

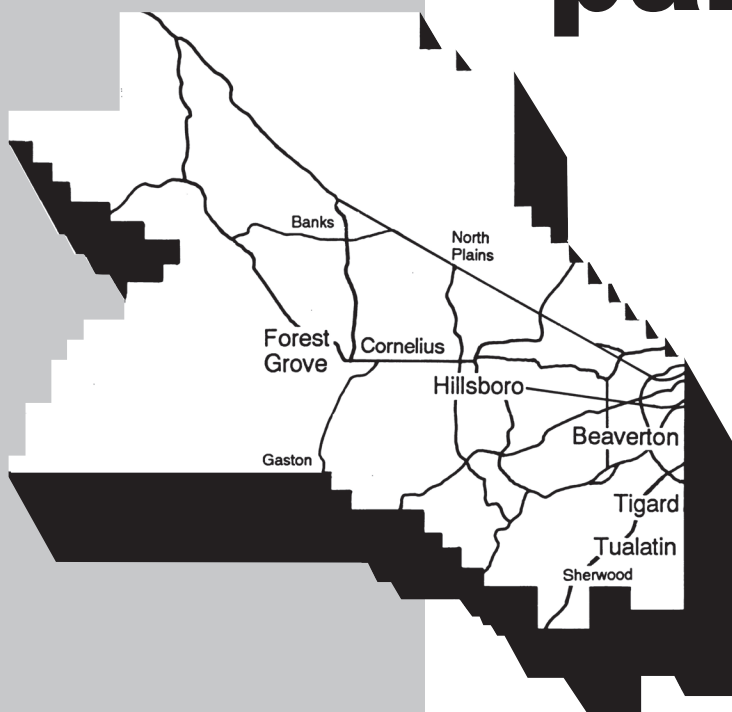


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# Washington County

# voters' pamphlet



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PRIMARY  
ELECTION  
May 15, 2018**

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May 15, 2018**

## **Washington County Board of County Commissioners**

Andy Duyck, Chair  
Dick Schouten, District 1  
Greg Malinowski, District 2  
Roy Rogers, District 3  
Bob Terry, District 4

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# Washington County

## Commissioner, At-Large



### Ryan Deckert

**Occupation:** Former President, Oregon Business Association

**Occupational Background:** Former Democratic State Senator; Former President, Oregon Business Association

**Educational Background:** Beaverton High School; University of Oregon, BA

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Democratic State Representative and Senator; Chair, Senate Finance Committee

**Community Involvement:** Oregon Zoo Board; Habitat for Humanity Board; Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education; SMART Board; Raleigh Park Elementary Parent Representative and classroom volunteer

**Family:** wife, Inga; daughters Macy, Malin and Amara

#### A Record of Accomplishment in Both the Public and Private Sectors

Ryan's ability to bring people together has won him the support of every endorsing chamber of commerce in Washington County, education advocates and labor unions. He is a bipartisan leader with a history of reaching across the aisle and getting things done. As County Chair, Ryan will fight to end crushing traffic congestion, build affordable housing and create livable communities with thriving local small businesses.

#### Bipartisan Progressive Leadership That Gets the Job Done

At the Oregon Business Association, Ryan led Oregon's business community to support ground-breaking environmental protections, paid sick leave and gay marriage. As a senator, Ryan wrote the laws that direct \$20 million annually to Washington County for roads and schools and created the Oregon Innovation Council, a unique public/private partnership, responsible for thousands of jobs.

#### Strengthening Schools, Supporting Students

Ryan grew up in Washington County and will be the only commissioner with kids in our local public schools. He has been a champion for schools—helping pass Oregon's full-day kindergarten law and writing legislation that helps children in poverty receive free lunches over summer.

#### We Support Ryan:

Becky Tymchuk, Vice Chair, Beaverton School Board  
 Steve Callaway, Mayor, Hillsboro  
 Deborah Kafoury, Multnomah County Commission Chair  
 Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce  
 Susan Greenberg, Beaverton School Board  
 Mark Hass, State Senator (Beaverton)  
 Humane Oregon  
 Tom Hughes, Metro Council President  
 Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce PAC  
 Toya Fick, Stand for Children  
 Richard Devlin, Former State Senator

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## Commissioner, At-Large



### Shabba Woodley

**Occupation:** Telecommunications Rep

**Occupational Background:** Computer Technician, Customer Service

**Educational Background:** PCC, Computer Information Systems

**Prior Governmental Experience:**

U.S. Congress Candidate

#### Ready For Something New?

I came to Washington County to work and provide for my youngest brother after my mother's passing. The families of this county work hard to survive and I believe the County Commission should have policy that allows families to not only **Live**, but **Thrive** in Washington County.

#### Priorities

- Policy to address **housing insecurity** and ease rising home costs for families and individuals.
- Investment that prioritizes fixing roads and installing new **sidewalks** especially within areas close to schools, and updating **dangerous** intersections that are unsafe for pedestrians, drivers, and cyclist.
- **Expanding** county services such as mental health, youth development, and emergency services.

#### Endorsements:

##### BerniePDX/Our Revolution Portland

BerniePDX is excited to endorse Shabba Woodley for Chair of the Washington County Commission. Shabba's strong track record of community leadership makes him an ideal candidate for this position. His ideas on affordable housing, his desire to help working families, and his value to not take corporate donations all make him stand out from the pack. Washington County is lucky to have such a progressive choice for the County Commission Chair.

##### Dana Carstensen-Metro Councilor District 4 Candidate

If we're to overcome the housing crises of today and the future, we need people like Shabba who can be unifying leaders with an eye for the long game, a mind full of innovative ideas, and a perspective of both poverty and disenfranchisement.

##### Khadijeh Mehrnoosh- Community Leader

I believe Shabba Woodley will be a fair, inclusive and unifying leader within Washington County.

##### Jaime Rodriguez-Community leader

Shabba has the concerns and issues of the resident in mind.

##### Jolene Guptill- Community activist

As a local Washington County activist and home owner, I am voting Shabba for County Chair. He takes the time to listen and genuinely wants to know about the concerns of everyday people, no matter where they live in Washington County.

##### Melino.org-Latino Advocacy

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# Washington County

## Commissioner, At-Large



### Bob Terry

**Occupation:** WA County Commissioner (District 4)

**Occupational Background:** Agricultural Business Owner, more than 150 employees; Chief Executive Officer, White Farm Equipment Company; Manager – North America, Borg Warner Financial services.

**Educational Background:** University of Chicago

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Vietnam Veteran, U.S. Naval Air; Washington County Budget Committee (12 years); Tualatin River Watershed Council; Washington/Multnomah Regional Investment Board; Chair, Clean Water Services Committee.

**Community Involvement:** Past Chair, Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce; Past Secretary, WA County Budget Committee; Past Board Member, Tuality Health Foundation; Past President, American Nursery and Landscape Association; Past President, Oregon Association of Nurseries.

### Decades of Experience Balancing Budgets Without Raising Taxes

“Bob has earned election as County Chair. As your two-term District 4 incumbent, he successfully worked to keep taxes and fees down, supported strong public safety programs, supported job development, affordable housing, mental health, and protected our natural open spaces.” – **Washington County Commissioner Roy Rogers**

“Bob is a friend, and I will personally vote for him,” said **Andy Duyck**, who is leaving after eight years as chairman, and 24 years overall on the board [...] “He has helped us keep Washington County on the right track. It did not happen overnight — and it can be lost overnight if we make the wrong decision.” – **Beaverton Valley Times, February 9, 2018**

### Endorsed and Respected:

**Lou Ogden**, Mayor of Tualatin; **Greg Walden**, U.S. Representative for Oregon’s Second District; **Kim Thatcher**, State Senator; State Representative **Rich Vial**; Washington County Commissioner **Roy Rogers**, **Tony Hall**, Mayor of Gaston; **Jerry Spaulding**, Gaston City Council; **David Meeker**, Gaston City Council; **Darell Lumaco**, Hillsboro City Council President; **Adolph “Val” Valfre, Jr.** Councilor, City of Forrest Grove; **John Goodhouse**, Tigard City Councilor; **John Boyelston**, King City Councilor; Former Senator **Bruce Starr**; **Charles Leon Starr**, Senator.

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

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## Commissioner, At-Large



### Kathryn Harrington

**Occupation:** Metro Councilor

**Occupational Background:** Intel; Central Point Software

**Educational Background:** University of New Hampshire, B.S.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Metro Councilor 2007 - Present; Vice-Chair CPO 7; Washington County Representative, Metro Transportation Subcommittee

### **Kathryn Harrington: A stronger Washington County for all of us.**

Growing up in a military family, we moved a lot. Then, nearly 30 years ago, high-tech jobs brought me and my husband to Washington County. **It’s been home ever since.**

Working for large and small technology firms, I’ve seen the challenges and opportunities companies experience. More importantly, I’ve seen how working families succeed and struggle.

In 2004, I decided to get to work helping working families. I left the tech industry and have been serving our community ever since, including representing Washington County on the Metro Council for the past decade.

Our next Chair must shape opportunities to benefit everyone, navigate challenges, and preserve what is so special about Washington County today. **I’m ready to do just that.**

As your Chair, I will:

- Find **smart, balanced transportation options**
- Help small businesses grow and **create family-wage jobs in our communities**
- Work with every Washington County community to find **affordable housing solutions** for all incomes

“Kathryn understands the challenges working families face. Whether we work in the tech industry, run a family farm, or teach local students, Kathryn has spent a decade fighting for us.”

– Jeff Powers, Parent & Elementary School Teacher, Tigard

“Kathryn loves Washington County as much as I do – she’s already done so much to protect the quality of life we enjoy in our communities. I know she’ll **put Washington County ahead of politics**, just like she always has.”

– Mayor Teri Lenahan, North Plains

### **Kathryn is the only candidate endorsed by:**

Governor Barbara Roberts  
Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici  
Washington County Auditor John Hutzler  
Mayor Denny Doyle, Beaverton  
Mayor Pete Truax, Forest Grove  
Washington County Democrats  
Oregon Working Families Party  
NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon PAC  
Oregon League of Conservation Voters  
NW Oregon Labor Council  
Beaverton Education Association  
**and hundreds more!**

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

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# Washington County

## Commissioner, District 2



### Pam Treece

**Occupation:** Executive Director, Westside Economic Alliance

**Occupational Background:** Economic Development, Public School Teacher, Small Business Owner

**Educational Background:** BS, PSU; MAT Lewis & Clark

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Chair, Beaverton School District Bond Advisory Committee; PCC Forward Bond; Metro Equity Strategy Committee; Workforce Investment Board; ODOT Region 1 Commission; Governor's Council on Fitness; Metro Parks Levy Committee

**Community Boards:** Worksystems, Inc.; Bicycle Transportation Alliance; YWCA; Planned Parenthood Columbia Willamette

**Family:** Married to Marty for 44 years; 2 kids; 4 grandkids

**"Pam will be an outstanding commissioner.** She will bring strong, bipartisan leadership to the Board to foster efficient use of tax dollars while tackling critical issues like transportation, public safety, and job growth."

**Metro President Tom Hughes, Washington County Chair Andy Duyck, Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle, Hillsboro Mayor Steve Callaway**

#### **Pam's priorities for Washington County include:**

- Transportation infrastructure, like road repairs and traffic congestion
- Protecting our environment in both our urban and rural areas
- Maintaining our economic engine and supporting small business
- Safe and healthy communities for all; from our children to our retirees
- Carefully managing growth to preserve existing neighborhoods and protect livability

**"Pam will make an excellent commissioner because she knows how to get things done and we've seen her do it.** She knows the issues facing our community and will collaborate with other leaders to achieve the best outcomes."

**LeeAnn Larsen, Becky Tymchuk, and Susan Greenberg  
Beaverton School Board Members**

#### **Pam has over 25 years of successful community building**

- Promoting jobs that support families
- Fighting for full funding for our schools
- Protecting seniors and vulnerable residents

#### **Pam will build a strong future for Washington County**

#### **Trusted leaders ask you to Vote for Pam**

Governor Barbara Roberts  
Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce  
Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce PAC  
Humane Oregon  
John Leeper, Former Commissioner  
Teri Lenahan, Mayor of North Plains  
Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District Board Members,  
Ali Kavarian and Holly Thompson  
NW Carpenters Union  
Oregon Laborers  
IBEW Local 48 and IBEW Local 125  
NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon PAC  
And many more!

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

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## Commissioner, District 2



### Greg Malinowski

**Occupation:** County Commissioner, Family Farmer

**Occupational Background:** 40 years sustainable farming; 30 year career in technology and manufacturing

**Educational Background:** Portland Community College & Certified Quality Engineer

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Chair, Citizens Participation Organization 7; Past President, Forest Park Neighborhood Association; Board, Clean Water Services; Board, Community Action; Housing Subcommittee, Association of Oregon Counties

**"Greg Malinowski has always fought for us. He is the candidate we trust on housing, homelessness, and transportation."**

**Democratic Party of Washington County**

Washington County is the best place in the world. I grew up here and spent my life here. In addition to a career in farming and technology, I've been a longtime activist to protect our rural areas. In seven years on the County Commission, I've stood up for regular folks and served my constituents.

We can add housing, create jobs, and cut congestion without sacrificing green spaces or adding sprawl. Developers are writing big checks to defeat me because they know I'll never back down when it comes to protecting our farms, forests, and working families.

**Greg Malinowski**

**"Reelecting Greg is critical to winning a progressive majority on the Washington County Commission."**

**Former Congresswoman Elizabeth Furse**

**"Greg's record protecting the urban growth boundary and expanding safe routes to school make him the clear choice."**

**OLCV**

**"Greg is an outspoken voice for inclusion and understanding."**

**Joe Gallegos**

#### **Greg's Priorities**

- Rezone and redevelop empty properties to create new housing
- Protect road funding for unincorporated county
- Expand health and veterans services
- Better access to mental health crisis care
- Connect residents to better workforce training

**"Greg looks out for us. We can count on him to protect the public."**  
**Tualatin Valley Fire Firefighters**

**"Greg knows Beaverton. He's the partner we need at the County."**  
**Beaverton City Councilors Marc San Soucie & Lacey Beaty**

#### **Additional Endorsers:**

**NW Labor Council (AFL-CIO)  
SEIU  
Beaverton Education Association  
Working Families Party of Oregon  
Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury  
State Representatives Mitch Greenlick & Ken Helm  
Jody Wiser  
Virginia Bruce  
Stephen & Karen Packer**

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

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# Washington County

## Commissioner, District 4



### Jerry Willey

**Occupation:** Business and Tax Consultant; Chair, Hillsboro Airport Master Plan Update Committee; Hillsboro Rotary Club; Treasurer, Hillsboro Community Foundation; Community Action Organization, Finance Committee

**Occupational Background:** Retired CPA, 33 years in practice; US Navy 1969-1973, Vietnam

Veteran; Co- Chair Washington County Transportation Study (completed 2/2017); Chair- Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC); Member Metropolitan Matorys Association; Westside Economic Alliance Board

**Educational Background:** Washington State University, Accounting, Bachelor of Arts

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Hillsboro City Council; Hillsboro Mayor

I am running for County Commissioner because I believe in giving back to the community where you live and work. I am a retired certified public accountant and partner in a regional CPA firm. My wife and I have lived in Washington County for 34 years and I was the Mayor of Hillsboro from 2009 - 2016. I value the knowledge gained through community and government service. I will use this experience in my position as Washington County Commissioner District 4.

Washington County is adding 38 new residents every day. Managing this growth requires seasoned leadership to maintain the quality of life we all enjoy.

**Priorities:**

- \* Address conditions of roads & traffic congestion
- \* Responsible management of taxpayer money
- \*Housing opportunities for all residents
- \*Protect Air and water Quality
- \*Support public safety

These times require experienced leadership. Leaders that will collaborate with other organizations, work together and get things done. I will bring visionary leadership that will anticipate future needs balanced with the demand for immediate solutions.

**I need your vote!**

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

**Endorsements:**

Wa County Chair Andy Duyck  
 Wa County Commissioner Roy Rogers  
 Metro President Tom Hughes  
 Steve Callaway, Hillsboro Mayor  
 Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle  
 John Cook - Tigard Mayor  
 Pete Truax - Forest Grove Mayor  
 Jeff Dalin - Cornelius Mayor  
 Teri Lenahan - North Plains Mayor  
 Pete Edison - Mayor of Banks  
 State Representative Rich Vial  
 Jayne Bond - President/CEO Permapost  
 Ed Bartholemy - President, Wa Co Farm Bureau  
 Andy Brethauer, Brethauer Oil Co.  
 Pat Cadiz - Attorney  
 Keith Fishback, Fishback Nursery  
 Michael McMurray, Hillsboro Hops

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## Commissioner, District 4



### Kimberly Culbertson

**Occupation:** Small Business Owner; OSU Extension Master Gardener

**Occupational Background:** Stockbroker; First Interstate Bank

**Educational Background:** PSU; Blue Mountain CC

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Heart of Hillsboro Neighborhood Association, Chair; CPO #9, Chair; Hillsboro Airport Master Plan Advisory Committee; Hillsboro Urban Renewal Advisory Committee; Washington County Agritourism Technical Advisory Committee

**A Grassroots Champion for Washington County**

A native Oregonian, Kimberly has been a community activist in Washington County for the past 25 years. She has worked extensively with local residents to improve the community through neighborhood associations, civic boards and advisory committees. She will tackle the challenges we face on housing, homelessness, and transportation.

**"Kimberly is the partner we need looking out for our children's future." Mark Watson, Erika Lopez, & Jaci Spross, Hillsboro School Board**

**"Kimberly will help us create jobs and attract businesses to Washington County." Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council**

**"Kimberly will stand up for our rural residents to protect agricultural lands and soils." Robert Bailey**

**"Kimberly is the only candidate who will bring progressive change. Please join us in supporting her!" Washington County Democrats**

**Kimberly's Priorities**

**My priorities:**

- Make developers pay their fair share to ensure we are building housing affordable and accessible to working families.
- Add affordable housing to get people off the streets and out of encampments. Better accountability to ensure funds for homeless services are being used effectively and humanely.
- Plan for traffic, transit, bikeways, and sidewalks to make roadways safer and our transportation system more efficient.
- Make the County a stronger partner in early education through Head Start and provide more support for out-of-school time.
- Preserve our farming economy and heritage to keep people healthy and connected to the land.

**Endorsed By:**

County Commissioners Dick Schouten & Greg Malinowski  
 NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon PAC  
 AFL-CIO  
 OLCV  
 Tualatin Valley Firefighters Union - IAFF 1660  
 Hillsboro, Banks, Forest Grove, Gaston Education Associations  
 Working Families Party  
 Brad Avakian, Oregon Labor Commissioner  
 Chuck Riley, State Senator  
 Janeen Sollman & Susan McLain, State Representatives  
 Joseph Gallegos  
 Elizabeth Furse, Former Congresswoman

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# City of Beaverton

## Council, Position 2



### PL 'Penny' Douglas

**Occupation:** Technical Support Services – DAT Solutions

**Occupational Background:** Oregon Real Estate Broker – Tiffany Real Property

**Educational Background:** Portland Community College – Management & Supervision, A.A.; Oregon Real Estate Broker pre-license course

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Vose Neighborhood Association Committee (Vose NAC); Beaverton Committee for Community Involvement (BCCI)

**Community, Volunteerism & Membership:** Beaverton Police Citizens Academy; Beaverton Community Emergency; Response Team (CERT); Beaverton Elks Lodge #1989; Meadowood Springs Speech and Hearing Camp; American Legion Post #104 Auxiliary; Village Baptist Church

“Beaverton is a diverse and growing city with great community forethought and visioning for our future. It is also important that our most vulnerable and disenfranchised residents, workers and tax payers have a voice of change in the established direction and interpretations of our community needs by our long standing, elected leaders.”

#### Priorities:

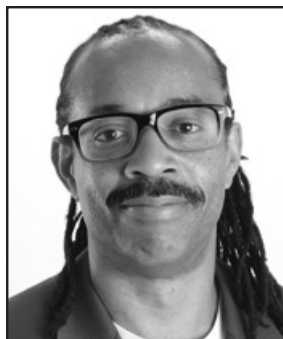
1. Distribution of power by changing the current system of at-large council elections, to electing members of council by district
2. Expand the sidewalk repair grant program;
  - a. Increasing the reimbursable amount for residential properties located along a designated 'Safe Route to School' (SRTS)
  - b. Equally distribute sidewalk reimbursement grant funds by Neighborhood Association Committee (NAC) boundaries
  - c. Equitably reimburse grant funds by household income level where assistance is needed
3. Increase the livability of our community;
  - a. Creation of a mandatory rental housing inspection program, known as the 'Healthy Housing Initiative'
  - b. Maintain a ratio of 1.48 sworn Police Officers per 1,000 residents
  - c. Increase current level of Code Enforcement Officers from 1 per 46,500 residents to 1 per 10,000 residents
  - d. Ensure that our Public Works Department has adequate staff, equipment, and support to maintain our infrastructure.
  - e. Provide safe resting spaces for pedestrians and bicyclists strategically located with public water fountains.
4. Invest in new software products and technology solutions to increase efficiency within the following departments; Finance, Municipal Courts, Building, Site Development, Police and Code Enforcement
5. Partner with local agencies to assist the homeless, by providing permanent shelter and resources.

[www.facebook.com/BeavertonPenny](https://www.facebook.com/BeavertonPenny)

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## Council, Position 2



### Brian Rhone

**Occupation:** Community Relations Event Management Consultant with the Urban League of Portland and SW Washington. Management Consultant with the Diversity Workgroup LLC.

**Occupational Background:** 23 years' experience in Human Resources and Executive Management Consulting

**Educational Background:** Graduate of the National Small Business Administration (SBA) MBA Program: Emerging Leaders USA – Class of 2016; and a Graduate of the City of Beaverton program – Conflict Mediation provided by the Oregon Mediator Association.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** 2017 – City of Beaverton Mayor appointed member of City of Beaverton Planning Commission; 2017 - Elected Chairman of Diversity Advisory Board City of Beaverton; 2016 - Elected Executive Board Member - YMCA of Oregon and SW Washington

I am Brian Rhone a **NATIVE Oregonian** who has extensive experience in Government Relations, Community Relations and Outreach, and Project Management  
My experience has the opportunity to bring business communities and their revenue resources proudly into the City of Beaverton.

I have provided numerous organizations with assessments, training strategies, and community outreach including the City of Portland – Building Development Services with over 900 employees.

As an Executive Board Member for the YMCA of Oregon and SW Washington, a relationship with the **Beaverton HOOP YMCA** I look forward to the opportunity to enhancing this organization and all the resources and benefits it provides to our Beaverton Youth Communities and their families.

With the Mayor's endorsement publicly appointed Brian to serve as the alternate board member for the **City of Beaverton Planning Commission**, during my tenor in this role with the City of Beaverton Planning Commission, I reviewed and evaluated many business plans and architectural documents for now approved business and buildings, to include the building construction of the Cedar Hills Crossing and Jenkins.

Having served as the 2017 Chairman of the City of Beaverton Diversity Advisory Board which is the same organization that develops; sponsor; and promotes our **BEAVERTON NIGHT MARKET**. I am very proud of this Beaverton SUCCESS as I am also currently a member of the subcommittee for the Beaverton Night Market - 2018

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# City of Beaverton

## Council, Position 2



### Laura Mitchell

**Occupation:** Commercial Property Manager/Public Servant

**Occupational Background:** Housing (conventional and affordable), Finance/Asset Management, Healthcare, Management.

**Educational Background:** Portland State University – Bachelors of Science – Communication Studies,

Cum Laude; Clackamas Community College – Associate of Arts – Communication Studies; LEED Green Associate

**Prior Governmental Experience:** City of Beaverton Budget Committee, Chair - **Current**; City of Beaverton Social Services Funding Committee, Chair - **Current**

**Responsible. Reliable. Results Oriented. Ready.**

Laura has dedicated nearly a decade diligently pursuing a **comprehensive understanding** of the needs of our community. Laura's **unwavering commitment** to putting the needs of Beaverton residents first, combined with her extensive knowledge of the city has assured her supporters that **she will be effective from day one.**

**Volunteer Experience:** Beaverton Police Department's Citizen Academy Graduate • Police Volunteer • Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Beaverton Program Graduate • Portland Business Alliance Public Service Program Graduate • Oregon Women's Campaign School Participant • Tualatin Valley Water District's Rate Affordability Committee Member • Cougar Ridge Home Owner's Association Board President

As an active member of our community, Laura has proven she is an **effective, results oriented, collaborator**. Since having served in various volunteer capacities **she has proven she is ready to be a City Councilor.**

**Endorsements:** Beaverton Mayor, Denny Doyle • Beaverton City Councilors, Mark Fagin, Marc San Soucie, Lacey Beaty, Cate Arnold and Betty Bode – **ALL the Councilors support Laura!** • Metro Councilor, Kathryn Harrington • Washington County Commissioner, Greg Malinowski • Beaverton School Board Members, Becky Tymchuk and Donna Tyner • Beaverton Police Volunteer, Douglas Henderson • Beaverton Boards and Commission Members, Patricia Longua, Ian Beaty, Paul Cohen and Jim McCreight chair, Beaverton Urban Redevelopment Agency • Beaverton Arts Foundation Chair, Patricia Reser • Beaverton Police Association • Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce

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## Council, Position 2



### Kate Kristiansen

**Occupation:** Volunteer, Entrepreneur, Advocate & Artist

**Occupational Background:** 10 years as a volunteer with the Beaverton School District; Cubmaster, Cub Scout Pack 673; Ambassador, the Beaverton Chamber of Commerce; Beaverton Police Activities League Volunteer; Professional Artist; Mother to 3 children

**Educational Background:** None

**Prior Governmental Experience:** None

Friends, after years of participating in Beaverton in many exciting ways, today I am asking for your support in my next endeavor: I am running for seat number 2 on the Beaverton City Council and I would like your vote.

**My Position:** Inclusion, community and cultural enrichment drive me. My children inspire me to be better - I want to show them that with kindness and hard work, we can do anything.

**My Priority:** Improving care and support for Beaverton's homeless teen population and at-risk students by enhancing communication between programs and increasing overall support.

**My Passion:** Seeing the Beaverton Arts Center completed and serving the people of Beaverton and Washington County with world class entertainment and arts.

**My Promise:** My favorite way to describe myself is to say: I am a LEGO - I am a connector. As a Beaverton resident, I have been involved all across our community as a participant and volunteer - the prospect of being able to use my 'superpower' to serve our City is exciting. A single person (or brick!) can only do so much, but together we can build anything.

I have no prior governmental experience and my education, based in the arts, communication and humanities, is a lifelong process. My goal is to be a student of our city and I will approach the responsibilities for a City Councilperson as I approach life: with enthusiasm and dedication.

Many Thanks,

**Kate Kristiansen**

Endorsed by the Democratic Party of Washington County for Beaverton City Council

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# City of Beaverton

## Council, Position 1



### Lacey Beaty

**Occupation:** City of Beaverton Council President; Director of School-Based Health Centers at Virginia Garcia

**Occupational Background:** U.S. Army Veteran; Collegiate Lacrosse Coach

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

Science, BS; Warner Pacific College, Management and Organizational Leadership, MS

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Visioning Advisory Committee-Former Vice Chair, Beaverton Police Citizen Academy Graduate, Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization Member, National League of Cities-Former Human Development Steering Committee

**Community Leadership:** American Legion Post 124- Second Vice Commander HomePlate Youth Services- Board Member Oregon Girls Lacrosse Association-Former President Leadership Beaverton-Former Board Member

**Family:** Married 12 years and mother to a wonderful daughter

As a military veteran, mother, wife, and avid community volunteer I care deeply about Beaverton. It's more than a great city, it's my home. I have worked hard the past years to keep the city safe, vibrant, and continuing to be business friendly.

#### I will work to

Bring diverse communities and networks together in new ways.

Encourage community involvement to ensure our government is open, fair and accountable.

Seek new ways to address affordable housing, infrastructure, and partnerships with neighboring cities.

#### Supported By Community Leaders We Trust

Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici

State Treasurer Tobias Read

Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward

Mayor Denny Doyle

Beaverton City Councilors: Mark Fagin, Marc San Soucie,

State Representatives: Jeff Barker, Janeen Sollman, Sheri Malstrom,

Ken Helm

Washington County Board of Commissioners: Dick Schouten, Greg

Malinowski

Metro Councilor Kathryn Harrington

Beaverton School Board: Anne Bryan, Susan Greenberg, Donna Tyner,

LeeAnn Larsen, Tom Collett, Becky Tymchuk

Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District Board Member Felicitia

Monteblanco

Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce

Beaverton Police Association

Tualatin Valley Firefighters Union IAFF Local 1660

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Washington County Democrats

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## Council, Position 5



### Rafael LaGrotta

**Occupation:** Financial Analyst

**Occupational Background:** Financial Analyst for 14 years/ Small Business Owner

**Educational Background:** University of Panama - Sophomore Pre-Law; Portland State University General studies - 2 years; City of Beaverton and Unite Oregon's

Organizing & Leadership Development Certification

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Beaverton Diversity Advisory Board (DAB) member

I am a husband and a father of three boys. I have a strong passion for promoting diversity and inclusion. I became involved with the City of Beaverton first when I joined the Diversity Advisory Board (DAB) over a year ago. During this time, I had the opportunity to support initiatives to improve inclusiveness within the City of Beaverton and the Police Department. I am not afraid to press the difficult issues, as evidenced by my involvement in encouraging that the City invest in betterments along Allen Boulevard. However, I have noticed many opportunities for improvement in other areas and I look forward to using my skills to promote a more inclusive culture for all members of the City.

Further, our City needs a strong City Council looking to advocate for more affordable housing, invest in our youth by expanding affordable after-school programs, promote small business by offering developmental education and access to capital, and foster unity and growth throughout the City by creating community programs and activities.

I have years of experience in finance, leadership, and community service. I have served as the President of the Oregon Chapter of the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals (NAHREP), and served as board member for Unite Oregon, Washington County Chapter. I also have experience in business management, having worked in the financial industry for over 14 years. Many of the issues will not be resolved until we face them head-on, united in collaboration and understanding. My business experience coupled with my passion for this City makes me the perfect candidate to address these issues and find the most appropriate resolution.

In Beaverton, we all count.

Sincerely,  
Rafael La Grotta  
For additional information visit  
[lagrotta4council.com](http://lagrotta4council.com)

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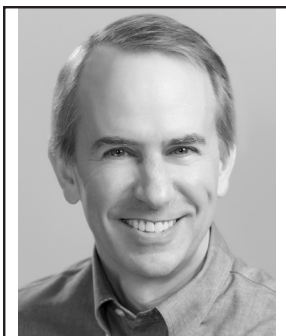
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## City of Beaverton

## Metro

### Council, Position 5

### Auditor



### Marc San Soucie

**Occupation:** City Councilor

**Occupational Background:** Software technology consulting, Beaverton; Software development companies, Oregon, Massachusetts

**Educational Background:** BA, Physics, Music, Dartmouth College; MA, Music Composition, UC San Diego

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Beaverton City Councilor, since 2008; Joint Water Commission, since 2008; THPRD Bond Oversight Committee Chair, 2009-2014; Beaverton Planning Commission, 2007-2008; Beaverton Committee for Community Involvement, 2006-2008

#### Re-Elect Marc - Let's keep this great city moving!

Hello, Beaverton neighbors. I am running for re-election to continue to serve the people of Beaverton, to help Beaverton stay excellent as we grow and change.

Beaverton is a great place these days! The city's adopted tag line "The Best of Oregon" is our aspirational goal. While no community is perfect, I love that we try, and that we have earned a great reputation for success on many fronts.

I've worked to improve Beaverton's government, social culture, neighborhoods, downtown, arts, transportation, and environment. I've worked to manage our finances efficiently. I've increased opportunities to celebrate our many diverse cultures. I project the City's positive image enthusiastically.

I offer experience and leadership skills gained over my professional and volunteer career, and on the City Council. I'll be creative, persuasive, and innovative, suggesting ideas or alternative approaches to problems and opportunities, working with responsibility, enthusiasm, and a thoughtful eye toward the future.

If Beaverton isn't yet the greatest place in America, it isn't for lack of trying. Let's keep getting better together!

#### We want Marc to continue on the City Council:

Beaverton City Councilors: **Lacey Beaty, Mark Fagin**

Beaverton School District Board members: **Anne Bryan, LeeAnn Larsen**

Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District Board members: **Felicita Montebianco, Ali Kavianian**

State Representative **Ken Helm**

State Senator **Elizabeth Steiner Hayward**

**Bob Wyffels, Gordon Hovies:** Board members, Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue

Washington County Commissioners: **Dick Schouten, Greg Malinowski**

**Tualatin Valley Firefighters Union** - IAFF Local 1660

**Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce** Candidate Endorsement Council

**Oregon League of Conservation Voters**

**SanSoucieForBeaverton.com**

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### Brian Evans

**Occupation:** Metro Auditor

**Occupational Background:** 10 years of government auditing experience, Certified Internal Auditor and Certified Government Auditing Professional since 2011

**Educational Background:** Master's Degree, Public Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Bachelor's Degree, International Affairs, Lewis and Clark College

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Principal Management Auditor, Metro; Senior Economist, Business Oregon; AmeriCorps VISTA, Mercy Corps

I am running for reelection to ensure Metro is accountable and transparent to the public. In the current political environment there is no shortage of opinions, but factual information can be difficult to find. Performance audits provide the facts to help the public, employees and policymakers understand what can be done to make the government more efficient and effective.

#### LEADERSHIP TO IMPROVE GOVERNMENT

I have a strong track record of improving government programs and services. For the past 10 years, I completed performance audits of almost every aspect of Metro's operations including solid waste, parks, transportation and land use planning, and the Oregon Zoo.

#### UNDERSTANDS GOVERNMENT AUDITING

I take the public point of view in the audits I lead. My goal is to help you know how Metro is using your tax dollars. Being an advocate for the public helps improve services and provides accountability. I will continue to bring integrity, independence and continuous improvement to the Auditor's Office, if reelected.

#### EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE TO BE SUCCESSFUL

As Metro contemplates taking a larger role in funding affordable housing, parks and transportation, it will be even more important to make sure the promises made to the public are delivered. Focusing on the details is not always easy, but it is critical to making the region both livable and affordable. I will use my experience and knowledge to provide this valuable information to the region.

#### VOTE BRIAN EVANS FOR METRO AUDITOR

<https://www.facebook.com/AuditorEvans/>

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# Metro

## Council, President



### Lynn Peterson

**Occupation:** Transportation, Government, and Nonprofit Leader

**Occupational Background:** Small Business Owner; former Secretary Washington DoT; 1000 Friends of Oregon, Interim Executive Director; Metro and TriMet planner

**Educational Background:** BS Civil Engineering, U of Wisconsin-Madison; Masters Urban and Regional Planning, MS Civil and Environmental Engineering, PSU

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Clackamas County Chair; Clackamas County Commissioner; Lake Oswego City Councilor

#### Lynn Peterson: Committed to Strong, Livable Communities

Our region—planned and nurtured as a model of innovation, sustainability, and quality of life—is at a turning point.

To protect what makes our communities great, our next Metro President must step up and address Metro's most pressing challenges:

- Invest in affordable housing so that young people, working families, and seniors can remain here;
- Ensure our transportation system meets our region's economic and population growth;
- Update our outdated and aging infrastructure;
- Protect open spaces and urban nature.

With our vote, Lynn will apply new energy and needed experience in transportation, engineering, planning, and implementation to craft solutions that serve residents and future generations.

#### Lynn's Vision: Real Solutions, Accountable to You

- Develop integrated transportation, affordable housing, and land protection policies that help families, commuters and communities thrive;
- Safeguard our clean air, climate, and water with smart land use;
- Protect tax dollars with smart investments and accountability.

#### Lynn's Endorsements: Leaders and Organizations We Trust

Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici; Governor Barbara Roberts; Metro Council President Tom Hughes; Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle; Tigard Mayor John Cook; Hillsboro Mayor Steve Callaway; Sierra Club; Oregon League of Conservation Voters; Washington County Democrats; OR AFSCME 75; NW Oregon Labor Council; Columbia Pacific Building Trades; National Association for Industrial and Office Parks

... and State Senators and Representatives, Unions, business leaders, and neighbors throughout the Metro region.

#### We Need Lynn Working for Us!

"I've spent my career building safe, livable, and equitable communities. With your support, we can harness our progressive, innovative spirit to create jobs and opportunity, invest in transit and transportation, and protect our quality of life. I would appreciate your vote." – Lynn Peterson

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## Council, President



### Michael P Langley

**Occupation:** Independent Sales Rep for Dyanmic Brands - OR

**Occupational Background:** Nike Golf Demo Technician; Smittys Golf - Manager; Ruby Tuesday's Resturants- GM; Reynold's Aluminum - Worker

**Educational Background:** Massena Central New York, High School, High School Diploma; State University of New York, Canton, Political Science, Associates; University of Tennessee, Marketing/Economics, Bachelor of Science; Mt Hood Community College, Word/Excel, Certificate

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Parkrose School Board K-12 - Budget Committee; Portland Mayoral Race 2012; House District 47 Race 2016; Mt Hood Community College Board of Directors Race 2014

- Metro has the unique opportunity to be the most transparent and accessible Portland government agency.
  - a) Real time interaction with communities before decisions are made that affect policy & projects that concern that community.
  - b) Regularly schedule local Town Hall style meetings in every district.
  - c) Advisory Citizen Committees are real & not just a predetermined after thoughts
  - d) More earnest & frequent local access
- Metro needs to either take over Tri-Met or at least be equal partners and not just a rubber stamp.
- Tri-Met has become a perpetual motion money spending, land grabbing nonsensical entity. Less concerned about safety & security and more about self-serving expansion projects.
- More Oregon friendly contract bidding system for any & all future projects
- Return Damascus Growth Boundary to 2004 definition.
- Transport Portland Metro garbage via rail not truck, easier on environment & Infrastructure.
- Member of Independent Party
- Let Metro recommit to be good stewards to the communities we are entrusted to improve the quality of life to. Renew a sense advocacy to make smart and thoughtful decisions based on an open, honest and inclusive discussion for all concerned.

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# Metro

## Councilor, District 2



### Joe Buck

**Occupation:** Lake Oswego City Council President; Restaurant Owner

**Occupational Background:** Accountant

**Educational Background:** University of Portland; BBA

**Prior Governmental Experience:** US Coast Guard; LO City Councilor

We all want a level playing field, healthy communities, and a fair chance to succeed. But the lack of affordable housing, traffic and population growth stack the deck against us all. Seeing the big picture, digging into the details, and working together, I know we can solve these challenges ahead.

#### LOCAL, BALANCED, EXPERIENCED

**“Joe understands our communities and what we need to thrive. His track record of delivering results and caring about people is why we support Joe.”**

— Congressman Kurt Schrader and Former Congresswoman Darlene Hooley

**“Solving our region’s housing crisis demands a leader with the heart, the smarts and the energy to work with people of all backgrounds. Joe will deliver for our region.”**

— Scott Bullard, NW Housing Alternatives

**“Joe’s integrity, attention to detail and demonstrated ability to listen to the needs of his constituents and deliver real results make Joe the best choice for Metro.”**

— John Wallin, LO School Board Chair, and Sarah Howell, Former LO School Board Member

#### JOE’S RESULTS MATTER

- Brought clean power to Lake Oswego
- Created Lake Oswego Youth Leadership Council
- Established residential composting without wasting dollars
- Saved public open spaces
- Established local Healthy Eating Active Living Campaign
- Secured funding for active transportation projects and reduced congestion
- Employs 100+ Oregonians, providing fair wages and health insurance

**Joe’s LOCAL EXPERIENCE, business smarts, progressive values and commitment to protecting our ENVIRONMENT is the RIGHT BALANCE we need at Metro.**

Tualatin Firefighters  
 Teamsters Joint Council #37  
 North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce  
 Professional Firefighters of Clackamas County, IAFF Local 1159  
 Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC  
 Richard Devlin, Former State Senator  
 Tobias Read, State Treasurer  
 Janelle Bynum, State Representative  
 Ken Humberston and Jim Bernard, Clackamas Commissioners  
 Brett Sherman, Markley Drake and David Golobay, Happy Valley Councilors  
 Judie Hammerstad, Former Lake Oswego Mayor  
 Brian Newman and Carl Hosticka, Former Metro Councilors

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

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## Councilor, District 2



### Christine Lewis

**Occupation:** Legislative Director, Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries

**Occupational Background:** Policy Analyst

**Educational Background:** B.A. Anthropology, Reed College

**Prior Governmental Experience:**

Office of House Speaker Tina Kotek; Office of Commissioner Jules Bailey; City of Portland

**Community Involvement:** Chair, West Linn Historic Review Board; Chair, Clackamas County Vector Control District Budget Committee; Youth mentor, Minds Matter

Dear Neighbor,

I’m running for Metro Councilor because I want to help our community. In the decade I’ve lived in the district, I’ve made a career out of getting government working for us. At the state, county, and city level, I’ve focused on helping working families, being smart about our land use decisions, and keeping our infrastructure working.

I’m not a politician, but I know how government works. Metro has real challenges ahead in the next few years. I’ve worked to design and implement local infrastructure projects from the ground up. I have the expertise to make sure we **protect taxpayers, ensure proper use of funds, and involve you from the beginning** so we have community support from Day 1!

Metro’s issues are what I care about. Fixing our traffic problems, ensuring our communities are smartly planned with input from YOU, and making sure we all have a safe place to call home. I’ll be here to get the job done and you can count on that.

Your neighbor,  
**Christine Lewis**

**“I’ve worked with Christine at the local level. She knows how to involve residents and create balanced solutions.”**

—former West Linn Councilor Jody Carson

**“Christine has a track record of successes helping to fix our infrastructure and provide for affordable housing. She’ll make a great Metro Councilor.”**

—Milwaikie City Councilor Angel Falconer

Honored to have earned the support of:  
**Oregon League of Conservation Voters**  
**Portland Association of Teachers PAC**  
**Oregon Working Families Party**  
**Sierra Club**  
**Basic Rights Equality PAC** (Greenlight)  
**UFCW 555**  
**IBEW Local 48**  
**Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council**  
**NW Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO**

More endorsements: [www.ChristineLewisForMetro.com](http://www.ChristineLewisForMetro.com)

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# Metro

## Councilor, District 4



### Juan Carlos Gonzalez

**Occupation:** Director of Development and Communications, Centro Cultural

**Occupational Background:** Program Coordinator, Centro Cultural; U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley, Internship

**Educational Background:** Forest Grove High School; Georgetown University, B.A.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Metro Regional Waste Plan Equity Group; Washington County Community Development Loan Rehabilitation Program; Port of Portland Hillsboro Airport Master Plan Advisory Committee

**“Juan Carlos’ deep understanding of Washington County can carry on my legacy at Metro, addressing our communities changing needs and protecting our natural spaces.”**  
*Kathryn Harrington, Current District 4 Metro Councilor*

I am fortunate to have been born and raised in District 4, and to call it home today. I have dedicated my life to giving back to the community that raised me and I’ve been privileged to work on efforts that strengthen the fabric of our County.

*Juan Carlos Gonzalez*

**“Juan Carlos has the right values, perspective, and style of leadership to serve effectively on the Metro Council.”**  
*Metro Council President Tom Hughes*

**“We trust Juan Carlos to be the partner our cities need on Metro.”**  
*Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle, Forest Grove Mayor Pete Truax, Hillsboro Mayor Steve Callaway, and Cornelius Mayor Jeffrey Dalin*

**“Juan Carlos will speak for young people of Washington County.”**  
*Pacific University Democrats*

#### Juan Carlos’ Priorities

- Smart land use planning to build a prosperous region
- Investing in the preservation of our natural spaces and ensuring access for all members of our community
- Encourage equitable growth that benefits all our communities
- Work with state, local, and regional partners to address bottlenecks, and expand transit and active transportation
- Expand housing creation to help families live near where they work, attend school, and shop

#### Endorsed by:

**Metro Councilors Sam Chase, Shirley Craddick, and Bob Stacey**  
**Washington County Commissioner Dick Schouten**  
**Hillsboro City Councilors Kyle Allen, Olivia Alcaire, and John Anthony Martin**  
**Oregon State Council of Retired Citizens**  
**Oregon Working Families Party**  
**AFSCME, Local 3580**  
**Tualatin Valley Firefighters Union - IAFF Local 1660**  
**IBEW Local 48**  
**UFCW, Local 555**  
**Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce**

More at: [www.gonzalez4oregon.com](http://www.gonzalez4oregon.com)

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## Councilor, District 4



### Dana Carstensen

**Occupation:** Oregon Zoo: 2013-Present; Metro Hazardous Waste Technician: 2017-Present

**Occupational Background:** Metro Employee

**Educational Background:** University of Oregon; Planning, Public Policy, and Management; Degree

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Precinct Committee Person

#### **Metro: the Regional Planning Agency Controlling...**

Urban Growth Boundary  
Disposal of 1.4 million tons of trash  
Oregon Zoo  
50-year regional growth plan

#### **Goals:**

Create carbon negative waste-to-energy program for waste disposal instead of trucking it to Arlington, OR.

Work with TriMet to transition diesel buses to battery electric, saving \$100 million in fuel and maintenance in twelve years once completed.

Use Community Land Trusts in 50-year plan, creating permanent housing affordability, location choice, and community control.

#### **Endorsements:**

Senator Chuck Riley  
“With Dana’s education, plans, and work experience as a Metro employee, he’s the most experienced and qualified candidate for this job.”

Washington County Chair Andy Duyck  
“Dana knows Metro should be a planning agency and tool for local governments, not an overreaching regional government.”

Dr. Rosa Colquitt - DPO Black Caucus Chair  
“In the past, ‘planning’ has often damaged communities of color. Dana understands this and how good planning can help, not hurt.”

Shabba Woodley - WashCo Chair Candidate  
“Dana’s plan to use Community Land Trusts to empower communities is the innovation and forward thinking we desperately need.”

Laborers’ Local 483 - representing Oregon Zoo and Metro Park employees  
“Representing the lowest paid workers at Metro as a Shop Steward and Union Organizer, Dana knows what impact council decisions have on their lives.”

Columbia Pacific Building Trades - representing 25,000 trade workers  
“Dana’s waste plan can create 1,000 green energy family wage jobs while helping our environment.”

Independent Party of Oregon Co-Chair and co-founder - Dan Meek  
“Not only is Dana smart and knowledgeable about Metro’s responsibilities, he’s an independent thinker with refreshing ideas.”

Washington County Democrats

Oregon Progressive Party

PCCFFAP/PCCFCE - representing 3,000 workers

Wlinsvey Campos - WashCo Democrats Latino Outreach Chair

Michael Sonnleitner - PCC Zone 3 Trustee

Jaime Rodriguez - Community Leader

Representative Jeff Barker

Milenio.ORG

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

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# City of Portland

## Commissioner, Position 2



### Julia DeGraw

**Occupation:** Community Organizer

**Occupational Background:** Food & Water Watch; Gifford Pinchot Task Force; Oregon Wild

**Educational Background:** Environmental Studies & Sociology B.S., Northland College

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Led Keep Nestlé Out of the Gorge; Steering Committee, GMO Labeling Measure

#### Does City Hall Represent Your Best Interests?

Portland is booming – for some. There’s an endless crop of new luxury high rises. Yet, many are struggling to find and keep an affordable home, and City Hall hasn’t taken the bold action we need to adequately address the housing crisis.

City Hall threatens to close community centers that provide affordable childcare whenever there’s a budget shortfall. East Portlanders lack basic transportation infrastructure, like sidewalks. And we still don’t have sufficient laws to protect the air we breathe.

#### WITH NEW LEADERSHIP, WE CAN CHANGE CITY HALL

My career has been about bringing diverse coalitions together to create progressive change. I led the fight to prevent Nestlé from bottling our public water – and we won. I have the track record and the bold, community-focused vision Portland needs:

- Think outside the for-profit developer box to create **permanently affordable housing**
- A more **equitable distribution of transportation** dollars
- Invest more, not less, in community centers so **more working parents can rely on affordable childcare**
- **Municipal broadband internet** that has proven elsewhere to be affordable – and maintains Net Neutrality
- **No corporate campaign cash**

#### We Must End Portland’s Jim Crow-era, At-Large Election System By Creating Districts

**All but one City Commissioner lives in Southwest Portland – and none live east of Cesar E. Chavez Blvd.** This isn’t representation. I live east of 82nd Ave. and I see City Hall’s neglect of my community.

#### Endorsements:

Portland Community College Faculty & Staff (AFT 2277 & 3922)  
 Bill McKibben, Climate Change Expert  
 A.L. Skipper Osborne, Former President, Portland NAACP  
 BerniePDX / Our Revolution Portland  
 Sierra Club  
 Milenio  
 Food and Water Action  
 Michael Sonleitner, PCC Board  
 Mary C. King, Economist

Learn why **Basic Rights Oregon, nurses, teachers, small businesses, and workers** support Julia: [www.julia4pdx.com](http://www.julia4pdx.com)

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## Commissioner, Position 2



### Nick Fish

**Occupation:** City Commissioner

**Occupational Background:** Civil rights attorney; community volunteer

**Educational Background:** Northeastern Law School, Harvard

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Arts advocate; Liaison, Elders in Action; Legislative Aide, Congressman Barney Frank

**PERSONAL:** NE Portland residents for 20 years, Nick’s family now lives in a rental apartment downtown. His wife teaches at PSU. Their son attends public school.

“I’ve spent my life fighting for justice, because everyone deserves a fair chance. As Commissioner, I’ve pushed for affordable homes, parks in East Portland, and safer streets. I’d be honored to have your support.”

-Nick

#### NICK FISH: PROGRESSIVE VALUES. REAL RESULTS

“Nick combines progressive values with principled leadership. We proudly endorse him.”

-Senator Ron Wyden and Governor Barbara Roberts

- Protections for tenants facing evictions and rent increases
- Cost-effective plan to end chronic homelessness
- Affordable homes for families, seniors, and our veterans
- A more welcoming and inclusive city

#### NICK FISH: FIGHTING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

“Nick’s passion for justice, deep relationships in our community, and collaborative leadership is refreshing.”

-Israel Bayer, former director of **Street Roots** and Carmen Rubio, Latino Network

- Fair share of city services in every neighborhood
- Efficient and accountable public utilities
- Job training, community benefit agreements and paid sick leave
- Preserving affordable arts spaces
- Champion for our neighborhood small businesses

#### NICK FISH: PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT

The **Oregon League of Conservation Voters** and **Sierra Club** endorse Nick for his leadership combating climate change, cleaning up the Willamette River, and investing in a clean energy future.

#### Nick’s Community Supporters:

Portland Association of Teachers	Senator Jeff Merkley
Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC	Speaker Tina Kotek
Representative Earl Blumenauer	Former Mayors Bud Clark and Tom Potter
Portland Firefighters Association	APANO
Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum	UFCW 555
Retired Senator Avel Gordly	SEIU 49
County Chair Deborah Kafoury	AFSCME 189
Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson	Wajdi Said
City Commissioner Amanda Fritz	Mike Roach
State Senator Lew Frederick	Kay Toran
Katrina Holland	Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council
	Oregon State Council for Retired Citizens

#### NickFishforPortland.com

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# City of Portland

## Commissioner, Position 3



### Andrea Valderrama

**Occupation:** Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler

**Occupational Background:** Policy Advisor, Office of Portland Commissioner Steve Novick; Development Director, Voz Workers' Rights Education Project; Event and Development Director, Oregon Student Foundation

**Educational Background:** University of Oregon, B.A.; Willamette High School, International Baccalaureate

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Board Member, David Douglas School District; Advisory Committee, Portland Office of Equity & Human Rights

#### It's Time to Vote for Portland's Future.

*"Andrea is a breath of fresh air in City Hall. She's smart, tough and knows how to deliver results for our changing city, successfully tackling complex problems on housing, transportation and election reform issues."*

**State Representative Diego Hernandez**

A first-generation Peruvian-American, Andrea's family fled from political violence, then survived domestic abuse and housing and economic instability. It's the kind of voice that's missing on City Council.

#### A Record of Making Things Happen

Andrea turns progressive values into action:

- Fought for tuition equity for undocumented students
- Protected day laborers from wage theft
- Supported employment skills training
- Ensured East Portland gets its share of public transportation

*"Andrea Valderrama's service on the David Douglas School Board shows she is the best choice to deliver for our families and neighborhoods on the City Council"*

**Bobbie Regan, Former Portland School Board Member**

Andrea will make sure City Hall:

- **Helps improve graduation rates** through the Portland Children's Levy
- Makes smart affordable housing investments to **keep Portland a place that families can afford**
- **Works to get the homeless off the streets and into transitional housing so they can rebuild their lives.**
- Strengthens gun safety laws to **prevent school shootings and limit gun violence.**
- Ensures all neighborhoods have access to transit, parks and healthy food choices.

#### Leading with Integrity

*"How you lead matters. Andrea Valderrama is honest, treats others with respect and has the temperament to work with others while standing up for what is right. As voters, we should insist on that."*

**Reverend Dr. Chuck Currie**

The next generation of Portland leadership is here.

**Andrea Valderrama for City Council**  
www.valderrama4pdx.com

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## Commissioner, Position 3



### Loretta Smith

**Occupation:** Multnomah County Commissioner

**Occupational Background:** Multnomah County Outreach Director, U.S. Senator Ron Wyden

**Educational Background:** B.A. Communications, O.S.U.

**Prior Governmental Experience:** Multnomah County Commissioner

#### Delivering Results for Vulnerable Communities:

- Expanded Head Start and other programs for vulnerable kids
- Created thousands of summer jobs for local youth
- Delivered funding for human trafficking victims
- Fought to make rising cost of homes and rent a top priority
- Invested in programs helping seniors stay in their homes

"Loretta is a passionate advocate and a tough fighter. She has been a true partner for three decades, helping those being left out and left behind in our community."- **U.S. Senator Ron Wyden**

#### Equal Opportunity for All

- Led Multnomah County to be one of the first sanctuary counties in the nation
- Led local investments in the Portland Inclusive Fund for women of color founded startups

"Loretta's the progressive champion we need working to create living wage jobs."- **Bob Tackett, NW Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO**

"I've worked with her; I can vouch for her. Commissioner Smith is the real deal." - **Israel Hammond, Former SummerWorks Intern**

#### As City Commissioner, Loretta will represent those left behind:

- Prioritize building affordable homes and making rent more affordable
- Help those experiencing homelessness by opening more shelters; explore sites like Wapato for shelter with services
- Extend economic opportunity to all Portlanders
- Reduce congestion and build an effective transportation system for everyone
- Voice priorities of East Portlanders

"Loretta has been a champion in fighting human trafficking. I know the work we've done has saved lives."

**Wynne Wakkila, Fight Against Sex Trafficking**

#### WE SUPPORT LORETTA!

(Partial List)

**Columbia Pacific Building Trades Council**  
**Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC**

**IBEW Local 48**

**UFCW, Local 555**

**NW Carpenters Union**

**State Senator Lew Frederick**

**State Reps. Barbara Smith Warner & Janelle Bynum**

**Metro President Tom Hughes**

**Former County Commissioners Jules Bailey & Diane McKeel**

**Former State Senators Avel Gordly & Margaret Carter**

**Imam Muhammad Najieb**

**Seniors advocate Jay Bloom**

**Community leaders Maria Caballero Rubio & Kathleen Saadat**

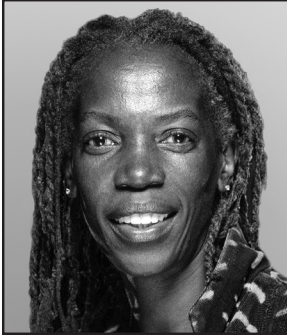
**More at: www.lorettaforportland.com**

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# City of Portland

## Commissioner, Position 3



### Jo Ann Hardesty

**Occupation:** Community Organizer

**Occupational Background:**  
US Navy Petty Officer Third Class;  
NAACP Portland President;  
Executive Director, Oregon Action;  
KBOO programmer; Black United  
Fund of Oregon

**Educational Background:**  
Edmondson High School; Baltimore  
Community College

**Prior Governmental Experience:** OR State Representative ('95-'01);  
Multnomah County Senior Policy Analyst

#### **PROGRESSIVE. PROVEN. ACCOUNTABLE. A LEADER FOR ONE PORTLAND**

For nearly 30 years I've worked with community leaders, businesses, and faith communities to create solutions that work for all Portlanders. There aren't easy answers to complex problems and I have the experience, tenacity and desire to make progress on Portland's toughest challenges so we can create real solutions that work for all Portlanders.

**Housing:** I'll work to drastically increase our supply of affordable housing, provide dignified options for houseless residents, and create sensible tenant protections.

**Access:** It's time to get big money out of politics and ensure that ALL voices are heard at City Hall, regardless of their political contributions, that's why I supported Portland's Fair and Accountable Elections policy.

**Climate Justice:** We can reduce harmful emissions, advance energy efficiencies, and create living wage jobs with smart policy like the Portland Just Energy Transition.

**Police Reform:** A cornerstone of public safety is trust, and police must be partners with the entire community. This begins with better training, better community dialogue, and sensible accountability.

Now more than ever we need people who create solutions. I ask for your vote to help solve Portland's biggest challenges and create One Portland that works for us all.

#### **Supporters:**

Portland Association of Teachers PAC  
Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon  
BerniePDX  
Sierra Club  
Basic Rights Oregon Equality PAC  
Oregon State Council for Retired Citizens  
Oregon Consumer League  
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 757  
Portland Community College Federation of Faculty & Academic Professionals  
National Lawyers Guild, Portland Chapter  
State Representatives Carla Piluso and Tawna Sanchez  
Bev Stein, former Multnomah County Chair  
Jane Hardy Cease and Richard Devlin, Former State Senators

#### **VOTE FOR JO ANN, AN EXPERIENCED CHANGE MAKER**

*(This information furnished by Jo Ann Hardesty for Portland City Council Campaign)*

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

## Voter Registration Information

### Registering to Vote

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

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

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

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

### How to register

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

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

You can fill the card out in person at an Elections office or send one in by US mail.

You can also print out a registration card online at:

[www.oregonvotes.gov](http://www.oregonvotes.gov)

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

### What information is required to register?

To complete your registration you will provide your:

- Full legal name
- Home address
- Date of birth
- Signature
- Valid identification

# City of Tualatin

## Measure No. 34-282

## Measure No. 34-282 Arguments

### Ballot Title

#### Authorizes General Obligation Bonds for Traffic Congestion and Safety Improvements

**Question:** Shall Tualatin issue \$20,000,000 of general obligation bonds to provide traffic congestion relief projects and neighborhood traffic safety improvements citywide? *If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.*

**Summary:** The measure authorizes the City of Tualatin to issue \$20,000,000 in bonds to provide improvements for traffic congestion relief, neighborhood traffic safety, and safe access to schools throughout the community.

Congestion relief projects will improve existing roads by adding new signals and travel lanes. Traffic flow improvement projects are expected to be provided on Tualatin-Sherwood Road, Sagert, Martinazzi, Tualatin Road, Myslony, and other streets where congestion relief is needed.

Safety projects include pedestrian crossings with signals, crosswalks, sidewalks, driver feedback signs that display speed, and other improvements. These will be installed in areas identified as a priority by residents. Locations are projected to include downtown, Boones Ferry, the Garden Corner Curves at 105th/Blake, Sagert, Highway 99W, Grahams Ferry, and other areas.

Bond proceeds can only be used for capital costs. The bonds would be payable from property taxes. If approved, the tax rate is *estimated* to increase by 50 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value, or \$150 per year on an average Tualatin home.

### Explanatory Statement

Traffic congestion and neighborhood traffic safety repeatedly score as the #1 concern among Tualatin residents on community surveys. City Council, business, and other city leaders identified solutions to address Tualatin's traffic problems through a three-year process that began in 2014 with the update of Tualatin's Transportation System Plan. Members of Tualatin's Citizen Involvement Organizations (CIOs), the Aging Task Force, residents, and local businesses identified over one hundred projects that could provide traffic and safety enhancements city-wide. What emerged were three citizen-backed project priorities:

- Removing local bottlenecks and improving traffic flow
- Improving pedestrian safety on neighborhood streets; and
- Providing safe access to schools

The initial list was screened to select projects that best address these three priorities. The very highest priority projects total \$20 million and are expected to be funded through this bond measure.

Local traffic congestion relief projects and safety improvements cannot be constructed in a timely manner without the proceeds from the proposed bond measure. Current state revenues distributed to Tualatin cover only a small number of road projects each year, limiting Tualatin's ability to address critical needs and priorities identified by residents and businesses. The proceeds from Tualatin's road utility fee are dedicated to street maintenance and are not available to make new traffic congestion and safety improvements. This bond measure will allow Tualatin to provide priority traffic congestion relief and safety improvements citywide.

Submitted by:  
Sherilyn Lombos  
City Manager

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

### Argument in Favor

As a resident of Tualatin, you know that our transportation system needs improvements. You have told us of your discontent with increasing traffic congestion and the need for safety improvements in our neighborhoods and on routes to the schools in our community. Recent polling showed 71% of registered voters support a bond measure and requested the city "do something." This bond measure would provide funding for specific projects requested by multiple community groups.

#### Don't I already pay for the roads in Tualatin?

Your water bill contains a line item for Street Maintenance, which provides funding to maintain the City's existing roadways. That fee does not, however, pay for new projects or improvements. The funding for those items comes from other sources not controlled by the City, and in an amount that is insufficient to undertake major projects. The funding from this Measure is the only way the City can fund construction of these improvements in the short term.

#### What improvements will be constructed?

A list of the potential improvements, totaling ~\$45,000,000, is available at [www.TualatinMovingForward.org](http://www.TualatinMovingForward.org). **Only the projects on that list will be undertaken with the funding from this Measure, which will not be sufficient to complete all projects on the list.** If the measure is approved, then the Council, with input from citizens, will select the projects that will receive funding.

#### How were the potential projects selected?

Over the last several years, ideas for projects have been received from a broad cross-section of our community, including the Citizen Involvement Organizations, Chamber of Commerce, Aging Task Force, and Tualatin Tomorrow.

#### When can we expect to see improvements?

If this Measure is approved, then our expectation is that the selected projects will be completed in less than five years.

Please join us in improving our community by voting "Yes" on Measure 34-282.

This information furnished by:  
Tualatin Citizens for Good Government

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# City of Tigard

## Measure No. 34-283

### Ballot Title

#### Operating and Capital Levy to Maintain and Increase City Services.

**Question:** Shall Tigard issue five-year operating/capital levy, \$1.18/\$1,000 assessed value, for police, parks, library, and city services, beginning 2019? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

**Summary:** This measure would help pay for and increase city services, including police, park maintenance, library hours and programs, and safe walking routes and sidewalks. Funding priorities would include:

#### Police:

- Reducing police response times
- Increasing neighborhood patrols
- Increasing traffic enforcement
- Maintaining community policing and crime prevention
- Investigating elder abuse, drug trafficking, theft and property crimes
- Retaining school resource officer program, peer court, and youth programs

#### Parks and Recreation:

- Maintaining parks, trails, playgrounds, sports fields, and natural areas
- Watering and repairing sports fields; addressing graffiti and vandalism
- Expanding recreation programs, activities, and events

#### Library:

- Sustaining library programs and open hours
- Increasing programs and events for children and seniors
- Expanding library collection

#### Safety:

- Delivering sidewalk improvements with a focus on safe walking and biking routes to schools
- Preserving the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Accountability of funds will be provided through annual performance and efficiency audits and oversight committee.

Without this additional revenue, all general fund services, including police, park maintenance, library, and recreation, would be decreased.

Estimated revenues for each year of levy:

\$7,790,000	in 2019-20
\$8,030,000	in 2020-21
\$8,270,000	in 2021-22
\$8,510,000	in 2022-23
\$8,770,000	in 2023-24

### Explanatory Statement

The City of Tigard has placed an operating and capital levy before voters to maintain and increase city services such as police, park maintenance, library programs, and sidewalks.

Annual performance audits of city departments would be conducted, with an independent oversight committee to ensure levy funds are spent on these priorities.

#### What would the local option levy do?

The levy would provide funding to maintain and increase city services. If approved, levy funding priorities would include:

#### Police:

- Reducing police emergency response times to under six minutes
- Increasing patrols in all five districts with six additional officers in peak times
- Increasing neighborhood patrols for community policing and crime prevention
- Maintain investigative specialists for elder abuse, drug and human trafficking, cyber-crime, and identity theft
- Retaining the school resource officer program, peer court, and youth programs
- Increasing traffic enforcement by adding two officers to the Traffic Safety Unit

#### Parks and Recreation:

- Maintaining parks, trail, playgrounds, sports fields, and natural areas
- Expanding recreation programs, activities, and events

#### Library:

- Increasing programs, materials, and events for children and seniors
- Sustaining library open hours

#### Safety:

- Delivering sidewalk improvements with a focus on safe walking and biking routes to schools
- Preserving the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Pursuant to Tigard Charter Section 52, no levy funds would be used to build light rail.

#### What if the measure does not pass?

Tigard would begin reducing programs funded by the city's general fund in July 2018. Current budget proposals would reduce police specialist positions for criminal investigation, school resource officers, and youth programs. Additional budget reductions would reduce library programs and open hours, maintenance for parks and recreation programs.

#### Why is Tigard seeking a local option levy?

Tigard is growing and city services are not keeping up with the demands of growth. Over the last 10 years, Tigard's population grew 9.7 percent while the number of city staff has gone up by less than one percent, and the Tigard Police Department's authorized positions have declined. Oregon voters passed Measure 50 in 1997, placing a limit on property tax revenue of 3 percent increase per year, while the costs of general fund services grow at a faster rate. Although property taxes are a major revenue source, they cover about 44% of city general fund costs.

#### Have other options been considered?

Tigard has implemented other funding sources, including local fees, taxes and rate increases to benefit the general fund. The city has also taken measures to cut costs over the last decade, including deferring needed repairs, asking city employees to contribute to health insurance costs, and drawing on emergency reserves.

#### How would the measure affect property taxes?

The levy rate would be \$1.18 per \$1,000 assessed value. The five-year levy would start in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018. For the median home value in Tigard with taxable assessed value of \$250,280 (different than market value), the yearly cost in 2018 would be about \$295.

Learn more at <http://www.tigard-or.gov/tigardlevy>

Submitted by:  
Marty Wine  
City Manager

# City of Tigard

## Measure No. 34-283 Arguments

### Argument in Favor

**Firefighters Support Measure 34-283**  
**Supports public safety, Improves emergency response times.**

I am pleased to write on behalf of the men and women who proudly serve as firefighters, paramedics and dispatchers for Tualatin Valley Firefighters Union – IAFF Local 1660.

Firefighters and police officers work together to serve our growing community, and when we receive a 911 call it is critically important that we respond as quickly as possible.

As a firefighter that works in Tigard, I know the community we serve is growing. Emergency call have increased significantly, and the fact is that it now takes longer for police officers to get to the scene—**20% longer since 2012!** Measure 34-283 will help reverse this trend allowing the Tigard Police Department to maintain quality service and keep citizens safe.

Firefighters see Tigard Police officers in the schools protecting our students and teachers while serving as a valuable resource to kids in need. We see Tigard Police officers at community events providing safety and education to the public. We see Tigard Police officers providing CPR and using their automated external defibrillators to help save a life. It could be a medical call requiring police back up, a motor vehicle collision or assistance managing a larger incident, such as a fire, Tigard Police officers always bring a high-quality professional response and have the respect and appreciation of firefighters.

Measure 34-283 helps prevent incidents by adding new police officers to patrols and providing better traffic enforcement. A “yes” vote will prevent cuts to critical police deployments in schools and crime prevention. With more officers comes more capacity to investigate the serious crimes that affect our safety and quality of life.

**Please join me in voting to keep Tigard safe and vote “YES” for Measure 34-283**

Brian Smith, 2nd Vice President  
Tualatin Valley Firefighters Union  
International Association of Fire Fighters – Local 1660

This information furnished by:  
Tualatin Valley Firefighters Union IAFF Local 1660

### Argument in Favor

Vote Yes For Tigard Levy

Each day about 900 people walk through the doors of the Tigard Library. They come to instill a love of reading in their children. They come to further their own education. They come to improve technological skills. They come to broaden their knowledge of cultures, music and practical skills through the variety of programs the Library offers.

Story times teach our youngest citizens skills to prepare them to read at an early age so that they can start school with basic reading abilities. Other children’s and teen programs emphasize science and technological skills to prepare students for the future.

**If this levy passes, the Library will continue to provide these essential programs to help children succeed in school.**

Senior citizens often visit the Library to take computer classes to sharpen their skills and attend programs, such as Medicare enrollment for practical advice.

**If this levy passes, the Library will continue to provide programs to assist seniors.**

The Library issues about 300 new library cards every month. These new library cardholders seek the same services that the library provides all citizens. **If this levy passes, it will help the Library meet this additional demand for services.**

**If this levy passes, the Library will maintain current open hours.**

Why should you vote for this levy?

- To maintain and increase programs and events for children and seniors.
- To sustain current open hours at the Tigard Library.
- To expand the library’s collection of books and other library materials.

**If the levy does not pass, the library will face reductions in these services.**

This levy impacts all citizens in Tigard. It also addresses police and park services.

A “Yes” vote for the levy is a “Yes” vote for the Library. Please join us in voting “Yes” for the Tigard Levy.

For more information, go to:  
<http://www.yestigard.com/>

This information furnished by:  
Friends of the Tigard Public Library

### Argument in Favor

Keep Tigard Safe and Sound  
Vote YES on Measure 34-283 for Police, Parks, and the Library

Tigard is a great place to live. It’s a safe community for young and old, with quality amenities like parks, trails, and a first-class library. We have one of the lowest tax rates in the region, which also makes living in Tigard a great value.

But our city is growing. Tigard’s population has increased by nearly 10 percent in the last ten years, while the City has added just one position. We have actually lost a net total of two sworn police officers. The same number of people are doing far more work with increasing service demands, which means city services are eroding.

Police emergency response times are up 20 percent in the last five years to over six minutes. Time make all the difference in protecting a crime victim or apprehending a perpetrator.

In order to maintain core services, City Council will have to consider a broad range of cuts in the next two years. These include reductions to school police officers, neighborhood patrols, and traffic enforcement in neighborhoods and school zones. Additional cuts will be felt in library hours and programs, the Community Emergency Response Team, maintenance of parks, playgrounds, trails, sports fields, and recreational programs.

We need to consider what kind of community we want Tigard to be. To be fiscally responsible, we either need to accept fewer services or pay a little more to maintain our great quality of life.

Voting Yes on Measure 34-283 will prevent cuts to police, parks, and the library. It will improve emergency response times with six additional patrol officers at peak times. It will fund the construction of priority sidewalks for safe walking and biking to schools. It will ensure a safe community with a sound future.

This information furnished by:  
Tigard Mayor John L. Cook and Tigard City Councilors Tom Anderson, John Goodhouse, and Jason Snider

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# City of Tigard

## Measure No. 34-283 Arguments

### Argument in Favor

**Tigard is a great community. Let's keep it that way.  
YES ON 34-283**

#### Darlene Dick, MBA :

I have lived in Tigard for 32 years, raised kids, work, and volunteer here.

I am semi-retired, so I look closely at any tax increase. Measure 34-283 takes care of our own community and will be invested in the things we use every day: police, parks, recreation, emergency preparedness, and the library.

I walk our trails and parks each morning, and I've noticed the decline in maintenance and repair over the last few years. I'm concerned about the safety of people, parks and sidewalks in our city. With your vote, we all can make a difference.

#### Melody Graeber:

I am a mother of 5 kids, and their safety is my highest priority. As they walk and bike, I'm frequently concerned about the safety of the streets.

We need improved intersections and more sidewalks, so we know our streets are safe. I am concerned possible reductions to street maintenance, school safety, parks, recreation programs, and the library. These are the things that make Tigard a great place to raise a family and we need to preserve them.

#### The Task Force

Together we co-chaired a Task Force to examine Tigard's budget troubles. We were a diverse group of 17 people, conservative and liberal, young and old. In the end, we agreed that the City of Tigard just couldn't keep pace with growing demand. We recommended this measure unanimously to maintain our quality of life.

We're not the only ones. Businesses, community groups, and local leaders all agree:

**Vote YES on Measure 34-283**

Measure 34-283 is supported by:

Tigard Chamber of  
Commerce  
Portland Metro Home  
Builders Association  
Westside Economic Alliance  
Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue  
Board of Directors

Ginny Burdick, State Senator  
Margaret Doherty, State  
Representative  
Craig Dirksen, Former Tigard  
Mayor  
Pat Garrett, Washington  
County Sheriff  
Karen Emerson, Tigard-Tualatin  
School Board Member

This information furnished by:  
Friends of Tigard's Future

### Argument in Favor

#### Tigard Police Officers Support Measure 34-283

Tigard Officers have a mission to protect and serve all who live, play and work in Tigard.

Tigard and the region are growing. This means more calls for service and more complex investigations, requiring additional time for officers to respond to calls and complete their workload. Reducing call response times is imperative for solving certain crimes and apprehending criminals.

The department is handling these issues with fewer sworn officers than employed ten years ago.

Tigard Police Department currently employs a variety of specialized units to investigate more complicated cases. These teams include drug units, a traffic safety unit and school resource officers. Officers assigned to specialized units are provided additional training and resources not generally available to typical patrol officers. Without Measure 34-283, these units are at risk of being cut, with the officers reassigned to patrol districts to respond to emergency calls for service.

This would mean significant and long-lasting impacts. The number of school resource officers assigned to Tigard's schools could be reduced from four officers to one. These officers provide proactive engagement with school children and work closely with school staff. Detectives assigned to anti-drug drug units would no longer be available to investigate, detect and apprehend high level drug users and sellers. There could be no more dedicated traffic unit to investigate crashes and provide high visibility traffic enforcement.

#### Measure 34-283 enables Tigard Police to:

- Increase the number of sworn officers
- Increase neighborhood patrols
- Increase proactive and community policing
- Protect Tigard's kids
- Retain specialized traffic enforcement
- Retain specialized drug investigations

**Together, we can create a better, safer and more livable community.**

We urge you to support the Tigard Police Department and Tigard's future.

**Vote YES on Measure 34-283.**

Jeff Hering, Detective and TPOA President.

Mike Ranum, Officer and TPOA Vice President.

This information furnished by:  
Tigard Police Officers' Association (TPOA)

### Argument in Opposition

**There are few opportunities to make significant change in City operations and culture.** By '**VOTING NO**' today you mandate the City spends sustainably tomorrow!

**Other Cities use sensible "CITY PERFORMANCE AUDITS" accountable to public discussion** where "Waste, Spends Inefficiencies and Cost Savings" are identified and reconciled timely. Our City has no Performance OVERSIGHT Matrices to measure how efficiently departments operate. Without Annual City Performance Audits and Oversight tools, LEVY decisions were made absent "ACTUAL" operational efficiency data to publically inform. And instead used ESTIMATED revenues for public process to justify increasing City taxes ~45%.

**1.7% annual growth projection over the next 5 years MUST be paid by development not taxpayers.** YOU should NOT SUBSIDIZE for increased housing demand. When a City says it needs an Operating and Capital Levy, it's because "Development isn't paying enough for growth it creates; and Cities without OVERSIGHT don't adjust spending policies, processes, priorities and goals with "PRINCIPLED" businesslike precision!"

**Groupthink believes taxing more and growing government is the SOLUTION to get its house in order.** Unfortunately this plan WILL cost taxpayers more in 5 years. On 6<sup>th</sup> and 13 Feb 18, the words Performance and Efficiency Audit didn't appear

## City of Tigard

### Measure No. 34-283 Arguments

in initial Operating Levy drafts prior to measure filing. On 20 Feb 18 council deemed a City Performance Audit important and included it in the measure. But FAILED to publically inform ACTUAL revenues need before filing.

**To FREE up General Funds requires amendment of City Charter:** i.e., "CITY PERFORMANCE AUDIT where scope is recommended by PERFORMANCE AUDIT STUDY GROUP. Once complete and operational inefficiencies corrected through oversight, will significantly expand General Funds. Per review of Cities Comprehensive Annual Financial Report June 30, 2017, there'd be no impact in maintaining core city services, including safety applying this Principled Best-in-Class Business practice over the next two years.

**Learn more at [WWW.WOODCHAT.COM](http://WWW.WOODCHAT.COM) and view City Levy Process.** If you feel compelled to pay an OVERESTIMATED tax levy, "Don't VOTE NO."

This information furnished by:  
Marc T. Woodard, Tigard City Councilor

#### Argument in Opposition

Please vote NO - Keep Tigard Affordable!  
**32% TAX INCREASE**

- Tigard does NOT have a Revenue Problem
- Tigard has a **SPENDING PROBLEM**

If this huge tax passes, the owner of a \$500K assessed home will pay \$2075.00 in just CITY TAXES in the final year of its' term.

**Tigard's revenues grow Millions** annually-almost 4% every year. Does your pay rise automatically 4% every year?

**32% MASSIVE TAX INCREASE**

Tigard's revenue grows Millions every year - they can LIVE WITHIN A BUDGET like we all do. New development **adds Millions More** to Tigard's Tax Base.

**32% HUGE TAX INCREASE**

Vote NO - **don't tax people out of their homes!** This MASSIVE Tax will RISE every year as assessed value grows! See your City Utility Bill. Tigard already has PLENTY of TAXES, FEES, SURCHARGES. You pay a high Parks Fee every month.

Will they delete this Fee if this HUGE TAX passes?

Remember your Total Cost of water skyrocketed -for a product that smells like Chlorine! Tigard needs spending discipline, not new Millions.

**SAY NO TO MASSIVE 32% TAX**

Defeat this HUGE TAX just like the YMCA boondoggle Tax was defeated! Massive 32% Tax Effective this July 1st - is **your pay going up 32%** before you have to pay this **NEW TAX?**

Tigard doesn't produce wealth like Corporations do. They want **TAXES** that **OUTGROW THE ECONOMY**, a disastrous recipe. Tigard believes they know how to spend **YOUR MONEY** better than you do.

**NO TO 32% TAX RISE!**

They always threaten they will cut services if we don't vote to tax ourselves into oblivion. **NONSENSE.** Tigard **already gets Millions More** EVERY YEAR. If City Leadership laid off Law Enforcement to keep a Bureaucrat than it's time for NEW Leadership. They need to **PRIORITIZE SPENDING - they already have plenty of our money** and get more every year.

- Please vote NO on 32% INCREASE.
- Don't Tax people out of their homes.

Thank you

This information furnished by:  
Paul Hoffman

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#### The Alternate Format Ballot (AFB)

AFB is a voting tool which allows a voter with disabilities to vote privately and independently.

If you wish to have more information or would like to sign up to receive the AFB contact the Voter Assistance Team at 503-846-5820.

Email your request to:  
[vap@co.washington.or.us](mailto:vap@co.washington.or.us)

or

Visit the Elections website at:  
[www.co.washington.or.us](http://www.co.washington.or.us)

# Beaverton School District #48JT

## Measure No. 34-284

### Ballot Title

#### Levy Renewal to Protect Beaverton Schools Teachers and Class Sizes

**Question:** Shall District preserve 300 teaching positions, protect class sizes, renew 5-year levy, \$1.25 per \$1,000 assessed value, beginning 2018? This measure renews current local option taxes.

**Summary:** The Beaverton School District serves 40,000 children in 53 schools.

In 2013, voters approved a local option levy to restore teaching positions that had been cut due to repeated state funding shortfalls. That levy has raised \$128 million, and 100% has remained in Beaverton Schools to fund approximately 300 teaching positions and reduce class sizes. In the 2017-2018 school year, 158 of these positions were allocated to Beaverton's elementary schools, 53 to middle schools, 70 to high schools, and 18 to options schools.

The 2018 levy renewal will allow Beaverton schools to preserve these 300 teaching positions, maintain class sizes, and help ensure students are prepared for post-high school success, all without raising taxes.

The levy renewal costs \$1.25 per \$1,000 assessed property value. Homes with the median assessed value of \$238,000 would continue to pay less than \$25 a month.

The local option levy is projected to raise \$165 million over five years:

2018-19: \$31 million  
2019-20: \$32 million  
2020-21: \$33 million  
2021-22: \$34 million  
2022-23: \$35 million

### Explanatory Statement

#### Levy Renewal

Beaverton Schools serve 40,000 students in 53 schools. In 2013, voters approved a local option levy to restore teaching positions that had been cut due to repeated state funding shortfalls. That levy has raised more than \$128 million and 100% has remained in Beaverton Schools to fund approximately 300 teaching positions and reduce class sizes.

In the 2017-2018 school year, the current levy funded:

- **158 positions in Beaverton's 34 elementary schools.** If the new levy is not passed, it is expected that 2 to 7 positions at each elementary school would potentially be eliminated.
- **53 positions in Beaverton's 8 middle schools.** If the new levy is not passed, it is expected that 4.5 to 11 positions at each middle school would potentially be eliminated.
- **70 positions in Beaverton's 6 high schools.** If the new levy is not passed, it is expected that 5 to 18 positions at each high school would potentially be eliminated.
- **18 positions in Beaverton's 5 options schools.** If the new levy is not passed, it is expected that 1 to 6 positions at each options school would potentially be eliminated.

The 2018 levy renewal will allow Beaverton schools to preserve these teaching positions, maintain class sizes, and help ensure students are prepared for post-high school success, all without raising tax rates.

#### Prevent Budget Cuts

Without the levy renewal, the Beaverton School District would have to reduce its budget by at least \$30 million dollars and eliminate approximately 300 teaching positions, increasing

class sizes by an average of six students per class.

#### Same Tax Rate

Because it is a levy renewal, the average Beaverton homeowner would pay about \$25 a month to provide continued funding for school operations through 2023.

#### Cost of the Levy

The Local Option Levy rate is \$1.25 per \$1,000 assessed property value. The levy would raise approximately \$31 million in the first year. The median home in Beaverton is assessed at \$238,000 (1/2 are more and 1/2 are less). The median homeowner would pay about \$25 a month.

#### Saving Taxpayers Money

The Beaverton School District has a strong record of saving taxpayers' money, spending less on administrative costs than any district in the state. Beaverton is one of the few Oregon school districts that do not pay the 6% employee portion of PERS and the Beaverton School Board adopted a Legislative Agenda that included advocacy to reform the PERS system. Additionally, Beaverton Schools partners with the Washington County Sheriff's Office and Beaverton Police Department to fund School Resource Officers, and has an agreement with Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District for community use of fields and gyms.

#### Accountability

100% of money goes to fund teaching positions. None goes to administration. All funds stay in the Beaverton Schools. None goes to Salem. Ongoing reports to the public ensure the funds are used as intended.

Submitted by:

Maureen Wheeler, Public Communications Officer  
Beaverton School District

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

# Beaverton School District #48JT

## Measure No. 34-284 Arguments

### Argument in Favor

#### **VOTE YES TO PROTECT BEAVERTON SCHOOLS, TEACHERS AND CLASS SIZES**

Measure 34-284 will allow Beaverton schools to preserve three hundred teaching positions, maintain class sizes, and help ensure students are prepared for post-high school success, **all without raising tax rates.**

#### **SAME LOW TAX RATE**

Renewing the levy allows the Beaverton School District to preserve three hundred teaching positions and maintain class sizes without raising tax rates. The renewal provides funding for school operations through 2023, and an average Beaverton homeowner would continue to pay about \$25 a month. That's a small price to pay to preserve teaching positions and class sizes.

#### **PREVENTS PAINFUL CUTS**

Without the levy renewal, the Beaverton School District will be forced to cut its budget by thirty million dollars, risking more than three hundred teaching positions, and increasing class sizes. Beaverton Schools need the levy renewal to prevent painful cuts.

#### **100% OF DOLLARS STAY IN THE CLASSROOM**

The Beaverton School District has a strong record of saving taxpayers' money, spending less on administrative costs than any district in the state. 100% of levy renewal funds will be spent in Beaverton classrooms – none will go to Salem.

Please join the Yes for Beaverton Schools Steering Committee in voting YES on 34-284 on May 15

**Senator Mark Hass, Co-Chair**  
**Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle, Co-Chair**  
**Becky Tymchuk, Co-Chair**  
**Tori Pontrelli, Steering Committee Member**  
**Sara Schmitt, Steering Committee Member**  
**Nancy PeBenito, Steering Committee Member**  
**Heidi Edwards, Steering Committee Member**  
**Jason Cowart, Steering Committee Member**  
**Anna Taylor, Steering Committee Member**  
**Tom Colett, Steering Committee Member**  
**Susan Greenburg, Steering Committee Member**

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### Argument in Favor

#### **AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM OUR LOCAL TEACHERS**

The Beaverton Local Option Levy Renewal will preserve the fundamentals of a good education: quality teachers and lower class sizes so kids get the attention they deserve.

#### **-----Smaller Class Sizes-----**

"I have experienced the direct benefits on class size that the levy has provided. At Terra Linda, the levy currently funds 5 teachers. This is essentially one in each grade level. In my four years, I have never had a first grade class over 23 students. I have ended the year twice with only 18 students. When I talk to teachers from other districts, they are amazed at how small my classes have been. This has allowed me to get to know my students more personally, and better meet their needs as learners."  
-Bethany Schroeder, 1st Grade Teacher at Terra Linda Elementary

#### **-----Individual Attention-----**

"With large class sizes, it is not possible for me, to adequately

meet all the different needs of my students. Kids come to my class with a vast range of abilities and background knowledge. Only by making relationships with individual students can I help each student meet their full potential. Having fewer students in each of my classes allows me to have more one-on-one time with students, determine individual needs, build relationships, and assess student performance."

-Geoff Hunnicutt, Math teacher, Arts and Communications Magnet Academy

#### **-----Giving Students the Very Best Chance at a Strong Future-----**

"A reasonable class size at the elementary level allows teachers to build relationships with students and attend to their social and emotional well-being. As a result, students feel more connected to their teachers, peers and classroom communities."

-Erin Getting, 2nd grade teacher at Bethany Elementary

#### **Strong schools support students, our local community, and our economy.**

#### **PLEASE JOIN THE BEAVERTON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AND TEACHERS ACROSS THE DISTRICT IN VOTING YES ON MEASURE 34-284 FOR OUR BEAVERTON SCHOOLS.**

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### Argument in Favor

#### **As local parent volunteers, we urge you to vote YES on Measure 34-284.**

We volunteer in Beaverton's schools nearly every day and we see firsthand how hard educators work for our students. **Losing 300 teachers would be devastating to our schools,** resulting in a steep increase in class sizes and a loss of individualized instruction that is so important for our kids.

**Fortunately, the Beaverton community has a long-standing tradition of supporting our schools.** Renewing the local levy means funds will go directly into our children's classroom. In fact, 100% of the levy money will go toward funding teaching positions, while none will go to administration.

Likewise, all funds stay in the Beaverton Schools, and ongoing reports to the public will ensure the funds are used as intended. And because this is a renewal, the tax rate remains the same as what we're paying today.

#### **Help us remain a community that prioritizes children and education!**

#### **Join us in voting YES on 34-284! Yes for Our Beaverton Schools.**

Your Parent Volunteers:  
Tonya Hart-Manning, Cooper Mountain Elementary  
Sara Smith, Aloha High School  
Nisha Elliot, Beaver Acres Elementary School  
Jason Cowart, West Tualatin Valley Elementary

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# Beaverton School District #48JT

## Measure No. 34-284 Arguments

### Argument in Favor

#### Our kids are grown and we're still voting YES for Beaverton Schools.

Though all grown up now, our children received an excellent education at Beaverton schools, and we believe that current students, as well as future generations, deserve the same.

**We all benefit when kids are in school and engaged.** Properly funded Beaverton schools contribute to a better workforce as well as better community members. High quality schools are one of the reasons our community and neighborhoods remain so livable. Without the levy renewal, we put these schools at risk, ending our long-standing commitment to quality education. And as retirees, we will be counting on today's students in the years to come.

#### **NO NEW TAXES**

As seniors, we are very budget aware and appreciate that the levy renewal is just that: a renewal. This levy ensures that students will continue to receive the attention they need in manageable class sizes, and it does so by **KEEPING THE SAME LOW TAX RATE.**

At about only \$25 a month for a typical Beaverton homeowner, this is an investment worth making.

Join us in supporting today's students so they can receive the same great education we were so lucky to have.

#### **VOTE YES for Beaverton Schools.**

Sincerely,  
Janet Cruz  
Jim McCreight  
Beverly Sali  
Thomas A. Franklin  
Carolyn Moynes

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Yes for Beaverton Schools

### Argument in Favor

#### **BEAVERTON'S LOCAL BUSINESSES SUPPORT BEAVERTON SCHOOLS**

Renewing the Beaverton School Levy is vital to keeping our schools and community strong. As businesses in the local community, we know how schools serve as the foundation of a healthy economy.

**Beaverton Schools prepare our students for college and the workforce, and contribute to a vibrant community.** This results in higher wages, greater economic mobility, and a higher quality of life. But the benefits of a better education reach beyond personal gain. When our community invests in quality schools, there is a huge return, attracting more businesses and family-wage jobs.

#### **Local economies flourish when there are more skilled and productive workers.**

Renewing the levy is an important way to fund our local schools and prevent potential cuts in teachers and other staff. Protecting and investing in our schools is one of the most critical ways the community can support economic growth and give students the skills they need to be successful in college, career and life

**As local businesses, we understand the importance of watching the bottom line.** Beaverton Schools will be held

accountable for our tax dollars; the local option levy continues to include independent citizen oversight to ensure that funds are used as voters intended.

#### **VOTE YES ON MEASURE 34-284!**

Ava Roasteria, Co.  
Beaverton Chamber of Commerce  
Casa Lola LLC  
Nike  
Pacific Office Automation  
Pat Reser  
Play.Fit.Fun  
Vernier Software & Technology  
Westside Economic Alliance

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### Argument in Favor

#### **Better Schools Mean a Better Beaverton**

**As Beaverton's elected representatives,** we care deeply about protecting the quality of our local schools. They determine the strength and vitality of our neighborhoods, adding to the overall livability of our community.

We believe good schools are key to thriving families and neighborhoods.

#### **That's why we are voting YES to renew Beaverton's Local Option Levy.**

When kids are in school, they are engaged in learning as well as playing and working with others. They gain critical life skills guiding them to be productive citizens. Schools provide important structure and teach kids to be accountable for their actions and to assist others.

Measure 34-284 continues to make key investments in our schools, **without raising taxes.** And all the money raised by the levy goes directly to our local schools to prevent the loss of teaching positions and increased class sizes.

**Please vote YES for Beaverton Schools and vote YES for our community.**

Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici  
State Treasurer Tobias Read  
Senator Mark Hass  
Representative Sheri Malstrom  
Representative Jeff Barker  
Representative Ken Helm  
Metro Councilor Kathryn Harrington  
Commissioner Dick Schouten  
Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle  
Beaverton City Councilor Lacey Beaty  
Beaverton City Councilor Cate Arnold  
Beaverton City Councilor Betty Bode  
Beaverton City Councilor Marc San Soucie  
Beaverton City Councilor Mark Fagin

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# Beaverton School District #48JT

## Measure No. 34-284 Arguments

### Argument in Favor

#### PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT BEAVERTON SCHOOLS URGE YOUR YES ON MEASURE 34-284

As groups who work to better the lives of all who live in Beaverton, we strongly support a YES vote on Measure 34-284 for Beaverton's schools.

**When class sizes are kept small, kids flourish.** The levy renewal ensures that 300 teachers stay in their classrooms, maintaining class sizes, and long-standing relationships with students.

**When kids flourish, so does our community.** When our children receive a strong education, they go on to do great things. Renewing our local option levy ensures that Beaverton has a bright future.

"We urge our members to vote YES on Measure 34-284 to ensure support for our schools, and keep our kids on track for success."  
-Anna Taylor, OSEA

"Renewing our local option levy at the same tax rate keeps Beaverton a livable community for our members, and ensures that the children of our members have great teachers and small class sizes. Please vote YES on Measure 34-284."  
-Gary Young, IBEW Local 48

#### Your YES vote on Measure 34-284 is supported by:

IBEW Local 48  
Oregon School Employees Association  
ABSA - Association of Beaverton School Administrators  
APANO-Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon

This information furnished by:  
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### Argument in Favor

#### Your Volunteer School Board Supports Our Local Schools

We are the volunteer School Board members for Beaverton Schools. Our goal is to provide the best possible education to children in our community. We are the watchdogs of the school district budget and spending. We are regularly in the schools, with students, teachers, and parents.

#### It's important for you to know that the Beaverton Schools Local Option Levy is financially responsible and accountable:

- Our district has strong financial management practices in place, and the Local Option Levy funds go directly into the classroom.
- The district receives regular audits to review their financial status. Audits are completed with very few recommended changes, all of which are implemented.
- Our schools have received a Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting for 35 years from the Government Finance Officers Association.

**We work hard to target all possible resources into the classroom and supporting students. We have achieved impressive cost savings, including:**

- **PERS Savings**

Beaverton is one of the few school districts that does not pay the 6% employee PERS portion. Teachers pay it themselves.

- **Administration Savings**

Beaverton spends the lowest amount of any other school district in Oregon in central administration expenses per student - less than half of the state average.

- **Insurance Savings**

Beaverton School District has saved \$25 million in health insurance costs.

#### JOIN US IN SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS!

**Anne Bryan**, School Board Chair  
**Becky Tymchuk**, School Board Vice Chair  
**Susan Greenberg**, School Board Member  
**Eric Simpson**, School Board Member  
**Donna Tyner**, School Board Member  
**LeeAnn Larsen**, School Board Member  
**Tom Colett**, School Board Member

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# City of Portland

## Measure No. 26-197

### Ballot Title

#### Renew Portland Children's Levy for Five Years.

**Question:** Shall Portland continue early childhood, child abuse programs; five-year levy \$0.4026 per \$1,000 assessed value beginning 2019?

This measure renews current local option taxes.

**Summary:** Renews the Portland Children's Levy at current rate; supports proven programs preventing childhood hunger, preventing child abuse and neglect, helping children arrive at school ready to learn, providing safe constructive after-school alternatives for kids, and helping foster children succeed.

Funds can only be used for:

**Preventing childhood hunger:** giving hungry children healthy, nutritious meals and food.

**Child abuse prevention and intervention:** addressing juvenile crime, school failure, drug and alcohol abuse, homeless youth.

**Early childhood programs:** making childcare more affordable and preparing children for success in school.

**After school, summer and mentoring programs:** promoting academic achievement, reducing the number of juveniles victimized by crime, increasing graduation rates.

**Children in foster care programs:** helping foster children who have been abused and neglected succeed.

Accountability measures include:

- Investments subject to annual audits.
- Programs funded must be cost effective and have a proven record of success.
- Investments subject to oversight by a citizen committee.
- Administrative costs cannot exceed 5%.

It is estimated the levy will raise an average of \$23.68 million per year for five years.

mentoring and mental health services that increase school success and decrease rates of juvenile crime.

Measure 26-197 will renew the Portland Children's Levy at the same tax rate that voters approved in 2002, 2008 and 2013.

Money raised through the Portland Children's Levy can only be used in program areas that deliver the greatest payoff by improving children's lives and providing long-term savings to the community. Leading economic experts agree that early childhood education has the highest return of any public investment, as much as \$17 is saved for every dollar spent. Because the average cost to jail a juvenile offender is \$79,000 annually, the Children's Levy is a prudent investment in our shared future.

The Portland Children's Levy supports the following program areas:

- **Child abuse prevention and intervention:** addressing juvenile crime, school failure, drug and alcohol abuse and homeless youth.
- **Early childhood programs:** preparing children for success in school and making quality childcare more affordable.
- **After school, summer and mentoring programs:** promoting academic achievement, reducing the number of juveniles victimized by crime and increasing graduation rates.
- **Children in foster care programs:** helping foster children succeed who have been abused and neglected.
- **Child hunger:** improving children's access to nutritious meals, leading to improved health and academic success.

The Portland Children's Levy contains several elements to ensure accountability, efficiency and effectiveness:

- Supports only proven, cost-effective programs
- Oversight by a citizen committee
- Administrative expenses limited to 5% or less
- Annual independent audits

Submitted by:  
Dan Saltzman  
City of Portland

### Explanatory Statement

Measure 26-197 will renew the Portland Children's Levy at the same tax rate that voters approved in 2002, 2008 and 2013. By renewing the Children's Levy, Portland will continue to fund programs to help kids succeed, protecting them from abuse, crime and hunger. The Portland Children's Levy supports proven programs for more than 15,000 children annually who might otherwise grow up without a healthy start and the positive influences that lead to success in school and beyond.

The Portland Children's Levy invests only in proven, cost-effective programs that:

- Ensure children are ready to learn and achieve greater academic success, which eases burdens on schools and teachers because children are better prepared and less disruptive in the classroom.
- Prevent children from becoming victims of crime by supporting programs that give kids safe, constructive things to do during the hours they are most at risk of getting into trouble or becoming victimized.
- Protect children from child abuse and neglect. The Children's Levy helps shield children from terrible circumstances and works to eliminate the two greatest risk factors for juvenile crime: drug and alcohol abuse, and homelessness.
- Provide foster children with quality services that improve their chance at success, including educational support,

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

# City of Portland

## Measure No. 26-197 Arguments

### Argument in Favor

**Yes on 26-197**

#### **Help Keep Portland's Kids Safe and Successful with The Portland Children's Levy**

In 2002, Portland voters created the Portland Children's Levy, to make the needs of our community's children a higher priority. Over that time, the Children's Levy has invested in over 50 community organizations to provide programs in the following areas:

- **Child abuse prevention and intervention:** protecting children from terrible circumstances, which also addresses juvenile crime, school failure, drug and alcohol abuse and homeless youth.
- **Early childhood programs:** preparing children for success in school and making quality childcare more affordable. Ensuring that children arrive at school ready to learn also assists our schools and teachers.
- **After school, summer and mentoring programs:** promoting academic achievement, reducing the number of juveniles victimized by crime and increasing graduation rates.
- **Children in foster care programs:** giving foster children a better chance at success with educational support, mentoring and access to mental health services.
- **Child hunger prevention:** improving children's access to nutritious meals, leading to better physical and mental health, as well as academic success.

**By voting YES on Measure 26-197, we can continue to ensure a better future for our kids and our community.**

#### **No Increase in Tax Rate**

Measure 26-197 renews the Children's Levy at the same tax rate we are paying now.

#### **Effective and Accountable**

Measure 26-197 will continue the Children's Levy's strong accountability measures:

- Only supports programs that are cost-effective and proven to work
- Oversight by a citizens committee
- Administrative expenses are limited to 5% or less
- Annual independent audits

Renewing the Portland Children's Levy is an important way to say that in Portland, we care about our kids – and put those values into action every day.

**PLEASE VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-197**

**Learn more at  
[Voteyesforportlandschildren.org](http://Voteyesforportlandschildren.org)**

This information furnished by:  
Committee for Safe and Successful Children

### Argument in Favor

#### **A Message from the Portland Children's Levy Citizens Oversight Committee**

More than 15 years ago Portland voters made children a higher priority by creating the Portland Children's Levy.

Part of that passage in 2002, as well as the Levy's overwhelming renewals in 2008 and 2013, included a five-member citizens' oversight committee set up to ensure that the Levy:

- Makes sound investments
- Spends its money wisely
- Is fully accountable to the public

As the citizen members of the oversight committee, we meet

publicly to make funding decisions and ensure that tax dollars go to proven and cost-effective investments that reap major benefits for Portland children and families, as well as the community in general.

We approve investments that improve the lives of thousands of children each year. The Levy's programs support children who might otherwise grow up without a healthy start and the positive influences that lead to success in school and beyond.

We review the programs that the Levy invests in, ensuring that Portland gets the biggest bang for its buck on its investment. **Administrative costs for the Children's Levy are kept to 5 percent or less.**

The Children's Levy invests in programs that:

- Prepare children so they arrive at kindergarten ready to learn
- Motivate students to stay in school, attain better grades and keep them safer after school
- Help children overcome the trauma of abuse and neglect
- Assist foster care children in beating the daunting odds they face now and in the future
- Provide healthy and nutritious food to children so they can concentrate on their learning

Over the life of the Levy, citizen oversight has helped keep the promise of effectiveness and accountability, investing over \$150 million to ensure that our next generation achieves a bright future and has the opportunity to succeed. Your YES vote on Measure 26-197 will make that happen.

Commissioner Dan Saltzman

Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury

Julie S. Young

Serena Stoudamire-Wesley

Mitch Hornecker

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Dan Saltzman

### Argument in Favor

#### **Why this Older Portlander is Voting Yes to Help Younger Portlanders**

At first glance it may appear curious that an older Portlander is in support of a measure focused on young children. We all have a stake in the Portland Children's Levy because a community in which children are supported, nourished, and successful in and out of school is a healthier community for all of us.

The Portland Children's Levy increases opportunities for early learning and pre-school experiences. It supports after-school programs which bring children additional enrichment in opportunity for building friendships and mentoring. For every dollar we spend on early childhood education, we save \$17 in long-term cost. The Portland Children's Levy supports youth in foster care with skill building for transition into adulthood. Youth who are engaged in and after school are less likely to get into trouble. It costs taxpayers over \$59,000 a year to jail a juvenile offender.

The Portland Children's Levy strengthens families by helping them achieve early, positive parenting experiences. Building parenting skills keeps families united, provides permanency for children, and is one avenue of child abuse prevention.

The Portland Children's Levy keeps children nourished and ready to learn, play, and succeed. It increases access to food

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# City of Portland

## Measure No. 26-197 Arguments

during summer and out-of-school time. The Levy has delivered hunger relief through school-based pantries.

Over the past 15 years, the Portland Children's Levy has effectively helped thousands. It has demonstrated positive measurable outcomes and is held accountable with strong citizen oversight. It has been very careful with the money voters have provided, spending less than 5% on administrative costs. There are few organizations, public or private, with a similar financial track record.

**The Portland Children's Levy makes our community stronger. It's a good value and it supports my values. Voting Yes on 26-197 will not increase our current tax rate. I hope you will join me in voting Yes.**

Donna Ching, Retired Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

This information furnished by:  
Committee for Safe and Successful Children

### Argument in Favor

**Oregon Food Bank urges you to vote YES on Measure 26-197**  
Kids can focus on learning not hunger with the help of The Portland Children's Levy

Older siblings asking for extra food to bring home to a hungry brother or sister. Parents skipping meals so their children can eat. Kids knowing that school-provided breakfast and lunch are the only meals guaranteed.

These stories are heartbreaking and are far too common in our community. One in five Oregon children currently experiences hunger. Approximately 33 percent of those eating food received from a local pantry are children.

Children who are hungry get sick more often and have trouble learning. Hunger negatively impacts a child's academic performance, cognitive development, growth and physical and psychological health. Without intervention, these impacts stay with a child throughout their entire life.

Yet childhood hunger is solvable. Food assistance programs and emergency food helps children successfully develop and thrive, increasing the likelihood they will grow up to be healthy, productive adults.

The Portland Children's Levy provides a significant resource in the fight against hunger. Last year, it provided emergency food for more than 12,000 children through Oregon Food Bank's School Pantry program. The Portland Children's Levy's effective and efficient investments in our community help ensure that no child goes to bed hungry.

Your YES vote on Measure 26-197 shows that Portland continues to care about its kids, and wants them to grow up to be healthy, safe, successful and fed.

This information furnished by:  
Oregon Food Bank

### Oregon Voter Bill of Rights

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

**You have the right to** receive assistance in casting your ballot.

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

**You have the right to** receive a new ballot if, prior to returning your ballot, you make a mistake.

**You have the right to** vote if you are in line to return your ballot at any official drop site by 8 PM on Election Day.

**You have the right to** cast a secret ballot.

**You have the right to** cast a "provisional ballot" if your name does not appear on the voter roll.

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

**You have the right to** know if your ballot, including a "provisional ballot", was counted.

**You have the right to** vote if you have been convicted of a felony once you have been released from custody, even if you are on probation or post-prison supervision.

**You have the right to** file a complaint with the Secretary of State if you think your voting rights have been denied or if you believe any fraudulent activity has occurred.

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

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Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15, 2018: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

## Ballots must be received by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day

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#### 24-hour drop boxes

##### **Banks Public Library**

42461 NW Market St

##### **Cornelius City Hall**

1355 N Barlow St

##### **Forest Grove City**

Pacific Ave & Birch St

##### **Hillsboro Brookwood Library**

2850 NE Brookwood Pkwy

##### **King City City Hall**

15300 SW 116th Ave

##### **North Plains City Hall**

31360 NW Commercial St

##### **Sherwood City Hall**

22560 SW Pine St

##### **Charles D Cameron Public Services Bldg (Temporarily Closed)**

##### **Sheriff's Office & Jail Parking Lot (Temporary Location)**

236 SW Dennis Ave

##### **Service Center East –**

##### **Washington County Elections Office**

3700 SW Murray Blvd

(front lobby drop slot at Murray & Millikan Way)

##### **Tigard City Hall**

13125 SW Hall Blvd

##### **Tualatin City Offices - Council Building**

18880 SW Martinazzi Ave

#### Indoor drop boxes *(call to confirm hours)*

##### **Beaverton City Library**

12375 SW 5th St

503-644-2197

##### **Cedar Mill Community Library**

12505 NW Cornell Rd

503-644-0043

##### **Bethany Library**

15325 NW Central Dr Ste J-8

503-617-7323

##### **Hillsboro Shute Park Branch Library**

775 SE 10th Ave

503-615-6500

##### **West Slope Community Library**

3678 SW 78th Ave

503-292-6416

##### **Aloha Community Library**

17455 SW Farmington Rd Ste. 26A

503-259-0185

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Tuesday, May 15, 2018: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

##### **Service Center East Building – Washington County Elections Office**

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