

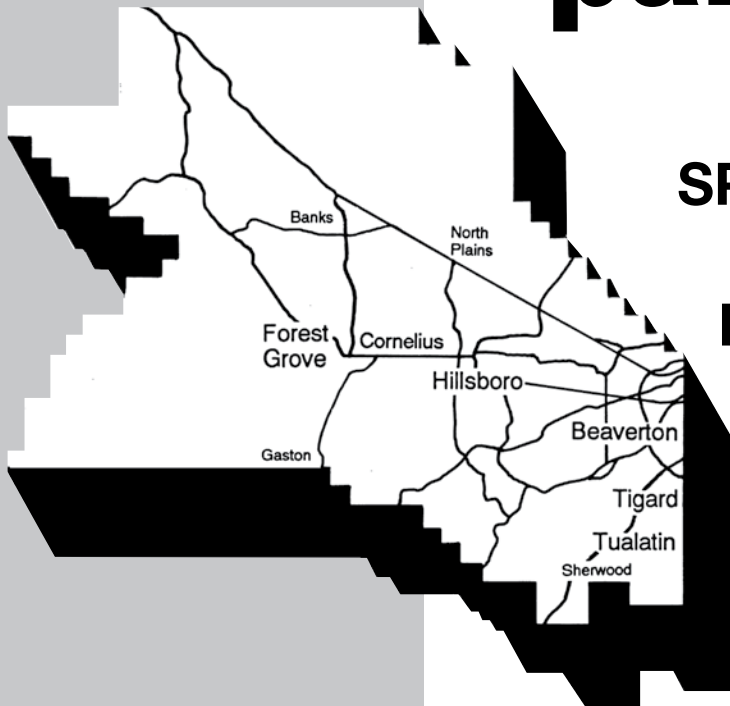


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City of Sherwood

Measure No. 34-291

Measure No. 34-291

Ballot Title

Revisions to Sherwood City Charter Regarding Certain Election Dates

Question: Should the Sherwood City Charter be amended to change the dates on which elections may be held on certain issues?

Summary: Currently, the City Charter requires an election to authorize creating certain types of taxes, charges, and fees, or increasing them by more than two percent. If the election is held in November of even numbered years, a simple majority vote is required for approval. However, if the election is held at any other time, even if a majority of voters support the measure, the vote has no effect if voter turnout is below fifty percent.

If this measure is approved, the voter approval described above would still be required. However, the City would have the flexibility to be able to hold the required elections in May of even numbered years and November of any year, regardless of whether voter turnout reached fifty percent. This measure would also relocate the language on this subject from Section 16 of the Charter to a new Section 47. No other changes would be made to the existing charter language.

This measure was referred to the voters by the City Council based on recommendations of the Charter Review Committee.

Explanatory Statement

In 2018, the Sherwood City Council formed a Charter Review Committee for the purpose of reviewing and proposing amendments to the City Charter, comprised of the following residents:

Mark Cottle (Chair)
Dave Grant (Vice Chair)
Brian Amer
Linda Henderson
Laurie Holm
Randy Mifflin
Bob Silverforb
Bernie Sims
Nancy Taylor

The Committee met several times in public meetings to develop recommendations and receive public feedback. As a result of this process, the City Council has referred three separate measures to city voters. This measure would make amendments to the Charter regarding certain election dates.

Currently, the Charter requires an election to authorize new taxes, charges, and fees affecting certain residential properties, or to authorize increases of more than two percent in these taxes, charges, and fees. If the election is held in November of even numbered years, a simple majority vote is required for approval. However, if the election is held at any other time, even if a majority of voters support the measure, the vote has no effect if voter turnout is below fifty percent. Voter turnout at elections held on dates other than November of even numbered years rarely reaches fifty percent.

The Charter Review Committee and City Council believe that some additional flexibility is necessary, especially in the event of circumstances that may result in a more urgent need for voter approval.

If this measure is approved, the voter approval described above would still be required. However, the City would be able

to hold the required elections in May of even numbered years and November of any year, regardless of whether voter turnout reached fifty percent.

In 2008, Oregon voters approved a similar amendment to the Oregon Constitution, which expanded the number of elections at which certain tax measures could be approved regardless of voter turnout. Those elections can now occur in May or November of any year.

This measure would also relocate the language on this subject from Section 16 of the charter (regarding ordinance adoption) to a new Section 47, titled "Vote Required on Certain Taxes, Charges, and Fees." No other changes would be made to the existing charter language.

The existing charter language is as follows, with proposed deletions in **strikethrough** and proposed additions **underlined**:

*After July 1, 2015, any ordinance, resolution or order approved by a majority of the City Council that imposes a new city tax, charge, or fee and/or increases by more than two percent annually any city utility tax, charge, or fee including but not limited to water charges, sewer and surface water charges, and street utility fees that are imposed on residential properties occupied by owners and/or occupants within the City of Sherwood boundaries, shall not be effective unless ratified by a majority vote of the City's qualified electors voting in an election where at least 50 percent of the registered voters cast a ballot, or the election is **a general election in an even-numbered year held in May of an even numbered year or November of any year.***

Submitted by:
Sylvia Murphy, City Recorder/Elections Official
City of Sherwood

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

City of Sherwood

Measure No. 34-291 Argument

Argument in Favor

It is time for Sherwood to put the past messiness behind us and to act like a mature city once again. These changes will help us move forward in doing just that. While the power remains with the Citizens, our city is not a small little town anymore. We need the ability to respond to the needs of the city in a more orderly way, one that vests the Citizens with power, but does not hamper the City in moving us forward. There are many changes and costs that the City does not control. For example, we purchase our water from a water consortium that we are a member of, but if the consortium votes to raise rate, we have no choice but to follow suit or go without!

It is important to have balance between a representative government, and citizen input and control. These changes honor the citizen's rights to control but gives to the city government the flexibility to continue to move the city forward.

I chaired the committee that looked at and recommended these changes. Those on the committee were all citizens and all their concerns were heard and vetted. We all want the same thing, a City that is responsive to its needs and to the citizens. These changes do just that.

Join me in supporting these charter changes.

This information furnished by:
Mark O Cottle



Voter Registration Information

Registering to Vote

To vote in Oregon you need to be registered in the county where you reside.

You can register if you can answer yes to these three questions:

- ✓ Are you a resident of Oregon?
- ✓ Are you a US citizen?
- ✓ Are you at least 16 years of age?

If you are 16 years of age, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday.

How to register

You can register to vote online at www.oregonvotes.gov or you can get a voter registration card at any of the following places:

- Any County Elections Office
- The Secretary of State's Office
- Some state agencies such as the Division of Motor Vehicles
- A voter registration drive
- Some locations of the United States Postal Service

You can fill the card out in person or send it in by US mail.

You can also print out a registration card online at: www.oregonvotes.gov

The deadline for new registrations or to make party changes is 21 days prior to Election Day.

What information is required to register?

To complete your registration, you must provide your:

- Full legal name
- Home address
- Mailing address – if different
- Date of birth
- Signature
- Valid identification

City of Sherwood

Measure No. 34-292

Ballot Title

Revisions to Sherwood City Charter Regarding Council Votes and Vacancies

Question: Should the Sherwood City Charter be amended regarding requirements relating to Council votes and filling Council vacancies?

Summary: This measure affects sections 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, and 32 of the City Charter and adds a new section 48.

If approved, this measure would clarify the procedure and requirements for filling vacancies on City Council. It would also clarify the number of affirmative votes required for City Council to approve of certain actions by establishing four categories (unanimous, supermajority, majority of council, and simple majority vote) and assigning vote type requirements to specific actions.

Additionally, this measure would add a new section 48 to the charter, which would require supermajority approval by City Council before the city could sell or subdivide any parcel of real property owned by the city which is greater than five acres in size and which is being used primarily for park or recreation purposes.

Finally, this measure would make housekeeping changes to consolidate and clarify the sections of the Charter related to voting and vacancies listed above.

This measure was referred to the voters by the City Council based on recommendations of the Charter Review Committee.

Explanatory Statement

This is one of three separate ballot measures based on the recommendations of a citizen Charter Review Committee and referred by the Sherwood City Council to city voters at the November 2019 election. This measure relates to requirements for City Council votes and for filling City Council vacancies; it affects sections 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, and 32 of the current City Charter and adds a new section 48.

If approved, this measure would clarify the procedure and requirements for filling vacancies on City Council by amending Section 32 as follows (proposed deletions in **strikethrough** and proposed additions **underlined**):

~~A mayor or councilor vacancy will be filled by an election if 13 months or more remain in the office term or by appointment of the majority of the council within 45 days if less than 13 months remain. The election will be held at the next available election date to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.~~

(a) A mayor or councilor vacancy shall be filled by appointment by a majority of the remaining council members within 45 days of the date of vacancy. The appointee's term of office runs from appointment until the vacancy is filled by election or until expiration of the term of office if no election is required to fill the vacancy.

(b) An election is required if 13 months or more remain in the office term. The election must be held at the next available election date. The person elected will fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.

This measure would also clarify the number of affirmative votes required for City Council to approve of certain actions by amending section 13 as follows (proposed deletions in **strikethrough** and proposed additions **underlined**) and assigning vote types to specific actions:

(a) The express approval of a majority of a quorum of the councilors voting on a motion is necessary for any council decision, except when this charter requires unanimous approval, supermajority approval, or approval by a majority of the council.

(b) Unanimous approval shall mean approval by all of the council and mayor positions that are not vacant.

(c) Supermajority approval shall mean approval by not less than five council and/or mayor positions.

(d) Approval by a majority of the council shall mean approval by a majority of the council and mayor positions that are not vacant.

Additionally, this measure would add a new section 48 to the charter, which would read as follows:

Before the city may sell or subdivide any parcel of real property owned by the city which is greater than five acres in size and which is being used primarily for park or recreation purposes, the city council must authorize such sale or subdivision by supermajority vote.

Finally, this measure would make housekeeping changes to consolidate and clarify the sections of the charter related to voting and vacancies, as listed above. The full text of the proposed changes are on file at Sherwood City Hall.

Submitted by:
Sylvia Murphy, City Recorder/Elections Official
City of Sherwood

No Arguments in Favor or Opposition of this measure were filed.

City of Sherwood

Measure No. 34-293

Ballot Title

Housekeeping Revisions to Sherwood City Charter

Question: Should the Sherwood City Charter language be amended for purposes of general clarification, consolidation, and updating?

Summary: This housekeeping measure affects ten different sections of the current City Charter. The changes are generally summarized as follows:

Section 1: Updates dates.

Section 14: Adds reference to public records and meetings law.

Section 19: Removes unnecessary and ambiguous language.

Section 22: Removes unnecessary and ambiguous language.

Section 24: Clarifies how partial terms apply to term limits.

Section 28: Updates language regarding how a person declares candidacy for, or is nominated to run for, city office.

Section 30: Adds reference to city laws in the required oath of office.

Section 31: Provides that a city elected official cannot hold two elected offices at once. Corrects punctuation.

Section 33: Corrects grammar and clarifies miscellaneous items.

Section 43: Repeals this section due to prior voter approval of the use of Willamette River water as a residential drinking water source.

This measure was referred to the voters by the City Council based on recommendations of the Charter Review Committee.

Section 43: Repeals this section due to prior voter approval of the use of Willamette River water as a residential drinking water source.

The full text of the proposed changes are on file at Sherwood City Hall.

Submitted by:
Sylvia Murphy, City Recorder/Elections Official
City of Sherwood

Explanatory Statement

This is one of three separate ballot measures based on the recommendations of a citizen Charter Review Committee and referred by the Sherwood City Council to city voters at the November 2019 election. It is a housekeeping measure that would clarify, consolidate, and update ten sections of the current City Charter. The proposed changes are generally summarized as follows:

Section 1: Updates dates.

Section 14: Adds reference to public records and meetings law.

Section 19: Removes unnecessary and ambiguous language.

Section 22: Removes unnecessary and ambiguous language.

Section 24: Clarifies how partial terms apply to term limits.

Section 28: Updates language regarding how a person declares candidacy for, or is nominated to run for, city office.

Section 30: Adds reference to city laws in the required oath of office.

Section 31: Provides that a city elected official cannot hold two elected offices at once. Corrects punctuation.

Section 33: Corrects grammar and clarifies miscellaneous items.

No Arguments in Favor or Opposition of this measure were filed.

City of King City

Measure No. 34-294

Ballot Title

King City Police and Public Safety Local Option Levy

Question: Shall King City fund Police Services; levy 63 cents per \$1,000 assessed value for 5 years beginning 2020-2021? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: In 2014 King City voters passed a five-year police and public services levy. That levy is set to expire in June of 2020. If passed this measure will levy 63 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to fund police and public safety services for five years beginning in July of 2020.

Passing this levy will allow the King City Police Department to:

Maintain police services at their current level, increase supervision, retain experienced officers, provide officer training, and continue participation in the Washington County-wide PPDS Records System. This cost would be approximately \$7.88 per month or \$94.50 a year on a home assessed at \$150,000.

It is estimated that the proposed rate would raise:

\$347,684 in 2020-21, \$360,404 in 2021-22, \$373,573 in 2022-23, \$386,399 in 2023-24, and \$397,991 in 2024-25.

Explanatory Statement

In 2014 King City voters passed a five-year police and public services levy. That levy is set to expire in June of 2020. If passed this measure will levy 63 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to fund police and public safety services for five years beginning in July of 2020.

Passing this levy will allow the King City Police Department to:

Maintain police services at their current level, increase supervision, retain experienced officers, provide officer training, and continue participation in the Washington County-wide PPDS Records System. This cost would be approximately \$7.88 per month or \$94.50 a year on a home assessed at \$150,000.

The King City Police Department works with other police departments and agencies in Washington County and pays fees associated with that work. Because of the call volume of recent calls, King City has passed the small city threshold for reduced rates, and expenses related to air time are expected to increase from \$24,000 per year to between \$52,000 and \$54,000 per year.

It is estimated that the proposed rate would raise: \$347,684 in 2020-21, \$360,404 in 2021-22, \$373,573 in 2022-23, \$386,399 in 2023-24, and \$397,991 in 2024-25.

Submitted by:
Ronnie Smith
City of King City

No Arguments in Favor or Opposition of this measure were filed.



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City of Portland

Measure No. 26-204

Referred to the People by the City Council.

Ballot Title

Amends Charter: Increases protections for Bull Run Watershed.

Question: Shall Charter be amended to increase Bull Run Watershed protections by restricting access, regulating allowed activities and limiting land uses?

Summary: The measure adds a new Charter section establishing protections for City lands within the Bull Run Watershed Closure Area, the location of the City's primary drinking water source and hydroelectric facilities. The Charter currently does not protect the Bull Run Watershed. The measure will codify watershed protections in the Charter and, if passed, the protections may only be removed by an affirmative vote of Portlanders.

Protections include:

- Public access restrictions
- Tree-cutting prohibitions
- Land use and activity limits
- Drinking water or hydroelectric projects must avoid and then mitigate impacts to the natural environment

The Bull Run Watershed Closure Area includes the Bull Run Watershed Management Unit— which is jointly managed by the City and the United States Forest Service— and additional land to the west which is managed exclusively by the City. The Bull Run Watershed Closure Area is managed to provide high-quality drinking water for the Portland metropolitan area.

Explanatory Statement

Portland City Council unanimously approved a resolution referring a City Charter amendment to increase protections for the Bull Run Watershed to the Portland voters for the November 5, 2019 ballot. The resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Amanda Fritz, as the Commissioner-in-Charge of the Portland Water Bureau.

If passed, the proposed amendment would add environmental and land-use limitations for the Bull Run Watershed – Portland's primary drinking water source – to the City Charter. The proposed limitations currently exist in City Code, but those limitations can be amended or removed by City Council. The current Charter does not reference the Bull Run Watershed. Because the City Charter can only be amended by Portland voters in an election, the proposed amendment would provide long-term conservation of the Watershed unless Portland voters decide to change the limitations in the future.

The current provisions in City Code proposed to be added to the City Charter would:

- prohibit the public from entering the watershed, with specified exceptions;
- prohibit tree cutting for any purpose not related to the City's drinking water or hydroelectric systems; and
- prohibit transferring City-owned lands or infrastructure to private business or organizations.

If the amendment is not passed, the environmental and land-use limitations for the Bull Run Watershed would continue to exist exclusively in City Code and would be subject to amendment by the City Council.

Submitted by:
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
City of Portland

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

Measure No. 26-204 Argument

Argument in Favor

Keep Bull Run water safe, secure and abundant for future generations

The Bull Run Watershed has been the source of Portland's drinking water for over 100 years. Located in the foothills of Mt. Hood, it provides consistent, high-quality drinking water for Portlanders and hundreds of thousands of Metro-area residents. Your vote for this ballot measure will ensure safe and abundant Bull Run drinking water for generations to come. The future of Portland's water depends on your Yes vote, to make sure the water we love stays accountable to Portland voters.

Currently, Portland City Code provides protections against development and tree-cutting in the watershed that nurtures Bull Run water. But City Code can be changed by a future City Council's vote. The City Charter is Portland's Constitution. If you vote Yes to put today's Code protections for the Bull Run watershed into the City Charter, only Portland voters will be able to allow development or other activities such as tree-cutting in our water source in the future. Only Portland voters will be able to approve a transfer to any private entity of City land or infrastructure within the Bull Run Watershed Closure Area that is integral to the delivery of municipal water.

I was a Registered Nurse working at OHSU for over two decades before Portlanders elected me to serve on your City Council eleven years ago. I know that fresh, pure drinking water is the most basic service Portlanders need. I am only the second woman ever to be the Commissioner in charge of the Portland Water Bureau. I see a huge gap that the Charter has no mention of the Bull Run drinking water supply. **Please join me in voting Yes on this common-sense measure to make sure our drinking water is owned by the people of Portland.**

Thank you,

Amanda Fritz

Portland City Commissioner

This information furnished by:

Amanda Fritz
Portland City Commissioner

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City of Portland

Measure No. 26-205

Referred to the People by the City Council

Ballot Title

Amends Charter: Authorizes City participation in emergency mutual aid agreements.

Question: Shall Charter be amended to authorize emergency mutual aid agreements between the City and other government entities, tribes or utilities?

Summary: The measure amends the Charter by clarifying Council authority to enter into and fund mutual aid agreements to provide or receive emergency assistance between the City and other government entities, tribes or utilities following a significant natural disaster or other major disruption to water-related services. Mutual aid agreements permit emergency responders to lend assistance across jurisdictional boundaries when an emergency response exceeds local resources. Mutual aid agreements typically address the furnishing of personnel, equipment or expertise in a specific manner when an emergency occurs.

Explanatory Statement

Portland City Council unanimously approved a resolution referring a City Charter amendment that would authorize City participation in emergency mutual aid agreements to Portland voters for the November 5, 2019 ballot. The resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Amanda Fritz, as the Commissioner-in-Charge of the Portland Water Bureau.

If passed, the amendment would allow City Council to approve and fund agreements between the Water Bureau and other cities, communities, and tribes to provide and receive prompt support during times of emergency like an earthquake. Because emergencies are rare, the cost of mutual aid agreements varies.

If the amendment is not passed, City Council may not be able to provide and receive prompt support from non-local jurisdictions and City Council would pay for any costs associated with mutual aid agreements with local jurisdictions from the General Fund instead of the Water Fund.

Submitted by:
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
City of Portland

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

Measure No. 26-205 Argument

Argument in Favor

After Hurricane Katrina, Portland Water Bureau staff went to New Orleans to offer assistance. It was not only the right thing to do, but also gave our Water Bureau staff valuable real-life experience on how to manage emergencies and provide safe drinking water to community members in desperate need. Astonishingly, a Judge ruled that the City's actions were inappropriate.

When a major earthquake hits Portland, we will need many other jurisdictions to send skilled workers to help us out. We will need local experts with experience working in disaster situations. Your Yes vote on this ballot measure will allow the Portland Water Bureau to enter into agreements with other cities, counties, states, and tribes so that when they need emergency help, our Water Bureau experts will give it – and when we need help, they will be here for us.

Your Yes vote on this ballot measure clarifies that the Portland City Council has your approval to spend Water Funds on mutual aid agreements that allow the Water Bureau to give and receive aid in major disaster emergencies.

In the Resolution referring this question to the ballot, the City Council set Binding City Policy that if this measure is approved by voters, the Portland Water Bureau must report annually to the Council on new mutual aid agreements.

I was a Registered Nurse for 27 years before I was elected to serve as your representative on the City Council. My life has been dedicated to helping people help each other. **Please join me in voting Yes on 26-205.**

- **Common sense.**
- **Wise use of ratepayers' money.**
- **The right thing to do.**

Thank you,

Amanda Fritz

Portland City Commissioner

This information furnished by:
Amanda Fritz
Portland City Commissioner

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Portland Public Schools 1J

Measure No. 26-207

Ballot Title

Levy Renewal to Maintain Teaching Positions and Classroom Supports

Question: Shall district maintain teaching positions, classroom supports; renew levy of \$1.99 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years beginning 2020? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: Portland Public Schools' current local option levy was approved by voters in 2014 to provide funding for schools over 5 years. The renewed levy will provide an estimated \$99.9 million in the first year. Over the past five years, the levy has funded an average of 825 teaching positions each year and, if approved, the renewed levy is projected to maintain that average over the next five years.

This renewed local option levy would continue to fund teaching positions to:

- Support a well-rounded education, including career and technical programs and enrichments and electives for all students.
- Help maintain class sizes
- Provide supports, such as reading specialists, for struggling students.

Levy cost remains \$1.99 per \$1,000 assessed property value, the same as the 2014 levy.

Funds will be placed in a sub-account, and independent citizen oversight will review expenditures to verify that funds are used as approved by voters. No levy funds will be spent for administration. Performance auditing of school district programs also will be done.

The levy will produce an estimated \$99.9 million in 2020-2021; \$103.9 million in 2021-2022; \$108.1 million in 2022-2023; \$112.4 million in 2023-2024; and \$111.9 million in 2024-2025. The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessor at the time of estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression and the collection rate.

Explanatory Statement

Portland Public Schools currently serves over 49,000 students in 81 schools and other programs throughout the neighborhoods of Portland.

For the ninth straight year, PPS' 4-year graduation rates increased in 2017-2018. The graduation rate of 79.6% remains above the statewide average and has risen more than 17 points since 2010.

In serving the students of Portland, the district continuously strives to be fiscally responsible with taxpayer resources. Through many years of budget cuts, the school district and Board have worked to preserve classroom education. At the same time, PPS has advocated for a greater level of state investment by the Legislature and worked to ensure that all dollars are spent well and used for educational services for students. In December 2018, independent auditors gave PPS a clean bill of financial health. The district will receive regular performance audits to monitor effective use of taxpayer resources.

The legislature has recently increased its investment in K-12 education, but more investments are needed to continue to build career and technical programs, maintain class size and better support struggling students. In the meantime, funds raised by this local option levy will help to close the funding gap.

If renewed, the levy is estimated to produce \$99.9 million for Portland Public Schools in school year 2020-2021. The proposed levy renewal would:

Fund teaching positions and classroom supports at every school in the district

- The funds help support a well-rounded education, with enrichments for elementary and middle grades and electives in varied interest areas and disciplines for high school students.
- The funds help support career and technical programs and STEM programs, including computer science education, so students can graduate with the skills necessary to be career or college ready.
- Over the past five years, the levy funded an average of 825 teaching positions annually. If approved, that average will be maintained.
- Academic support for struggling students is included.

Continue to provide fiscal accountability and independent oversight

- This renewal maintains the existing local option levy rate of \$1.99 per \$1,000 assessed value and ensures that all funds raised are directed to the voter-approved purpose of supporting schools.
- This local option requires independent citizen oversight so that tax dollars are used only for purposes approved by local voters.
- Funds will be placed in a sub-account to ensure their correct use and accurate reporting.
- No funds from this local option levy will be used for district administration.

Maintain the existing tax rate of \$1.99 per \$1,000 of assessed value

- For a home with an average assessed value of \$233,925, the cost would be less than \$39 per month, or \$465 per year.

This local option levy replaces the one passed by voters in 2014, and maintains the existing tax rate.

Submitted by:
Amy Kohnstamm
Board Chair, Portland Public Schools

No Arguments in Favor or Opposition of this measure were filed.

West Linn-Wilsonville School District 3JT

Measure No. 3-554

Ballot Title

Bonds to Increase Safety, Security; Address Overcrowding; Build, Replace Facilities

Question: Shall District increase safety, address overcrowding, update classrooms; issue \$206.8 million general obligation bonds; estimated to maintain current tax rate? 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: It's estimated that this measure would not increase current tax rates. West Linn-Wilsonville School District has been awarded \$7,192,506 in State grants which will be available only if these bonds are approved.

If approved, this measure would finance capital costs including:

Safe and Welcoming Schools:

- Improve safety at all schools.
- Capital Asset replacement; Preservation Projects at all schools.

Relieve Overcrowding:

- Renovate the current Athey Creek Middle School building to accommodate expanded, redesigned third high school.
- Rebuild an expanded Athey Creek Middle School at new West Linn location.
- Build new primary school in Wilsonville.
- Expand West Linn High stadium and parking.

Career and Technical Education:

- Update classrooms, improve career education equipment and learning spaces, implement technology improvements District-wide.
- Build Performing Arts Center at Wilsonville High.

Citizen oversight committee and regular independent audit of bond expenditures required.

Bonds may be issued in multiple series; each maturing within 31 years from issuance; pay bond interest and costs of issuance. Actual levy rates may vary based upon interest rates incurred and changes in assessed value.

- **Improve Safety and Security:** Construct secure entrances at all schools. Add classroom lockdown hardware at all schools. Add intrusion-limiting glass at all schools. Replace fire alarm systems, fire sprinkler systems, add site lighting, video monitoring, and communication upgrades District-wide. Expand stadium and parking at West Linn High School to accommodate students and staff daily and during emergency events.
- **Address Overcrowding:** Construct one new primary school on District-owned property in Wilsonville to meet enrollment needs. Relocate and expand Arts and Technology High School to the Athey Creek Middle School site. Construct an enlarged Athey Creek Middle School on District-owned property in West Linn to meet enrollment needs.
- **Increase Opportunities for CTE and Arts:** Construct a new performing arts center at Wilsonville High School to increase opportunities for the arts. Remodel existing theater into Career and Technical Education-focused instructional space, increasing school capacity.
- **Replacement and Preservation at Existing School Buildings:** Projects proposed to repair or replace aging roofs, windows, and mechanical/electrical systems. Install softball turf at Wilsonville High School. Remodel CREST facility. Produce energy-saving improvements to schools and facilities. Upgrade technology by re-wiring schools, updating network electronics and communication systems, and adding student devices.

Why

Student enrollment has more than doubled in last 20 years; projections show enrollment increases of more than 1,000 students in the next 10 years. New schools and learning spaces are expected to balance current and future enrollment while providing students and staff with safe and efficient learning environments.

Bond measure proposes to fund classroom improvements at existing school buildings and make operational improvements at all existing schools. Bond measure proposes classroom expansion and renovation conducive to career-based learning.

How Much

Due to the retirement of existing bonds, this bond measure is not expected to increase the current tax rate. This \$206.8 million bond is projected to have an average rate of \$1.19 per \$1,000 of assessed value annually over the bond term. The anticipated average cost is approximately \$238 per year on a home with a \$200,000 assessed taxable value. Actual rates may vary based upon interest rates incurred and changes to assessed value.

Submitted by:
Kathleen E. Ludwig, Superintendent
West Linn-Wilsonville School District 3jt

Explanatory Statement

What

West Linn-Wilsonville School District has placed a capital bond on the 2019 ballot. With no expected increase to the current tax rate, the bond would provide funds to: make safety and security upgrades; build a new primary school; rebuild a new middle school; relocate and enlarge third high school; add new high school performing arts center; expand high school stadium and parking; upgrade technology and facilities District-wide. If bond measure is approved, the District will receive an additional \$7,192,506 in matching state grants.

How

The District's Long-Range Planning Committee, led by citizen volunteers, reviewed enrollment forecasts and school facility conditions. The committee made recommendations based on present and future facility needs. Guided by the committee's recommendations, and feedback from a community Bond Summit, West Linn-Wilsonville Board of Directors propose that bond funds, if approved, be used to:

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

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Measure No. 3-554 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Your West Linn-Wilsonville School Board comes together to ask you to **VOTE YES** on the bond. We took two years to gather information and engage our community stakeholders to advise us before making this decision.

- We appointed student and school safety advisory committees—student, parent and school staff volunteers—to examine and advise us on student and school safety in each school in the District.
- We provided the final reports from the student and school safety advisory committees to the Long Range Planning Committee—citizen volunteers.
- We asked the Long Range Planning Committee to review the safety recommendations and incorporate those security upgrades into this bond.
- We supported the Superintendent's High School Study. Parents, school administrators and school staff considered how the District can best educate students for the future workplace and how the District can provide more hands-on learning experiences for students.
- We invested in a 10-year enrollment forecast to evaluate immediate and future school capacity needs of our growing communities.
- We applied to the State and received a grant that will provide an additional \$7,192,506 in monies if voters approve this bond.
- We hosted a Bond Summit, attended by 200+ community members and stakeholders. They examined the proposed construction projects and considered the timeliness, need and cost of these projects.
- We are able to structure this bond to replace debt that has been retired so as to keep the current tax rate level and not increase your current tax rate.

From these actions we heard our community ask us to fund these projects and place this bond on the ballot. We wholeheartedly support our community's decision and we ask you to join us in **VOTING YES on 3-554**.

Board Chair Regan Molatore
Board Vice-Chair Chelsea Martin
Director Dylan Hydes
Director Ginger Fitch
Director Christy Thompson

This information furnished by:
Ginger Fitch

Argument in Favor

We, Rachel Prusak and Courtney Neron, join together as State Representatives from both West Linn and Wilsonville, to voice our support for the West Linn-Wilsonville Capital Bond and Local Option Levy renewals.

We ask you to vote YES.

As your Representatives, we listen to you, and we know our communities. We understand how highly our communities value education and our children's safety. We hear our families tell us what a significant role our schools play in their children and grandchildren's lives. We listen to the business sector describe a desire for skilled labor. We must respond strategically to the growth that our desirable communities experience.

Renewal of this Capital Bond and Local Option Levy will provide for our schools and our students so that the West Linn-Wilsonville district can continue its legacy of excellence.

As a nurse practitioner and a public school teacher, we know that vibrant public schools are cornerstones to healthy communities. This Local Option Levy will **retain approximately 80 teachers** across our district. The Capital Bond will fund many projects, including expanding and **improving safety and security** in all our schools, designing a **Career and Technical Education** high school, and increasing **access to athletics and the arts**.

We can renew the Local Option Levy and the Capital Bond, continue to provide our current teaching staff level, and sustain and expand our facilities in response to growth; and we can do all of this **without increasing the tax rate**.

Our children rely on us to make informed and thoughtful choices on their behalf. They rely on us to provide them with safe and inspiring spaces to learn, innovate, create and grow. Our communities have a reputation for doing exactly that. Please continue to care for our children and our schools in the West Linn-Wilsonville way.

Vote YES for both the Local Option and the Capital Bond.

Courtney Neron
State Representative
District 26

Rachel Prusak
State Representative
District 37

This information furnished by:
Regan Molatore
WLWV for Better Schools

Argument in Favor

Several board members of WLWV Music and Arts Partners (MAP) and caring stakeholders of our school district collaboratively endorse this bond and want you to **VOTE YES TWICE** for our West Linn-Wilsonville Schools. MAP is a longtime supporter of programs which encourage and increase access to the arts for our students – whether it be drama, band, orchestra, art, dance or choir. We are excited because there is a little something for all of our students to express their talents. Our music, art and drama students will get a new performing arts center at Wilsonville High School. Athletes and students at West Linn High School will get more stadium seating and parking. Students who thrive with hands-on-learning will receive robust access to career and technical programs at all three high schools. Our community will receive additional peace of mind as our schools get safety and security upgrades. This bond even addresses overcrowding by building two new schools and expanding a third.

Your support will improve the environment our students live in and **it will not increase your existing tax rate**.

Please join MAP in VOTING YES!

Shelley Wong-Kamikawa, MAP President

*Only personal funds were used for this paid endorsement.

This information furnished by:
Shelley Kamikawa
Music and Arts Partners

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Argument in Favor

We are fortunate to live in a community that places such a high value on quality education with so many friends and neighbors that support this measure. Here is a partial list of community members and organizations who urge you to renew our investment in our schools and students' futures.

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Please join us, and many other like-minded people in the West Linn-Wilsonville community, in voting **YES on Measure 3-554!**

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This information furnished by:
Regan Molatore
WLWV for Better Schools

Argument in Favor

West Linn and Wilsonville are both very desirable places to live, continuing as growing cities. People move here and choose to remain because of our naturescapes, parks, arts and culture, youth programs, community vibrancy and schools. The West Linn-Wilsonville School District is the largest organization that bridges our two communities, our common ground. Through our school district, our cities come together to support our children and build community.

As both Wilsonville and West Linn continue to experience growth, both are faced with challenges that growth brings. Our citizens have high community standards, and strong history of supporting necessary bond measures that enable us to maintain those standards as we experience growth. Only by investing in increased capacity needed for growing populations can we responsibly expect to maintain our prized livability.

Our schools now face that choice. To maintain the high quality

education we all value for our children, we must now invest in a Bond to upgrade facilities.

This Bond will:

- Increase safety in all our schools.
- Build a new middle school.
- Build a new primary school.
- Renovate an existing building to become a re-imagined third high school.
- Expand the stadium and add parking at West Linn High School
- Build a performing arts center at Wilsonville High School.
- Expand course offerings in Career and Technical Education.

This bond is designed to replace retiring debt, keeping the tax rate at the current level. In this way, citizens will not experience a tax rate increase by supporting this measure. We can all responsibly plan for growth and maintain our high quality school standards, without increasing our taxes.

The Local Option Levy will:

- Enable retention of approximately 80 West Linn-Wilsonville teachers.
- Enable our schools to maintain the class sizes we now have.

Please join us in supporting West Linn-Wilsonville Schools.

Please vote FOR Measure 3-554 and Measure 3-555.

Russ Axlerod Tim Knapp
Mayor of West Linn Mayor of Wilsonville

This information furnished by:
Regan Molatore
WLWV for Better Schools

Argument in Favor

The Wilsonville Chamber of Commerce encourages our communities to

VOTE YES TWICE for our West Linn-Wilsonville Schools.

Vote YES for 3-554 and Yes for 3-555

This capital bond will provide critical funds to increase opportunities for Career & Technical Education instruction space. It will provide for expanded course offerings across all three high schools so students can access hands-on, real-world learning and be prepared for the jobs of the future. The local option levy will maintain funding for vital teachers and staffing support including important student internship programs and opportunities.

We hope you will join us in supporting our West Linn-Wilsonville Schools and

VOTE YES TWICE

This information furnished by:
Kevin Ferrasci O'Malley
Wilsonville Chamber of Commerce

West Linn-Wilsonville School District 3JT

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Argument in Favor

We, the West Linn-Wilsonville Education Association, appreciate the support that our communities have given our schools over the years. For the following reasons, we have voted to support the Bond.

- With high levels of input from the community, **the bond has been designed to create upgrades in every single school building in the district** as well as technology updates necessary to prepare students for the future.
- **The Bond will help relieve overcrowding at some schools by adding a primary school and by expanding capacity for all three high schools.** This will help provide for the recent population growth within our district. It will help modernize and maintain our investment in these buildings.
- It will help with the **implementation of recommendations made by security experts and community groups with regard to school safety** such as doors that can be locked from the inside and better entry security.
- **The Bond will make the expansion of the West Linn High School stadium possible**, which will in turn provide better safety, more parking, and improve the current situation in the surrounding neighborhood.
- Continued support of the Bond will bring a much needed **new Performing Arts Center to Wilsonville High School**, a value to the district and the community.

We also recognize these benefits to our communities:

- **This WILL NOT raise your taxes.** The School District has designed both the Bond and Levy to replace and maintain expiring measures. The district has been financially responsible to our communities by sticking to their budget promises.
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- **This is an investment that has helped West Linn, Wilsonville, and Tualatin maintain strong home values and a strong sense of community and identity.**

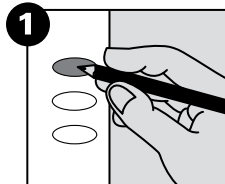
Please continue your support of WLWV students, schools, and community by voting Yes twice on the Bond and Levy.

This information furnished by:
Lane Johnson
West Linn-Wilsonville Education Association

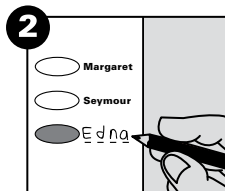
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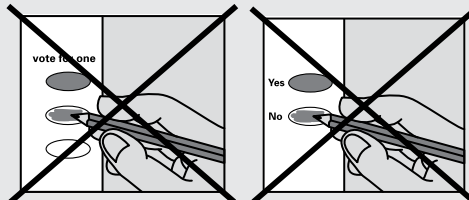
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West Linn-Wilsonville School District 3JT

Measure No. 3-555

Ballot Title

Renewal of Five-Year Local Option Levy for Teaching Positions

Question: Shall District maintain teaching positions, staffing operations; renew levy of \$1.50 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years beginning 2020? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: This local option school levy was originally approved in 2000; most recently renewed in 2014.

If approved, measure would provide funds to maintain current West Linn-Wilsonville School District programs; staffing levels for 5 years. If this measure isn't approved, District would need to reduce its budget by approximately \$11,241,776 in 2020-2021 at current funding.

Local Option Renewal would:

- Preserve over 80 classroom teachers, counselors, support staff.
- Maintain class size; protect class sizes supported by current levy.
- Help local schools by supplementing state funding.

Spending would be subject to audits.

Proposed rate estimated to raise approximately \$11,241,776 in 2020-21, \$11,803,864 in 2021-22, \$12,157,980 in 2022-23, \$12,401,140 in 2023-24, and \$12,525,151 in 2024-25, for a total of \$60,129,912 over five years.

\$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value is maximum rate any property would be assessed. As with current local option levy, rate for many properties expected to be less. Average rate expected at \$1.35 per \$1,000 of assessed value. In no case would total education levy exceed \$5.00 per \$1,000 of real market value.

staffing for Performing Arts, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) have been maintained and enhanced with support from the current local option levy.

The amount of local option tax that would be imposed on each property is difficult to predict. Actual amounts depend on Real Market Values compared to Assessed Values. However, each property's total local option tax would not exceed the existing rate of \$1.50 per thousand that has been in place since the local option tax started in 2000.

This local option tax is estimated to raise approximately \$11,241,776 in 2020-21, \$11,803,864 in 2021-22, \$12,157,980 in 2022-23, \$12,401,140 in 2023-24, and \$12,525,151 in 2024-25, for a total of \$60,129,912 over five years.

Submitted by:
Kathleen E. Ludwig, Superintendent
West Linn-Wilsonville School District 3jt

Explanatory Statement

This levy is a renewal of the West Linn-Wilsonville School District five-year Local Option Levy approved by voters in 2000, 2004, 2008, and again in 2014.

This measure would continue to fund approximately 80 teaching positions that are dependent upon local option revenue. The District would use the revenues from this measure to continue employing approximately the same number of teachers, counselors, support staff, and maintain smaller class sizes.

This levy would be used to fill the shortfall between the expected spending amount needed to maintain current teaching staff and the State school funding level. Despite expected increases in state funding, to continue to provide the same high quality level of education, the local option levy must be renewed.

This measure would renew the levy at the same rate; current tax rates will not increase as a result. If approved, the local option rate would remain unchanged from current levels at \$1.50 per \$1,000.

The District has the highest graduation rate in the State for districts with multiple high schools. In the past five years, District schools have received the US News & World Report's "Best High Schools" Award, the Niche "Best Schools" Award, and Newsweek's "Top High Schools" Award. Programs and

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

West Linn-Wilsonville School District 3JT

Measure No. 3-555 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Your West Linn-Wilsonville School District Board of Directors come together and ask you to **VOTE YES FOR MEASURE 3-555 for a FIVE YEAR LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR TEACHING POSITIONS.**

The Board of Directors reached the decision to ask voters to pass this levy after:

- listening to the concerns of parents and staff regarding classroom learning;
- considering the duty to provide for our children's existing and future needs while honoring the duty to voters to act in a financially responsible manner;
- understanding the need for students and staff to have in-school counseling and library services;
- receiving a 10-year data forecast for student population and receiving a re-evaluation of school capacity from the Long Range Planning Committee; and
- remaining committed to excellent educational outcomes for all of our students through proper staffing of our classrooms.

Our current Local Option Levy funds approximately 80 teachers in our district. This Local Option Levy is a sizable contributor to our budget and allows us to keep class sizes manageable. It expires in 2020.

The West Linn-Wilsonville School District is regularly ranked among the best in the state. A recent poll indicated that our district is ranked #4 out of 161 districts with the **Best Teachers in Oregon.**

Our families and the culture of our communities and schools makes the West Linn-Wilsonville School District a great place to teach. Your **YES VOTE on MEASURE 3-555** is another move that you can make to carry forward our tradition of excellent schools.

We ask for your approval of this measure.

Board Chair Regan Molatore
Board Vice-Chair Chelsea Martin
Director Dylan Hydes
Director Ginger Fitch
Director Christy Thompson

This information furnished by:
Regan Molatore

Argument in Favor

The West Linn-Wilsonville Education Foundation encourages you to **VOTE YES** on the Local Option Levy and help to maintain the excellence of our schools.

This levy raises funds to hire and retain teachers, maintain effective class sizes and foster excellence in the West Linn-Wilsonville School District, one of the best school districts in Oregon. West Linn High School and Wilsonville High School have among the best graduation rates in the state and rank as #4 and #8 Best High Schools in Oregon by US News and World Report. Our students achieve this success because our communities value education and invest in our K-12 schools and teachers.

We need your help to continue this tradition of excellence. Our current local option levy, approved in 2014 and expiring next year, funds approximately 80 teaching positions. This

local option levy will renew the existing tax at the same rate. Approving this measure means **your current tax rate will not increase and we can continue to fund these vital teaching positions.**

Please join us in **VOTING YES** to retain our great teachers and maintain the excellence of our schools.

This information furnished by:
Joseph Walters
West Linn-Wilsonville Education Foundation

Argument in Favor

Vote Yes for the Local Option Levy and the Capital Bond to retain teachers, respond to growth, address changing security needs, and maintain existing facilities.

My name is Rob Wagner and I am a father to students in public school, a school board member, and a state senator. I am proud to represent West Linn and serve as Chair of the Senate Education Committee.

I understand on a personal, community and state level how vital it is to fund our public education system. We do this for all our children, for the good of our greater community, and for the future of our economy.

During the 2019 legislative session we passed the Student Success Act, creating funding that declares particular areas where spending can occur, with built-in accountability. This will aid districts in recovering from historic state-wide underfunding. This state-wide funding source will affect budgets in the next budget.

One thing remains unchanged. The West Linn-Wilsonville school district continues to benefit from and rely upon our communities to fund teachers and facilities through the Local Option Levy and Capital Bond.

The Local Option Levy pays for about 80 teachers. This Levy benefits all the district's schools, maintaining class sizes. It is difficult to imagine what our classrooms would be like without these 80 teachers in our schools.

West Linn and Wilsonville have consistently funded a Capital Bond. This renewal will allow the district to respond to changing times by continuing to upgrade safety and security in all our schools. The **capital bond renewal will also fund the Capital Improvement Plan** to respond to enrollment growth and maintenance of existing structures. Every single school will benefit.

As a fellow parent of public school students and dedicated servant to our public education system, I request that you **VOTE YES FOR THE LOCAL OPTION LEVY AND THE CAPITAL BOND.** This yes vote will not change the current tax rate.

Senator Rob Wagner
Chair of Senate Education Committee

This information furnished by:
Regan Molatore
WLWV for Better Schools

Argument in Favor

We, the West Linn-Wilsonville Education Association, appreciate the support that our communities have given our schools over the years. For the following reasons, we have voted to support the Levy (also, please see our Bond message):

- 1) Education works best with the smallest class sizes possible and when all students get the support they

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need. **By funding the Levy, we keep 80 teachers in our schools.** This keeps our class sizes and student supports at their current levels.

- 2) With the Levy we can continue to **maintain our key elective programs like Music, Art, and Wellness for all students.**
- 3) With the Levy we can continue to **invest more in Career and Technical Education and new technologies.**

While we approach these measures from the perspective of the students we serve, we also recognize benefits to the communities as a whole:

- 1) **This WILL NOT raise your taxes.** The School District has designed both the Bond and Levy to replace and maintain expiring measures. The district has been financially responsible to our communities by sticking to their budget promises.
- 2) **Our schools and the services they provide to students are a public good that benefits the entire community.**
- 3) **The Levy is an investment that has helped West Linn, Wilsonville, and Tualatin maintain strong home values and a strong sense of community and identity.**

Please continue your support of WLWV students, schools, and community by voting Yes twice on the Bond and Levy .

This information furnished by:
Lane Johnson
West Linn-Wilsonville Education Association

Argument in Favor

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This information furnished by:
Regan Molatore
WLWV for Better Schools

Metro

Measure No. 26-203

Referred to the People of the Metro Region by the Metro Council.

Ballot Title

Bonds to protect water quality, fish, wildlife habitat, natural areas

Question: Shall Metro protect clean water, natural areas, access to parks and nature; issue bonds estimated to maintain current tax rate?

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 passed, the measure would:

- Authorize \$475 million in general obligation bonds to continue regional programs to protect and improve water quality in local rivers and streams, and help salmon and other native fish.
- Protect headwaters of local rivers like the Willamette, Tualatin and Clackamas, wildlife habitat, and natural areas. Restore wetlands to control flooding.
- Fund local water quality, wildlife habitat, trail, and park maintenance projects, and large-scale community nature access projects.
- Continue Nature in Neighborhoods grants to protect and connect people and nature.
- Maintain Metro's parks, including Oxbow and Blue Lake, and make these parks and natural areas safer, more accessible and welcoming, especially for low-income families and communities of color.

Due to previous bonds retiring, this program is not expected to increase tax rates.

Requires community oversight committee; yearly independent financial audits. Bond costs estimated at \$0.19 per \$1,000 of assessed value annually, approximately \$4.00/month for the average homeowner. Actual costs may differ. Bonds may be issued in multiple series and mature in no more than 30 years.

Explanatory Statement

Background

Parks and natural areas set greater Portland apart from other metropolitan regions. Over the past quarter-century, the region's voters have approved two bond measures that allowed Metro to create a regional system of parks and natural areas that protects water quality, restores fish and wildlife habitat, and provides people with access to nature. With voters' support, Metro has worked with partners to purchase land from willing sellers, restore local streams and wetlands to improve the health of native fish, plants and wildlife, and supported hundreds of local and community projects. Today, Metro manages more than 17,000 acres of parks, trails and natural areas across greater Portland, spanning the region from Cornelius to Oregon City to Gresham.

The Portland region's natural areas and parks are experiencing increased pressure from population growth. High-quality habitat for fish and wildlife is threatened, while demand for existing parks and natural areas grows. Scientists predict that the impacts of population growth will be compounded by more heat waves and extreme weather events affecting human and natural communities far into the future. Metro's previous parks and nature bonds, approved by voters in 1995 and 2006, are reaching the conclusion of their planned investments.

Use of funds

This measure would authorize Metro to issue \$475 million in general obligation bonds to continue regional investments that improve water quality in local rivers and streams and restore fish and wildlife habitat by protecting land along the Clackamas, Tualatin and Sandy rivers and Johnson, Fanno, Beaver, Newell and other creeks. Bond funds would protect salmon, trout, steelhead and lamprey, help prevent flooding in urban areas and protect and restore culturally significant plant communities.

Bond projects would increase access to nature for people in the Metro region, which includes Washington, Clackamas and Multnomah counties. Metro would distribute funds to cities, counties and other local park providers across greater Portland for local water quality, wildlife habitat and park capital maintenance projects, as well as provide funding for community-led Nature in Neighborhoods grants, regional trails and large-scale nature projects that also address community issues such as jobs, housing and transportation. Bond funds would be used to maintain regional parks, including Oxbow and Blue Lake, by updating infrastructure and increasing opportunities for low-income families and communities of color to connect with nature close to home.

If passed, what would the bond cost?

Due to previous bonds retiring, this program is not expected to increase tax rates. If voters approve the bond measure, Metro estimates that it would maintain the current tax rate of \$0.19 per \$1,000 of assessed value annually - about \$4 a month for a home assessed at \$250,000. Actual rates may differ based upon changes in assessed values and interest rates incurred.

Accountability

An independent community oversight committee would review bond expenditures and provide annual reports. An independent public accounting firm would perform an annual financial audit of the expenditure of bond funds.

Submitted by:
Andrew Scott
Metro Interim Chief Operating Officer

Metro

Measure No. 26-203 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Renew our commitment to protecting the water, open spaces, and parks across our growing, diverse region!

Voters across our region have consistently approved funding measures to support regional parks, trails and natural areas. **Measure 26-203 renews this commitment without raising taxes.** Vote YES today!

A Record of Success

This measure expands upon Metro's successful track record preserving and managing over 17,000 acres of regional parks, trails and natural areas. It also provides funding for local parks and nature projects in communities throughout the region.

Developed With Community Guidance

Consistent with Metro's commitment to racial equity, diversity and inclusion, this measure was developed with extensive input from communities throughout Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties.

Measure 26-203 Priorities

- **Land purchase and restoration:** Improve fish and wildlife habitat, improve water quality and restore key natural areas.
- **Metro park improvements:** Complete parks such as Chehalem Ridge in Washington County, increase access for people with disabilities and improve facilities in parks such as Oxbow and Blue Lake.
- **Nature in Neighborhoods grants:** Community-based projects to expand equity and access to outdoor recreation
- **Local parks and nature projects:** Money will be given/dispersed to cities, counties and park providers across all three counties to purchase and protect vital land, restore fish and wildlife habitat, and build and maintain parks.
- **Walking and biking trails:** Build new trails and construct missing sections, creating a regional network of walking and biking paths.
- **Transformative community projects:** Funding for public projects that address conservation as well as jobs, housing and transportation, like Willamette Falls in downtown Oregon City.

Let's renew our commitment to parks and open spaces, water quality, and improved access for all people! Please vote Yes!

Please Join us in Supporting Measure 26-203!

Portland Business Alliance
The Main Street Alliance
AFSCME 3580
The Intertwine Alliance
The Street Trust
Metro President Lynn Peterson
Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)
Susan Harnett Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens Oversight
Committee Chair
Mitchell Hornecker Metro Housing Bond Oversight

This information furnished by:
Elisabeth Swarttouw
Nature for All

Argument in Favor

Nature for All Measure Brings Meaningful Benefits to Our Communities

The health and well-being of our communities and the natural world are of utmost importance. These values are more important than individual profit and should be supported through equitable distribution of resources. As organizations rooted in and dedicated to the communities we serve, we recognize and elevate this belief as we support the Nature for All Measure.

This bond measure builds upon the spirit of conservation and preservation and envisions our region through the lens of racial equity. This focus brings more concrete benefits to underserved communities, including communities of color and low-income residents. It centers human connections, not just natural ecology, while bringing real improvements to our neighborhoods.

Previous park measures had noble goals, but amenities were not always accessible for everyone. They were often on the outskirts of the region and typically inaccessible by public transit. For many, these areas exist as places on a map but not places you can actually go. We need investments in spaces that are important to communities of color, tribal communities and low-income communities.

In recent years, a growing body of evidence suggests that the *ZIP code where you live is the strongest indicator of health outcomes*, including your life expectancy. Many underserved communities live in neighborhoods deficient in safe, healthy, green places to play, live, and gather. These disparities add up over a lifetime, hurting our health and undermining our belief in fairness.

Through this measure, our communities will see local parks and natural areas — the things that make our region an amazing place to live. We can be proud of passing a measure that will improve the day-to-day lives of hundreds of thousands of local residents while also building ecological resilience.

Vote Yes on Nature for All!

Signed,
Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)
East County Rising
OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon
Unite Oregon
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This information furnished by:
Elisabeth Swarttouw
Nature for All

Argument in Favor

Water Quality and Climate Advocates Agree: Vote YES on Measure 26-203! Protect and enhance our region's water quality, habitat, and natural areas.

Everyone deserves access to safe, clean water. Developed with guidance from a diverse coalition of community members from Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington County, Measure 26-203 builds upon Metro's successful track record of exercising responsible, strategic fiscal management to preserve and secure regional rivers, wetlands, parks, trails, and natural areas, **without raising taxes.** By preserving these critical resources we are ensuring our water—in the

Metro

Measure No. 26-203 Arguments

Willamette, Clackamas, and Tualatin rivers, including important headwaters, local streams and wetlands—is healthy and accessible to all.

Funds from this measure are specifically allocated to projects that reduce the impacts of climate change and increase acquisition and access including historically underserved communities of color. By purchasing land for preservation and restoration in parts of our region that currently have few public parks or green spaces, Metro will be able to protect key natural areas, improve fish and wildlife habitat, and advance equity by removing barriers that prevent individuals from accessing parks and nature, allowing everyone to feel welcome and have safe, fun experiences outdoors.

Voters across our region have consistently approved funding measures to support regional parks, trails, and natural areas. A YES vote on Measure 26-203 renews our commitment to parks and open spaces, water quality, and improved access for all people, and provides the necessary funding for public projects that address conservation as well as jobs, housing, and transportation, like Willamette Falls in downtown Oregon City.

Please Join us in Supporting Measure 26-203!

Portland Audubon Society
The Nature Conservancy
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Depave
Urban Greenspaces Institute
The Sierra Club
1000 Friends of Oregon
Metro President Lynn Peterson
Metro Councilor Juan Carlos Gonzalez
Metro Councilor Christine Lewis
Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick
Metro Councilor Bob Stacey
Metro Councilor Sam Chase
Metro Councilor Craig Dirksen
And many more!

Vote YES today!

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Argument in Favor

Vote YES on 26-203! Support Parks and Nature Projects in Washington County Without Raising Taxes

Join us in voting YES to renew Metro's parks and nature bond measure. Together we can preserve our region's water quality; protect forests, open spaces, and areas at risk from development that are critical for wildlife habitat, recreation. We can also safeguard our air and water; and ensure access to nature and parks for communities of color.

Washington County Deliverables

- **New Parks and Park Improvements.** If passed, Measure 26-203 will bring \$30-million to Washington County specifically for parks and nature projects. Those funds will go directly to help build new parks and maintain existing parks, conservation areas, hiking and biking trails that connect neighborhoods across the region to economic centers.

- **Acquisition and protection of Washington County Lands.** Measure 26-203 will protect these local wetlands, habitat, and open spaces, ensuring they are safe and accessible for generations to come:
 - Chehalem Ridge
 - Wapato Lake
 - Gales Creek
 - Cooper Mountain
 - Dairy Creek
 - McKay Creek
 - Killin Wetlands
 - Lower Tualatin River headwaters
 - Rock Creek
 - Tualatin River floodplains
 - And many more!
- **Access to \$40-million through Nature in Neighborhood capital grants** for locally identified projects in Clackamas, Washington, and Multnomah County to provide new parks, park improvements, and increased access to nature.

Washington County is Voting YES!

Please join us in protecting rivers and wetlands, habitat and open space, and ensuring access to nature for all by voting YES on Measure 26-203 today.

Nathan Hall, Clackamas County Resident and AFSCME 3580 member
Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District
Washington County Chair Kathryn Harrington
Washington County Commissioner Dick Schouten
Washington County Commissioner Roy Rogers
Washington County Commissioner Pam Treece

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Argument in Favor

The Nature Conservancy urges a YES vote on Measure #26-203 Nature for All

Measure 26-203 seeks to renew the regionwide Metro bond is designed to ensure all residents have access to clean air, clean water, and beautiful parks within our cities and across the region. The Nature Conservancy is committed to conserving the lands and waters on which all life depends. This measure would do just that.

Without raising taxes, this measure will:

- Preserve our region's water quality—from the Willamette, Clackamas, and Tualatin rivers, to important headwaters, and local streams and wetlands;
- Protect forests, open spaces, and areas at risk from development that are important for wildlife habitat, recreation, and needed to safeguard our air and water;
- Ensure all kids—regardless of zip code or income—have great places to play by improving access to regional parks and in communities across the Metro region to better serve our growing, diverse populations.

The Nature Conservancy participated in a comprehensive community engagement process led by Metro, with decisions grounded in science, underscoring the importance of building resilience to a changing climate, and in the interests of every Metro region resident in Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties. The process creates a level of accountability in the investments and priorities of the measure.

Metro

Measure No. 26-203 Arguments

This measure represents a bold vision for nature and people in the Portland Metropolitan Area and one that aligns well with The Nature Conservancy's mission and values.

Jim Desmond and Charles Wilhoite
State Director and Chair, Board of Trustees
The Nature Conservancy in Oregon

Sponsored by Nature for All

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Nature for All

Argument in Opposition

VOTE NO ON 26-203: ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Metro taxpayers have already spent \$363 million under 1995 and 2006 bond measures to acquire more than 14,000 acres. Last year, Metro spent 25% of the bond money on administration.

Now, at \$475 million, Metro is asking for more money than both of these measures combined to buy even more land. Enough is enough.

Metro says the measure won't raise taxes. But, if voters reject 26-203, the average Washington County homeowner will see their property taxes drop by about \$50 a year.

VOTE NO ON METRO'S RURAL LAND GRAB

More than two-thirds of Metro's past acquisitions have been outside of Metro's jurisdiction—communities that have no voice and no vote at Metro. Because Metro pays no property taxes, Metro is depriving rural communities of much needed local government revenue while they bear the infrastructure costs of serving Metro's land purchases.

Almost 80% of Metro's past acquisitions have been outside the Urban Growth Boundary. These purchases have nothing to do with protecting natural areas from development. Many of these parcels are zoned farm or forest land and there are no plans to expand the UGB in that direction. Instead, Metro is taking much-needed farm and forest land out of productive usage.

VOTE NO ON SLUSH FUNDS

You won't see it in Metro's ballot title or explanatory statement, but 26-203 sets aside \$50 million for "advancing large-scale community visions." Leaders of the Urban Greenspaces Institute and 1,000 Friends of Oregon have referred to the visioning money as a "slush fund." Metro Resolution No. 19-4988, Engagement Summary, 06/06/2019.

VOTE NO ON BROKEN PROMISES

Metro's 1995 ballot title promised to provide areas for "walking, picnicking, and other outdoor recreation." More than 85% of Metro's land purchased under early bonds is off-limits to the public. Most of these sites are inaccessible by public transit. Metro is the only parks provider in the region that prohibits dogs.

VOTE NO ON 26-203

This information furnished by:
Eric Fruits
Cascade Policy Institute

Argument in Opposition

Taxpayer Association of Oregon urges No vote:

Did you know that Oregon and Minnesota are the only two states with a METRO regional government?

This "unique" third layer of government robs local control away from cities and counties.

Your property taxes helps fund this 915 employee, \$669 million dollar bureaucracy.

It's been using your tax dollars to gobble up private property across Oregon which robs new young homeowners of available land to start a home and artificially inflates home prices. This is one reason why our homeless and affordable housing crisis is bigger in the Portland-area than most of America. You're basically voting to raise your property taxes to create more homeless and higher home prices in order to fund the ever-bloating Metro bureaucracy.

Say No to METRO's never-ending, land-grabbing property tax increase.

Vote No on 26-203

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OregonWatchdog.com

This information furnished by:
Jason Williams
Taxpayers Association of Oregon

Oregon Voter Bill of Rights

You have the right to vote if you are a US citizen, live in Oregon, are 18 years old, and have registered.

You have the right to vote if you are homeless.

You have the right to vote if you have been convicted of a felony but have been released from custody, even if you are on probation or parole.

You have the right to vote even if you have a guardian and even if you need help reading or filling out your ballot.

You have the right to vote or cast your ballot if you are in line by 8 PM on Election Day.

You have the right to know if you are registered to vote.

You have the right to choose whether or not you want to register as a member of a political party.

You have the right to use a signature stamp or other mark but first you have to fill out a form. No one can sign for you.

You have the right to ask for help from elections staff or from a friend or family member. There are some people who cannot help you vote, for example, your boss or a union officer from your job.

You have the right to a secret vote. You do not have to tell anyone how you voted.

You have the right to get a "provisional ballot", even if you are told you are not registered to vote.

You have the right to get a new ballot if you make a mistake.

You have the right to vote for the person you want. You can write in someone else's name if you don't like the choices on your ballot.

You have the right to vote "yes" or "no" on any issue on your ballot.

You have the right to leave some choices blank on your ballot. The choices you do mark will still count.

You have the right to use a voting system for all Federal Elections that makes it equally possible for people with disabilities to vote privately and independently.

You have the right to know if your ballot, including a "provisional ballot", was accepted for counting.

You have the right to file a complaint if you think your voting rights have been denied.

(Oregon Constitution, Sections 2 and 3; ORS Chapters 137, 246, 247, and 254; Vote By Mail Manual; Help America Vote Act of 2002; OAR 165-001-0090 and 165-007-0030)

Call toll free – 1-866-673-8683 to get more information about these and other voting rights.



Alternate Format Ballot (AFB)

AFB - a voting tool available to voters with disabilities to allow them to vote independently and privately provided they have access to a computer, a web browser and a printer.

For more information or to receive the AFB contact the Voter Assistance Team at 503-846-5800.

Email your request to:
Voter Assistance Program at
vap@co.washington.or.us

or

Visit the Elections website at:
www.co.washington.or.us

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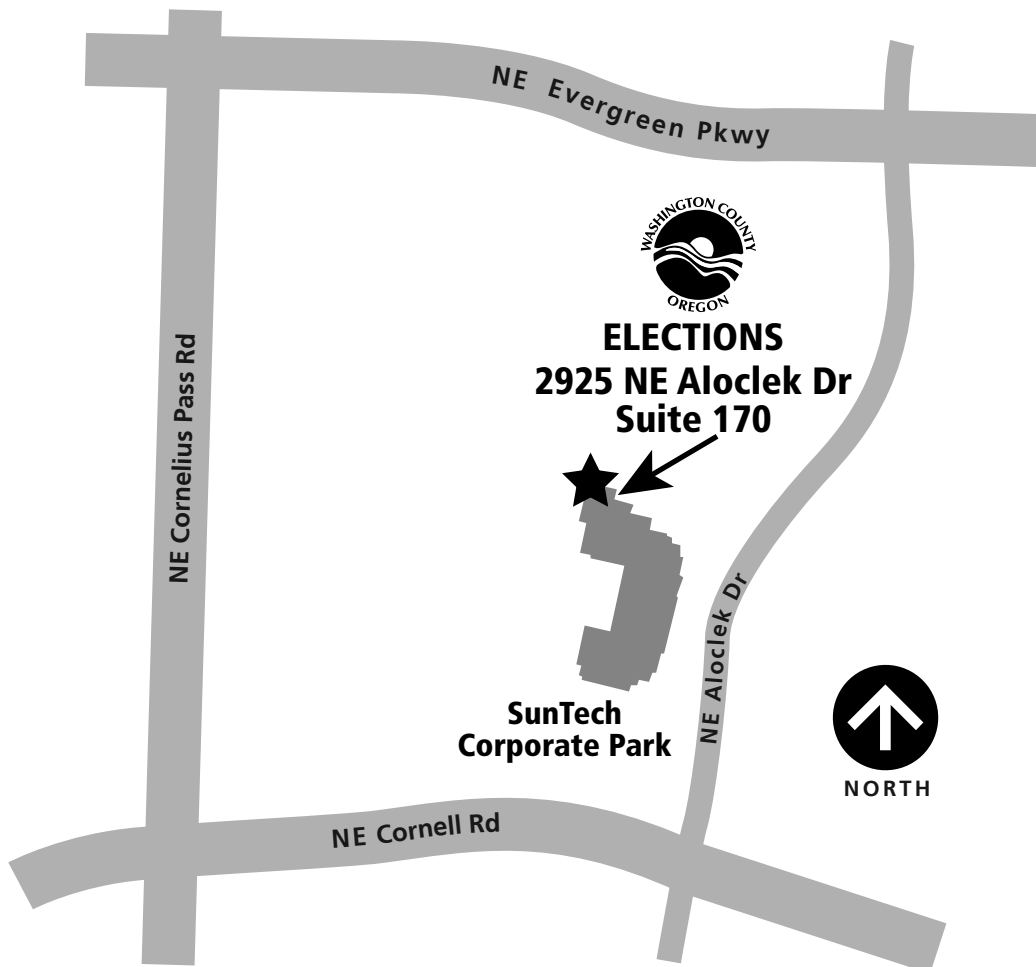
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Banks Public Library

42461 Market St
Banks, OR

Cornelius City Hall

1355 N Barlow St
Cornelius, OR

Forest Grove

Pacific Ave & Birch St
Forest Grove, OR

Hillsboro Main Library

2850 NE Brookwood Pkwy
Hillsboro, OR

King City – City Hall

15300 SW 116th Ave
King City, OR

North Plains City Hall

31360 NW Commercial
North Plains, OR

Service Center East

(Previous Elections Office)
Front lobby drop slot
3700 SW Murray Blvd
Beaverton, OR

Sheriff's Office & Jail Parking Lot

236 SW Dennis Ave
Hillsboro OR

Sherwood City Hall

22560 SW Pine St
Sherwood, OR

Tigard City Hall

13125 SW Hall Blvd
Tigard, OR

Tualatin City Offices

18880 SW Martinazzi Ave
Tualatin, OR

Inside Ballot Drop Sites

Open during library hours from

October 16 - November 5, 2019 until 8pm

Aloha Library

17455 SW Farmington Rd
Aloha, OR
503-259-0185

Beaverton Library

12375 SW 5th St
Beaverton, OR
503-644-2197

Beaverton Library at Murray Scholls

11200 SW Murray Scholls
Suite 102
503-644-2197

Bethany Library

15325 NW Central Dr
Portland, OR
503-617-7323

Cedar Mill Library

12505 NW Cornell Rd
Portland, OR
503-644-0043

Hillsboro Library Shute Park

775 SE 10th Ave
Hillsboro, OR
503-615-6500

West Slope Library

3678 SW 78th St
Portland, OR
503-292-6416



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