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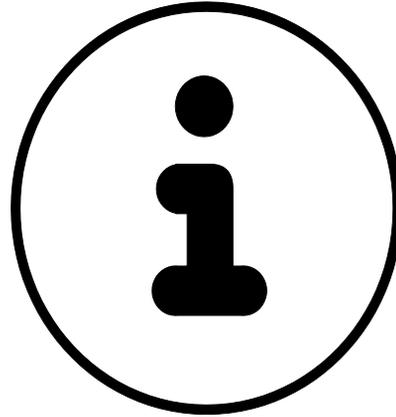
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CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

Measure 3-452

BALLOT TITLE

Charter amendments regarding elections to approve new or widened roads

Question: Shall the City Charter be amended regarding signatures, and degree of road-widening, necessary to require elections approving road projects?

Summary: This measure was referred to the ballot by the Lake Oswego City Council.

The Lake Oswego Charter currently requires a city-wide election to approve construction of any "major road" or "major road expansion" if an election request is signed by at least 25 registered City voters. This ballot measure increases the required number of signatures to at least three percent of all registered City voters (under current registration numbers, 758 signatures).

The Charter defines "major road" as any new road having pavement over 32 feet wide. This will remain unchanged.

The Charter currently defines "major road expansion" as increasing the pavement width of an existing road by any amount, if the road will be over 20 feet wide after the widening. It does not include road maintenance or repair that does not significantly increase road width. This ballot measure changes the definition of "major road expansion" to mean increasing pavement width to add at least one new automobile traveling lane extending for at least 500 feet.

A "yes" vote amends the Charter as described.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 40, Lake Oswego Charter

Section 40 of the City Charter prohibits the city from authorizing construction of a "major road" or "major road expansion" without first publishing and posting notices, and notifying abutting property owners and all neighborhood associations. If, within 30 days of the notice, documents are filed that include signatures of at least 25 registered city voters "indicating that they refuse to waive an election," a city-wide election must be held, asking voters to approve the route, width, length and general design of the "major road" or "major road expansion."

Section 40 defines "major road" as any new road having pavement over 32 feet wide. A "major road expansion" means increasing the pavement width of an existing road by any amount, if the road will be over 20 feet wide after the widening. It does not include road maintenance or repair that does not significantly increase road width.

The ability to proceed with a public or private development project involving any amount of road pavement widening (if the road is already, or will be, over 20 feet wide) remains uncertain for at least the period of the required noticing process and signature-gathering opportunity, and potentially through the date of a future city-wide election. Unless held on a general or primary election date, the city must pay for the election.

The City Council's purpose in proposing changes to Section 40 is to require demonstration of a greater level of citizen concern, and to require a greater threshold of proposed pavement-widening, before the described delay and potential city-wide election can be required. Another purpose is to reduce the difference between the significance of projects that trigger potential election requirements for new roads (over 32 feet wide) as compared with road expansions (any widening, if resulting pavement is over 20 feet wide).

Proposed Amendments to Section 40

1. Signature Requirements

The minimum number of signatures necessary to require a Section 40 election will be increased to three percent of all registered city voters (758 signatures under registration numbers as of the time this ballot measure was referred), in place of the current minimum of 25 signatures. By comparison, a city initiative petition requires the signatures of 15 percent of registered city voters, and a city referendum petition requires 10 percent.

2. Amount of Pavement-Widening Necessary to Trigger Election Requirements

The Section 40 definition of "major road expansion" will be changed to mean increasing the pavement width of an existing road to add at least one new automobile traveling lane extending for at least 500 feet. Projects that widen the pavement of existing roads by lesser amounts, or widen pavement for shorter stretches of a road, will no longer be subject to potential city-wide elections.

Effect of the Ballot Measure

A "yes" vote amends Section 40 of the City Charter as described. The remainder of Section 40, including the definition of "major road," will remain the same.

A "no" vote leaves Section 40 unchanged.

Submitted by
Catherine Schneider
City Recorder
City of Lake Oswego

NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

CITY OF LAKE OSWEGO

Measure 26-452 Arguments

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Updating Our Charter

About 35 years ago, residents of Lake Oswego fought to keep Highway 217 from running all the way to Boones Ferry Road. They were successful but decided to prevent any future "surprise" road widening projects by submitting a Charter Amendment to the voters. The Amendment (Section 40 of the Charter) was passed.

When this Charter Amendment was adopted, there was legitimate concern that major road projects within the City could take place without citizen input. Now the City is mostly built out, citizen involvement is substantially more ingrained in our planning processes and there are far more requirements for road projects of any size to proceed. A special election on road widening can cost as much as \$18,000.

The City Council has decided it is time to amend Section 40 to better define a major road expansion project and to require a greater level of citizen concern to petition for a citywide vote on road widening and major new road projects.

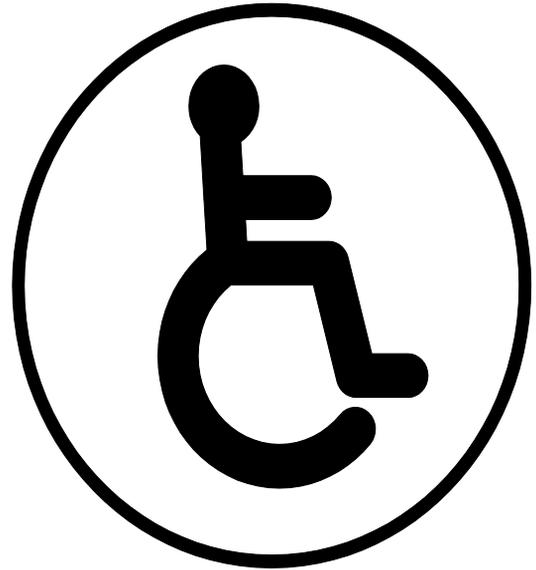
- 1) **Will citizens still have the ability to vote on major road expansion projects?** Yes.
- 2) **What will be the definition of a major road expansion project?** A major road project must be at least 500 feet in length and create a new travel lane.
- 3) **What will the new signature requirement be to bring about a citywide vote?** The new requirement is based on the number of registered Lake Oswego voters as of the submission date of the petition. The threshold will be 3% of that number. In contrast, a referendum requires signatures of 10% of registered voters and an initiative requires 15%.

We urge the citizens of Lake Oswego to vote yes on this Charter Amendment that will bring our Charter up to date while still retaining the ability of the citizens to require a citywide vote on major road expansion projects.

Mayor Kent Studebaker

Councilors Karen Bowerman, Jon Gustafson, Jeff Gudman, Lauren Hughes, Donna Jordan and Skip O'Neill

(This information furnished by Lake Oswego City Council)



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CITY OF PORTLAND

Measure 26-159

Referred to the People by the City Council

BALLOT TITLE

Bonds to fix playgrounds, trails; improve park facilities, safety, accessibility.

Question: Shall Portland fix, improve park facilities by issuing bonds estimated to maintain current tax rate; require audits and public oversight? 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: Measure would authorize \$68,000,000 in general obligation bonds for Portland Parks & Recreation facilities. Because previous bonds are scheduled to be repaid, City's parks bond tax rate is not expected to increase from current rate of \$0.0877 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Anticipated projects include fixing, improving:

- 10 to 20 play areas currently closed, at risk of closure, or deficient, including Couch, Creston, Kenton, Lents, Lynchview, North Park Blocks, Ventura parks
- Trails, bridges, including in Forest Park
- Community pools, including Matt Dishman, Peninsula, Grant
- Sellwood Park buildings, Rieke Field, Multnomah Arts Center, St. Johns Community Center
- Restrooms, roofs, other deficient parks, structures, and equipment
- Pioneer Courthouse Square failing structures, leaks, cracks
- Barriers to accessibility for people with disabilities
- Park maintenance facilities to address worker safety, efficiency

Funds are for repairs and other capital costs, not park operations. A five-member oversight committee will review bond expenditures, provide annual reports. Bonds may be issued in multiple series; audits required.

All of the funds would be used for capital repairs and other capital costs, not for day-to-day Parks operations.

An oversight committee will be appointed to review bond expenditures and to report annually to the Council. The Measure also directs the Council to provide for performance audits to ensure that projects funded by the bonds are consistent with voter intent.

In 1994, the voters approved a bond measure for parks and recreation. The final payment on the bonds authorized by that measure will be made before taxes are levied to pay principal and interest on bonds authorized by this Measure. The City estimates that the tax rate on the bonds authorized by this Measure will not exceed the rate levied in the last year of repayment of the bonds authorized in 1994, which is estimated to be \$0.0877 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or approximately \$13 per year on a home with the median assessed value of \$152,890. Taxes imposed to pay the principal and interest on the bonds would not be subject to the rate limitations of Sections 11 and/or 11b of Article XI of the Oregon Constitution. If this Measure is not approved, taxes for repayment of parks bonds will not be assessed, once taxes have been collected for the final repayment of the outstanding bonds.

Submitted by:

City of Portland City Council
Commissioner Amanda Fritz

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Measure would allow the City of Portland to issue up to \$68 million in general obligation bonds and to use the money from the bonds for capital costs, including repairs and improvements, for facilities owned or operated by Portland Parks & Recreation. The projects to be funded by this measure are planned to include, but are not limited to: fixing or improving play areas that are either currently closed, at risk of closure, or deficient, in up to twenty (20) parks; repairing, replacing or improving trails and bridges in parks, including in Forest Park; repairs to community swimming pools at Matt Dishman Community Center, Peninsula Park and Grant Park; capital repairs to Sellwood Park buildings, Rieke Field, Argay tennis courts, the Multnomah Arts Center and St. Johns Community Center; fixing, improving and building restrooms at Bloomington, Couch, Colonel Summers, Ed Benedict, Glenwood, Lynchview, Mount Tabor, Parklane, Ventura and Wilkes Parks; fixing, replacing and improving roofs, and other deficient parks, park structures and park equipment; repairing leaks, cracks and failing structures at Pioneer Courthouse Square; removing barriers to accessibility for people with disabilities; and making improvements, repairs or renovations to Parks maintenance facilities to address worker safety and efficiency.

NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

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Measure 26-159 Arguments – Continued

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

“Please join me in voting Yes on the 2014 Parks Replacement Bond. Measure 26-159 will fix some of our most urgent repair needs, and it will not increase your tax rate from what it is today.”
- Amanda Fritz, City Commissioner

Dear neighbor,

As a mother and lifelong park advocate, I've enjoyed our wonderful parks that were built over the last century with voter-approved bonds. Portlanders last passed a Parks Bond in 1994. That bond expires next year and will be paid off. That means if you vote Yes on Measure 26-159, we can fix our parks' most urgent needs, and it will not increase your tax rate from what it is today.

Parks facilities such as playgrounds, pools, trails and other amenities have finite life spans. The sad truth is, our Parks bureau doesn't have adequate funding to replace them.

You and I both care about spending taxpayers' money wisely. That's why if Measure 26-159 passes, it requires a citizen oversight panel and annual reports, as well as audits.

Measure 26-159 will fund dozens of repair projects: playgrounds, trails and bridges, and community pools. Removing barriers to access for people with disabilities, worker safety, Pioneer Courthouse Square, restrooms and other urgent major maintenance needs.

If this measure does not pass, we won't have enough funding for major maintenance in parks, which will mean more closures like the ones that have already happened at Couch Playground and the Maple Trail in Forest Park. Our pools and other community facilities will be at risk of emergency closure when equipment fails.

We need to make a smart investment now to keep our parks safe and open.

Over the last century, Portland has created and maintained our parks system through bond measures and levies. Today, as your Parks Commissioner, I ask you to join me in continuing this legacy, without increasing tax rates. **FIND OUT MORE AT WWW.FIXOURPARKS.ORG**

Please vote yes on Measure 26-159.

Amanda Fritz, City Commissioner

(This information furnished by Commissioner Amanda Fritz)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Join the AUDUBON SOCIETY OF PORTLAND, DEPAVE, FOREST PARK CONSERVANCY, FRIENDS OF MT. TABOR PARK, FRIENDS OF TREES, OREGON LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS OREGON WILD, PORTLAND PARKS FOUNDATION, TRACKERS EARTH, THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND, and VERDE

VOTE YES ON Measure 26-159

We have fought to protect the health of Portland's environment and community for decades. Measure 26-159

is a critical opportunity to fix our parks—keeping them safe and open for this generation and the next.

MAKE A SMART INVESTMENT: SAME TAX RATE

Measure 26-159 is a smart investment. By making critical repairs in our parks now, we can reduce bigger costs later. If we don't act, we risk more closures and safety failures.

What's more, to make sure your tax dollars are spent wisely, Measure 26-159 requires an oversight committee and audits.

Because 26-159 replaces the last parks bond—passed in 1994—we have the opportunity to address critical park needs

without increasing the tax rate.

KEEP PLACES TO PLAY, HIKE, SWIM AND WORK SAFE & OPEN

Every child needs a safe and accessible place to play. But Portland has too many play structures rated in poor or very poor condition that need to be repaired or replaced.

Several of our city's most popular trails are partially or fully closed—or at risk of closure—due to needed repairs.

Many of our pools' mechanical equipment systems are nearing failure.

Two maintenance facilities need to be brought up to fire-life-safety standards to save money and increase efficiency.

Measure 26-159 would:

- repair and replace 10 to 20 playgrounds
- repair trails and bridges to preserve access to natural areas
- invest in pools to prevent closures
- increase worker safety through critical repairs at maintenance facilities
- and make many more critical repairs including accessibility upgrades

All without raising the current tax rate.

These are among the many reasons parks and environmental advocacy organizations SAY YES ON MEASURE 26-159.

(This information furnished by Fix Our Parks, a project of the Conservation Campaign)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Teachers and Parents are voting YES on Measure 26-159 Keeping our parks safe and open is good for Portland's youth

Let's preserve our legacy by handing our parks down to the next generation

During recess, after school, on the weekends, and in summer: **Every child needs a safe and accessible place to play.**

The Parks Replacement Bond would invest at least \$5M to renovate, replace, and build 10 to 20 play structures that are closed, at risk of closure or deficient—without raising the current tax rate.

Playgrounds identified for repair or replacement so far include:

- Couch
- Creston
- Kenton
- Lents
- Lynchview
- North Park Blocks
- Ventura

And if voters approve the parks replacement bond, we can ensure Matt Dishman Community Center, Peninsula Park, and Grant Park **community swimming pools** stay open by updating the mechanical systems and repairing the plaster. Rieke field in Southwest Portland will reopen as a **safe place to play soccer**. Forest Park's Maple Trail and Lower Macleay trail will be repaired, so families can access all of our **open spaces and natural areas**. The bond funding would also improve or install park **restrooms**, and many more necessary projects. Please visit www.FixOurParks.org for a list of projects.

And this opportunity is unique—**Measure 26-159 will not increase tax rates**, because it would replace a bond that will be paid off next year. If we don't approve it, taxes would go down by about \$13 a year for the average homeowner—but without enough parks funding, **community spaces like playgrounds and pools would be at risk of closing.**

Parks are important places for children and families, and they

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Measure 26-159 Arguments – Continued

improve our neighborhoods' livability. **Let's fix our parks, and keep them safe and open for everybody**—without increasing tax rates for Portland's hardworking families.

ENDORSED BY:

Portland Association of Teachers
Friends of Outdoor School
Grant High School PTA
Metropolitan Learning Center PTSA
Ventura Park Elementary PTA
Creston School PTA

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

NEIGHBORHOOD ADVOCATES ACROSS PORTLAND AGREE:

Measure 26-159 is worth supporting

"Southwest Neighborhoods Inc. supports the Parks Replacement Bond."

-motion approved by the Southwest Neighborhoods Inc. board on August 27

"We as a SE Area Parks Committee join other neighborhood organizations in supporting the Parks Replacement Bond."

- motion approved by the Southeast Uplift Area Parks Committee on August 29

"Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods supports the Parks Replacement Bond."

-motion approved by the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods board on September 3

"The North Portland Parks Committee supports the Portland Parks Replacement Bond."

-motion approved by the North Portland Parks Committee on September 3

"Central Northeast Neighbors supports the parks replacement bond"

-motion approved by the Central Northeast Neighbors board on September 3

"We as the East Portland Parks Coalition join other neighborhood organizations in supporting the Parks Replacement Bond."

-motion approved by the East Portland Parks Coalition on September 4

Plus individual neighborhood associations across Portland. Visit FixOurParks.org/endorsements to see the full list.

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

PORTLAND'S PARKS ARE GOOD BUSINESS— VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-159

Portland's incredible park system makes our neighborhoods vibrant. And vibrant, strong communities are good for Portland's economy, especially our city's small businesses.

A SMART INVESTMENT

That's why small businesses are supporting Measure 26-159. The Parks Replacement Bond will fix our parks, **taking care of what we already have** in a responsible way.

The funds will go to major maintenance needs—the things that are already broken, or at risk of breaking, like playgrounds, pools, and trails. Fixing those things now is a smart investment; Repairs don't get cheaper as time passes.

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

Portland's "general fund" pays for basic operations and day-to-day maintenance, but there's not enough funding for parks' major repairs—playground equipment failures, restroom roof

leaks, or pool system breakdowns. So when something gets old, it gets patched, re-patched, and when patching is no longer an option, it's **suddenly closed**.

Fortunately, Portland voters have built and maintained our parks system through bonds and levies for over 100 years. This November, we have a **unique opportunity** to continue this legacy, and keep Portland a city of parks **without raising tax rates**, by replacing a bond that's being paid off. For a list of urgent repairs and access needs that will be addressed, visit fixourparks.org.

GOOD FOR BUSINESS

We have a wonderful and cost-effective parks system—one that relies more heavily on volunteerism than any other, and one that Portland voters have voted time and again to invest in. **Our parks contribute to our City's economy in a positive way—but we have to take care of them.**

Let's approve the funds necessary to keep parks safe and open—**vote YES on Measure 26-159.**

Tom Kelly Owner/President Neil Kelly Inc.	Brian Dibble C.O.O. & Co-owner Kobos Coffee	Norma Hanlon President HB Design
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Gail Snow Vice President HB Design	Justin Yuen President FMYI, Inc
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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

A PARKS SYSTEM...FOR EVERYONE

If you care about making our parks more accessible for children, adults and seniors with disabilities or mobility challenges, please vote yes on Measure 26-159 to fix our parks!

From playgrounds to community centers, and pools to community gardens, there's something for everyone in Portland's park system.

Unfortunately, not everyone has equal access to what Portland's parks have to offer.

A preliminary citywide assessment has already identified more than 20,000 ADA barriers to access in Portland's parks. Examples include:

- 2710 barriers in restrooms
- 493 barriers in play areas
- 691 missing or inadequate handrails
- 1305 barriers in picnic areas

While significantly more funding is needed to correct all barriers, the Parks Replacement Bond, Measure 26-159, would invest up to \$5 million to remove many, making our parks and playgrounds more accessible to everyone.

Because Measure 26-159 would replace an expiring parks bond, we can make these accessibility improvements **without raising the current tax rate.**

For our fellow Portlanders who have disabilities, for seniors, and for you, for your family members and friends who **have or will have** mobility challenges, we urge you to join us in voting YES ON MEASURE 26-159.

A PARKS SYSTEM...FOR EVERYONE. VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-159.

Bill Gentile, community advocate
Joe VanderVeer, Chair, Portland Commission on Disability
David Nail, community advocate
Oregon Walks, advocates for every pedestrian, whether in a wheelchair, stroller, or on foot

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

COMMUNITY LEADERS ARE VOTING YES ON MEASURE 26-159: **safe parks for everybody, same tax rate**

"The quality of life in Portland is directly influenced by the availability of the riches our park system offers. **Many of our communities experience and enjoy the bounty of our city parks as places to gather, relax, and play.** We have an opportunity this election to fix our parks—keeping them safe and open—**without raising tax rates.**"

—Michael Alexander

"Portland's parks are so important to me, my family, and my community. I'm supporting Measure 26-159 because it's a **unique opportunity to protect the parks that we love,** keeping them safe and open for families to enjoy for years. And we can do that while keeping the **same tax rate** we pay today. Join me and vote YES."

—Nichole June Maher

"**Parks reflect every community, and they benefit all of the ethnic and diverse communities that Portland serves.** Please join me in supporting the Parks Replacement Bond, to address our parks' most urgent major maintenance needs—things that are already broken, or are at risk of closure for safety reasons. **And it will not increase the tax rate from what we are paying today.**"

—Lee Po Cha

"Portland's parks provide us with so many benefits, yet they are burdened by **\$365 million in major maintenance needs**—and the impact of that list grows each year. Because there is no other source of funds to address needed repairs, our parks are at risk of serious decline and disrepair. **Measure 26-159 is strong start toward safer parks.**"

—Carmen Rubio

"**Parks are a place where people can have something enjoyable and fun—at almost no cost.** I'll never forget my childhood memories of going to the neighborhood park with my family. Let's fix our parks, without increasing the tax rate, and keep them safe and open for every Portland family."

— Victor Merced

(This information furnished by Fix Our Parks, a project of the Conservation Campaign)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

PORTLAND'S WORKING FAMILIES URGE YOU TO VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-159

Our parks, trees, and facilities are maintained and repaired by the working men and women of Oregon AFSCME-Local 189, PTE Local 17, COPPEA Chapter, Laborers-Local 483, IBEW-Local 48, Machinists and Aerospace Workers-District Lodge 24, Painters and Allied Trades-District Council 5, and seasonal workers, supervisors, and managers. PP&R's Maintenance, Central Services, and Urban Forestry teams take care of the entire 11,546 acre system, from your neighborhood parks to the community centers all Portlanders value.

VOTING YES ON MEASURE 26-159 would fund needed repairs, replacements and improvements to bring Mt Tabor Yard Maintenance Facility and Urban Forestry workplaces up to fire-life-safety standards, increasing safety and efficiency without raising the current tax rate.

Investing in safe, adequate facilities reduces accidents, saves our City money, and increases efficiency.

Urgent major repairs needed include:

- Delta Park's Urban Forestry facility is home base for a

team that's on call 24/7 to respond to tree emergencies across the city; the buildings are old and in poor condition. **VOTING YES ON MEASURE 26-159** would fund critical safety improvements and replace failing structures.

- The Mt Tabor Yard facility largely dates to the 1930s. It is inefficient, needs safety upgrades, and no longer meets the basics needs of the Parks workforce. **VOTING YES ON MEASURE 26-159** would fix or replace leaking roofs and unstable structures.

VOTING YES ON MEASURE 26-159 give Parks' workers the opportunity to shorten the major maintenance list at our playgrounds, trails and pools, and do this work more productively and efficiently. This will give Portlanders safe, accessible, and efficient facilities and gathering places, and create safer work environments for workers—all without raising the tax rate.

We're voting YES on 26-159:
AFSCME, Local 189
PTE Local 17, COPPEA Chapter
Laborers Local 483

(This information furnished by Fix Our Parks, a project of the Conservation Campaign)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-159 TO FIX ATHLETIC AND AQUATIC FACILITIES

- Measure 26-159—the Parks Replacement Bond—would fix aquatic and athletic facilities that are already closed, or at risk of emergency closure, for **the same tax rate we pay today.**
- **Reike Regional Soccer Field** in SW Portland has been closed since 2012, due to unsafe conditions on the playing surface. The Parks Replacement Bond would fund repairs to reopen the field, restoring hundreds of hours of soccer and lacrosse team use.
- **Matt Dishman Community Center Pool** is heavily used by local and regional teams, and provides aquatic recreation opportunities for the general public—receiving almost 95,000 visits each year. The plaster surface at this pool is failing, and voids are noticeable beneath the plaster. The Replacement Bond would pay for replacement of the plaster.
- **Grant Park and Peninsula Park outdoor community pools** receive a combined 120,000 visits each year. Both have old and failing mechanical and filtration systems. The Parks Replacement Bond would fund an overhaul of the pools' mechanical systems, including all plumbing: pumps, motors, pipes, strainer baskets, chemical controllers, sanitation systems (including a new UV system to reduce chlorine use), and sand filters. These projects would ensure Portlanders continue to have access to these fun and invigorating community pools.
- The **Springwater Corridor trail** and Forest Park's many trails are heavily used by runners, joggers, and cyclists. The Parks Replacement Bond would fully reopen the **Maple Trail**, repair the **Lower Macleay Trail**, and repair bridges on the Springwater Corridor Trail, keeping it safe and open.
- Across our parks, **restrooms** need major maintenance. The Parks Replacement Bond would fund repair or replacement of at least 8 park restrooms.

Join us in voting YES ON MEASURE 26-159 for safe and open athletic and aquatic facilities.

(This information furnished by Fix Our Parks, a project of the Conservation Campaign)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

FIX PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE: PORTLAND'S MOST VISITED CITY PARK

Each year, nearly 10 million people visit Pioneer Square. It's where we gather to sing songs, light a tree, enjoy a concert, promote, protest, meet up with friends or catch the MAX. No city park gets more use and more love than Pioneer Square. And it needs your help.

FIX PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE: AFTER 30 YEARS - BROKEN BATHROOMS AND LEAKING BRICKS

This year, Pioneer Square celebrated its 30th birthday. That's 30 years of wear and tear. The public restrooms are breaking and outdated. The membrane lining underneath a large portion of the bricks is leaking. And brick and columns are chipped, cracked and broken. Electrical and water systems need upgrades.

FIX PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE: NO TAX INCREASE REQUIRED

The Portland Parks Replacement Bond would provide up to \$10 million to make critically needed repairs at Pioneer Square without raising the current tax rate, because this bond replaces a bond that will be paid off next year.

FIX PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE: A RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT - LEARN THE FACTS

For 30 years, Pioneer Square has benefited from a public/private partnership. We are a non-profit with a small staff and volunteer board. Every dollar generated through rents, sponsorships and event fees is directed right back into Pioneer Square's day-to-day cleaning, security and daily operations.

As the property owner, Portland's Parks & Recreation Bureau is responsible for major capital projects. Unfortunately tight budgets over the past several years have meant the city has been unable to afford major repairs at the Square, including the membrane lining replacement.

Visit www.thesquarepdx.org to learn the facts.

FIX PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE: KEEP DOWNTOWN VIBRANT AND SAFE FOR ANOTHER 30 YEARS

As Portland's Living Room, it's critical Pioneer Square remains a vibrant and safe place for our community and visitors to gather for generations to come. Vote yes to fix our parks.

Stephen Schneider
President

Pioneer Courthouse Square Board of Trustees

(This information furnished by Pioneer Courthouse Square, Inc.)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Portland's parks, public places, natural areas and recreational opportunities give life and beauty to our city... Portland's residents will treasure and care for this legacy, building on the past to provide for future generations.
-PORTLAND PARKS 2020 VISION

Dear Portlanders,

We have one of the greatest parks systems in America. It's no accident. Generations of Portlanders before us had the foresight to plan and sacrifice so that we could play, relax and enjoy nature in parks across the city. They were committed to creating the community we love.

Now it's our turn.

I had the honor of serving as Parks Commissioner during the Great Recession. With the generosity and hard work of dozens of community organizations, parks-loving businesses and the dedicated team at Portland Parks & Recreation, we weathered that storm. But not without consequences to the system we all

treasure.

ADDRESSING PARKS' NEEDS

Limited City General Fund dollars, grants and partnerships only go so far. That's why parks bonds—large, one-time investments—are a good solution for parks capital needs. Right now, Portland Parks & Recreation has identified \$365 million in necessary replacements and major maintenance projects that need to be completed over the next 10 years.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST, WITHOUT INCREASING THE TAX RATE

In 1994 we committed to the last parks bond. In 2015 it will be paid off. Now is not the time to waiver in our generation's commitment to our parks. We can tackle critical park needs without increasing tax rates. We can simply continue to fund parks at the current rate of the 1994 bond. This will raise up to \$68 million to address the most critical needs of our parks system.

My family and I can't imagine Portland without our wonderful parks system—can you? Investing now continues a proud heritage for generations of Portlanders to come.

Please join me in voting YES ON MEASURE 26-159. Find out more at www.fixourparks.org.

Nick Fish
City Commissioner

(This information furnished by Commissioner Nick Fish)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The League of Women Voters of Portland supports the 2014 Parks Replacement Bond

We support:

- A visually attractive urban community with a sustainable and healthful environment
- Quality infrastructure and public facilities designed to meet the needs of residents

Measure 26-159 would help keep parks, playgrounds, pools and trails open, safe and accessible.

Our public parks and recreational facilities are a vital part of Portland's healthful and enjoyable urban environment. They contribute to an improved quality of life for Portland families and attract visitors. The funds from the proposed bonds would be used to

- repair play structures, outdated equipment, and failing infrastructure,
- remove barriers to access for people with disabilities and
- prevent closures of facilities and trails, so we all can use them.

We believe that:

- Efficient and economical government requires adequate financing.
- City planning goals should be based on consideration of environmental, social and economic impacts of proposed plans and on fair distribution of tax burdens.
- The public should be involved in the planning and oversight of government projects.

Measure 26-159 is economical, responsible, accountable and fair. It requires audits and citizen oversight.

Because the proposed bonds would replace expiring bonds, the tax rate to finance the bonds is expected to remain at the current rate of less than nine cents per \$1000 of a property's assessed value. After the initial urgent improvements and repairs, additional projects would be recommended through a public process.

An oversight committee made up of Portland residents would review expenditures and report annually to the City Council. The measure requires performance audits to ensure that

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projects funded by the bonds are consistent with voter intent.

The League of Women Voters of Portland urges you to

Vote Yes on Measure 26-159

(This information furnished by The League of Women Voters of Portland)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

City Club of Portland recommends YES on Measure 26-159

City Club of Portland's Board of Governors to recommend a **YES vote on Measure 26-159**, the Portland Parks Replacement Bond.

City Club of Portland finds there is an ongoing need to maintain and improve Parks and Recreation facilities.

The Parks Replacement Bond will provide up to \$68 million in funds for urgent major maintenance needs, without increasing the tax rate.

City Club of Portland finds that there is **no realistic alternative** for large scale additional funding for parks facilities.

Portland voters have a legacy of building and maintaining our city's parks through a series of levies and bonds. City Club of Portland's general membership and Board of Governors share a legacy of researching and supporting Portland Parks bond and levy proposals:

In 1938, 1950, 1978, and 1994, City Club of Portland conducted ballot measure studies on parks levies. In each case, City Club came out **firmly in support** of the ballot measures

Based on this research, the City Club's Board of Governors adopted resolutions in support of an operating levy for parks in May 2002 and November 2002, and now **recommends a YES vote for Measure 26-159**

City Club of Portland has affirmed its commitment to equity: "Prosperity, health and education should be available to all Portlanders, regardless of who they are, where they come from or how much money they make." To that end, **access to parks and recreation should be available to Portlanders** regardless of geography.

It is the expectation of the City Club Board of Governors that the Parks Bureau will invest bond resources in a manner that **fosters more equity** in the provision of citywide parks and recreation services.

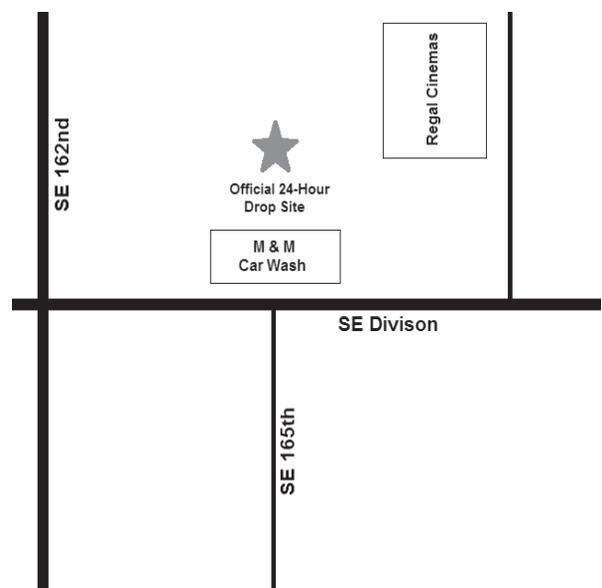
City Club of Portland is a nonprofit, nonpartisan civic organization committed to making a positive difference in our community. Members encompass all ages and come from a wide range of ethnic, racial and religious backgrounds. Membership is open to all.

(This information furnished by City Club of Portland)



If you use a 24-Hour Drop Box in Multnomah County you'll notice they are new, with a sturdy design and new graphics.

There is also a new Official 24-Hour Drop Site location on SE Division St at SE 165th Ave. The official drop box is located in the Regal Cinemas parking lot, behind the M & M Car Wash.



Measure 26-160

Referred to the People by the Metro Council

BALLOT TITLE

Retain prohibition on Metro-required single-family neighborhood density increases

Question: Shall Metro Charter Provision Prohibiting Metro From Requiring Density Increases in Single-Family Neighborhoods Be Retained, with 16-Year Sunset?

Summary: Retains provision in Metro Charter prohibiting Metro from requiring local governments to increase density in identified existing single-family neighborhoods. Requires revote in 2030 to remain effective. This prohibition was approved by voters in 2002 and is required by Metro Charter to be voted on again at the November 2014 general election. A "yes" vote on this measure would retain the prohibition for 16 years; a "no" vote repeals the prohibition on June 30, 2015.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This measure asks voters the question of whether to retain a provision in the Metro Charter at Chapter II, Section 5, subsection (4)(b). This Charter provision was originally approved by the voters in 2002, and the provision includes a clause requiring that it be resubmitted to the electors for a vote at the November 2014 general election.

Metro performs required land-use planning activities under Oregon's land-use planning laws. Oregon law authorizes Metro to adopt "functional plans" addressing matters that affect the development of greater metropolitan Portland. Metro may recommend or require changes to local governments' comprehensive land use plans and to ordinances that implement those plans, unless otherwise limited by state law or its own charter, as in the limitation being voted upon here.

This limitation is contained in Metro Charter Chapter II, Section 5 (4) entitled "Protection of Livability of Existing Neighborhoods," in subsection (b), entitled "Density Increase Prohibited." The provision prohibits Metro from requiring, by the Regional Framework Plan or any ordinance implementing the plan, an increase in the density of single-family neighborhoods within the existing urban growth boundary identified in the plan solely as inner or outer neighborhoods. The provision does not affect the ability of local governments to determine for themselves the density mixes in those areas.

The original provision required that it be re-submitted to the voters in the fall general election in 2014. The provision being voted on at the November 2014 election contains a similar sunset and revote clause. If a majority of the electors vote to retain the provision, it shall remain in effect until the question is again put to the voters in 2030. If a majority of voters do not vote to retain the provision, it will be repealed on June 30, 2015.

Submitted by
Martha J. Bennett
Chief Operating Officer
Metro

NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OR OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

PORTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT #1JT

Measure 26-161

BALLOT TITLE

Portland Public Schools levy renewal for schools and educational programs.

Question: Shall district support schools; redirect funds from urban renewal; levy \$1.99 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years beginning 2015?

This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: PPS' current local option levy was approved by voters in 2011 to provide funding for schools over 5 years. In 2013, the Oregon Legislature ended the diversion of some local option levy revenues to certain urban renewal districts for levies passed after January 2013. Renewal of local option levy will direct approximately \$4 million more to the approved purpose of supporting education, without increasing taxes. The renewed levy will provide \$64.3 million, equivalent to 640 teaching positions.

This renewed local option levy would:

- Continue to fund teaching positions;
- Help to maintain or reduce class size;
- Support programs for a comprehensive education.

Levy cost remains \$1.99 per \$1,000 assessed property value, the same as the 2011 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. This measure would replace the 2011 levy.

The levy will produce an estimated \$64.3 million in 2015-2016; \$66.2 million in 2016-2017; \$68.2 million in 2017-2018; \$70.2 million in 2018-2019; and \$72.3 million in 2019-2020.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Portland Public Schools currently serves over 48,000 students in 85 schools and other programs throughout the neighborhoods of Portland. PPS has set ambitious targets for student success, and, despite years of budget cuts, academic achievement has increased on six of the seven critical milestone measures in the past three years. PPS' overall high school graduation rate has increased 14% in the past four years. PPS enrollment is projected to grow by over 5,000 students in the next decade.

In serving the students of Portland, the district continuously strives to be fiscally responsible with taxpayer resources. Through many years of budget cuts, the district and school 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 raised are spent well by the district and used for educational services for students.

The legislature has recently increased its investment in K-12 education, but state funding for schools remains well short of the minimum necessary to fulfill the Quality Education Model. More investments are needed to continue to lower class size, rebuild programs, and add school days for students. In the meantime, funds raised by this local option levy will help to close the funding gap.

When it was learned that a state law was allowing local urban renewal districts to siphon off a portion of local option levy funds intended for schools, PPS and other school districts joined with teachers and supporters of social services to advocate for a change. In 2013, the Legislature unanimously approved legislation ending the diversion of funds, ensuring that all revenues from future local option levies will go to support schools as the voters intended. Replacing the existing levy now will allow PPS students to benefit from this change in the law.

The renewed local option levy will:

1. Fund teaching positions.

- This will help maintain & lower class sizes that permit more individual attention for students;
- Funds help to support a well-rounded program, with enrichments for elementary and middle grades and electives in varied interest areas and disciplines for high school students.
- If approved, levy will provide funding equivalent to 640 teaching positions.

2. Continue to provide fiscal accountability and taxpayer 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 renewal provides approximately \$4 million more to schools each year without increasing taxes.
- This local option requires independent citizen oversight to ensure 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.

Since this local option levy replaces the one passed by voters in 2011, Portland Public Schools Board of Education will not collect the final year of the current levy, maintaining the existing tax rate.

Submitted by
Carole Smith
Superintendent
Portland Public Schools

NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

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Measure 26-161 Arguments – Continued

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Yes for Teachers. Yes for Kids. Yes on Measure 26-161.

Strong public schools are the foundation of a great city; supporting families, keeping neighborhoods vital, building community and strengthening the local economy.

Portland Public Schools – serving over 48,000 students – strives for every child, in every school to succeed and reach their highest potential in life and career.

Having a high quality teacher in every classroom, and class sizes that allows for individual attention and diverse, well funded instructional programs is fundamental to reaching this goal.

Renewing Measure 26-161 means:

More Teachers, Same Tax Rate

The current local option levy funds 600 teaching positions. Thanks to a change in state law, Portland Public Schools will be able to fund about 40 more teaching positions without ANY INCREASE IN TAXES. Currently over \$7.5 million of levy funds are siphoned off for Urban Renewal. By voting yes, we can make sure the money goes where we intend - the classroom.

Maintaining & Lowering Class Sizes

PPS' student enrollment is projected to grow by over 5,000 students in the next decade. Measure 26-161 will provide more teachers to help meet this demand and continue the district's efforts to lower class sizes.

Funding Programs for a Comprehensive Education

Measure 26-161 will continue support for diverse instructional programs essential to a comprehensive education. Without the local option levy, we won't have key electives and enrichment programs.

Independent Oversight

The local option levy requires an **independent citizen oversight to ensure tax dollars are used for purposes approved by voters**. The Citizen Budget Review Committee will continue to provide this oversight and funds collected from the levy will be placed in a sub-account for accurate and transparent reporting.

Please join us in supporting Portland's children, teachers, and classrooms.

Vote Yes on Measure 26-161

Great Schools Build a Great City

Portlanders for Schools

Congressmen Earl Blumenauer and Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury

(This information furnished by Portlanders for Schools)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Parent Volunteers Know Our Schools ... And We Know Our Schools Need Measure 26-161!

As active parents and volunteers, we're in our local schools every day. We know first-hand how hard everyone is working to educate our children. Teachers work tirelessly to provide students with a challenging, rigorous curriculum and individualized attention. Additional supports are provided for struggling students. And students are getting more access every year to a well-rounded education that includes music; art; physical education; and hands-on, experiential, project-based learning opportunities. As a result, student achievement in PPS is rising each year.

Alongside parents, teachers are the most important ingredient

in our kids' education. A great teacher in every classroom - with reasonable class sizes that allow for individual attention - is a must. The current teacher levy in PPS pays for about 600 teachers.

By renewing this local teacher levy early - and at the exact same rate as we currently pay - PPS will be able to hire another 40-50 new teachers. That's because - under the current levy - some funds are siphoned off to pay for urban renewal. When PPS discovered this, it successfully lobbied the legislature last session and got a law changed allowing all funds collected to go to their intended purpose ... hiring teachers in PPS.

Please join us in supporting Measure 26-161! Let's ensure that Portland remains a community where families can send their kids to public schools knowing they'll have great teachers, reasonable class sizes, robust class offerings and the individualized attention they deserve.

Join us in voting YES on 26-161!

Jennifer Brown, Sitton PTA President

Sharon Meigh - Chang, PTA Clothing Center

Trace Salmon, Vice President King

Heather Leek, Beverly Cleary PTA

Michael Reunert, Wilson HS PTA

Kris Anderson, Benson High School

Ken Rumbaugh, Sabin School

Brian Hoop, Skyline School

Debra Zavala, Portland Council PTA

Carol Cooper, Volunteer

Jessica Lindley Pioneer School PTA

Roger Kirchner, Parent volunteer

Chris Wiegand, Alameda volunteer

(This information furnished by Parents and Volunteers of Portland Public Schools)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Portland Council PTA says "Vote Yes" for Students, Teachers and Schools!

For over 100 years, Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs) have brought parents and teachers together as a powerful voice for children, an important resource for parents, and a strong advocate for public education.

Yet PTAs cannot replace the basics of a good education. To learn, children need:

- Great teachers in every classroom;
- Reasonable class sizes allowing individualized attention to students; and
- Enriched, well-rounded and challenging educational programs.

Portland Public Schools' current teacher levy funds about 600 teaching positions. All monies raised in Portland stay in Portland. This early renewal will allow PPS to take advantage of a law passed during the last legislative session that fixes a quirk in the funding distribution. Today, some levy funds - intended by the voters to pay for teachers - actually fund urban renewal. With the change in the law, PPS can renew its current levy at the exact same rate and collect about \$4 million more - enough to pay for over 40 additional teachers - will help fund teachers rather than urban renewal!

With this renewal, the new teacher levy will fund over 640 teaching positions in our PPS schools.

That's great news for our students and for our community!

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Measure 26-161 Arguments – Continued

Portland Council PTA asks you to join with your local PTA in voting YES on Measure 26-161!

Submitted by:

Lisa Kensel, President Portland Council PTA

(This information furnished by Portland Council PTA)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

A message from the Portland Association of Teachers

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

Measure 26-161 will provide:

- More teachers and counselors in our schools
- More individualized attention for students'
- More classroom opportunities for enrichment courses

Last year, during teacher contract negotiations with Portland Public Schools, the Portland Association of Teachers – representing 3,000-plus teachers and counselors – challenged the school district to hire more teachers and to reduce class sizes.

With the economy improving we worked to ensure funds got to where they're needed most ... supporting our students.

As a result, this year, PPS hired 180 more teachers, there is counseling support in every PPS school to support struggling students, and we are beginning to reduce our student-to-teacher ratio and counselor-to-student ratio for the first time in memory.

But we can do better and Measure 26-161 gives us the opportunity to do that.

A yes vote on Measure 26-161 will fund over 600 current teaching positions supported by the Local Option Levy and add a minimum of 45 additional educators into Portland Public Schools.

This levy renewal addresses a loophole in our current levy and will ensure that funds collected to pay for teachers actually pays for teachers rather than a portion going to support urban renewal. Fixing this levy will allow PPS to hire another 45+ teachers to better support student success without raising any taxes.

That's great for our students and it's great for Portland.

PLEASE VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-161

(This information furnished by Portland Association of Teachers)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

CITIZEN BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE SUPPORTS MEASURE 26-161

The Citizen Budget Review Committee (CBRC) is composed of volunteers appointed by the Board of Education for Portland Public Schools (PPS) and serves in an advisory capacity. Its duties include serving as the mandated independent citizen oversight group for the Local Option Levy.

CBRC strongly supports renewing Measure 26-161 at the same tax rate and recommends a yes vote.

Local Option Levies are used by school districts across the state to allow communities to supplement Oregon's state school funding, still among the lowest in the country. The current levy has delivered almost 12% of PPS's annual operating budget.

Thanks to recent legislative changes, new levies are no longer subject to a diversion of funds to urban renewal. Renewing the levy now will ensure that all revenues from this levy will be used as intended by voters, producing about \$4 Million more

to support schools with no additional burden on taxpayers.

CBRC has worked closely with the District to develop accounting procedures that will channel levy revenues into a separate fund, assuring voters that the levy funds can be used only for its stated purpose – putting teachers in classrooms. CBRC will continue to monitor the use of the local option funds and publish an annual report available to the public.

We urge Portland voters to continue their strong support of public education and renew the Local Option Levy. Vote YES on Measure 26-161.

Tom Fuller, Chair, Citizen Budget Review Committee

(This information furnished by Tom Fuller on behalf of the Citizens Budget Review Committee)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

SMALL BUSINESSES SAY PLEASE VOTE YES ON 26-161

Strong Schools are essential to Portland's neighborhoods and business districts

As local owned small business owners in Portland, we're invested in our community and we're invested in our public schools. We know that strong public schools attract employees and their families to Portland and improve our quality of life. And as small business owners, we count on our public schools to produce outstanding graduates who might, one day, work for us or support our businesses in other ways.

An Improving Economy, Improving Schools

We've watched PPS for years and it's clear that things are looking up. Our State Legislature is beginning to re-invest in K-12 and PPS is putting that investment to good use:

- PPS added two days of school this year, giving students more instructional time.
- PPS added 180 more teachers, lowering class sizes and providing more one-on-one attention for students.
- This year, PPS has full time career coordinators in every high school supporting students as they prepare for college, career or their next step.
- A capital facilities bond is providing family wage jobs in the community as school buildings get seismic upgrades, new roofs, elevators, new science labs and other improvements.
- Most importantly, PPS' graduation rate has increased each of the past 5 years.

A Renewal Means No Tax Increase

As small business owners we are constantly looking at the bottom line. Renewing Measure 26-161 funds over 640 current teaching positions with no increase in tax rates.

More Teachers

The net result of renewing Portland's teacher levy early is that we'll pay the same taxes as we currently pay but over \$4 million additional funds will go to PPS allowing it to hire over 40 more teachers. That's good for students and for our community. And that's good for business.

PLEASE VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-161.

It's a good business decision

Mike Roach – Paloma Clothing
Kim Osgood – Paloma Clothing
John Whisler - Kitchen Kaboodle

(This information furnished by Small Businesses for Portland Public Schools)

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Measure 26-161 Arguments – Continued

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ARE VOTING YES ON 26-161

Formed in 2001, the Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC) is an alliance of 20 respected culturally-specific organizations from the African, American-African, Asian and Pacific Islander, Latino, Native American and Slavic communities. We address the socioeconomic and racial and ethnic disparities experienced by our families, children and communities, and seek social and policy changes that result in a thriving, more engaged community for all.

The CCC supports the renewal of the Portland Public Schools teacher levy. The renewal of the levy will allow for the hiring of an additional 40-50 teachers while keeping the tax rate the same. Today, 47% of all PPS students are students of color and 8% emerging bilingual students. PPS is committed to implementing Oregon's Minority Teachers Act, which is the state's commitment to increasing the diversity of educator workforce.

These changes will greatly benefit all students over time. **Teachers that reflect our student population are critical to preparing all youth to become tomorrow's leaders.**

Four years ago the CCC successfully advocated for the creation of the PPS Racial Equity Policy, which resulted in increased dual language and family engagement programs, and a more diverse and bilingual educator workforce necessary to meet the needs of a changing student population. But we can't stop now.

PPS must continue this important work of building a high quality education program that all our children deserve. Additional diverse teachers in the classroom means more reasonable class sizes, more individualized attention for students of all backgrounds and an enriched curriculum relevant to today's young person.

Please join us in voting YES on 26-161!

Gerald Deloney
Carmen Rubio
Lee Po Cha
Matt Morton

(This information furnished by Matt Morton)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Portland Students Support Measure 26-161

Every student knows the power of classroom sizes and the importance of having strong relationships with their teachers. Combined these are the simplest and most effective ways to boost achievement while providing better emotional and academic supports to students

Given the state's funding situation, it is difficult to give students small enough class sizes, which is why Portland voters generously approved a 2011 teacher levy that pays for nearly 1/4 of all teachers in PPS. However, some of the funds collected in our current levy are being diverted to pay for Urban Renewal. PPS went to the legislature last session and got that changed. As a result, renewing our levy will cost taxpayers the same amount, but put as many as 50 more teachers in PPS classrooms, where they are critically needed.

The choice is simple:

- Vote yes and all funds collected from the renewed Portland Teacher Levy will be used to pay for teachers to support student success.
- Vote no and the current levy continues with millions of dollars siphoned off to support urban renewal.

Measure 26-161 simply asks voters to fix a loophole in the current levy formula so that all monies collected support teachers in the classroom.

A vote for Measure 26-161 is a vote for the success of every student in Portland. Please Vote Yes on

Minna Jayaswal
Mikey Garcia

Kathryn Davidson

(This information furnished by Students of Portland Public Schools)

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-161!

Our Portland Our Schools, a program of Community & Parents for Public Schools of Portland (CPPS), urges parents and community members to vote YES to renew the local option levy for Portland Public Schools. Local option levies are used by school districts to supplement inadequate state school funding. This renewed levy will fund more teachers at no additional cost to taxpayers. That's good for kids, parents, and the whole community.

More money for teachers: a small portion of the revenues from the current local option levy is siphoned off for urban renewal. The legislature recently changed the law that ends this practice for new levies. Renewing the levy now will produce more money for more teachers at the same tax rate.

Same tax rate, 40+ more teachers: using the same tax rate, this levy will bring in an additional \$4 million by ending the diversion of funds. That will pay for 40 to 50 additional teachers in the classroom, helping to lower class sizes or add electives for students.

More teachers for students who need the most help: Portland Public Schools has adopted a funding formula that sends more teachers to schools with a higher proportion of low-income students, giving them the extra support they need to succeed.

All funds will go to pay for teachers: all of the money raised by this local option will pay for teachers. And only teachers.

Accountability: Portland Public Schools has established a separate fund account for revenues from this local option levy that can be spent only on teachers' salaries. A citizen budget oversight committee monitors those funds to verify that they are being used appropriately. Our Portland, Our Schools pledges to track district spending to ensure that PPS keeps its promise to voters.

VOTE YES FOR KIDS! VOTE YES FOR OUR SCHOOLS!

Rita Moore
Paul D. Anthony
Edward C. Wolf
Betsy Salter
Mike Verbout
Scott Bailey
Will Fuller
Michele Arntz

(This information furnished by Our Portland Our Schools)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

PARENTS COALITION URGES A YES VOTE AND CALLS FOR MORE ACCOUNTABILITY FROM SCHOOL BOARD!

We **support** the renewal of the local option levy, as it will provide supports for students...in every school and in every neighborhood.

As **longtime school volunteers**, we know our schools and principals need more teachers, counselors, and classified staff to better support students.

Board's Past Actions Cut Teachers and Shortchanged Students!

In the 2012-13 school year, only 17% of high school students had a full school day, primarily because the School Board made massive cuts to high school teaching staffs. Part-time high school became the norm, not the exception.

Parents Fought Back

Parents saw students leaving high school unprepared for college or work. We mobilized to restore teachers and end the practice of part-time school, and filed a formal complaint with the Oregon Department of Education, which found PPS in violation of state rules on instructional hours.

Accountability to Students, Parents, Taxpayers

These local option funds are needed for schools and classrooms. To ensure they actually end up there, we must hold the School Board accountable.

This measure says there will be "**independent citizen oversight to review expenditures.**" This should **NOT** be another handpicked group of rubber-stampers selected to avoid scrutiny.

Vote Yes and send a strong message to PPS School Board to:

- **prioritize students in all grades and all schools OVER** funding administration and pay raises for central office administrators;
- **add teachers and support staff** to Grant, Wilson, Cleveland, Lincoln, Franklin, and Madison—the comprehensive neighborhood high schools that have been chronically understaffed;
- **implement education recommendations** from the 2013 Internal Auditor report that found PPS was getting worse results despite spending more money per student than comparable districts;
- **continue equity funding.**

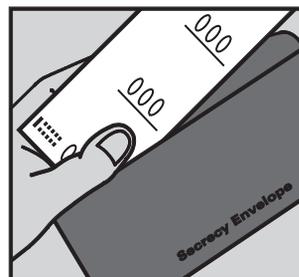
Submitted by parents Mike Rosen, Lisa Zuniga, Monique McClean, Amy Carlsen Kohnstamm, members of the Parents Coalition.

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(This information furnished by Mike Rosen, Lisa Zuniga, Monique McClean, members of the Parents Coalition)

Forgot Your Optional Secrecy Envelope?



Relax.

**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 preserve
the privacy of your ballot.**

SAUVIE ISLAND RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #30JT

Measure 26-162

BALLOT TITLE

Reduced five-year local option levy for general operating expenditures

Question: Shall Sauvie Island Fire District impose reduced five-year \$0.35 per \$1,000 assessed value for general operations beginning 2015-2016? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: Sauvie Island Fire District (Multnomah County Rural Fire Protection District #30J) is proposing a renewal of their existing local option levy that will support the needs for general operations and expenditures. This renewal is a 25% reduction from \$0.4600/\$1,000 assessed valuation to \$0.3500/\$1,000 assessed valuation. Through efficient fiscal stewardship, the District has been able to reduce expenditures while maintaining a reserve capital replacement fund for future purchases and can request the lowered amount while providing the same or higher level of response to the community.

The District anticipates the expenditure of these funds to include, but not limited to, required annual medical/health testing for all responders, required Federal/OSHA testing and firefighters use of equipment, physical testing of responders' abilities/capabilities, annual servicing and safety inspections of vehicles and equipment to include funds for capital replacement, continuing education for volunteer responder training and certification, and continued contribution to the capital reserve fund. Without this additional revenue, personnel health programs, training, vehicle replacement, and maintenance schedules will need be reduced.

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. The proposed rate will raise approximately \$48,750 in FY2015/2016, \$49,725 in FY2016-2017, \$50,720 in FY2017-2018, \$51,734 in FY2018-2019 and \$52,769 in FY2019-2020, for a total of \$253,698.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The continuing mission of the Sauvie Island Fire District (Multnomah County Rural Fire Protection District #30J) is to provide All Hazard emergency response services to all the residents and visitors of Sauvie Island, including fire, medical, and other hazards/risks. Additionally, the District continues to provide mutual aid assistance, per Inter-Governmental Agreements, to Scappoose Fire Department and Portland Fire & Rescue. This mission necessitates the renewal of the current five-year Local Option Levy for general operations. Over the past 5 years, the District has managed the funds provided through the current levy with the best interests of the citizens in mind. Furthermore, the District's Board of Directors believes the efficiencies developed affords the opportunity to reduce the amount needed to balance the budget from this local option levy by 25%, which amounts to approximately a \$16,250 reduction in the first year of the levy from \$0.46/\$1,000 to \$0.35/\$1,000.

Many factors contribute to the District's continued cost of operations. Basic resources such as electricity, fuel, and natural gas prices have increased as a basic cost. OSHA is requiring institutional testing and physical wellness monitoring for all firefighters and the cost of these mandatory services rise each year. Maintenance of hard goods, equipment, and fire protection gear continue to be high cost items (i.e. one set of protective firefighting turnouts for one responder costing approximately \$2300). Additionally, equipment needs replacing as it becomes outdated, not functional even with current preventative or corrective maintenance services, falls below Federal or national standards, or becomes unsafe.

The above reflect only a small selection of the expenditures and reasons for the continuation of the Local Option Levy. Detailed explanations of any of the above costs or a review of the District's Budget are available to residents by contacting the District directly or by attending public meetings such as District board meetings.

Without the passing of this levy, the District faces the reduction or elimination of personnel health programs, vehicle maintenance/replacement, protective gear purchase/replacement, and/or response services.

Submitted by

Norvin Collins

Fire Chief

Sauvie Island Fire District (Multnomah County Rural Fire Protection District #30J)

NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

SAUVIE ISLAND RFPD #30JT

Measure 26-162

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The Sauvie Island Volunteer Firefighter's Association appreciates all of the support the residents of Sauvie Island have given us throughout the years, and we are asking for your continued support in this reduced Local Option Levy (LOL) renewal.

As a membership, we continue our hard work and dedication to provide support for all of our community and for all of our volunteer firefighters. Through community fundraising and donations, the Firefighter's Association has contributed to the District as much as possible towards our mutual goals. The Firefighter's Association has seen the great efforts the District has put forth in being financially responsible, which is reflected in the proposed LOL of \$0.35 per \$1,000 assessed value. This proposed Levy is less than the 2010 LOL of \$0.46 per \$1,000 assessed value. The revenue from this levy will go to supporting the District's operation costs. The basic cost for electricity, fuel, telephones, radios, pagers, and insurance are increasing as are all the essentials to the workings of any Fire Department such as equipment and apparatus. The revenue from the levy will also be used towards mandatory medical testing and immunization, training on current and ever changing health and safety procedures and policies, and required OSHA testing of equipment, as well as annual servicing, inspections and equipment replacement. The Association has come to the conclusion that without the revenue provided by this levy we will no longer be able to provide the same level of service, including both medical response and fire protection.

Please feel free to call Association Officers or Chief Collins directly. We welcome anyone to stop by the station or a posted Board meeting to talk if you have any questions regarding the levy or the necessity of this funding.

We hope you will join us in voting 'YES' for this measure so we can keep the Sauvie Island R.F.P.D. #30J a healthy, strong, and viable fire and medical service for our community.

(This information furnished by Sauvie Island Volunteer Firefighter's Association)

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CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT #39

Measure 26-163

BALLOT TITLE

Bonds for School Improvements, Safety, Seismic, and Create Operational Efficiencies.

Question: Shall Corbett School District make improvements to educational environment and create operational efficiencies by issuing \$8,500,000 in general obligation 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: This measure is not expected to increase the number of classrooms on campus other than adding two new science labs. Specifically, this measure is expected to finance:

- Replacing the seismically challenged Middle School with an educationally appropriate, energy-efficient building, increase safety and save money on operating costs.
- Create two new science labs to replace the 1950's era lab currently in use.
- Create a "courtyard" at the East end of campus for fire engine turnaround.
- Renovate a portion of the current high school for a library/media center, a district office, and other office space such as Special Education.
- Furnish, equip and make site improvements for all projects; pay for demolition and costs of issuance.

Bonds would mature in a period not to exceed twenty-one (21) years. The overall tax rate for bonds is estimated to be approximately \$1.46 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The last bond supported investment in Corbett School facilities occurred in 1994 when voters passed a \$6.5 million bond to construct a new elementary school. This bond is not expected to increase the number of classrooms on campus but will add two new self contained science labs to replace the 1950's era lab.

In January 2013, the District appointed a diverse group of Corbett citizens who, along with professional architects, engineers and construction experts studied the existing facilities and future needs. Community meetings gathered feedback from the general public and Corbett voters were surveyed about different options. This bond will address issues identified by the committee, including educational needs for today's and future students, seismic, fire life safety issues, and hazardous material concerns in the current Middle School building (1923).

Except for the elementary school, District buildings are between 35 and 90 years old. Since their construction, classroom space needs have changed. Currently, the average classroom in the middle school building is about 740 square feet. Typically, classrooms are now built in the

range of 915-1,000 square feet or between 25-35% larger than currently exists in the middle school. Since their original construction, building codes have been updated to reflect new requirements for educational buildings, mechanical and electrical systems, lighting, fire and life safety and earthquake resistance to name a few.

With a new bond, the District would replace the 1923 building while working with the State Historic Preservation Office to mitigate the historical impacts of replacing the building. The new building will meet the educational, technological, and safety needs of today's students. The new building also is expected to reduce maintenance costs and costs of operation, improve campus safety and traffic flows and comply with federal ADA and educational equity laws.

This measure is not expected to increase the number of classrooms on campus other than adding two new science labs. Specifically, this measure is expected to finance:

- Replacing the current Middle School with an educationally appropriate, energy efficient building, up to current seismic standards, increase safety and save money on operating costs..
- Create two new self contained science labs to replace the current 1950's era lab.
- Create a "courtyard" at the East end of campus to connect existing buildings and for fire engine turnaround.
- Renovate the current high school, reclaiming a portion for a library/media center, a district office, and other office space such as Special Education.
- Furnish, equip and make site improvements for all projects; pay for demolition and costs of issuance.

Bonds would mature in a period not to exceed twenty-one (21) years. The overall tax rate for bonds is estimated to be approximately \$1.46 per \$1,000 of assessed property value

A citizen bond oversight committee would be appointed by the School Board to ensure that bond proceeds are spent only on projects described in the ballot title and this explanatory statement.

Submitted by
Randi Trani, Superintendant
Corbett School District #39

NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED.

CORBETT SCHOOL DISTRICT #39

Measure 26-163

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

The previous two failed bond measures cited safety concerns as the top priority. In this proposal safety has taken a back seat to size.

Federal grant money is available for seismic upgrades, our administration feels those monies aren't ideal as they won't address the other facility needs we have campus wide. Yet here we are now with a bond proposal that also does not address those other needs.

Based on conversations by the school board we can be assured that in a few years they will ask for another bond to address the other projects that should be done now.

This bond proposal could have easily renovated the Middle School, or even built new on a smaller scale, and had money left to address the other safety concerns. Instead they are building a larger school and adding a separate science complex for a STEM High School. The current plan adds approximately 14,000 sqft to our campus above currently used space.

The number of added classrooms means little when they range in size from 830 sqft to 1,700 sqft., as larger ones can easily be split into 2. This is exactly how the district expanded our district before, and now they're out of room. More square footage = the potential for more out of area students. While only residents pay for the facilities.

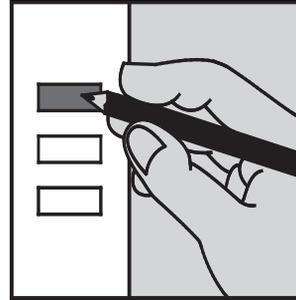
Corbett Charter School still exists in our Grade School Library, and 472 Charter students have joined the District Schools through "open enrollment". The Charter High School has been replaced with a STEM High School. We now have 6 schools in our small community.

Operating funds are used for salaries to add teachers and principals. Yet we're told we have no money for building maintenance or facility needs.

A no vote will not only help to curb the expansion of our schools, it will also send the message that the community expects to see some sensibility return to our school district.

Please Vote No.

(This information furnished by Save Our School)



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