



VOTERS' PAMPHLET

MAY 21, 2024

**PRIMARY ELECTION**

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Dear Voter:

This part of your Voters' Pamphlet is provided by Clackamas County Elections. It includes information about candidates and measures from local jurisdictions within the boundaries of the County. The State Pamphlet (on either side of this color bar portion) includes federal and state candidates and state measures. Where you live determines what is on your ballot. Not all contests or measures in the Voters' Pamphlet will be on your ballot and not all candidates submitted an optional statement for the Voters' Pamphlet. Candidate statements and measure arguments are printed as filed; no corrections to spelling or grammar are made, and the information is not verified for accuracy by the county.

**The Voter Registration/Party Choice Deadline is April 30, 2024.** Visit [oregonvotes.gov](https://oregonvotes.gov) to register to vote or update your information. For your convenience, the Clackamas County Elections office will be open until 7 p.m. on April 30, 2024 for the Voter Registration/Party Choice Deadline.

**If you wish to participate in the major party nominating process and vote for either the Democratic or Republican Party candidates in the May 2024 Primary, you must register with one of those two parties by the Registration/Party Choice Deadline, April 30, 2024.** You can choose or change your party by updating your voter registration information online (with Oregon DMV ID) at [oregonvotes.gov](https://oregonvotes.gov) or filling out a paper Oregon Voter Registration Card. If you are registered with the Democratic or Republican party you will also receive a precinct committeeperson ballot, however precinct committee candidates do not appear in this Voters' Pamphlet. If you change your party affiliation near the April 30, 2024 deadline you may receive two ballots. Vote only the second ballot with your new party.

Ballots will be mailed out to all eligible Clackamas County voters on May 1, 2024. Please contact our office if you do not receive your ballot by May 9, 2024.

**Sign up for Track Your Ballot!** Visit [clackamas.us/elections/track-your-ballot](https://clackamas.us/elections/track-your-ballot). Know exactly when your ballot is in the mail heading your way. This is an opt-in service that will alert you via text, phone, or email. After you vote and return your ballot, you'll be alerted when it has been accepted for counting. This adds a layer of transparency, responsiveness, and security to our elections processes. If you forget to sign your ballot envelope, or your signature does not match, we will notify you through this system, in addition to the required mailed letter. You can take action to ensure your vote counts. Your vote remains confidential.

**Your ballot will arrive in a newly designed, larger, 6-by-9-inch ballot envelope.** You'll also notice that the ballot packet no longer contains an optional secrecy sleeve. Instead, a secure privacy weave has been embedded directly into your official ballot return envelope. When your ballot is placed into the envelope, the privacy weave prevents anyone from seeing how you voted. This change has been approved by the Secretary of State and the USPS and reflects best practice in financial institutions and Vote-By-Mail.

**Official Ballot Drop Site Update:** 24-Hour Official Ballot Drop Boxes are located throughout the county for your convenience, many with drive-up access. You may deposit your ballot at any official drop box in the state until 8 pm on Election Day, May 21, 2024. Please note, the Milwaukie City Hall drop site has moved a few blocks north to 10501 SE Main (new city hall). Happy Valley Library is undergoing construction. The drop site will be available *inside* the library during open



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hours. The nearest 24-hour drive-up drop site is located at the Happy Valley City Hall at 16000 SE Misty Drive. Find your nearest drop site at [clackamas.us/elections](https://clackamas.us/elections).

Call us at 503-655-8510 or [elections@clackamas.us](mailto:elections@clackamas.us). Clackamas County Elections is open Mon. – Fri. 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. **On Election Day, Tue., May 21, the office will be open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.** Visit [clackamas.us/elections](https://clackamas.us/elections) for more information.

**It is an honor to serve Clackamas County voters as your elected County Clerk.** Thank you for exercising your right and responsibility to vote. Thank you for participating in local democracy.

Sincerely,

Catherine McMullen, Clackamas County Clerk

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## Voters' Pamphlet Submission Information

- \*Not all candidates choose to purchase space in the Voters' Pamphlet.
- For a complete list of candidates and measures that have been filed, visit [clackamas.us/elections](http://clackamas.us/elections) or visit us at 1710 Red Soils Court, Suite 100, Oregon City, OR 97045.
- Measure filings appear in the order which they will appear on the ballot as instructed by the Secretary of State. Arguments in favor/opposition to a measure appear exactly as submitted, by the type of argument, in the order each was received by Clackamas County Elections.

### Not all candidates or measures in this Voters' Pamphlet will be on your ballot.

- Your residence address determines those districts in which you may vote.
- You will only receive a ballot to nominate for Republican / Democratic positions if you are registered within the party by the registration deadline. Everyone votes on Nonpartisan positions.

*The printing of candidate statements, measure filings, and arguments does not constitute an endorsement by Clackamas County, nor does the county warrant the accuracy or truth of any statements.*

# Voters' Pamphlet Translation Access

In 2021, the Oregon Legislature passed the Voter Language Access Bill (HB 3021) requiring the Secretary of State to translate portions of state and county voters' pamphlets into Oregon's and the county's most spoken languages. The law seeks to remove barriers to voting for those who are not fully proficient in English.

To help in this effort, the Translation Advisory Council was created. The Council is made up of volunteer community members who represent the ethnic, linguistic, and cultural diversity of Oregon voters. Council members make sure state and county translations are accurate and retain the original tone and meaning in a culturally appropriate manner.

Selected portions of this county voters' pamphlet are available in Simplified Chinese, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian, and Vietnamese. These translations can be found online at [oregonvotes.gov/ClackamasVP](https://oregonvotes.gov/ClackamasVP)

本县选民手册的部分内容提供简体中文版本。可以访问 [oregonvotes.gov/ClackamasVP](https://oregonvotes.gov/ClackamasVP) 获取译本。

주 유권자 팸플릿의 선택된 부분은 한국어 준비되어 있습니다. 번역은 온라인

[oregonvotes.gov/ClackamasVP](https://oregonvotes.gov/ClackamasVP) 에서 찾아볼 수 있습니다.

Отдельные части брошюр избирателей этого округа доступны на русском языке. С данными переводами можно ознакомиться в Интернете по адресу: [oregonvotes.gov/ClackamasVP](https://oregonvotes.gov/ClackamasVP)

Algunas secciones de este folleto para votantes del condado están disponibles en español. Estas traducciones están disponibles en línea en [oregonvotes.gov/ClackamasVP](https://oregonvotes.gov/ClackamasVP)

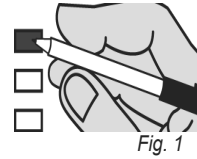
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Các phần được chọn trong tập thông tin cho cử tri quận này có bản ngôn ngữ bằng tiếng Việt. Các bản dịch có thể xem trực tuyến tại [oregonvotes.gov/ClackamasVP](https://oregonvotes.gov/ClackamasVP)

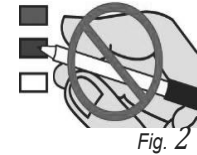
# Voting Instructions

## 1. Vote your Official Ballot

Locate the candidate or measure response (Yes or No) of your choice for each contest. To vote, completely darken the rectangle to the left of your choice with black or blue ink. [Figure 1]



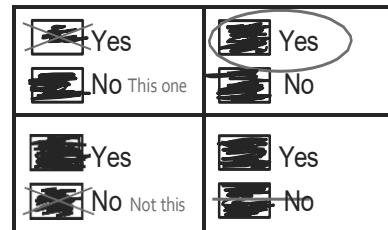
Remember: If you vote for more than the number of candidates allowed for an office, or you vote both Yes and No on a measure, it is called an overvote and your vote for the candidate or measure will not count. [Figure 2]



You are not required to vote on everything. Your ballot will still be counted as cast and your votes for other contests will be counted.

### If you make a mistake

Don't tear up your ballot yet. You can fix it! Make your choice obvious so that election officials can count it correctly. Please review the examples of acceptable corrections.



## 2. Review your Official Ballot

Ensure you have correctly marked your choice for each contest. Your official ballot may contain contests printed on both front and back. Remember to review both sides!

If you lose your ballot, or it is spoiled in any way, contact Clackamas County Elections at **503-655-8510** to request a replacement ballot.

## 3. Return your Official Ballot

Place your voted official ballot in the envelope and sign the Voter's Statement.

**Remember:** Read and sign the Voter's Statement on the Return Ballot Envelope. Your ballot cannot be counted if the Return Ballot Envelope is not signed.

**By Mail:** Stamps are not required to mail your Return Ballot Envelope. Please mail it as soon as possible; it must be postmarked by **Tuesday, May 21, 2024**. Ballots postmarked by the deadline must also be received by Clackamas County Elections within 7 days after the election.

**In Person:** Deliver the signed and sealed Return Ballot Envelope to any official ballot drop site no later than **8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2024**.

# Official Ballot Drop Sites



Mail your voted ballot back with a valid postmark or return it to your nearest official ballot drop site by 8 p.m. Election Day, May 21, 2024. No stamp needed! Eligible voters who have not received a ballot by May 9, should contact Clackamas County Elections for a replacement. *\*Drive-up ballot drop access*

**Clackamas County Elections\***  
1710 Red Soils Ct.  
Oregon City, OR 97045

**Boring - Clackamas County Bank\***  
28500 SE Hwy. 212  
Boring, OR 97009

**Canby Civic Building**  
222 NE 2nd Ave.  
Canby, OR 97013

**Canby - Arneson Garden\***  
249 S Sequoia Parkway  
Canby, OR 97013

**Clackamas CC - Harmony**  
7738 SE Harmony Rd.  
Milwaukie, OR 97222

**ColtonTel\***  
20983 S Hwy. 211  
Colton, OR 97017

**Damascus Square\***  
19830-20000 SE Hwy. 212  
Damascus, OR 97089

**Estacada City Hall**  
475 SE Main St.  
Estacada, OR 97023

**Estacada Public Library\***  
825 NW Wade St.  
Estacada, OR 97023

**Gladstone Civic Center**  
18505 Portland Ave.  
Gladstone, OR 97027

**Happy Valley City Hall\***  
16000 SE Misty Dr.  
Happy Valley, OR 97086

**Happy Valley Library  
(INSIDE LIBRARY)**  
13793 SE Sieben Park Way  
Happy Valley, OR 97086

**Hoodland Public Library**  
24525 E Welches Rd.  
Welches, OR 97067

**Lake Oswego City Hall\***  
380 A Ave.  
Lake Oswego, OR 97034

**Lake Oswego - Westlake Park\***  
14165 Bunick Dr.  
Lake Oswego, OR 97035

**Milwaukie City Hall  
(located at new City Hall)**  
10501 SE Main St.  
Milwaukie, OR 97222

**Milwaukie  
Public Safety Building**  
3200 SE Harrison St.  
Milwaukie, OR 97222

**Molalla Public Library\***  
201 E 5th Street  
Molalla, OR 97038

**Oak Lodge Library**  
16201 SE McLoughlin Blvd.  
Milwaukie, OR 97267

**Oregon City - City Hall\***  
625 Center St.  
Oregon City, OR 97045

**Sandy City Hall**  
39250 Pioneer Blvd.  
Sandy, OR 97055  
*Back side of City Hall*

**Sandy Public Library\***  
38980 Proctor Blvd.  
Sandy, OR 97055

**West Linn City Hall**  
22500 Salamo Rd.  
West Linn, OR 97068

**West Linn Public Library**  
1595 Burns St.  
West Linn, OR 97068

**Wilsonville City Hall\***  
29799 Town Center Loop E  
Wilsonville, OR 97070

Scan this QR to view all Clackamas County Drop Sites on Google Maps



Your voted ballot may be dropped off at any official drop site in the state. The Secretary of State's drop box locator is: [www.oregonvotes.gov/dropbox](http://www.oregonvotes.gov/dropbox)

## Official Ballot Drop Sites

Official ballot drop sites are open 24/7, with limited hours at the Happy Valley Library. All drop sites will be available until 8 p.m. on Election Day, May 21, 2024. Those marked with an asterisk have drive-up access. Please note that the Happy Valley Library drop site will be *inside* the library and available only during open hours. The Milwaukie City Hall drop site has moved to the new city hall.

### Happy Valley Library

Temporarily located *inside* during construction and available during library hours:

Sun. & Mon. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Tue., Wed., & Thu. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The nearest 24-hour drive-up drop site is located at the Happy Valley City Hall.

### Milwaukie City Hall

The official ballot drop site is located at the *new* City Hall. The new City Hall is located at 10501 SE Main St.

**Your voted ballot may be dropped off at any official ballot drop site in Oregon until 8 p.m. Election Day. Find the closest official ballot drop site location anywhere in Oregon at [oregonvotes.gov/dropbox](https://oregonvotes.gov/dropbox)**

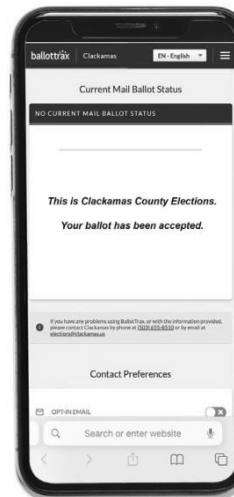
## How Do I Track My Ballot?



Sign up to Track Your Ballot! Trust that your vote counts with simple, secure, mail ballot tracking! Know where your ballot is in the voting process from mailed to accepted.

As a Clackamas County voter, you can sign up to receive alerts via text, phone, or email. Know when your ballot is mailed to you. After you vote and return your ballot, be alerted when it has been accepted for counting. Your vote remains anonymous and confidential.

Sign up online for Track Your Ballot at [clackamas.us/elections/track-your-ballot](https://clackamas.us/elections/track-your-ballot). This service is free for the voter.



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## Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 1, Chair



### April Lambert

**Occupation:** Clackamas County, SES H3S, Yona's Kids, Founder & Director

**Occupational Background:** Education; Workforce Development

**Educational Background:** AGS Human Development, CCC; Outreach Ministries, OSSM

**Prior Governmental Experience:** ODHS; Vocational Rehabilitation;

CCC; WorkSource.

### **A VOTE FOR YOU!**

Putting Vision into Action

Have you ever had a solution to a problem, but the leadership above you just wouldn't listen? As a public servant, I have!

### I am here to restore YOUR VOICE Clackamas County!

I have faithfully served this community. Recently our County Office of Equity & Inclusion was closed, despite receiving much opposition. I am sickened by this decision! As a person that was born with, and now advocates for those with a disability, along with having been in the foster care system as a child, I've spent my life overcoming adversity, and helping others to do the same. I am here to re-empower Clackamas County as your new Commissioner! No more arrogant abuse of power! I am here to listen, and to work together so that everyone in our community is included & thrives!

### Strategies to accomplish these goals:

- To incorporate ALL voices in the decision-making process.
- To ensure that all historically underserved communities are receiving equitable services.
- When making decisions, to measure the impact on our business community, education system, workforce, public service providers, and residence, and determining best practices to help them flourish.
- To admit when our commissioners are wrong, and to do what is needed As Your Chair, to get us on the best path!

### What makes me qualified:

I have a strong background in serving in education, workforce development, human services, governmental programs, faith-based organizations, and in non-profit formation and leadership. You can be confident that I have the wisdom, dedication, & heart to stand for us all!

Don't miss your opportunity to have **A VOTE FOR YOU!**

Join me by having your ballot in by May 21st. Let's restore the voice of Clackamas County! [www.avote4you.com](http://www.avote4you.com)

*(This information furnished by April Lambert)*

*The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.*

## Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 1, Chair



### Craig Roberts

**Occupation:** Community Advocate

**Occupational Background:** Clackamas County Sheriff; Clackamas County Sheriff's Office since 1979

**Educational Background:** Associates of Science, Clackamas Community College; Graduate

of National Sheriff's Institute, Oregon Sheriff's Association; Command College

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Chair, OR State Safe Schools Task Force

### **Restore Integrity, Accountability and Financial Responsibility to Clackamas County**

We deserve leadership on the Clackamas County Commission as good as the honest, hardworking people and communities it is supposed to serve. **Instead, we're getting divisiveness, a lack of transparency and terrible financial decisions costing taxpayers tens of millions in cuts over at least the next 30 years.**

As Sheriff, Craig Roberts' honest, effective, common-sense leadership kept us safe, protecting the vulnerable and our quality of life. That's the change we need for Chair.

### **Putting Clackamas County Citizens and Taxpayers First**

- **Restore Transparency and Accountability** including a truthful budget process and real citizen input.
- **Protect Neighborhoods, Children and Families** from violent and property crimes, abuse, neglect and domestic violence.
- **Support Economic Growth** including strengthening our workforce to attract high-growth industries.
- **Address Addiction and Homelessness** with focused solutions like those Craig implemented as Sheriff.

### **See Craig's Plan at [RobertsforClackamas.com](http://RobertsforClackamas.com)**

"I've devoted my life to bringing people together, keeping our community safe and livable, respecting tax dollars and always being honest with you. I'd be honored by your vote for Clackamas County Chair." - Craig Roberts

### **Some of the Democrats, Republicans and organizations supporting Craig:**

Former Governor Barbara Roberts  
Former Congressman Kurt Schrader  
State Senate President Rob Wagner  
State Senator Mark Meek  
West Linn Mayor Rory Bialostosky  
Lake Oswego Mayor Joe Buck  
Milwaukie Mayor Lisa Batey  
Former Milwaukie Mayor Wilda Parks  
Canby City Council Member James Davis  
Happy Valley City Councilor Brett Sherman  
Former Wilsonville Council President Scott Starr  
Former North Clackamas Schools Superintendent Matt Utterback  
Canby Fire District Director Steve Thoroughman  
Former U.S. Attorney Billy Williams  
AFSCME Local 350  
Sheriffs of Oregon PAC  
UFCW Local 555 United Food and Commercial Workers  
**...and many more!**

See the list and learn more at [RobertsforClackamas.com](http://RobertsforClackamas.com)

*(This information furnished by Roberts for Clackamas PAC 12514)*

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## Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 1, Chair



### Tootie Smith

**Occupation:** Current Chair, Clackamas County Commission, Hazelnut Farmer, Author.

**Occupational Background:** Business Owner, Newspaper Editor.

**Educational Background:** Concordia University, Management & Communications, BS; College of Legal Arts, Portland; FEMA, Emergency Management Institute.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Clackamas County Commissioner, State Representative, Community Advocate (children's & disability

groups).

**Leadership Matters!** While neighboring counties continue to see rising crime, violence, homelessness, and deteriorating livability, Clackamas voters chose a different path... and it's working.

**My record reflects my values.** As your Clackamas County Commission Chair leading a talented group of commissioners and county staff, and with critical support from our community, we have

- **Reduced homeless** by **65%** and will effectively end it!
- Stopped the push to "defund the police" and **we fully funded public safety.**
- **Stopped freeway tolls** and will end tolls permanently.
- **Reduced crime!** Now, Clackamas County is the safest county in Oregon.
- Redirected homeless efforts core causes of **mental health and addiction.**
- Led the fight to **RE-criminalize killer drugs** and build effective solutions for recovery.
- **Defended property rights and land use.** Pushed back on **Metro.**
- **Saved taxpayer dollars!** Reduced costs in all departments with audits and reporting requirements.

Learn More: [www.TootieSmith.com/Prove-It](http://www.TootieSmith.com/Prove-It)

I promised, and I delivered in stopping failed policies causing '**Portland Creep**'. Our successes are gaining national attention, labeling it '**The Clackamas Way**.'

Under my leadership, we have also managed to build, **all without raising taxes:**

- New Courthouse
- Sheriff Stabilization Center
- Health Clinic
- Two new libraries
- Mental Health Clinic
- Transportation facility

**There is still much to do!** We have a lot of momentum, and I will continue to work hard to get good things done. I humbly ask for your support to continue the fight.

#### Endorsements:

President Ben Wiley - Clackamas County Peace Officers Association

Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County, IAFF Local 1159

John Foote, Former District Attorney

Oregon Family Farm Association

Home Builders Association of Greater Portland

No Tolls-PAC

Timber Unity-PAC

Clackamas Strong-PAC

Oregon Property Owners Association

*(This information furnished by Tootie Smith)*

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# Voter Registration

To Vote in Oregon, you must be registered in your county of residence.

To register, you must be:

- A US Citizen
- A resident of Oregon
- At least 16 years of age\*

\*You will not receive a ballot to vote until the election on/after your 18th birthday. You must be registered before the registration deadline to be eligible.

## How to Register

1. Online at [oregonvotes.gov](http://oregonvotes.gov)
2. Mail/Deliver a registration form to:  
Clackamas County Elections  
1710 Red Soils Court, Suite 100  
Oregon City, OR 97045

Registration forms are available:

- Online at [oregonvotes.gov](http://oregonvotes.gov)
- Any county elections office
- Post offices
- Libraries
- DMV locations

New registrations must be postmarked 21 days before Election Day.

## You Must Update Your Registration if:

1. Your residence or mailing address changes
2. Your name changes
3. You wish to change your party affiliation



## Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 3



### Amy Nichols

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner

**Occupational Background:** Business, finance, management, marketing & administration

**Educational Background:** Clark College Associate Degree, Accounting

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

**Community:** Elks Club; Member of several Clackamas County area Chambers of Commerce.

I've owned and operated the Cheerful Tortoise since 2008, after working my way up as a server in 1999. Having survived COVID shutdowns as a restaurant owner in downtown Portland, I want to make sure Clackamas County leads the way in protecting our community from needless shutdowns of our schools and businesses. Our continued success as a community is going to be driven by those willing to get up early and stay late to do the work to keep Clackamas County a fabulous place to live, work and play.

#### A secure and peaceful County

We've done a good job keeping up on violent crime in the county, but we need to do more to support our police officers and prosecutors when it comes our dilemma of dependency, homelessness and property crime. Causing low level offenders to clean-up graffiti or homeless encampments seems like a common sense outcome that we should be able to implement to keep our county beautiful.

#### Free and easy highway travel

Tolls don't belong in Clackamas County. I stand in solidarity with our citizens to support any mechanism at our disposal to shutter the Abernethy Bridge toll booths before they're built.

#### Safeguard seniors and families from rising taxes

Fixed incomes and skyrocketing taxes and fees just don't mix. I'd like to explore programs to freeze property taxes for seniors to keep them in their homes.

*"She demonstrated that she has an open mind, strong work ethic and approaches public service with humble regard."* - North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce. (<https://www.yourchamber.com/commissioner-candidate-endorsements/3/8/24>)

If you have any questions, call me! 503-318-8853 or email [cheerfulamy@me.com](mailto:cheerfulamy@me.com).

#### Endorsements:

Sean Drinkwine, Mayor of Estacada

Scott Keyser, Mayor of Molalla

[www.AmyNichols24.com](http://www.AmyNichols24.com)

*(This information furnished by Friends of Cheerful Amy)*

The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.

## Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 3



### Dana Hindman-Allen

**Occupation:** Realtor

**Occupational Background:** Mortgage Broker, Educational Assistant, Theatre Instructor

**Educational Background:** Lincoln High School, 12th; Mount Hood Community College, Associates-Psychology; Warner Pacific University, Bachelors of Science cum laude, Human Development; Proschools, State License, Real Estate.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Currently serving on the Clackamas County Parks Board since 2021. East Metro Association of Realtors Education committee served for a year.

**As a successful Realtor and skilled communicator, I negotiate effectively to seek solutions and common ground. Clackamas County residents deserve win-win policies and leaders that can think creatively and reduce barriers to success. As a wife and mother, I want to preserve the quality of life in Clackamas County for future generations!**

#### TOP PRIORITIES:

##### KEEP TAXES FROM INCREASING

Stop new tax proposals that affect affordability and livability; Focus on implementing policies that improve the lives of Clackamas Residents.

##### AFFORDABLE HOUSING

We have an affordable housing dilemma; I will work to reduce barriers to homeownership.

##### ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

Address root causes, such as mental health and addiction.

##### STAND AGAINST TOLLS

They have been paused, but undoubtedly will return; we must sign the petition IP-4 to require a vote of the people.

##### FUND LAW ENFORCEMENT-FIGHT CRIME

Crime is up and response times are delayed; people feel our officer shortage.

##### FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

We need accountability in government spending; without demanding more taxes.

##### PROTECT CIVIL RIGHTS-ELECTION SECURITY

I have co-authored a civil rights Federal case against the State of Oregon and taken it all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

##### ADVOCATE FOR OUR COUNTY PARKS-SUSTAINABILITY

I support good environmental stewardship policies; citizens deserve clean air, water, and surroundings.

##### PROUDLY ENDORSED:

Former Washington County Commissioner Bob Terry

"Dana is an individual of rare grass roots talent with a broad spectrum of financial understanding."

Commissioner Rod Taylor

Bridget Barton

Representative Jeff Kropf (Ret)

Joel Litkie former Estacada City Councilor

Sandy City Councilor president Laurie Smallwood

**I would be honored to have your VOTE!**

**DanaForOregon.com**

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## Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 3



### Martha Schrader

**Occupation:** Clackamas County Commissioner

**Occupational Background:** Teacher, librarian, farmer

**Educational Background:** Cornell University, B.S.; University of Illinois, M.S.; Portland State University, M.S.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** County Commissioner, State Senator

For more than 20 years, Clackamas County Commissioner Martha Schrader has put people before politics, created policies to move people up the prosperity ladder, prioritized public safety and protected taxpayer dollars.

Thanks to Martha's advocacy and leadership, Clackamas County:

- funded shelters for homeless veterans, survivors of domestic abuse / human trafficking
- lowered homelessness by 65%
- fought ODOT's 1-205 Tolling Plan -- now on indefinite hold
- lobbied legislators to fix Measure 110, add recovery services

Martha will continue to:

- **SUPPORT** Public Safety to ensure ALL residents feel safe and secure
- **EXPAND** access to affordable housing
- **WORK** with businesses, Chambers of Commerce, community colleges and unions to prepare our 21st Century workforce

#### ENDORSEMENTS

Democratic Party of Clackamas County

Oregon Trail Democrats

Willamette Women Democrats

Home Building Association of Greater Portland

North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce

Portland Metro Chamber

Portland Metropolitan Association of Realtors

Ironworkers Local 29

Joint Council of Teamsters No. 37

Liuna Local 737

NW Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County, IAFF Local 1159

United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555

Congresswoman Andrea Salinas, HD 6

HD 20 Senator Mark Meek

HD 41 Rep Mark Gamba

Metro Councilor Christine Lewis

Tom Ellis, Happy Valley Mayor

Brett Sherman, Happy Valley City Councilor

Frank Bubenik, Tualatin Mayor

Rory Bialostosky, West Linn Mayor

Mary Baumgardner, West Linn City Councilor

and many more:

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

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Official Clackamas County May 21, 2024 Primary Election Voters' Pamphlet

# Oregon has Closed Primary Elections

Oregon has closed party primary elections in the May 21, 2024 Primary Election.

To vote in a major political party's (Democratic or Republican) primary nominating election, **you must be registered with that political party 21 days before Election Day.**

In the May 21, 2024 Primary Election, major party partisan offices listed on the party primary ballot (Democratic or Republican) include; US President, US Senator, US Representative of Congress, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, State Senator and State Representative. Only voters registered with a major political party will receive a ballot with partisan offices.

Voters registered with a minor party or non-affiliated will receive a ballot with non-affiliated candidates and measures in the May 21, 2024 Primary.

**The Voter Registration and Party Choice Deadline is April 30, 2024.** Visit [oregonvotes.gov](http://oregonvotes.gov) to register to vote or update your information.



## Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 4



### Tina Irvine

**Occupation:** Entrepreneur, Community Advocate, Mother

**Occupational Background:** Franchisee - Express Employment Professionals and long-standing Rotarian. Tina has served on the Board of Directors for: The Children's Center, Clackamas Workforce Partnership, Bob's Red Mill

**Educational Background:** Mount Si High School; Bellevue College; Leadership Academy

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

I share your concerns for our skyrocketing cost of living, housing crisis and runaway tax increases. As a standout candidate with **integrity, experience, and drive** I will address these issues head on and deliver results. I am determined to make our County more affordable, increase employment opportunities and ensure Clackamas remains Oregon's safest and most livable county in the State.

**Tina's Endorsements Say:**

#### Prioritize Law Enforcement & Public Safety

"As the daughter of a police officer, Tina is fully committed to funding the police, protecting victims, and holding offenders accountable. Tina will ensure the County remains Oregon's safest place to live, work and play." - **Ben Wiley, President Clackamas County Peace Officers' Association**

#### Ending Homelessness & Addiction

"Having lost a sibling to a drug overdose in 2023, Tina will ensure we prioritize funding for recovery and behavioral health services. We must focus on the housing deficit and prioritize systems that provide effective solutions for those most vulnerable experiencing homelessness, addiction, and behavioral health crises - particularly our children and young people." - **Simon Fulford**

#### Reinvigorate Our Economy

"Tina spent her career working with industry right here in Clackamas County to train, empower & employ our workforce. Her list of positions on foundations, boards and non-profits proves she is uniquely suited at addressing big issues such as housing, homelessness, employment, and localized inflation. A genuine non-partisan candidate, Tina will complement the commission perfectly." - **North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce**

#### Stop Tolling

"Tina understands there is NO acceptable freeway tolling plan for Clackamas. As commissioner, Tina is fully committed to stopping tolling permanently." - **No Tolls Oregon PAC**

#### **Endorsements:**

John Wentworth, District Attorney  
Rory Bialostosky, Mayor of West Linn  
Adam Marl, Oregon City Commissioner  
Portland Metro Chamber  
Clackamas Strong PAC

[www.irvinefororegon.com](http://www.irvinefororegon.com)  
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## Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 4



### Melissa Fireside

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner, Construction

**Occupational Background:** Project Management

**Educational Background:** Capella University, PhD. Organization and Management

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Former Council Member, Clackamas County Mental Health and Addiction Advisory

Council; Former Chair, Compensation Board for Elected Officials Clackamas County;

As your next County Commissioner Melissa will fight to ensure a vibrant future for all workers, families, and communities by:

- Enhancing Labor & Economic Development
- Championing Safe & Healthy Communities
- Protecting our Natural Resources & Rural Areas
- Diversifying Housing & Paths to Homeownership
- Stopping Tolling

"Melissa is a fighter with a proven track record of bringing people together to deliver results."

- **Lisa Batey, Mayor of Milwaukie**

"I've seen Melissa's work to address our mental health crisis, build lasting partnerships, and grow our workforce. As Commissioner, I know that she will continue fighting to improve the quality of life in our communities."

- **Jules Walters, State Representative HD37**

"Melissa shows up for our families and kids. Whether she's focused on public education or housing strategies, she works tirelessly for fairness and equal opportunity."

- **Valdez Bravo, Former Vice Chair Democratic Party of Oregon**

"Melissa has the pulse of working families across Clackamas County. She will advocate for working-class values and will ensure our County is better off than how she found it."

- **Mark Gamba, State Representative HD41**

#### **Join us in supporting Melissa!**

U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley  
Jan Lee, Clackamas County Budget Committee Member  
Charlotte Lehan, Former Chair Clackamas County Commission  
Democratic Party of Clackamas County  
Clackamas County Black Caucus  
Oregon Trail Democrats  
Oregon League of Conservation Voters  
Portland Metropolitan Association of Realtors  
LiUNA! Local 483  
Oregon AFSCME Council 75  
AFSCME LOCAL 350  
Joint Council of Teamsters, No. 37

Learn more about Melissa at:

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

(This information furnished by Friends of Melissa Fireside)

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## Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 4



### Rae Gordon

**Occupation:** Small business owner, musician

**Occupational Background:** Marketing & Media

**Educational Background:** LA City College, Media

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Clackamas County Tourism, Disaster Management, Budget, Urban Renewal, METRO, Police/Fire Chiefs Advisory Committees

#### Your VOICE in Clackamas County

I'm a grassroots candidate, and my mission is simple: to deliver results. I'll prioritize transparency in how your tax dollars are spent, support small businesses, and ensure everyone has an equal and equitable shot at success.

**"Rae has an impressive set of skills, knowledge, and abilities that give her a strong foundation to sit on the County Commission."** - William Becker, Community Leader

**Local Expertise:** With over 10 years working in CC, I have visited every corner of this county, and understand the unique needs of both rural and urban communities.

**"Rae's nearly two decades of service in Clackamas County has proven her commitment to giving a voice to others and has shown her capacity to lead with compassion and integrity."** - Sherry Morisch, PDX Progressive Radio

**People Before Policies:** A commissioner should partner with their community when creating policies. I will respect our community and prioritize early community involvement.

**"Rae will serve the County and its populace with honesty, thoughtful choices, and intelligent pursuit toward bettering County services."** - Marc Gonzales, Retired Clackamas County Finance Director

**Community-Driven:** While others may be swayed by special interests and party politics, I'm here solely to serve you-the people of our community.

#### **Priorities:**

- Houselessness: Develop multi-prong approach including wrap-around health, substance treatment, and family mediation services.
- Public Safety: Ensure safe communities for all with prompt response, partnerships, and accountability
- Mental Health: Strengthen access to mental health resources.

#### **Endorsements:**

Rocky Smith, Oregon City Commissioner  
Teri Cummings, 3-term West Linn Councilor  
Leota Childress, Molalla Councilor  
Anna Farmer, former School Board Member  
Lisa Halcom, Happyrock Coffee, OC Pride committee  
Susan Baum Ziolk, former County Sustainability Supervisor  
Trieste Andrews, Oregon City Arts Commissioner  
Ellen Whyte, former Social Services, Musician  
Debbie Hoffman, Life Refocused Coach

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## Clackamas County Commissioner, Position 4



### Mark Shull

**Occupation:** Clackamas County Commissioner, position 4

**Occupational Background:** USMC/US Army Lt Colonel (Ret.), Former President of Shull Design and Development

**Educational Background:** BS Oregon State U, Command and General Staff College (Strategy, Operations, Leadership)

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Clackamas County Board of Commissioners 2021 to present

#### Mark has earned the reputation as "The People's Commissioner" thru:

His **devoted** service to every resident of the County, regardless of their politics. **He listens** to the concerns of constituents and **takes action** to resolve their problems. He consistently **works to hold down** the rising cost of government. **Fought** the Tolling scheme from day one. **"NO TOLLING-NO COMPROMISE"** **Cut** unnecessary items from the County Budget. **Supported** critical infrastructure: Transportation, Courthouse and libraries. He **insists** on equality of opportunity for every citizen of the County.

#### What Mark intends to do in the next four years

**Defeat** the threat of tolling.

**Demand** an audit of ODOT. Find the money for the I-205 improvement without tolling.

**Eliminate** more County department/functions that are not core County functions.

**Advocate** for healthy harvest of the County's timber assets to boost the economy and mitigate wildfire.

Continue to advocate for modification of State law to open new development lands.

**Fight** new taxes. Always!

#### Why it is Critical to Re-elect Mark

Mark is our **only choice** to reduce the threat of more expensive government. We must retain Mark's wisdom, good judgment, common sense and ability in problem solving to ensure the people have a man **holding back the threat** of greedy government.

#### Leadership Commitment Competence

Lt Colonel, Bronze Star, Operation Iraqi Freedom. Background of effective leadership skills, sound judgment and an intense drive for mission accomplishment. Mark raised his family in Clackamas County, and he will ensure it will become and even better County for your kids to grow up in and for the success of your business.

There is no replacement for Mark Shull in our County government.

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

GOD FAMILY COUNTRY

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## Clackamas County Sheriff



### Angela Brandenburg

**Occupation:** Clackamas County Sheriff

**Occupational Background:** Clackamas County Sheriff's Office 33 years, including Undersheriff, Patrol, SWAT, Search and Rescue; U.S. Oregon Army National Guard Veteran

**Educational Background:** Department of Public Safety Standards and Training, Executive Certificate; Oregon State Sheriffs' Association, Command College; Sheriff's Institute

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Sheriff

**Sheriff Angela Brandenburg**

**Safety. Integrity. Accountability.**

Since becoming our Sheriff, Angela Brandenburg made Clackamas County safer, the Sheriff's Office more accountable, and is a watchdog for County taxpayers.

**Thanks to her leadership Clackamas County is the 2022 & 2023 Safest Metro County.**

#### Keeping Us Safer

- Led the effort to fund additional patrol and detective staffing, mental health/medical jail beds.
- The Interagency Drug Unit has taken record numbers of drugs and firearms off the streets.
- Targeted organized criminal retail theft rings.
- Championed A Safe Place Family Justice Center.

#### Financially Responsible and Accountable to You

- Streamlined background and hiring processes while maintaining high standards.
- New, more cost-effective Online Reporting Program for easier public access.
- Created dashboards the public can use to access information on crimes, calls for service in their neighborhood, budget, and how resources are used.

#### The People's Advocate

- Successfully challenged County Commissioners' unconstitutional attempt to allow them to take over the offices of duly elected officials.
- Challenged the County's use of Public Safety Levy dollars to pay for shortfall created by the courthouse project.

#### **We're with Angela!**

Law enforcement and local leaders supporting Angela:

Sheriff Caprice Massey, Washington County  
Sheriff Nicole Morrisey O'Donnell, Multnomah County  
Sheriff Nick Hunter, Marion County  
Sheriff Matt English, Hood River County  
Sheriff Sam Elliot, Yamhill County  
Sheriff Michelle Dunan, Linn County  
Pat Garrett, Retired Washington County Sheriff  
Craig Roberts, Retired Clackamas County Sheriff  
H. Pat Detloff, Retired Clackamas County Sheriff  
State Senator and Senate President Rob Wagner  
State Senator Mark Meek  
State Representatives Jules Walters and Annessa Hartman  
Oregon City Mayor Denyse McGriff  
Lake Oswego Mayor Joe Buck  
Happy Valley City Councilors David Emami and Brett Sherman  
UFCW Local 555  
IBEW Local 48

**...see more at [Brandenburg4Sheriff.com](http://Brandenburg4Sheriff.com)**

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## Clackamas County Sheriff



### Lynn Schoenfeld

**Occupation:** Retired, Small Business Owner

**Occupational Background:** Law Enforcement

**Educational Background:** Oregon Institute of Technology, BS; Portland State University, MBA

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

As someone with a strong sense of defending others and an extensive background in law enforcement, I have dedicated my career to ensuring the safety of our community. **My unwavering determination to hold wrongdoers accountable, coupled with my entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to public service, drive me to run for the position of Clackamas County Sheriff, aiming to protect and empower the residents of our county.**

#### **Put bad guys where they belong - In jail!**

The escalating crime rate and homelessness crisis in Clackamas County demand immediate attention and decisive action. Now more than ever, we need a Sheriff who will confront these challenges head-on, implementing effective strategies, collaborating with community partners, and prioritizing the well-being of all residents.

#### **Clackamas County should lead the way in safe communities!**

The decline of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office under the current leadership is a pressing issue that demands urgent resolution. We must elect a sheriff who will restore pride and professionalism within the department, enhancing community safety and setting a standard of excellence.

#### **Prioritize a responsible and transparent budget that gets the job done!**

The proposed cuts to frontline positions by the current sheriff are unacceptable. We need to prioritize resources through a transparent budget, adequately funding positions to ensure community safety. Together, let's demand a budget that effectively addresses our public safety needs.

Let's protect Clackamas County!

#### **Accomplishments**

Oregon Tactical Officers Association - Secretary/Treasurer

Critical Incident Review Board Sergeant

Homeless Liaison Sergeant

Medal of Valor for hostage rescue

#### **Local law enforcement, first responders, and elected officials who endorse Lynn**

Clackamas County Peace Officers Association

Oregon City Police Employees Association

Canby Police Association

Milwaukie Police Employee Association

Gladstone Police Association

Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County, IAFF local 1159

Tootie Smith, Clackamas County Chair

Ben West, Clackamas County Commissioner

Mayor Scott Keyser, City of Molalla

Sean Drinkwine, Mayor of Estacada

[Schoenfeldforsheriff.com](http://Schoenfeldforsheriff.com)

*(This information furnished by Lynn Schoenfeld for Clackamas County Sheriff)*

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## Clackamas County Sheriff



### Paul Moore

**Occupation:** Security expert, consultant, personal protection specialist, Executive Manager

**Occupational Background:**

United States Marine; U.S. Diplomat: Manila, Philippines; Amman, Jordan; Lane County Deputy Sheriff: police services, corrections; Oregon State Trooper; Personal Protective Officer, Texas; Executive Security Manager, Oregon.

**Educational Background:** Department of Public Safety Standards and Training: Executive License; US Department of State Diplomat: personal protection and management of classified material.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** As a United States Marine and United States Diplomat, Paul received elite government training and experience to protect the lives of Department of State personnel assigned missions in foreign countries. He managed threats directed against our nation's most sensitive secrets including classified correspondence. Paul has held multiple law enforcement certifications and has extensive law enforcement training from the State of Oregon, the Oregon State Police, and the Washington State Patrol. Paul held positions in General and Corporate Management with Brinks. Paul currently provides protective services for executives, celebrities and VIPs.

**Public Safety:** Paul will utilize his extensive training and experience to serve and protect the citizens of Clackamas County. His experience enables him to take a proactive approach to build a solid foundation of safety and security. Standing for the Constitution, protecting our children and schools, and conserving peace are his top priorities.

"I am committed to serving the citizens of Clackamas County. I will make decisions based on what is best for our citizens, not on political correctness or political expediency. I will restore accountability with compassion while creating a culture where all law enforcement professionals know their authority well and use it wisely." Paul Moore

**Proudly endorsed by:**

Grover Norquist, President, Americans for Tax Reform

Christie Hutcherson, Women Fighting for America, LLC  
Representative Jeff Kropf (Ret.)

Representative Linda Flores Gordon (Ret.)

John McAadoo, Asst. Fire Chief, Retired Estacada Fire

Dave Brown, Stand Tall with Dave Brown

Curtis Grubbs, Former Mayor, Willamina

Dr. Amanda Staggenborg, Chief Communications Officer, Council for Christian Colleges & Universities

Gregg Schumacher, Restore Law and Order

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### WHAT IF I DID NOT RECEIVE A BALLOT?

If you do not receive a ballot by May 9, 2024 call Clackamas County Elections at 503-655-8510.

### WHAT IF I NEED ASSISTANCE VOTING?

Voters with disabilities, or those needing assistance voting in a language other than English, may contact our office for voter assistance or interpretation services. Call Clackamas County Elections for further instructions at 503-655-8510. You may also email us at [elections@clackamas.us](mailto:elections@clackamas.us).

### WHAT IF I MAKE A MISTAKE ON MY BALLOT?

You may simply cross out your mistake, write "not this," and circle the intended choice.

### WHAT IF I CHANGE MY MIND AFTER I HAVE RETURNED MY BALLOT?

As soon as you deposit your ballot in a mailbox or at an official ballot drop site, your ballot has been cast. A new ballot cannot be issued.

### DOES MY BALLOT HAVE TO BE RETURNED BY MAIL?

No. You may return your ballot by mail or drop it off at any official ballot drop site in the state.

### DO I NEED A STAMP TO MAIL MY BALLOT ENVELOPE?

No, stamps are **NOT** required to mail your ballot back to Clackamas County Elections.

### WHEN MUST MY BALLOT BE RETURNED?

If you send your ballot through the US Mail, it must be postmarked by Election Day, Tuesday, **May 21, 2024**. No stamp required! Or, you can drop off your ballot at any official ballot drop box in Oregon by **8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, May 21, 2024**.

### WHERE IS MY SECRECY SLEEVE?

The ballot packet no longer contains an optional secrecy sleeve. That is because you do not need one. Ballot packets have been redesigned to protect privacy, save costs, and improve efficiency. New larger 6-by-9-inch official ballot return envelopes include your signature line along with information on ways to return your ballot. A privacy secrecy weave has been embedded directly into your ballot return envelope. When your ballot is placed into the envelope, the privacy weave prevents anyone from seeing how you voted. This change has been approved by the Secretary of State and the U.S. Postal Service. It reflects best practices of Vote-by-Mail and financial institutions to protect your information.

### WHAT ARE THE ELECTIONS DIVISION'S HOURS OF OPERATION ON ELECTION DAY?

On Election Day, Clackamas County Elections will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

## City of Milwaukie City Councilor, Position 3



### Will Anderson

**Occupation:** Policy Advocate

**Occupational Background:** Chief of Staff, Oregon Legislature

**Educational Background:** Stanford University, Political Science, BA

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Safe Routes to School Committee, Oregon Transportation Safety Committee

#### Will Anderson: A Progressive Voice for Milwaukie

**Affordable Housing.** Historically, Milwaukie has been an affordable, working-class community. But many people can't afford to live in Milwaukie today. Our city must encourage thoughtful development of affordable, mixed-use housing, otherwise rising costs will push out working families.

**Safe Roads, Safe Communities.** Residents of Milwaukie deserve to feel safe on our streets. I support investing in more sidewalks and bike transportation options throughout the city. As we renew our local plan for transportation infrastructure, I will advocate for safety standards that improve the quality of our roads and provide safe options across all modes of transportation.

**Support Small Businesses.** Our city government must support a thriving local economy. As your councilor, I will support small business, both existing and new, by supporting development and zoning changes to bring shops to all neighborhoods, ensuring our permitting process is streamlined, and advocating for grants to support storefront improvements. We should make it as easy as possible to do business in Milwaukie.

**Fiscal Responsibility.** State-imposed constraints on local tax revenue have created a looming budget shortfall for Milwaukie. We must restructure our tax base to ensure working-class families can afford to live in our city. Without responsible budget action, our city won't be able to pay for basic services like road maintenance and local police.

Endorsements:

**Democratic Party of Clackamas County**  
**Oregon League of Conservation Voters**  
**Ironworkers Local 29**  
**UFCW Local 555**  
**Basic Rights PAC**  
**The Street Trust Action Fund**  
**Next Up Action Fund**

**Mark Gamba**, Representative HD 41, Milwaukie

**Karin Power**, Former Representative HD 41, Milwaukie

**Christine Lewis**, Metro Councilor

**Lisa Batey**, Milwaukie Mayor

**Adam Khosroabadi**, Milwaukie City Councilor

**Rebecca Stavenjord**, Milwaukie City Councilor

**Robert Massey**, Milwaukie City Councilor

**Leslie Schockner**, Budget Committee Chair

**Elizabeth Start**, Linwood NDA Chair

**Camden McKone**, Lewelling NDA Chair

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

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## Postmarks Count! No stamps needed!

Your ballot can be accepted if your mailed ballot envelope is:

- Signed,
- Postmarked on or before Election Day,
- Received at the Clackamas County Elections office within 7 days of the election

Ballots may still be dropped in official ballot drop sites until 8 p.m. on Election Day. **Please make sure to sign your ballot envelope!** Your signature is needed to count your ballot.



## City of West Linn City Councilor



### Mark Perlman

**Occupation:** Orchestra Conductor: Music Director, Willamette Falls Symphony (Oregon City), Music Director, Tualatain Valley Symphony (Tigard), Freelance String Bassist

**Occupational Background:** Professor of Philosophy at Western Oregon University, 1998-2022

**Educational Background:**

University of Arizona, Philosophy, Ph.D.; The Ohio State University, Philosophy, M.A.; The Ohio State University, Anthropology and Philosophy, B.A.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Member of the Public Employees Benefit Board of Oregon, 2015-2021, overseeing health insurance programs for over 150,000 state employees in Oregon, with over \$2 billion in plan expenditures.

I live in the Willamette neighborhood of West Linn with my wife, our dog, 3 cats, and 3 chickens in our back yard. West Linn is a great place to live, and I think it is vital that we preserve our city's beauty, friendliness, livability, safety and security, and excellent quality of life.

For 23 years I taught philosophy at Western Oregon University, and was twice elected President of the Western Oregon University Federation of Teachers. I was also a member for six years of the Public Employees Benefit Board of Oregon, and I conduct two area community orchestras.

I am a natural leader, a persuasive advocate, and I know how to get things done. I value protecting the environment, civil rights, and reproductive rights. I want to help the people of West Linn get a city government that listens to them and does what is best for them.

My goals as West Linn City Councilor would be to preserve the many good things about West Linn and improve things where needed.

In particular we need to:

- Promote wise development
- Ensure that developers are required to follow the rules, preserve trees, protect the environment, and we must make sure that they actually do what is required.
- Alleviate traffic congestion and make roads more accessible for pedestrians and bicycles
- Include citizens' voices in local government

More info at: [www.electmarkperlman.org](http://www.electmarkperlman.org)

**Endorsed by:**

Oregon State Representative Paul Evans  
Washington Co. Water Commissioner Carl Fisher  
Clackamas County Democratic Party  
Clackamas County Black Caucus

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## City of West Linn City Councilor



### Brian C. Beedle

**Occupation:** Corporate and Non-Profit Finance Leader

**Occupational Background:** Business Strategy; Financial Budget Development and Management; Project and people Management; Financial System Implementation and Management.

**Educational Background:** Woodbury University, Master of Business Administration, MBA;

Woodbury University, Business Administration, Bachelor of Science

**Prior Governmental Experience:** No formal experience but I have been member of many community committees and advisory boards.

I am Brian Beelde, and I am running for City Council because I am dedicated to fostering positive changes in our community while preserving the essence of what makes West Linn our cherished home. As a resident and parent, ensuring the safety and prioritizing the needs of our families are paramount to me.

As your representative, I am dedicated to fostering collaboration and implementing community-centric policies that resonate with our shared values and aspirations, all while upholding fiscal responsibility. My priorities as city councilor will be:

- Enhancing public safety by providing robust support for law enforcement in our community.
- Fostering economic growth to enrich our local economy through initiatives such as revitalizing the Willamette Falls area. This endeavor will not only drive economic growth but also create vibrant gathering spaces for families and friends.
- Addressing pressing environmental issues, particularly those focused on promoting the safety and sustainability of native species. This commitment aims to secure a beautiful, sustainable West Linn for future generations.
- Lastly, and importantly, I will serve as an unbiased community advocate, ensuring that your concerns are not only heard but also impartially addressed.

I believe in the strength of democracy, and it would be an honor to serve as your voice on the West Linn City Council. Together, let us forge a brighter future characterized by compassion, cooperation, and advancement.

Thank you for your support, and I kindly ask for your vote on Election Day.

*(This information furnished by Brian Beedle)*

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## City of West Linn City Councilor



### Kevin J. Bonnington

**Occupation:** Interim West Linn City Councilor & Real Estate Broker

**Occupational Background:** Realtor focusing specifically on first time home buyers for the past 8 years. Previously a customer service and sales representative and ride-share driver.

**Educational Background:** University of Oregon, Political

Science/Business, BA 2009

**Prior Governmental Experience:** West Linn City Council - March 2004 to May 2024, West Linn Planning Commission - June 2023 to March 2024, West Linn Transportation Advisory Board - Dec 2020 to Dec 2022.

I was born and raised in West Linn and continue to live here because I feel a genuine connection with the city. I went to schools like Sunset and Rosemont. I grew up playing in our parks, learned to drive on our roads and learned to read at our wonderful library. West Linn is part of who I am and my singular motivation in wishing to continue serving on the council is to keep this city the amazing gem that always has been now and 50 years from now. If I have a family in the coming years, my children will grow up here as well.

It was genuinely the most treasured experience of my life to have been appointed to serve as the interim city councilor. I have put my real estate career on hold to spend every day from now through the election getting fully immersed in the business of the city, meeting with city staff and residents, and demonstrating to you just how seriously I take this responsibility.

I promise to address inequalities, dysfunction, or concerns whether they are frequently overlooked or front-page news. I will work passionately to drive projects like a community center, the Waterfront and Highway 43 redevelopment. I will fight to protect the people of West Linn from concerns like tolling, seeking justice for victims of unfathomable crimes, and bring an informed perspective to housing and development that will keep this city thriving while still livable.

I would be genuinely honored to have your vote to continue this work.

#### Endorsements

Democratic Party of Clackamas County

Mayor Rory Bialostosky

Councilor Carol Bryck

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## City of West Linn City Councilor



### Karen Lopez Carson

**Occupation:** Call Center Management, Local Credit Union

**Occupational Background:** Learning and Development

**Educational Background:** Workman High School, Diploma

**Prior Governmental Experience:** N/A

As a dedicated advocate for community empowerment and public service, I am honored to announce my candidacy for city council. With a proven track record of organizational strength and a passion for community participation, I am committed to representing the diverse voices of our city.

Throughout my years of service as a Court Appointed Special Advocate, and participating in the National Charity League, I firmly believe in the power of community engagement and the importance of listening to every resident's concerns and aspirations.

My career within the credit union movement has further deepened my understanding of financial empowerment and community development. I am driven by the belief that equitable access to financial resources is essential for building strong, resilient communities.

If elected, I will work to address the pressing issues facing our city. I am committed to fostering collaboration among residents, businesses, and local government to create innovative solutions that benefit us all.

Together, let's build a city where every voice is heard, every individual is valued, and our community thrives.

I humbly ask for your support and your vote in the upcoming election. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Karen Lopez Carson

*(This information furnished by Karen Lopez Carson)*

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# Voting Tips



## Elections Count!

Make sure your voice is heard by voting in Oregon's May 21, 2024 Primary Election.

## Make a plan to vote.

- **Do you know where you will receive your ballot?** Is your registration up-to-date?
- **When will you vote?** Ballots will be mailed to voters May 1 and are due Election Day, May 21, 2024 by 8 p.m.
- **How will you return your ballot?**
  - By Mail** - Must be postmarked by Election Day. No stamp required.
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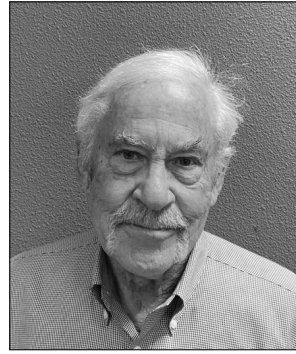
## Don't forget to sign!

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## Metro Council District 3



### Gerritt Rosenthal

**Occupation:** Metro Councilor

**Occupational Background:** Science & math teacher, Williams Bay, WI; Environmental Health Program Manager, Lane County, Oregon; Water Resources Program Manager/ Planner - Lane Council of Governments, Eugene; Adjunct Professor - Biochemistry, Concordia University, St. Paul, MN; Environmental Consultant (40+ years) - Natural resources, solid and hazardous waste remediation, water quality & natural resource protection - Oregon, Washington, California

**Educational Background:** Reed College - Chemistry - BS; University of Minnesota - Medical Biochemistry - MS; Cornell University - Groundwater Hydrology - MS

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Metro Council, District 3 (2021-current); Consultant to Oregon cities and counties on solid waste, hazardous waste, and water resource issues; Rate Equalization Committee, Metropolitan (Eugene-Springfield) Wastewater Management Commission.

**Personal**

33-year Tualatin area resident, landowner, environmental consultant, civic activist on environmental and tax issues, gardener.

**Professional and Civic**

Professional experience in major Metro activities: land-use planning, solid waste management, environmental protection, & transportation. Experience managing large, multidisciplinary professional staff; Fair taxation advocate; Environmental activist (parks, natural resources & wilderness).

**Why I'm Running**

I promote practical regional solutions for Metro. In my first 4-years I have initiated or supported programs that deserve continued follow-up on parks, trails, land use, solid waste, housing, transportation, and governmental coordination. I will remain a strong voice for my seven local jurisdictions.

**Specific Goals**

- *Continue building affordable housing with supportive services, regionwide*
- *Complete the regional trails network in my district*
- *Ensure full clean-up of Williamette Cove*
- *Ensure expansion of Cooper Mountain Nature Park*
- *Promote restoration of Williamette Falls and Locks*
- *Enhance transit in underserved areas, District 3*
- *Promote easier access to reuse/recycle/self-haul waste services*
- *Complete SW corridor MAX, expand WES, and improve 99W*
- *Create a transit vision for the region*

Website: [gerrittformetro3.net](http://gerrittformetro3.net)

**Endorsements:**

The Democratic Party of Washington County

Democratic Party of Clackamas County

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

NW Oregon Labor Council

Home Building Association of Greater Portland

Portland Association of Teachers PAC

Frank Bubenik - Tualatin Mayor

Willamette Women Democrats

Portland Metro Chamber

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# City of Portland Measure 26-245

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE CITY COUNCIL

## RENEW MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL TAX FOR STREET REPAIR, MAINTENANCE, SAFETY

**Question:** Shall Portland renew four-year, 10 cents per gallon fuel tax for maintenance (paving, potholes) and safety (crossings, lighting, sidewalks)?

**Summary:** Portland's 10 cents per gallon fuel tax was approved by voters in 2016 and 2020. If renewed at the same tax rate, this measure is estimated to raise \$70.5 million over four years, beginning January 2025.

The funding would continue to be dedicated to street repair, maintenance and safety projects, including paving, pothole repair, sidewalk, crossings and other safety improvements.

Specific proposed investments include:

### Street Repair and Maintenance

- \$23.5 million for paving, with programs focused on busy and neighborhood streets

### Safety

- \$9 million for safety on busy streets
- \$6 million for safety on neighborhood streets
- \$6 million for Safe Routes to School projects
- \$2.5 million for additional safety improvements

### Community Street Services

- \$17 million for potholes, gravel streets, pavement base repair, signal and street light maintenance
- \$6.5 million for basic safety improvements, including intersection safety improvements and traffic calming

Expenditures are reviewed by a public oversight committee and go through independent financial audits. Establishes license requirements.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In 2016 and 2020, Portland voters approved a 10 cents per gallon fuel tax to fund street repair, maintenance, and safety improvements. Portland City Council also approved a companion heavy vehicle use tax.

Over the past eight years, the fuel tax has raised approximately \$150 million dedicated to the Fixing Our Streets program, which repaved 80 lane miles of city streets, repaired over 40,000 potholes, and over 200 additional safety improvements across Portland.

If renewed by voters at the same tax rate, the 10-cent fuel tax is estimated to raise \$70.5 million over four years beginning January 2025.

Renewing the fuel tax will allow the Fixing Our Streets program to invest in Portland's streets and benefit both current and future users. Program investment areas are outlined below and project selection is guided by existing plans and public input from neighborhood stakeholders, transportation justice advocates, and business groups.

The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) currently anticipates budget cuts to core transportation services. If the fuel tax is not renewed, PBOT will be forced to further reduce funding for maintenance and safety services.

### STREET REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

If renewed, Fixing Our Streets would continue to fund paving projects that prevent expensive full replacement of worn-out streets. Proposed investments include \$23.5 million dedicated to

paving with programs focused on busy and neighborhood streets.

### SAFETY

If renewed, Fixing Our Streets funds would continue to be invested in safety projects for people driving, biking, and walking in neighborhoods across Portland, including creating safer intersections, reducing vehicle speeds on cut-through routes, retrofitting existing Neighborhood Greenways, and Safe Routes to School improvements.

Proposed program areas include \$9 million for safety improvements on busy streets, \$6 million for safety improvements on neighborhood streets, \$6 million for Safe Routes to School Projects and \$2.5 million for safety enhancements to existing projects.

### COMMUNITY STREET SERVICES

If renewed, Fixing Our Streets will fund programs that allow PBOT to respond to routine maintenance and safety requests and help to keep assets in good condition, keep streets safer, and make the city more livable.

The proposal allocates \$17 million for potholes, gravel streets, pavement base repair, signal and street light maintenance. \$6.5 million is proposed for safer intersections; pedestrian, bicycle, and public space retrofits; and residential street safety and traffic calming.

### SAME TAX RATE

This is a proposed renewal so the 10 cent per gallon tax rate would remain the same as it is today. The average Portland driver would continue to pay approximately \$5.00 per month.

### AUDITS AND INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT

The Fixing Our Streets program will continue to go through annual independent financial audits. Spending from the program will be overseen by the Fixing Our Streets Oversight Committee representing the many communities with a stake in Portland's streets and roads.

**NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS  
MEASURE WERE FILED**

**CITY OF PORTLAND  
MEASURE 26-245**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

**SAME TAX RATE. BETTER STREETS.**

Vote YES on Measure 26-245 to renew our local gas tax, and continue funding street repair, maintenance, and safety projects across Portland.

**Because this is a renewal, the tax rate will remain the same as it is today.**

Just a few dollars a month ensures our streets are safer and well-maintained for people driving, walking, biking, and riding transit.

**VOTE YES FOR STREET REPAIR & MAINTENANCE**

Measure 26-245 saves money by funding repair and maintenance projects today, to avoid expensive rebuilds of worn-out streets later:

- **\$23.5 million dedicated to paving**
- **\$13.5 million to fund pothole, gravel street, and pavement repair**

**VOTE YES FOR SAFETY FOR KIDS, SENIORS, AND FAMILIES**

Measure 26-245 funds neighborhood safety projects that improve intersections, reduce vehicle speeds, expand neighborhood greenways, and add safety enhancements to other projects:

- **\$9 million for safety projects on busy streets**
- **\$6 million for safety projects on neighborhood streets**
- **\$6 million for Safe Routes to School**
- **\$2.5 million to add safety improvements to maintenance projects**

**VOTE YES FOR THE SAME TAX RATE**

Because this is a renewal, the 10-cents per gallon tax rate will remain the same as it is today. The average Portlander pays just a few dollars a month.

**VOTE YES FOR AUDITS & INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT**

The Fixing Our Streets Oversight Committee oversees the program, and spending is audited annually.

Learn more at [FixOurStreetsPDX.com](http://FixOurStreetsPDX.com)

**JOIN US AND VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-245:**

- 1000 Friends of Oregon
- AFSCME Local 189
- Amalgamated Transit Union Local 757
- APANO
- BikeLoud PDX
- The Coalition of Communities of Color
- Columbia Corridor Association
- Families for Safe Streets
- Getting There Together
- Laborers' Local 483
- Latino Network
- Neighbors for Clean Air
- Northwest Oregon Labor Council
- Oregon League of Conservation Voters
- OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon
- Oregon Walks
- Our Portland
- Portland Metro Chamber
- PROTEC17
- Rose Community Development
- The Rosewood Initiative
- The Street Trust
- Sunrise Movement PDX
- Verde

*(This information furnished by Natalie Sept, FIX OUR STREETS PORTLAND)*

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**CITY OF PORTLAND  
MEASURE 26-245**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

**Workers Support Safer Streets at Lower Costs**

The workers of Municipal Employees Union LiUNA 483 are on the frontlines of building infrastructure in the City of Portland. We know firsthand the resources needed to do this work well.

**Renewing Measure 26-245 will save Portland money.** Insufficient funding leads to catastrophic failures, which are more expensive to repair than the proper maintenance and improvements that prevent them. If this measure fails, we will find ourselves in constant infrastructure crisis response, which will lead to worse outcomes at a higher price point.

More importantly, **Measure 26-245 keeps Portlanders safe.** It does this while creating good jobs in our community. Money raised by this measure is earmarked for specific programs repairing our roads and making travel in the city safer for our families. It supports a multimodal transportation plan that anyone can get behind. Simply put, Measure 26-245 does what it says: Fixes our Streets. And since this is a tax renewal, it will not raise taxes on anyone.

**Support essential workers doing essential work by voting Yes on Measure 26-245.**

*(This information furnished by James O'Laughlen, LiUNA Local 483)*

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# City of Wilsonville

## Measure 3-605

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE CITY COUNCIL

### Advisory vote on forming a Town Center urban renewal district.

**Question:** Shall an urban renewal district be formed to fund infrastructure and facilitate new development in Town Center?

**Summary:** An urban renewal district in Town Center would use tax increment financing (TIF) to stimulate walkable, private development as envisioned in the 2019 Town Center Plan.

TIF IS NOT A NEW TAX OR TAX INCREASE. TIF is a financing tool which uses taxes paid on increased property values within the district to facilitate community vitality and economic growth primarily through the construction of streets and other public infrastructure. TIF revenues are generated from new development, redevelopment and the annual property tax increases that happen with or without an urban renewal district.

The following types of projects may be included in the Town Center urban renewal plan. Other projects may be added over the 30-year life of the plan.

- Construction of a new Main Street to establish a city center
- Bicycle and pedestrian improvements, including a bridge over I-5.
- Parks, green spaces and public gathering spaces
- Wilsonville Road intersection pedestrian safety improvements
- Construction of local streets in partnership with private developers for greater connectivity, safety, and the infrastructure necessary to promote development
- Relocating underground utilities

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In 2019, the City Council adopted the Town Center Plan after a thorough and equitable two-year community outreach campaign that included over one hundred community events and three thousand participants in polls and surveys. The community expressed its desire for a dynamic, walkable, diverse, and engaging community and commercial hub. The Town Center Plan reflects those desires.

Today's large parking lots and disconnected streets, sidewalks, and bicycle facilities are barriers to the Town Center becoming the vibrant place desired by our community. Transforming Town Center requires public investment in infrastructure and placemaking projects to make future private development occur.

A 2022 city study indicated that forming an urban renewal (Tax Increment Financing or TIF) district would be the most viable and substantial funding source for needed infrastructure to make the Town Center Plan come to life.

Urban Renewal/TIF is NOT A NEW TAX OR TAX RATE INCREASE. All taxing districts continue receiving taxes based on the assessed values of properties at the time an urban renewal district is formed. Once a district is formed, the future taxes within the boundary from typical three-percent annual property tax increases, new development, and redevelopment will go to the urban renewal agency fund. The fund finances projects that provide the placemaking and infrastructure improvements that spur further private development.

The total cost for projects needed to implement the Town Center Plan is estimated at \$190.4 million (in 2023 dollars). The funding and completion of these projects happens over the estimated 30-year life of the district. Creating an urban renewal district would generate about half of the funding needed. Other funding sources may include developer contributions, system development charges, operational funds, and grants.

Only projects located within the specific boundaries of an

urban renewal district can be funded through this plan. The projects proposed for a Town Center Urban Renewal District are intended to provide greater pedestrian, bicycle and auto transportation safety and connectivity, plazas and green spaces, utility infrastructure, parking solutions, and projects to spur private development. These projects are forecasted to result in private investment that would increase the assessed value of property within the proposed urban renewal district from approximately \$200 million to nearly \$2 billion over the life of the district, thereby increasing future property tax revenue for the City of Wilsonville and other taxing districts within the boundary after the district closes.

The preliminary project list includes the projects listed in the summary above. The anticipated urban renewal district boundary includes the area adjacent to and within Town Center Loop. This boundary may be modified slightly if an urban renewal plan is created.

This ballot measure is an advisory vote to the City Council. If this measure passes, the City Council intends to finalize the final project list, define the district boundary, and determine the maximum spending limit for the urban renewal district. If the measure fails, the Council might forego the District's formation, delaying or precluding the realization of the community's vision for Town Center.

## CITY OF WILSONVILLE MEASURE 3-605

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

Vote **YES** for the Town Center Urban Renewal District!

**This is our opportunity to transform Wilsonville Town Center into a vibrant and invigorating downtown.**

The Wilsonville Town Center Plan is a community-designed long-range vision for how Town Center can better serve the needs of residents, visitors, and businesses. When our community came together and drafted this plan there was a **call for a walkable, mixed-use area, with a local variety of retail and housing that draws people together to socialize, shop, live, and work.**

Many of you probably remember contributing to the plan and wonder what is happening with the spaces in the Town Center area today. **Your vote is crucial to realizing the Town Center Plan's vision.** Together, we can unlock new potential for our city, creating a legacy of prosperity and community connection for generations to come.

- Urban Renewal allows for new infrastructure and amenities **without raising taxes for residents and businesses.** It's a redistribution of tax funds.
- Because schools are funded on a per-pupil basis, equalized by the State, Urban Renewal does not have a direct impact on local school funding.
- This financing tool has served our city well. Past urban renewal plans brought needed infrastructure to our city and increased the amenities that define Wilsonville today.
  - Undergrounding Utilities
  - Wilsonville High School Public Facilities and Field Improvements
  - Park Land Acquisition and Murase Plaza
  - Wilsonville Road Improvements
  - I-5 Underpass Enhancements
  - Sewer Plan Upgrade
  - Creekside Woods Senior Housing
- A Town Center Urban Renewal area will support needed public infrastructure to spur private capital investment and development. Developers will always be expected to contribute to infrastructure projects, but other options to generate the needed funds to kick-start the required work are limited.
- **Using Urban Renewal in Town Center is a game changer for Wilsonville.**

Andrew Karr, Planning Commissioner, Former Budget Committee Member

Kamran Mesbah, AICP, Town Center Task Force Member, Former Planning Commissioner

Paul Diller, Town Center Task Force Member

The Street Trust

*(This information furnished by Andrew Karr)*

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## CITY OF WILSONVILLE MEASURE 3-605

### ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:

#### **SAY NO TO NEW URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT FOR TOWN CENTER**

Wilsonville's Urban Renewal districts have mostly been for infrastructure, plus other projects the city can legally fit into the definition of urban renewal. But, at what cost to the taxpayer? On my property tax bill this year, I paid \$700 for the city's urban renewal districts. **How much did you pay, or how much did your rent go up to pay for city urban renewal taxes?**

#### **WEST SIDE URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT**

In 2003 the city created the West Side Urban Renewal District and borrowed \$40 million to primarily pay for infrastructure in Villebois. This figure was increased to \$49 million to pay for rising costs. Then in 2019 the city added Coffee Creek infrastructure and the debt increased to \$67 million.

#### **PROPOSED NEW DISTRICT TO REDEVELOP TOWN CENTER**

Now the city is asking for an advisory vote to open a new district for implementing the Town Center Master Plan. This is the area encompassing everything within Town Center Loop. We would be on the hook for decades for **over \$100 million** to be spent. The plan includes extending Parkway to Wilsonville Road, building a pedestrian bridge, utility upgrades, green spaces, and plenty of bus and bicycle lanes. **Parking is not a priority.**

#### **DO YOU SEE A PATTERN HERE?**

Will we ever stop paying for urban renewal? **The answer is no** because the city keeps our indebtedness close to the allowed maximum which is 25% of the city's area or 25% of its assessed valuation. As we pay off bonds, the city always has another project waiting for taxpayer funding.

#### **HEED THE WILL OF THE VOTERS**

By precedent, the city is required to ask the citizens for an **advisory vote** on a new urban renewal district. **We need to reject this new urban renewal spending and hope the city heeds the will of the voters.**

*(This information furnished by Doris Wehler)*

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**CITY OF WILSONVILLE  
MEASURE 3-605**

**ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:**

**READY TO VOTE ON ANOTHER TAX?**

What is Urban Renewal (UR) or Tax Increment Financing (TIF)? Not everyone sees this as a tax. Then why in its very name is it called a tax? Why is it called out as a tax on our property tax bills? Why is money collected by the Tax Assessor?

The city of Wilsonville created the Villebois (West Side) UR district and froze the value of all of Villebois at farm value per acre. As homes were built the taxes each home pays almost ENTIRELY go toward projects picked by the city. **The losers are schools, the library, parks, public safety, 4H, METRO and the fire district.** Wilsonville has spent well over \$50,000,000 to create the infrastructure to make Villebois possible. **In other words, the city has been collecting over \$8,000,000 per year from our taxes for UR projects** while taking money from our most precious taxing entities.

**CORPORATE WELFARE**

Now comes the advisory vote on the re-creation of Town Center. **The plan is to spend up to \$100,000,000 to give welfare to the corporate owners.** If Town Center needs to be redone, why don't the owners do it?

**PUT THE BREAKS ON URBAN RENEWAL IN WILSONVILLE**

Why did California outlaw all UR districts? It was because of abuse, just like this proposal. Before Clackamas County can create another Urban Renewal District, the county must receive a positive vote of its citizenry. Even though the City of Wilsonville is allowing an **ADVISORY vote** on this new urban renewal plan, that doesn't mean the city must abide by the will of the voters. They could do it anyway. Do a computer search on SoloPower as the city was ready to proceed **without a public vote** on that boondoggle.

**TAXPAYERS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY**

Developers should pay their own way, **NOT TAXPAYERS. Vote NO** on the creation of yet another UR District in Wilsonville.

*(This information furnished by John Ludlow)*

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**CITY OF WILSONVILLE  
MEASURE 3-605**

**ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:**

The Taxpayers Association of Oregon  
Urges No on 3-605

Stop the Urban Renewal Scam

**Urban renewal takes money away from other city services.**

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds can be used only in the urban renewal area. That means the TIFs deprive the city's general fund -- and other local governments -- of increased property tax revenues from the district.

**Will the money materialize?**

If the economy declines or Wilsonville bungles the investments, the tax revenues may not come, leaving the city's taxpayers on the hook for the shortfall.

**A history of displacement.**

Because urban renewal areas are deemed "blighted," TIFs have a reputation for encouraging gentrification or forcibly removing lower-income residents under eminent domain. In Portland, urban renewal displaced hundreds of African American families in the Albina neighborhood and hundreds of Jewish and Italian families in the so-called Auditorium District. More half a century later the city is still facing a reckoning from what are now seen as gross injustices. Which families and businesses will Wilsonville displace?

**Police & fire are more important than bike paths**

Urban renewal takes available funding away from police and fire and uses it for unnecessary building projects like bike paths. Wilsonville should fund such projects with general fund money and not put at risk funding for police, fire and schools.

**VOTE NO ON 3-605**

The Taxpayers Association of Oregon has protected you from higher taxes and government waste for 25 years. follow us at [OregonWatchdog.com](http://OregonWatchdog.com).

*(This information furnished by Jason Williams, Taxpayers Association of Oregon)*

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## City of Wilsonville Measure 3-608

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE CITY COUNCIL

### Amends Charter Term Limits to Clarify Calculating Years of Service.

**Question:** Should the Charter be amended to exempt days of an appointment to Council from calculation when less than 365.25 days?

**Summary:** The Measure would amend the Wilsonville City Charter to clarify the calculation of years of service relating to term limits. If passed, the Measure would exempt the number of days served during an appointment to Council to fill a vacancy from calculation when the number of days served during the appointment are less than 365.25 days.

The existing Charter calculates how many years a person served in a 20-year period by determining the aggregate number of days served on Council within the 20 years prior to commencement of the proposed term and then attributing a year of service for every 365.25 days of service within that period. The Charter does not state whether service on Council for less than 365.25 equals a day of service when determining the number of years of service. The measure would clarify that if a person is appointed to fill a vacant position on the City Council for less than 365.25 days, the days attributable to filling the vacancy are not counted toward the calculation of years of service.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Measure, if approved, would amend Section 29 of the Charter of the City of Wilsonville ("Charter") to clarify the calculation of years of service relating to term limits. If passed, the Measure would not count the number of days served during an appointment to City Council to fill a vacant position when the number of days served during the appointment is less than 365.25 days.

The City Council consists of the Mayor and four City Councilors. The existing Charter language imposes term limits to prohibit a person from serving on City Council, whether serving as Mayor, City Councilor, or a combination thereof, to no more than 12 years in a 20-year period. The Charter states that if completing a term of office on the City Council would violate the term limits, then the person is ineligible to be elected or appointed. To determine whether a person is eligible to serve a proposed term, prior years of service are calculated by first determining the aggregate number of days a person has previously served as a member of the City Council within the period of twenty calendar years prior to the commencement of the proposed term, and then attributing a year of service for every 365.25 days of service within that period. The Charter does not expressly state whether a prior appointment to a position on the Council to fill a vacancy that is less than 365.25 days equals a year of service.

This Measure would amend the Charter to clarify the calculation of years of service when a person was previously appointed to fill a vacant position on the City Council for less than 365.25 days. The existing Charter language does not state whether such an appointment of less than 365.25 days counts as a year of service relating to the 12-year term limit. If approved, this Measure would allow a person who previously served an appointment to fill a vacant position on City Council for less 365.25 days to serve three terms (up to 12 years) on City Council.

The effect of the Measure would allow a person to possibly serve a total of up to 12 years on City Council in a 20-year period even if they were previously appointed to fill a vacant position on the City Council for a period

of less than 365.25 days. In all other circumstances, the general term limit of up to 12 years in any 20-year period would apply.

This Measure would become effective immediately upon passage.

**CITY OF WILSONVILLE  
MEASURE 3-608**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

Please vote YES on Measure 3-608

**Measure 3-608 Corrects the Mistake that Counts Even One Day as a full four-year term.**

In 2020, voters approved a measure that limits a person to serving no more than 12 years on City Council within any 20-year period. It stated: *“The measure would calculate a year of service to mean 365.25 days.”* This is reasonable; however, the unintended consequence of the measure is that someone appointed to fill a vacancy for even one day of service would count as a full four-year term and couldn’t serve a third term. The result of this is that no one will ever want to be appointed to fill a vacancy.

**This needs to be fixed.** We can’t afford to leave vacancies on our City Council. Nothing can be done without a quorum and leaving vacancies risks effectively shutting down our City government. Councilors rarely have to leave early but it does happen. Michelle Labrie Ripple had to resign early for health reasons and Richard Goddard was appointed to fill the vacant seat so City business could continue. Measure 3-608 fixes our charter by making any time less than 365.25 days not count towards the 12-year term limits.

To be clear, it doesn’t let someone serve indefinitely. The most time a person could possibly serve, in the unlikely event that they are appointed to fill a vacant seat, is 13 years.

It makes no sense to count one day as a full four-year term. Fix this and **vote YES** on 3-608.

Endorsed by:  
Michelle Labrie Ripple  
Thomas Ripple  
Tammy Sue Bradley

*(This information furnished by Michelle Labrie Ripple)*

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**CITY OF WILSONVILLE  
MEASURE 3-608**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

Please Vote YES on Measure 3-608

**One Day is Not a Four-Year Term.**

Voters approved term limits for Wilsonville in 2020, but did they mean anything less than one year of service equals one full term? Measure 3-608 clarifies the question by making crystal clear that being appointed and serving less than one year is not equal to a full term.

**Why should you vote yes?**

The current language can be harmful to the functioning of our city government in several ways. ***This language effectively disqualifies our current mayor to run for a second term. She was appointed to the City Council after winning the most votes in the November 2012 election and served 43 days in 2012 before beginning her elected first term in January 2013.*** The current language incentivizes the City Council *not* to appoint someone to fill a vacancy on the council if the vacancy is less than one year. Who would be willing to be appointed for less than one year if it means they would not be able to serve the full 12 years approved by the Wilsonville voters in 2020? Finally, this could significantly harm the ability of the council to function and conduct important business. Quorum would not be met if the seat remained vacant and another Councilor was unable to attend, meaning votes could not be taken.

**Vote to Remove the Barrier**

We need qualified and dedicated people to serve in City Council and a fully staffed council is essential. Vote Yes for Measure 3-608 to remove a barrier to making that happen in the future.

*(This information furnished by Wayne Richards)*

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**CITY OF WILSONVILLE  
MEASURE 3-608**

**ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:**

**PROTECT WILSONVILLE COUNCIL TERM LIMITS -  
Vote NO on 3-608 and 3-609**

**APPOINTMENTS MATTER**

Measure 3-608 would carve a giant loophole into Wilsonville’s Term Limits for Council members wanting to exempt their own appointments from service calculations. Current Council members with appointed services directly benefit, it is NOT just a housekeeping measure.

Appointed Council Members already have enormous political advantages over political challengers, exempting their appointed service from term limits is unfair. Political machines wield maximum power when they can insure the appointment and re-election of successors. Excluding appointments from term limits creates anti-democratic incentives.

**OPEN-SEAT ELECTIONS STIMULATE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

The Appointment Privilege system already provides unearned benefits to recipients, exempting service from term limits is a further insult to voters. Vibrant cities should encourage public involvement through regular open-seat elections by challenging new candidates to introduce themselves to all Wilsonville’s diverse neighborhoods. New candidates do not only speak, they also listen. When incumbency benefits are handed out to the politically-connected, democracy suffers - doubly so if the appointments are exempted from term limits.

Prior to Term Limits, vacancy appointments were commonplace in Wilsonville - often in the last year preceding a general election. After Wilsonville passed Term Limits, that practice stopped completely (zero vacancy appointments have directly preceded general elections in 2020, 2022 and 2024).

**SELF-INTEREST DRIVING THESE MEASURES**

Wilsonville passed term limits by a landslide just four years ago after thousands of signatures were gathered door-to-door. Opponents spent over \$10,000 in an effort to dissuade voters from adopting these limits, and they are back at it. A handful of people asked the Council to put these self-serving measures on the ballot without gathering signatures. The City Council adopted them with slanted ballot title language that failed to meet state ballot title standards in a ruling by the Presiding Judge of Clackamas County. These measures are a power-grab for the politically connected.

**PLEASE VOTE NO on 3-608 and 3-609**

*(This information furnished by Eric Winters)*

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**CITY OF WILSONVILLE  
MEASURE 3-608**

**ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:**

**VOTE NO ON MEASURES 3-608 AND 3-609  
TO PROTECT WILSONVILLE’S TERM LIMITS**

**THE COUNCIL APPOINTMENT LOOPHOLE WILL  
SHORTCHANGE VOTERS**

Before Wilsonville passed Term Limits, the City Council had appointed 8 members within a 25-year period. These appointments came with privileges, providing unearned incumbency benefits in fundraising and name recognition to well-connected recipients. As a rule, appointed council members are infrequently challenged and consistently re-elected. Wilsonville’s **Term Limits were designed to curb the strategic use of planned resignations** that ensure the succession of like-minded replacements who are then insulated from competition.

**APPOINTEES SHOULD NOT BE PRIVILEGED CANDIDATES**

Our city pursues diversity goals while this measure works against them. Appointees are chosen by a handful of political powerbrokers based upon agendas they do not have to publicly defend, with an interview process largely occurring behind closed doors. This **Appointment Privilege** denies the voters the opportunity to decide who will fill an open seat. Unearned incumbency undermines competitive city council elections and gives rise to the kind of political machinery that discourages public participation.

**APPOINTEES COULD REMAIN IN OFFICE 17 YEARS**

Just four years ago we decided that a service break was required after twelve years on the City Council. This Term Limits clock starts whenever a city council seat is first occupied. This measure would exempt most appointments from term limits and paired with 3-609 **it could allow appointees to serve up to 17 years before term limits finally kick in.** In the last 50 years, only one incumbent has ever lost re-election to the Wilsonville City Council. **The incumbency advantage is real.**

**Our democracy is stronger when voters have regular opportunities to select their representatives in open-seat elections.**

**PLEASE VOTE NO ON  
MEASURES 3-608 AND 3-609.**

*(This information furnished by Kristin Roche)*

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## CITY OF WILSONVILLE MEASURE 3-608

### ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:

#### NO NEED TO CHANGE TERM LIMITS

The City Council wants to change the Term Limits passed by 63% of voters in 2020, just 4 short years go. It would contest the voters' wishes by **exempting city council appointments** of up to a year from counting as prior service. If this measure passes, the new term limits come into effect just prior to our elections in November 2024. This is just in time to allow our current mayor another four years in office for **a total of over 16 years.**

#### OPEN-SEAT ELECTIONS LIMITED

In the years leading up to approval of Wilsonville Term Limits, it was common for City Councilors to resign prior to finishing their term. Then they appointed a like-minded replacement. This allowed the appointed person to run as an incumbent. This insulated appointed city council members from opposition by denying open-seat elections. **Term Limits stopped this abuse. Now, the City Council wants to reinstate the power of choosing their successors.**

#### INCUMBENTS HAVE MANY ADVANTAGES

The power of entrenched incumbency has two big advantages. First is the advantage of name recognition. Second, **incumbents have easier access to campaign finance** as they wield power over decisions that can favor or harm potential large donors. When current city council members have the power to appoint like-minded successors, it makes it very **difficult for new voices to be elected.**

#### SAY NO TO INCREASING THE 12-YEAR LIMIT

The purpose of the 12-year limit is to promote community service through rotation in office with regular open-seat elections. If you pass this measure, it will **allow the mayor to serve for 16 years, rather than the 12 years allowed by term limits.**

#### IF IT AIN'T BROKE, WHY FIX IT?

Many people feel that all elected representatives should have term limits. **We passed a 12-year term limit so we can avoid more political dynasties.**

**Please Vote NO on Measures 3-608 and 3-609**

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## Extended Office Hours

Clackamas County Elections will have extended hours for your convenience.

### Voter Registration and Party Choice Deadline

April 30, 2024

8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

### Election Day

May 21, 2024

7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

# Return Your Ballot

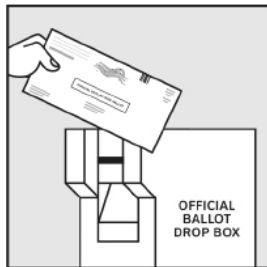
by May 21, 2024 at 8 p.m.

**Mail:** Stamps are **NOT** required! Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day and received by Clackamas County Elections within 7 days after Election Day to be counted.



**Official Ballot Drop Site:** Official ballot drop sites are available May 1 through Election Day, May 21, 2024 at 8 p.m. for convenient and secure deposits.

Official ballot drop sites are listed on page C-6 of this pamphlet.



**Your voted ballot may be dropped off at any official ballot drop site in the State.**

The Secretary of State's official ballot drop box locator is: [oregonvotes.gov/dropbox](https://oregonvotes.gov/dropbox)

Please contact our office with any questions.  
Clackamas County Elections  
503-655-8510 or [elections@clackamas.us](mailto:elections@clackamas.us)

## City of Wilsonville Measure 3-609

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE CITY COUNCIL

**Amends Charter to Modify Council Term Limits in Certain Circumstances.**

**Question:** Should the Charter be amended to allow a two-term City Councilor the opportunity to serve two consecutive terms as Mayor?

**Summary:** The Measure would amend the Charter of the City of Wilsonville to modify the term limits for the Office of Council. If passed, the Measure would allow a person to serve two terms (up to 8 years) as a City Councilor followed by two consecutive terms (8 years) as Mayor, in a 20-year period.

The existing City Charter imposes term limits on a person serving on City Council as Mayor, Councilor, or a combination of the two offices, to no more than 12 years in a 20-year period. Under the current Charter language, if a person previously served two terms as a City Councilor, the person is limited to serving one term (4 years) as Mayor, in a 20-year period. The measure would modify the Charter such that a person who previously served two terms as a City Councilor could serve two consecutive terms as Mayor, for a total of up to 16 years on City Council in a 20-year period. In all other circumstances, the 12-year limit in a 20-year period applies.

### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Measure, if approved, would amend Section 29 of the Charter of the City of Wilsonville ("Charter") to modify the term limits applicable to the office of Council in certain circumstances. If passed, the Measure would allow a person who has previously served two terms (up to 8 years) as a City Councilor to be eligible to serve two consecutive terms (8 years) as Mayor, if elected, in a 20-year period.

The City Council consists of the Mayor and four City Councilors. Each position is separately elected in accordance with the Charter. The Charter provides that the Mayor is elected to a four-year term and each City Councilor is elected to a four-year term. The existing Charter language imposes term limits to prohibit a person from serving on Council to no more than 12 years in a 20-year period. The 12-year limit in the Charter applies to the total amount of time a person serves on the City Council, whether the person is serving as Mayor, City Councilor, or any combination of the two offices.

This Measure would amend the Charter to modify the term limits applicable to the office of the Council in the circumstance where the person has previously served two terms (up to 8 years) as a City Councilor. Under the existing Charter language, if a person previously served two terms (up to 8 years) as a City Councilor, the person can only serve one term (4 years) as Mayor, in a 20-year period. If approved, this Measure would allow a person to serve as Mayor for two consecutive terms (8 years), instead of only one term (4 years).

The effect of the Measure would allow a person to possibly serve a total of up to 16 years on City Council in a 20-year period if the person serves two terms (up to 8 years) as City Councilor and then two consecutive terms (8 years) as Mayor. In all other circumstances, the general term limit of 12 years in any 20-year period would apply.

This Measure would become effective immediately upon passage.

**CITY OF WILSONVILLE  
MEASURE 3-609**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

**WILSONVILLE NEEDS AN EFFECTIVE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL.**

**Join us in Voting Yes for Measure 3-609**

Susie Stevens  
Kate Greenfield  
Jerry Greenfield  
Dick Spence  
Leanne Spence

Tammy Sue Bradley  
Susan Wiancko Harrison  
Michelle Labrie Ripple  
Tom Ripple  
Tara Anderson

Laura LaJoie  
Michael Bishop  
Wayne Richards  
Kerry Lee Keenon  
Wade R. Keenon

Maegen Vidal  
Elizabeth M. Longacre  
Michael K. Longacre  
Daniel Porter  
Wendy Porter

Charlotte Lehan  
Christie Mayer  
Bill Erb  
Joanne Erb  
Siobhan Murphy

Garet Prior  
Christopher Ahrens  
Kristen Ahrens  
Michael A. Mash  
Janice L. Mash

Robert Nikkel  
Kate Glauner  
Jeremy Ingalls  
Linda J. Ingalls  
Dixon J. Ingalls

Betty Reynolds  
Michael Anglin  
Cynthia R. Anglin  
Katherine Luiten  
Dianne Knight

Chelsea King  
Anita Gregory  
William A. Gregory  
Matt Constantine  
Jennifer Constantine  
Tonja Willey  
Cornelia Gibson

Mary Elizabeth Harper  
Bobbie Humphries  
Roger Fontes  
Angela Roccograndi  
Brenda Nichols  
Candi Todd

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**CITY OF WILSONVILLE  
MEASURE 3-609**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

Please vote **YES** on **Measure 3-609**

**Wilsonville Copied Tualatin's 2016 Term Limits.  
Measure 3-609 Copies Tualatin's 2022  
Improvement.**

Tualatin voted for term limits in 2016 and improved them in 2022 to benefit from experienced second-term Mayors. In 2020, before Tualatin corrected its measure, Wilsonville passed a copy of Tualatin's term limits. Measure 3-609 copies Tualatin's fix. Whatever you think of term limits, please vote YES because Wilsonville voters should be as free as Tualatin voters to elect a second-term Mayor.

A Second-Term Mayor's **Experience** Helps  
Wilsonville.

Experience is the best teacher; we learn best from doing. Vote YES if you agree that an experienced second-term Mayor is good for Wilsonville.

A Second-Term Mayor's **Relationships** Help  
Wilsonville.

Are you more likely to answer the phone if someone you know is calling? Wilsonville's Mayor works with elected officials and staff of the federal government, State (e.g., ODOT), Clackamas and Washington Counties, and Metro, as well as other Mayors in our region. Vote YES if you believe that a second-term Mayor who has built relationships with these officials and staff can do a better job for Wilsonville.

A Second-Term Mayor's **Reputation** Helps Wilsonville.

Nothing is as powerful as a good reputation, and you build a good reputation by your actions over time. A second-term Mayor who has earned respect can be a powerful tool for the good of Wilsonville. Vote YES if you believe that a second-term Mayor's good reputation, earned over time, can benefit Wilsonville.

Regardless of your stance on Wilsonville in 2020 adopting Tualatin's term limits, it makes sense for Wilsonville to adopt the improved version Tualatin passed in 2022. Vote YES on Measure 3-609.

*(This information furnished by John D. Vandenberg)*

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## CITY OF WILSONVILLE MEASURE 3-609

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

Vote YES on Measure 3-609

**Voters should always have the right to elect a competent, seasoned mayor for a 2nd term.** We encourage you to support amending the City Charter term limits to allow a mayor to serve two terms even if that person has already served two terms as a council member.

#### Wilsonville Needs Strong Representation and Influence

Due to Wilsonville's geographic location, our city faces many complicated issues that require cooperation with other cities in the region, ODOT, Metro, special districts, and State and Federal governments. The premise behind this measure is that a councilor may serve two terms (8 years) so they may fully engage with the issues.

It takes time for a mayor to establish the position of trust and standing necessary to influence matters that affect Wilsonville. To be effective, a mayor needs to cultivate professional relationships with their counterparts in regional and federal governmental agencies. A one-term mayor will rarely have sufficient time to build the network required to influence issues affecting residents' quality of life, such as transportation, education, housing, homelessness, environmental protection, etc.

#### More Effective Term Limits

Measure 3-609 does not represent a radical departure from the spirit of the existing term limits. It does not overturn term limits. This measure will allow a seasoned mayor to be eligible to serve a second consecutive term. Moreover, if a first-term mayor does not perform well they would most likely not be re-elected, which is a form of de-facto term limit.

The two-term limit is consistent with what other cities in our area have adopted. Please vote to amend the City Charter to allow a person who has previously served two terms as city councilor to serve two terms as mayor.

Please join us in voting YES on Measure 3-609.

*(This information furnished by Klaus Gibson)*

## CITY OF WILSONVILLE MEASURE 3-609

### ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:

**VOTERS APPROVED TERM LIMITS JUST 4 YEARS AGO**

Wilsonville's previous **two mayors served a total of 49 years**. This was the impetus for a grass roots campaign to ascertain if voters wanted term limits. Upon vote, 63% of the voters said yes to limiting our city council to 12 years of service in a 20-year period. **This broke up the political dynasties that had formed.**

**MAYOR DOES NOT NEED TO SERVE FOR 16 YEARS**

This proposal would allow serving **8 years as a city councilor and another 8 years as mayor**. Our current city councilors want us to believe our mayors can't be effective unless they serve for 16 years. If serving as mayor for two terms is important, **there is a simple solution**. Just spend one term as a councilor before moving on to Mayor. **No one is so important or essential that they need to be on Council for 16 years.**

#### POOR POLICY TO ACCOMMODATE INDIVIDUALS

Our current mayor is ineligible for a second term this fall. **It is bad policy to thwart the will of the voters to accommodate an individual's desire** to continue receiving the perks of elected office.

#### MAKE ROOM FOR NEW LEADERSHIP

Our city of over 27,000 citizens has many well educated, vastly experienced, computer savvy and service minded volunteers. Electing new leaders will ensure the flow of fresh ideas and that community input is not only heard but gets applied to decisions.

#### PLEASE JOIN US IN VOTING NO ON MEASURE 3-609

Toni L. Avery  
Kyle Bunch  
E. Bennett Burns  
Ashley Carlson  
Carol Caudle  
Dana Crocker  
Peggy A. Harper  
Joel Hockensmith  
Sherry L. Karl  
Glenn Lancaster  
Jessica Lee  
John E. Lovell  
John Ludlow  
Bruce Moody

Jules Moody  
Dina Ochs  
Elizabeth Peters  
Carrie Postma  
Eric Postma  
Chris Roche  
Jack Roche  
Darrell Rustrum  
Julie A. Rustrum  
Stanley Satter  
Jennifer Senn  
Carmen Slothower  
Michiko Walton  
Janine L. West  
Christine Y. Weber

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## CITY OF WILSONVILLE MEASURE 3-609

### ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:

**Diversity.** It means a variety or assortment as in a diversity of opinions. For many decades the Wilsonville City Council lacked a diversity of opinions. In many ways, it still does.

### RETAINING THE STATUS QUO

The plan that worked for retaining the status quo was for sitting councilors who did not plan to run for office again to resign their positions just prior to the end of their term. Then the remaining councilors and mayor would appoint in their own image. The new appointee could then run as an incumbent in the next election. The person appointed would naturally **go along to get along**. This plan worked for over twenty years, and a single NO vote from any councilor was indeed rare. It still is.

### VOTERS PASS TERM LIMITS

In 2020 a group of Wilsonville citizens decided to ask voters if they wanted to limit the number of terms a councilor could serve. **Wilsonville voters passed this measure by a 63% margin.** This measure limited councilors to serving 12 years in any 20-year period.

### DOES THE COUNCIL RUN THE CITY?

Let's all remember that our City Council only sets policy. They do not run the city; the city manager does that. What does it take to qualify for a council position? First, the person needs to be elected. After that a city councilor needs to be able to listen, read, and make their best decision on each matter before them. That's it. **There is no magic in what they do.**

### 16 YEARS IS TOO LONG TO SERVE

What is broken that needs to be fixed? Does it take serving 8 years as a councilor and another 8 years as a mayor (total of 16 years) to be effective? **It shouldn't. Let's not change what the voters passed just 4 years ago.**

### VOTE NO ON ANY CHANGE TO TERM LIMITS for the Wilsonville City Council

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# Oregon has Closed Primary Elections

**Oregon has closed party primary elections in the May 21, 2024 Primary Election.**

**To vote in a major political party's (Democratic or Republican) primary nominating election, you must be registered with that political party 21 days before Election Day.**

In the May 21, 2024 Primary Election, major party partisan offices listed on the party primary ballot (Democratic or Republican) include; US President, US Senator, US Representative of Congress, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, State Senator and State Representative. Only voters registered with a major political party will receive a ballot with partisan offices.

Voters registered with a minor party or non-affiliated will receive a ballot with non-affiliated candidates and measures in the May 21, 2024 Primary.

**The Voter Registration and Party Choice Deadline is April 30, 2024.** Visit [oregonvotes.gov](https://oregonvotes.gov) to register to vote or update your information.



# Estacada School District No. 108 Measure 3-607

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE SCHOOL BOARD

## Bonds to increase safety, improve schools, address overcrowding, and repairs

**Question:** Should District build new high school, improve aging facilities, address overcrowding, advance career readiness, by issuing \$149,000,000 bonds? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**Summary:** If approved by voters, bonds would finance capital costs for Estacada School District No. 108, expected to:

- **Address Overcrowding:**
  - Build new high school on current EHS campus
  - Renovate part of existing high school to create separate junior high
  - Modify existing middle school into third elementary
- **Improve Aging Facilities:**
  - Update safety/security at all schools
  - Improve ADA accessibility
  - Install fire safety systems
  - Repair/replace plumbing, electrical, roofing, windows
  - Remove asbestos
  - Improve air quality/temperature regulation
- **Advance Career Readiness:**
  - Update career technical education spaces, prepare kids for modern workforce
- **Address Community Needs:**
  - Expanding/establishing indoor/outdoor facilities

Citizen oversight committee would ensure accountability, verify bond funds are managed properly. District will receive \$6,000,000 State grant if bonds are approved.

Bonds may be issued in multiple series; each maturing within 30 years from issuance. Principal amount of bonds limited to \$149,000,000. Estimated tax rate is \$3.16 (increase of \$2.00) per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Actual levy rates may differ from changes in interest rates/assessed values.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Estacada Schools face several concerns that would be addressed in the proposed bond. Concerns include: outdated safety and security systems, aging facilities, overcrowding and population growth, and a lack of competitive opportunities to prepare kids for the modern workforce.

### Why a School Bond Now

**Local Control:** Proposed levy measure funds would be raised locally and could only be spent in the Estacada School District as approved by voters.

**State Matching Grant:** Estacada Schools will receive a \$6 million State grant if bonds are approved by voters. If bonds are not approved, Estacada will not receive the grant.

**Facility Repairs and Updates:** Construction and supply costs continue to rise, and Estacada's needs are growing. The average Estacada school is over 60 years old, and aging systems have contributed to leaks, fires, and expensive inefficiencies. The bond would address these issues in a timely and cost efficient manner.

**Capacity Concerns:** Three of Estacada's schools are currently at or above capacity, and schools are anticipated to grow another 20% over the next 10 years. Currently, 200 children are learning in portable classrooms brought in to temporarily address overcrowding.

**Competitive Opportunities:** Estacada's schools and Career

Preparatory spaces are outdated and don't reflect current workforce conditions/technologies. Local industries struggle to partner with Estacada due to the limited abilities of the facilities.

### What The Bond Would Provide

#### Build A New Estacada High School

- Build a new two-story space on the current EHS campus for high school students, featuring performing arts and gym spaces
- Update Career Technical Education and common spaces

#### Establish a Junior High School

- Renovate/repurpose EHS to serve as an updated, efficient, and safe junior high
- Create separate EHS/EMS spaces and entrances, but provide a shared career technical education space that features industry grade tools/technology

#### Transform Estacada Middle School Into A Third Elementary

- EMS will be converted into a third elementary, providing overcrowding relief at the elementary levels
- EMS will receive a playground, smaller fixtures, and transform lockers to create an age-appropriate space

#### Improve Student Safety & Complete Essential Repairs

- Focus on student safety, fire suppression and strengthened security
- New plumbing, electrical, roofing, and windows to increase efficiency and address failing systems

#### Install Climate Control & Air Conditioning At All Schools

- Improve heating and install air conditioning in all schools to eliminate temperature-related school closures and provide a comfortable learning environment
- Updates will provide an evacuation and cooling shelter for the community

#### Expand and Establish Extracurricular and Community Space

- Create all-season athletic and extracurricular fields
- Enhance fields, parkspace, and facilities for community, sports, and youth programs
- Expand district property as needed

### Citizen Oversight and Accountability:

A citizen-led oversight committee will oversee the use of bond funds to ensure revenue is used only for the purposes in the voter-approved bond measure. The oversight committee will manage funds to reduce long-term maintenance/construction costs, and improve efficiency/longevity.

Law requires bond funds only be used for projects in the ballot.

Furnished by Ryan Carpenter, Superintendent, Estacada Schools

**NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS  
MEASURE WERE FILED**

## ESTACADA SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE 3-607

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

#### **The Estacada School Bond: A Wise Investment of Your Tax Dollars**

Your mayor and city council say YES to  
Measure 3-607!

#### **An Investment In Your Schools Is An Investment In Your Community**

Great schools increase property values, support safe neighborhoods, and the young students currently depending on you to invest in their education are Estacada's future employees, neighbors, taxpayers, and entrepreneurs. Spending money on education ensures our community continues to enjoy an exceptional quality of life, a robust economy, and a prosperous future.

Few public expenditures can promise such unparalleled return on investment to the community than investment in safe, modern schools. Measure 3-607 keeps Estacada's schools excellent, supports the increasing value of Estacada's real estate, and ensures an educated workforce ready to serve the community. Our district has made national headlines for their proactive support of our community during the toughest of times. It is our turn to return that support.

#### **Matching Funds Brings Down The Cost to You**

The Estacada School District was awarded a matching grant from the state for six million dollars. The district will only receive the grant if the bond passes. This means more improvements can be made without placing an additional burden on all of us who pay taxes here in Estacada.

#### **Addresses Problems Now So They Don't Cost Taxpayers More Later**

Our schools are rapidly aging and will only get older. Every year we put off vital upgrades and updates, the more expensive the eventual cost will be to make these fixes. An investment today can save all of us for years to come.

Measure 3-607: Let's make a wise investment!

#### **Estacada City Council**

Sean Drinkwine, City of Estacada Mayor  
Charity Hughes, Estacada City Council President  
Paul Strobel, Estacada City Councilor  
Heidi Prokop, Estacada City Councilor  
Jerry Tenbush, Estacada City Councilor  
Michael McElroy, Estacada City Councilor  
Jonathan Metcalf, Estacada City Councilor

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## ESTACADA SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE 3-607

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

#### **SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS - VOTE YES ON MEASURE 3-607**

Everyday in Estacada schools we see the impact that outdated buildings have on our students. A beautiful 70 degree day in March causes our classroom temperatures to creep above 80 degrees, which negatively impacts students' abilities to learn. While we strive to utilize every minute of our school day with students, our outdated facilities can often take away from that learning time. Beside the hot and cold classrooms, our students are trying to learn through leaky roofs, breaking pipes and unreliable electricity. Educators are constantly finding innovative ways to make our current learning spaces work - but we also recognize that our buildings desperately need significant and expensive updates to be safe and effective learning environments.

We educators see first-hand the impact that modern, safe, and updated classrooms can have on our students' academic performance. Our Estacada school buildings are simply out-of-date and are not equipped to provide students with the modern learning environment they need in order to graduate career and college ready. Our current schools do not have the tools or technology to prepare students for the modern workforce and industries, and our buildings are too outdated to receive these updates without a significant investment. Our buildings also have safety vulnerabilities that cause us to worry for our young learners.

Measure 3-607 will fund substantial renovations to ALL Estacada schools, and address our concerns and barriers to providing the quality education our students deserve.

We ask you to vote YES to support our students' classrooms and provide them with the learning conditions they need with working electrical outlets, appropriate heating, air conditioning and filtration, and updated safety and security measures. Our students deserve buildings that they can feel proud of, comfortable in and ultimately do their best learning in.

Thank you for your commitment to our students and our community.

Shellie Adams, President, on behalf of the Estacada Education Association

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**ESTACADA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEASURE 3-607**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

**LET'S INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF OUR  
COMMUNITY AND OUR KIDS**

In February, the Estacada School Board voted unanimously to refer a \$149 million capital construction bond to voters this May. This bond would prioritize needed investments in safety and security, updates and repairs to aging school buildings, and address overcrowding while providing a modern education to prepare our kids for successful lives and careers.

This bond package was compiled through a process spanning many months, involving hundreds of community members, parents, students, staff, and industry professionals. The package presented here was created to address the top priorities of our community: provide safe and up-to-date buildings, address overcrowding, and provide competitive academic and workforce training opportunities for Estacada's children.

**WHY NOW?**

Estacada is growing, and our schools are aging. An investment now is an investment in the future of our community, and will allow us to prolong the lives of our aging buildings. Estacada Schools need a significant investment in order to meet the needs of modern learning, safe and secure facilities, and a growing community.

**WHAT WILL THE BOND ACCOMPLISH?**

Our schools will receive essential updates to improve safety, building longevity, modernize aging facilities, alleviate significant overcrowding in our buildings, and provide modern career technical education spaces and training.

**JOIN US IN VOTING YES FOR ESTACADA'S  
SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY!**

**Estacada School District School Board of  
Directors**

Ken Riedel, Estacada School Board Chair  
Ben Wheeler, Estacada School Board Vice Chair  
William Johnston, Estacada School Board Director  
Rochelle Shibahara, Director Estacada School Board  
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John Walper, Director Estacada School Board  
Joe Behrman, Director Estacada School Board

*(This information furnished by Ken Riedel, Estacada School Board)*

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**ESTACADA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEASURE 3-607**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

**SUPPORT YOUTH ATHLETIC PROGRAMS - VOTE  
YES ON MEASURE 3-607**

As leaders, coaches and volunteers of organizations deeply invested in the well-being and development of our community's youth, we recognize the critical role that quality educational facilities play in shaping their futures.

Our programs have long relied on the support and resources provided by the Estacada School District. The facilities maintained by the district serve as vital venues for our athletes to train, compete, and grow both athletically and personally. We have witnessed firsthand the positive impact that well-maintained facilities can have on the morale, performance, and sense of pride among our young athletes.

The current state of many school facilities within the district are inadequate and not meeting the needs of our growing enrollment in youth athletics. Aging infrastructure, limited space, and outdated amenities not only hinder the educational experience but also place constraints on extracurricular activities such as sports programs.

We believe that investing in modernizing and expanding school facilities through the proposed bond measure will not only enhance the learning environment but also provide our youth with the resources they need to thrive academically and athletically. Voting yes for this school bond invests in Estacada's current students and future generations, ensuring that our community remains vibrant and competitive for years to come.

**We urge you to join us in voting YES for Estacada**

**Justin Gates**  
President, Estacada Youth Basketball

**Terrell Martin**  
Estacada Youth Basketball Board Member and Coach

**Ben Wheeler**  
President, Estacada Youth Football and Coach

**Jenn King**  
Estacada Youth Basketball Board Member and Coach

**Terry Randall**  
Estacada Youth Football Board Member and Coach

**Melanie Woods**  
Estacada Youth Football Board Member

**Dusty Henry**  
President, Estacada Youth Baseball and Softball and Coach

**Tommy Randall**  
Estacada Youth Baseball and Softball Board Member

**Amy Balcom**  
Estacada Youth Basketball Board Member

**Helena Snyder**  
Outgoing President, Estacada Youth Soccer Club

**Kelly Hayes**  
Outgoing Estacada Youth Soccer Club Member

*(This information furnished by Helena Snyder)*

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**ESTACADA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEASURE 3-607**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

Strong Schools = A Strong Community and Economy  
Estacada Business Owners and Community Leaders  
Say YES to the Estacada School Bond

**As business owners and community leaders we are urging you to vote YES.  
We support Measure 3-607 because:**

**It Protects the Investments We Have Already Made**  
This bond measure is a commitment to protect and repair our existing buildings. The Estacada community has a long history of investing in its schools - the heart of this community- every 15 to 20 years, even during difficult times like the Great Depression. It is time again to ensure our buildings can continue to serve our community.

**Students Will Graduate Ready for Work or College**  
The bond will revitalize Career Technical Education (CTE) spaces with up-to-date industry-grade tools and technologies. The current outdated CTE is outdated and requires investment so our graduates can be competitive when entering today's workforce.

**It is A Cost-Effective Way To Update Schools**  
The bond would provide updates our schools need to continue serving students. Failing to act soon could result in a facility needs list that continues to grow and cost more money. Updated HVAC and LED lighting will increase energy efficiency, creating cost savings that will be redirected to the classroom.

**It Addresses the Needs Of Our Growing Community**  
Our growing community needs schools capable of accommodating growth while preserving small class sizes. A bond will construct an additional school to alleviate the current overcrowding. Using portables is an inefficient long term solution.

**It Supports Our Local Economy**  
Bond construction will add jobs and money to Estacada's economy

**Please support our community, our economy, and our students**

Brooke Wheeler, Reliance Connects  
Patrick Pemberton, Cascade Mechanical Systems  
Scott Crosby, Timber Town Fitness  
Heather Randall, Randall Realty  
Jeremiah Platt, Platt Excavation  
Mark Green, Vice President of Business Development, North Coast Electric  
Ben Wheeler, Wheeler Homes  
Ryan Austin, Ryan Austin Designs  
Joe Behrman, M2 Integration

*(This information furnished by Mark A. Greene)*

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**ESTACADA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MEASURE 3-607**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

**CCC Board of Education Directors Support Estacada Schools**

As elected trustees of the Clackamas Community College Board of Education, we strongly support the Estacada School District's bond, Measure 3-607

This investment in education is an investment in the Estacada community and its future. Updated classrooms and facilities are essential for today's learning experience, and the opportunities for career technical training that will open -- much of it in partnership with Clackamas Community College -- are a proven pathway to success for students.

Clackamas Community College and Estacada School District have a long history of partnering to offer college credit to students at Estacada High School. These dual credit offerings in career/technical education and general education have saved Estacada residents thousands of dollars in tuition while providing the students with significant college credit while still in high school.

**We encourage a YES vote on Measure 3-607.**

**Wade Hawthorn**  
Vice Chair, Board of Directors  
Clackamas Community College

**Jane Reid**  
Board Member  
Clackamas Community College

**Rob Wheeler**  
Board Member  
Clackamas Community College

**Josephine Crenshaw**  
Board Member  
Clackamas Community College

*(This information furnished by Ryan Austin, Yes for Estacada)*

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## ESTACADA SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE 3-607

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

Dear Estacada Community,

This brief letter is about the upcoming school bond that will be on the ballot in May.

As members of the EHS Student Council, we would love a new high school and better sports facilities. Here are a few examples of how the new buildings and fields would help us:

- Our safety and well-being would be better with a new building and new playing fields -- we would be safer at school and we could play games on our fields even when it's raining. Updated sports facilities would enhance our athletic programs and we could train and compete at an even higher level;
- We would have AC and heat in our classrooms. A lot of the time, we're either freezing cold or too hot to concentrate on our learning;
- Our crusty library would be renovated and we would have a new building and classrooms where we'd be motivated to learn. It is truly harder to learn in dingy, old classrooms;
- Classrooms that leak would be fixed;
- Science classrooms would be modernized and we'd have access to additional technology and advanced studies that would give us a more competitive edge for future careers;
- We would be proud to show off our school when other students come to our school for sporting events. When we go to other, updated schools, we feel inferior to those students because of their nice schools and facilities;
- The holes in ceilings and the cold wind that come through vents would be fixed;
- And most importantly, we think students would be more enthusiastic about school with a new building.

We really do think a new high school and improved sports facilities would be very beneficial for our community.

Thanks!

Estacada High School Student Council Members

*(This information furnished by Andrew Riedel, Estacada High School Student Council)*

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## ESTACADA SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE 3-607

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

#### Let's Put Our Kids First

As residents of Estacada and people deeply invested in our community's well-being, we understand the importance of every penny and the significance of investing wisely in our shared future.

The Estacada School Bond puts our kids first, and that's where we should be investing. We all have to make hard choices when it comes to finances whether it is in our businesses or in our homes. We set priorities and make choices. We must prioritize investing in the next generation.

The Estacada School Bond should be our collective priority and is a wise investment. Investing in our kids now will pay off down the road: Our community's strength and success relies on our willingness to invest in its future.

Better schools build a better community.  
Better schools attract businesses and bring more jobs to our community.  
Better schools mean higher home values.

Please join me in voting YES on the Estacada School Bond for our kids and for our community.

Karmen Bresko  
John Bresko  
Jane Reid  
Loren Nibbe  
Connie Redmond  
Kolieha Bush  
Craig Randall  
Judy Beaudoin  
MaryAnn Bugni  
Taylor Gibson  
Gary Warkentin  
Dani Randall  
Rachel Addis  
Nicole McMerrick  
Eran Smith  
Helena Snyder

*(This information furnished by Jane Reid)*

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# Molalla River School District Measure 3-606

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE SCHOOL BOARD

## Bonds replacing Molalla River Middle School, improving safety, classrooms, education

**Question:** Shall district replace Molalla Middle School, improving school safety, learning spaces, removing hazards; issue \$77.46 million in bonds; audits required? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**Summary:** The Molalla River School District proposes bond to address deteriorating 70-year-old Middle School.

Current conditions:

- **Multiple School Closures** due to failing heating, plumbing systems
- **Health and Safety:** outdated fire safety, electrical, security systems, asbestos, poor air quality
- **Education Spaces:** Classrooms lack necessary space, technology, vocational education.

Bonds would finance capital costs to replace Middle School and facilities with a new school on current property, demolish existing Middle School, abate asbestos, hazardous material.

A New Molalla Middle School:

- **Safe, Secure Campus**
  - Secure campus perimeter, main entry
  - Security cameras and intercoms
  - Fire sprinkler and alarm systems
- **Efficient Building Systems**
  - High-efficiency HVAC with filtration
  - Modern electrical, plumbing systems
- **Expand Student Opportunities**
  - Career Technical/Vocational Classrooms
  - Technology improvements
  - Flexible Learning Spaces
  - Main Gym and Aux Gym with 3 courts

Citizen oversight committee, audits required

Bonds may be issued in multiple series, aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$77.46 million, each series maturing within 30 years from issuance. Estimated levy is \$1.55 per \$1,000 assessed property value. Actual levy rate may differ due to changes in interest rates and assessed value.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Molalla River School District serves approximately over 2500 students in 6 schools across Clackamas County.

### THE DISTRICT SEEKS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The school board seeks voter approval of a \$77.46 million general obligation bond to replace the **failing 70-year-old Molalla River Middle School** with a safe, secure facility with better opportunities for students.

### A COMMUNITY IDENTIFIED PRIORITY

In 2023, after the completion of a 106 page independent school facility evaluation, the district formed a bond committee made up of community volunteers that analyzed the needs of all of the district school buildings. The committee recommended a plan to the school board that narrowed the focus of the proposed bond to a single project of the highest need: replace the Middle

School. The proposal would demolish the old building and build a new building on the north side of the current Middle School property, and sports fields would be reconfigured on the site.

## WHAT IS THE CURRENT CONDITION OF THE MOLALLA RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL?

- **Multiple School Closures Due to Failing Building Systems:** On several occasions in the past several years the school has been forced to close due to failing heating, plumbing systems raining water into classrooms and hallways. In 2019, students attended school for a week in jackets due to no functioning heating system.
- **Health and Safety:** outdated fire safety, electrical, security systems, asbestos, poor air quality
- **Education Spaces:** Classrooms lack necessary space, technology and room for in-demand vocational education.

## WHAT WOULD A NEW MOLALLA RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL PROVIDE?

### A SAFE, SECURE SCHOOL

Ensuring the safety and security of students and staff is paramount.

- Secure campus perimeter, main entry
  - Security cameras and intercoms
  - Fire sprinkler and alarm systems
  - Improved accessibility for all to comply with ADA requirements
- These measures are designed to provide a secure learning environment.

### Efficient Building Systems

Efficient building systems not only provide an improved learning environment for students, they also realize significant cost savings for the district.

- High-efficiency HVAC with filtration to address the growing problem of fire smoke
- Modern electrical, plumbing systems

### Expand Student Opportunities

A new Middle School will support a wider range of learning opportunities.

- Career Technical/Vocational Classrooms
- Technology improvements
- Flexible Learning Spaces
- Main Gym and Aux Gym with 3 courts

## CITIZEN OVERSIGHT FOR BOND EXPENDITURES

The school board would appoint a long-term citizen oversight committee to ensure that all bond funds are used for the purposes approved by voters. Their role would include communicating project implementation to the public and overseeing spending.

## BOND FUNDS CAN ONLY BE USED FOR VOTER-APPROVED PROJECTS

Law requires bond funds be used for projects described in the ballot.

## FINANCIALS

Bonds may be issued in multiple series, aggregate principal

**NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS  
MEASURE WERE FILED**

## MOLALLA SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE 3-606

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

#### **Molalla River Teachers are Voting YES on 3-606!**

As dedicated educators at your local middle school, we go to work every day in this building and witness firsthand the conditions of our school and the impact on our students.

We are strongly urging you to vote for Measure 3-606.

By voting YES on Measure 3-606, you will contribute to our school district's ability to furnish secure and conducive learning environments, essential for top-notch education. Your support will ensure our schools continue to thrive.

#### **Measure 3-606 is Critical to Teaching and Learning**

Our commitment as educators revolves around preparing young minds for the future. This bond will provide the resources we need to ensure an excellent educational environment for our students. **Measure 3-606 expands opportunities for our students, giving them new spaces that focus on hands-on learning, technology, and Career Technical Education (CTE) programming.**

#### **Building a SAFER School**

These plans ensure that our facility provides our students with a safe and healthy learning environment. This funding will create all new and updated air ventilation systems, addressing aging infrastructure concerns, and installing automatic locking safety doors. Our students should not be learning in buildings that are old and in poor conditions.

Join us in voting **YES** on **Measure 3-606!**

#### **Endorsed by**

**Molalla River Education Association**

*(This information furnished by Sheryl McElfish, President of  
Molalla River Education Association)*

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## MOLALLA SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE 3-606

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

#### **LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS SUPPORT THE MOLALLA SCHOOL BOND**

**"An investment in knowledge pays the best  
interest."**

**- Benjamin Franklin**

**As elected officials of all levels, we are coming  
together to strongly support the Molalla River  
School District bond and are urging you to join us  
in supporting this vital measure for our kids.**

Better schools help build a stronger community and give our kids more opportunities to succeed.

By voting **YES on Measure 3-606 for a new Molalla River Middle School**, we will help our school district provide the safe and healthy environments kids need for a high-quality education.

#### **A Better School District = A Better Molalla**

A great school district builds a great community. It attracts new residents and retains existing ones. It is a key selling point for our business community.

Measure 3-606 would allow the district \$77.46 million in general obligation bond funding for the replacement of the failing 73-year-old Molalla River Middle School, improving the safety and security, energy efficiencies, electrical and plumbing issues, and much, much more.

The bond expands opportunities for our students, giving them new spaces that focus on hands-on learning, CTE & STEAM early on that can carry-on through-out high school.

Join us! Show your support for the Molalla River Middle School rebuild by voting **YES on Measure 3-606.**

Endorsed by:

Oregon State Representative James Hieb  
Clackamas County Commissioner Mark Shull  
Clackamas County Commissioner Martha Shrader  
Clackamas Community College Board of Education  
(including Wade Hathhorn, Irene Konev, Jane Reid,  
Rob Wheeler, Jo Crenshaw and Aaron Woods)  
Molalla School Board (including Chair Linda Estkridge,  
Vice Chair Amy McNiel, Rob Cummings)

*(This information furnished by Kattie Riggs)*

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## MOLALLA SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE 3-606

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

#### Vote YES for a NEW Molalla Middle School!

As high school students at Molalla High School, we went through the middle school seeing every day why the investment in a new middle school is needed. We were the ones who had to go to school with our coats on in the freezing winter when there was no heat and had to go outside to port-a-potties to use the restroom. How unsafe and bad does it need to get before the community comes together to rebuild our middle school.

#### HEALTH, SAFETY, AND SECURITY

We deserve to feel safe and healthy in our classrooms, something this bond will allow us to do. Measure 3-606 funds the investment for rebuilding the middle school with new ventilation systems and seismic infrastructure upgrades. It will also add interior locking doors and entry access controls to make sure only people who should be in our school have access to them.

#### TECHNOLOGY

Good, updated technology is more important than ever for students like us. This bond would fund new up-to-date technology that is currently lacking in our middle school. It also expands career and technical/vocational education spaces.

While our time in the Molalla River School District is coming to an end, these investments will help support our families, neighbors, and friends for many years to come. They will build a stronger future for the community we love. We all need our community's adults to stand up for our future.

Take it from students who are in the schools every day: The time to invest is now!

**Students ask you to Vote YES on Measure 3-606!**

#### Endorsed by:

- Peyton Riggs
- Jennifer Hernandez
- Emma Reiman
- Ava May Hugo
- Nicholas Sano
- Kylie Pearce
- Colton Graf
- John Hayes
- Jaden West
- Jackson Blomquist

*(This information furnished by Isiah Lopez)*

## MOLALLA SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE 3-606

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

#### Molalla Proud - We Can Do This! Vote YES on Measure 3-606!

Sending children to Molalla River Middle School is heartbreaking. While we cherish Molalla and its schools and the education they provide, we believe we can do better.

#### Current Conditions Are NOT Okay

The stories our children share about their daily struggles are difficult to bear: wearing coats indoors due to lack of heat, using port-a-potties, dodging leaky ceilings, and decaying modular buildings. The lack of non-functional windows pose serious challenges, especially in emergencies -how would students escape without functioning windows?

And then there is the increasing reality of wildfire smoke and air quality. Our teachers shouldn't have to choose between 100-degree classrooms and breathable air.

The 70-year-old building systems are failing and failing our kids! Did you know that school was closed for several days this past winter? Boiling water poured from the ceiling due to failing parts in the heating system dating back to 1948.

#### When is enough, enough?

It is not 1954 anymore, and it's time to acknowledge that a 70-year-old school is outdated and incapable of meeting modern needs. Rebuilding the middle school, ensuring space for future expansion, is a more fiscally-responsible approach than patching up a deteriorating structure. Let's stop postponing the inevitable and stand up for our children's future. They deserve better learning environments.

Together, let's rebuild Molalla River Middle School for our community and our children's sake!

Join parents across the district and VOTE YES on Measure 3-606:

- Kattie Riggs
- Sarah McArthur
- James "Jimmy" Lanahan
- Lauree Nelzen
- Melia Hayes
- Molalla Mat Club
- Leonard "Leo" Sano
- Jamie Welle
- Megan Pearce
- Mitche Graf

Follow our campaign on Facebook!  
<https://www.facebook.com/yesformolallakids>

*(This information furnished by Sarah McArthur, YES for Molalla Kids!)*

## MOLALLA SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE 3-606

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

#### **MOLALLA'S BUSINESS LEADERS SUPPORT MEASURE 3-606**

#### **AN INVESTMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY'S SCHOOLS IS AN INVESTMENT IN OUR CURRENT AND FUTURE ECONOMY**

**Molalla and our surrounding communities enjoy a prosperous, robust economy.** Clackamas County continues to be one of the highest growing business areas, which attracts and demands highly-trained workers. Molalla's economy is increasing every year and has the potential for much more, as it is a hidden gem. The companies conducting business in Molalla and the many more to come are looking for locations with the all-around package of a healthy community to offer their thriving business. One of the key components of a health community is education and schools. If the community backs it's schools and keeps them well-funded with the ability to maintain new buildings, providing generations to come multiple educational opportunities, the economy will follow suit. Molalla can offer a desirable climate for entrepreneurs to not only start a company, but also raise a family.

**A YES vote on Measure 3-606 is a vote for the future of Molalla's Economy.** Excellent public schools are necessary for building and retaining a quality workforce, supporting existing businesses and attracting new ones to our city, and preparing the next generation of students for a rapidly-changing economy. There are urgent health and safety concerns with the current middle school, not to mention the lack of learning spaces and opportunities. Bring the career and technical education training back into Molalla. Start it at the middle school level with new spaces and opportunities for kids to explore their options, get excited, and learn some life-long skills that will take them right into the workforce.

This investment will bolster our local real estate values, and provide thousands of hours of work for local construction companies, manufacturers, local architecture firms and the unionized labor these industries employ.

**As business owners, leaders, entrepreneurs, and workers across the Molalla area, we are asking you to please vote YES on Measure 3-606!**

*(This information furnished by Pamela Lucht, Molalla Chamber of Commerce Member and Business Owner)*

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## MOLALLA SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE 3-606

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

#### **We're Retired and We Support Measure 3-606!**

As retired community members, we worry about our budgets, and know many fellow seniors live on a fixed income.

**But we also know a good investment when we see it.** We care deeply about the education of our children in the community and know that strong schools are critical for the strength and vitality of Molalla.

**Measure 3-606 is a good and reasonable investment** that will ensure our community's middle school will last for many years to come, and provide our students with a safe and healthy learning environment.

The school district has worked very hard to keep this a functioning school but the time has come to say goodbye.

A new Molalla River Middle School will give generations of Molalla kids opportunities. Opportunities that we argue is our responsibility to give them. One generation to the next.

Our community is a great place to live and raise a family. With our community continuing to evolve and all the elementary schools feeding into the middle school, the rebuilding of the middle school will provide the added spaces needed.

**This bond measure will help maintain the investment we have already made in our Molalla River School District, and increase the value of our homes.**

The District is **well-managed and responsible** with our tax dollars. Plus, we can count on them to provide accountability and transparency with the investments they make through regular reporting and audits. We trust the Molalla River School District to get this bond done on time and within budget.

**Invest in our Community: Vote YES on Measure 3-606 for a stronger Molalla River Middle School!**

### Endorsed by:

- **Gene and Doris Lais**
- **Ellen Hannan**
- **Sherrie and Brice Young**
- **Don and Julie Riggs**
- **Carol Maloy**
- **Jolene May**
- **Beverly Spilseth**
- **Mike Clark, Former Molalla Mayor and Retired Molalla River Middle School Teacher**

*(This information furnished by Sherrie Young)*

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# MOLALLA SCHOOL DISTRICT MEASURE 3-606

## ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

For a SAFER, HEALTHIER School, Vote YES on Measure 3-606

When it comes to school safety, the headlines across the nation are all too frequent and similar. It's an unfortunate fact that in today's world, our schools must be ready to respond to any manner of threat.

It is critical that we ensure our middle school is safe and healthy. **Measure 3-606** will help make that happen in the Molalla River School District.

**Right now, our Molalla River Middle School building leaves our kids vulnerable, as well as the adults who look after them.**

### Safety and Security:

- We need to know who is in our buildings or on school grounds. For example, Molalla Middle School has 7 or more unlocked doors that can be accessed by the public at any time throughout the day. There are 5 classrooms outside the main building with only exterior doors that directly access outside.
- Staff must be able to quickly respond to emergency situations. In emergencies the ability to respond quickly literally saves lives. This bond measure helps us do that - fund new emergency communications and fire safety systems that help keep students and staff safe in the case of imminent danger.

### Healthy Schools:

- Classroom temperatures vary widely, HVAC and air handling systems are aging, inefficient and in some cases nonexistent. Updated systems will also make sure our schools are safe and a place of refuge for our community in future heat and smoke events.

Students and parents count on schools as places for learning, connection and nourishment for the mind and body. It is critical that we ensure our schools are safe and healthy.

**The Molalla River Middle School Bond will keep our kids, and adults who care for them, safe & healthy. Please join us in voting yes.**

[YesForMolallaKids.com](http://YesForMolallaKids.com)

Endorsed by

Randy Dalton, Principal of Molalla River Middle School

Mary Hannan, Molalla River Middle School Teacher

Andrea Watson

Patricia Koos

*(This information furnished by Roxie Smith)*



### WHAT IF I DID NOT RECEIVE A BALLOT?

If you do not receive a ballot by May 9, 2024 call Clackamas County Elections at 503-655-8510.

### WHAT IF I NEED ASSISTANCE VOTING?

Voters with disabilities, or those needing assistance voting in a language other than English, may contact our office for voter assistance or interpretation services. Call Clackamas County Elections for further instructions at 503-655-8510. You may also email us at [elections@clackamas.us](mailto:elections@clackamas.us).

### WHAT IF I MAKE A MISTAKE ON MY BALLOT?

You may simply cross out your mistake, write "not this," and circle the intended choice.

### WHAT IF I CHANGE MY MIND AFTER I HAVE RETURNED MY BALLOT?

As soon as you deposit your ballot in a mailbox or at an official ballot drop site, your ballot has been cast. A new ballot cannot be issued.

### DOES MY BALLOT HAVE TO BE RETURNED BY MAIL?

No. You may return your ballot by mail or drop it off at any official ballot drop site in the state.

### DO I NEED A STAMP TO MAIL MY BALLOT ENVELOPE?

No, stamps are **NOT** required to mail your ballot back to Clackamas County Elections.

### WHEN MUST MY BALLOT BE RETURNED?

If you send your ballot through the US Mail, it must be postmarked by Election Day, Tuesday, **May 21, 2024**. No stamp required! Or, you can drop off your ballot at any official ballot drop box in Oregon by **8 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, May 21, 2024**.

### WHERE IS MY SECRECY SLEEVE?

The ballot packet no longer contains an optional secrecy sleeve. That is because you do not need one. Ballot packets have been redesigned to protect privacy, save costs, and improve efficiency. New larger 6-by-9-inch official ballot return envelopes include your signature line along with information on ways to return your ballot. A privacy secrecy weave has been embedded directly into your ballot return envelope. When your ballot is placed into the envelope, the privacy weave prevents anyone from seeing how you voted. This change has been approved by the Secretary of State and the U.S. Postal Service. It reflects best practices of Vote-by-Mail and financial institutions to protect your information.

### WHAT ARE THE ELECTIONS DIVISION'S HOURS OF OPERATION ON ELECTION DAY?

On Election Day, Clackamas County Elections will open at 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

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# Portland Public School District Measure 26-246

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Levy Renewal to Maintain Teachers and Classroom Support Staff

**Question:** Shall district maintain teachers, classroom support staff; renew levy of \$1.99 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years beginning 2025? This measure renews current local option taxes.

**Summary:** Portland Public Schools' local option levy was approved by voters in 2019 to provide funding for schools over five years. The renewed levy will provide an estimated \$101.5 million in the first year and is projected to fund approximately 660 teachers and classroom support staff annually over five years.

This renewed local option levy would fund teaching and other positions to:

- Support a well-rounded education, including career and technical programs and enrichments and electives, so students graduate with the skills they need to be career or college ready.
- Provide classroom supports, such as educational assistants and reading specialists for students struggling with academic or mental/behavioral health issues.
- Help maintain class sizes and prevent significant increases across the district.

Levy rate remains \$1.99 per \$1,000 assessed property value, the same as the 2019 levy.

Funds will be placed in a separate account; independent community oversight will review expenditures to verify funds are used as approved by voters. No levy funds will be spent for administration. District is subject to annual independent financial and performance audits.

The levy will raise an estimated \$101.5 million in 2025-2026; \$103.0 million in 2026-2027; \$106.0 million in 2027-2028; \$109.3 million in 2028-2029; and \$112.5 million in 2029-30.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Portland Public Schools currently serves over 44,000 students in 81 schools and other programs throughout the neighborhoods of Portland.

PPS's graduation rate of 84.5% remains above the statewide average and has risen 26 percentage points since 2010.

In serving the students of Portland, the district continuously strives to be fiscally responsible with taxpayer resources. Through many years of volatile budgets and the pandemic, school district leaders have worked to preserve classroom education and class sizes. At the same time, PPS has advocated for a greater level of state investment by the Legislature and worked to ensure that dollars are spent well and focused on the classroom. PPS is subject to regular independent financial and performance audits to monitor effective use of taxpayer resources.

Continued investments are needed in our schools to continue to build career and technical programs, prevent class-size increases, and better support struggling students, especially coming out of the pandemic.

If renewed, the levy is estimated to produce \$101.5 million for Portland Public Schools in school year 2025-2026. The proposed levy renewal:

### Funds teachers at every school in the District

- The funds help support a well-rounded education, with

enrichments for elementary and middle school grades, and electives in varied interest areas for high school students.

- The funds help support career, technical, science, technology, engineering, and math programs, including computer science education, so students can graduate with the skills necessary to be career or college ready.
- The funds provide academic supports, such as reading specialists for students working to recover from learning loss.
- The levy is projected to fund teaching positions / classroom supports at every school in the district, approximately 660 positions annually over five years—nearly one-fifth of all teaching positions in the district.

### Allows funding for other classroom support positions

- The levy revenue could also fund other classroom support positions across the District, such as educational assistants, reading specialists, and special education certified personnel to help identify and support students with mental or behavioral health issues, academic issues, or other needs.

### Continues to provide fiscal accountability and independent oversight

- This local option requires independent community oversight so that tax dollars are used only for purposes approved by local voters.
- Funds will be placed in a separate account to ensure their correct use and accurate reporting.
- No funds from this local option levy will be used for district administration.

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

- This local option levy replaces the one passed by voters in 2019 and maintains the existing tax rate.
- For a home at the current average assessed value of \$275,706, the levy cost is \$45.72 per month, or \$548.65 per year.

Submitted by Dr. Sandy Husk  
Interim Superintendent, Portland Public Schools

**NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR/OPPOSITION TO THIS  
MEASURE WERE FILED**

# Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue Measure 34-332

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE DISTRICT

## LOCAL OPTION LEVY FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

**Question:** Shall TVF&R levy \$0.69 per \$1,000 assessed value for five years, beginning Fiscal Year 2025-2026? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**Summary:** Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue is seeking a levy for \$0.69 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Levies must be approved by voters and are limited to a maximum duration of five years. For a property assessed at \$305,000, the average in TVF&R's service area, the levy would cost approximately \$17.54 a month.

If the levy does not pass, funding for at least 92 of 450 firefighters and paramedics would be lost and staffing reductions would be required.

If passed, levy funds will:

- Retain existing first responders and add 36 more.
- Improve service levels as emergency incidents are projected to increase over the next five years.
- Ensure prompt response times and reliability when multiple emergencies happen at the same time.
- Purchase a specialized medical equipment such as cardiac monitors and defibrillators as well as critical firefighting tools including thermal imagers that aid in search and rescue and breathing apparatus worn by firefighters in burning buildings.
- Purchase vehicles used to fight wildfires, shuttle water, and transport patients.
- Add personnel who train and equip first responders.

An estimate of the revenue raised for each year of the proposed levy is:

FY 2025-2026:	\$54,032,329
FY 2026-2027:	\$56,354,401
FY 2027-2028:	\$58,776,263
FY 2028-2029:	\$61,302,205
FY 2029-2030:	\$63,936,696

The estimated tax cost for this measure is an ESTIMATE ONLY based on the best information available from the county assessors at the time of estimate and may reflect the impact of early payment discounts, compression, and the collection rate.

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R) provides fire suppression, emergency medical care, technical rescue, water rescue, hazardous material response, fire prevention, and risk reduction services to the cities of Beaverton, Durham, King City, Newberg, North Plains, Rivergrove, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin, West Linn, and Wilsonville, as well as unincorporated portions of Washington, Clackamas, Yamhill, and Multnomah counties.

### What is the history behind this proposal?

TVF&R has had operating levies in place since 2000 to supplement its permanent tax rate which was frozen in 1997 due to Ballot Measure 50. Levies have primarily funded first responders. State law requires voter approval of levies, which are limited to a maximum duration of five years

### What does this measure call for?

This measure proposes a five-year operating levy with a rate of \$0.69 per \$1,000 of assessed value. If the levy passes, collections would begin in July 2025.

### What would the levy pay for?

If the levy passes, TVF&R will retain 92 existing levy-funded firefighters and paramedics, hire 36 more, and add support personnel who train and equip first responders to provide reliable service amidst rising emergency incidents and wildfire risk. Proceeds will also be used to purchase specialized medical equipment such as cardiac monitors and defibrillators, critical firefighting tools, including thermal images that aid in search and rescue and self-contained breathing apparatus worn by firefighters in burning buildings, and vehicles used to fight wildfires, shuttle water, and transport patients.

### How much will the levy cost?

For a property assessed at \$305,000, about the average in TVF&R's service area, the cost of the levy would be approximately \$210 per year or \$17.54 per month.

### What happens if the levy does not pass?

If the levy does not pass, reductions in staffing and operations will be required, which may impact response times and reliability.

### What has TVF&R done with the levy funds voters approved in 2019?

- Hired or retained 92 levy-funded firefighters and paramedics
- Acquired fire hose, breathing apparatus, heart monitors, and medical kits

### Will property tax bills increase if this measure is approved?

Yes, this measure may cause property taxes to increase by more than three percent. TVF&R intends to maintain the same levy rate for 10 years.

### If passed, when would this levy first be collected?

The levy will appear on the November 2025 property tax statement.

### What will the total tax rate for TVF&R be if the levy passes?

The total tax rate for TVF&R would be \$2.3527 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

\$1.5252/\$1,000	Permanent rate
<b>\$0.69/\$1,000</b>	<b>Levy being voted on</b>
\$0.1337/\$1,000	Bonded debt

**NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS  
MEASURE WERE FILED**

**TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE  
MEASURE 34-332**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

**The Day that I Died**

I have always been athletic, which comes in handy when I'm chasing my four kids or working full time at Nike. September 24, 2023, started out as a normal day. Since I was training for a half marathon, I decided to squeeze in a run while my kids were at soccer.

I really don't remember what came next, but an observant couple driving by saw me on the ground. My heart had stopped, and they started giving me CPR. At the same time, an off-duty TVF&R firefighter named Kristian was notified via the Pulse Point Responder app.

Kristian is among 400 TVF&R employees who have signed up to respond to cardiac arrests with an AED when they're not at work. Kristian was able to continue CPR and help bring me back to life along with AMR paramedics and Station 51 firefighters.

Before that fateful day, I didn't know that I have a rare condition where my heart is oriented backwards. It wasn't a matter of "if" but "when" my heart would malfunction. Because of the quick 911 activation, the CPR I received after I collapsed, life support from emergency responders, and the skill of hospital clinicians, I have made a full recovery and am savoring every second I have with my family and friends.

I'm glad to know that saving lives is not just a job for TVF&R responders, but a way of life. I will vote yes for this levy because I want everyone to have the best odds of survival.

**From the bottom of my backwards heart: Amy Vollman, Tigard Resident**

*(This information furnished by Amy Vollman)*

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**TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE  
MEASURE 34-332**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

***Law Enforcement Officers Support Having Enough Firefighters and Paramedics to Provide Vital Care to the People We are All Sworn to Serve***

We routinely work alongside the firefighters and paramedics of Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue. Whether it's on an emergency call or during a home visit, they conduct themselves with professionalism and compassion.

It's important to have enough emergency responders to perform all the critical work at the scene of emergencies, whether it be a car crash, severe medical problem, or structure fire. This levy pays from more than 20% of these firefighters and paramedics.

TVF&R offers a valuable and efficient service to our communities. They use your investments wisely and care deeply about safety. We feel confident they will continue to be good stewards and public servants if you approve Measure 34-332.

In service,

Aaron Oberst, Beaverton Police Association President  
Caprice Massey, Washington County Sheriff  
Ben Wiley, Clackamas County Peace Officers' Association President  
Nicholas Nunn, Tigard Police Officers' Association

*(This information furnished by Aaron Oberst, Beaverton Police Association)*

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**TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE  
MEASURE 34-332**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

**Your Investment in TVF&R is Used Wisely**

We are taxpayers who have been appointed to oversee TVF&R's annual budget process. We are acutely aware that our input can impact your property tax bill, and we understand that you want the cost of service to be as value-driven as possible.

We also understand that when something bad happens to you or your family, you want TVF&R's firefighters and paramedics to respond quickly.

As budget committee members, our job is to balance these competing interests. We must also keep a keen eye on the fire district's accounting and budget priorities.

We feel TVF&R uses your tax dollars wisely. We also feel they have the proper financial controls in place and adhere to the strictest fiscal practices, including rigorous annual audits. TVF&R has a Aaa rating which is the highest credit rating possible. Because of their size, they're also able to achieve cost savings through economies of scale and reduced administrative overhead.

Our opinion of Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue's financial practices is shared by the Government Financial Officers Association who has awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to TVF&R every year for the past three decades.

**TVF&R Budget Committee**

Angie Fong  
Michael Smith  
Paul Leavy  
Michael Mudrow  
Roy Rogers

*(This information furnished by Angie Fong, TVF&R Budget Committee)*

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**TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE  
MEASURE 34-332**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

**Firefighters and Paramedics Support Measure 34-332**

**Every day, our members feel proud and grateful to serve you. We're willing to risk our lives to save yours.**

Thanks to the support of our community, we have had the resources to provide compassionate and professional emergency response when someone calls us for help, which happens at least 160 times on a normal day.

Over the past five years, we have experienced a significant increase in emergency incidents. This levy will fund existing responders at every fire station and will add 36 firefighters and paramedics throughout our service area so that when multiple calls occur at the same time -or there are complex incidents- we will be able to arrive quickly and mobilize an effective number of responders to administer life support, perform rescues, minimize fire loss, and solve problems.

We do not take your support for granted. There are a lot of things we do to ensure we're prepared to answer a call for help:

- We train hard.
- We act with integrity.
- We exercise kindness.
- We work as a team.
- We diligently care for our publicly-funded vehicles, stations, and equipment.

We are equally committed to using education and other prevention strategies to reduce the frequency and severity of avoidable emergencies.

As you read this, we are poised and ready to respond when you need us.

In service,

Rocky Hanes, President  
Tualatin Valley Firefighters  
IAFF Local 1660

*(This information furnished by Rocky Hanes, IAFF Local 1660)*

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## TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE MEASURE 34-332

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

On a cold and dark November night in 2020, I was working a graveyard shift by myself at a Tigard group home. As I stepped out to retrieve an item from my car, I tripped over a curb. I fell fast and hard on the concrete breaking both bones in my left leg, as well as dislocating my hip and right shoulder. The pain was intense, and I was unable to move.

Unfortunately, I did not have my cell phone when I fell. I yelled for help. Since it was late, and I was not near a neighborhood, my cries went unanswered for nearly an hour. I began to panic and lose hope as my body stiffened in the frigid air.

Eventually, my cries were heard by someone blocks away who called 911. A Tigard police officer swept the area until he found me. I was hypothermic when firefighters from TVF&R arrived. I will never forget the face of a firefighter named Maya as she comforted and prepared me for the trip to the hospital. I finally felt safe after fearing I may not survive the night.

I am an independent and strong person who never expected to be in such a vulnerable situation. But I am so grateful for the stranger who took action, the police officer who searched for me, the firefighters who stabilized me, and the emergency department staff who put me back together.

**I am supporting this levy to be sure that our emergency response system remains strong. We never know when we might need help: Lynn Kriner, Tualatin Resident**

*(This information furnished by Lynn Kriner)*

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## TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE MEASURE 34-332

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

We are local residents elected by you to oversee Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue. Combined, we have 91 years of service. We are committed to quality public safety.

### We referred this levy to the ballot because:

1. We know through decades of research that your **top priority for TVF&R** is to provide fast and effective emergency response. Levy funds are used for frontline positions, as well as people who maintain our fleet, train our responders, investigate fires, and ensure supplies and equipment get to our fire stations. If passed, this measure will maintain staffing and add three dozen more responders to ensure reliability for our growing community.

2. Life threatening emergencies (such as cardiac events, strokes, high-speed crashes, rescues and serious falls) **require many hands to perform essential tasks**, including CPR, defibrillation, extraction, airway management, stabilization, and medication administration.

3. **Having a sufficient number of firefighters is critical** for meeting the federal safety mandate of "two in, two out" meaning a first-arriving crew of four firefighters can immediately send two into a burning building to make a rescue with two ready to intervene if something goes wrong.

4. We feel that **TVF&R has a solid track record of keeping promises**. Since voters first approved an operating levy in 2000, TVF&R has fulfilled commitments made to you, our investors.

5. We believe **this levy is a good value**. For \$17.54 per month, we will have an adequate number of responders to send the right resources to the right call at the right time. It will also provide funding for firefighting tools, medical equipment, and vehicles used for wildfire response and transporting patients.

6. If passed, we do **not** expect TVF&R to increase the levy rate for the ten years.

### Please join us in supporting this measure.

Justin Dillingham, Board President  
Robert Wyffels, Vice President  
Clark Balfour, Secretary/Treasurer  
Gordon Hovies, Board Member  
Randy Lauer, Board Member

This information furnished by:  
Justin Dillingham

*(This information furnished by Justin Dillingham, TVF&R Board of Directors)*

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**TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE  
MEASURE 34-332**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

Home Building Association of Greater Portland  
Strongly Supports Measure 34-332

The Home Building Association of Greater Portland (HBA) is a trade association representing the residential building and remodeling industries in the metropolitan Portland area. HBA represents thousands of businesses and individuals in the homebuilding industry who work hard to address our biggest issues by creating the housing, infrastructure, and jobs that make our region livable and economically vibrant.

**We fully support Measure 34-332 because it helps fund the firefighters and emergency services that work to protect the valuable community assets that our members create.**

HBA members build homes with safety in mind -- a value we support by providing the education so they know and can apply modernized building and fire codes. We appreciate the work done by fire agencies like TVF&R to prevent structural fires from happening and in their review building plans to ensure that firefighters can access homes and identify water supplies if a fire does happen.

We also know that a robust homebuilding environment is critical to reversing the decades-long housing affordability crisis facing our region. Over the next decade, Washington County will be a key strategic area for the industry as we anticipate dozens of new neighborhoods and thousands of new homes to be built in cities across King City, Beaverton, Tigard, Sherwood, and Wilsonville. We know that a strong TVF&R is essential to ensuring these communities are created in the short-term and can safely thrive well into the future.

For these reasons, we support TVF&R and the proposed operating levy which will continue to ensure its ongoing success.

*(This information furnished by Preston Korst, Home Building Association of Greater Portland)*

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**TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE  
MEASURE 34-332**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

As 911 dispatchers, we understand how seconds can impact outcomes. We take calls from those who are in crisis, have no one else to turn to, and are often having their worst day. For TVF&R's service area (which includes portions of Washington, Clackamas, Yamhill, and Multnomah counties), we dispatch the closest fire engine, truck, or other resource to emergencies knowing that responders will show up quickly and act without hesitation. We understand that stable funding has afforded us this confidence.

Many of these emergencies are often happening simultaneously. Having enough firefighters and paramedics allows us to send crews to multiple emergencies, which is crucial in managing these crises. Wildfires, severe weather, and other major events can push our system to its limits. Also, as demographics shift and populations grow, so too do the demands on our emergency services. By anticipating these changes and responding appropriately, we can adapt to these challenges and maintain the high standard of care our residents deserve.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue has a well-earned reputation for their professionalism, and the caring service they provide the communities they serve. But they are also known throughout the region as having progressive and efficient approach to emergency response. Always looking for opportunities to evolve and adapt, to effectively use their resources, and to make best use of the public's investments.

**As emergency dispatchers, we are dedicated to the safety and welfare of our communities, which is why we support this measure. When we get your call, we count on having the help you need.**

Washington County Dispatchers Association

*(This information furnished by Katie Fischer, Washington County Dispatchers Association)*

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**TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE  
MEASURE 34-332**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

Some people reading this may not know who we are. The Tualatin Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association (TVVFA) is a group whose members provide dedicated service to the community as volunteers with Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R), including people who have served our communities for decades. Many of our members also have full-time jobs and are involved in other civic activities.

Our members serve in one of three volunteer categories at TVF&R: Auxiliary Volunteer, Incident Support Volunteer, or Volunteer Firefighter. Auxiliary Volunteers provide administrative support and maintain antique apparatus. Incident Support Volunteers respond to emergency scenes to provide rehabilitation, monitor firefighters' vital signs and refill air tanks. Volunteer Firefighters provide additional resources during major events and incidents in conjunction with professional firefighters.

The fire service has a rich history of volunteerism, and volunteers have been serving the communities covered by TVF&R for over 130 years. In the past, volunteer firefighters were the primary responders for emergencies. However, as our region has evolved from small farming towns to bustling cities with frequent emergencies, professional firefighters are needed at fire stations 24/7 to ensure the fast response our community needs and deserves.

Whether a TVF&R volunteer or career member, we share the same values.

We are helpers.  
We want to leave things better than we found them.  
We care about the health and safety of our community.

This levy ensures our community has the professional responders and resources we need to continue to provide quality care.

Please join TVVFA in supporting Measure 34-332.

And we're always welcoming new volunteers if you're seeking a fun and fulfilling way to serve your community!

Tualatin Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association  
www.tvvfa.org

*(This information furnished by Michael Marshall, Tualatin Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association)*

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**TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE  
MEASURE 34-332**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

**Westside Economic Alliance Endorses TVF&R's Levy to Fund Essential Emergency Services**

WEA promotes and encourages a vibrant business environment in our region by supporting the creation and growth of economic opportunities, investments in a well-trained and well-paid workforce, and strategies for healthy and sustainable communities.

An element of a healthy community includes dependable and proficient fire and emergency medical services. TVF&R's firefighters, paramedics, elected leaders, and support staff have worked diligently on their mission to save lives, protect property, educate families, plan for disasters, and care for people when they are vulnerable or experience calamity.

WEA acknowledges that our community is growing, our population is aging, our wildfire risk is rising, and our emergency incidents are increasing.

This levy maintains reliable emergency response and will fund more responders, more prevention, and more resources for fighting fires and providing critical medical care.

We hope voters agree.

Elizabeth Mazzara Myers, WEA Executive Director

*(This information furnished by Elizabeth Mazzara Myers, Westside Economic Alliance (WEA))*

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**TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE  
MEASURE 34-332**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

What do our cities have in common? We are all served by Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue

**As mayors, we have high expectations of our fire chief, firefighters, paramedics, and support personnel. When our residents have an emergency, we want them to receive a speedy response by caring professionals who take decisive action.**

We also appreciate the creative ways TVF&R tries to make our communities safer, like having a crowd-sourcing app for CPR, working with law enforcement to carry lifesaving defibrillators, teaching landlords how to prevent fires in apartment communities, and promoting wildfire prevention.

**Measure 34-332 pays for boots on the ground.** The levy pays for at least 92 firefighters and paramedic positions working in all our communities and will add more to keep up with rising demands.

**Measure 34-332 helps pay for equipment that firefighters use every day** on fires, medical calls, car crashes, and other emergencies.

Please join us in voting "YES" on Measure 34-332.

Wilsonville Mayor Julie Fitzgerald  
Tigard Mayor Heidi Lueb  
Beaverton Mayor Lacey Beaty

*(This information furnished by Lacey Beaty, Mayor of Beaverton)*

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**TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE  
MEASURE 34-332**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

This past year, our infant daughter had an allergic reaction to sesame seeds. She was struggling to breathe, and we became fearful of her worsening condition when we dialed 911.

When firefighters arrived, they began aggressive treatment to stabilize our daughter. We felt so relieved.

A few days after the scary event, the same firefighters came to our home to check on us. They showed our young son, who had witnessed his baby sister's ordeal, the fire engine. Later, we visited the fire station as a family.

While we feel these firefighters are our own personal helpers, we know they provide the same caring touch to other people every day, which is why we will be supporting their levy.

Sincerely,  
Marci Bifone

*(This information furnished by Marci Bifone)*

*The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.*

## TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE MEASURE 34-332

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

Hello, my name is Mike Trotter. I was on patrol as a sheriff's deputy in April of 2022 when I was struck by a drunk driver going nearly 100 mph.

I sustained severe life-threatening injuries. Firefighters were there immediately, freeing me from my badly damaged patrol car and providing life-saving medical care until they got me to a hospital.

The firefighters and paramedics at TVF&R have always stood out to me because of their combination of professionalism, knowledge, and abilities. They also bring a level of compassion and humanity to their work that most people don't get the opportunity to see.

The public expects a certain level of service from us as first responders...as they should. Because our population and number of emergencies continues to rise, we need more resources to provide quality service and meet demands. We need to be strategic to keep ahead of the curve.

If funding for firefighters and paramedics is lost, I feel it will be detrimental to our community. In my case, fewer medically trained responders treating my injuries on the worst night of my life could have meant I wouldn't be here today working toward my goal of returning to active duty.

*(This information furnished by Mike Trotter)*

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## TUALATIN VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE MEASURE 34-332

### ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:

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**URGES A \*YES\* VOTE ON MEASURE 34-332**  
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Our public services can't be taken for granted. As our communities grow, demand for public services increases and we have to keep up. Measure 34-332 is a replacement levy for an expiring 5-year levy, with a slight increase to improve service levels and plan for expected increases in demand over the next 10 years.

Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue has ably managed our resources in the past and this measure will help to:

- Add 36 needed firefighter and paramedic positions,
- Purchase specialized emergency medical equipment as well as tools to help keep our firefighters safe,
- Modernize our local fleet of fire vehicles, and
- Provide for increased training opportunities.

### ----- **WHY HAVING THE RIGHT STATE TREASURER MATTERS:** -----

Measure 34-332 reasonably asks residents of TVF&R to help finance firefighting and safety efforts for their local communities. **But did you know that TVF&R residents were almost on the hook to subsidize fire protection for multi-billion-dollar timber operators?**

On January 3, the *Oregon Capital Chronicle* posted a story that Senator Elizabeth Steiner (who is running for State Treasurer on this ballot) was seeking to impose a surcharge on every property owner in Oregon to finance \$20,000,000 worth of subsidies to companies like Weyerhaeuser or Georgia-Pacific, multi-billion-dollar operations who would ordinarily be paying those costs themselves! This would have effectively socialized their liabilities, but kept their profits private.

Thankfully, Senator Elizabeth Steiner scrubbed that portion of her proposal after the *Capital Chronicle* revealed that some of her timber company campaign contributors helped write the bill.

**We need a State Treasurer who isn't a part of the Salem echo-chamber. We need a State Treasurer who does things a little differently, and a little more fairly.**

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**VOTE YES ON MEASURE 34-332,  
THEN VOTE JEFF GUDMAN FOR STATE  
TREASURER**  
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See sources: [jeffgudman.com/timber](http://jeffgudman.com/timber)

*(This information furnished by Zachary Bayer)*

*The above information has not been verified for accuracy by the county.*

## Metro Measure 26-244

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE METRO COUNCIL

### **Bonds to protect animal health; provide conservation, education; increase sustainability**

**Question:** Shall Zoo protect animal health; save water, energy; provide conservation, youth education; issue bonds estimated not to increase 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:** This measure authorizes \$380 million in general

obligation bonds for the Oregon Zoo to:

- Protect animal health and well-being by updating aging exhibits with more natural, modern habitats, including but not limited to penguins, sea otters, giraffes.
- Improve facilities to enhance educational opportunities for children and other zoo visitors to learn about animals and habitat conservation.
- Conserve water and energy in zoo operations and updated infrastructure.
- Improve facilities supporting the zoo's conservation work protecting and restoring threatened/endangered species in the Northwest and beyond.
- Increase accessibility for visitors of all abilities, including improved paths and exhibits.
- Improve protection from heat and extreme weather for animals, visitors.
- Improve facilities to prepare for animal care in a natural disaster or emergency.

This measure is estimated not to increase current bond tax rates, due to scheduled debt service reductions. Bonds may be issued in multiple series and mature in no more than 30 years. The estimated average rate is 8.5 cents/\$1,000 assessed value.

Requires annual financial audits, and annual reports to Metro Council by community oversight committee.

### **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

**Measure 26-244 would continue funding for the Oregon Zoo to replace outdated animal habitats, improve educational exhibits, conserve water and energy, and make the zoo more accessible for people of all ages and abilities.**

Nearly 1.3 million people visited the zoo in 2023, including more than 400,000 schoolchildren. The zoo is a hub for science, conservation, education and animal well-being, delivering the highest quality of care to roughly 1,200 animals.

In 65 years at Washington Park, the zoo has needed to upgrade habitats and facilities to keep up with high standards for animals and visitors. These upgrades have depended on public support.

Voters approved a zoo bond in 2008, funding habitat overhauls for elephants, primates, and polar bears, the veterinary medical center, and the education center - about 40 percent of the campus. These investments helped make the zoo one of two zoos worldwide with 50 years of accreditation by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

However, there is more to do. The 2008 bond citizen oversight committee's final report noted the bond's projects were "completed on schedule and within budget," but also recognized more "habitats in need of improvements, aged buildings in need of replacement, and infrastructure in need of upgrading."

#### **Priorities**

Measure 26-244 would continue funding to address these identified needs, including some of the zoo's oldest existing habitats, facilities and infrastructure.

Measure 26-244 proposes these investment priorities:

- Protect animal health and well-being by updating aging animal areas with more natural, modern habitats, including but not limited to penguins, sea otters and giraffes.
- Improve facilities to enhance educational opportunities for children and other visitors to learn about animals and habitat conservation.
- Conserve water and energy in operations and updated infrastructure.
- Improve facilities supporting the zoo's conservation work protecting and restoring threatened and endangered species in the Northwest and beyond.
- Increase accessibility for visitors of all abilities, including improved paths and exhibits.
- Improve protection from heat and extreme weather for animals and visitors.
- Improve facilities to prepare for animal care in a natural disaster or emergency.

#### **No estimated increase in current tax rates**

Measure 26-244 is not estimated to increase current bond tax rates, as debt service on previous bonds is completed. The measure authorizes \$380 million in general obligation bonds. The average estimated tax rate is 8.5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value, roughly \$1.95 monthly for a property with assessed value of \$275,000. Bonds may be issued in multiple series and mature in 30 years or less.

#### **Investment timeline**

Measure 26-244 prioritizes the most significant needs from the long-range Oregon Zoo campus plan, identified by zoo staff, community members and animal health experts. Investments are expected to be complete in ten to fifteen years. If the measure passes, zoo staff will present a detailed bond implementation plan to Metro Council in fall 2024.

#### **Accountability**

A community oversight committee will monitor bond spending and issue annual reports to the public and Metro Council. Measure 26-244 requires annual financial audits of revenue and spending.

Learn more: <http://oregonzoo.org/bond>

Submitted by:

Carrie MacLaren, Metro Attorney

**METRO  
MEASURE 26-244**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

**Vote Yes on Measure 26-244  
A Better Zoo for Animals and You!**

We are proud of our Oregon Zoo as the place we gather to celebrate and care for animals, open the natural world to children, and help protect endangered species in the Pacific Northwest and around the world.

But parts of the zoo are aging. Some exhibits were built more than 50 years ago, making it difficult to maintain the high standards of animal care the Oregon Zoo is nationally known for.

**Voting YES for the Oregon Zoo Bond is critically important for ensuring the well-being of animals, strengthening conservation and education, and improving the visitor experience - all without increasing the tax rate we are paying today!**

**Your YES vote will support:**

- **Renovating outdated habitats** with larger, more natural environments to keep the animals healthy and thriving.
- **Investments in sustainable systems** to improve heating, cooling, electrical systems, and fresh water for pools for animal health and responsible stewardship of resources.
- **Protecting animals and visitors** from heat, extreme weather and natural disasters.
- Improving facilities to **enhance educational opportunities for children and visitors of all ages** to learn about animals, habitat conservation and nature in a way that just isn't possible through videos or books.
- Improve facilities that support the zoo's conservation work to **protect and restore threatened and endangered species** in the Northwest and beyond.
- **Conserving water and energy** in zoo operations to help combat climate change.
- **Accountability and transparency** with inclusion of citizen oversight committee.

**Your YES vote will support all this and more --  
while keeping within the current tax rate!**

**PLEASE VOTE YES ON 26-244**

Yes for the Oregon Zoo

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**METRO  
MEASURE 26-244**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

**ZOO VETERINARIANS URGE YOUR SUPPORT OF  
MEASURE 26-244  
FOR ANIMAL HEALTH & WELL BEING**

As zoo veterinary professionals, we treat thousands of animals, representing hundreds of species, many of them threatened or endangered in the wild. It's a responsibility we don't take lightly. Our patients deserve the best care possible - and we know firsthand the positive impact that our community's support can have for them.

The 2008 zoo bond measure allowed for replacement of the former veterinary hospital - crumbling, outdated and deficient - with a new state-of-the-art facility supporting the best in modern care. The improvements made possible by that bond were transformative for the veterinary hospital and life-changing for some of the species in the Oregon Zoo's care.

But great care doesn't just start when a patient arrives at the hospital; animals need healthy environments to thrive and live their best lives. Many habitats and structures remain in dire need of attention. Some date back to the 1950's when animal areas were less naturalistic and typically featured a lot of concrete which was easy to clean but not designed with animals' needs or natural behaviors in mind. And they are certainly not equipped to withstand today's extreme weather events or a natural disaster.

We've seen the difference community support like yours can make. Measure 26-244 will provide much needed funding to update these areas, among many others, and provide modern facilities better suited for the animals in our care now, and in the future.

**Please renew your commitment to animal health & well-being!  
Vote YES on Measure 26-244.**

Carlos R. Sanchez DVM MSc  
Director of Animal Health

Heather Brittingham, CVT, MA, VTS  
Lead Veterinary Technician

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**METRO  
MEASURE 26-244**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

**Local Treasure. Global Impact.**

The Oregon Zoo is an amazing resource for its community. But you may not know that your support has a global impact.

As former US Ambassadors who have served for decades in Africa and Southeast Asia, we appreciate the Oregon Zoo's work in animal care, wildlife conservation and species recovery. In each country we served, we observed first-hand the devastating threats to animals in the wild. We applaud the steps the Oregon Zoo is taking to address those challenges.

Because of habitat loss, the once thriving elephant population in Borneo has shrunk to under 1,500. The Oregon Zoo supports local wildlife officials to rescue and care for orphaned elephants displaced by human-elephant conflict who cannot be returned to the wild, providing needed milk powder and medicine.

We have personally observed the tragic extinction of rhinos while serving in Malaysia and Cameroon. In Africa, illegal wildlife trade has wiped out 96% of the world's black rhino population, at a rate of over one a day. The birth of Tamu at the Oregon Zoo is an important part of a national Species Survival Plan (SSP) to breed genetically diverse populations for the long-term future of these animals.

The zoo also participates in the SSP for Madagascar lemurs, West African and Central African chimpanzees, and Borneo orangutans--all threatened by deforestation. Providing homes and care for these critically endangered species is not just a necessity to prevent extinction; it is a vital educational tool. By exposing millions of visitors to the wonder of wildlife as well as to the many threats these keystone species face in the wild from human behavior, the Oregon Zoo is creating the next generation of conservationists.

Please vote Yes to support the Oregon Zoo so that it can continue the important work.

Steven Browning, Uganda, Malawi  
Harriet Isom, Benin, Cameroon  
Niels Marquardt, Madagascar, Cameroon  
John Yates, Benin, Cameroon  
Mary Carlin Yates, Ghana, Burundi  
Joseph Yun, Malaysia

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**METRO  
MEASURE 26-244**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

**Help Save the Sea Otter!**

One of the missions of the Oregon Zoo is the preservation and restoration of endangered species.

The Elakha Alliance is a nonprofit organization focused on restoring a viable population of sea otters to the Oregon Coast. The Oregon Zoo has been a critical partner in supporting this mission -- raising awareness of the cultural connections between sea otters and Oregon's indigenous peoples, while highlighting the ecological and economic benefits that can be realized from their reintroduction.

Sea otters have been missing from the Oregon Coast for over 100 years as a result of the marine fur trade in the 18th and 19th centuries. They are a keystone species with a profound effect on the near-shore habitat and species. In their absence, Oregon's marine ecosystem has suffered, becoming ecologically less robust.

The public no longer has an opportunity to experience these incredible creatures in the wild; something that the Elakha Alliance and partners like the Oregon Zoo hope to change for the future. The Zoo has a unique ability to provide in-person opportunities to connect with this critical species and programming to educate thousands of visitors about conservation and how we can help wildlife.

Unfortunately, the sea otter habitat is one of the campus' older areas. It has infrastructure issues, including an aging life-support system, that need to be addressed in order to provide spaces for rescued orphans and foster moms to recuperate.

Measure 26-244 will provide renovations that will improve sea otters' safety and welfare; it will allow for updating educational displays so visitors can learn more about this Oregon native species and their conservation; and provide better accessibility for a more inclusive visitor experience.

Sea otters are just one of the species that will benefit from these improvements, with residents of the Marine Life, Penguins, Africa, and more also receiving much needed improvements.

**Please VOTE Yes on Measure 26-244**

Jane Bacchieri,  
Executive Director,  
Elakha Alliance

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**METRO  
MEASURE 26-244**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

A message from The Association of Zoos and  
Aquariums

**Support 50 years of recognized excellence  
Vote YES for Oregon Zoo.**

The Oregon Zoo is something special.

This year marks 50 years of continuous accreditation from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), the world’s premiere zoological accrediting body. The Oregon Zoo is one of only two zoos worldwide to achieve that recognition of excellence worldwide!

As President and CEO of the AZA, former director of the US Fish and Wildlife service, and lifelong conservationist, I can say that the great pride your community takes in your zoo is well-earned. AZA is the global gold standard and earning our accreditation requires a meticulous onsite inspection of all aspects of a Zoo’s operations: animal care and training; safety; educational programs; conservation efforts; veterinary programs; species survival plans and much more are evaluated.

Thanks to your support, the Oregon Zoo doesn’t just keep pace, it’s a leader helping set the pace for ever-rising standards worldwide.

But excellence in animal care and education takes constant work, and the Oregon Zoo is no exception. Our most recent inspection identified areas needing attention including outdated habitats like the Penguinarium and indoor giraffe area. With your support, this Zoo bond will meet these issues head-on and continue your zoo’s devotion to the highest standards.

I’ve been privileged to visit zoos all across the globe, and you have something very special in Oregon.

During the Oregon Zoo Education Center opening--made possible by community support of the 2008 bond--I saw school children at the Nature Exploration Station and held a tiny Northwestern Pond Turtle that would be released later that year to help save its species from extinction.

**Your renewal of support will ensure the Oregon Zoo continues its legacy of excellence, being among the world’s very best.**

I encourage you to **VOTE YES for Measure 26-244.**

Dan Ashe  
President and CEO  
Association of Zoos and Aquariums

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**METRO  
MEASURE 26-244**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

**Another Reason to Vote YES for Oregon Zoo:**

**A Better Economy!**

The Oregon Zoo is a fun and enriching experience for local families, seniors, and students. But there is another reason to support our zoo: its role as a **significant part of our local economy.**

The Oregon Zoo attracts 1.3 million visitors annually, many from outside our area, boosting economic activity in the region.

Zoo visitors support local businesses, hotels, restaurants, and the tourism industry as a whole, boosting the local economy in the short-term and benefiting the long-term prosperity of our community as a whole.

**The economic impact of the Oregon Zoo is undeniable**, in FY2023 zoo-related activities were estimated to generate \$63 million in direct spending and \$110 million in total output, supporting 700+ living wage jobs and \$54 million in labor income resulting in \$5 million in tax revenues.

The economic impact of a thriving zoo extends well beyond its gates, creating jobs, revenue for businesses, and a positive ripple effect throughout the community. It contributes to the cultural vibrancy of our city, serving as a hub, bringing people together, and fostering a sense of community pride.

The Oregon Zoo is a reflection of our community, but in popular areas such as the Penguinarium, PNW Marine Life, and parts of Africa it is clear that the zoo has aging infrastructure in need of attention; some with outdated facilities from the 1950’s.

The 20 year campus plan builds on successes from the community supported 2008 bond projects, prioritizing renovations and improvements to enhance animals’ welfare and the zoo’s appeal, ensuring a positive experience for all.

I urge you to **renew your support and vote YES on Measure 26-244.**

Your yes vote is a sound investment in our community, our economy, our culture, and our city, and **it does that without increasing taxes.**

Yang Yang  
Tourism Advocate and Resident of Portland, Oregon

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**METRO  
MEASURE 26-244**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

**VOTE YES TO ACCOUNTABILITY AND  
TRANSPARENCY!**

**The chairs of the 2008 Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee urge you to vote YES for Oregon Zoo Bond Measure 26-244.**

Sixteen years ago, the community entrusted the Oregon Zoo with \$125 million to fund habitat and infrastructure upgrades that prioritized **animal welfare, conservation education, and resource conservation**. Almost 40% of the zoo's campus was transformed through those efforts.

Part of the bond measure established the Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee to ensure the public's money was well spent and that the project honored Metro voters' values. Community members from a variety of professions with expertise in animal welfare, sustainability, budgeting, finance, planning, social equity, education, construction, and more participated on the committee, providing independent review of the zoo's stewardship of bond resources, standing in for the public to guarantee project accountability.

**The committee's final report stated the 2008 bond funds were spent wisely, all projects were completed on schedule and within budget, and the program successfully delivered on voter expectations.**

The report also noted that work remains to be done--habitats are in need of improvements, buildings are in need of replacement, and infrastructure is in need of upgrading--across the remaining 60% of the zoo grounds.

We encourage you to review the final report and see for yourself what was accomplished:  
[bit.ly/OversightReport](http://bit.ly/OversightReport)

**Voting YES for Measure 26-244 renews your commitment to our zoo**, the animals in its care, education programs, and species conservation efforts--**without raising taxes**--and **continues the requirement of a citizen's oversight process** for accountability and transparency.

**The Oregon Zoo has proven that they can be trusted** and we, former chairs of the 2008 Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee, support Measure 26-244 and hope you will, too.

Susan G. Hartnett,  
Bill Kabeiseman,  
Deidra Krys-Rusoff,  
and Ruth G. Shelly

**For the animals, for the community, for you.  
Vote YES for the Oregon Zoo!**

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**METRO  
MEASURE 26-244**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

**The Oregon Zoo Volunteers Advise a YES Vote on Measure 26-244**

Oregon Zoo volunteers play an important role in supporting the zoo's success by engaging with guests, communicating conservation messages, and supporting the evolving needs of the zoo.

We see first-hand the expertise, dedication, and resources that go into making the best home for the animals in the zoo's care. We are witnesses to children and adults learning about conservation and species recovery, and we see the magic that happens when a guest watches a sea otter crack open a clam on a rock, just as they would do in the wild.

Being on zoo grounds each day, we also see first-hand the needs of the zoo, including the need to expand accessibility, improve sustainability in energy and water use, and the need to always provide the highest quality of care and enrichment for the animals. We also see the exhibits that are in significant need of upgrades, some of which are almost 50 years old.

Our zoo relies on community support to make these improvements, to be the best zoo for animals and guests, to make the world a better place for humans and animals alike, and to come together for wildlife.

**We urge you to vote yes on Measure 26-244** to support the zoo in saving species, providing homes and second chances for rescued wildlife, and bringing the community together for generations to come.

**Oregon Zoo Volunteers:**

- Sean Scott, 1 Year
- Nancy Emery, 4 Years
- TaMara Glavan, 11 Years
- Dana Clark-Scott, 13 Years
- Christina Crawford, 14 Years
- Karen McCandless-Buck, 16 Years
- Kathy Street, 16 Years
- Barbara Wegner, 19 Years
- Roger Williams, 20 Years
- Scott Blackburn, 20 Years
- Deanna Blackburn, 21 Years
- Dave Berkley, 22 Years
- Jennie McKee, 25 Years
- Sandy Sampeer, 27 Years
- Mary Epler, 29 Years
- Rex Wheeler, 34 Years
- Cathy Ann Thomas, 38 Years
- Judy Post, 38 Years

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**METRO  
MEASURE 26-244**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

**Oregon Zoo Foundation Board Members Urge a YES Vote on Measure 26-244**

As community members, we share a deep commitment to the Oregon Zoo and its mission of providing the highest quality animal care, conservation and education and we urge your support of Measure 26-244.

Since the passage of the community supported 2008 Oregon Zoo Bond, our zoo has earned national recognition for its state-of-the-art Veterinary Medical Center, Education Center, and its spacious, naturalistic, more environmentally sustainable habitats for elephants, polar bears, primates and condors. The 2008 bond funded projects that transformed a full 40% of the zoo grounds -- projects that were all completed on time and on budget.

But there are significant areas that remain in need of updating. Measure 26-244 would fund critical habitat upgrades across the remaining campus. It would fund improved water and energy management and enhance accessibility for people of all ages and abilities -- all without increasing today's tax rate.

Our zoo relies on the community's support to continue being a source of pride across our region.

Please help the Oregon Zoo continue its essential role in caring for wildlife and the natural world, while educating current and future generations on our collective role in sustaining it.

**Join us in voting YES on Measure 26-244. Together for Wildlife!**

**Oregon Zoo Foundation Board Members:**

- Charissa Anderson, Treasurer
- Melanie Billings-Yun, Vice-Chair
- Melissa Bobadilla
- Laurie Christensen
- Tracey A. Clark
- Kregg Hansen
- Nina Harrington
- Susan Hartnett
- Lance Inouye
- Josef Kiesenhofer
- Niels Marquardt
- Kim Overhage, Chair
- Ron Petersen
- Sharla Settlemier
- Randy Tesar
- Becky Tymchuk
- Nancy Visenberg
- Doug Wade
- Barbara Wegner, Secretary
- Chelsea Williams
- Yang Yang
- Gina Zejdlik

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**METRO  
MEASURE 26-244**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

**CLACKAMAS COUNTY PARENTS SUPPORT MEASURE 26-244**

The Oregon Zoo has been an integral part of almost every Oregon family experience for over 135 years.

More than just a destination for laughter, learning and fun, it's a place where memories are made, generations bond, and children grow up. From first visits as babies, to summer camp as kids, to first dates and special events as parents, the Oregon Zoo is a safe space and a trusted resource for all; a place where the community comes together.

At every stage of life, the Oregon Zoo has something to offer; it's a place for putting down our devices, discovering the wonders of wildlife, and finding our sense of place in the world.

**As parents and residents of Clackamas County, we support Measure 26-244 and urge you to vote yes.**

*"Our family deeply appreciates the valuable global perspective that visiting the zoo provides. Its education and conservation programs are truly excellent, and it's also the ideal place to get the wiggles out while seeing some amazing animals!"*

-Chelsie Kinney and Todd Tschida

*"The Oregon Zoo is a special place for our family. From ZooLights to summer events, there is something exciting to experience all year long. Seeing animals for the first time, meeting friends for playdates, and visiting the red pandas are special highlights where our child has made enduring memories."*

-David and Misha Isaak

*"The Oregon Zoo is one of our family's favorite places to spend time together. The interactive exhibits, train rides, and annual trips to Zoo Lights are just a few of the reasons why we love the zoo."*

-Trevor and Melinda Jones

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**METRO  
MEASURE 26-244**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

**A Senior Perspective on Measure 26-244**

As longtime community members from Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties, we wanted to share our thoughts on why seniors love the Oregon Zoo, and why we are enthusiastically voting Yes on Measure 26-244.

**Our zoo is well-loved and well-used.** Time and again we have gone to the zoo: as young people, as parents, with grandchildren and friends. It is incredibly rewarding every time, providing experiences that connect us closer together with each other and with the natural world.

**Our zoo needs this critical investment.** Funding from Measure 26-244 will go to maintaining high standards of animal care, update aging exhibits, improve safety and accessibility, and expand educational opportunities for people of all ages.

**Our zoo is a community legacy.** We can be proud of our zoo; it is one of the only zoos in the world with 50 years of unbroken accreditation by the internationally respected Association of Zoos and Aquariums. That means it follows the highest standards of animal care. Our zoo - and the values behind it - are a legacy that was passed down to us. Measure 26-244 means we can continue to pass that legacy on.

**It's a sound and responsible investment.** We are careful with our money, and so is the zoo. It has been an excellent steward of the public's support, delivering on its promises with transparency and citizen oversight. **And Measure 26-244 will not increase the taxes we are paying today.** In fact, it is projected to come in at a lower rate than the last Zoo bond. Life teaches you the value of maintaining your property. It's no different with the property we all own in common.

**Please join us in voting YES on the Zoo Bond!**

Mark and Ellen Masterson, Multnomah County residents

Janet Putnam and Mike Klain, Clackamas County resident

Kym Amador, Washington County resident

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**METRO  
MEASURE 26-244**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

**Conservation Partners say YES for Oregon Zoo**

The Oregon Zoo plays a crucial role in conservation efforts, in Oregon, in the Pacific Northwest, and around the world.

**The zoo has answered the call,** working side by side with conservation partners to save species on the brink of extinction, contributing time, talent, and resources to restore habitats, recover species, and contribute conservation science that could not otherwise be accomplished.

Their dedication spans the entire spectrum: from contributing vital scientific research on polar bears to partners in the arctic to raising tiny caterpillars to save native butterfly populations, to inspiring community action through the Cascades Pika Watch program, or educating about responsible pet ownership and making better consumer choices for deforestation free palm oil products. And so much more!

By using their unique platform to amplify our work, the Oregon Zoo encourages their community to get outside and connect with the natural world to discover the critical role species place in our ecosystems, and how everyday actions - big and small - can make an impact on wildlife.

A visit to the Oregon Zoo is just the beginning; their work extends far beyond the gates.

By supporting Measure 26-244, you're showing your commitment to much more than just one institution. **Your YES vote supports conservation partners all across the globe** and is a tremendous opportunity to build capacity and connect a much wider community to our work.

**Vote YES on Measure 26-244.**

Marc Ancranaz, Founder, HUTAN.org, Malaysia  
Amy Cutting, VP of Conservation, Polar Bears International

Amanda Greenvoss, former Program Manager for Cascades Pika Watch

Charlie Plybon, Surfrider Foundation

Kyle Smith, The Nature Conservancy of Oregon

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**METRO  
MEASURE 26-244**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

**Empower Learning, Preserve Wildlife: Vote YES On Oregon Zoo Bond!**

Hundreds of thousands of children visit the zoo or participate in the zoo’s educational programming each year. But the zoo isn’t just a place for children to learn; teens, college students, adults, and seniors also participate in educational opportunities through local partnerships and outreach.

**A Place Where Education Meets The Natural World**

We’ve seen first-hand the zoo’s commitment to education, conservation, and animal welfare. It’s a living classroom, where community members of all ages and backgrounds learn through field trips, hands-on experiences, and immersive programming.

**A Zoo For Everyone**

The zoo is a unique educational center that serves a wide variety of learners. For children it’s a place where they can develop connections to the natural world and nurture a sense of responsibility for wildlife. For older visitors, interactive exhibits reveal animal behaviors and crucial conservation efforts. For aspiring veterinarians, technicians, scientists, and biologists, it’s a place where classroom knowledge comes to life.

Measure 26-244 will fund investments that will help the zoo remain an open classroom, accessible to all. Voting yes shows your commitment to the community so the zoo can remain an educational resource for everyone.

**A Legacy To Be Proud Of**

Your support is about more than just bricks and mortar: it’s also about building a community dedicated to learning, moving animal welfare standards forward, and preserving wildlife and habitats for generations of learners.

**Vote YES for Measure 26-244  
a Future where Learning and Wildlife Flourish Together!**

NAYA Family Center

TaMara Glavan, Elementary School Associate Principal  
Oregon Zoo Teen Program Alumni

Meggie Feutrier, Title One Elementary School Teacher, Multnomah County

Juan Pablo Nenitez, University Student, Mechanical Engineering  
Oregon Zoo Animal Presenter Program Alumni 2019-2023

Dr. Elin Crockett, Wildlife Veterinarian  
Graduate of Oregon Zoo Veterinary Preceptorship Program

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**METRO  
MEASURE 26-244**

**ARGUMENT IN FAVOR:**

**URGES A \*YES\* VOTE ON THE METRO ZOO BOND**

The Oregon Zoo is a great place to visit. It also plays an important role in species and habitat conservation work all over the world! From working by hand to repopulate condors, to using cutting-edge spectroscopy to research marine predation trends, what we see when we visit the Oregon Zoo is only a small part of the globally-renowned work our Zoo staff does.

Measure 26-244 builds on the success of the 2008 Zoo bond, with no estimated increase in current tax rates. The measure will help replace aging infrastructure, improve educational programs and animal habitats, and help staff continue their amazing conservation efforts.

**WHY HAVING THE RIGHT STATE TREASURER MATTERS:**

**A State Treasurer with the right priorities can also help address climate change and preserve the natural habitats and biodiversity that are at risk!**

**Jeff Gudman** is the ONLY candidate for State Treasurer who has pledged not to take money from fossil fuel donors.

As State Treasurer, Jeff Gudman will:

- Create a coalition of other like-minded institutional investors to combine our proxy voting powers and push aggressively to ensure that our holdings are meaningfully and prudently planning to move past fossil fuel reliance -- and act on those plans!
- Daylight the financial risks of climate change by including a climate risk factor statement in the State’s bond issuances. Bond buyers are already factoring these concerns into pricing; it’s time we acknowledged the costs.
- Examine the possible use of Oregon’s trust lands with regard to leveraging climate-friendly opportunities. For example, selling carbon credits for forestlands, or constructing solar arrays in rangelands (which would still be able to be utilized as rangeland).

**We need a State Treasurer who’s not beholden to fossil fuel interests. We need a State Treasurer who is ready to get serious about climate change!**

**VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-244,  
THEN VOTE JEFF GUDMAN FOR STATE  
TREASURER**

Sources: jeffgudman.com/climate

*(This information furnished by Zachary Bayer)*

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**METRO  
MEASURE 26-244**

**ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:**

**\$380,000,000.00 “Whatever” Zoo Bond**

**What do you call a prison for wild animals? A Zoo**

- Confining wild animals in small enclosures and cages, so that people can walk by and gawk at them is unnatural. Elephants can travel 25 miles a day in the wild.
- With our access to the internet, movies, videos, etc., we can see wild animals in their wild natural settings.
- The day of wild life circuses and zoos is ebbing. The Zoo's \$8.5 million annual budget comes from property taxes, tickets and other sources. This \$380 million “Whatever” (tax free muni-bond) does not define, what the funds will be used for and could cost us \$525 million over the next 30 years.
- Hand feed- zoo animals lose their survival skills, especially Those born in captivity.
- We need to rethink the future use of Zoo's 640 acre compound. It could be a OSU extension school in food science, where our young citizen learn hands-on about the food they eat, it could be include 4-H, Nature Conservancy, Oregon Humane Societies, a place where animal organizations could work together.
- The Zoo has 1,600 animal inmates, who's only crime is they are “wild”. **What do you think?**  
Macdonald, J.F.

*(This information furnished by J.F. Macdonald)*

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**METRO  
MEASURE 26-244**

**ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:**

**METRO sits on \$1 billion surplus**

**Portland sits on \$170 million surplus**

**Yet, they both want \$380 million more from you!**

Metro, which runs the Zoo, has an estimated \$1 billion surplus from their recent tax as explained by OPB;

“Portland metro area's homeless tax could bring in nearly \$1 billion in unexpected revenue by 2029”  
--- OPB 10/26/23

Portland has an estimated \$170 million surplus from their recent energy tax as explained by The Oregonian;

“The fund's authors estimated it would raise about \$30 million a year ... Since then, the revenue has grown exponentially every year...The tax is now expected to raise more than \$200 million annually.” Oregonian 2/29/24

There you go.

Metro has a \$1 billion surplus.

Portland has a \$170 million surplus.

If both Metro and Portland are swimming in nearly **\$1.2 billion surplus**, why are they asking voters to approve a **\$380 million property tax increase** to fund Zoo construction projects?

Metro regional government can afford to be wasteful because there are effectively only two similar regional Metro governments in the entire United States. Thousands of cities are able to fund their local area Zoos without a third layer government Metro government bureaucracy driving up the cost.

Stop punishing taxpayers with tax hikes when politicians are sitting on surplus tax revenue.

Taxpayers Association of Oregon urges  
No on 26-244

*The Taxpayers Association of Oregon has protected you from higher taxes and government waste for 25 years. follow us at [OregonWatchdog.com](http://OregonWatchdog.com).*

*(This information furnished by Jason Williams, Executive Director of Taxpayers Association of Oregon)*

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## METRO MEASURE 26-244

### ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:

Taxpayers Association of Oregon urges  
No on 26-244

**The Zoo has been extremely wasteful and now wants you -- the taxpayers -- to reward their mismanagement with a huge tax hike.**

Voters last approved a Zoo bond in 2008. A lot has changed since then. Metro has run the Zoo into the ground, and they want you -- the taxpayers -- to bail them out.

- **Zoo wants higher taxes to pay for 19% fewer visitors** (since 2008). (1)
- **Zoo chases away families by recklessly raising prices 160%** (since 2008).
- **Zoo raises both prices and taxes while providing less service.** In 2008, the Zoo had a summer concert series with 16 national and international acts. The Zoo has "eliminated concerts" according to Metro's latest budget. (2)
- **Zoo is doing less even though we give them more money.** 2008 Zoo bond funds were used to build two big new exhibits (Serengeti, Red Ape Reserve). The current Zoo bond merely "updates" three already existing exhibits.
- **Zoo is cutting service even though we give more money.** In 2008, the Zoo Train ran a 40 minute loop through Washington Park for only \$4 a ride. Today, the trip is only 5 minutes long and costs \$5 a ride. In 2019, Metro's President announced that the Zoo Train's original route would not be restored and it would be replaced by a trail. The trail was never built.

Stop rewarding wasteful spending with tax hikes.

Stop rewarding Zoo mismanagement with tax hikes.

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Sources: (1) 1.6 million visitors in 2008. Today, it's 1.3 million. (2) Metro Budget, FY 2023-24. (3) the penguin, sea otter, and giraffe exhibits.

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## METRO MEASURE 26-244

### ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:

Signs that Metro & Portland may have an addiction problem

... an addiction to taxes.

Portland isn't just addicted to meth ... they're addicted to taxes.

Here are 8 signs of addiction:

Addiction Sign #1 = "Addicts always need one more hit": Portland voters have suffered 10 major local tax increases since 2018. There are 3 more local taxes on the ballot right now.

Addiction Sign #2 = "Addicts lack any moderation". Portland is rated the second highest tax place in America (KOIN 2/17/23). There's no moderation, just extreme taxes.

Addition Sign #3 = "Addicts chase away friends". Portland area lost 14,000 taxpayers in 2022.

Addiction Sign #4 = "Addicts can't hold a job". High taxes kill jobs. Oregon Business reported "Portland Office Vacancies Reach Historic Highs" (10/9/23). The vacancy rate hit 30%.

Addiction Sign #5 = "Addicts never stop at one drug". We have local taxes that seldom exist anywhere else in America like ... the Portland Arts Tax, Portland's Clean Energy Surcharge, Multnomah Income Tax for preschool, METRO's 1% income tax for homeless, and METRO's (\$652 million) property tax for private housing programs.

Addiction Sign #6 = "Addicts use more for a smaller high". We keep getting higher taxes but we somehow end up with fewer police, fewer new roads, fewer school days and more pot holes, more graffiti, more crime and more homeless.

Addiction Sign #7 = "Addicts can't be trusted". Think of the politicians broken promises.

Addiction Sign #8 = "Addicts seek a higher high". The next tax to hit you in 2025 is tolling. If you want to stop tolling, please sign petition (IP#4) which gives voters the right to vote on tolling projects in their neighborhood at [OregonWatchdog.com/petition](http://OregonWatchdog.com/petition).

*The Taxpayers Association of Oregon has protected you from higher taxes and government waste for 25 years. follow us at [OregonWatchdog.com](http://OregonWatchdog.com).*

*(This information furnished by Jason Williams, Taxpayers Association of Oregon)*

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**METRO  
MEASURE 26-244**

**ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:**

**Vote NO on 26-244**

This \$380 million bond is an expensive money grab by Metro after failing to address homelessness. It enriches zoo management and contractors, NOT animals. Special interests are spending over \$600,000 with a PAC to promote this giveaway.

The zoo has no clear spending plan for \$380 million. It is plainly NOT based on need. Misleadingly termed a bond renewal, it is over three times the previous \$125 million bond!

The previous bond was an expensive failure:

- A mere 1.5% of the money was spent on native wildlife.
- Over \$57 million was spent on "Elephant Lands" which enriched construction companies but has been devastating for elephants.
- Four elephants (Rama, Tusko, Packy and Lily) have died of avoidable causes since its opening nine years ago.
- Chendra has gone through an ill-advised pregnancy, aggressive tuberculosis and a tragic miscarriage - all entirely avoidable.
- All surviving elephants have foot diseases caused by zoo captivity.
- Medical records show fighting and bullying among the elephants resulting in injuries.
- In Defense of Animals rated Oregon Zoo among the ten worst zoos for elephants.

Learning about Chendra's sad plight a reputed elephant sanctuary, Elephant Refuge North America, made an all-expense paid offer to rehabilitate her. **The zoo rejected it!** Chendra is still languishing in poor health.

**Do not reward failure with more money!**

Oregon Zoo is a failing institution:

- Attendance has been on a downward trend for over a decade.
- Its expenses have been going up over the years, always well-exceeding revenues.
- Last year alone we bailed them out with \$25 million of our tax dollars.
- Homeowners and renters should not be forced to pay for the zoo's wastefulness!

Vote NO on 26-244

The Zoo **squandered** the last tax handout!  
**NO TO AN ADDITIONAL \$380 MILLION**

For details, visit [www.voteno2zoo.bond](http://www.voteno2zoo.bond)

Free the Oregon Zoo Elephants  
Gimme Shelter Portland  
In Defense of Animals  
Heart of Ganesh  
Animal Rights Collective Portland

*(This information furnished by Bala Seshasayee, Free the Oregon Zoo Elephants)*

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**METRO  
MEASURE 26-244**

**ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:**

**VOTE NO ON METRO'S ZOO BOND MEASURE  
26-244**

**\$380 MILLION ASK**

Metro is once again asking taxpayers to approve another zoo bond, this time for a shocking \$380 million. This is the just second of Metro's many planned cash grabs - the last zoo bond measure, for \$125 million, passed in 2008.

**WHO BENEFITS?**

Stakeholders are pouring hundreds of thousands of dollars promoting a yes vote on this latest measure, hoping for a \$380 million windfall to benefit zoo leadership, management, highly paid consultants, contractors and sub-contractors. Don't be fooled - this has nothing to do with animal welfare.

**STAGGERING LOSSES**

According to Metro's own records, zoo attendance was down 28% in 2023 from its 2018 high, while expenses are increasing. In the year 2023, the Oregon Zoo lost \$25 million or \$68,943 per day. Taxpayers are on the hook to subsidize this loss. If voters approve the latest bond, the daily subsidy will increase to \$108,000 per day.

**DECEPTIVE MARKETING**

In its attempt to sell voters on Measure 26-244, Metro is deliberately using vague, generalized terms to describe attractive sounding projects that they state will "update exhibits", "improve facilities", "conserve water and energy" and "increase accessibility". No goals, objectives, timelines or specific outcomes governing how the money will be spent are offered. In fact, as stated in the measure, a "plan" will not be presented to the Metro Council, for months after it passes.

**NO MORE \$\$\$ FOR METRO  
VOTE NO ON METRO'S ZOO BOND MEASURE  
26-244**

*(This information furnished by Barbara Spears)*

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## METRO MEASURE 26-244

### ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION:

#### METRO vs. TAXPAYERS

Once again, an insatiable Metro attacks not only the intelligence, but also the strained pocketbooks of beleaguered taxpayers by nonchalantly floating a massive \$380 million dollar bond that, yet again, promises to fix all the ongoing problems at the zoo. Forget that none of the animals want to be forced to live in tiny artificial environments, and focus instead on why it costs so much public money to maintain this place. With falling attendance from a disinterested public, Metro taxpayers have to bail out the zoo every year with massive infusions of cash.

The Oregon Zoo is an entertainment facility that generates an unconscionable and accelerating deficit of over \$25 million dollars per year. Metro then subsidizes that deficit to the tune of \$68,943 dollars per day. Yes, you read that right. \$68,943... per day. Every day. 365 days a year. And that deficit is growing at an accelerating rate. Add in the money Metro requests in this bond and the deficit balloons to more than \$108,000 per day. That's your money, by the way.

Most disturbingly, this bond is written with a flagrant disregard for specifics, and assumes you are stupid by proclaiming they're allowed to ponder and discuss what to do with the money until months after its passage. Given Metro's track record, do you trust them to invest your money in projects that promise we won't be called on yet again? You'd better think no as this measure is now titled Phase 2, implying Phase 3 is next, as is Phase 4, and 5, and 6, and on and on until taxpayers decide they no longer want to subsidize Metro's unsustainable debt. Do the animals a favor. Do yourself a favor:

**Vote NO on Metro's favorite money pit, the latest Zoo Bond, Measure 26-244**

*(This information furnished by Jon Gramstad)*

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# Voting Tips



## Elections Count!

Make sure your voice is heard by voting in Oregon's May 21, 2024 Primary Election.

## Make a plan to vote.

- **Do you know where you will receive your ballot?** Is your registration up-to-date?
- **When will you vote?** Ballots will be mailed to voters May 1 and are due Election Day, May 21, 2024 by 8 p.m.
- **How will you return your ballot?**
  - By Mail** - Must be postmarked by Election Day. No stamp required.
  - By Official Ballot Drop Box** - Must be deposited by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

## Don't forget to sign!

Your ballot cannot be counted if you don't sign the return envelope. Every signature is checked against the registration signature on file and the signature must match for the ballot to be verified and counted.

## Questions?

Contact Clackamas County  
Elections at 503-655-8510  
or [elections@clackamas.us](mailto:elections@clackamas.us)

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