over the last five years Parkrose and Centennial School Districts have cut their art and music teaching staff by half. Portland Public Schools has dropped all arts instruction in 22 schools in just two years.

- In 2011, 18% of Portland elementary schools provide art instruction compared to 83% nationally.
- 58% of Portland elementary schools provide music instruction compared to 94% nationally.
- 28% of all Portland schools provide no arts instruction of any kind including music, drama, dance or visual arts. This is compared to just 3% of schools nationally.
- There are 11,596 Portland children attending schools that do not have any art, dance, drama, or music instruction.

HOW MEASURE 26-146 WORKS

The Arts Education and Access Fund will first go to all schools that serve Portland students within the six Portland school districts (Centennial, David Douglas, Parkrose, Portland Public, Reynolds, and Riverdale) to pay for certified arts education teachers for Kindergarten through 5th grade (K-5). Districts will receive the funds required to hire and maintain one certified arts teacher per every 500 students so that every K-5 student within the City of Portland will have access to arts education.

CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-146

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

**Vote YES on Measure 26-146!
Our Children Deserve a Better Future**

YES Because Passing This Measure Will Ensure That Every Elementary Student in Portland Receives An Arts Education

Arts education opportunities are a key part of a well-rounded education. And when it comes to arts and music in our schools Portland has fallen far behind the nation. Today in Portland there are 11,596 children attending schools that do not have any art, dance, drama, and music instruction.

We know that children who are involved in the arts are:

- 4 times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement
- 4 times more likely to participate in a math and science fair
- 3 times more likely to be elected to class office within their schools

YES to Improving Access to the Arts Regardless of Age, Income or Geography

The arts shape neighborhoods, build communities, and make our imaginations soar. Last year Portland residents and visitors had **over 2 million arts experiences** through non-profit arts organizations. **Nearly half** of these arts experiences were offered **free of charge**.

YES to Supporting Established Arts Organizations City-Wide to Bring Arts, Culture and Creativity to Life for Every Portland Resident

In 2011, Portland's nonprofit arts organizations supported **8,529 full-time equivalent jobs**, generating **\$195.4 million in household income** to local residents, and **\$21.4 million in local and state revenue**.

WITH YOUR YES VOTE:

The City of Portland will restore arts and music education to every elementary school in Portland's six school districts by providing stable, long-term funding for certified arts and music teachers and grants for arts access programs. This fund will also support established arts organizations citywide to bring arts, culture and creativity to life for every Portland resident.

The fund is provided for by a limited income tax of \$35 for income-earning adult residents of Portland. Any taxpayer at or under the federal poverty level will be exempted and pay nothing.

Vote YES on 26-146!

(This information furnished by Jessica Jarratt Miller, Schools & Arts Together)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Local Teachers Support Measure 26-146.

The Portland Association of Teachers supports this measure.

As teachers, we know the difference arts education can make in a child's life. Arts unlock talent, increase focus, and nurture curiosity in our students. Regular opportunities to experience the arts promote students' success in all of our classrooms. Children in our city depend on our public schools for these opportunities.

Due to a lack of stable and adequate funding for schools, arts education is in decline in our city.

Access to arts and music education should not be a privilege for a few. It should be available to all students in our community. Art and music help children reach their full potential.

The arts allow students to develop skills and follow passions, connect them to the school community, city community, and in many cases keep students enthusiastic about school.

Measure 26-146 will restore arts and music education to our schools.

Over 35,000 students will benefit from this measure.

By creating a stable and sustainable fund, Measure 26-146 will ensure that there are Certified Arts Teachers in 63 elementary schools in Portland Public School District, 8 schools in Reynolds, 7 schools in Centennial, 10 schools in David Douglas, 4 schools in Parkrose, and 1 school in Riverdale.

Please join us in ensuring that all Portland students benefit from a well-rounded curriculum. Vote yes on Measure 26-146.

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-146

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Parents Support Arts Education and Access Funding for Our Children!

Join Us in Voting Yes on Measure 26-146!

Arts Education has declined steeply in Portland's elementary schools and we have fallen way behind the national average.

In a city that prides itself on creativity, our children are now facing a public education with fewer opportunities to experience art and music than we had as children.

This is unacceptable.

Research shows that we can raise test scores, increase graduation rates, and inspire our children to excel in school simply by ensuring they receive an arts education.

THE LACK OF ARTS EDUCATION IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM for PORTLAND'S CHILDREN & FUTURE:

Portland is home to six school districts. In the last five years, two of them (Parkrose and Centennial) have cut their arts and music teaching staff by half. In the past two years, Portland Public Schools has dropped all arts instruction in 22 schools.

Today only **18% of Portland elementary schools provide art instruction** compared to 83% nationally.

58% of Portland elementary schools provide music instruction compared to 94% nationally.

And **28% of all Portland schools provide no arts instruction of any kind** including music, drama, dance, or visual arts, compared to just 3% of schools nationally.

We are worried about what this means for our children's future. And what this means for the future of our City.

We are asking you to help us fix this problem by Voting Yes on 26-146.

For pennies a day, we can provide a lifetime of opportunities for our children and bring new creative experiences to our community.

Please join us in Vote YES on 26-146!

Michael Aziz
Kimberly Aziz
Michelle Brandstait
Emily Brod
Ann Marie Chinn
Lydia Collins
Grant Crowley
Mattye Dahl
Sara Eddie
Julia Epstein
Paul Fyfield
Anne Haas
Elizabeth Holah
Jude Kassar
James Kistner
Heather MacNeill
Odie Miller
Julia O'Neill
Estia P. Papaioannou
Meg K. Walsh
Heather Whiteford
John Workinger
Jo Ann Workinger

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Dear Voters,

I am a product of the Portland public school's music program. Over 60 years ago, I began my violin studies at Ainsworth Grade School in southwest Portland, going on to Lincoln High School and then to Portland State University.

I had the opportunity to audition for and won a position at the Oregon symphony, where I survived for 42 years, just retiring this May. My late husband, Eugene Kaza [the inspiration for the film "Mr. Holland's Opus"], was also a musician in the Oregon Symphony, and later a music teacher at Grant High School and Wilson High School.

We've been advocates of education of young people all of our lives, because it produces civilized young people who grow into good citizens. Those people who are capable of becoming leaders and good community citizens.

I began the violin studies early, but also found that it helped me in other areas of my school studies. I became interested in many other aspects of the community. I now serve as President of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Youth Symphony, I am on the executive board of Local 99 American Federation of Musicians, and President of the Music Education Assistance Project. I have come full circle, coming in as a musician as a child, performing thousands of concerts and reaching out to the young people in the school systems.

If you saw "Mr. Holland's Opus," you were probably saddened when the schools music program was cancelled. You may have thought "Someone should do something about this!"

This is our chance.

I strongly believe that music education and arts belong to the young people of the future and request that you support this measure.

Thank you.

Vote Yes on Measure 26-146.

Mary Ann Coggins Kaza

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-146

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The Regional Arts & Culture Council Asks You to Join Us in Supporting Measure 26-146

For twenty years, arts organizations and community leaders have worked to create a dedicated fund to support the arts and arts education in Portland, to ensure our children have a complete education and our community is a vibrant place to live and work.

Arts Enliven Our City, Boost Our Economy, Build Community

A strong city is one where every child has the opportunity to use a paint brush and write a poem. Where dynamic, diverse arts organizations contribute to our daily lives. We want every resident to have the chance to experience a play that opens a new mind; a dance that sets imaginations on fire; a concert that melts hearts; and a sculpture that shapes a future.

The Research Agrees

Research links access to arts and music education to improved test scores, increased graduation rates and college admittance. The numbers are even more dramatic for low-income students and students of color. And employers point to arts education for developing a workforce equipped with the creative thinking and problem solving skills necessary to compete in an innovation economy. Businesses also rely on a vibrant arts community to attract and retain creative workers.

An Incredible Value

For just pennies a day, we can provide arts instruction in every Portland elementary school and improve access to the arts to every resident, regardless of age, income or geography. This fund will also support established arts organizations city-wide that play a key role in the education of our children, the economic vitality of our region, and the livability of our city, by providing 2 million arts experiences each year, 800,000 at no charge and over 200,000 for school-age children.

Vote YES on 26-146!

Join your community to restore needed arts and music to our schools and increase access to arts, culture, and creativity citywide.

Eloise Damrosch, Executive Director
Regional Arts & Culture Council

(This information furnished by Eloise Damrosch, Regional Arts & Culture Council)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Please Vote YES on Measure 26-146 and Bring our Arts and Music Teachers Back to Our Elementary Schools.

We are all elementary school students in Portland, but we don't all have the same access to arts and music in our schools. Some schools offer no art, music, dance or drama at all.

And this isn't fair.

When we experience success in the arts, we appreciate the results of effort and persistence, and are more motivated to apply ourselves to other learning tasks.

Arts education has been in steady decline in Portland over the last five years and we are the ones who suffer from that.

Those of us who have access to arts and music teachers in our schools and benefit from community-based arts programs in our classrooms and communities are more likely to:

- Have higher GPA's and SAT scores
- Stay in school and graduate
- Go to college
- Participate in community service
- Participate in math and science fairs
- Get elected to class office
- Have greater success in math and reading
- Have increased self-esteem
- Have more positive interactions with peers and adults

We believe that every child in Portland should have the same opportunities to learn, to thrive and to succeed.

Now is your chance to make a real change; to help us - **your children, your grandchildren, your neighbors, your friends, your students** – have a better future, in school, in our communities, and in the workforce.

We can't vote but you can.

PLEASE VOTE YES on Measure 26-146 to restore certified arts teachers to every Portland elementary school, to improve access to the arts for every resident, and to support arts organizations.

Sam Aziz
Schuyler Berry
Victory Brewster
Halle Chinn-Raicht
Simon Collins
Maci Dahl
Violet Holah
Olivia Holah
Adell Kistner
Neely Miller
Quinlyn Walsh
Alder Whiteford
Willem Workinger
Jolian Workinger

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-146

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Vote YES on 26-146 and Improve our Schools, Enhance Our Communities and Strengthen Our Economy

Good for the City

The arts improve our education system, revitalize local neighborhoods and businesses and fuel the innovation that drives our creative sector.

Further, arts and culture enhance the quality of life for all who live here – helping ensure that businesses can attract new talent, hotels and restaurants can stay full and residents will continue to love where they live.

Good for the Economy

Portland's arts and culture supports jobs, spurs tourism and generates event-related spending that pumps revenue into the local economy.

In fact, Portland's nonprofit arts and culture is a \$235.5 million industry, generating \$195.4 million in household income to local residents and supporting 8,529 full-time equivalent jobs.

A Workforce for the 21st Century

Studies show that children who have an arts education do better in school, go to college at a higher rate, and are more engaged civically. 72 percent of business leaders say creativity is of high importance when hiring.

Best Value for Your Tax Dollar

For just \$35 per year, we can restore arts and music education in Portland's six school districts, improve access to the arts and support non-profit arts organizations that bring arts, culture, and creativity to life for every Portland resident.

Accountability Built In

Through a strict audit process, a citizen oversight committee will ensure that dollars intended for this fund are not diverted to other projects.

Vote YES on 26-146!

Good for Schools. Good for Businesses. Good for Residents.

Nik Blosser, Celilo Group Media
 Mark Edlen, Gerding Edlen
 Eric Fridenwald-Fishman, Metropolitan Group
 Maria I. Garcia Seabold, Garcia Seabold Investments LLC, Owner
 Brian Gard, Gard Communications
 Jacob Johnson, PREM Group
 Mike Lindberg, President, CML Communications
 Ron Pernick, Clean Edge, Inc.
 Dan Wieden, Wieden + Kennedy

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Grandparents Support Arts Education and Access Funding for all Portland Children!

We urge you to Vote YES on Measure 26-146!

As parents, and now grandparents, we have two generations of experience shepherding students through the public school system. We have seen first hand the benefits of arts education for our children and the terrible lack of arts education for our grandchildren.

And it is simply devastating to realize that our grandchildren will have fewer opportunities to learn, to thrive, to be inspired and to succeed in school than their parents had.

While our children had the opportunity to take classes in both art and music during their elementary school years and enjoyed regular outings to the symphony, theatre or museum with their classmates, our grandchildren face a very different reality.

Nearly half of Portland's elementary school students will only have the chance to learn an instrument if their parents can afford private lessons. And just 2 out of 10 students in our grandchildren's graduating class will have the opportunity to take even one art class during their six years of elementary school.

What's more, this does not hold true for children across the country who have, on average, much better access to both art and music in their elementary school classrooms.

We understand that students participate in the arts during their school years will outperform students who do not on virtually every measure. And we find it unacceptable for our grandchildren to be at this kind of disadvantage simply because they attend public school in Portland.

OUR GRANDCHILDREN AND YOUR GRANDCHILDREN DESERVE BETTER.

For just \$35.00 per year, we can restore art and music teachers to our elementary schools.

Please join us in **Voting YES! When You Support Arts Education for Children You Support a Brighter Future for us all.**

Mary Jo Dare
 Mike DesCamp
 Jacqueline DesCamp
 Gary D. Hanson
 Maryjane Kistner
 Geraldine Naylor
 John Stephenson
 Nancy K. Stephenson
 Connie Wu

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-146

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Local School Board Leaders Support Measure 26-146!

Vote YES to Restore Arts and Music Teachers to our Elementary Schools and Fund Community-Based Arts Programs for all of Portland's School Children.

The arts are fundamental in making our children better students and citizens.

As elected school board members, our obligation is to ensure the highest quality educational experience for all students. The arts have a central role to play in creating the well-rounded, high-achieving students who will be the citizens of the future.

All children, regardless of their family's income or neighborhood, should have access to arts and music instruction at the elementary level.

Every school district educating children in the City of Portland has fallen behind in the national average for access to certified arts instruction in our elementary schools. This is particularly troubling because research shows that access to arts education improves attendance, test scores, academic excellence in math, science and language arts as well as graduation rates. National research also shows that access to an arts education makes an even more significant difference for low-income students.

Today, Portland's public school students do not have access to the arts education – and the opportunities to learn and thrive in the school environment – that they deserve.

We can do better.

Measure 26-146 will restore arts and music education in Portland's six school districts by providing stable, long-term funding for certified arts teachers in every elementary school and grants to help schools and non-profits increase access to the arts.

This is our chance to give our kids the future they deserve.

Please VOTE YES on Measure 26-146!

Tim S. Cook, EdD
Chair, Centennial School Board

Martin González
Director, Portland Public Schools Board of Education

Kelly Morency
Director, Centennial School Board of Education

Matt Morton
Director, Portland Public Schools Board of Education

James Woods
Director, Parkrose Board of Education

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Vote YES on Measure 26-146! Make Children's Theater Available to Every Child!

The arts and theater help children to learn, work together, and develop confidence and creativity. These skills are necessary for young people to thrive in today's rapidly changing world. Literature, art, music, history, and culture are not low-priority frills; they are essential to a diverse, colorful and well-rounded education.

Theater designed specifically for young audiences brings stories they have read or have not yet read to life. It creates worlds in which reality and imagination are woven together and translated into language and action.

Children who have the opportunity to participate on stage learn invaluable social skills such as learning to work with others, acute listening skills, problem solving and taking direction from others.

Vote YES on 26-146 and Bring Learning To Life!

Northwest Children's Theater and School and Oregon Children's Theatre both delivered high-quality theater arts and education experiences to over 225,000 children, teachers, and family members last year alone. While that's an impressive number, many more children in Portland lack access and opportunities to participate in great theater programs.

Vote YES on 26-146 and Give Every Child the Chance to Take the Stage!

Our theaters, and others like us, offer low ticket prices for school groups, scholarship programs, free performances for communities around Portland, lesson plans for teachers, and partnerships with community organizations to bring theater to life for children and families across our city.

Almost all adults remember band, art, singing and theater when they were in school. Sadly today, they are no longer part of every child's development. Theater is a powerful teaching tool that all children should have the opportunity to experience.

Judy Kafoury
Managing Director
Northwest Children's
Theater and School

Ross McKeen
Managing Director
Oregon Children's Theatre

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-146

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The David Douglas Education Association strongly supports Measure 26-146.

Teachers know the positive impact that Arts and Music education makes on our students. The arts build skills that our students apply in all areas of their learning.

Over the past two years, due to the budget crisis and underfunding from the state, we have lost 102 out of 700 teaching positions in David Douglas. Despite these crippling cuts and a population where nearly 80% of our students qualify for free and reduced lunch, student achievement is up while graduation dropout rates are down. Keeping Arts and Music education is a critical foundation for continued student success and learning.

Measure 26-146 will fully fund a certified Arts educator in every K-5 school in the city of Portland.

Our students are counting on you to vote YES on Measure 25-146!

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Vote YES for Measure 26-146!

It's time to restore art and music education to our schools and increase access to the arts for everyone by supporting Portland's non-profit arts organizations like the Portland Art Museum.

The arts are critical to the education of our youth, attract new businesses, inspire our creative economy, support tourism, and create a vibrant community. The Portland Art Museum provides a platform to experience the power of art.

By voting yes on Measure 26-146, we can restore arts and music education to Portland's six school districts by providing stable, long-term funding for certified arts teachers in every Portland elementary school. Measure 26-146 will also support arts organizations citywide, including the Portland Art Museum.

Currently, the Museum receives 1.8 percent of its funding through the Regional Arts and Culture Council – significantly below the national average. With the passage of this Measure that amount will grow to allow us to better serve the Portland community.

Your Museum is the largest arts education resource in our state. Last year, 50,000 children came to the Museum. We had visits from 280 schools and conducted 897 docent-led school tours. And best yet, your Museum is free for children 17 and under every day that the Museum is open.

The Portland Art Museum is committed to ensuring a strong and vibrant arts community for our children today and into the future.

Please join us in Voting Yes on Measure 26-146.

Brian Ferriso
Director and CEO

Jim Winkler
Chairman of the Board

Portland Art Museum
www.portlandartmuseum.org

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-146

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Every Child Deserves Access to an Arts Education Regardless of Income

Research shows that students who receive an arts education have a higher grade point average, higher standardized test scores, higher graduation rates and a better chance of attending college.

And for low-income students, the benefits are even more striking.

Low-income students who participate in arts classes are much more likely to attend and excel in college, obtain employment with a future, volunteer in their community and vote. Arts participation also leads to decreased delinquency and drug use, increased self-esteem, and more positive interactions with peers and adults.

Yet students in the highest poverty elementary schools are 50% less likely to have art or music classes.

Measure 26-146 will fund certified arts teachers for every public elementary school in Portland to ensure that children from low-income families have the same opportunities to succeed in school and in life as other children.

Every Resident of Portland should have the Opportunity to experience Arts and Culture in our City

Portland's non-profit arts organizations annually provide more than 2 million arts experiences and nearly half of those are offered free-of-charge. However, thousands of residents have limited access to the arts because of where they live or how much they make.

Measure 26-146 will increase access to arts and culture for every Portland resident by funding arts programs in underserved communities and supporting non-profit arts organizations that provide arts experiences to the general public at no charge.

Only Those Who Can Afford to Pay

Measure 26-146 is a \$35 income tax for adult, income-earning residents of Portland. However any resident who lives in a household at or below the federal poverty limit is exempt. Portland's lowest income residents will pay nothing.

Vote Yes on Measure 26-146.

The Arts Are Not a Luxury. Every Portland resident deserves equitable access to Portland's wealth of arts, culture and creativity.

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The Creative Advocacy Network and the CAN Action Fund urge you to Vote Yes on Measure 26-146.

Your YES Vote Will Restore Arts and Music to Our Schools and Bring the Arts to Life in Portland.

Arts, culture and creativity have the power to improve our education system, revitalize our neighborhoods, boost our economy and enhance the livability of our city.

However, Portland children no longer have access to a complete public education that includes art and music, while most Portland residents would like greater access to the arts.

Fueled by more than 10,000 supporters, 68 member organizations and the partnership of Portland's six school districts, the Creative Advocacy Network and the CAN Action Fund have developed a creative solution at a modest cost.

For \$35 per year, income-earning adult residents of Portland can restore certified arts instructors to every Portland elementary school, fund free arts programs for K-12 students and underserved communities and support the important work of Portland's non-profit arts organizations which provide 2 million arts experiences in Portland every year, more than 800,000 free of charge. Portland's lowest-income families will be exempt from this tax.

Please join the Creative Advocacy Network and the CAN Action Fund in Voting YES on Measure 26-146.

Together we can help our children and our city realize our full potential.

Creative Advocacy Network Board of Directors

Chris Coleman
Brian Ferriso
Liz Fuller
José González
Gary Homsley
Stephen Kafoury
Carole Morse
Carol R. Smith
Bob Speltz

CAN Action Fund Board of Directors

Caitlin Baggott
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Liz Fuller
Kevin A. Lefohn
Angela Uherbelau

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-146

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

**Please Vote No on 26-146
(It is the absolute worst of the tax measures before you)**

26-146 makes Portland the only city in Oregon with its own income tax!

84 percent of adult Portland residents will be charged a fixed \$35 per year. Thousands of financially struggling Portland adults will be charged this \$35, including stay-at-home spouses and college students with less than \$35 in income.

26-146 is a Trojan horse, a new way to jack up City taxes!

The city auditor reports the City is spending beyond what may be sustainable, and this while the City fails to maintain existing assets such as roads. Today, the City goes outside its core function and asks for \$35 for the children; but tomorrow, maybe it's \$100 for other City purposes.

26-146 is largely unnecessary!

City arts (RACC) funding is already expanding nearly 6 percent per year (per IRS), and would balloon almost overnight. RACC would receive nearly half this measure's revenues.

26-146 helps subsidize arts and music for the 1%!

RACC helps subsidize such ticket events as Opera, attended by those more than capable of paying full cost. (The ballot title statement misleads as the underlying law only requires 5% for low income access.)

26-146 is not favorably viewed!

The Oregonian says this tax is bad. Incoming Commissioner Novick is quoted saying about it, "beyond regressive." (July 22, 2012, *Oregonian*.)

26-146 is permanent, not reviewable by voters!

Portlanders will not get to vote again, if actual results underperform.

26-146 may be also ineffective!

The underlying law still allows the Mayor and Schools(s) to cut arts and music.

26-146 creates an unethical money trail!

Charities funding the campaign in favor of this measure receive City of Portland funding. This should be illegal.

For the Taxpayer Association of Oregon,

Bob Clark,
Economist, Portlander

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

VOTE NO ON MEASURE 26-146

THE BIGGEST INVASION OF PRIVACY IN THE HISTORY OF PORTLAND

Every single adult living in Portland would be required to file a tax return with the City of Portland—even if they do not file a federal or state tax return. Even if they do not have a job.

The City says: "All adult residents would be required to file the one-page form."

Portland Revenue Bureau and Office of
Management and Finance,
Arts Education and Access Income Tax, 6/12

PRYING INTO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Portlanders exempt from the tax would have to give pages and pages of personal information to city bureaucrats to prove their exemption.

The City says: "[T]his tax needs to be based on the general rule that all residents of Portland will be presumed to be subject to the tax until records are available or can be provided that verify that they are not subject to the tax."

Portland Revenue Bureau and Office of
Management and Finance,
Arts Education and Access Income Tax, 6/12

A TAX THAT TARGETS VOTER REGISTRATION

If you register to vote in Portland, be prepared for a tax bill. The City says that voter registration records would be one of many "enforcement tools" to collect the tax.

Portland Revenue Bureau and Office of
Management and Finance,
Arts Education and Access Income Tax, 6/12

A TAX THAT IS "BEYOND REGRESSIVE"

Even with a poverty exemption, more than 60,000 Portlanders who earn less than \$35 a day would have to pay the tax.

Incoming City commissioner Steve Novick says the tax is "beyond regressive."

Steve Novick, *The Oregonian, 7/21/12*

AN UNCONSTITUTIONAL TAX

Article IX, Section 1a of the Oregon Constitution forbids this type of tax.

Voters must reject Measure 26-146.

**Eric Fruits
Portland economist and Portland Public Schools parent
NoHeadTax.com**

(This information furnished by Eric Fruits)

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CITY OF WOOD VILLAGE

Measure 26-142

BALLOT TITLE

AUTHORIZES DEVELOPMENT OF CASINO & ENTERTAINMENT CENTER IN WOOD VILLAGE

QUESTION: Shall a Casino & Entertainment Center Consistent with State Ballot Measures be developed at the former Multnomah Kennel Club?

SUMMARY: In November 2012, Oregonians vote on two measures that would permit the location of a privately-owned casino in Wood Village. If the state measures are approved, the operators would be required to invest at least \$250 million developing an entertainment and casino complex at the former Multnomah County Kennel Club site, and to pay 25% of adjusted gross revenues to the state for the purposes of fostering job growth, educational achievement, vibrant communities, protecting and improving natural environment, and supporting Oregon Indian tribes. Some of these funds would be paid to Wood Village, adjacent communities, and other programs, including law enforcement and problem gambling. The state measures and current state law also require the City's voters to separately approve the siting of a casino within the City. This ballot measure asks the City's voters to decide whether a casino complex consistent with the state ballot measures may be sited at the former Multnomah Kennel Club. The complex will also be required to obtain all necessary city permits, including land use approvals.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

At the November 2012 election, Oregonians vote on two statewide ballot measures, Ballot Measures 82 and 83, that would permit the location of a privately-owned casino in the City of Wood Village. If the state measures are approved, the operators would be required to invest at least \$250 million developing an entertainment and casino complex at the former Multnomah County Kennel Club site. The Ballot Measures would also require payment of 25% of adjusted gross revenues to the state for the purposes of fostering job growth, educational achievement, vibrant communities, protecting and improving natural environment, and supporting Oregon Indian tribes. Some of these funds would be paid to City of Wood Village, adjacent communities, and other programs, including those for law enforcement and problem gambling.

The Measures and current state law (ORS 227.172) also require the City's voters to independently approve the siting of a casino within the city limits. This statute requires the city council to refer the question of siting the casino prior to approval of land use permits for any use that would include a casino. The City Council of the city of Wood Village has therefore referred this measure to City voters.

Even if the voters approve both the State and City measures, the applicants will have to obtain approval of land use permits to site an entertainment center and casino on the Multnomah Kennel Club property. The applicants will have to demonstrate that the proposed facility will comply with all applicable requirements of the City's Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and other applicable City land use regulations. Such permits would be subject to the City's requirements for notice, hearing, and the opportunity for appeal. Approval of this measure or of Ballot Measure 82 and 83 would not prevent the City from denying a permit for an entertainment center and casino if the applicant fails to demonstrate that the facility will comply with all applicable City code requirements.

For the purposes of this measure, a "casino" is a facility in which casino games are played for the purposes of gambling.

This measure is limited to approval or denial of the casino and entertainment center as described in and regulated by Statewide Measures 82 and 83.

Submitted by
Jeffrey Condit
City Attorney
City of Wood Village

CITY OF WOOD VILLAGE

Measure 26-142

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

WANTED: OREGON'S BEST

It's not often that Wood Village has the chance to secure \$300 million in private investment into our city. But that's exactly what Measure 26-142 does. Large private investments create jobs, generates revenue for cities, and builds stronger communities. That is what The Grange and Measure 26-142 are all about.

CONSIDER THE ECONOMIC FACTS:

- \$300 million of new private investment in Wood Village
- \$4 million of gaming revenue goes directly to the City of Wood Village
- 3,000 jobs created for union construction of The Grange, with a two-year payroll of \$82 million
- 2,000 jobs created to run The Grange, with an annual payroll of \$70 million
- \$50 million in new revenues generated each year to support Oregon schools
- No special tax breaks or insider deals from any politician or government agency

JOIN OREGON'S BEST TODAY

As Oregonians who have been working to develop this project for several years, we want Oregon workers and businesses to benefit first.

That's why we have adopted an "Oregon's First" policy — seeking out Oregonians who can help build, operate, and supply The Grange. Learn more about the types of jobs that will be needed at The Grange, and see the lists of suppliers and vendors that will be needed at www.TheGrangeOregon.com.

At the end of the day, these measures are about finding an innovative way to create good jobs and generate funding at a time when Oregon needs it most.

Matt Rossman and Bruce Studer
Chief Co-Petitioners of Measure 26-142

**THE GRANGE: FUN FOR YOU. GOOD FOR OREGON.
YES ON Measure 26-142**

(This information furnished by Bruce Studer)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Dear Voter,

The Grange is committed to being a good neighbor in Wood Village. This includes making sure that traffic flows well and that there is no increase in crime in the area. We are eager to work with the residents and surrounding businesses to ensure that these concerns are heard and addressed.

The Grange will ensure public safety with a 100 person security staff dedicated to the safety and security of the facilities and the area around development. In addition, revenue from The Grange will go directly to the Multnomah County Sheriff and the Oregon State Police.

On traffic, The Grange developers will be required to submit a traffic impact analysis to the City of Wood Village. This evaluation would also be reviewed by the State of Oregon, METRO and Multnomah County to ensure that it's realistic and accurate. The City of Wood Village will also require that all of The Grange facilities meet the projected traffic volumes. The Grange will be responsible for improving or altering the proposed development as necessary required by the city.

The Grange must meet these standards or we won't be able to move through Oregon's land use process.

We look forward to demonstrating our commitment to the community by creating a safe, fun experience for Oregonians and others to enjoy.

Bruce Studer
Chief Co-Petitioner

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CITY OF WOOD VILLAGE

Measure 26-142

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

WOOD VILLAGE MAYOR ASKS YOU TO VOTE YES ON 26-142

As mayor of Wood Village, I ask you to vote Yes on Measure 26-142 to help make the entertainment destination/casino happen.

The project would be at the site of the old Multnomah Kennel Club, an abandoned dog racing track with easy access to I-84. Years ago, this racetrack provided jobs for East Multnomah County and entertainment for locals and visitors. Now it sits empty and useless, doing nothing for our state or our community.

The community-oriented entertainment center and casino, will bring new life to our town. It would provide jobs with health insurance for our citizens. It would spread tourism to each of the cities around us, while also providing them with another source of revenue on a yearly basis. It could become a gathering place for community events and conventions from out of state. The rewards to our city alone would enable us to benefit our citizens in many ways.

The casino will be a good neighbor in Wood Village and surrounding cities. Funds from the casino will be dedicated to law enforcement, schools and other cities for their infrastructure and other needs.

This measure provides resources for Wood Village and our neighbors to cover any costs associated with the facility.

We will also have an understanding with the backers as to build out time lines, traffic studies, environmental studies, etc. before any steps can be taken to start construction. We will ensure that everything is in place to make this a benefit to our whole region and to our citizens.

Look at the facts before making your decision. There will be much false advertising on this issue. Don't be influenced by claims that just aren't true. Seek out specifics and comparables and do some research before you vote. Help us make this a win-win for East County.

Thank you,
Patricia Smith
Mayor of Wood Village

(This information furnished by Patricia A. Smith)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Investing in Oregon Vote Yes on Measure 26-142

As one of the major investors for the The Grange casino and entertainment destination in Wood Village, and a proud Canadian, I'm delighted to have the opportunity to be a part of a project that **invests in the people of Wood Village and the citizens of Oregon.** We look forward to joining the many other out-of-state organizations who have chosen to invest in the state.

Those who put their money into a development project hope for a financial return. My company, Clairvest is no exception. We invest in many jurisdictions outside of Canada and our history and track record show our commitment to building great companies that **contribute to their communities through good jobs** and giving back. That is why we have our **Oregon First** program for jobs and supplies to build and operate the business.

It's important to us to be a positive part of the community. We've made sure that this project will have an area for a **farmer's market, a performing arts space and community meeting rooms** with access to the public. In addition, the casino will give 25% of gross gaming revenue for schools and vital services, including law enforcement and community infrastructure. We believe in being good neighbors.

This entertainment destination will reinvent East Multnomah County and the community of Wood Village. It's a bigger, bolder, and more fun project than the previous gaming proposal with a community plaza, locally sourced restaurants and several entertainment options. We have engaged local design and architectural firms to ensure we create a uniquely Oregon development.

Please vote yes on Measure 26-142 to make this plan a reality. For all of us.

Jeff Parr
Clairvest Group

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CITY OF WOOD VILLAGE

Measure 26-142

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

SAY YES TO MEASURE 26-142

For many years, the Multnomah Kennel Club in Wood Village was home to dog racing. Generations of Oregonians fondly remember the dog track – the racing, the betting, and the fun. But the track closed in 2004, leaving a hole that created economic hardships. The entertainment destination will change all that.

I believe that that The Grange is the greatest economic development opportunity that we could ever hope for.

- The Grange will bring \$300 million in private investment into our communities and state
- The Grange will create thousands of jobs and generate millions for schools and services
- The Grange will build an entertainment destination – a family and community project that includes a hotel, a casino, local restaurants and pubs, a bowling alley, a cinema, even a new public plaza for events

Measure 26-142 doesn't raise taxes or risk taxpayer money.

The Grange is Good for Wood Village and Oregon. That's why I support Measure 26-142 and I urge you to support it too.

When complete, The Grange will become a destination for Oregonians and visitors alike. It will be built to the highest design standards, consistent with Oregon values.

Even if you don't gamble or never plan to visit, **please support Measure 26-142.**

Sheila Ritz
Former Wood Village City Administrator 1987-2011.

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

As a resident of Wood Village, I'm extremely worried about the lack of tax base for our city and schools. I'm also very concerned about the economy both here in our town and across the state. **That's LIUNA LOCAL 296 and I am supporting Measure 26-142.**

The past few years have been tough on my family and on this community. Jobs are scarce in East Portland, and each year our public schools have to make difficult choices with fewer and fewer resources. Here in Wood Village we support The Grange. We know it will bring many desperately needed jobs along with an overall economic boost.

It will be a place that our whole community can feel proud of; I know my family will want to spend time there. The water park, bowling alley, concert hall, shopping and restaurants will be places that everyone can enjoy. I can't wait to feed my family fresh Oregon produce from the farmer's market and to attend festivals and outdoor concerts at the community plaza. But do you know what I'm most excited about? Good wages, healthcare, and other benefits for the people of East County. Not only that, but it puts money into every school district and every county in the state, including ours. Wood Village and Oregon schools have had a hard time for long enough. This is an opportunity to start turning education funding around.

My community and my kids deserve this, and so do yours.
Vote yes with me and with LIUNA LOCAL 296 on 26-142.

Gary Lee Moore, Jr
Wood Village
LIUNA LOCAL 296

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CITY OF WOOD VILLAGE

Measure 26-142

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Residents of Wood Village urge you to VOTE YES on Measure 26-142

As residents of Wood Village, we support Measure 26-142, which approves building of The Grange, a casino and family entertainment destination in Wood Village. The Grange would be built on the site of the former Multnomah Kennel Club, which now sits derelict and unused.

The Grange will provide a needed boost to Wood Village's economy. Revenue from the project will go directly to the City of Wood Village, in addition to all local taxes. Over 3000 construction jobs will be needed to build the resort. Once opened, at least 2000 jobs will be created to run it, with an annual payroll of \$70 million.

This is a tremendous investment for our community and for our state.

We the undersigned strongly urge a **YES vote on Measure 26-142. YES for our community.**

Don Robertson
Shirley Robertson
Majesira Osmanobic
Jusuf Osmanobic
Roseanna Feeney

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Benefiting East Multnomah County

I am the former Mayor of Gresham. Our city is adjacent to Wood Village, where the proposed entertainment center will be located. I ask you to **vote "yes" on Measure 26-142.**

East County has long been in an economic slump. This new employer - a tax-paying company - will start our economy moving forward again by injecting millions of new dollars into our cities. Jobs created by this project will bring new consumers to small businesses and stores in our communities, which will in turn need to hire new employees to keep up with demand. The resulting economic boost will help revitalize our region—and all these benefits will occur without the developers receiving a single tax break.

Since the economy took a nose dive, our cities, like cities all over the state, have been forced to slash our budgets. We have struggled to maintain adequate funding for vital services. Wood Village will receive \$4 million every year. Revenue will be dedicated to supporting the surrounding communities, including Gresham, Troutdale, and Fairview. That's \$3 million for each city.

Why now? This project in Wood Village will be a local business, with local investors using Oregon products and services. Once this project is underway, thousands of construction jobs will be available. Upon completion, thousands more jobs with health care and benefits will be here, in East County, for our residents.

Charles Becker
Former Gresham Mayor

(This information furnished by Charles J. Becker, Former Mayor, City of Gresham)

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CITY OF WOOD VILLAGE

Measure 26-142

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Good Things for East County Vote YES on Measure 26-142

It's time to get East Multnomah County's economy moving again. The Grange will put millions of new dollars into our cities. Thousands of new jobs will be created by this project: Good jobs that pay well and include health care and benefits.

It will also be a fun and exciting place that the region can be proud of.

We the undersigned urge the residents of Wood Village to vote YES on Measure 26-142

Joel Bruner
Tom Washburn
Kelli Washburn

(This information furnished by Joel Bruner)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

I used to work at the Multnomah Kennel Club. It was the number one tourist destination in the State and the social hub of Wood Village for over 50 years.

On race days, people came from near and far to enjoy the races and the atmosphere. The track was groomed, the lawn was manicured, and the grounds were packed with excitement. The track was not just an entertainment and gaming facility: it was a source of employment, where many young people had their first jobs and others worked until retirement. The track was a great part of the community.

The dog races ended eight years ago and now my wife and I live as caretakers, looking over what once was. Ever since then the building has faded right along with the excitement. The park has become overgrown, the building is falling apart, and the facility has become a target for vandalism and crime.

Wood Village needs a project to revitalize the community and bring back the excitement, the entertainment, and the jobs to this historic location. The Grange will be a space for the community to gather and a destination for visitors once again.

The jobs created by the project, in the short term and long term, are needed in Wood Village and East County, and the revenue created by the casino is vital for all of Oregon during these tough economic times. The development will encompass the spirit of the Multnomah Kennel Club and carry on the tradition of family-friendly entertainment in the void left when the races ended.

Please vote yes on Measure 26-142 to help make this a special place that Wood Village can be proud of once more.

John Thomas
Caretaker, former Multnomah Kennel Club site
Wood Village

(This information furnished by John Thomas)

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CITY OF WOOD VILLAGE

Measure 26-142

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

"Yes" on Measure 26-142

Dear Voter,

I run a small business here in Wood Village. Since the closure of the Multnomah Kennel Club in 2004, it's been much harder for businesses in Wood Village to get by. As a business person, I'm very aware of the need for more economic activity in East Multnomah County. This development project is committed to local sourcing of materials, supplies and labor. It's a potential shot in the arm for my business.

"Yes" on Measure 26-142 is a vote to support the new entertainment destination in Wood Village. It will be home to an upscale, smoke-free casino; restaurants featuring local chefs and locally produced food and wine; a four-star hotel with a family-friendly water playground; and an outdoor public plaza open to the community for festivals and farmers markets.

Good for Oregon

The development's boost for the local economy is clear. But equally important are its benefits to our public schools. Each year, The Grange will generate \$100 million in revenue to fund schools and other vital state services. At a time when schools are laying off teachers and cutting days out of the school year, this represents a new, dedicated source of funding without adding any additional tax burden onto our already struggling businesses. The businesses we represent are just as concerned about a healthy school system for educating our workforce as they are about new economic development opportunities. With The Grange, we get both.

The Grange: Good for Oregon businesses. Good for schools.

Dino Bektas, owner
Picoberry, LLC

(This information furnished by Dino Bektas, Picoberry LLC)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Two years ago a big foreign-owned gambling conglomerate asked you give them a private gambling monopoly by approving a casino here in Wood Village.

Wood Village said NO. Emphatically.

Now the big gambling corporations are back, trying to convince you to change your minds.

Bad for Wood Village

Measure 26-142 is part of a package deal set up by a foreign corporation and 2 guys from Lake Oswego looking to get rich quick. They want to change the focus of gambling in Oregon from public good, to private profits—amending the constitution just to benefit themselves, all the while pretending they are doing it for the common good.

Measure 26-142 is asking voters to approve a Vegas-style mega-casino in Wood Village, within a mile of elementary schools, churches, parks and playgrounds, bringing gambling and all the things that come with it--increased drug use, prostitution, drinking, crime--closer to our children.

This new casino will be bigger than anything even in Las Vegas and it will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

No traffic study has been done by the City of Wood Village or the casino developers to see if it's even possible to safely add that many additional visitors on a regular basis.

Local law enforcement officials are already overburdened and underfunded. If this measure passes, law enforcement will have to deal with more crime, more alcohol and drug abuse and more traffic problems as a result.

Bad for the local economy

When something sounds too good to be true, it usually is. And that is certainly the case with Measure 26-142.

The backers of this measure make a lot of big promises, but the truth is that if this measure passes it will rig the system to hurt small businesses in Wood Village and the surrounding areas. Any local business in the hospitality or entertainment industry is going to take a big hit.

Vote No on Measure 26-142

(This information furnished by Justin Martin, It's Still A Bad Idea Committee)

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CITY OF WOOD VILLAGE

Measure 26-142

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

I'm your neighbor and the retired Gresham Police Chief and I'd like to talk with you about Measure 26-142, the proposed casino project at the old dog track.

First, since the hey day of the dog track our community has changed. The is now in a heavily populated community, surrounded by neighborhoods, churches, schools, playgrounds and parks. There are 23 preschool, elementary and middle schools within a two-mile radius of the location.

We already have significant traffic congestion and safety issues in the area. The proposed casino would bring thousands of additional car trips onto our neighborhood streets every day. We lack the resources to handle what we have already, much less absorb the increase.

And, let's talk about crime. It goes up around large gambling facilities. And this one is going to be massive, larger than anything even on the Las Vegas strip.

One of the companies that will own and operate the casino recently completed a similar project in Illinois. In one year that casino generated over 1,400 police and 200 fire calls and it's only 1/3 the size of the casino they want to build here. As a Wood Village resident, think about that. All of Wood Village had only 300 reported crimes last year.

Public safety in East County, simply won't be able to keep up.

Do you believe the Multnomah County Sheriff's office will be able to keep up? I know they won't. MCSO is already overburdened and understaffed. Sheriff's deputies have been cut to the bone and some crimes that used to result in serious jail time aren't even being investigated.

If Measure 26-142 passes, your town, mine, and those around us will be overwhelmed with more crime, more alcohol and drug abuse and more traffic problems.

You can Protect Wood Village and your larger community. Vote No on Measure 26-142.

Carla Piluso, Gresham Police Chief, Retired

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Measures 26-142 won't help our schools, and it sends the wrong message to our kids.

As a retired teacher, I'm committed to stable school funding for our public schools but Measure 26-142 is not the answer.

Yes, the foreign-owned gambling conglomerate pushing these measures makes big promises about how their casino will solve education funding. But that's all it is: a self-serving promise from a company that has a rotten track record elsewhere of promising big and not delivering.

We teach our kids that if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. The slick corporate spin coming from this company – which got caught in a bribery and influence-peddling scandal in New York when its executives promised jobs and campaign contributions to legislators for approving a casino – is simply not credible.

Most of the public revenue generated by this mega-casino will actually be eaten up in increased law enforcement and social costs, and from lost revenue to small businesses and rural communities devastated by this change.

We can do better than funding our children's education through gaming losses. We can find better, more sustainable ways to pay for education and public services. Ways that don't say to our kids that we are addicted to short cuts and quick fixes to solve our problems.

You don't need to be an educator to know that the foreign company putting up millions to back this casino is not interested in education, or in our kids. They don't care about protecting our unique culture and quality of life.

All that really matters to them is separating us from our money at their casino.

Don't believe the hype. Vote No on Measure 26-142.

Virginia Leffall-Husak, Retired Teacher

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CITY OF WOOD VILLAGE

Measure 26-142

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

As parents we are acutely aware that the decisions we make as a society today can have serious negative impacts on the future of our children and grandchildren.

Like all parents, we want the best possible for our children and grandchildren: good communities, safe neighborhoods, a strong economy and a society based on strong community values.

Measures 26-142 will open the door to a massive expansion of gambling—allowing a mega-casino in near schools and playgrounds, increasing problem gambling and overwhelming local law enforcement--sending a terrible message to our children about our Oregon values.

This is a bad idea for our children and for our communities.

A major casino and the problems that come with it--increased drug use, drinking and crime -- have no place where our children play. Opening one major Vegas-style casino here in Wood Village, as Measure 26-142 proposes, is a bad enough idea.

But even more concerning, Measure 26-142 is just one step the foreign casino corporation is taking. They want to amend the Oregon constitution to allow them to build casinos all over Oregon.

That might be good for them, but it is not good for us.

Let's face it. Relying on privately run, Las Vegas-style casino gambling to solve our economic problems is wrong and sends the wrong message to our kids. If our best idea to create a brighter economic future is to build casinos and sell ourselves out to gambling, then we have given up—on ourselves, on our communities and on our children.

We can do better. Vote NO on measures 82 and 83.

Renaye Delano
Francisco Holdman

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

I'm the manager of Grampy's Deli. We are a deli and lottery retailer in Wood Village that many of you know.

I am not exaggerating when I say, if Measure 26-142 passes and the casino is built, my business will go under. We simply can't compete with a huge complex of that size either for gaming dollars or restaurant business.

There are many other local businesses just like ours that will suffer and go out of business if these big corporate gambling companies get their way.

Don't be fooled by their fancy advertising and big promises. They don't really care about our community. They care about making huge profits. And if local businesses and local residents suffer that's just to cost of doing business for them.

And the backers of the casinos aren't playing fair.

They've written a loophole into the measures that exempts them from paying taxes on their 3500 gaming machines. Local mom and pop restaurants like mine have to pay that tax—meaning this one casino would get a special exemption worth over \$500,000 per year that Oregon's struggling small businesses don't get.

That isn't the Oregon way, and it isn't fair to small businesses. And you can do something about it. You can Vote No on Measure 26-142.

The Vegas style, massive casino is a great deal for the developers but it's a bad deal for Wood Village. Many of us won't survive, and hundreds of jobs will be lost.

Please don't be fooled, Vote No on Measure 26-142, it's a bad deal for Wood Village.

Angela Allen

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CITY OF WOOD VILLAGE

Measure 26-142

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

As neighbors here in East County, we live here for a reason. Things are more affordable, quieter and safer. We love our family-friendly neighborhoods. We are connected to our neighbors, our schools and our small businesses.

We've seen the slick commercials and heard all the promises that this project will only bring good things to our community. When something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Think of the impact of a massive new casino plopped down on the site of the old Multnomah Kennel Club. Our community has changed in the last decade. There are 23 schools within 2 miles of that site.

Measure 26-142 will bring increased traffic, drug and alcohol abuse and crime that goes hand in hand with operating big casinos in metro areas right onto our neighborhood streets.

If it's such a great deal for our community why didn't the Lake Oswego businessmen who are leading the project fight to put it in their neighborhood?

Our small entertainment and food and beverage businesses will suffer or go out of business all together. We'll worry about walking our kids to and from school or letting them play in our neighborhoods and parks because casino traffic will be racing through our streets 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

And people need to know that the foreign-owned gambling companies bankrolling Measure 26-142 have a bad track record. Their projects increase crime in the areas where they open casinos.

The foreign-owned company has been linked to a bribery and influence peddling scandal in New York, has a documented history of labor disputes and sticking taxpayers with the tab to upgrade safety in their casinos.

Please don't risk our quality of life just so a foreign corporation and two corporate executives from Lake Oswego can make a fast buck.

Say NO to Measure 26-142.

Teresa Bright
Steven Prom, DC
Shiletha Kennedy
Kenneth Husak
Kathleen Schwabe
Michael K. Elston, CIR Panelist (No) 17-7

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Measures 26-142 will hurt Oregon Tribes

If this measure passes, the massive private casino owned by an out-of-state gambling conglomerate, will seriously disrupt the economic engine that supports all of Oregon's Indian tribes.

We have worked hard to become self-sufficient, and by supporting our members we have also been able to lessen the burden on local and state government.

Now our people have jobs rather than relying on welfare.

The tribal casinos, the jobs they provide, and the revenue they generate, have brought our people back from the brink.

We are now able to provide basic health care for tribal members AND members of the local community as well.

Our agreement with the state created that opportunity, but we did not stop there.

Along with other tribes, we felt a responsibility to the people of Oregon. Together we volunteered to pay the equivalent of the corporate income tax – more than \$100 million so far -- into a fund that supports charities across Oregon. And we are also committed to buying local – 75% of our purchases come from Oregon vendors, large and small.

That's part of our mutual promise with the people of Oregon to work together for the benefit of all of us. That shared commitment has been working well for years.

Please do not let outsiders and wealthy corporate interests convince you to break that promise.

The future of Oregon's Indian Tribes depends on it.

Please vote no on Measures 26-142

Tribal Council Members, The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon

Cheryle A. Kennedy

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CITY OF WOOD VILLAGE

Measure 26-142

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon recommends a NO vote on Measure 26-142.

Our state already allows more gambling than most other states — a wide variety of lottery games, video poker and line games in local taverns and restaurants, card rooms and tribal casinos. Simply put, we've got more than enough gambling opportunities in this state. Do we really need to start adding Las Vegas-size casinos to our communities?

Casinos hurt individuals, families and communities.

We have 70,000 adult problem gamblers in Oregon already? Research has consistently found that casino gambling, like state lotteries, largely depends on the high levels of gambling among problem gamblers to provide a significant share of their overall revenue. The damage caused to families and communities by an activity that is inherently addicting for some individuals outweighs whatever limited benefits promised by casino investors.

Casinos Never Deliver the Promised Economic Benefits

Economists who have studied the impact of casinos on economic development in surrounding communities find that the jobs provided by a casino are usually offset by a loss of jobs at nearby restaurants and other local businesses. Studies have also found that crime rates, rates of gambling addiction and personal bankruptcy filings increase within 50 miles of a new casino.

Voters already soundly defeated this Casino proposal in 2010.

This measure is a slightly repackaged version of a 2010 measure that voters overwhelmingly rejected. Since this measure would, if passed, amend the constitution and authorize the first non-tribal casino in Oregon, passage would establish a dangerous precedent and would open the door to subsequent proposals to authorize additional casinos in other Oregon communities.

For Oregon's Families and Communities,

Join with Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and Vote NO on Measure 26-142.

(This information furnished by Kevin Finney, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon)

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PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure 26-144

BALLOT TITLE

PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BONDS TO IMPROVE SCHOOLS

QUESTION: Is the Portland Public School District authorized to issue up to \$482 million of general obligation bonds to improve schools? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

SUMMARY: If approved this measure would finance capital costs, including projects that:

Replace leaking, worn or deteriorating school roofs,

Renovate or replace schools,

Strengthen schools against earthquakes,

Repay loans for capital costs, including 9 roof replacements, 47 boiler conversions, and the Rosa Parks School,

Increase access to schools for students, teachers and visitors with disabilities, and

Upgrade science classrooms at middle grade schools.

Citizen accountability and oversight and annual audits of bond projects and expenditures will be required.

The bonds may be issued in multiple series and each series may mature over no more than 21 years.

Most bonds will mature in eight years or less. Bond cost for eight years is estimated at about \$1.10 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed property value, then reducing to about thirty cents per \$1,000. For this measure, the cost for a house assessed at \$150,000 for property tax purposes would be about \$165 a year for eight years, then reducing to about \$45 per year.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Portland Public Schools is the largest school district in Oregon, with 78 schools and over 47 thousand students.

On average, Portland Public Schools' buildings are older than 65 years. Some were built over 100 years ago; more than half were built before 1940. Only two schools have been built in the last 30 years.

Years of budget reductions have deferred upgrades to school building operational and safety systems in order to direct funds to teachers and learning materials. Portland voters have not approved capital bond funds to upgrade school facilities since 1995. Portland Public School buildings are some of the most heavily used public buildings in Portland with thousands of school and non-school events each year.

During the past year, Portland Public Schools convened a Long Range Facility Plan Advisory Committee led by citizen volunteers. The Committee reviewed enrollment forecasts and assessments of facilities conditions including seismic safety and accessibility for schools. The facilities assessments were used to rate the school buildings most in need of major repair, complete upgrade or replacement.

The Long Range Facility Plan states that Portland Public Schools should create effective, accessible and inclusive learning environments that help all students achieve. The entire committee agreed that capital bonds would be required in order to renovate/replace facilities and meet enrollment requirements in the next 10 years.

Guided by the Advisory Committee's findings, the Board of Education proposes that bonds fund capital projects for school and classroom renovation, construction, and upgrades, including projects that:

- Replace leaking, worn or deteriorating school roofs,
- Renovate or replace schools,
- Strengthen schools against earthquakes,
- Repay loans for capital costs, including 9 roof replacements, 47 boiler conversions, and the Rosa Parks School,
- Increase access to schools for students, teachers and visitors with disabilities, and
- Upgrade science classrooms at middle grade schools.

This bond would renovate Franklin High School, Grant High School and Roosevelt High School, and would replace Faubion PreK-8 school. It would also begin planning for upgrade of all high schools in coming years.

Accountability for bond expenditures

- An independent group of citizens from the community will review quarterly reports and annual audits of how the bond dollars are being spent to provide accountability to the public until construction is complete.

The total principal amount of bonds authorized by the measure is limited to and cannot exceed \$482 million.

Bond cost is estimated at about \$1.10 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed property value for eight years, reducing to about thirty cents per \$1,000 for the remaining years. For a house with a taxable assessed value of \$150,000 the estimated property tax would be about \$165 a year for eight years, then reducing to about \$45 per year.

Submitted by

Gregory MacCrone

Deputy Clerk

Portland Public Schools

PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure 26-144

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

We love Portland. It's a wonderful city for people of all ages, and we can't imagine living anywhere else. In order to keep it that way, we need to reinvest in our schools. Voting "yes" on the school bond is the first step you can take to create great learning environments and vibrant community spaces.

This bond focuses on physical improvements that would:

- Fix leaking roofs to protect our existing facilities.
- Strengthen buildings so they are safer during an earthquake.
- Increase accessibility to school spaces that are now difficult or impossible to reach for many students, teachers and visitors.
- Provide modern, rather than makeshift, science classrooms for middle school students.
- Fully modernize Franklin High School, Grant High School and Roosevelt High School, and replace Faubion PreK-8 school using design strategies that promote effective teaching.
- Reduce water and energy consumption in rebuilt schools, which saves money and helps the environment.

Place and Space matter for teaching and learning. Studies show that student achievement has improved by 10 -15 percent in buildings with better air quality, better natural light and better acoustics. Our kids and teachers deserve that. Measure 26-144 will begin this important work of rebuilding our schools.

And, our schools host thousands of non-school events every year. The school bond will strengthen connections to neighborhoods by making school spaces even more accessible for community use.

Our Portland, Our Schools, the community organization backing the bond, will remain a long-term partner with PPS. We will ensure that citizens are able to participate in planning, and together we will ensure that bond money is spent wisely.

It will take us thirty years and a series of bonds to transform our schools into the world-class environments that our students and teachers need in order to compete in today's global economy. Let's get started!

Join Our Portland, Our Schools in voting yes on Measure 26-144!

Learn more at www.ourportlandourschools.com and www.facebook.com/ourportlandourschools

(This information furnished by Scott Bailey, Portlanders for Schools)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

We opposed the Portland Public Schools facilities bond in 2011. We strongly support this bond proposal and urge you to vote "yes" on Measure 26-144.

We never questioned the need for investment in school facilities; our schools obviously need modernization. But we thought the previous bond was too expensive and unfocused.

This time, things are different. PPS listened to community input and delivered a bond that is sensible, cost-effective, and exciting. We are convinced that the November 2012 bond is going to be great for Portland.

This is a leaner, smarter bond that impacts more kids and advances a strategic plan to modernize all our schools within 30 years. Focusing on seismic upgrades and complete remodeling of high schools means that over time, every student in the district will enjoy a safe and stimulating learning environment.

But this is about more than buildings. Through this bond, we have an opportunity to transform the education that happens in these buildings to better prepare our students and our city to thrive in the 21st century.

The reconstructed high schools will be designed from the inside out by whole communities – parents, teachers, students, neighborhoods, and local businesses – in order to build better spaces and develop new learning opportunities for students. PPS and Concordia University have already established a partnership to make Faubion PreK-8 a national model of collaboration between K-12 and higher education, creating resources that will benefit students across the district.

Our children spend their days in unsafe, overcrowded, antiquated, and distracting classrooms. These conditions make it hard for them to learn and even harder to believe that we care about their education. Our schools can't wait another year. And our children shouldn't have to.

Schools should be Portland's highest priority. They impact our kids, our economy, and our quality of life. **It is time to invest in our future. Vote "yes" on Measure 26-144.**

Stuart Emmons
Rita Moore

(This information furnished by Rita Moore)

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PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure 26-144

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

An important message from Governor Barbara Roberts:

At the foundation of every great city is a quality education system. As the 34th Governor of Oregon, I have seen the great things we can accomplish through commitment, innovation, and common purpose. Investing in our public school system is absolutely critical. Join me in voting “yes” on the school bond!

After 14 years as a school board member and community college board member, I worked my way up to state government leadership. As the first and only woman to serve as Governor of our great state, I then fought in Salem to invest in our schools because they are the true engines of an improved economic future. As Governor, I made decisions based on the knowledge that a great state must have great schools, and I am supporting this measure now because I know the same is true for Portland – great schools build a great city.

Oregonians are known throughout the nation as innovators. We are always working to keep up that reputation and take on new challenges. Here in Portland, we must demonstrate our commitment to innovation and leadership by voting yes on Measure 26-144. Let's take this opportunity to invest in our school buildings now as we strive to create a better future for our young people!

Measure 26-144 is a thoughtful blueprint for rebuilding and upgrading our schools. This targeted bond package will rebuild the worst of our aging school buildings, and renovate those in dire need of seismic and accessibility improvements.

This school bond is not only good for education; it's good for our city, our state, and our future.

I urge you to vote “yes” on measure 26-144. Yes for our community's children. Yes for a better Portland.

**Governor Barbara Roberts
Honorary Co-chair, Portland School Bond campaign**

(This information furnished by Lindsey O'Brien, Portlanders for Schools)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

An important message from Congressman Earl Blumenauer:

I am fighting hard to make the Federal Government a better partner in the vital effort to modernize our nation's schools; one that will jumpstart the economy, create jobs and improve American education.

Similarly, Governor Kitzhaber is working to save money, better our children's education, and improve the environment with his “Cool Schools” program. And both Portland Community College and Portland State University have helped boost the local economy and create long term savings with energy efficient construction and building repair.

As important as all of these steps are, there is no single vote that will have more of a positive impact on Portland's future than the approval of Measure 26-144 to revitalize our schools.

By voting “Yes,” we will save millions of dollars towards educating our children, rather than literally sending money out the window or down the drain on inefficient heating, cooling and plumbing.

Our “Yes” vote on Measure 26-144, will also put millions of dollars to work by hiring our friends and neighbors in the building and construction trades back, putting money right back into our local businesses.

We can save money, energy, and water as our children receive a healthier, safer place to learn, all while creating local jobs. Please join me in approving Measure 26-144. Invest in a better future today.

**Congressman Earl Blumenauer
Honorary Co-chair, Portland School Bond Campaign**

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PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure 26-144

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Earthquake safety for Portland's schools is a priority in this bond measure. We are smart to take action to strengthen our schools now, so vote yes on this Measure #26-144!

Experts agree that an earthquake could shake the ground in Portland at any time. If we leave our aging schools as they are, they will be among the city's most dangerous places during a seismic event.

Fortunately, engineers, geologists, architects, and other experts have developed technology to strengthen buildings against the deadly shaking of an earthquake.

We cannot predict when an earthquake will strike, but we can protect ourselves against some of the most devastating damage.

The buildings most vulnerable to collapse in an earthquake are made of unreinforced masonry (URM), a structural type that has failed in earthquakes around the world. There are more than 1,000 URM buildings in Portland – apartments, offices, and schools.

The three high schools selected for full modernization – Roosevelt, Franklin, and Grant – account for more than half of all Portland district students who attend classes in URMs. Additional seismic retrofits and roof replacement at dozens of other district schools will increase the safety of many more students.

It is a smart step to replace our URM schools with buildings that are modern and safe. Rebuilt schools may even provide emergency shelter after a natural disaster, which would serve our city and set an example for the rest of the state.

We require children to attend school, and they have the right to learn in buildings that are safe from earthquakes.

This bond is cost-efficient, far-sighted, and sensible. It represents a strong first step toward a school district that is earthquake-safe and designed for twenty-first-century learning. Vote "yes" for safer, stronger schools!

**Structural Engineers Association of Oregon
Oregon Parents for Quake-Resistant Schools
Oregon/SW Washington Chapter of CEFPI (Council of Educational Facility Planners International)
The American Institute of Architects, Portland Chapter
American Society of Civil Engineers – Oregon Section Board**

(This information furnished by Edward C. Wolf, Oregon Parents for Quake-Resistant Schools)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Join Disability Rights Oregon and the Northwest Down Syndrome Association in voting yes on Measure 26-144 because our great city needs to welcome all of its children, teachers, and citizens into our schools.

We have seen many incredible changes in our country over the past 65 years. In our education system, one critical shift in the past six decades has been toward the greater inclusion of students with disabilities.

But in Portland, the average age of our public school buildings is 65 years old. And we all know that a lot has changed since 1947.

Sixty-five years ago, only 20 percent of children living with disabilities were attending schools. Many of them were labeled "uneducable." Now, many of those children are in our schools, learning how to read and write in our public schools.

As it stands, most of Portland's public school buildings were built with segregation in mind, when institutionalizing children with disabilities was the norm. Portland is in many ways a progressive city, but we continue to segregate our children. The outdated designs and architectural barriers in our schools make sections of the buildings impossible for many people to reach.

This bond will move us forward. Many of the critical needs of our community will be met, and steps will be taken to create accessibility and a welcoming environment for children of all abilities.

With this investment, we can finally make sure that all parents can visit their children and teachers at school, whether they get to the classroom on foot or in a wheelchair. We can make our school buildings true community centers, where seniors, volunteers, and teachers of all abilities are welcome.

It is time to stop living in the past. Join us in supporting buildings that are open to all citizens in our great city.

We at Disability Rights Oregon and NWDSA.org urge you to invest in access for all of our community. Vote "yes" on Measure 26-144.

(This information furnished by Angela Jarvis-Holland, Northwest Down Syndrome Association)

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PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure 26-144

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber, Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA), Neighborhood House, Latino Network, and Impact NW support reinvesting in Portland's schools with Bond Measure #26-144. We urge your support, too.

Our organizations work daily with individuals and families who have many talents and skills and also face a number of challenges. We are honored to work with people as they demonstrate courage, tenacity and an enduring drive to improve their lives and those of their children and youth.

Like our public school district, many human service agencies have also endured significant budget reductions in the past few years, so we understand how difficult it is to continue to provide quality and supportive services while having funding reduced. Thanks to the generosity of our partners and communities, we have continued to work with families as they achieve success.

We recognize that children are our future and that education is fundamental to their success. We will continue to partner with the district, and be critical when necessary, in order to ensure that our schools are serving our communities.

As the district continues to work toward succeeding with every student, it is important to update and upgrade the aging facilities. Individuals of all ages respond differently to space and place. The worn condition of school facilities sends a clear, and unfortunate message to our students about their value. Not only will updating the schools change the message of expectations to our students, but it will also allow parents and community partners to better support students and their families.

We understand the economic challenges facing many of our community members and we recommend voting "yes" on Measure 26-144.

**Gale Castillo, President, Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber
Matt Morton, Executive Director, Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA)
Rick Nitti, Executive Director, Neighborhood House
Carmen Rubio, Executive Director, Latino Network
Susan I. Stoltenberg, Executive Director, Impact NW**

(This information furnished by Matt Morton, Native American Youth and Family Center)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Portland Council PTA says Vote "Yes" for our Schools!

Parent Teachers' Associations (PTAs) represent all of the elements of great schools: parent volunteers, dedicated teachers and a joint commitment to an education that builds successful futures for our students, good citizens and a strong community.

But great schools depend on all of us. The Portland Council PTA urges you to join us in voting "YES" on Measure 26-144.

This bond will begin a crucial reinvestment in our city's future through schools that provide safe, stimulating learning environments and serve as the heart of their neighborhoods.

The bond will fully modernize Franklin, Grant and Roosevelt High Schools, and replace Faubion PreK-8 using design strategies that promote effective teaching. It will also increase accessibility within the school for all children, upgrade science classrooms for 6th-8th grade in K-8 schools, and strengthen buildings so they are safer in the event of an earthquake.

Great schools build a great city.

We all have a stake in the success of our schools, whether or not we have children, grandchildren or neighbors in them right now. They protect property values, inspire young leaders, and promote healthy neighborhoods. They mean a stronger future for all of us.

**The Portland Council PTA enthusiastically endorses the school bond!
Please join the Portland Council PTA
Vote YES on Measure 26-144!**

(This information furnished by Sharon Meigh-Chang, Portland Council PTA, Pres.)

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PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

As leaders of small and large businesses across our city, we agree that quality schools are a vital part of a strong local economy. Join us in supporting a “yes” vote on Portland Public School’s Bond Measure 26-144 because quality schools help create a quality workforce.

All great cities focus on building partnerships and making investments that will foster a great school system. We need strong schools and an educated work force in order to remain competitive in attracting new businesses to Portland.

Many studies show that the conditions in school buildings impact student achievement and teacher performance. By voting yes on the bond, we will provide students with 21st century learning environments that will reliably graduate productive, successful workers. Businesses that are already located here will find an educated workforce, and companies considering relocating can cite our public education system as a reason to choose Portland.

As our city and our country recover from years of recession, now is the time to invest in the vibrant economy we all want for Portland’s future. Voting “yes” will directly create hundreds of jobs for local construction workers, manufacturers, and companies selling new technologies, equipment and fixtures.

The ripple effect of this investment will also provide a boost to many industries throughout the region. The projects will include repairs that will significantly reduce annual energy and water costs and create new vendor relationships with the city’s green businesses.

Providing school buildings that are worthy of our great city will help prepare our students to compete in the ever-changing local, national and global economy. Make an investment that will help ensure a strong economic future for our city. Vote “yes” on this bond!

**Nik Blosser – President, Celilo Group Media
Samuel Brooks – Chair of the Board, Oregon
Association of Minority Entrepreneurs; CEO, Brooks
Staffing
Gregg Kantor – President & CEO NW Natural
Debbie Kitchin – Co-owner, InterWorks, LLC
Jim Piro – CEO, PGE
Mike Roach – Co-owner, Paloma Clothing**

(This information furnished by Mike Roach, Paloma Clothing)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

We are a group of Portland Public School students from across the city urging you to vote “yes” on Measure 26-144! We met in August to talk about our schools, and some words that came to mind were: bleak, unsafe, stressful, outdated and inadequate. Instead of stopping with our current complaints, we went on to imagine better buildings and better opportunities for the students who follow us:

“I see outdated structures and facilities, plus entrances and pathways that create barriers to students and staff because they are not ADA accessible. I imagine strong, efficient, and safe school buildings that are welcoming to everyone.”
–Abby Pasion, Roosevelt High School

“I see crowded classrooms exceeding 40 students, many unable to sit at desks or participate in science experiments because of a lack of space and equipment. I can imagine a school district with classrooms that have space and excellent equipment for both teachers and students.”
–Alexia Garcia, Lincoln High School

“I see a bathroom that feels like a New York subway station. I imagine a sanitary place, where no black liquid drips from the ceiling.”
–Corey Friedman, Lincoln High School

“I see auditoriums without proper lighting equipment, awful acoustics and not nearly enough seating to house the entire school. I also see computers that don’t work and students having to sit for half the class before they can get anything done. I can imagine our students having the same technology as those in other districts.”
–Sierra Hosea, Franklin High School

“I see students who are distracted by uncomfortable temperatures in their classrooms. I can imagine schools with heating and cooling systems that work properly, where students and teachers are provided with the same level of comfort that people working in an average office building have come to expect.”
–Emma Rosen, Cleveland High School

Help us transform the inadequate conditions we see everyday into the high-quality schools we can only imagine. **Vote “yes” on the school bond!**

(This information furnished by Richard Gilliam, Portlanders for Schools)

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PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure 26-144

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

We are parents of students in schools across Portland. Some of our kids are about to graduate high school; others are just starting elementary. Whether our own children will experience better facilities or not, we are united in support of this school bond.

This bond is an exciting start toward the modern, high-quality schools that our children and city deserve. Regardless of whether you have children in Portland's public schools, we hope you agree that our schools are community assets that are worth our investment.

We love our neighborhood schools, but too often our kids come home with stories of uncomfortable classrooms and conditions so poor as to be distracting. As they get older, they realize that their school buildings aren't just inadequate; they are deteriorating.

We can testify that their complaints are justified. As parents, we also notice the safety issues: leaking roofs, overloaded electrical outlets, asbestos, extreme temperatures, and likely collapse in the event of an earthquake. Our schools should be accessible to all Portlanders, but many are not.

Students who were born the last time PPS passed a construction bond (1995) will graduate from high school in June. The bond before that was passed in 1945, the year World War II ended. No wonder the buildings are showing their age. It is every citizen's responsibility to get our priorities in order. We need to preserve the investment made by earlier generations and complete overdue improvements now.

We expect our school buildings to be safe, secure, and to have the highest quality learning environments. Let's build the schools that will make all of us proud.

Please join us - vote "yes" on Measure 26-144.

Susan Barrett – parent at Laurelhurst K-8
 Lisa Frack – parent at Buckman Elementary
 Monique McClean – Parent at Grant High School
 Jennifer Owen – Parent at Lincoln High School
 Moses Ross – Parent at Maplewood Elementary
 Trace Salmon – parent at King School
 Lisa Zuniga – Parent at Franklin High School

(This information furnished by Mary Schutten, Portlanders for Schools)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

As volunteer Portland Public School Board members – elected by you – our job is to ensure strong leadership; increase student achievement; steward school facilities; and develop annual budgets that prioritize and differentiate funds to support every child's success.

We know that great schools build a great city – it's what previous generations did for us. Now we must reinvest in our old and treasured school buildings to ensure they are safe and able to support today's teaching and learning.

Eighteen months ago, Portland voters overwhelmingly passed an operating levy to fund teaching positions, reaffirming our community's deep support for kids and schools. At the same time, a facilities bond was narrowly defeated. Since then, at hundreds of listening sessions with parents, students, education partners, business representatives and community members, we heard consensus that our buildings need to be renovated; improvements must be part of a focused, long-term plan; and the bond must be less costly.

With additional advice from a Long Range Facilities Committee and Bond Development Committee - we developed a less costly bond focused on safety (roof and seismic upgrades), accessibility, updated science labs, community partnerships, and full modernization of four schools. We prioritized high schools because modern learning environments have the most impact as students prepare for college and career. This bond represents the start of what we hope will be a 30-year reinvestment in safe, educationally-appropriate schools for our kids and community.

As your elected representatives, we will ensure that schools are built on time and on budget and support our educational vision of success for every child. A citizen accountability committee - reporting directly to us - will provide planning and project oversight and will report annually to the community.

Great schools depend on all of us. We ask for your support on Measure 26-144.

Portland School Board
 Ruth Adkins
 Greg Belisle
 Martin Gonzales
 Pamela Knowles
 Matt Morton
 Bobbie Regan
 Trudy Sargent
 Alexia Garcia (student rep elected by her peers)

(This information furnished by Bobbie Regan, Portland School Board)

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PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The League of Women Voters of Portland Urges a “YES” Vote on Measure 26-144

Strong schools are the heart of a livable city.

Portland residents value vibrant neighborhoods. At the core of every great city are schools that meet the needs of all of its residents – including students, teachers, staff, and community members of all ages and abilities. It’s up to all of us to make sure that Portland has the great schools our community deserves, and now it’s time to reinvest in our aging buildings. Join us in voting “yes” on Measure 26-144.

The investment in our school buildings is an investment that benefits our entire city. More than 4,500 non-school events took place in Portland schools last year. Our communities rely on these buildings, and we need to make sure they are safe and accessible.

Safe well-designed school facilities contribute to student success.

The League believes all schools should have adequate physical facilities that meet state and local safety and sanitation standards.

Measure 26-144 will put our tax dollars to use on the most significant projects throughout the district. Three high schools will be completely modernized and Faubion K-8 will be rebuilt. Leaking roofs will be repaired; seismic threats will be reduced; and obstacles that prevent students from moving easily throughout these old buildings will finally be removed.

Over 80 percent of Portland’s school-aged children attend public school. A “yes” vote will provide our students with schools that are safe and promote success.

Measure 26-144 is a prudent investment in Portland’s future.

A citizen oversight committee will monitor bond proceed expenditures and ensure that the money is spent as voters intended.

The future of our region depends on a quality educational system. A “yes” vote is the first step in a strategic, 30-year plan to transform the entire district into a world-class school system.

Join the League of Women Voters of Portland in voting “Yes” Vote on Measure 26-144.

(This information furnished by Mary McWilliams, League of Women Voters of Portland)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Important messages from Portland’s Mayoral candidates:

“The race for our schools is more important than the race for Mayor.

Since I graduated from Grant twenty years ago, the building has seen too few updates. The familiarity is comforting; the perilous auditorium seats are not...nor is the sense that so many of our school buildings could be safer and perform better. A study of retrofitted schools in Washington showed a 15 percent reduction in absenteeism. High performing school buildings produce higher performing students.

This is the right bond at the right time. The team focused on needs the community prioritized, like seismic safety and air quality. They worked with key folks opposed to the last measure and reduced the financial impact.

We need to pass this. We need a 30-year effort to retrofit all of our schools for greater performance and safety. We need this as not an end but a start. We need to vote yes.”

-Rep. Jefferson Smith, Mayoral Candidate

“Dear Fellow Portlander –

Everything we do in our city and our society depends on quality education for our children.

One of Portland’s great strengths is our excellent public schools that anchor our neighborhoods and communities. Having good schools depends on safe and up-to-date buildings. Right now, many Portland Public School buildings are at risk: they lack adequate safety protections for kids, and many lack the modern learning equipment kids need to succeed in the workplace or at college.

That’s why I’m voting YES for our PPS School Bond and I hope you’ll join me.

The school bond will increase seismic safety in schools, rebuild three of our high schools and update many science classrooms. There is built-in oversight for how funds are spent.

Let’s make this critical investment in our kids, our neighborhoods and our future. Let’s take pride in Portland. Let’s take pride in our great schools!”

Sincerely,
Charlie Hales, Mayoral Candidate

(This information furnished by Miguel Lopez, Portlanders for Schools)

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PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Measure 26-144

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

As local elected leaders, we are working hard to serve the community we love. Although our positions, backgrounds and opinions differ, we are all enthusiastic supporters of the school bond – Measure 26-144.

Portland is a great city, and we all agree that we must invest now in the modern school buildings that our thriving community needs and deserves. Great schools depend on support from all of us – elected officials and citizens alike. Join us in voting yes on this bond!

Measure 26-144 will make prudent improvements to our aging school buildings. It will fully modernize four schools and remedy the most urgent building deficiencies throughout the district. Let's make sure that the teachers and students who work in these buildings every day have safe and healthy environments.

Portland Public School buildings are also flourishing community centers. In fact, they are some of the most frequently used public buildings in the city. In addition to the daily traffic from young people, teachers, dedicated maintenance staff, principals and other district employees, more than 4,500 non-school events and meetings were held in public schools last year. It's the responsibility of every Portlander to make sure these shared spaces are safe and accessible.

By voting "yes" on Measure 26-144, we will invest in future generations while also impacting the city right now. The bond will pump millions of dollars into Portland's economy and create local jobs.

Please join us in voting "yes" on this bond – great schools build a great city!

Mayor Sam Adams
Multnomah County Chair Jeff Cogen
State Senate Majority Leader Diane Rosenbaum
Portland City Commissioner Nick Fish
Portland City Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman
State Representative Jules Bailey
State Representative Lew Fredrick
State Representative Mitch Greenlick
State Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer
State Representative Tina Kotek
State Representative nominee Jennifer Williamson
Multnomah County Commissioner Deborah Kafoury
Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith
Former State Senator Avel Gordly

(This information furnished by Jon Isaacs, Portlanders for Schools)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Restore Education Before Buildings

Vote **NO** on Portland Public Schools' Capital Construction Bond M-26-144

We are concerned citizens/parents who believe it vital for Portland Public Schools to thoroughly explore the root causes of its poor academic results.

Taxpayers must hold Portland Public Schools (PPS) and its board **accountable** to focus on essential learning criteria, and deliver a quality education in the most **fiscally responsible manner**.

PPS neglected maintenance of public school properties for years. **We do not believe rebuilding schools is the critical next step to improve students' education outcomes.**

Instead, research consistently highlights **three critical steps necessary for successful academic results.**

- **More teachers** trained and supported to deliver superior student outcomes. Average graduation rate at PPS is only 62%.
- **More instructional classroom days.** In 2012-2013 PPS students have approximately 169.5 days. **According to the Oregonian 8/8/12, the national norm is 180 days.**
- **More parent involvement.** Parents need to demand more from their children, more from schools and from themselves.

PPS must initiate an independent fiscal efficiency audit to:

- Identify which low-enrollment schools to **consolidate/close** so remaining schools become stronger with more teachers and more electives,
- Identify district management/administrative positions to eliminate; place top priority on **additional teachers**,
- Identify what works at high-achieving schools such as **Benson** and apply to all schools.

PPS is planning SEVEN more capital bonds over the next 32 years consuming about \$3 billion dollars.

Students are not getting academic results they need.

\$482 million construction dollars will not significantly improve education outcomes.

(This information furnished by Betty Soljaga, Committee to Restore Education Before Buildings)

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PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Vote No on Measure 26-144

Parents are often faced with having to say "No".

This is one of those times.

Portland Public Schools (PPS) has a costly construction plan but no successful education strategy. PPS has taken a piecemeal approach on issue after issue.

What WORKS is not supported.

- Benson has one of the highest graduation rates yet PPS restricted enrollment at Benson since 2010.
- PPS has hard choices to make in consolidating and closing campuses; yet refuses to take action.
- PPS must connect vocational programming to core curriculum and it responds by hurting Benson's program that works.

We must reach a graduation rate of 100%; the current inflated rate of 62% is unacceptable. Teachers must be supported to correct this; new buildings are no guarantee. Six PPS schools rank in the BOTTOM 5% of Title 1 schools. (*Portland Tribune 8/2/12*) Rosa Parks, at 45,147 sf. is one of these schools. This school was built in 2006 at \$239 a square foot (sf) ---40% above the norm at the time.

- Corvallis HS at 230,000 (total sf), built in 2003 with a total budget of \$46 million for \$200 a sf.
- Philomath HS, new for 2012, with a \$29.5 Million budget for 140,000 tsf or \$210 per sf.
- PPS wants you to open your wallet and pay **\$95 MILLION for Grant**, (274,489 sf) **\$85 Million for Franklin** (218,574 sf) and **\$70 Million for Roosevelt** (228,535).
- **These costs of \$306-389 per square foot are too high. What buildings are we getting while children receive a tarnished education?**

Do we trust PPS to spend money appropriately? The only oversight is PPS's word some "independent group will be appointed..." to review reports and audits". Who will appoint this group? What criteria qualify them to act in our best interests?

Please join me in Voting No on Measure 26-144.

Teresa McGuire
Parent, two Wilson Grads
Past Volunteer of the Year, Jackson MS

(This information furnished by Teresa McGuire)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Wrong Priorities

Troubling Facts:

Inadequate 62% high school graduation rate. 50% of graduates lack necessary skills to pass freshman college math, 45% are not reading adequately enough to earn C's (2012 ACT test scores).

Troubling Questions:

Does allocating 250 million dollars for only 3 high schools significantly improve student performance?

On the contrary, research consistently shows learning drastically improves with **more teachers** who receive training and support to assist students, parents and administration in academic **accountability. Human relationships guarantee success**, not buildings.

Recently, Alice Ott Middle school, David Douglas District, increased state standards from 50% to 80% with 73% of their students on the free or reduced lunch program. How? **The staff/teachers say consistent, positive, energetic staff produced powerful gains.** (*Oregonian 9/1/12*)

Why are we "repaying" a \$10.8 million dollar debt for Rosa Parks school? How was this school built without sufficient funds? If new buildings are PPS's answer to improved learning, then why is our **newest school** rated with "profound problems". (*New Ratings, Oregonian 8/4/12*)

Many citizens' resources are limited, what is the most cost effective way to improve safety and disability access?

No one argues the need to upgrade our science rooms, but with annual million dollar budget shortfalls, **how will these classrooms be staffed with trained science teachers?**

PPS must **lead** in adopting **innovative cost effective business, education and negotiation models.** Instead of the past "victim mentality" of never enough money, PPS needs to **work with all parties** (teachers, administrations, unions, legislators) to **reign in PERS.** Until this "elephant in the room" is resolved, our kids will never achieve an exemplary education. The monies are there. They need to be reallocated to classroom learning, not retirements.

Save money for more teachers, **support an efficiency audit** to consolidate/close more low performing schools, reexamine administration bureaucracy.

Vote No Hold our education leaders **accountable** for superior academic results.

Kelsey Green Grout, 15 year PPS parent & volunteer

(This information furnished by Kelsey Green Grout)

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PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

NO on Measure 26-144

Apparently, members of the Portland School Board think most voters failed in math.

What else would explain their belief that their breathtakingly huge bond measure would add up for your approval?

How huge?

- If approved, taxpayers will have to pick up the additional cost of principle-and-interest on a whopping \$482 million!
- It will be the **largest local bond measure approved in Oregon history!**
- It is so big that the total request is nearly **greater than the total cost of all the other 15 local tax measures combined** on the entire Oregon ballot.
- Currently, the district is already **spending an incredible rate of \$13,000 per student**, per year, for classrooms that are open approximately two-thirds of a year.

Throughout the state and nation, it is generally agreed that public schools are in need of major overhaul and that more money is not the answer. In fact, this ridiculously extravagant bond measure indicates that the Portland School District desperately needs to be reformed.

Again, approval of this bond measure will only delay meaningful school reform and recklessly piles an even bigger burden on long-suffering taxpayers.

Vote No, absolutely, on Measure 26-144

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MULTNOMAH COUNTY OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP SITES

MULTNOMAH COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE

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E-Mail: elections@co.multnomah.or.us

Office hours: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Monday through Friday

Special Election hours on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Monday, November 5, 2012, 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Tuesday, November 6, 2012 (Election Day) - 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Official Drop Sites listed below available in Multnomah County beginning on Friday, Oct. 19, 2012.

24-HOUR OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP BOXES

A-BOY SUPPLY

7365 SW Barbur Blvd.

GOODWILL STORE

3134 North Lombard St.

MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT

West side of NE 40th Ave.

between NE Tillamook St. and NE Hancock St.

(Near the Hollywood Library.)

GRESHAM BRANCH LIBRARY

385 NW Miller Ave., Gresham

MIDLAND BRANCH LIBRARY

805 SE 122nd Ave.

PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE

700 block of SW Broadway

(next to Starbucks and across from Nordstrom)

MULTNOMAH COUNTY ELECTIONS

1040 SE Morrison St. Portland

Two Drop Box locations. Box located on the East Side of **SE 11th Ave.** between SE Morrison St. and SE Belmont St.. Another box located on the North Side of **SE Belmont St.** between SE 10th Ave. and SE 11th Ave.

LIBRARY OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP SITES

Voted ballots may be delivered to any Multnomah County library from Friday, October 19, 2012, until 8:00 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, November 6, 2012. An official ballot drop box is located inside each library; library hours are listed below. For 24-hour access, please use the 24-hour drop box sites listed above or the ballot/book return at Central Library (below).

Libraries are closed on Mondays. However, voters may drop off ballots on Monday, November 5, 2012, from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM at all library locations except Central Library. A secure drive-up ballot/book return site is available at Central Library, on SW 11th (between Yamhill and Taylor) 24 hours a day.

Regional Libraries

Gresham - 385 NW Miller Ave., Gresham

Hillsdale – 1525 SW Sunset Blvd.

Sunday:

Noon - 5:00 PM

Tuesday & Thursday:

11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Hollywood - 4040 NE Tillamook St.

Midland - 805 SE 122nd Ave.

Wednesday:

10:00 AM

-

5:00 PM

Friday & Saturday:

10:00 AM

-

5:00 PM

Monday, Nov. 5th – Ballot drop site hours: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Central and Neighborhood Libraries

Albina - 3605 NE 15th Ave.

Belmont - 1038 S.E. César E. Chávez Blvd.

Capitol Hill - 10723 SW Capitol Highway

Central Library - 801 SW 10th Ave.

Fairview-Columbia -1520 NE Village St. Fairview

Gregory Heights - 7921 NE Sandy Blvd.

Holgate - 7905 SE Holgate Blvd.

Kenton – 8226 N. Denver Ave.

North Portland - 512 N Killingsworth St.

Northwest - 2300 NW Thurman St.

Rockwood - 17917 SE Stark St.

St. Johns - 7510 N Charleston Ave.

Sellwood-Moreland - 7860 SE 13th Ave.

Troutdale - 2451 SW Cherry Park Rd.,

Troutdale

Woodstock - 6008 SE 49th Ave.

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