

Official Ballot
Multnomah County, OR
May 16, 2017

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THIS IS NOT A REAL BALLOT. DO NOT USE TO VOTE.

Instructions To Voter

Please Use A Blue or Black Pen.
Completely fill in the oval to the left of your choice to be sure your vote will be counted.

To add a candidate who is not on the ballot, fill in the oval to the left of the Write-In line and write the candidate's name on the line.

Education Service District

**Multnomah ESD Dir, Pos 2, At Large
Vote for One**

- John Sweeney
- Helen Ying
- Kristin S Cornuelle
- _____
OR Write-In on line above

**Multnomah ESD Dir, Pos 4, Zone 4
Vote for One**

- Jessica Arzate
- Francisco (Frank) Acosta Jr
- Jodi Ballard-Beach
- _____
OR Write-In on line above

Warning

Any person who, by use of force or other means, unduly influences an elector to vote in any particular manner or to refrain from voting is subject to a fine.
(ORS 254.470)

Attention!

Remember to inspect your ballot for mistakes! If you make a mistake or damage your ballot, call Multnomah County Elections Office at (503) 988-3720.

School District

**Portland School Director, Zone 4
Vote for One**

- Rita Moore
- Jamila Singleton Munson
- _____
OR Write-In on line above

**Portland School Director, Zone 5
Vote for One**

- Virginia La Forte
- Scott Bailey
- Traci Flitcraft
- _____
OR Write-In on line above

**Portland School Director, Zone 6
Vote for One**

- Trisha D Parks
- Julia Brim-Edwards
- Zach Babb
- Ed Bos
- David Morrison
- Joseph L Simonis
- _____
OR Write-In on line above

Check for Errors

If you vote for more options than allowed, your vote will not count for that candidate or measure.

City of Portland Measures

Referred to the People by the City Council

26-189 Amends Charter: Increases Auditor's independence from audited agencies, adds duty.

Question: Shall Charter be amended to increase City Auditor's independence from audited agencies and include Auditor's authority to investigate City agencies?

Summary: The measure changes Charter provisions regarding the elected City Auditor, which were last updated in 1994. The Auditor's responsibilities have expanded since then to include more oversight functions, such as the ombudsman and lobbyist registration. Currently, the Auditor relies on and sometimes must seek permission from City agencies subject to the Auditor's oversight for legal, personnel, procurement, and budget services.

The measure increases the Auditor's independence by: allowing the Auditor to seek advice from independent legal counsel, giving the Auditor more autonomy over staffing decisions, designating the Auditor as a contracting agency, and authorizing the Auditor to submit budget requests directly to the City Council without review by an audited City agency. The measure requires periodic external reviews of the Auditor's Office.

The measure also establishes in Charter the Auditor's ombudsman function, which conducts impartial investigations into the public's complaints against City agencies. Currently, the ombudsman operates under authority granted in code. It has been in the Auditor's Office since 2001 and is a core component of the Auditor's oversight responsibilities.

Other provisions.

- Yes
- No

Review Both Sides 

City of Portland Measures

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26-194 Amends Charter: Authorizes Council To Change Scope Of Transient Lodgings Tax Obligations

Question: Shall City Council be authorized to impose Transient Lodgings Tax obligations on online businesses and others without further voter approval?

Summary: In City Charter Section 7-113, adopted in 1971, city voters authorized City Council to impose a Transient Lodgings Tax on amounts paid "for lodging" in hotels or other short-term rental spaces. The "owner or operator" of rental space is required to collect and remit this tax to the City. Recently, a federal court ruled that Charter Section 7-113 does not authorize the City to collect the Transient Lodgings Tax from a business that operates websites that connect tourists and other renters with homeowners and others seeking to make property available for short-term rentals. By authorizing new definitions and interpretations of Section 7-113, this measure authorizes Council to change the scope of Transient Lodgings Tax obligations and, among other things, (1) impose the tax obligations on businesses that facilitate short-term rentals but may not fit the 1971 definition of "owner or operator"; and (2) tax payments that may not fit the 1971 definition of payments "for lodging." Council could make such changes by ordinance without any additional voter approval. This measure does not change tax rates.

- Yes
- No

Community College Measure

26-190 Bonds to construct Applied Technology Center, Enhance Safety and Security

Question: Shall Mt. Hood Community College replace and expand technology facilities; enhance safety and security; refinance debt; issue bonds totaling \$75,000,000? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: The Oregon legislature has approved an \$8,000,000 grant for the Applied Technology Center if the District can provide matching funds by June 30, 2017. The District has also applied for a State seismic grant. If the bonds are approved, a citizen committee would oversee use of proceeds, which would be used to:

- Construct, equip and furnish an Applied Technology Center; demolish existing building
- Provide safety, security and other capital improvements district-wide including lockdown capability; electronic mass notification system; electronic access; video, communication and alarm systems
- Make seismic upgrades to Academic Center Library, Gymnasium, and other buildings
- Refinance existing capital obligations

Bonds would mature in a period not to exceed 21 years from date of issuance and may be issued in multiple series. If approved, the initial tax rate is estimated to be approximately \$.23 per \$1,000 of assessed value or \$.23 per year for property assessed at \$100,000. Actual rates may differ and depend on interest rates and growth in assessed value.

- Yes
- No

Portland Public SD Measure

26-193 Bonds to Improve Health, Safety, Learning by Modernizing, Repairing Schools

Question: Shall Portland Public Schools improve health and safety, modernize and repair schools, build education facilities, by issuing \$790,000,000 in bonds? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: If approved this measure would finance or refinance capital costs, including projects that:

- Reduce or eliminate exposure to hazardous materials districtwide, including lead, asbestos, and radon;
- Upgrade fire alarm and/or sprinkler systems;
- Improve accessibility for people with disabilities;
- Repair or replace leaking or deteriorating school roofs;
- Upgrade school safety and security;
- Strengthen schools against earthquakes;
- Renovate or replace schools, including Benson, Lincoln, Madison, and Kellogg, to improve health and safety and provide up-to-date classrooms and facilities, and increase access to technology and modern learning environments; and

Citizen accountability and oversight, including audits of bond projects and expenditures will be required.

Bonds may be issued in one or more series, with each series maturing in 30 years or less.

The average levy rate for this bond issue is estimated to be \$0.68 per \$1,000 of assessed value over 30 years. The levy rate is estimated to be \$1.40 per \$1,000 for the first four years, declining thereafter. Rates may differ based on interest rates and changes in assessed value.

- Yes
- No

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