



CLACKAMAS C O U N T Y

VOTERS' PAMPHLET NOVEMBER 5, 2019 SPECIAL ELECTION

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Important Information

- The deadline to register to vote is **October 15, 2019** to be eligible for a ballot for this election.
- All official drop sites in Clackamas County are available to the public 24 hours a day from October 16, 2019 until 8 pm on Election Day. (p. 31)
- Ballots must be received by 8:00 pm on Election Day, **November 5, 2019**



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Dear Clackamas County Voter:

This Voters' Pamphlet contains information designed to assist you in voting: ballot titles, explanatory statements, and arguments pertaining to local measures that appear on the November 5, 2019 Special Election ballot in Clackamas County.

You will not vote on everything that appears in this pamphlet, only those candidate races and measures that appear on the Official Ballot in your Vote-By-Mail packet. In order to vote on a certain measure, you must be an active registered voter of the jurisdiction placing the measure on the ballot. If you think something is missing from your ballot, contact our office.

Your voted ballot must be received at the Elections Office, 1710 Red Soils Court, Suite 100, in Oregon City or an official ballot drop site by 8:00 p.m. on election night in order to be counted. Remember, the postmark on a mailed ballot does NOT count.

Official ballot drop sites are listed on Page 31 of this pamphlet. All drop sites in Clackamas County are now available to the public 24 hours a day from October 16, 2019 until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Please check the list as some locations have changed.

Ballots will be delivered to households between Thursday, October 17 and Monday, October 21. Please contact us if you have not received a ballot by Wednesday, October 23.

If a ballot was delivered to your residence for someone who should no longer be receiving ballots at your address, please write "RETURN" on the envelope and place it back in your mailbox. If a ballot was sent to someone who has passed away, please write "DECEASED" on the envelope and place it back in your mailbox.

We will be conducting the Public Certification Test of our vote tally system on October 29, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Please contact our office if you would like to observe this process.

If you need assistance voting or have any questions about this particular election or the election process, please call the Elections Division at 503.655.8510.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sherry Hall".

Sherry Hall
Clackamas County Clerk

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

Your residence address determines those districts for which you may vote.

Your official ballot will contain the issues which apply to your residence.



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 in the order in which each type of argument was received at the County Elections Division.

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

Clackamas County Vector Control Measure 3-553

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE DISTRICT

RENEW FIVE-YEAR LOCAL OPTION TAX FOR VECTOR (MOSQUITO-FLY) CONTROL

Question: Shall Vector District renew levy \$0.025 per \$1,000.00 assessed value for preventing mosquito-borne diseases, mosquito-fly control, general operations, capital projects?

Summary: This measure authorizes the District to renew its levy of \$0.025 per \$1,000.00 assessed value outside its existing permanent rate each year for five years beginning 2020-2021 .

This levy will provide funding for finding and controlling the mosquitoes that cause mosquito-borne diseases, maintenance, general operations, and capital projects including:

* Funding for potential outbreak of mosquito-borne diseases

*Continued mosquito and fly control services throughout the County

Estimated tax would cost the owner of a home with an assessed value of \$300,000.00 about \$7.50 per year. Tax is subject to the local government rate limit of Section 11b, Article X1 of the Oregon Constitution.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$1,295,890.00 in 2020-2021, \$1,334,767.00 in 2021-2022, \$1,374,810.00 in 2022-2023, \$1,416,054.00 in 2023-2024, and \$1,458,536.00 in 2024-2025 for a total of \$6,880,057.00.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Clackamas County Vector Control District is responsible for the control of mosquitoes and flies in Clackamas County. District's programs help protect the health of people and animals by limiting the spread of mosquito-borne diseases such as Encephalitis, West Nile Virus and other mosquito-borne diseases.

Renew Five year local option Levy for Vector (Mosquito-Fly) Control

Shall Vector District levy \$0.025 per \$1,000.00 assessed value for preventing mosquito-borne diseases, mosquito control, general operations, and capital projects?

This measure authorizes the District to levy \$0.025 per \$1,000.00 assessed value outside its existing permanent rate each year for five years beginning 2020-2021. This is the same rate requested in 2004, 2009, and 2014.

This levy will provide funding for finding and controlling the mosquitoes that cause mosquito-borne diseases, maintenance, general operations, and capital projects including:

* Funding for potential outbreak of mosquito-borne diseases

*Continued mosquito control services throughout the County

Estimated tax would cost the owner of a home with an assessed value of \$300,000.00 about \$7.50 per year. Tax is subject to the local government rate limit of Section 11b, Article X1 of the Oregon Constitution.

This is not a permanent rate. This is only for five years and will expire in 2025.

Continued funding will maintain mosquito and fly control programs at their current levels. Details of District operations can be found at the District's website -FighttheBites.com

Submitted by:

Clackamas County Vector Control District
Joshua D. Jacobson, Executive Director

NO ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED

Clackamas County Vector Control Measure 3-553

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

We support Measure 3-553 which will continue the work of the Clackamas County Vector Control District for 5 more years. The District controls mosquitos and flies in all areas of Clackamas County. These insects are nuisances at best and, at worst, spread dangerous diseases to us and the animals around us.

By focusing on stagnant water areas where mosquitos breed the District keeps mosquito numbers low enough that it is difficult for mosquito-borne disease to become established here. For instance, West Nile Virus is found in central Oregon, central Washington and the Tacoma area but has not been able to establish itself here.

1. The Vector Control District does its work very economically. It costs the average homeowner about \$7.50 per year.
2. This is not a new tax. It was established 15 years ago by a vote of the people and has been reestablished every 5 years since then.
3. Since it was first established the rate has not changed.
4. Measure 3-553 will extend the current rate for 5 more years.
5. If the measure is not passed, services would need to be reduced and eventually discontinued.

If you would like more information on the work of Clackamas County Vector Control, please review their website www.FightTheBites.com.

Daniel F. Green
Oregon City

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Lake Oswego

John E. Borden
West Linn

Lowell S. Hanna
Oregon City

Eugene (Gene) Davis
West Linn Teacher and Coach

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Oregon Master Gardener of the Year

(This information furnished by Daniel F Green)

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City of Happy Valley Measure 3-551

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE CITY

APPROVAL OF HAPPY VALLEY POLICE SERVICES LEVY FOR FIVE YEARS

Question: Shall Happy Valley maintain a five year \$1.38/\$1,000 assessed value levy for dedicated police services beginning Fiscal Year 2020/21?

This measure renews current local option taxes

Summary: The measure would renew a local option levy that City voters approved in 2002, 2006, 2010, and 2015 to provide funding for dedicated police services. The rate for all three levies was the same: \$1.38/\$1,000 of assessed value.

The current levy (2015) expires June 30, 2020. That levy has funded police services dedicated to the City of Happy Valley, which are provided through an agreement with Clackamas County Sheriff's Office. These services include emergency response, 911, dedicated police patrols, major crime investigations, crime prevention, drug enforcement, school safety, community policing and traffic enforcement in the City.

This proposed levy maintains the \$1.38/\$1,000 rate and provides funding for dedicated police services in the City for five additional years. These dedicated services have been provided since 2002 through this local option levy.

The amount of money to be raised by this proposed levy for each of the five fiscal years is estimated to be as follows: FY 2020/21 \$4,533,804; FY 2021/22 \$4,851,170; FY 2022/23 \$5,190,752; FY 2023/24 \$5,554,105; FY 2024/25 \$5,942,892.

Should this levy fail, the City will not have dedicated police services beyond June 2020.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

City voters approved local option levies in 2002, 2006, 2010, and 2015 for dedicated police services. The rate for all four levies remained \$1.38 per thousand of assessed value. The current levy (2015) expires June 30, 2020.

If approved, this measure provides funding for five (5) more years of dedicated police services in Happy Valley beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2025.

This is a renewal of an existing levy that has been in place for 17 years and not a tax increase. The rate being proposed remains at \$1.38 per thousand of assessed value. If the renewal is approved, a home with an assessed value of \$350,000 would continue to pay about \$483 annually for dedicated police services.

This local option levy provides the only source of funding for dedicated police services in Happy Valley. Those services include:

- Emergency Response
- 911 Dispatch Services
- Dedicated Police Patrols
- Major Crimes Investigation
- Crime Prevention
- Drug Enforcement
- School Safety
- Community Policing
- Traffic Enforcement

City of Happy Valley Measure 3-551

Should this levy renewal fail, the City will not have dedicated police services beyond June 2020.

Submitted by:
City of Happy Valley
Kara Kerpan, City Recorder/Management Analyst

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

City of Portland Measure 26-204

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Amends Charter: Increases protections for Bull Run Watershed

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

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

Protections include:

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

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

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

Submitted by:
Amanda Fritz, Commissioner
City of Portland

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

City of Portland Measure 26-204

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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

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

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

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

Thank you,

Amanda Fritz

Portland City Commissioner

*(This information furnished by
Amanda Fritz, Portland City Commissioner)*

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City of Portland Measure 26-205

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE CITY COUNCIL

Amends Charter: Authorizes City participation in emergency mutual aid agreements

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

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

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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

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

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

Submitted by:
Amanda Fritz, Commissioner
City of Portland

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

City of Portland Measure 26-205

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you,
Amanda Fritz
Portland City Commissioner

*(This information furnished by
Amanda Fritz, Portland City Commissioner)*

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City of West Linn Measure 3-552

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE CITY

Charter Amendment: Would provide City Council authority over legal advisors

Question: Should West Linn's City Charter be amended to provide City Council authority to appoint all legal advisors to the City?

Summary: The Measure would change City Charter Sections 8 and 23(c)(3) to provide City Council authority to appoint all legal advisors to the City. The Measure would add language removed from the Charter in 2013. Since removal of the language, authority to appoint some legal advisors has been undefined in the Charter. A yes vote: 1) would add to the Charter the following: "The Council may retain legal advisors as it deems prudent. The legal advisors shall report to and serve at the discretion of the Council;" and 2) would clarify management of the City Attorney.

The effect of the Measure is to

- place appointment of all City legal advisors within City Council authority
- place management of all City legal advisors under the Office of City Attorney
- retain Charter Section 23A establishing the Office of City Attorney and modify Section 23 regarding the limitations for the Office of City Manager over the positions of City Attorney and Municipal Judge
- clarify that the City Manager shall coordinate with Council and City Attorney on all legal matters.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

If passed, the Measure would amend the Charter of the City of West Linn. The City Charter establishes the structure of City government and defines powers and responsibilities of the City Council and City Officers. The provisions of the Charter can be amended, but only with the approval of a valid measure by the City's voters at an election.

The proposed Measure up for voter consideration would amend the Charter to provide City Council authority to appoint all legal advisors to the City. Specifically, if passed, the Measure would change Charter Sections 8 and 23 to reestablish this Council authority.

The Measure would restore language removed from the Charter in 2013. That language provided that legal advisors report to the City Council. A yes vote would amend Charter Section 8, which defines City Council powers, by adding language authorizing the City Council to hire legal advisors as it deems prudent. The language also provides that the legal advisors will report to the Council and serve at its discretion.

The above language was removed from the City Charter at the September 17, 2013 election. Since that time, authority to appoint some legal advisors has been undefined in the Charter.

If passed, the Measure would restore the previously repealed language to Charter Section 8.

If passed, this 2019 Measure would also amend Charter Section 23 which establishes and limits the authority of the Office of City Manager. That section currently limits the City Manager's control regarding activities of the Municipal Judge. The Measure would add limitations on the City Manager related to the Office of the City Attorney. If passed, the Measure would revise the language on the limitation on City Manager authority to state that the City Manager will not control the office of City Attorney or the strictly judicial activities of the Municipal Judge.

City of West Linn Measure 3-552

If passed, the Measure would:

- place appointment of all City legal advisors within City Council authority
- place management of all City legal advisors under the Office of the City Attorney
- retain Charter Section 23A establishing the Office of City Attorney and modify Section 23 regarding the authority of the Office of City Manager over the positions of City Attorney and Municipal Judge
- clarify that the City Manager should coordinate with the City Council and the City Attorney on all legal matters.

If the Measure does not pass, the authority to appoint some legal advisors will continue to be undefined in the Charter.

Submitted by:

Eileen Stein, City Manager
City of West Linn

City of West Linn Measure 3-552

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Time for West Linn Voters to Right a Wrong

Measure 3-552 gives West Linn voters the right to correct a potential misunderstanding created by former Measure 3-429. Although titled; "Charter Amendment establishing process for appointing and removing city attorney" and explained as follows; "The City Council currently hires a city attorney to represent the City in legal matters. The city attorney is appointed and removed by the Council: therefore the city attorney reports directly to the City Council. Removal of the City Attorney would require a majority vote of all currently elected councilors. This addition to the Charter recognizes the City's current practice".

The Measure failed to explain that it would eliminate West Linn's original 1994 City Charter Section 8(f), "The Council may retain legal advisors as it deems prudent. The legal advisors shall report to and serve at the discretion of the Council"

The unspoken consequences were huge because passage of Measure 3-429 in 2013 silently permitted City Managers to hire legal advisors, other than the City Attorney, without Council approval.

This saddled the City with a complicated "hybrid" model of attorney services that drove costs up, reduced accountability and did not improve risk management.

In FY2018* our total legal costs were \$322,288 for the Assistant City Attorney under the City Manager in addition to the City Attorney under the City Council. Then in FY2019* our costs dropped to \$201,949 because the Assistant City Attorney resigned and was not replaced.

Every voter needs to know that the City Council currently doesn't have the authority to stop the City Manager from hiring another separate staff attorney unless we pass Measure 3-552.

Please Vote YES to Right the Wrong and Restore our City Charter

West Linn City Councilor Richard Sakelik

Endorsements

West Linn Council President Teri Cummings

West Linn Councilor William Relyea

**Legal Services presentation, p. 9, 5/21/2019 West Linn City Council Special Meeting*

*(This information furnished by
Richard Sakelik, West Linn City Councilor)*

City of West Linn Measure 3-552

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Vote YES to Protect our Budget and our Governance

West Linn's legal services started to skyrocket from \$146,000 in 2011 to \$322,288 in 2018* after the City Manager hired a separate staff attorney, apart from the City Council's appointed City Attorney in 2012. This unconventional "hybrid" model of legal services was projected to reach \$362,388 in FY2021 budget* if it continued.

PLEASE Vote YES on 3-552

The "hybrid" model also tipped the balance of West Linn's long-standing representational form of governance by concentrating the power over legal advice in the office of the City Manager to the point where over 90% of the City's legal advice was being provided by the City Manager's appointed attorney instead of City Council's appointed City Attorney.

I believe it is very important for the City to have a distinct separation of power between the City Attorney and the City Manager. And as a City Councilor, I also think it is very important to be able to rely on independent legal advice from an attorney who reports to all five City Councilors, not just one person.

As it stands, our City Charter does not prohibit the City Manager from hiring another separate attorney. The only way we can prevent this costly "hybrid" model and ensuing imbalance of power from ever happening again is to **Vote YES on Measure 3-552**.

This Measure will restore West Linn's former Charter Section 8 (f); "The Council may retain legal advisors at it deems prudent. The legal advisors shall report to and serve at the discretion of the Council." Restoring this language will serve to protect our budget and the balance of power in our Council/Manager form of governance.

Please join us in supporting Measure 3-552

West Linn Council President Teri Cummings

Endorsed by: City Councilors Richard Sakelik and William Relyea

**Legal Services presentation, page 9, May 21, 2019 West Linn City Council Special Meeting*

*(This information furnished by
Teri Cummings, West Linn Council President)*

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City of West Linn Measure 3-552

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Vote "YES" for improved and cost-effective Legal Services

There has been confusion over the city legal services in West Linn for several years. This measure resolves that confusion by clarifying that legal services are clearly under the authority of our elected City Council, and not under the authority of the City Manager.

This measure sensibly restores the language that was in the City Charter up until 2013 when it was changed. It adds important wording affirming that our elected City Council is empowered to retain legal advisors when they deem necessary to serve the city's needs. These legal advisors would serve at the discretion of, and report to, the City Council. This would make Council's management authority over the City Attorney and other legal consultants clear from now on.

Measure 3-552 will improve independence and objectivity in legal services and be cost effective.

According to information submitted in an April 29th, 2019 Agenda Report by City Manager, Eileen Stein and City Attorney, Tim Ramis, the savings to West Linn of having one City Attorney under Council was estimated to be approximately \$166,000 in 2020 and \$177,000 in 2021. Similar savings should continue in the future. During the next ten years that would be approximately \$1,715,000 in savings for our city. These savings reflect the fact that an Assistant City Attorney would not be employed by City of West Linn.

Measure 3-552 would establish and limit the authority of the City Manager.

The City Manager is not an elected position, so it is especially important that the authority of the position is clearly defined. Our elected Council is held accountable to the public through the process of elections. Council should be entrusted with authority over legal services. By passing this measure, our City Council will once again have clear authority over legal services as had been the case historically in West Linn.

Please join us in voting YES on Measure 3-552.

**Ed Schwarz
Karie Oakes**

*(This information furnished by
Edward Schwarz and Karie Oakes)*

City of West Linn Measure 3-552

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

MAYOR RECOMMENDS NO ON MEASURE 3-552

Fellow Citizens,

I'm ok with the language in 8d which three of our City Councilors (Cummings, Relyea, and Sakelik) propose to restore to our City Charter. However, our City Attorney has informed our Council that the **8d language is not necessary** because the Council already has full authority under the existing City Charter to secure any legal advisors it believes are necessary.

What I am opposed to is the second part of the Measure where these Councilors want to remove any authority our City Manager may have involving legal matters. It's important to understand that there are many legal aspects of our City Operations and Governance that don't fall under the direct purview of the City Council - for example, addressing Staff labor and human resource matters.

The proposed language in the second part of **the Measure stems from fear** these Councilors and their supporters have about a legal hybrid system that was once used where a legal advisor was on Staff which sometimes conflicted with advice from the City Attorney. The hybrid system is no longer being used, and Council can at anytime stop a hybrid approach simply by eliminating the Staff position in the budget for which the Council has complete and final authority over.

In my opinion, **what is at stake here is the balance of power intended by our Charter and City Council/City Manager form of government.** It is important that our City Manager have reasonable authority over legal aspects critical to City Operations, and especially on issues that are not the purview of the City Council, except to ensure consistency with City policy goals and objectives.

The City Council and City Manager should be working as a team to address legal matters and to maintain the proper checks and balances in our governance - I'm concerned **this Measure threatens that balance.**

I urge you to **Vote No on Measure 3-552!**

Respectfully, Mayor Russ Axelrod

(This information furnished by Mayor Russ Axelrod)

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City of West Linn Measure 3-552

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Why we're voting NO

Dear Neighbors,

As current and former City Councilors, we're familiar with how the City's legal services work and have concerns about this measure creating an expensive and inefficient working model for our City Attorney. A split City Council has already pushed this measure as a special election and at a significant cost to taxpayers. This was not a unanimous decision by the Council: Mayor Axelrod and Councilor Walters were opposed.

While the City Attorney does currently report to the City Council, this measure would make all attorneys under the direction of the City Council, bypassing the City Manager. Historically, West Linn had a staff attorney that worked at the direction of the City Manager and could advise on multiple department issues as well as HR issues and Union negotiations for city employees. We believe the City Attorney in this capacity should remain under the direction of the City Manager. We are concerned this measure is ambiguous and could create unnecessary conflicts if passed.

We urge a **NO** vote on 3-552.

It's one thing to pay for a City Attorney, but it's quite another to pay too much for a City Attorney! The council has one business meeting each month where decisions are made. Making every legal position of the City Attorney subject to approval of the City Council would add an unreasonable amount of time to their limited schedule.

With City Council elections every two years, this governing body can change dramatically. As a result, their goals can change. If all Attorneys are under the direction of the City Council, we can see how gaps or delays in management can affect smooth running city operations.

Please join us in voting NO on Measure 3-552!

Jules Walters
West Linn City Councilor

Brenda Perry
Former City Councilor

Bob Martin
Former City Councilor

*(This information furnished by
Jules Walters, Brenda Perry, and Bob Martin)*

City of West Linn Measure 3-552

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

MEASURE 3-552 COULD HAVE MANY UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES

THIS MEASURE GIVES POLITICIANS POWER OVER ALL LEGAL MATTERS FOR THE CITY. AS WRITTEN, THE MEASURE HAS AMBIGUOUS LANGUAGE.

SOME EXAMPLES OF HOW THIS COULD BE BAD FOR WEST LINN:

- **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:**
Elected officials finance their campaigns with donations from individuals or groups (including labor unions who represent city employees). Under this measure, the Councilors would be directly involved in legal decisions involving personnel issues and union negotiations. This could create conflicts of interest for Councilors who are supported politically by certain individuals or groups. Some legal matters should remain under the direction of the City manager.
- **SPECIAL INTEREST POLITICS COULD TAKE OVER:**
If we pass this measure and put City Councilors firmly in charge of all legal positions (including union negotiations), there will be an incredible incentive for big-money special interest committees to try to "buy" seats on the Council in order to get results they want on their issues. West Linn shouldn't be a political battleground for special interests.
- **LEGAL COSTS SPIRALING OUT OF CONTROL:**
When West Linn had an in-house Attorney, costs were reasonable. Now, contracted attorneys bill by the hour, and costs have skyrocketed. This measure was advanced by a faction of the City Council over the objection of the Mayor and Councilor Walters. This same faction has already created long, arduous meetings dealing with many current legal positions. This will increase our legal costs, strain our city budget further, and prevent the City Manager from efficiently managing the City.
- **CITIZENS' ISSUES TAKING A BACKSEAT TO ATTORNEYS:**
This measure will potentially make legal matters and discussions take precedence over citizen concerns. Our City Council is made up of elected Citizens. If they are managing all legal positions for the City, they will have less time to listen to us and truly embody the concerns of West Linn residents.

With this measure. UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES are unavoidable.

VOTE NO on 3-552

*(This information furnished by
Elizabeth Smolens, Citizens for West Linn Future)*

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Portland Public Schools Measure 26-207

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE DISTRICT

Levy Renewal to Maintain Teaching Positions and Classroom Supports

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Continue to provide fiscal accountability and independent oversight

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

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

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

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

Submitted by:
Amy Kohnstamm
Board Chair, Portland Public Schools

NO ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR/OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE WERE FILED

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.*

How to Register

1. Online at 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
- Any County Elections office
- Post Offices
- Libraries
- DMV locations

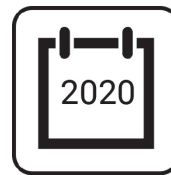
New Registrations must be postmarked 21 days before Election Day.

Required Information to Register

- Full legal name
- Residence Address
- Date of Birth
- Signature

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



2020 Elections

Looking Ahead...

May 19, 2020 Primary Election

- April 28, 2020 - New Voter Registration Party Change Deadline

Voters will receive a ballot based on their political party affiliation on the registration deadline, April 28th. All voters will be eligible to vote for nonpartisan offices and measures for the districts they reside in.

If you are registered with a major political party, you will also be eligible to vote for that party's nominees for partisan offices that will be elected during the following November election.

If you are registered with a minor party or not affiliated with any political party, you will still be able to vote on nonpartisan offices and measures.

November 3, 2020 General Election

- October 13, 2020 - New Voter Registration Deadline

Candidates nominated during the May Primary will appear on the November ballot. Your ballot for this general election is based on your residence address only. Your political party affiliation will have no effect on which contests will appear on your ballot.

West Linn-Wilsonville School Measure 3-554

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE DISTRICT

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

Question: Shall District increase safety, address overcrowding, update classrooms; issue \$206.8 million general obligation bonds; estimated to maintain current tax rate? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: It's estimated that this measure would not increase current tax rates. West Linn-Wilsonville School District has been awarded \$7,192,506 in State grants which will be available only if these bonds are approved.

If approved, this measure would finance capital costs including:

Safe and Welcoming Schools:

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

Relieve Overcrowding:

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

Career and Technical Education:

- Update classrooms, Improve career education equipment and learning spaces, Implement technology Improvements District-wide.
- Build Performing Arts Center at Wilsonville High.

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

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

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

What

West Linn-Wilsonville School District has placed a capital bond on the 2019 ballot. With no expected increase to the current tax rate, the bond would provide funds to: make safety and security upgrades; build a new primary school; rebuild a new middle school; relocate and enlarge third high school; add new high school performing arts center; expand high school stadium and parking; upgrade technology and facilities District-wide.

If bond measure is approved, the District will receive an additional \$7,192,506 in matching state grants.

How

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

- **Improve Safety and Security:** Construct secure entrances at all schools. Add classroom lockdown hardware at all schools. Add intrusion-limiting glass at all schools. Replace fire alarm systems, fire sprinkler systems, add site lighting, video monitoring, and communication

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upgrades District-wide. Expand stadium and parking at West Linn High School to accommodate students and staff daily and during emergency events.

- **Address Overcrowding:** Construct one new primary school on District-owned property in Wilsonville to meet enrollment needs. Relocate and expand Arts and Technology High School to the Athey Creek Middle School site. Construct an enlarged Athey Creek Middle School on District-owned property in West Linn to meet enrollment needs.
- **Increase Opportunities for CTE and Arts:** Construct a new performing arts center at Wilsonville High School to increase opportunities for the arts. Remodel existing theater into Career and Technical Education-focused instructional space, increasing school capacity.
- **Replacement and Preservation at Existing School Buildings:** Projects proposed to repair or replace aging roofs, windows, and mechanical/electrical systems. Install softball turf at Wilsonville High School. Remodel CREST facility. Produce energy-saving improvements to schools and facilities. Upgrade technology by re-wiring schools, updating network electronics and communication systems, and adding student devices.

Why

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

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

How Much

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

Submitted by:

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

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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

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

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

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

(This information furnished by Ginger Fitch)

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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

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

Our schools now face that choice. To maintain the high quality education we all value for our children, we must now invest in a Bond to upgrade facilities.

This Bond will:

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

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

The Local Option Levy will:

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

Please join us in supporting West Linn-Wilsonville Schools.

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

Russ Axlerod Tim Knapp
Mayor of West Linn Mayor of Wilsonville

*(This information furnished by
Regan Molatore, WLWV for Better Schools)*

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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

Dale Hoogestraat, Former School Board Member
Jenny Tan, Former West Linn City council member
Dennis Tan, Doctor
Samy Nada, Long Range Planning Committee Member
Doris A. Wehler, Long Range Planning Committee Member
Nicole Wheeler
Brian Wheeler, Firefighter
Kristen Ackervall, Wilsonville City Council Member
Kishore Kollu, Community Leader
Wendy Crim
Shawn M. O'Neil, Lawyer
Kristen Keswick, Former School Board Member
Shannon Rice
Alison Weisgerber
Cadence Fee
Khuyen Meiling-Wesse
Shari Sanders
Stephanie Hartgraves
Barb Weiser, President-Elect for Music and Arts Partners
Jenny Evers, Treasurer-Elect for Music and Arts Partners
Katie Hamm, Community Leader
William B. Rhoades, Former Superintendent of West Linn-Wilsonville Schools
Kimberley Rhoades, West Linn Librarian
Parasa Chanramy, Stand For Children
Grady and Suzanne Nelson, Wilsonville Youth Lacrosse
Keith Steele, Former School Board Member
Kimberly Steele
Mark Hansen
David Goode, Former School Board Member
Kim Jordan, Long Range Planning Committee Member
Rob Fernandez, Former School Board Member
Margaret Boone, Dentist

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

For more information please go to:
<https://www.facebook.com/voteyestwicewlww/>

*(This information furnished by
Regan Molatore, WLWV for Better Schools)*

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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

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

We also recognize these benefits to the our communities:

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

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

*(This information furnished by
Lane Johnson, West Linn-Wilsonville Education Association)*

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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

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

Please join MAP in VOTING YES!

Shelley Wong-Kamikawa, MAP President

*Only personal funds were used for this paid endorsement.

*(This information furnished by
Shelley Kamikawa, Music and Arts Partners)*

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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

We ask you to vote YES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Courtney Neron
State Representative, District 26

Rachel Prusak
State Representative, District 37

*(This information furnished by
Regan Molatore, WLWV for Better Schools)*

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ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

The Wilsonville Chamber of Commerce encourages our communities to

VOTE YES TWICE for our West Linn-Wilsonville Schools.

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

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

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

VOTE YES TWICE

(This information furnished by Kevin Ferrasci O'Malley, Wilsonville Chamber of Commerce)

West Linn-Wilsonville School Measure 3-554

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Opposition to GO Bond 3-554

First: There are no bonds issued from 2003 that will be fully retired for years.

Second: The property tax rates for bonds are increasing by more than 10.75% for 2019/20 over 2018/19. The property taxes will increase by more than \$2.5 Million this year. It will increase more than that over the next 20 years if this measure is approved.

Third: In 2017/18 the property taxes collected for GO bonds was more than \$950,000 to low that revenue **budgeted for the classroom** was used for the shortfall.

Fourth: The 2015 Bond was issued at more than a 4.5% interest rate. This generated more than an additional \$14 Million, **that the voters did not approve.** At an increase cost of more than \$30 Million in interest payments over the life of the bond. **There is no wording in the bond that this type of action will not be repeated.**

Fifth-as of 6/30/2018 **more than \$15 Million** has been collected in Development fees. The projects for the long range planning committee at no time has shown where/if any of these fees have been used to lower property taxes. **Growth could pay for itself, only if it is spent.**

Overcrowding, there was "Open Enrollment.". Students that lived outside the district were allowed to attend our schools. There were more than 600 students that were admitted with this process.

West Linn primary schools are more than 500 students below capacity at this time.

For Athey Creek Middle School however the open enrollment students are causing the need for expansion.

Once these students leave the system, Athey Creek will again be below the capacity and based on the enrollment counts in West Linn there will not be a need to build a new middle school for 250 more students than what attends Athey Creek at this time.

We are not made of money please vote No on 3-554.

John McCabe,

Coalition for Excellent Schools

(This information furnished by John McCabe, West Linn Citizens PAC)

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West Linn-Wilsonville School Measure 3-554

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Consider the facts and vote “No” on Measure 3-554

Let’s ask the District to **improve** achievement not with construction, but with better instruction. This is not a vote against children, but a vote for fiscal responsibility so that taxpayers can fund what our children actually need.

Facts you should consider about this bond request of \$208 million:

Note: all data used is from school district websites, Oregon Department of Education Report Card portal and niche.com.

- 1. Enrollment**—per the District, our enrollment went up 46 students in 2018 and only 6 in the past year. The District is now 241 students BELOW their projections for this bond. With resale of existing homes slowing and talk of a recession, enrollment growth may slow further.
- 2. Capacity**—Communities build schools when enrollment outstrips capacity. Our District reduced the capacity ratings for all schools. Example: Meridian Creek (86,121sqft) rated at 674 students when built, is now rated at 490. The Fire Marshal rated their classroom capacity at 908 occupants.
- 3. Achievement**—The WLWV District touts itself as high achieving, yet language arts scores are nearly the same as Beaverton (52% minority population) and 26% worse than Lake Oswego’s. Our SAT scores average is 1167, LOSD is 1268. The national website that rated WVHS as #11 in the state, also said only 56% of the student body made the acceptable minimum State standard for mathematics. We should invest in better instruction, not construction.
- 4. Fiscal Responsibility**—Voting “No” tells the District to issue bonds when the actual need is imminent and predictable. 31 years to pay off our \$170 million of existing bonds and this \$208 million bond is **fiscally irresponsible**.

Voting “NO” tells the District to ask for construction Bonds when the **actual need emerges**. Voting “No” prevents over extending our tax obligation and leaves us freer to support positive instructional initiatives.

Instruction, not construction, will help our children achieve their full POTENTIAL.

WEST LINN CITIZENS PAC

(This information furnished by Michael Taylor and Margaret Peggy A Kirkendall, West Linn Citizens PAC)

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ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Please Vote NO on this bond.

The school district has overreached on this request.

It’s Deja vu all over again. In 2014 voters approved an \$84.5 million Capital Bond for the West Linn Wilsonville School District with just 54% of the vote. Just 5 years later we are being asked for another \$206.8 million.

The reason given for this huge ask is growth, but check the facts. Population growth from 2014 to 2018 for both West Linn (an approximately 658-person increase including adults and children) and Wilsonville (about 2,573) simply does not justify such a large bond.

- The district’s own future projections show an over-enrollment of only 787 students by 2028. They admit that student projections beyond 2028 are very difficult to predict. There are more cost-effective way to cover future over-enrollment than with this bond.
- The bond proposes to move the successful Athey Creek Middle School, with 690 students, from a great location on Borland Road to Dollar Street at an area with major traffic congestion and safety concerns.
- The Arts and Tech High School, now successful with its small cohort of 80 students, will be moved to the current Athey Creek location and re-envisioned as a large Art and Tech school, the demand for which is unproven.
- The Bond would add approximately 1,000 more seats to the West Linn High School football field with not enough parking being added to satisfy the West Linn Municipal Code Requirement for this unnecessary expansion.

Look at your property taxes and see how much you pay for schools. While we all support excellence in education, we believe that a NO vote will tell the District to sharpen their pencils and come back with a more reasonable request.

We are going to vote NO for the first time on a school bond, because there is a better way to accommodate the actual district needs.

Ed Schwarz
Kathie Halicki

Please check the facts, and vote NO, too.

(This information furnished by Edward Schwarz and Kathie Halicki)

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West Linn-Wilsonville School Measure 3-555

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE DISTRICT

Renewal of Five-Year Local Option Levy for Teaching Positions

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

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

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

Local Option Renewal would:

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

Spending would be subject to audits.

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

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

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

The District has the highest graduation rate in the State for districts with multiple high schools. In the past five years, District schools have received the US News & World Report's "Best High Schools" Award, the Niche "Best Schools" Award, and Newsweek's "Top High Schools" Award. Programs and staffing for Performing Arts, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) have been maintained and enhanced with support from the current local option levy.

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

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

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

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

West Linn-Wilsonville School Measure 3-555

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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

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

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

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

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

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

We ask for your approval of this measure.

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

(This information furnished by Regan Molatore)

West Linn-Wilsonville School Measure 3-555

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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

Dale Hoogestraat, Former School Board Member
Jenny Tan, Former West Linn City council member
Dennis Tan, Doctor
Samy Nada, Long Range Planning Committee Member
Doris A. Wehler, Long Range Planning Committee Member
Nicole Wheeler
Brian Wheeler, Firefighter
Kristen Ackervall, Wilsonville City Council Member
Kishore Kollu, Community Leader
Wendy Crim
Shawn M. O'Neil, Lawyer
Kristen Keswick, Former School Board Member
Shannon Rice
Alison Weisgerber
Cadence Fee
Khuyn Meiling-Wesse
Shari Sanders
Stephanie Hartgraves
Barb Weiser, President-Elect for Music and Arts Partners
Jenny Evers, Treasurer-Elect for Music and Arts Partners
Katie Hamm, Community Leader
William B. Rhoades, Former Superintendent of West Linn-Wilsonville Schools
Kimberley Rhoades, West Linn Librarian
Parasa Chanramy, Stand For Children
Grady and Suzanne Nelson, Wilsonville Youth Lacrosse
Keith Steele, Former School Board Member
Kimberly Steele
Mark Hansen
David Goode, Former School Board Member
Kim Jordan, Long Range Planning Committee Member
Rob Fernandez, Former School Board Member
Margaret Boone, Dentist

Please join us, and many other like-minded people in the West Linn-Wilsonville community, in voting **YES on Measure 3-555!**

For more information please go to:
<https://www.facebook.com/voteyestwicewlwy/>

*(This information furnished by
Regan Molatore, WLWV for Better Schools)*

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West Linn-Wilsonville School Measure 3-555

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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

- 1) Education works best with the smallest class sizes possible and when all students get the support they need. **By funding the Levy, we keep 80 teachers in our schools.** This keeps our class sizes and student supports at their current levels.
- 2) With the Levy we can continue to **maintain our key elective programs like Music, Art, and Wellness for all students.**
- 3) With the Levy we can continue to **invest more in Career and Technical Education and new technologies.**

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

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

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

*(This information furnished by Lane Johnson,
West Linn-Wilsonville Education Association)*

West Linn-Wilsonville School Measure 3-555

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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

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

We need your help to continue this tradition of excellence. Our current local option levy, approved in 2014 and expiring next year, funds approximately 80 teaching positions. This local option levy will renew the existing tax at the same rate. Approving this measure means **your current tax rate will not increase and we can continue to fund these vital teaching positions.**

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

*(This information furnished by Joseph Walters,
West Linn-Wilsonville Education Foundation)*

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West Linn-Wilsonville School Measure 3-555

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Senator Rob Wagner
Chair of Senate Education Committee

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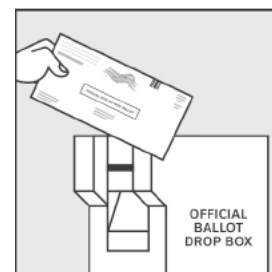
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New, convenient and secure boxes will be open 24 hours beginning October 16th until Election Day at 8 pm.

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www.oregonvotes.gov/dropbox

Please contact our office with any questions
Clackamas County Elections
503.655.8510

Metro Measure 26-203

REFERRED TO THE PEOPLE BY THE DISTRICT BOARD

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

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

If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: If passed, the measure would:

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

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

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

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Background

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

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

Metro Measure 26-203

Use of funds

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

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

If passed, what would the bond cost?

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

Accountability

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

Submitted by:

Andrew Scott, Metro Interim Chief Operating Officer

Metro Measure 26-203

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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

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

A Record of Success

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

Developed With Community Guidance

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

Measure 26-203 Priorities

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

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

Please Join us in Supporting Measure 26-203!

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

*(This information furnished by
Elisabeth Swarttouw, Nature for All)*

Metro Measure 26-203

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Nature for All Measure Brings Meaningful Benefits to Our Communities

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

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

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

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

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

Vote Yes on Nature for All!

Signed,
Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)
East County Rising
OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon
Unite Oregon
Verde

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Elisabeth Swarttouw, Nature for All)*

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Metro Measure 26-203

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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

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

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

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

Please Join us in Supporting Measure 26-203!

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

Vote YES today!

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Elisabeth Swarttouw, Nature for All)*

Metro Measure 26-203

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

La iniciativa de ley Nature for All aporta beneficios significativos para nuestras Comunidades

La salud y el bienestar de nuestras comunidades y del mundo natural son de máxima importancia. Estos valores son más importantes que el beneficio individual y deben apoyarse a través de la distribución equitativa. Como organizaciones arraigadas en las comunidades donde servimos y dedicadas a ellas, reconocemos y elevamos esta creencia al apoyar la iniciativa de ley Nature for All (Naturaleza para todos).

Esta iniciativa de ley de emisión de bonos se respalda en el espíritu de conservación y preservación y visualiza a nuestra región con un lente de equidad racial. Este enfoque ofrece beneficios a las comunidades desfavorecidas, incluidas las comunidades de color y los residentes con bajos ingresos. Se centra en las conexiones humanas, no tan solo en la ecología natura.

Las iniciativas de ley de parques anteriores tenían objetivos nobles, pero las instalaciones no siempre eran accesibles para todos. Para muchas personas, estas áreas existen como lugares en un mapa, pero no como lugares donde realmente se pueda ir. Necesitamos inversiones para las comunidades de color, tribales y comunidades de bajo ingresos.

Un reciente conjunto de pruebas sugiere que el código postal donde uno vive es el indicador más firme de los resultados de salud, y expectativa de vida. Muchas comunidades desfavorecidas viven en vecindarios que tienen deficiencia de lugares verdes, sanos para jugar, y reunirse. Estas disparidades se acumulan durante la vida, perjudican la salud y menoscaban nuestra creencia en la equidad.

A través de esta iniciativa de ley, nuestras comunidades verán parques y áreas naturales, estos son las cosas que hacen nuestra región un lugar maravilloso. Podemos estar orgullosos de aprobar una iniciativa de ley que mejorará la vida de cientos de miles de residentes y, también construirá resiliencia ecológica.

Vote Sí por Nature for All.

Firmado por:
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Metro Measure 26-203

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

“一人一自然”法案能对我们的社群带来无限好处

我们社群的健康福祉和自然生态至高重要。这些价值比起个人利益更加重要，并且应该藉由资源公平分发作为支持。随着各种组织深根并致力于我们的社群，我们逐渐认知到这项信念并且藉由支持“一人一自然”提升这项信念。

这项法案建构在环保和保育的精神之上，并利用种族平等的视野展望我们的区域。我们的专注能替弱势群体，包含有色群体及低收入群体，带来更多实质益处。此法案作为中心的不仅仅是自然生态，更是人与人的连结，并同时为我们的社区带来真正的进步。

先前的公园法案确实有着崇高的目标，但并非所有人都能随时使用到设施，因为它们大部分时候都设在郊区、且无法通过大众交通工具到达。对很多人来说，这些地方只是“地图一隅”而不是“会去的地方”。我们需要在对有色群体、部落群体及低收入群体等较具重要性的地方进行投资。

近年来，有越来越多的证据显示，您所属的邮递区号是您的健康状况（包含预期寿命）的最佳指标。许多弱势群体都居住在没有足够安全健康的绿地可以玩耍、居住甚至是聚会。这些差距将不断累积，对我们的健康造成影响，并且破坏我们对平等的信念。

藉由这项法案，我们的社区将会开始有小区公园和绿地——能让我们的生活环境越发舒适的要素。我们将以通过了一项改善成千上万居民的居住环境的法案为傲，也将以复原生态系为傲。

请同意“一人一自然”法案！

签字，
Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO)
East County Rising
OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon
Unite Oregon
Verde

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Metro Measure 26-203

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

Vote YES on 26-203!

**Support Parks and Nature Projects in Clackamas County
Without Raising Taxes**

Join us in voting YES to renew Metro's parks and nature bond measure. Together we can preserve our region's water quality; protect forests, open spaces, and ensure access to nature and parks for communities of color.

Direct Benefits to Clackamas County

- **\$20-million for the Willamette Falls Legacy Project**—a collaborative partnership between Oregon City, Clackamas County, Metro, and the State of Oregon—to open the second-most powerful waterfall in North America located in Oregon City to the public.
- **Significant investments in the North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District** supporting more than 40 parks, 25 natural areas, and 15 miles of trails.
- **Acquisition and protection of these lands in Clackamas County:**
 - Abernethy Creek
 - Newell Creek
 - Clackamas River bluffs and greenway
 - Clear Creek
 - North Fork Deep Creek
 - Molalla River
 - Pecan Creek
 - Tonquin oak woodlands
 - And more!
- **Access to \$40-million through Nature in Neighborhood capital grants** for locally identified projects in Clackamas, Washington, and Multnomah County to provide new parks, improvements, and increased access to nature.

We're Voting YES!

Willamette Falls Trust
Metro Councilor Christine Lewis
Matt Tracy, Clackamas County resident & AFSCME 3580 member
Former Oregon City Mayor Alice Norris
Former Oregon City Mayor Ron Thom
Denyse McGriff Oregon City Commissioner
Jodi Bailey, Happy Valley Community Leader
Former State Representative Bill Kennemer
Fred Chown, Chown Hardware
Dennis Gilliam, Clackamas County Resident
Jesse Buss, Oregon City resident & Mcloughlin Neighborhood Association member
Eric and Liz Lieberg, Oregon City residents
Clackamas County Chair Jim Bernard
Mayor of West Linn Russel Axelrod
West Linn Council President Teri Cummings
West Linn City Councilor Richard Sakelik
West Linn City Councilor Jules Walters
Mayor of Milwaukie Mark Gamba
Milwaukie City Councilor Angel Falconer
Milwaukie City Councilor Wilda Parks
Milwaukie City Councilor Kathy Hyzy
Happy Valley Council President Brett Sherman
Happy Valley City Councilor Markley Drake
Lake Oswego City Councilor Theresa Kohlhoff
Lake Oswego City Councilor Jackie Manz

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Metro Measure 26-203

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR

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

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

Without raising taxes, this measure will:

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

The Nature Conservancy participated in a comprehensive community engagement process led by Metro, with decisions grounded in science, underscoring the importance of building resilience to a changing climate, and in the interests of every Metro region resident in Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties. The process creates a level of accountability in the investments and priorities of the measure. This measure represents a bold vision for nature and people in the Portland Metropolitan Area and one that aligns well with The Nature Conservancy's mission and values.

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

Sponsored by Nature for All

*(This information furnished by
Elisabeth Swarttouw, Nature for All)*

Metro Measure 26-203

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

Taxpayer Association of Oregon urges No vote:

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

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

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

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

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

Vote No on 26-203

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Metro Measure 26-203

ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION

VOTE NO ON 26-203: ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

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

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

Metro says the measure won't raise taxes. But, if voters reject 26-203, the average Clackamas County homeowner will see their property taxes drop by about \$54 a year.

VOTE NO ON METRO'S LAND GRAB

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

Inside the UGB, Metro has acquired nearly 1,000 acres of land zoned for residential development. While the region suffers from a housing affordability and homelessness crisis, Metro's natural areas program is taking away land that is needed to deliver more housing.

VOTE NO ON SLUSH FUNDS

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

VOTE NO ON BROKEN PROMISES

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

VOTE NO ON 26-203

*(This information furnished by
Eric Fruits, Cascade Policy Institute)*

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VOTING

SOME
FREQUENTLY-ASKED
QUESTIONS

WHAT IF I DID NOT RECEIVE A BALLOT?

If you did not receive a ballot by October 23rd, call the Elections Division at 503.655.8510.

WHAT IF I NEED ASSISTANCE VOTING?

Call the Elections Division for further instructions at 503.655.8510. You may also email us at elections@clackamas.us.

WHAT IF I MAKE A MISTAKE ON MY BALLOT?

You may simply cross out the selection you do not want, write "not this", and circle the one you would like to vote for. You may review examples on page 30 of this pamphlet.

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

As soon as you deposit your ballot in a mailbox or at a ballot drop site, your ballot is considered to have 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 drop site in the state. Clackamas County drop sites are listed on page 31 of this pamphlet.

DO I NEED TO ATTACH FIRST-CLASS POSTAGE TO MY BALLOT ENVELOPE IF I RETURN IT TO A BALLOT DROP SITE?

No, first-class postage is only required if you mail your ballot back to the Elections Division.

WHEN MUST MY BALLOT BE RETURNED?

Your voted ballot must be received in any county election office or official drop site by 8:00 p.m. on election night, Tuesday, November 5, 2019. Remember: The postmark does NOT count.

WHAT IF I SEAL MY RETURN ENVELOPE AND REALIZE I FORGOT THE SECRECY SLEEVE?

Forgot your optional secrecy sleeve? Relax! Election workers will preserve the privacy of your ballot if you forget to enclose the secrecy sleeve and your ballot will still count.

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

On Election Day, Clackamas County Elections Division will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

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]

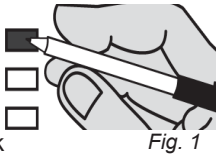


Fig. 1

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]



Fig. 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.

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 the Clackamas County Elections Division 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. If you forget your secrecy sleeve, it is not a problem.

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: Attach sufficient first-class postage to the signed and sealed Return Ballot Envelope. **Mail it as soon as possible;** it must arrive at Clackamas County Elections Division no later than 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. **Remember, the postmark does not count!**

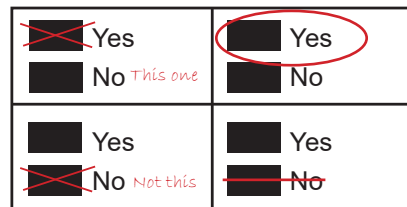
In Person: Deliver the signed and sealed Return Ballot Envelope to any official ballot drop site (see list on page 31) no later than 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. **Postage is not required if ballot is delivered to a drop site.**

Did you make a mistake?

Don't tear up your ballot yet. You can fix it!

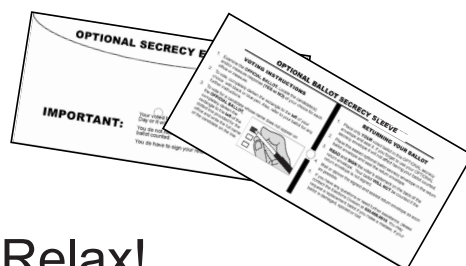
Please do NOT use corrective tape or white out.

Make your choice obvious so that election officials can count it correctly. Please review the examples of acceptable corrections.



For further assistance, contact our office at 503.655.8510.

Forgot your optional secrecy sleeve?



Relax!

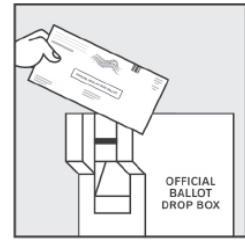
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Official Ballot Drop Sites

All drop sites in Clackamas County are available to the public 24 hours a day from October 16, 2019 until 8 pm on Election Day.

Please Note: Some drop site locations have changed.

*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 City Hall

525 Portland Ave
Gladstone, OR 97027

Happy Valley City Hall*

16000 SE Misty Dr
Happy Valley, OR 97086

Happy Valley 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

10722 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

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