

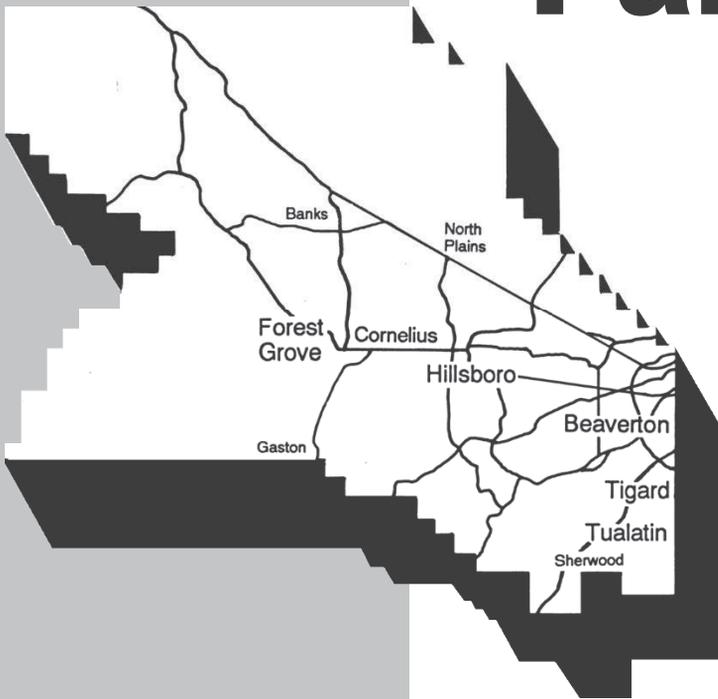


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MAY 21, 2024**



Washington County Board of County Commissioners

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Nafisa Fai, District 1
Pam Treece, District 2
Roy Rogers, District 3
Jerry Willey, District 4

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Washington County

Commissioner, District 1



Nafisa Fai

Occupation: County Commissioner

Occupational Background: Small Business Owner & Public Health Expert

Educational Background: Portland State, BS

Prior Governmental Experience: Clean Water Services Advisory

Commission; Oregon Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee

"Washington County is the beacon of innovation and promise in Oregon. We have an opportunity to build a future where progress meets opportunity, working together to address housing affordability and homelessness, transportation challenges, and environmental protection." - Nafisa Fai, Commissioner

A resident of Oregon for over 25 years, Nafisa brings her experience as a county commissioner, small business owner, and public health expert to address the most pressing issues facing Washington County and her constituents.

Since she was elected, Nafisa has been a leader in efforts to:

- Add over 1,200 affordable homes for our community
- Advocate for homeownership investments to create wealth-building opportunities
- Accelerate housing construction by reducing delays in building permitting processes
- Increase road safety and reduce traffic congestion

Nafisa will continue to prioritize:

- Creating more affordable housing opportunities
- Reducing homelessness and helping those struggling
- Protecting our environment and combating climate change
- Reducing traffic and increasing road safety

"Nafisa puts the voices of the community first, listening to us and centering those perspectives in her work. She's hosted many community conversations and conducted civic engagement trainings. We strongly support Nafisa Fai." - Ronnie and Michele Wise, Beaverton residents

Our Community Supports Nafisa!

NW Oregon Labor Council, AFL-CIO
 Home Building Association of Greater Portland
 Portland Metropolitan Association of REALTORS®
 Tualatin Valley Firefighters Union
 Washington County Chamber of Commerce
 Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce
 Oregon League of Conservation Voters
 The Democratic Party of Washington County
 Willamette Women Democrats
 Governor Tina Kotek
 U.S. Senator Ron Wyden
 U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley
 Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici
 Oregon Treasurer Tobias Read
 Juan Carlos Gonzalez, Metro Councilor
 Kathryn Harrington, Washington County Commission Chair
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 Kevin Barton, Washington County DA
 Caprice Massey, Washington County Sheriff

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Washington County

Commissioner, District 1



Jenny Kamprath

Occupation: Director of Sales

Occupational Background: Sales, Marketing, management, business

Educational Background: Bassist College, BS Management

Prior Governmental Experience: N/A

Background:

Born and raised in Portland, Washington County has been the place I have loved and put down my family roots for the past 30 years. During this time the Beaverton area has grown and changed significantly creating new challenges as a county

As a former small business owner and entrepreneur, I bring a wealth of experience to the table, particularly in business, where I've spent most of my career. This background has equipped me with the skills to effectively engage with businesses and individuals from diverse backgrounds. I excel in active listening and negotiation, always striving for outcomes that benefit all parties involved.

Why I'm Running:

Washington County is confronted with numerous hurdles necessitating a pragmatic approach grounded in evidence rather than ideology to effectively allocate resources towards programs and services benefiting taxpayers. I am confident that my extensive and pertinent experience uniquely qualifies me as the optimal candidate to navigate these challenges and achieve positive outcomes for the citizens of Washington County.

Priorities:

Budget:

- Transparency to the public about how their tax dollars are being spent
- No overspending and running in the red as is currently being done
- No raising taxes to cover overspending

Affordable Housing:

- Streamline regulations and bureaucratic hurdles to expedite building
- Control and manage excessive land development taxes
- Open more land for building

Drug Use and Homelessness

- Establish Real programs to deter recidivism and drug use
- Placing homeless pods in suitable non-residential areas

Roads:

- Adequate budget funding to maintain roads and highways as in the past
- Reestablish MSTIP program for urban and rural roads.

I am confident that my life experiences, professional skills, and diverse background provide me with a distinctive viewpoint to represent the people of Washington County. My commitment includes maintaining an open-door policy for constituents. I am dedicated to advocating for your needs and working tirelessly on your behalf

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Washington County

Commissioner, District 3



Peter Huhtala

Occupation: Instructor at HolyLoveReiki.com

Occupational Background: Willamette Falls Heritage Area Coalition; Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association; Pacific Marine Conservation Council

Educational Background: Clatsop Community College,

English; Saddleback College, Real Estate

Prior Governmental Experience: Commissioner - Clatsop County (Oregon) Board of Commissioners 2011– 2015; Clatsop Housing Authority; Columbia/Pacific Economic Development District

The climate crisis is an existential threat to humans. If we carry on as we have, we will suffocate, or succumb to monster storms, drought, and floods. Washington County is famous for business innovation, but that doesn't make it immune from destruction. Did you hope, somewhere in the back of your mind, that a miracle technology would spring forth from Hillsboro and save us? Get over that.

We've set goals, even deadlines, to phase out our reliance on fossil fuels. That should count for something. It's the best we can do. Sorry, we're negotiating with ourselves.

Dreams and fantasies distract us for a while. A century of science fiction trained us to believe the extraordinary, even the impossible.

I tend toward hope without evidence. Let's start there. First, we gather those who deeply know they must have a stake in their future. These are the chosen young—brilliant and solemn—who pound on our doors to awaken whatever we have left. The indigenous appear among the youth, always here, waiting to witness the eagle and condor.

We need to give up on the Tile Flat Road expansion project that threatens the farmlands, forests, and wetlands of Scholls.

Fischer Road extension in King City is another bad idea. It would harm and pollute natural reserves and the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge.

What can we do with Washington County? All accessible sources of carbon release should be located and eliminated. Vehicles that run on gasoline will no longer be used. Immediate action, not phasing is required.

Washington County should base transportation around light rail and free electric shuttles. Build community and truly affordable housing near the light rail hubs; with nearby retail, light manufacturing, social services, education, and room to grow businesses.

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Washington County

Commissioner, District 3



Jason Snider

Occupation: Specialty Care Practice Director, Kaiser Permanente Northwest (2012–Present)

Occupational Background: Leadership positions of increasing responsibility with Kaiser Permanente (2003-present); Clinical Quality Manager, American Medical Response (1999-2003); Paramedic (1996-1999), Emergency Medical Technician (1993-1996)

Educational Background: Dartmouth Medical School, M.S. (1999); Willamette University, B.S. (1998); Daniel Freeman Hospital Paramedic School (1996)

Prior Governmental Experience: Tigard Mayor (2019-2022); Tigard Council President (2015-2018); Tigard City Councilor (2013-2014); Tigard Budget Committee (2005-2009); Tigard Reserve Police Officer (2001-2004)

Tigard Accomplishments Under Snider's Leadership

- Strengthened the City's financial stability, establishing dedicated funding sources for parks/recreation and public safety
- Delivered affordable water supply on time and on budget with new water partnership
- Engaged youth voices, establishing Youth City Councilor
- Thoughtful community review and improvement process for policing practices
- Passed first Tigard public safety levy, adding eight patrol officers and robust mental health/crisis intervention training for all officers
- Brought an unprecedented number of affordable housing projects to Tigard

Current and Future Goals for Washington County

- Focus budget on core county services
- Maintain strong and effective public safety system to protect neighborhood livability
- Ensure housing options for all community members
- Continue significant investments in transportation systems, serving all community members and businesses
- Partner with cities/schools to improve youth mental health

Endorsements

Tualatin Valley Firefighters
 Oregon League of Conservation Voters
 NW Oregon Labor Council AFL-CIO
 Home Building Association of Greater Portland
 Washington County Chamber of Commerce
 Beaverton and Tigard Chambers of Commerce
 Washington County Police Officers
 Roy Rogers, Washington County Commissioner
 Pam Treece, Washington County Commissioner
 Nafisa Fai, Washington County Commissioner
 Jerry Willey, Washington County Commissioner
 Kevin Barton, Washington County District Attorney
 Caprice Massey, Sheriff of Washington County
 Pat Garrett, Former Sheriff of Washington County
 Frank Bubenik, Tualatin Mayor
 Tim Rosener, Sherwood Mayor
 Keith Jehnke, Durham Mayor
 Ken Gibson, Former King City Mayor
 John Cook, Former Tigard Mayor
 Ben Bowman, State Representative (Tigard, Metzger, South Beaverton)
 Courtney Neron, State Representative (Sherwood, Wilsonville, King City, Bull Mountain)
 Aaron Woods, State Senator (King City, Sherwood, Tigard, Wilsonville)

For a complete list of endorsements, visit www.sniderforcounty.com.

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Washington County

Sheriff



Caprice Massey

Occupation: Sheriff

Occupational Background: Undersheriff and Commander for the Jail and Patrol Divisions, Washington County; Aviation Ordnanceman, U.S. Navy

Educational Background: Criminal Justice, Western Oregon University

Prior Governmental Experience: Latino Advisory Commission, Co-Chair

Trusted Leadership. Safer Communities.

Sheriff Caprice Massey is a Navy Veteran, mom, and law enforcement leader with nearly 20 years of service to Washington County. As Sheriff, Caprice is working to keep Washington County a safe place to live, work, raise a family, and retire.

Caprice's Priorities for Our County

- Create a public safety system where people of all backgrounds feel safe and welcome.
- Bring a community-oriented approach to build and maintain trust with the community.
- Retain and support Sheriff's Office deputies and professionals; prioritize high-quality recruitment.
- Ensure transparency in all aspects of public safety service.

Caprice's Experience

- U.S. Navy; 1990-1999
- Norfolk, Virginia Sheriff's Office; 1999-2003
- Served in all ranks of Jail Division, as Patrol Commander, and as Undersheriff, Washington County Sheriff's Office; 2004-Present

Caprice's Awards & Certifications

- U.S. Navy Air Warfare Designation, 1996
- Oregon State Sheriff's Association's Jail Commander of the Year, 2021
- FBI National Academy Graduate, 2022
- DPSST Police Basic Certification, 2023
- DPSST Corrections Executive Certification, 2023

Former Sheriff Pat Garrett Supports Caprice

"Based on working with Sheriff Caprice Massey for much of my 35-year career, I know she is an exceptional leader in public safety and she has my full support as our new Sheriff." – Pat Garrett

Those Who Keep Us Safe Support Caprice

"Our members are out there day and night keeping our county safe; we trust Caprice to keep our public safety system on the right track."

– Washington County Police Officers Association & Tualatin Valley Firefighters Union IAFF Local 1660

County Leaders Support Caprice

Kathryn Harrington, Washington County Commission Chair
Commissioners Nafisa Fai, Pam Treece,
Roy Rogers, & Jerry Willey
District Attorney Kevin Barton

Neighboring County Sheriffs Support Caprice

Nicole Morrissey O'Donnell
Angela Brandenburg
Sam Elliott
Nicholas Hunter

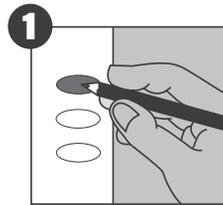
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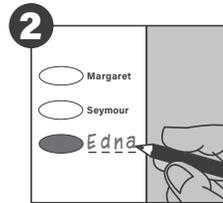
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Complete your ballot

Carefully read and follow all instructions printed on your ballot.



To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your choice.



To write-in a candidate:

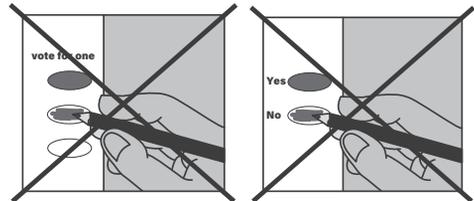
→ Clearly print their name on the blank line provided on the ballot

-and-

→ Fill in the oval next to the name you wrote-in

You do not have to vote on all contests. Those you do vote on will still count.

Check for errors



If you vote for more than one option, your vote **will not count** for that candidate or measure.



Check your ballot carefully

You can not change your vote after you have returned your ballot.

Contact Washington County Elections at **(503) 846-5800** or **elections@washingtoncountyor.gov** to request a replacement ballot if:

- you make a mistake
- you lose your ballot
- your ballot is damaged or spoiled
- or for any other reason.

City of Beaverton

Mayor



Lacey Beaty

Occupation: Mayor

Occupational Background: Public Health Consultant; Director, School-Based Health Centers, Virginia Garcia; Combat Medic, U.S. Army; Lacrosse Coach

Educational Background: BS, Oregon State; MS, Management and Organizational Leadership, Warner Pacific University

Prior Governmental Experience: City Councilor; Beaverton Visioning Advisory Committee; Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization

"I'm a mom, a veteran, and a public servant deeply invested in the success of my community. As Mayor, I wake up every morning thinking about ways to strengthen Beaverton for my daughters – and for every family in our city. Serving this community has been an honor, and I'm so proud of what we have accomplished together."
- Mayor Beaty

In four short years, we have made huge progress on making Beaverton a safe, thriving community by:

- **Addressing homelessness and housing:** Secured **\$33 million in funding from the state and federal government** for infrastructure projects and housing. We built Washington County's **first year round homelessness shelter** and started **Beaverton's first behavioral health court.**
- **Growing our local economy at every level:** Infused \$6 million into our small business community through recovery grants, which **allowed 26 new restaurants to open in Beaverton** and supported investments in projects like **\$1 billion to Beaverton businesses from the CHIPS Act to manufacture and develop microchips in our community.**
- **Creating a vibrant Beaverton:** Secured \$7.6 million in federal funding to design and begin construction on portions of a **1.3-mile Loop Project** that will link key destinations in Downtown Beaverton through walking, biking, and transit.

Over the next four years, let's build Beaverton **into the leading city in the country to live and work**, no matter if you're a small business owner or if you're working at one of the largest companies in the world.

Proudly endorsed by:

Senator Ron Wyden
Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici
Congresswoman Andrea Salinas
Vote Vets
Washington County Democrats
Beaverton Chamber of Commerce
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Beaverton Education Association
Tualatin Valley Firefighters Union IAFF Local 1660

For more information: laceybeaty.com

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oter Registration Information

Registering to vote

You are qualified to register to vote in Oregon if you can answer yes to the following 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

Register to vote online at **oregonvotes.gov** or pick up 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 US Postal Service
- Libraries

After completing your registration card, mail or bring it to our office in person.

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

What information is required to register?

To complete your registration, you must provide the following:

- Full legal name
- Home address
- Mailing address (if applicable)
- Date of birth
- Signature
- Oregon Driver's License number, Identification Card number, or a Social Security number

City of Beaverton

City Council, Position 6



Cate Arnold

Occupation: Civic Volunteer in 6 organizations

Occupational Background: Beaverton City Councilor, 2005 – 2020; Foreclosure Avoidance Mediator; Micro-Power Electronics Marketing; Precision Castparts Production Scheduling; Arthur Andersen Consulting; NASA Budget Analyst

Educational Background: Texas A&M Master's Suma Cum Laude in Finance; Texas A&M Bachelor's Magna Cum Laude in Economics;

Prior Governmental Experience: Beaverton Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); Beaverton Emergency Radio Team (BERT); Beaverton Committee for Community Involvement; Beaverton Urban Renewal Agency; City Budget Committee; Social Service Funding Committee; Mediator, Beaverton Dispute Resolution; Mediator, Multnomah Small Claims Court; Metro Technical Advisory Committee

WHY I'M RUNNING:

Beaverton is facing budget deficits, a new City Charter, and a relatively inexperienced City Council. I am uniquely qualified with experience, vision, institutional memory, and an extensive budgetary and fiscal background guided by a deep passion to serve.

Institutional memory. Fresh eyes in government are important, but now all our Councilors have only 1 to 3 years of experience. I'll apply wisdom gained from 16 years on Council to make important decisions for key services (water, roads, police protection) and be able to explain why we made them.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY

In 2020, I worked diligently to pass our updated charter. Our new Council is still struggling with it. **I'm ready to make this new structure work efficiently.**

Deeply concerning are current budget deficits. In 2022, the Council used \$8M of temporary Federal funds to fill a deficit without starting cutbacks, which resulted in a \$10M shortfall in 2023. They raised property taxes to the maximum and **still face a \$6M deficit** next year. I'll use my experience to **get out of this deficit loop.**

ENDORSEMENTS

Beaverton Police Association
Rob Drake, Former Beaverton Mayor
Rhonda Reister, Central Beaverton Business Association
Teresa Payne, Beaverton Budget Committee, past Diversity Advisory Board member
Scott Winter, Beaverton Planning Commission
Susan Price, West Beaverton NAC Chair
Howard Ellsberg, Sexton Mountain NAC Chair
Angela Lowman, CERT Geoteam Lead
...and many more

EXPERIENCE VISION ACCOUNTABILITY

VOTE CATE ARNOLD for City Council!
www.cate4beaverton.com

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City of Beaverton

City Council, Position 6



Nadia Hasan

Occupation: City Councilor
Human Resources Consultant

Occupational Background: Talent Acquisition, Nike & Fred Meyer; Teacher, Beaverton School District

Educational Background: Master's degree, Math Education, Oregon State University; Bachelor's

degree, Business, University of Oregon; Westview High School, Beaverton School District

Prior Governmental Experience: Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD) Visioning Task Force

Dear Beaverton Community,

I'm Nadia Hasan, your current Beaverton City Councilor, **mother** of three children, **daughter** of immigrant parents, former **Beaverton school teacher** and **Westview High School alumna**. I love our community and I am passionate about making Beaverton **a thriving place for all of us**. In the last four years on council, I have championed **affordable housing**, **accessible transportation** and support for **small businesses**. I fight for not only what I want for my children and my neighbors - but also for **your children and your neighbors**.

Experienced Leadership in Beaverton

I had the privilege to lead the hiring of the city manager to support Beaverton's transition to the **council-manager form** of government. This change has been challenging and our work is not done. As one of the most seasoned city councilors in our **new form of government**, I work to support our community and city staff. Looking ahead, we need elected officials who will be honest, navigate hard conversations, **strive for transparency and accountability**, while supporting stability for Beaverton.

Priorities

- Sustainability
- Economic Prosperity
- Affordable Housing
- Transportation
- Community Safety

Community Organizations & Leaders Endorse Nadia:

APANO Action Fund
Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce
Beaverton Education Association
Next Up Action Fund
Oregon Futures Lab
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
The Democratic Party of Washington County
Washington County Ignite
Young Democrats of Oregon

State Legislators: Farrah Chiachi, Annessa Hartman, Hoa Nguyen, Hai Pham, & Khanh Pham

Metro Councilors: Juan Carlos Gonzalez & Duncan Hwang
Beaverton City Councilors: Councilor Ashley Hartmeier-Prigg, Edward Kimmi, Kevin Teater, & Allison Tivnon

THPRD Board Members: Barbie Minor, Felicita Monteblanco, Alfredo Moreno, Miles Palacios, & Tya Ping
Washington County Commissioner Nafisa Fai

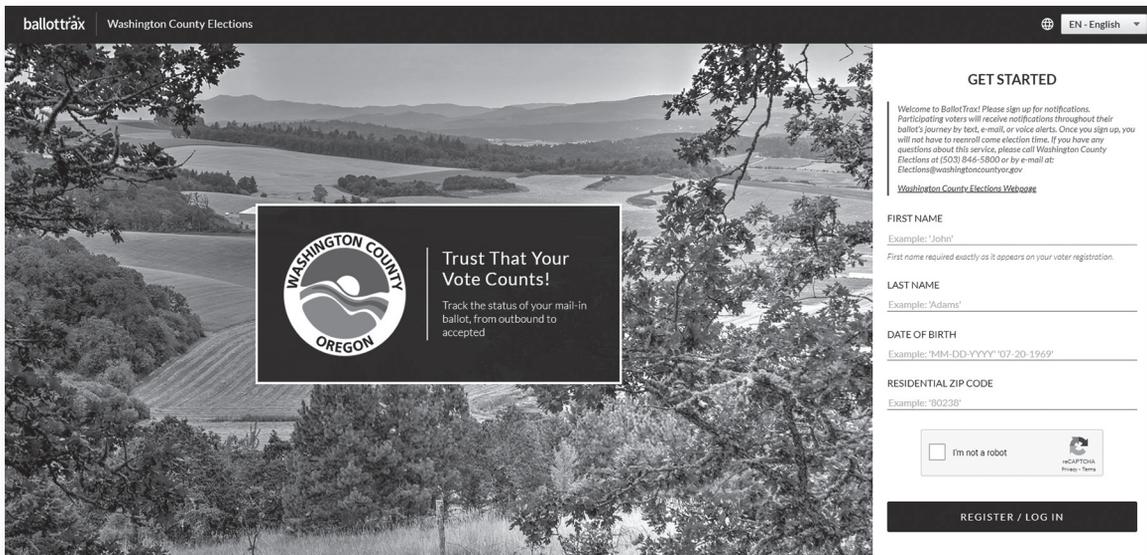
Learn more: www.nadiaforbeaverton.com

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Sign up at
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Sign up today to begin receiving notifications on your ballot!

Metro

Councilor, District 6



Duncan Hwang

Occupation: Metro Councilor; Community Development Director, Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO), Adjunct Professor, Portland State University

Occupational Background: Attorney; Law Clerk, Clackamas District Attorney

Educational Background: JD, Lewis and Clark Law School; BA, University of Michigan

Prior Governmental Experience: Metro Affordable Housing Bond Stakeholder Committee; Portland Economic Recovery Task Force; TriMet Low Income Fare Task Force, Portland Central City Task Force

My tenure representing District 6 on the Metro Council has been guided by an unwavering commitment to provide progressive representation to my diverse constituents while also prioritizing government accountability and fiscal responsibility.

I am proud of my accomplishments over the past two years on the Metro Council, among them:

- Guided implementation of the affordable housing measure; the 2018 housing bond is set to produce 4,700 new affordable housing units, 20% more than originally planned.
- Held counties accountable through a corrective plan to ensure they are spending their share of Metro's Supportive Housing Measure to address our region's houselessness crisis.
- Co-chaired committee working to plan FX Bus Service to 82nd Ave to improve transit, including securing \$5 million working with state legislature for land banking to mitigate displacement.

I'm honored for the opportunity to once again ask for your vote in my reelection campaign.

Labor, Business, Environmental and Community Leaders Agree: Reelect Duncan for Metro!

"We're lucky to have Councilor Duncan Hwang's collaborative leadership to champion the revitalization of 82nd Avenue and to guide our regional government. I strongly endorse reelecting him to another term at Metro." - Congressman Earl Blumenauer

Representative Khanh Pham
Representative Thuy Tran
Metro Councilor Ashton Simpson
Multnomah County Commissioner Julia Brim-Edwards
Portland Commissioner Carmen Rubio
Northwest Oregon Labor Council
Ironworkers Local 29
IBEW Local 48
Portland Association of Teachers PAC
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
East County Rising
Portland Metropolitan Association of REALTORS®
Home Building Association of Greater Portland
Portland Metro Chamber

很荣幸得到你的投票。
I'd be honored to have your vote.

Learn more:

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It's against the law to:

- ✗ sign another person's ballot return envelope for them
- ✗ vote more than once in an election or cast a fraudulent ballot
- ✗ vote a ballot if you are not legally qualified to do so
- ✗ coerce, pressure or otherwise unduly influence another voter
- ✗ sell, offer to sell, purchase or offer to purchase another voter's ballot
- ✗ obstruct an entrance of a building in which a voting booth or official ballot dropsite is located
- ✗ deface, remove, alter or destroy another voter's ballot, a posted election notice or election equipment or supplies
- ✗ attempt to collect voted ballots within 100 feet of an official ballot dropsite
- ✗ establish a dropsite without displaying a sign stating "Not An Official Ballot Dropsite"

Any violations of the identified election laws are subject to penalties ranging from Civil Penalties (Up to \$250 per violation), Class A Misdemeanors or Class C Felonies.

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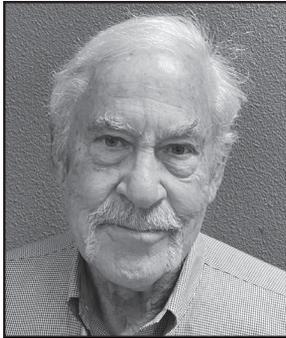
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Metro

Metro

Councilor, District 3

Councilor, District 5



Gerritt Rosenthal

Occupation: Metro Councilor

Occupational Background: Science & math teacher, Williams Bay, WI; Environmental Health Program Manager, Lane County, Oregon; Water Resources Program Manager/ Planner - Lane Council of Governments, Eugene; Adjunct Professor - Biochemistry, Concordia University, St. Paul, MN;

Environmental Consultant (40+ years) - Natural resources, solid and hazardous waste remediation, water quality & natural resource protection - Oregon, Washington, California

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

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

Personal

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

Professional and Civic

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

Why I'm Running

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

Specific Goals

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

Website: gerrittformetro3.net

Endorsements:

The Democratic Party of Washington County
Democratic Party of Clackamas County
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
NW Oregon Labor Council
Home Building Association of Greater Portland
Portland Association of Teachers PAC
Frank Bubenik – Tualatin Mayor
Willamette Women Democrats
Portland Metro Chamber

(This information furnished by Gerritt Rosenthal.)

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



Mary Nolan

Occupation: Councilor; Co-Owner, Artsify LLC

Occupational Background: CEO, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon; VP, FamilyCare Health Plans; President, AvroTec avionics hardware.

Educational Background: public high school; Dartmouth College

Prior Governmental Experience: Oregon State Representative; Portland Director of Environmental Services

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Proven Leader.
Authentic Ally.
Generous Mentor.

We support Nolan to achieve these priorities for Metro:

- * A Climate our Kids can Live with
Rep. Khanh Pham
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
- * People Moving from the Streets into Homes
Oregonians for Affordable Housing
- * Lions and Tigers and Music!
Dañel Malan-Gonzalez, performing arts leader
Willamette Women Democrats
- * Land, Air, Water, Wonder
Robert Liberty, former Director, 1000 Friends of Oregon
Sen. Kayse Jama
- * Equity and Justice
Sen. Lew Frederick
NW Oregon Labor Council

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Thank you

(Please visit nolanformetro.com for insight and details on my priorities and accomplishments with community.)

(This information furnished by Friends of Mary Nolan.)

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

City of Wilsonville

Measure No. 3-605

Ballot Title

Advisory Vote on Forming a Town Center Urban Renewal District

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

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

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

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

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

Explanatory Statement

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

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

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

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

The total cost for projects needed to implement the Town Center Plan is estimated at \$190.4 million (in 2023 dollars). The funding and completion of these projects happens over the estimated 30-year life of the district. Creating an urban renewal

district would generate about half of the funding needed. Other funding sources may include developer contributions, system development charges, operational funds, and grants.

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

The preliminary project list includes the projects listed in the summary above.

The anticipated urban renewal district boundary includes the area adjacent to and within Town Center Loop. This boundary may be modified slightly if an urban renewal plan is created.

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

Submitted by:
Kimberly Veliz
City of Wilsonville

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

City of Wilsonville

Measure No. 3-608

Ballot Title

Amends Charter Term Limits to Clarify Calculating Years of Service

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

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

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

Explanatory Statement

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

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

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

The effect of the Measure would allow a person to possibly serve a total of up to 12 years on City Council in a 20-year period even if they were previously appointed to fill a vacant position on the City Council for a period of less than 365.25

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

This Measure would become effective immediately upon passage.

Submitted by:
Kimberly Veliz
City of Wilsonville

City of Wilsonville

Measure No. 3-608 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Please vote YES on Measure 3-608

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

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

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

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

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

*(This information furnished by
Michelle Labrie Ripple, Thomas Ripple and
Tammy Sue Bradley)*

This information furnished by:
Michelle Labrie Ripple

Argument in Favor

Please Vote YES on Measure 3-608

One Day is Not a Four-Year Term.

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

Why should you vote yes?

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

Vote to Remove the Barrier

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

This information furnished by:
Wayne Richards

Argument in Opposition

NO NEED TO CHANGE TERM LIMITS

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

OPEN-SEAT ELECTIONS LIMITED

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

INCUMBENTS HAVE MANY ADVANTAGES

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

SAY NO TO INCREASING THE 12-YEAR LIMIT

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

IF IT AIN’T BROKE, WHY FIX IT?

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

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

This information furnished by:
Doris Wehler

City of Wilsonville

Measure No. 3-609

Ballot Title

Amends Charter to Modify Council Term Limits in Certain Circumstances

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

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

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

Explanatory Statement

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

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

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

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

This Measure would become effective immediately upon passage.

Submitted by:
Kimberly Veliz
City of Wilsonville



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City of Wilsonville

Measure No. 3-609 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Vote **YES** on Measure 3-609

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

Wilsonville Needs Strong Representation and Influence

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

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

More Effective Term Limits

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

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

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

(This information furnished by Klaus Gibson and Cornelia Gibson, 30 Year Wilsonville Residents)

This information furnished by:
Klaus Gibson, Cornelia Gibson

Argument in Favor

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

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

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

A Second-Term Mayor's Experience Helps Wilsonville.

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

A Second-Term Mayor's Relationships Help Wilsonville.

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

A Second-Term Mayor's Reputation Helps Wilsonville.

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

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

This information furnished by:
John D. Vandenberg

Argument in Opposition

VOTERS APPROVED TERM LIMITS JUST 4 YEARS AGO

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

MAYOR DOES NOT NEED TO SERVE FOR 16 YEARS

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

POOR POLICY TO ACCOMMODATE INDIVIDUALS

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

MAKE ROOM FOR NEW LEADERSHIP

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

PLEASE VOTE NO ON MEASURE 3-609

This information furnished by:
Doris Wehler

Measure No. 26-244

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

Ballot Title

Bonds To Protect Animal Health; Provide Conservation, Education; Increase Sustainability

Question: Shall Zoo protect animal health; save water, energy; provide conservation, youth education; issue bonds estimated not to increase tax rate?

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

Summary: This measure authorizes \$380 million in general obligation bonds for the Oregon Zoo to:

- Protect animal health and well-being by updating aging exhibits with more natural, modern habitats, including but not limited to penguins, sea otters, giraffes.
- Improve facilities to enhance educational opportunities for children and other zoo visitors to learn about animals and habitat conservation.
- Conserve water and energy in zoo operations and updated infrastructure.
- Improve facilities supporting the zoo's conservation work protecting and restoring threatened/endangered species in the Northwest and beyond.
- Increase accessibility for visitors of all abilities, including improved paths and exhibits.
- Improve protection from heat and extreme weather for animals, visitors.
- Improve facilities to prepare for animal care in a natural disaster or emergency.

This measure is estimated not to increase current bond tax rates, due to scheduled debt service reductions. Bonds may be issued in multiple series and mature in no more than 30 years. The estimated average rate is 8.5 cents/\$1,000 assessed value.

Requires annual financial audits, and annual reports to Metro Council by community oversight committee.

Explanatory Statement

Measure 26-244 would continue funding for the Oregon Zoo to replace outdated animal habitats, improve educational exhibits, conserve water and energy, and make the zoo more accessible for people of all ages and abilities.

Nearly 1.3 million people visited the zoo in 2023, including more than 400,000 schoolchildren. The zoo is a hub for science, conservation, education and animal well-being, delivering the highest quality of care to roughly 1,200 animals.

In 65 years at Washington Park, the zoo has needed to upgrade habitats and facilities to keep up with high standards for animals and visitors. These upgrades have depended on public support.

Voters approved a zoo bond in 2008, funding habitat overhauls for elephants, primates, and polar bears, the veterinary medical center, and the education center – about 40 percent of the campus. These investments helped make the zoo one of two zoos worldwide with 50 years of accreditation by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

However, there is more to do. The 2008 bond citizen oversight committee's final report noted the bond's projects were "completed on schedule and within budget," but also recognized more "habitats in need of improvements, aged buildings in need of replacement, and infrastructure in need of upgrading."

Priorities

Measure 26-244 would continue funding to address these identified needs, including some of the zoo's oldest existing habitats, facilities and infrastructure.

Measure 26-244 proposes these investment priorities:

- Protect animal health and well-being by updating aging animal areas with more natural, modern habitats, including but not limited to penguins, sea otters and giraffes.
- Improve facilities to enhance educational opportunities for children and other visitors to learn about animals and habitat conservation.
- Conserve water and energy in operations and updated infrastructure.
- Improve facilities supporting the zoo's conservation work protecting and restoring threatened and endangered species in the Northwest and beyond.
- Increase accessibility for visitors of all abilities, including improved paths and exhibits.
- Improve protection from heat and extreme weather for animals and visitors.
- Improve facilities to prepare for animal care in a natural disaster or emergency.

No estimated increase in current tax rates

Measure 26-244 is not estimated to increase current bond tax rates, as debt service on previous bonds is completed. The measure authorizes \$380 million in general obligation bonds. The average estimated tax rate is 8.5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value, roughly \$1.95 monthly for a property with assessed value of \$275,000. Bonds may be issued in multiple series and mature in 30 years or less.

Investment timeline

Measure 26-244 prioritizes the most significant needs from the long-range Oregon Zoo campus plan, identified by zoo staff, community members and animal health experts. Investments are expected to be complete in ten to fifteen years. If the measure passes, zoo staff will present a detailed bond implementation plan to Metro Council in fall 2024.

Accountability

A community oversight committee will monitor bond spending and issue annual reports to the public and Metro Council. Measure 26-244 requires annual financial audits of revenue and spending.

Learn more: <http://oregonzoo.org/bond>

Submitted by:
Carrie MacLaren
Metro Attorney

Measure No. 26-244 Arguments

Argument in Favor

A Message from The Association of Zoos and Aquariums

**Support 50 years of recognized excellence
Vote YES for Oregon Zoo.**

The Oregon Zoo is something special.

This year marks 50 years of continuous accreditation from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), the world's premiere zoological accrediting body. The Oregon Zoo is one of only two zoos worldwide to achieve that recognition of excellence worldwide!

As President and CEO of the AZA, former director of the US Fish and Wildlife service, and lifelong conservationist, I can say that the great pride your community takes in your zoo is well-earned. AZA is the global gold standard and earning our accreditation requires a meticulous onsite inspection of all aspects of a Zoo's operations: animal care and training; safety; educational programs; conservation efforts; veterinary programs; species survival plans and much more are evaluated.

Thanks to your support, the Oregon Zoo doesn't just keep pace, it's a leader helping set the pace for ever-rising standards worldwide.

But excellence in animal care and education takes constant work, and the Oregon Zoo is no exception. Our most recent inspection identified areas needing attention including outdated habitats like the Penguinarium and indoor giraffe area. With your support, this Zoo bond will meet these issues head-on and continue your zoo's devotion to the highest standards.

I've been privileged to visit zoos all across the globe, and you have something very special in Oregon.

During the Oregon Zoo Education Center opening--made possible by community support of the 2008 bond--I saw school children at the Nature Exploration Station and held a tiny Northwestern Pond Turtle that would be released later that year to help save its species from extinction.

Your renewal of support will ensure the Oregon Zoo continues its legacy of excellence, being among the world's very best.

I encourage you to **VOTE YES for Measure 26-244.**

Dan Ashe
President and CEO
Association of Zoos and Aquariums

This information furnished by:
Elizabeth Smith
Yes for the Oregon Zoo PACID 23923

Argument in Favor

Help Save the Sea Otter!

One of the missions of the Oregon Zoo is the preservation and restoration of endangered species.

The Elakha Alliance is a nonprofit organization focused on restoring a viable population of sea otters to the Oregon Coast. The Oregon Zoo has been a critical partner in supporting this mission — raising awareness of the cultural connections

between sea otters and Oregon's indigenous peoples, while highlighting the ecological and economic benefits that can be realized from their reintroduction.

Sea otters have been missing from the Oregon Coast for over 100 years as a result of the marine fur trade in the 18th and 19th centuries. They are a keystone species with a profound effect on the near-shore habitat and species. In their absence, Oregon's marine ecosystem has suffered, becoming ecologically less robust.

The public no longer has an opportunity to experience these incredible creatures in the wild; something that the Elakha Alliance and partners like the Oregon Zoo hope to change for the future. The Zoo has a unique ability to provide in-person opportunities to connect with this critical species and programming to educate thousands of visitors about conservation and how we can help wildlife.

Unfortunately, the sea otter habitat is one of the campus' older areas. It has infrastructure issues, including an aging life-support system, that need to be addressed in order to provide spaces for rescued orphans and foster moms to recuperate.

Measure 26-244 will provide renovations that will improve sea otters' safety and welfare; it will allow for updating educational displays so visitors can learn more about this Oregon native species and their conservation; and provide better accessibility for a more inclusive visitor experience.

Sea otters are just one of the species that will benefit from these improvements, with residents of the Marine Life, Penguins, Africa, and more also receiving much needed improvements.

Please VOTE Yes on Measure 26-244

Jane Bacchieri,
Executive Director,
Elakha Alliance

This information furnished by:
Elizabeth Smith
Yes for the Oregon Zoo

Argument in Favor

Another Reason to Vote YES for Oregon Zoo:

A Better Economy!

The Oregon Zoo is a fun and enriching experience for local families, seniors, and students. But there is another reason to support our zoo: its role as a **significant part of our local economy.**

The Oregon Zoo attracts 1.3 million visitors annually, many from outside our area, boosting economic activity in the region.

Zoo visitors support local businesses, hotels, restaurants, and the tourism industry as a whole, boosting the local economy in the short-term and benefiting the long-term prosperity of our community as a whole.

The economic impact of the Oregon Zoo is undeniable, in FY2023 zoo-related activities were estimated to generate \$63 million in direct spending and \$110 million in total output, supporting 700+ living wage jobs and \$54 million in labor income resulting in \$5 million in tax revenues.

Measure No. 26-244 Arguments

The economic impact of a thriving zoo extends well beyond its gates, creating jobs, revenue for businesses, and a positive ripple effect throughout the community. It contributes to the cultural vibrancy of our city, serving as a hub, bringing people together, and fostering a sense of community pride.

The Oregon Zoo is a reflection of our community, but in popular areas such as the Penguinarium, PNW Marine Life, and parts of Africa it is clear that the zoo has aging infrastructure in need of attention; some with outdated facilities from the 1950's.

The 20 year campus plan builds on successes from the community supported 2008 bond projects, prioritizing renovations and improvements to enhance animals' welfare and the zoo's appeal, ensuring a positive experience for all.

I urge you to **renew your support and vote YES on Measure 26-244.**

Your yes vote is a sound investment in our community, our economy, our culture, and our city, and **it does that without increasing taxes.**

Yang Yang

Tourism Advocate and Resident of Portland, Oregon

This information furnished by:
Elizabeth Smith
Yes for the Oregon Zoo

Argument in Favor

ZOO VETERINARIANS URGE YOUR SUPPORT OF MEASURE 26-244 FOR ANIMAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING

As zoo veterinary professionals, we treat thousands of animals, representing hundreds of species, many of them threatened or endangered in the wild. It's a responsibility we don't take lightly. Our patients deserve the best care possible — and we know first-hand the positive impact that our community's support can have for them.

The 2008 zoo bond measure allowed for replacement of the former veterinary hospital — crumbling, outdated and deficient — with a new state-of-the-art facility supporting the best in modern care. The improvements made possible by that bond were transformative for the veterinary hospital and life-changing for some of the species in the Oregon Zoo's care.

But great care doesn't just start when a patient arrives at the hospital; animals need healthy environments to thrive and live their best lives. Many habitats and structures remain in dire need of attention. Some date back to the 1950's when animal areas were less naturalistic and typically featured a lot of concrete which was easy to clean but not designed with animals' needs or natural behaviors in mind. And they are certainly not equipped to withstand today's extreme weather events or a natural disaster.

We've seen the difference community support like yours can make. Measure 26-244 will provide much needed funding to update these areas, among many others, and provide modern facilities better suited for the animals in our care now, and in the future.

Please renew your commitment to animal health & well-being! Vote YES on Measure 26-244.

Carlos R. Sanchez DVM MSc
Director of Animal Health

Heather Brittingham, CVT, MA, VTS
Lead Veterinary Technician

This information furnished by:
Elizabeth Smith
Yes for the Oregon Zoo

Argument in Favor

Vote Yes on Measure 26-244 A Better Zoo for Animals and You!

We are proud of our Oregon Zoo as the place we gather to celebrate and care for animals, open the natural world to children, and help protect endangered species in the Pacific Northwest and around the world.

But parts of the zoo are aging. Some exhibits were built more than 50 years ago, making it difficult to maintain the high standards of animal care the Oregon Zoo is nationally known for.

Voting YES for the Oregon Zoo Bond is critically important for ensuring the well-being of animals, strengthening conservation and education, and improving the visitor experience – all without increasing the tax rate we are paying today!

Your YES vote will support:

- **Renovating outdated habitats** with larger, more natural environments to keep the animals healthy and thriving.
- **Investments in sustainable systems** to improve heating, cooling, electrical systems, and fresh water for pools for animal health and responsible stewardship of resources.
- **Protecting animals and visitors** from heat, extreme weather and natural disasters.
- Improving facilities to **enhance educational opportunities for children and visitors of all ages** to learn about animals, habitat conservation and nature in a way that just isn't possible through videos or books.
- Improve facilities that support the zoo's conservation work to **protect and restore threatened and endangered species** in the Northwest and beyond.
- **Conserving water and energy** in zoo operations to help combat climate change.
- **Accountability and transparency** with inclusion of citizen oversight committee

Your YES vote will support all this and more -- while keeping within the current tax rate!

PLEASE VOTE YES ON 26-244

Yes for the Oregon Zoo

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Elizabeth Smith
Yes for the Oregon Zoo

Metro

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Argument in Favor

VOTE YES TO ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY!

The chairs of the 2008 Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee urge you to vote YES for Oregon Zoo Bond Measure 26-244.

Sixteen years ago, the community entrusted the Oregon Zoo with \$125 million to fund habitat and infrastructure upgrades that prioritized **animal welfare, conservation education, and resource conservation**. Almost 40% of the zoo's campus was transformed through those efforts.

Part of the bond measure established the Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee to ensure the public's money was well spent and that the project honored Metro voters' values. Community members from a variety of professions with expertise in animal welfare, sustainability, budgeting, finance, planning, social equity, education, construction, and more participated on the committee, providing independent review of the zoo's stewardship of bond resources, standing in for the public to guarantee project accountability.

The committee's final report stated the 2008 bond funds were spent wisely, all projects were completed on schedule and within budget, and the program successfully delivered on voter expectations.

The report also noted that work remains to be done—habitats are in need of improvements, buildings are in need of replacement, and infrastructure is in need of upgrading—across the remaining 60% of the zoo grounds.

We encourage you to review the final report and see for yourself what was accomplished: bit.ly/OversightReport

Voting YES for Measure 26-244 renews your commitment to our zoo, the animals in its care, education programs, and species conservation efforts—**without raising taxes**—and **continues the requirement of a citizen's oversight process** for accountability and transparency.

The **Oregon Zoo has proven that they can be trusted** and we, former chairs of the 2008 Oregon Zoo Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee, support Measure 26-244 and hope you will, too.

Susan G. Hartnett,
Bill Kabeiseman,
Deidra Krys-Rusoff,
and Ruth G. Shelly

**For the animals, for the community, for you.
Vote YES for the Oregon Zoo!**

This information furnished by:
Elizabeth Smith
Yes for the Oregon Zoo

Argument in Favor

Local Treasure. Global Impact.

The Oregon Zoo is an amazing resource for its community. But you may not know that your support has a global impact.

As former US Ambassadors who have served for decades in Africa and Southeast Asia, we appreciate the Oregon Zoo's work in animal care, wildlife conservation and species

recovery. In each country we served, we observed first-hand the devastating threats to animals in the wild. We applaud the steps the Oregon Zoo is taking to address those challenges.

Because of habitat loss, the once thriving elephant population in Borneo has shrunk to under 1,500. The Oregon Zoo supports local wildlife officials to rescue and care for orphaned elephants displaced by human-elephant conflict who cannot be returned to the wild, providing needed milk powder and medicine.

We have personally observed the tragic extinction of rhinos while serving in Malaysia and Cameroon. In Africa, illegal wildlife trade has wiped out 96% of the world's black rhino population, at a rate of over one a day. The birth of Tamu at the Oregon Zoo is an important part of a national Species Survival Plan (SSP) to breed genetically diverse populations for the long-term future of these animals.

The zoo also participates in the SSP for Madagascar lemurs, West African and Central African chimpanzees, and Borneo orangutans—all threatened by deforestation. Providing homes and care for these critically endangered species is not just a necessity to prevent extinction; it is a vital educational tool. By exposing millions of visitors to the wonder of wildlife as well as to the many threats these keystone species face in the wild from human behavior, the Oregon Zoo is creating the next generation of conservationists.

Please vote Yes to support the Oregon Zoo so that it can continue the important work.

Steven Browning, Uganda, Malawi
Harriet Isom, Benin, Cameroon
Niels Marquardt, Madagascar, Cameroon
John Yates, Benin, Cameroon
Mary Carlin Yates, Ghana, Burundi
Joseph Yun, Malaysia

This information furnished by:
Elizabeth Smith
Yes for the Oregon Zoo

Argument in Favor

A Senior Perspective on Measure 26-244

As longtime community members from Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties, we wanted to share our thoughts on why seniors love the Oregon Zoo, and why we are enthusiastically voting Yes on Measure 26-244.

Our zoo is well-loved and well-used. Time and again we have gone to the zoo: as young people, as parents, with grandchildren and friends. It is incredibly rewarding every time, providing experiences that connect us closer together with each other and with the natural world.

Our zoo needs this critical investment. Funding from Measure 26-244 will go to maintaining high standards of animal care, update aging exhibits, improve safety and accessibility, and expand educational opportunities for people of all ages.

Our zoo is a community legacy. We can be proud of our zoo; it is one of the only zoos in the world with 50 years of unbroken accreditation by the internationally respected Association of Zoos and Aquariums. That means it follows the highest standards of animal care. Our zoo – and the values behind it – are a legacy that was passed down to us. Measure 26-244 means we can continue to pass that legacy on.

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It's a sound and responsible investment. We are careful with our money, and so is the zoo. It has been an excellent steward of the public's support, delivering on its promises with transparency and citizen oversight. **And Measure 26-244 will not increase the taxes we are paying today.** In fact, it is projected to come in at a lower rate than the last Zoo bond. Life teaches you the value of maintaining your property. It's no different with the property we all own in common.

Please join us in voting YES on the Zoo Bond!

Mark and Ellen Masterson, Multnomah County residents

Janet Putnam and Mike Klain, Clackamas County residents

Kym Amador, Washington County resident

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Elizabeth Smith
Yes for the Oregon Zoo

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TRI-COUNTY PARENTS SUPPORT MEASURE 26-244

The Oregon Zoo has been an integral part of almost every Oregon family experience for over 135 years.

More than just a destination for laughter, learning and fun, it's a place where memories are made, generations bond, and children grow up. From first visits as babies, to summer camp as kids, to first dates and special events as parents, the Oregon Zoo is a safe space and a trusted resource for all; a place where the community comes together.

At every stage of life, the Oregon Zoo has something to offer; it is a place for putting down our devices, discovering the wonders of wildlife, and finding our sense of place in this world.

As parents and residents of Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington Counties, we support Measure 26-244 and urge you to vote yes.

"The Oregon Zoo is truly a gem in our region, for locals and visitors! All year, our family comes to the zoo to have fun, to learn, and to mark the circle of the seasons together."
-Emily Barrett and John Hall, Multnomah County

"The Oregon Zoo is a special place for our family. From ZooLights to summer events, there is something exciting to experience all year long. Seeing animals for the first time, meeting friends for playdates, and visiting the red pandas are special highlights where our child has made enduring memories."
-David and Misha Isaak, Clackamas County

"There is never a moment when our kids aren't excited to visit the zoo. It's the perfect place to swing in for a short visit or stay for the whole day. It is a safe space, the staff and volunteers are friendly and helpful, and we love seeing the kids make connections in real-time to the things they are reading about in books and learning about at school."
-Anna and Doug Lewis, Washington County

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Elizabeth Smith
Yes for the Oregon Zoo

Argument in Favor

The Oregon Zoo Volunteers Advise a YES Vote on Measure 26-244

Oregon Zoo volunteers play an important role in supporting the zoo's success by engaging with guests, communicating conservation messages, and supporting the evolving needs of the zoo.

We see first-hand the expertise, dedication, and resources that go into making the best home for the animals in the zoo's care. We are witnesses to children and adults learning about conservation and species recovery, and we see the magic that happens when a guest watches a sea otter crack open a clam on a rock, just as they would do in the wild.

Being on zoo grounds each day, we also see first-hand the needs of the zoo, including the need to expand accessibility, improve sustainability in energy and water use, and the need to always provide the highest quality of care and enrichment for the animals. We also see the exhibits that are in significant need of upgrades, some of which are almost 50 years old.

Our zoo relies on community support to make these improvements, to be the best zoo for animals and guests, to make the world a better place for humans and animals alike, and to come together for wildlife.

We urge you to vote yes on Measure 26-244 to support the zoo in saving species, providing homes and second chances for rescued wildlife, and bringing the community together for generations to come.

Oregon Zoo Volunteers:

Sean Scott, 1 Year
Nancy Emery, 4 Years
TaMara Glavan, 11 Years
Dana Clark-Scott, 13 Years
Christina Crawford, 14 years
Karen McCandless-Buck, 16 Years
Kathy Street, 16 Years
Barbara Wegner, 19 Years
Roger Williams, 20 Years
Scott Blackburn, 20 Years
Deanna Blackburn, 21 Years
Dave Berkley, 22 Years
Jennie McKee, 25 Years
Sandy Sampeer, 27 Years
Mary Epler, 29 Years
Rex Wheeler, 34 Years
Cathy Ann Thomas, 38 Years
Judy Post, 38 Years

This information furnished by:
Elizabeth Smith
Yes for the Oregon Zoo

Argument in Favor

Oregon Zoo Foundation Board Members Urge a YES Vote on Measure 26-244

As community members, we share a deep commitment to the Oregon Zoo and its mission of providing the highest quality animal care, conservation and education and we urge your support of Measure 26-244.

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Since the passage of the community supported 2008 Oregon Zoo Bond, our zoo has earned national recognition for its state-of-the-art Veterinary Medical Center, Education Center, and its spacious, naturalistic, more environmentally sustainable habitats for elephants, polar bears, primates and condors. The 2008 bond funded projects that transformed a full 40% of the zoo grounds—projects that were all completed on time and on budget.

But there are significant areas that remain in need of updating. Measure 26-244 would fund critical habitat upgrades across the remaining campus. It would fund improved water and energy management and enhance accessibility for people of all ages and abilities—all without increasing today's tax rate.

Our zoo relies on the community's support to continue being a source of pride across our region.

Please help the Oregon Zoo continue its essential role in caring for wildlife and the natural world, while educating current and future generations on our collective role in sustaining it.

Join us in voting YES on Measure 26-244. Together for Wildlife!

Oregon Zoo Foundation Board Members:

Charissa Anderson, Treasurer
Melanie Billings-Yun, Vice-Chair
Melissa Bobadilla
Laurie Christensen
Tracey A. Clark
Kregg Hansen
Nina Harrington
Susan Hartnett
Lance Inouye
Josef Kiesenhofer
Niels Marquardt
Kim Overhage, Chair
Ron Petersen
Sharla Settlemier
Randy Tesar
Becky Tymchuk
Nancy Visenberg
Doug Wade
Barbara Wegner, Secretary
Chelsea Williams
Yang Yang
Gina Zejdlik

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Elizabeth Smith
Yes for the Oregon Zoo

Argument in Favor

Empower Learning, Preserve Wildlife: Vote YES On Oregon Zoo Bond!

Hundreds of thousands of children visit the zoo or participate in the zoo's educational programming each year. But the zoo isn't just a place for children to learn; teens, college students, adults, and seniors also participate in educational opportunities through local partnerships and outreach.

A Place Where Education Meets The Natural World

We've seen first-hand the zoo's commitment to education, conservation, and animal welfare. It's a living classroom, where community members of all ages and backgrounds learn through field trips, hands-on experiences, and immersive programming.

A Zoo For Everyone

The zoo is a unique educational center that serves a wide variety of learners. For children it's a place where they can develop connections to the natural world and nurture a sense of responsibility for wildlife. For older visitors, interactive exhibits reveal animal behaviors and crucial conservation efforts. For aspiring veterinarians, technicians, scientists, and biologists, it's a place where classroom knowledge comes to life.

Measure 26-244 will fund investments that will help the zoo remain an open classroom, accessible to all. Voting yes shows your commitment to the community so the zoo can remain an educational resource for everyone.

A Legacy To Be Proud Of

Your support is about more than just bricks and mortar: it's also about building a community dedicated to learning, moving animal welfare standards forward, and preserving wildlife and habitats for generations of learners.

Vote YES for Measure 26-244

a Future where Learning and Wildlife Flourish Together!

NAYA Family Center

TaMara Glavan, Elementary School Associate Principal
Oregon Zoo Teen Program Alumni

Meggie Feutrier, Title One Elementary School Teacher,
Multnomah County

Juan Pablo Benitez, University Student, Mechanical
Engineering
Oregon Zoo Animal Presenter Program Alumni 2019-2023

Dr. Elin Crockett, Wildlife Veterinarian
Graduate of Oregon Zoo Veterinary Preceptorship Program

This information furnished by:
Elizabeth Smith
Yes for the Oregon Zoo

Argument in Favor

Conservation Partners say YES for Oregon Zoo

The Oregon Zoo plays a crucial role in conservation efforts, in Oregon, in the Pacific Northwest, and around the world.

The zoo has answered the call, working side by side with conservation partners to save species on the brink of extinction, contributing time, talent, and resources to restore habitats, recover species, and contribute conservation science that could not otherwise be accomplished.

Their dedication spans the entire spectrum: from contributing vital scientific research on polar bears to partners in the arctic to raising tiny caterpillars to save native butterfly populations, to inspiring community action through the Cascades Pika Watch program, or educating about responsible pet ownership and making better consumer choices for deforestation free palm oil products. And so much more!

By using their unique platform to amplify our work, the Oregon Zoo encourages their community to get outside and connect with the natural world to discover the critical role species play in our ecosystems, and how everyday actions – big and small – can make an impact on wildlife.

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A visit to the Oregon Zoo is just the beginning; their work extends far beyond the gates.

By supporting Measure 26-244, you're showing your commitment to much more than just one institution. **Your YES vote supports conservation partners all across the globe** and is a tremendous opportunity to build capacity and connect a much wider community to our work.

Vote YES on Measure 26-244.

Marc Ancranaz, Founder, HUTAN.org, Malaysia
Amy Cutting, VP of Conservation, Polar Bears International
Amanda Greenvoss, former Program Manager for Cascades Pika Watch
Charlie Plybon, Surfrider Foundation
Kyle Smith, The Nature Conservancy of Oregon

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Elizabeth Smith
Yes for the Oregon Zoo

Argument in Favor

URGES A *YES* VOTE ON THE METRO ZOO BOND

The Oregon Zoo is a great place to visit. It also plays an important role in species and habitat conservation work all over the world! From working by hand to repopulate condors, to using cutting-edge spectroscopy to research marine predation trends, what we see when we visit the Oregon Zoo is only a small part of the globally-renowned work our Zoo staff does.

Measure 26-244 builds on the success of the 2008 Zoo bond, with no estimated increase in current tax rates. The measure will help replace aging infrastructure, improve educational programs and animal habitats, and help staff continue their amazing conservation efforts.

WHY HAVING THE RIGHT STATE TREASURER MATTERS:

A State Treasurer with the right priorities can also help address climate change and preserve the natural habitats and biodiversity that are at risk!

Jeff Gudman is the ONLY candidate for State Treasurer who has pledged not to take money from fossil fuel donors.

As State Treasurer, Jeff Gudman will:

- Create a coalition of other like-minded institutional investors to combine our proxy voting powers and push aggressively to ensure that our holdings are meaningfully and prudently planning to move past fossil fuel reliance — and act on those plans!
- Daylight the financial risks of climate change by including a climate risk factor statement in the State's bond issuances. Bond buyers are already factoring these concerns into pricing; it's time we acknowledged the costs.
- Examine the possible use of Oregon's trust lands with regard to leveraging climate-friendly opportunities. For example, selling carbon credits for forestlands, or constructing solar arrays in rangelands (which would still be able to be utilized as rangeland).

We need a State Treasurer who's not beholden to fossil fuel interests. We need a State Treasurer who is ready to get serious about climate change!

**VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-244,
THEN VOTE JEFF GUDMAN FOR STATE TREASURER**

Sources: jeffgudman.com/climate

This information furnished by:
Zachary Bayer

Argument in Opposition

**\$380,000,000.00 "Whatever" Zoo Bond
What do you call a prison for wild animals? A Zoo**

Confining wild animals in small enclosures and cages, so that people can walk by and gawk at them is unnatural. Elephants can travel 25 miles a day in the wild.

- With our access to the internet, movies, videos, etc., we can see wild animals in their wild natural settings.
- The day of wild life circuses and zoos is ebbing.
- The Zoo's \$8.5 million annual budget comes from property taxes, tickets and others sources. This \$380 million "Whatever" (tax free muni-bond) does not define, what the funds will be used for and could cost us \$525 million over the next 30 years.
- We need to rethink the future use of Zoo's 640 acre compound. It could be a OSU extension school in food science, where our young citizen learn hands-on about the the food they eat, it could be include 4-H, Nature Conservancy, Oregon Humane Societies, a place where animal organizations could work together.
- The Zoo has 1,600 animal inmates, who's only crime is they are "wild". **What do you think?**

Macdonald, J.F.

This information furnished by:
J.F. Macdonald

Argument in Opposition

Taxpayers Association of Oregon urges
No on 26-244

The Zoo has been extremely wasteful and now wants you -- the taxpayers -- to reward their mismanagement with a huge tax hike.

Voters last approved a Zoo bond in 2008. A lot has changed since then. Metro has run the Zoo into the ground, and they want you—the taxpayers—to bail them out.

- **Zoo wants higher taxes to pay for 19% fewer visitors** (since 2008). (1)
- **Zoo chases away families by recklessly raising prices 160%** (since 2008).
- **Zoo raises both prices and taxes while providing less service.** In 2008, the Zoo had a summer concert series with 16 national and international acts. The Zoo has "eliminated concerts" according to Metro's latest budget. (2)
- **Zoo is doing less even though we give them more money.** 2008 Zoo bond funds were used to build two big new exhibits (Serengeti, Red Ape Reserve). The current

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Zoo bond merely “updates” three already existing exhibits.

- **Zoo is cutting service even though we give more money.** In 2008, the Zoo Train ran a 40 minute loop through Washington Park for only \$4 a ride. Today, the trip is only 5 minutes long and costs \$5 a ride. In 2019, Metro’s President announced that the Zoo Train’s original route would not be restored and it would be replaced by a trail. The trail was never built.

Stop rewarding wasteful spending with tax hikes.

Stop rewarding Zoo mismanagement with tax hikes.

The Taxpayers Association of Oregon has protected you from higher taxes and government waste for 25 years. follow us at OregonWatchdog.com.

Sources: (1) 1.6 million visitors in 2008. Today, it’s 1.3 million. (2) Metro Budget, FY 2023-24. (3) the penguin, sea otter, and giraffe exhibits.

This information furnished by:
Jason Williams
Executive Director of Taxpayers Association of Oregon

Argument in Opposition

METRO sits on \$1 billion surplus

Portland sits on \$170 million surplus

Yet, they both want \$380 million more from you!

Metro, which runs the Zoo, has an estimated \$1 billion surplus from their recent tax as explained by OPB;

“Portland metro area’s homeless tax could bring in nearly \$1 billion in unexpected revenue by 2029” --- OPB 10/26/23

Portland has an estimated \$170 million surplus from their recent energy tax as explained by The Oregonian;

“The fund’s authors estimated it would raise about \$30 million a year ... Since then, the revenue has grown exponentially every year...The tax is now expected to raise more than \$200 million annually.” Oregonian 2/29/24

There you go.

Metro has a \$1 billion surplus.

Portland has a \$170 million surplus.

If both Metro and Portland are swimming in nearly **\$1.2 billion surplus**, why are they asking voters to approve a **\$380 million property tax increase** to fund Zoo construction projects?

Metro regional government can afford to be wasteful because there are effectively only two similar regional Metro governments in the entire United States. Thousands of cities are able to fund their local area Zoos without a third layer government Metro government bureaucracy driving up the cost.

Stop punishing taxpayers with tax hikes when politicians are sitting on surplus tax revenue.

Taxpayers Association of Oregon urges
No on 26-244

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Executive Director of Taxpayers Association of Oregon

Argument in Opposition

Vote NO on 26-244

This \$380 million bond is an expensive **money grab** by Metro after failing to address homelessness. It enriches zoo management and contractors, **not** animals. Special interests are spending over \$600,000 with a PAC to promote this giveaway.

The zoo has no clear spending plan for \$380 million. It is plainly NOT based on need. Misleadingly termed a bond renewal, it is over three times the previous \$125 million bond!

The previous bond was an **expensive failure**:

- A mere 1.5% of the money was spent on native wildlife.
- Over \$57 million was spent on “Elephant Lands” which enriched construction companies but has been devastating for elephants.
- Four elephants (Rama, Tusko, Packy and Lily) have died of avoidable causes since its opening nine years ago.
- Chendra has gone through an ill-advised pregnancy, aggressive tuberculosis and a tragic miscarriage – all entirely avoidable.
- All surviving elephants have foot diseases caused by zoo captivity.
- Medical records show fighting and bullying among the elephants resulting in injuries.
- In Defense of Animals rated Oregon Zoo among the ten worst zoos for elephants.

Learning about Chendra’s sad plight a reputed elephant sanctuary, Elephant Refuge North America, made an all-expense paid offer to rehabilitate her. **The zoo rejected it!** Chendra is still languishing in poor health.

Do not reward failure with more money!

Oregon Zoo is a failing institution:

- Attendance has been on a downward trend for over a decade.
- Its expenses have been going up over the years, always well-exceeding revenues.
- Last year alone we bailed them out with \$25 million of our tax dollars.
- Homeowners and renters should not be forced to pay for the zoo’s wastefulness!

Vote NO on 26-244

The Zoo **squandered** the last tax handout!
NO TO AN ADDITIONAL \$380 MILLION

For details, visit www.voteno2zoo.bond

Free the Oregon Zoo Elephants
Gimme Shelter Portland
In Defense of Animals

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Heart of Ganesh
Animal Rights Collective Portland

This information furnished by:
Bala Seshasayee
Free the Oregon Zoo Elephants

Argument in Opposition

VOTE NO ON METRO'S ZOO BOND MEASURE 26-244

\$380 MILLION ASK

Metro is once again asking taxpayers to approve another zoo bond, this time for a shocking \$380 million. This is the just second of Metro's many planned cash grabs - the last zoo bond measure, for \$125 million, passed in 2008.

WHO BENEFITS?

Stakeholders are pouring hundreds of thousands of dollars promoting a yes vote on this latest measure, hoping for a \$380 million windfall to benefit zoo leadership, management, highly paid consultants, contractors and sub-contractors. Don't be fooled - this has nothing to do with animal welfare.

STAGGERING LOSSES

According to Metro's own records, zoo attendance was down 28% in 2023 from its 2018 high, while expenses are increasing. In the year 2023, the Oregon Zoo lost \$25 million or \$68,943 per day. Taxpayers are on the hook to subsidize this loss. If voters approve the latest bond, the daily subsidy will increase to \$108,000 per day.

DECEPTIVE MARKETING

In its attempt to sell voters on Measure 26-244, Metro is deliberately using vague, generalized terms to describe attractive sounding projects that they state will "update exhibits", "improve facilities", "conserve water and energy" and "increase accessibility". No goals, objectives, timelines or specific outcomes governing how the money will be spent are offered. In fact, as stated in the measure, a "plan" will not be presented to the Metro council, for months after it passes.

NO MORE \$\$\$ FOR METRO

VOTE NO ON METRO'S ZOO BOND MEASURE 26-244

This information furnished by:
Barbara Spears

Argument in Opposition

METRO vs. TAXPAYERS

Once again, an insatiable Metro attacks not only the intelligence, but also the strained pocketbooks of beleaguered taxpayers by nonchalantly floating a massive \$380 million dollar bond that, yet again, promises to fix all the ongoing problems at the zoo. Forget that none of the animals want to be forced to live in tiny artificial environments, and focus instead on why it costs so much public money to maintain this place. With falling attendance from a disinterested public, Metro taxpayers have to bail out the zoo every year with massive infusions of cash.

The Oregon Zoo is an entertainment facility that generates an unconscionable and accelerating deficit of over \$25 million dollars per year. Metro then subsidizes that deficit to the tune of \$68,943 dollars per day. Yes, you read that right. \$68,943... per day. Every day. 365 days a year. And that deficit is growing at an accelerating rate. Add in the money Metro requests in this bond and the deficit balloons to more than \$108,000 per day. That's your money, by the way.

Most disturbingly, this bond is written with a flagrant disregard for specifics, and assumes you are stupid by proclaiming they're allowed to ponder and discuss what to do with the money until months after its passage. Given Metro's track record, do you trust them to invest your money in projects that promise we won't be called on yet again? You'd better think no as this measure is now titled Phase 2, implying Phase 3 is next, as is Phase 4, and 5, and 6, and on and on until taxpayers decide they no longer want to subsidize Metro's unsustainable debt. Do the animals a favor. Do yourself a favor:

Vote NO on Metro's favorite money pit, the latest Zoo Bond, Measure 26-244

This information furnished by:
Jon Gramstad

Argument in Opposition

Signs that Metro & Portland may have an addiction problem
... an addiction to taxes.

Portland isn't just addicted to meth ... they're addicted to taxes.

Here are 8 signs of addiction:

Addiction Sign #1 = "Addicts always need one more hit": Portland voters have suffered 10 major local tax increases since 2018. There are 3 more local taxes on the ballot right now.

Addiction Sign #2 = "Addicts lack any moderation". Portland is rated the second highest tax place in America (KOIN 2/17/23). There's no moderation, just extreme taxes.

Addiction Sign #3 = "Addicts chase away friends". Portland area lost 14,000 taxpayers in 2022.

Addiction Sign #4 = "Addicts can't hold a job". High taxes kill jobs. Oregon Business reported "Portland Office Vacancies Reach Historic Highs" (10/9/23). The vacancy rate hit 30%.

Addiction Sign #5 = "Addicts never stop at one drug". We have local taxes that seldom exist anywhere else in America like ... the Portland Arts Tax, Portland's Clean Energy Surcharge, Multnomah Income Tax for preschool, METRO's 1% income tax for homeless, and METRO's (\$652 million) property tax for private housing programs.

Addiction Sign #6 = "Addicts use more for a smaller high". We keep getting higher taxes but we somehow end up with fewer police, fewer new roads, fewer school days and more pot holes, more graffiti, more crime and more homeless.

Addiction Sign #7 = "Addicts can't be trusted." Think of the politicians broken promises.

Addiction Sign #8 = "Addicts seek a higher high". The next tax to hit you in 2025 is tolling. If you want to stop tolling, please sign petition (IP#4) which gives voters the right to vote on tolling projects in their neighborhood at OregonWatchdog.com/petition.

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This information furnished by:
Jason Williams
Taxpayers Association of Oregon

City of Portland

Measure No. 26-245

Referred to the People by the City Council

Ballot Title

Renew Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax for Street Repair, Maintenance, Safety

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

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

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

Specific proposed investments include:

Street Repair and Maintenance

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

Safety

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

Community Street Services

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

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

Explanatory Statement

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

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

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

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

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

STREET REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

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

SAFETY

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

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

COMMUNITY STREET SERVICES

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

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

SAME TAX RATE

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

AUDITS AND INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT

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

Submitted by:
Mingus Mapps
Commissioner

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

City of Portland

Measure No. 26-245 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Workers Support Safer Streets at Lower Costs

The workers of Municipal Employees Union LiUNA 483 are on the frontlines of building infrastructure in the City of Portland.

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

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

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

This information furnished by:
James O'Laughlen
LiUNA Local 483

Argument in Favor

SAME TAX RATE. BETTER STREETS.

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

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

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

VOTE YES FOR STREET REPAIR & MAINTENANCE

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

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

VOTE YES FOR SAFETY FOR KIDS, SENIORS, AND FAMILIES

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

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

VOTE YES FOR THE SAME TAX RATE

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

VOTE YES FOR AUDITS & INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT

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

Learn more at FixOurStreetsPDX.com

JOIN US AND VOTE YES ON MEASURE 26-245:

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

This information furnished by:
Amy Ruiz
Fix Our Streets Portland

Argument in Favor

AARP Oregon urges a "Yes" on 26-245

AARP Oregon supports Measure 26-245. It is a critically needed and balanced approach to keeping our streets safe for all of us whether we are walking, rolling, biking, busing, ride sharing or driving.

We are a "yes" vote on Measure 26-245 because:

- Livable and age-friendly communities require transportation and mobility options for all, regardless of age.
- We need to allow for vibrant communities where everyone can actively participate. Key to this is the opportunity for everyone, regardless of age or ability, to travel safely.
- Access to housing, senior centers, libraries, parks, and vital public safety services that allow the 50+ and their families to age-in-place all depend on a safe transportation system.

Just as we did in 2016 and 2020, AARP once again supports this balanced approach to repair our infrastructure. Safety on all types of streets must remain front and center in our public infrastructure.

AARP Oregon urges a yes vote to ensure we can have the infrastructure required to enjoy livable communities into the future.

This information furnished by:
Bandana Shrestha, State Director
AARP Oregon

Portland Public School District

Measure No. 26-246

Ballot Title

Levy Renewal to Maintain Teachers and Classroom Support Staff

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Explanatory Statement

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

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

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

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

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

Funds teachers at every school in the District

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

Allows funding for other classroom support positions

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

Continues to provide fiscal accountability and independent oversight

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

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

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

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

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

Portland Public School District

Measure No. 26-246 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Renew the Portland Teachers Levy! Taxes remain the same!

YES FOR TEACHERS, YES FOR KIDS urges a **YES** Vote on Measure 26-246 this May.

We are parents, community members, seniors, educators, businesses, and elected officials who have all come together to support Measure 26-246.

A **YES** vote on the local levy ensures the district can maintain over 660 teaching and classroom support positions across the district without raising your taxes.

Portland Public Schools – serving over 44,500 students – has relied on this levy since 2007.

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

A YES VOTE ON 26-246 to RENEW THE LOCAL OPTION LEVY MEANS:

Preserves Over 660 Teaching Positions

- Teachers are the heart of our schools. Renewal of the levy funds over 660 high quality teaching and classroom support staff positions across the District that help the children in our community thrive. One fifth of all teaching positions in Portland Public Schools are funded by the Levy.

Funding Programs for a Comprehensive Education

- Levy funds help support a well-rounded program, with enrichments for elementary and middle grades and electives in varied interest areas and disciplines for high school students.

Maintains Current Tax Rate

- This levy is a renewal. Taxpayers would continue paying the same local option tax rate of \$1.99 per \$1,000 assessed value they pay today.

Independent Oversight

The levy renewal requires independent oversight to ensure tax dollars are used for purposes approved by voters. The Community Budget Review Committee will continue to provide this oversight and all levy funds will be placed in a separate account for transparent reporting.

Please join the Renew the Teachers Levy campaign and vote **YES** on Measure 26-246 to support Portland's children, teachers, and classrooms. **Renew the Portland Teachers Levy!**

This information furnished by:
Terri Waller
Renew the Teachers Levy Campaign

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City of North Plains

Measure No. 34-327

Ballot Title

Expansion of North Plains Urban Growth Boundary

Question: Shall the City of North Plains expand its existing urban growth boundary in compliance with Oregon land use law?

Summary: This measure allows City voters to decide if Ordinance 490, which expands the North Plains urban growth boundary, will take effect. The current boundary was established in 2001. An October 2022 analysis identified a need for an additional 172.4 acres for commercial development and 515.4 acres for industrial development. A September 2023 analysis demonstrated a need for an additional 167.4 acres for more housing. The ordinance expands the boundary by 855.2 acres to meet these needs. Land development cannot occur immediately upon boundary expansion without future public hearings. The city first must adopt plans for providing public facilities to the area, such as transportation and water service. The land then must be annexed into the city and zoned for appropriate industrial, commercial or residential uses. Ordinance 490 was approved by the City Council in September 2023. If the ordinance is approved by the voters, the expansion will not take effect unless it is also approved by Washington County and the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission.

must amend its comprehensive plan to designate zoning classifications for the area. Then, property in the expansion area must be annexed into the city before it can be developed under city zoning.

Submitted by:
Lori Lesmeister
City Recorder

Explanatory Statement

The Portland State University Population Research Center projects the City of North Plains population will increase by 3,666 people, to a total of 7,076 residents, by the year 2040. State law requires the city to maintain a 20-year supply of land within its urban growth boundary (UGB). The current UGB was established in 2001. In September 2023, the North Plains City Council adopted Ordinance 490 to expand the city UGB to provide land for economic and residential development to accommodate the forecast population through 2040. If Measure 34-327 is approved, Ordinance 490 will become effective.

Based on the Portland State University population forecast, in 2022 and 2023, the city conducted an analysis of the types of economic development and housing the city will need for the population growth between 2023 and 2040. The city also analyzed the amount of available land inside the city and the current UGB to provide the employment and housing opportunities to accommodate the population. In December 2022, the North Plains City Council adopted an "Economic Opportunities Analysis," which analyzed the city's commercial and industrial needs. This analysis shows a need for 515 acres of additional land inside the UGB for industrial development and 172 acres of additional land for commercial development. In September 2023, the City Council adopted a "Housing Needs Analysis," which shows the city will need 1,348 new homes by 2040, including both single-family and multi-family homes, and an additional 67.4 acres of land to build this housing. Together, the Economic Opportunities Analysis and Housing Needs Analysis show the need to expand the UGB by 854 acres to provide the necessary land inside the City UGB through 2040 and comply with state law. In September 2023, the City Council adopted Ordinance 490, which expands the UGB by 854 acres. Ordinance 490 was referred to the ballot. If Measure 34-327 is approved, Ordinance 490 will take effect.

If approved by city voters, the UGB expansion still must be approved by Washington County and the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission. If the UGB is approved by voters, the county and the State of Oregon, the city then must develop plans for roads, sewer and water systems, telecommunications and other necessary public facilities to serve the expansion area. The city also

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Argument in Favor

VOTE FOR A STRONGER NORTH PLAINS COMMUNITY

After more than four years of community input and buy-in, we ask North Plains residents to vote YES on Measure 34-327 to support the future of our growing city.

Measure 34-327 will carefully expand the urban growth boundary to ensure that North Plains maintains the small-town livability we all love, while also preserving existing forest and rural reserves.

Residents will have many opportunities to engage in the City's concept planning -- and we will ensure that we have a good balance of housing and economic development, proper zoning, road and street connections, water delivery, parks, and trails.

This long-term planning for the urban growth boundary is meant to prevent urban sprawl, and grow North Plains in a thoughtful way that works for our community.

With the rising cost of living, it is important that we plan for the future. Measure 34-327 gives us a chance to keep our community members housed in the place where they work. Some of these benefits of well-planned growth include:

- Increased shopping and dining options and community services
- Local employment for our workforce
- Expanded business tax base to reduce the share of taxes North Plains families pay

The urban growth boundary expansion puts the city on the right track for sustainable growth.

With a YES vote for Measure 34-327, North Plains can provide better services for residents, including parks and public safety. Every resident of North Plains deserves a community we can be proud of – and a YES vote makes that possible.

VOTE YES FOR THE FUTURE OF NORTH PLAINS

**Endorsed by
Teri Lenahan
Mayor of North Plains**

This information furnished by:
Amy Ruiz
Yes for North Plains

Argument in Favor

A PLAN BY AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF NORTH PLAINS

Oregon law requires communities to maintain a 20-year supply of land within the boundary for future jobs and housing.

A housing needs analysis showed that even with more efficient use of land within the current city limits, it's not possible to accommodate the growing population of North Plains in the foreseeable future.

As North Plains grows, state law requires us to maintain a twenty-year supply of land for jobs and housing. That means a careful and measured expansion of our urban growth boundary (UGB).

To do it right, the City of North Plains has been including the public at every stage of this effort—and will continue to urge

you to participate. The North Plains 2035 Vision Project started in 2015, asking residents for their opinions about the future of North Plains.

Then, the UGB expansion project began in fall 2020. In September 2023, after three years of research, planning and public input and discussions, City Council approved a recommended expansion scenario and full UGB Expansion Report.

More than a dozen public meetings were held to collect feedback, promoted through the City website, emails, social media, and other public forums. Many, many North Plains residents participated in these discussions.

What happens next?

The public will be included in a lengthy conversation about how we will grow our community in a smart, thoughtful way that maintains the small town character of North Plains and protects our rural way of life.

There are many decisions left to be made, and you can be part of it.

Vote YES on Measure 34-327 to make sure that the future of North Plains is planned carefully, with an eye on the future of our community.

Chris Barron
Vice Chair, North Plains Economic Development Committee

This information furnished by:
Amy Ruiz
Yes for North Plains

Argument in Favor

VOTE YES: MEETING THE NEEDS OF A GROWING CITY

As North Plains grows, Measure 34-327 provides a way for us to take control, and ensure that we manage our growth in a smart, thoughtful way.

Our families and neighbors need robust public services like housing, parks, better streets, and safer neighborhoods. Historically, the city has relied on a residential tax base of over 80% to fund basic services.

Measure 34-327 gives North Plains a chance to pace the level of services with the growth of the city to ensure that everyone has the best quality of life possible. Business tax revenues will help pay for the services we need.

Voting YES on Measure 34-327 means that businesses will pay a greater share and relieve the tax pressure on North Plains families.

Growing business investment in North Plains will diversify the City's property tax base, making it possible to improve services without raising taxes on residents. Measure 34-327 will also provide an opportunity to expand and improve access to local services for the residents of North Plains — more stores, more amenities, less commuting, and shorter, safer travel.

More local businesses, local shopping, and local dining options will reduce the need to drive to Hillsboro or Portland. A more walkable, enjoyable downtown for residents and visitors alike.

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With a YES vote on Measure 34-327, North Plains will finally be on our way to economic progress with a means to establish a planned mixed-use area that will benefit the entire community for years to come.

Chi Miller

North Plains Planning Commissioner

This information furnished by:

Amy Ruiz

Yes for North Plains

Argument in Favor

TOP TEN REASONS TO VOTE YES FOR MEASURE 34-327

Why should you vote YES on Measure 34-327?

1. **Vote Yes on 34-327** to preserve North Plains' cherished small-town character amidst growth.
2. **Vote Yes on 34-327** to bring new shopping, dining, and employment options to North Plains.
3. **Vote Yes on 34-327** to expand the urban growth boundary smartly, balancing development and protecting farm and forest land.
4. **Vote Yes on 34-327** to broaden our business tax base and alleviate the tax burden on North Plains families.
5. **Vote Yes on 34-327** to tackle our housing crisis, making our city more affordable for families at every income level.
6. **Vote Yes on 34-327** to enable more residents to live and work in North Plains, reducing traffic and pollution.
7. **Vote Yes on 34-327** to protect our beautiful rural and forested lands from relentless urban sprawl.
8. **Vote Yes on 34-327** to increase public services, including parks and public safety, for everyone.
9. **Vote Yes on 34-327** to create a more walkable, enjoyable downtown area for North Plains residents and visitors.
10. **Vote Yes on 34-327** to ensure the future of North Plains reflects our community's voice and vision.

This information furnished by:

Amy Ruiz

Yes for North Plains

Argument in Favor

AFFORDABLE HOMES AND GOOD JOBS FOR NORTH PLAINS

Measure 34-327 provides the only real solution to the growing housing crisis in North Plains.

A recent study from Portland State University shows that the population of North Plains has doubled since 2000, and is expected to double again over the next two decades. With an estimated 7,000 residents in 2040, we need more housing in North Plains to keep things affordable for local families.

Families in North Plains need livable neighborhoods, affordable housing, and good jobs. Expanding our tax base will lead to more tax revenue from businesses, and expanded

opportunities in North Plains — so more of our neighbors can work, play, and thrive in the place where they live, without having to commute for jobs or groceries.

We can have a full-size grocery store in North Plains!

Shorter trips mean safer travel, and more time to spend with family and in our community.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, only 23 people live AND work in North Plains — 940 people live outside the city and commute in for work, and another 1,430 people live in North Plains and leave our community to go to work.

Wouldn't it be great if North Plains was a place where good jobs and affordable housing were both available? A YES vote on Measure 34-327 makes that possible.

Housing in North Plains must meet the needs of the growing population. Measure 34-327 provides a path to make sure many more North Plains residents can live and work in the city they call home.

This information furnished by:

Amy Ruiz

Yes for North Plains

Argument in Favor

The 80 member businesses of the North Plains Chamber of Commerce support a "YES" vote on Measure 34-327

First – Who Opposes the UGB Expansion

This measure was brought to voters by a group of no-growth individuals who don't live in town and cannot vote on this matter. And this faction is the driving force behind Measure 34-327. This group has presented arguments that are not true and misleading – and they want to persuade you that expanding the Urban Growth Boundary is an uncontrolled, reckless idea.

Don't fall for it. Their agenda wants no growth and to remain complacent – they want to control the affairs of OUR city.

Second – How Expansion of the City's Boundary Benefits North Plains

The North Plains Chamber of Commerce supports the plan to expand the current boundary because we believe it is essential for the City of North Plains to improve the economic vitality of our community for five primary reasons as follows:

- Provides our residents with more consumer choices.
- Presents more employment options for our residents.
- Brings more desired service businesses.
- Spawns new jobs, new income, new tax revenue, and higher property values.
- Allows our businesses and people to share resources more efficiently.

Finally – Why the UGB Expansion Makes Good Planning Sense

The fact is that the City of North Plains has followed the prescribed process for expansion of its Urban Growth Boundary and by undertaking a transparent, thoughtful, calculated, and deliberate approach for the needs of our beloved community for the course of the next twenty years.

In addition, more businesses mean greater economic vitality, less trips to Hillsboro or beyond. Through proper planning and careful implementation of these plans, we believe that the possibilities of our growth will end up complementing our community.

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We urge you to vote “YES” on Measure 34-327 Expansion of North Plains Urban Growth Boundary.

(This information approved by the North Plains Chamber of Commerce on February 13, 2024.)

This information furnished by:
Russ R. Sheldon
North Plains Chamber of Commerce

Argument in Favor

PROTECTING FARM AND FOREST LAND

Why do folks live in North Plains? Because it's one of the most beautiful places in Oregon—a unique, rural small town on the edge of a large metro area. It's the best of both worlds!

We have to protect our rural character, and the best way to do that is to plan ahead and protect our farm and forest lands.

Voting YES on Measure 34-327 is the best way to:

PREVENT SPRAWL

PROTECT OUR FARM AND FOREST LANDS

PRESERVE OUR SMALL TOWN FEEL

Oregon's legendary urban growth boundary system is the envy of the nation. It's why we don't have sprawl from Portland to Eugene and all the way to the coast.

Our urban growth boundary system puts in strong protections for rural reserves – lands that are high value working farms and forests or have important natural features like rivers, wetlands, buttes and floodplains.

With Measure 34-327, these areas will be protected from urbanization for years to come.

A YES vote on Measure 34-327 will help North Plains plan for growth while preserving the rural reserves and forest lands that we love so much.

Even the **Washington County Farm Bureau** weighed in with the legislature on this issue, saying: “The Washington County Farm Bureau is of the opinion that the city of North Plains has followed the Land Use process set in place, and we support that process.”

(<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2024R1/Downloads/PublicTestimonyDocument/113278>, testimony to House Committee on Rules, February 20, 2024)

Many years of public planning went into the North Plains UGB expansion including input from farmland advocates as well as residents of the city and surrounding areas.

Measure 34-327 is endorsed by:

Nic Vial
Andy Duyck
Mike & Debra Van Domelen
Cindy Thackeray

This information furnished by:
Amy Ruiz
Yes for North Plains

Argument in Favor

I have lived in the city of North Plains for over eight years.

We live in the heart of the town, and we have been excited to see and benefit from the vital improvements to our town during that period.

These include new dining options, new businesses, and new sidewalks and paths we use almost daily.

We are even more excited about the future state of our town provided by the upcoming UGB expansion. This is an effort the town and residents have been working on diligently for the past several years, and we have personally taken advantage of the opportunities the city offered to engage in this process. We have kept ourselves informed and engaged because of our hopes for our town.

We live very close to downtown North Plains, and we would love to see the downtown area continue to thrive and be revitalized. We know the UGB expansion will help with this as we attract more visitors and residents to support these local businesses.

We would love to see a grocery store come to town, yet we know that is impossible without the UGB expansion. We are well aware that a grocery store won't come here if they see us as a town that is closed to growth and against supporting new businesses.

We would also love to have expanded library services, public safety services, and parks and recreational opportunities in our town.

We know none of that is possible if we are unable to continue to invite new residents and businesses into our town.

Please vote YES on Measure 34-327. Let's make North Plains an even better place to live!

**Lisa Fry
North Plains**

This information furnished by:
Amy Ruiz
Yes for North Plains

Argument in Favor

LET'S GIVE NORTH PLAINS A STRONGER “DOWNTOWN”

Across the country, small town main streets are dying. In North Plains, we have a chance to imagine a different future for our community:

OUR NORTH PLAINS DOWNTOWN VISION

Downtown North Plains is a **vibrant, walkable, enticing place** to shop, dine and gather. Commercial Street retains its **historic character** while adapting to new development and activities.

A **diverse mix of businesses** supports local employment and attracts frequent visits from North Plains residents and workers as well as visitors from throughout the region. There is a **variety of quality housing** for all ages and income levels around the downtown.

The area is **well connected** with safe and convenient pedestrian and bicycle paths linking to nearby neighborhoods, parks, and other commercial areas.

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Commercial Street is an attractive and engaging “Main Street” with a cohesive design and unique spaces, amenities and features that make it appealing to residents and visitors alike.

The urban growth boundary expansion in Measure 34-327 will create jobs in North Plains, expand our business tax base, create affordable housing, make it possible to and build a better future for all families in North Plains.

If you believe in the future of North Plains, vote YES on Measure 34-327.

This information furnished by:
Amy Ruiz
Yes for North Plains

Argument in Favor

**70% OF NORTH PLAINS VOTERS AGREE:
VOTE YES ON MEASURE 34-327**

In a survey this spring of North Plains voters, 70 percent said they definitely plan to vote YES on Measure 34-327. Another 19 percent were leaning toward a yes vote.

Why do 70% of voters in North Plains plan to definitely vote YES on Measure 34-327?

Because it's the smart thing to do: We can grow our community thoughtfully, share the tax burden with business, create jobs, build affordable housing, preserve farm and forest land, create a vibrant downtown, and maintain the small town way of life we all love.

Join us and your neighbors in voting YES for Measure 34-327!

Michael Accuardi
Ruth Accuardi
Chris Barron
Christopher Lynn Bogardus
David Bral
Patti Burns
Fran Cotton
Andy Duyck
James Fage, City Councilor
Lisa Fry
Zach Gaynor
Tyler Heesacker
Cindy Hirst
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Charles Hopewell
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Robert “Butch” Kindel, City Councilor
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Amy Ruiz
Yes for North Plains

Argument in Favor

Measure 34-327 is our roadmap to a sustainable, prosperous future for North Plains.

North Plains is expected to double in size in the next 20 years, and Measure 34-327 makes sure we do it right.

A YES vote for Measure 34-327 will make it possible to carefully and thoughtfully plan how our city expands, including access to parks, nature and trails in walkable safe neighborhoods.

A YES vote Measure 34-327 will support the years of careful planning that has been done with deep public engagement – and ensure that the next phase of planning will also include the public at every step. We all have a voice in the future of North Plains.

A YES vote for Measure 34-327 supports a careful, strategic expansion of the urban growth boundary, blending development for jobs and housing with green space preservation, ensuring our small-town charm thrives.

A YES vote for Measure 34-327 addresses our housing crisis, making North Plains affordable and attractive for diverse income levels, ensuring that residents can both live and work here.

A YES vote for Measure 34-327 preserves the unique identity of North Plains. It prevents relentless urban sprawl, ensuring that we grow in a way that protects our cherished farm and forest lands, while creating space for jobs and affordable housing that open opportunities for all of us.

Vote Yes for Measure 34-327 and let's make North Plains work for all of us!

This information furnished by:
Amy Ruiz
Yes for North Plains

Argument in Favor

Twenty-nine years ago, I moved into North Plains, married and started my family.

I wanted to give back to my new community and get involved. I applied to the Planning Commission in 1995 and became the chairperson by 2001 to present.

We spent over five years in the urban growth boundary expansion process planning process and following state

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guidelines and state law. We included the public in our deliberations and made careful, thoughtful decisions. This work is good for North Plains residents, businesses, and families.

Now, at the 11th hour, outside influences want to stop the process with a referendum to erase all our hard work.

It seems unfair that all our planning and efforts to comply with state requirements should be decided by those who have had no participation in or have any knowledge of the process.

Please support the state planning process. Please support the careful deliberations by North Plains residents.

Please vote YES on Measure 34-327.

Thank you,
Stewart King

North Plains Planning Commission Chair
North Plains Chamber of Commerce Treasurer
North Plains Events Association Treasurer
North Plains Senior Plaza Director
North Plains Parks Foundation Vice-President

This information furnished by:
Amy Ruiz
Yes for North Plains

Argument in Favor

In the land of North Plains, where the green forests reign,
There's a measure, dear friends, that deserves our acclaim
Measure 34-327, oh what a sight!
It promises growth, but done just right.

A YES on this ballot, let me explain,
Would bring about change, for our community's gain.
With space for our neighborhoods to expand,
It's a plan, oh so grand, for our green, lovely land.

For shops and for jobs, it will open the door,
So we shop in North Plains, not far away anymore.
No sprawling, no crowding, just smart growth around,
Keeping North Plains quaint, with nature abound.

So here's the kicker, the big, bold deal,
Voting YES brings to life this future ideal.
Yours is not just a vote, but a voice in the choir,
Singing "Let's grow with care and aim ever higher!"

So I say to you, with a wink and a smile,
"Your vote on this measure is worth your while.
For the sake of the children, for the land, for the trees,
Vote YES on 34-327, oh please, please, please!"

(With apologies to Dr. Seuss!)

This information furnished by:
Amy Ruiz
Yes for North Plains

Argument in Favor

North Plains is growing.

Some people think that's good. Some don't. But the numbers don't change. People like North Plains and keep moving here.

In 2015, North Plains realized it needed to create a plan for growth; a plan that satisfied Oregon's complicated land use laws and could be approved by state officials.

Planning for growth is like threading a needle. Add too much land, and people object about "sprawl" and "saving farmland." Try to avoid sprawl by increasing housing in existing neighborhoods, people object with "too much density" and "no new apartments."

North Plains hired Oregon's best planning experts and asked a simple question: how do we provide new growth areas that meet state law, balance protecting farms with protecting neighborhoods, and create jobs and housing that keep the City family-friendly?

After eight years, dozens of public hearings, multiple meetings with state officials, and hundreds of thousands of dollars, the City had its answer: Ordinance 490, a measure that adds the minimum amount of land to the growth boundary to keep up.

Some land will be used for new jobs and businesses. The rest is for housing for North Plains families.

The land added is exactly the amount approved by state officials and in the area designated by the legislature.

Your City Council has done everything by the book, and complied with all of Oregon's complicated land use requirements. This is no small feat!

Measure 34-327 threatens to undo all the work and public input that led to Ordinance 490. If Ordinance 490 is rejected, it won't change the need for more land. It simply forces the City to start over, trying to thread that needle to obtain state approval while satisfying City residents.

No matter what, someone won't be happy, and the longer we wait, the harder and more expensive it gets.

Ordinance 490 represents a balanced compromise and minimum land additions.

Please vote yes on Measure 34-327.

Oregon Property Owners Association

This information furnished by:
Dave Hunnicutt
Oregon Property Owners Association

Argument in Favor

LET'S CONTINUE BUILDING A WELCOMING COMMUNITY IN NORTH PLAINS

The mission of the North Plains Events Association is to "build community and to foster connections between its citizens, neighbors, and friends." It is not the physical size of a city, it is the relationships you build with your neighbors that maintain that small town charm.

Your **YES** vote will play a crucial role in nurturing the growth of our city in a thoughtful and incremental manner. By expanding our services, which most in the community are asking for, and hosting events, we aim to meet the desires of our community members while preserving the unique character of North Plains.

The North Plains Events Association supports thoughtful, innovative and deliberate growth opportunities, ensuring

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that every addition contributes positively to our community's identity. By bringing awareness of community, we celebrate our past, present and our future.

We at the NPEA encourage our citizens to vote **YES** on measure 34-327, in support of our city's growth plan vision.

Together, let's continue building a welcoming community where relationships flourish and connections grow stronger.

The North Plains Events Association

This information furnished by:
Sherrie Simmons
North Plains Event Association, Inc.

Argument in Favor

A VITAL STEP TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE AND PROSPEROUS NORTH PLAINS

In the midst of rapid population growth and evolving community needs, North Plains stands at a pivotal moment. Measure 34-327 is a forward-looking blueprint that will enhance the quality of life for all North Plains residents.

Strategic Growth for a Balanced Community

Measure 34-327 carefully expands our urban growth boundary, respecting our cherished farm and forest lands while addressing the housing and economic needs of our growing community.

Economic Vitality and Local Prosperity

The passage of Measure 34-327 will create jobs in North Plains and kickstart a robust "main street" on Commercial. By expanding the business tax base, this measure will alleviate the tax burden on North Plains families. New shopping, dining, and entertainment options will enhance the livability of North Plains and keep our dollars within the local economy.

A Commitment to Housing and Livability

Measure 34-327 presents a proactive approach to ensure that our community remains an affordable and desirable place to live, enabling residents to live and work in North Plains.

Preserving Our Unique Identity

Most importantly, Measure 34-327 respects and preserves the unique identity of North Plains. By controlling urban sprawl and protecting our rural and forested lands, we maintain the small-town charm that defines our community.

A Collaborative Vision for the Future

The development of Measure 34-327 has been marked by unprecedented community engagement. From public meetings to surveys and forums, the voices of North Plains residents have been integral to shaping this measure, and will continue to be in the coming years.

Vote YES for the Future of North Plains

Voting YES on Measure 34-327 is a vote for a thriving, sustainable, and inclusive North Plains. Join us in voting YES on Measure 34-327 — because together, we can build a brighter future for North Plains.

Mayor Teri Lenahan
City Council President Russ Sheldon
City Councilors Robert "Butch" Kindel, Cameron Martinez, Rickey Smith, James Fage, and Trista Papen

This information furnished by:
Amy Ruiz
Yes for North Plains

Argument in Opposition

Vote NO on Measure 34-327 to Oppose Huge Growth of North Plains

Between us, we have worked for over 100 years in agriculture: farming, teaching agriculture in high school, serving on a farmers market board, working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and serving on the board of a soil and water conservation district. We submit this statement on our behalf alone and not on behalf of any entity on which we serve or have served.

Please vote NO on Measure 34-327 and help North Plains grow smart, not huge.

The proposed North Plains expansion would occur on mostly prime farmland soils that formed in rich silt loam deposited over 10,000 years ago. Prime farmland has the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for producing crops. Very little of Oregon is prime farmland, and the area proposed for North Plains urbanization has some of the best soils in the world. These soils are irreplaceable and, once paved over, their use as farmland will be lost for future generations.

The loss of prime farmland soil and the farms those soils support means the loss of potential to produce wheat and other crops that help feed the world, wildlife habitat for songbirds and waterfowl, and a potential to sequester carbon in soil organic matter. The North Plains expansion proposal would replace hundreds of acres of verdant crops with commercial/ industrial land, a devastating blow to local farmland.

We support smart growth that provides affordable housing and good jobs. But the proposed North Plains expansion is not smart — it's just huge. And its proposed impact to farmland will hurt us all.

We urge a NO vote on this measure. Help North Plains grow smart, not huge.

Dean Moberg
Greg Malinowski

This information furnished by:
Dean Moberg

Argument in Opposition

Local Farmer Asks You to Vote No on 34-327

My name is Aaron Nichols and I run Stoneboat Farm. Our farm is just one farm east of Sunset Ridge. We can see the city as we work our fields, and our fate is very much tied to that of North Plains. I believe that both our futures will be better served with a more carefully planned, more realistic, and more inclusive UGB plan. I ask that you **vote no** on 34-327 to give us all a chance to make a better plan.

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I am thankful that I live in Oregon and benefit from the UGBs that have kept many valuable workinglands thriving in Oregon. I can have a farm near a city because of the thoughtfulness of previous generations – and people in North Plains can live in the midst of beautiful and productive farmland because of that same planning.

But the reckless expansion onto farmland hurts farmers like me twice -- once by removing farmland and farmers from our community, then again by driving land prices sky high.

I have more demand for my veggies than I can supply and more people wanting a career in farming than my neighbors and I can hire. I'd love to expand, but there is no way for me to afford speculator's prices and make a living. Meanwhile, landowners in the area want to retire but say they can't sell to me today because it might be worth a windfall to a developer tomorrow.

I am not opposed to careful smart growth to keep North Plains healthy and appropriately sized for the rural community it has been and is planned to be. I, too, want to see more housing and more employment lands where warranted. But this plan is not that -- this plan is growth at the expense of all else and especially at the expense of the vibrant farming community that is North Plains' neighbor.

This information furnished by:
Aaron Nichols
Stoneboat Farm

Argument in Opposition

Friends of North Plains Smart Growth Urges you to VOTE NO on 34-327

We are a group of North Plains residents and neighbors who want our city to stay strong and grow healthy. We realize the city needs to meet its housing projections but we know it does not need more than double the city to meet the state's legal requirements. The state land use agency, in a letter in the public record, has explicitly said that **North Plains does not need to annex any of its 687.8 acres of employment land to meet their legal requirements.** A smaller, more focused, less damaging, less expensive plan is possible!

City's Council's plan:

- Envisions two giant, 300 acre plus business parks on either side of town - likely creating huge traffic problems and adding large arterial streets in place of our current neighborhood streets
- Enough commercial land to build another Washington Square, parking and all
- Would be the biggest expansion by percentage in the history of UGBs
- Calls for the addition of 687 acres of commercial and industrial land - approximately equal to downtown Portland's employment land
- Would likely cost hundreds of millions of dollars to build the infrastructure

But we don't have to have this plan.

We can have and deserve a better plan but we first need to VOTE NO on 34-327.

We want a reasonable, North Plains sized, expansion and a plan that:

- Responsibly uses our tax dollars;
- Limits growth to our real needs, like affordable housing, rather than inviting Hillsboro-style industrial development;
- Maintains our small town charm and quality of life;
- Recognizes the economic contributions of businesses within the city, together with the thriving farm and forest enterprises surrounding it; and
- Involves those who will be affected by the plan - residents and neighbors - in the planning process.

Before you vote, get more info, including a city planner's order of magnitude analysis, at www.FriendsofNorthPlains.org.

This information furnished by:
Aaron Nichols
Friends of North Plains Smart Growth

Argument in Opposition

DEAR VOTERS IN NORTH PLAINS,

In 2009, your neighbors in Helvetia began to face down an urban takeover. Washington County had launched a 50-year urban reserves plan that would absorb Helvetia's world class farmland for development. Helvetia volunteers researched and shared the factual flaws of county planning assumptions, but commissioners refused to make corrections. Helvetia citizens organized, acquired legal representation, and sought settlement. The Oregon Court of Appeals found (in Barkers Five v LCDC 2014) that **Washington County had created "pseudo factors"** to justify their plans. Negotiation of new plans became required.

NO ON 34-327

A huge expansion of North Plains is NOT required by law.

Accommodation of population growth is required, along with robust public involvement and a high level of respect for the agricultural economy, our finest soils, wildlife habitat, and water resources. Through this process, the law allows for reasonable expansion.

Your city must plan for its future
- WITH YOU from the start.
If that has not been the case, the city should start over, working WITH you.
Make sure your taxes support your North Plains. VOTE.

To VOTE for a smaller expansion that complies with the law, **VOTE No on 34-327**

Allen Amabisca, Robert Bailey,
Linda de Boer, and Faun Hosey
of Save Helvetia

Matt and Dana Furrow, Furrow Farm
Pam and Spencer Gates
James Just and Polly Gottesman,
Pumpkin Ridge Gardens

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Greg Mecklem and Diana Yates, Eagles Nest Reserve Vineyard and Winery
Karl Mecklem and Raechel Gano, Eagles Nest Reserve Vineyard and Winery
Catherine Keith
Ron and Virginia Mapes
John Platt, Helvetia Vineyards and Winery
Miki and David Barnes, Oregon Aviation Watch
Eric Lucas
Cindy Evans
Amanda Evans-Healy and Terence Healy, Evans Farm Produce and Provisions

This information furnished by:
Faun Hosey
Save Helvetia

Argument in Opposition

Farmland First asks you to protect farmland as you consider 34-327

Farmland First is dedicated to protecting Washington county's tradition and future of farming. Our ag communities provide vital economic and social benefits to all of us that are as important as the very food we eat. Right now, despite development pressure and farmland loss, farming is a thriving industry and lifestyle. Farms are being passed down to new generations preserving our heritage and knowledge while new farmers are returning to the land with new methods and ways of farming. On the world class Washington county soils we can grow traditional export crops and the food we need to feed ourselves. **As we face climate change and uncertainty in the future, the capacity of our farm communities to feed us and to mitigate climate change is more critical than ever - and Oregon farmers are up to the challenge.**

And yet we are losing the very land that can and does feed us at an unprecedented rate. According to the Tualatin Valley Soil and Water Conservation District, **Washington County lost 23% of its farmland in just five years.** Much of the farming infrastructure is near Hillsboro and North Plains - putting these farmers out of business could cause a collapse of the local infrastructure losing at least a generation of farmers and farming knowledge. North Plains, with its wealth of high class farmland, could be a leader in the reinvestment in farm communities.

34-327 is a choice between short term, uncertain benefits now and irreplaceable farmland that can be productive and valuable for as long as it is not paved over. Trading what Jim Johnson from the Oregon Department of Agriculture, calls "some of the best farmland in the state" for what Andy Varner, North Plains City Manager, says will look like more of "North Hillsboro" is short sighted. We need our farms - and farmland - now and in the future. Let's protect it here.

This information furnished by:
Jacqueline Duyck Jones
Farmland First

Argument in Opposition

Smart Growth as advocated by the Friends of North Plains preserves the character of North Plains without burdening the cost of sprawl onto residents. It recognizes the unique quality of surrounding farm and forest land to the city.

Consider this: the proposed urban growth boundary expansion is one-third larger than downtown Portland; the commercial land requested is the size of Washington Square Mall; and, a 200 acre industrial annexation in Hillsboro required a \$370 million bonding for infrastructure. The North Plains expansion proposes 687 industrial acres. Who will pay?

We urge a NO vote on Measure 43-327.

This information furnished by:
Mel & Wendy Mortensen
Shepherd's Rest Tree Farm

Argument in Opposition

This referendum is about Smart Growth and our right to vote. Smart Growth means sustainable growth. An approach that plans where development should go, encourages growth within its boundary, where businesses can thrive on a walkable main street and families can live close to their daily destinations. It encourages policies that support walking, biking, and public transit to reduce air pollution. And it encourages policies that protect the rural landscape, farms (that depend on world-class soils), preserves open space, protects air and water quality, provides for recreation and creates tourist destinations that bring investments into the local economy.

Instead, we are being asked to tolerate rapid expansion of the North Plains Urban Growth Boundary. Multiple studies have shown that Intensive urban growth leads to greater poverty; local governments that are unable to provide services for all people; greater air pollution with significant impact on human health; reduced quality of life; increased property and city taxes; and a lack of comprehensive planning - leaving the city unattractive with little to offer.

The City of North Plains has, by approving rapid expansion, failed to adequately plan for a livable future. Instead it has auctioned off our clean air, available water, and open spaces to the semi-conductor industry and big developer interests.

We support a NO vote on Measure 34-327, so we can begin the process of growing SMART.

Submitted by:

Merten Vineyards

Shumaker Vineyards

Helvetia Winery

Mason Ridge Farm

Greg Mecklam - Eagles' Nest Reserve Vineyard

This information furnished by:
Linda Galas-Merten

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Argument in Opposition

PROTECT MOUNTAINDALE'S

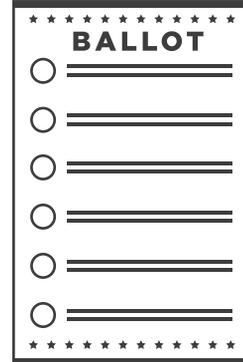
- Farm Land with World Class Soils
- Forest Land and Forest Products
- Elk, Deer, and other Wildlife Habitat
- Tundra Swan Migration Path
- Resident Bald Eagles
- Rural Community with Generations of Family History and Heritage

We say **NO** to **housing sprawl and industrial/commercial development** on **irreplaceable Mountaindale land.**

Vote No on 34-327

Steven Wilder	Raven O'Keefe
Glenna Wilder	Theodore Hullar
Georg Hortnagl	Joan Hullar
Nancy Hortnagl	Shirley Behrens
Arlene Strong	Sandra Holmgreen
Tim Tanner	Donald Powell
Victoria Tanner	Joan Farrar
Bronson Adams	Kay Jimison
Ben Adams	Tim Schnell
Robert Gutmann	Courtney Hayes
Carol Gutmann	Marc Leriche
Christopher Mullin	Matthew Atkinson
Annie-Marie Domenici	Sarah Atkinson
Brian Staubach	Jason Wahl
Jerry Frost	Angie Wahl
Diann Knorr	Melissa Borders
Donald South	Madison Borders
Linda Peters	Kasey Williams
Greg Brown	Robin Williams
Sandy Harrison-Brown	Chris Williams
Katie Miller	Samuel Casillas
Ryan Miller	Saul Navarro
David Vanasche	Kennidy Eudy
Pete Grossen	Glynis Tant
Margaret Grossen	Tom Kuenzli
Bruce Raffety	Meghan Herman
Robin Raffety	Kathleen Mullane
Ryan Stadelman	Kelly Mullane
Henry Stadelman	Ana Alvarenga
Barbara Stadelman	Samuel Morales
Barbara Korenjak	Leticia Beltran
Joanna Evenson	Jonathan Beltran
Ellen Saunders	Alejandro Beltran
Richard Smith	(and many more)
Susan Thomas	
Ian Caldicott	

This information furnished by:
Glenna Wilder



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privately and
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Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue

Measure No. 34-332

Ballot Title

Local Option Levy for Fire and Emergency Medical Services

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

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

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

If passed, levy funds will:

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

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

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

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

Explanatory Statement

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

What is the history behind this proposal?

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

What does this measure call for?

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

What would the levy pay for?

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

How much will the levy cost?

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

What happens if the levy does not pass?

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

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

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

Will property tax bills increase if this measure is approved?

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

If passed, when would this levy first be collected?

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

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

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

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

Submitted by:
Cassandra Ulven
Division Chief

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue

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Argument in Favor

The Day that I Died

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

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

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

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

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

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

This information furnished by:
Amy Vollman

Argument in Favor

Hello, my name is Mike Trotter. I was on patrol as a Washington County Sheriff's deputy in April of 2022 when I was struck by a drunk driver going nearly 100 mph.

I sustained severe life-threatening injuries. Firefighters were there immediately, freeing me from my badly damaged patrol car and providing life-saving medical care until they got me to a hospital.

The firefighters and paramedics at TVF&R have always stood out to me because of their combination of professionalism, knowledge, and abilities. They also bring a level of compassion and humanity to their work that most people don't get the opportunity to see.

The public expects a certain level of service from us as first responders...as they should. Because our population and number of emergencies continues to rise, we need more resources to provide quality service and meet demands. We need to be strategic to keep ahead of the curve.

If funding for firefighters and paramedics is lost, I feel it will be detrimental to our community. In my case, fewer medically trained responders treating my injuries on the worst night of my life could have meant I wouldn't be here today working toward my goal of returning to active duty.

This information furnished by:
Mike Trotter

Argument in Favor

I live in a condominium in Cedar Hills. We had a fire in a unit last summer. I wish to express both gratitude and commend the response to this event. The response was significant, given the unit is in a row of six condos. In addition to the multiple fire trucks, ambulances, gas and electric companies, the firefighters were all very capable, responsible, kind, caring and professional, as well as personal.

Living in a structurally connected community, this response was not only impressive, but also reassuring. Thankfully no one was seriously hurt, and the fire was quickly contained, resulting in mostly smoke damage. It could have been so very much worse.

Thank you to all those who responded for their timeliness, ability to contain the fire quickly, and tend to those in need during the event. I breathe easier knowing that your engines and personnel are close by and ready to respond. We appreciate all you do and thank you for your service.

I always vote yes for fire levies and plan to again this May. Betsey Carle

This information furnished by:
Mary "Betsey" Carle

Argument in Favor

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

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

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

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

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

This information furnished by:
Lynn Kriner

Argument in Favor

Westside Economic Alliance Endorses TVF&R's Levy to Fund Essential Emergency Services

WEA promotes and encourages a vibrant business environment in our region by supporting the creation and growth of

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economic opportunities, investments in a well-trained and well-paid workforce, and strategies for healthy and sustainable communities.

An element of a healthy community includes dependable and proficient fire and emergency medical services. TVF&R's firefighters, paramedics, elected leaders, and support staff have worked diligently on their mission to save lives, protect property, educate families, plan for disasters, and care for people when they are vulnerable or experience calamity.

WEA acknowledges that our community is growing, our population is aging, our wildfire risk is rising, and our emergency incidents are increasing.

This levy maintains reliable emergency response and will fund more responders, more prevention, and more resources for fighting fires and providing critical medical care.

We hope voters agree.

Elizabeth Mazzara Myers, WEA Executive Director

This information furnished by:
Elizabeth Mazzara Myers
Westside Economic Alliance (WEA)

Argument in Favor

Firefighters and Paramedics Support Measure 34-332

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

This information furnished by:
Rocky Hanes
IAFF Local 1660

Argument in Favor

I've worn many hats during my life. I spent 22 years consulting with the Oregon Education Association, 12 years as a House Representative for District 35, 10 years as a high school teacher, and 10 years as a planning commissioner and library volunteer in Tigard. In "retirement", I've continued to stay involved in the Tigard community.

I have always been passionate about education and investing in our youth. Though I have long been familiar with TVF&R and the work they do daily to manage emergencies and serve people, I got to observe their passion for education and prevention as we worked together with the American Heart Association on legislation that passed in 2015 to ensure that all Oregon students learn CPR by the time they graduate high school. Since then, more than 280,000 young people have learned CPR and been empowered to save a life.

For decades, TVF&R has been dedicated to improving survival rates for cardiac arrest victims. In addition to constant training and proficient response, they have conducted extensive education so bystanders can provide CPR before responders arrive.

According to a report by the Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival in 2022, the national average for surviving cardiac arrest is 30.7% when witnessed. If you live in TVF&R's service area, your odds are much better at 45.5%.

I am supporting this levy because I think it contributes to safety, stability, education, and survivability.

-Former Representative Margaret Doherty, Tigard

This information furnished by:
Margaret Doherty

Argument in Favor

This past year, our infant daughter had an allergic reaction to sesame seeds. She was struggling to breath, and we became fearful of her worsening condition when we dialed 911.

When firefighters arrived, they began aggressive treatment to stabilize our daughter. We felt so relieved.

A few days after the scary event, the same firefighters came to our home in Beaverton to check on us. They showed our young son, who had witnessed his baby sister's ordeal, the fire engine. Later, we visited the fire station as a family.

While we feel these firefighters are our own personal helpers, we know they provide the same caring touch to other people every day, which is why we will be supporting their levy.

Sincerely,
Marci Bifone

This argument furnished by:
Marci Bifone

Argument in Favor

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

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We referred this levy to the ballot because:

1. We know through decades of research that your **top priority for TVF&R** is to provide fast and effective emergency response. Levy funds are used for frontline positions, as well as people who maintain our fleet, train our responders, investigate fires, and ensure supplies and equipment get to our fire stations. If passed, this measure will maintain staffing and add three dozen more responders to ensure reliability for our growing community.
2. Life threatening emergencies (such as cardiac events, strokes, high-speed crashes, rescues, and serious falls) **require many hands to perform essential tasks**, including CPR, defibrillation, extrication, airway management, stabilization, and medication administration.
3. **Having a sufficient number of firefighters is critical** for meeting the federal safety mandate of “two in, two out” meaning a first-arriving crew of four firefighters can immediately send two into a burning building to make a rescue with two ready to intervene if something goes wrong.
4. We feel that **TVF&R has a solid track record of keeping promises**. Since voters first approved an operating levy in 2000, TVF&R has fulfilled commitments made to you, our investors.
5. We believe **this levy is a good value**. For \$17.54 per month, we will have an adequate number of responders to send the right resources to the right call at the right time. It will also provide funding for firefighting tools, medical equipment, and vehicles used for wildfire response and transporting patients.
6. If passed, we do not expect TVF&R to increase the levy rate for the ten years.

Please join us in supporting this measure.

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

This information furnished by:
Justin Dillingham
TVF&R Board of Directors

Argument in Favor

The Beaverton Chamber has been a catalyst for business growth, a convener of leaders, and a champion for our community since 1953.

As business leaders, we have a vested interest in public safety. We believe that reliable, professional and effective emergency services contribute to the stability and livability of a community. That's why we support TVF&R's local option levy.

Meeting Customer Expectations: Whether business owners or residents, we likely all have the same priority for our fire department: “Get to my emergency quickly and solve my problem.” The levy funds existing firefighter and paramedic

positions -and will add more- who are prepared and trained to respond to medical, fire, and other emergencies.

Customer Service: Businesses with poor customer service don't survive. TVF&R gets this. Their firefighters and staff demonstrate professionalism, performance, and compassion when helping people on their worst day.

The Right Tools for the Job: The levy funds essential equipment used by firefighters and paramedics.

Focus on the Bottom Line: TVF&R's Triple-A rating by Moody's is the best of any fire district in the nation and underscores a stewardship ethic for the use of our tax dollars.

We encourage you to vote yes!

Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce

This information furnished by:
Alicia Bermes
Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce

Argument in Favor

As longtime Tigard residents, our family is proud to be part of the community. Community is something that means a great deal to us. The soccer and basketball clubs that our boys participate in have allowed us to see firsthand how big a role community plays in our lives. We support the schools our kids attend, the education system, and public safety.

After a difficult time for our family, our local firefighters from the King City station reached out with an invitation to visit. We were treated to a tour of the station, shown the apparatus, and even got to spray water from a fire hose. It was heartwarming to see the smiles they put on my kids' faces.

We are fortunate to have Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue protecting our community. Their professionalism and kindness can be seen day in and day out in the work they do. It's reassuring to know they're able to care for our kids and anyone injured.

Our family will forever be supporters of Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue and ask you to vote yes on Measure 34-332.

Ashley Desanno

This information furnished by:
Ashley Desanno

Argument in Favor

What do our cities have in common? We are all served by Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue

As mayors, we have high expectations of our fire chief, firefighters, paramedics, and support personnel. When our residents have an emergency, we want them to receive a speedy response by caring professionals who take decisive action.

We also appreciate the creative ways TVF&R tries to make our communities safer, like having a crowd-sourcing app for CPR, working with law enforcement to carry lifesaving defibrillators, teaching landlords how to prevent fires in apartment communities, and promoting wildfire prevention.

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Measure 34-332 pays for boots on the ground. The levy pays for at least 92 firefighter and paramedic positions working in all our communities and will add more to keep up with rising demands.

Measure 34-332 helps pay for equipment that firefighters use every day on fires, medical calls, car crashes, and other emergencies.

Please join us in voting "YES" on Measure 34-332.

Beaverton Mayor Lacey Beaty
Tigard Mayor Heidi Lueb
Wilsonville Mayor Julie Fitzgerald

This information furnished by:
Lacey Beaty

Argument in Favor

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

Our members serve in one of three volunteer categories at TVF&R: Auxiliary Volunteer, Incident Support Volunteer, or Volunteer Firefighter. Auxiliary Volunteers provide administrative support and maintain antique apparatus. Incident Support Volunteers respond to emergency scenes to provide rehabilitation, monitor firefighters' vital signs and refill air tanks. Volunteer Firefighters provide additional resources during major events and incidents in conjunction with professional firefighters.

The fire service has a rich history of volunteerism, and volunteers have been serving the communities covered by TVF&R for over 130 years. In the past, volunteer firefighters were the primary responders for emergencies. However, as our region has evolved from small farming towns to bustling cities with frequent emergencies, professional firefighters are needed at fire stations 24/7 to ensure the fast response our community needs and deserves.

Whether a TVF&R volunteer or career member, we share the same values.

We are helpers.
We want to leave things better than we found them.
We care about the health and safety of our community.

This levy ensures our community has the professional responders and resources we need to continue to provide quality care.

Please join TVVFA in supporting Measure 34-332.

And we're always welcoming new volunteers if you're seeking a fun and fulfilling way to serve your community!

Tualatin Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association
www.tvvfa.org

This information furnished by:
Michael Marshall
Tualatin Valley Volunteer Firefighters Association President

Argument in Favor

Your Investment in TVF&R is Used Wisely

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

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

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

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

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

TVF&R Budget Committee

Angie Fong
Michael Smith
Paul Leavy
Michael Mudrow
Roy Rogers

This information furnished by:
Angie Fong
TVF&R Budget Committee

Argument in Favor

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

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

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue has a well-earned reputation for their professionalism, and the caring service they provide the communities they serve. But they are also known throughout the region as having a progressive and efficient approach to emergency response. Always looking for opportunities to

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evolve and adapt, to effectively use their resources, and to make best use of the public's investments.

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

Washington County Dispatchers Association

This information furnished by:

Katie Fischer

Washington County Dispatchers Association

Argument in Favor

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

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

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

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

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

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

This information furnished by:

Preston Korst

Home Building Association of Greater Portland

Argument in Favor

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

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

It's important to have enough emergency responders to perform all the critical work at the scene of emergencies,

whether it be a car crash, severe medical problem, or structure fire. This levy pays from more than 20% of these firefighters and paramedics.

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

In service,

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

This information furnished by:

Aaron Oberst

Beaverton Police Association

Argument in Favor

Most of us have worked years -*even decades*- on issues that affect the livability and prosperity of our community. We have high expectations of our public agencies. We want our constituents to feel confident in the service they'll receive if they must call 9-1-1.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue continues to evolve as an organization to meet the needs of our changing environment. Their firefighters and paramedics are constantly training to perform cutting-edge medical techniques and the best firefighting methods to save lives and property. They also use data to inform the best response to calls and placement of fire stations.

It's clear that TVF&R provides high-quality service at a good value to taxpayers as demonstrated by their Triple A bond rating (similar to having a high credit score) and their Insurance Services Organization rating which analyzes the operations and business practices of fire departments across the nation. An organization's score can be used to determine what people pay for fire insurance. TVF&R is considered a Class 2 (on a 10-point scale with 1 being the best rating) for most of their service area. Only three percent of fire agencies in the U.S. have such a high rating!

Measure 34-332 pays for firefighters, paramedics, and provides essential operating revenue.

We believe it's important for our public safety system.

We hope you join us in voting yes.

Edward Kimmi, Beaverton City Councilor
Ben Bowman, District 25 Representative
Kathryn Harrington, Washington County Commission Chair
Pam Treece, Washington County Commissioner
Jason Snider, Former Tigard Mayor
Laurie Wimmer, NW Oregon Labor Council Executive Secretary/Treasurer

This information furnished by:

Edward Kimmi

Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue

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Argument in Favor

Tigard Businesses Support Funding for Fire and Emergency Medical Services

TIGARD CHAMBER'S GUIDING PRINCIPLES ARE:

Transparency: Establish open communication & trust within our community.

Integrity: We keep our word, do what we say, and speak the truth kindly to all.

Equity: Partner & support initiatives that create an equitable community for all.

Collaboration: Achieve strategic goals through relationships with members, organizations, volunteers, and staff.

Leadership: Be an organization that is viewed as a leader in the community.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue reflects all these values, and they demonstrate their collaboration daily with our members, our city staff, our schools, and our police department. Most importantly, they serve Tigard residents as if their own lives depend on it.

YES for Measure 34-332

This information furnished by:
Megan De Salvo
Chief Executive Officer
Tigard Chamber of Commerce

Argument in Favor

URGES A *YES* VOTE ON **MEASURE 34-332**

Our public services can't be taken for granted. As our communities grow, demand for public services increases and we have to keep up. Measure 34-332 is a replacement levy for an expiring 5-year levy, with a slight increase to improve service levels and plan for expected increases in demand over the next 10 years.

Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue has ably managed our resources in the past and this measure will help to:

- Add 36 needed firefighter and paramedic positions,
- Purchase specialized emergency medical equipment as well as tools to help keep our firefighters safe,
- Modernize our local fleet of fire vehicles, and
- Provide for increased training opportunities.

----- WHY HAVING THE RIGHT STATE TREASURER MATTERS: -----

Measure 34-332 reasonably asks residents of TVF&R to help finance firefighting and safety efforts for their local communities. **But did you know that TVF&R residents were almost on the hook to subsidize fire protection for multi-billion-dollar timber operators?**

On January 3, the *Oregon Capital Chronicle* posted a story that Senator Elizabeth Steiner (who is running for State Treasurer on this ballot) was seeking to impose a surcharge on every property owner in Oregon to finance \$20,000,000 worth of subsidies to companies like Weyerhaeuser or Georgia-Pacific, multi-billion-dollar operations who would ordinarily be paying those costs themselves! This would have effectively socialized their liabilities, but kept their profits private.

Thankfully, Senator Elizabeth Steiner scrubbed that portion of her proposal after the *Capital Chronicle* revealed that some of her timber company campaign contributors helped write the bill.

We need a State Treasurer who isn't a part of the Salem echo-chamber. We need a State Treasurer who does things a little differently, and a little more fairly.

**VOTE YES ON MEASURE 34-332,
THEN VOTE JEFF GUDMAN FOR STATE TREASURER**

See sources: jeffgudman.com/timber

This information furnished by:
Zachary Bayer

City of Tigard

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Ballot Title

Renewal of Local Option Levy to Maintain Public Safety Services

Question: Shall Tigard renew the operating levy of \$0.29 per \$1,000 for public safety services for five years beginning 2025? This measure renews current local option taxes.

Summary: This measure renews the existing public safety and police services levy that expires June 2025. The original levy paid for 8 patrol officers and 1 school resource officer. The addition of these officers allowed an increase in minimum patrol staffing for the first time in over 25 years. Passage of the renewal levy would continue these investments, including:

- Retaining 8 patrol officers to respond to increased calls for service, multiple emergencies at the same time, and community patrols.
- Maintaining 1 existing school resource officer to enhance student safety.
- Continuing training for all sworn officers in advanced crisis intervention and de-escalation to address increased mental health crises.

Because this is a renewal, passage of this measure would not increase the current tax rate of \$0.29 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

The cost of this levy on a typical Tigard home with an assessed value of \$318,440 (\$542,750 market value) would be \$92.35 per year, or \$7.70 per month.

Estimated revenues for each year of the levy:

2025-26: \$2,500,000
2026-27: \$2,600,000
2027-28: \$2,710,000
2028-29: \$2,820,000
2029-30: \$2,930,000

Explanatory Statement

The Tigard City Council is asking voters to consider a five-year renewal of an existing levy, which would continue to fund public safety and police services. Voting to renew the levy would not increase tax rates; it would maintain the current rate of \$0.29 per \$1,000 of assessed property value for the next five years.

What is the existing levy and what does it fund?

Originally passed by Tigard voters in May 2020, the existing levy is set to expire in 2025. If passed, this proposed measure would allow the City of Tigard to:

- Retain 8 police officers who are already on patrol, responding to an increasing number of emergency calls and patrol neighborhoods,
- Retain 1 School Resource Officer (SRO), to maintain the presence of 1 SRO at each of the middle schools and high school for consistent safety support,
- Continue Advanced Crisis Intervention and De-escalation training for every patrol officer, to better equip officers to respond to calls involving people in crisis, and
- Retain 2 support staff positions in the police department, one in Property & Evidence and one in Records Management.

If the Public Safety Renewal Levy does not pass, current police services would not be funded as proposed and the current tax would expire at the end of fiscal year 2025.

Why does Tigard need additional police officers and advanced training?

Before the passage of the original levy in 2020, minimum staffing levels for patrol had not increased since 1995. Even with the existing levy, there are an average of 3-5 police officers on patrol across the City of Tigard at any given time. Anytime an officer has to take a person to the Washington County Jail in Hillsboro, they are unavailable to respond to calls for service for 1-2 hours.

In addition, police calls for service continue to grow. In 2022, the Tigard Police Department saw nearly 1,000 more dispatched calls as compared to 2021. Not only are calls increasing in number, they are also increasing in complexity. Roughly 1 in 5 police calls in Tigard involve a person experiencing a mental health crisis. The Advanced Crisis Intervention and De-Escalation training funded by the levy allows Tigard officers to take a more comprehensive approach in their response.

Why hasn't funding kept pace with the need?

Police services are primarily funded with general fund dollars, with property taxes making up approximately 50% of general fund revenues. Police services account for 56% of that fund, library services 21%, and general City services make up the remainder. Tigard has one of the lowest property tax rates in Washington County. Since 1990, the effect of state property tax law is to restrict property tax increases to 3% a year, while City costs go up at a higher rate of 3.5 to 4%. Costs are expected to double over the next approximately 20 years and property tax revenues will not keep pace with the costs of maintaining police services.

For additional information, please visit www.tigard-or.gov/PublicSafetyRenewalLevy.

Submitted by:
Steve Rymer
City Manager

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

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Argument in Favor

Community Members Support Measure 34-333

Dear Tigard Neighbors,

Ensuring the well-being of our community depends on having quality public safety services.

We support Measure 34-333 to renew Tigard's public safety levy because:

- The demand for public safety services is on the rise. The Tigard Police Department faced a significant increase in dispatched calls in recent years, indicating a pressing need for additional resources to keep up with community needs.
- Calls for service are becoming increasingly complex. With one in every five calls involving behavioral or mental health issues, it is important to have well-trained officers who can handle these situations effectively and with care.
- An independent audit in 2019 recognized the need for additional eight patrol officers and one school resource officer to better serve our community. Thanks to the public safety levy Tigard voters passed in 2020, we were able to bring on these extra officers and provide them with over 1,500 hours of advanced training in de-escalation and crisis intervention.
- Renewing the levy will retain those officers and allow their training to continue. Importantly, **THE LEVY RENEWAL WILL NOT INCREASE OUR TAX RATE.** By maintaining the current tax rate, the city is demonstrating fiscal responsibility while ensuring our safety remains a top priority.

Your support is a vote for a safer, stronger Tigard. Please join us in voting "YES" on Measure 34-333.

Karen Emerson
Wayne Kittelson
Connie Ramaekers
Jane Storey
Karen Hughart
Carl Fisher, Commissioner of Tualatin Valley Water District Board
Tom Murphy, 2014 Tigard First Citizen
Dan Murphy, 2016 Tigard First Citizen
Elise Shearer, 2017 Tigard First Citizen
Phil Pasteris, 2020 Tigard First Citizen
Jason Rogers, 2021 Tigard First Citizen

For more information about Measure 34-333, please visit **KeepTigardSafe.com**.

This information furnished by:
Karen Emerson

Argument in Favor

A Safe Community is Good for Us ALL We Support Measure 34-333

We love Tigard and we love Summerfield. This is our home. We love it for lots of reasons ... It's beautiful. It's easy to get around. People are friendly. We feel safe.

A lot of hard work has gone into making Tigard the way it is. And it takes hard work to keep it the way we want it to be.

Before we voters passed the public safety levy in 2020, Tigard had a problem with our police coverage. The number of police officers had not kept up with our growth and with changing

times. That levy allowed the Tigard Police Department to increase the number of top-quality officers we have on patrol. We need to continue that investment in strong police coverage; if we fail to do so, we could become a target for crime.

WE THINK WHAT WE'VE GOTTEN FOR THE 2020 PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY IS WORTH IT:

More patrols, safer neighborhoods

Prior to the 2020 levy, patrol coverage was mostly on major streets. Neighborhoods like ours were not getting enough. Adding just 8 officers with funds generated by the levy has been the difference in getting more patrols into neighborhoods. It has made us safer.

Many Summerfield residents own their own homes. We need to be cost-conscious. Therefore, we appreciate that renewal of the public safety levy **WILL NOT INCREASE OUR TAX RATE.**

Sometimes we forget that the things that matter most are those that can't be counted.

The world around us is moving fast. We need to continue this investment in public safety to keep Tigard the way we want it to be!

YES on Measure 34-333!

Summerfield residents
Stephen A. Blake
Fred Baum
Les Kruse
Sue Garino
Jerry Hansen
Larry Hendersin
JoAnne Hendersin
Larry Launder
Ken Miller

This information furnished by:
Ken Miller

Argument in Favor

TIGARD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SUPPORTS RENEWAL OF TIGARD PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY

The Tigard Chamber, serving as a catalyst for business growth, convener of leaders and influencers, and champion for stronger communities, recognizes the integral role of safety in fostering our vibrant business environment. Our Public Safety Agencies, encompassing dedicated police officers, firefighters, and ambulance teams, stand as pillars of excellence in our community.

Thanks to the levy, **we successfully added 8 officers to the Tigard Police Department.** This bolstered force enhances the safety of our families, homes, businesses, and properties, fostering a more secure environment. Strengthening law enforcement directly contributes to the safety of public spaces, providing customers with peace of mind to explore and enjoy our businesses without concern.

Increased police presence has also yielded tangible benefits for our businesses, curbing losses due to reduced shoplifting. The 2020 public safety levy has undeniably elevated the well-being of our entire community.

As Tigard experiences rapid population growth, the demand for police services continues to rise. **The renewal of the levy is essential to retaining the additional officers** hired since

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2020, ensuring our city remains resilient in the face of evolving challenges. Acknowledging the financial constraints faced by many, we appreciate the City's decision to **maintain the current levy rate**, refraining from seeking an increase. The renewal of the public safety levy is a commitment to sustaining our community's safety without imposing an additional burden on property taxes.

In the spirit of maintaining Tigard as a secure, thriving community—a place where living, working, and doing business flourish—let us collectively endorse the renewal of the Public Safety Levy. Your 'YES' vote is a testament to our shared commitment to a safe and prosperous future.

We believe a safe community is a great place to live, work and do business.

Vote 'YES' to renew the Public Safety Levy!

Megan De Salvo
CEO
Tigard Chamber of Commerce

This information furnished by:
Megan De Salvo
Tigard Chamber of Commerce

Argument in Favor

Our Downtown Needs Top-Quality Public Safety Services

The Tigard Downtown Alliance (TDA) supports the passage of Measure 34-333, the Tigard Public Safety Renewal Levy. As representatives of Downtown stakeholders, our primary mission is to foster the development of a vibrant and thriving Downtown that benefits the entire Tigard community.

Measure 34-333 is NOT a new levy but rather a renewal of an existing one, meaning there will not be a property tax rate increase for Tigard taxpayers. This renewal is essential for maintaining the safety and welcoming atmosphere of our Downtown area, ensuring that everyone can enjoy everything our Downtown businesses, parks, and trails have to offer.

Renewal of the existing levy would preserve crucial public safety measures, such as dedicated "on the ground" police coverage. Since the current levy's passage, the TDA has observed tangible benefits in maintaining safe, clean, family-friendly conditions for Tigard's growing and expanding Downtown.

It is important to continue these critical and effective public safety measures, which is why the Tigard Downtown Alliance urges Tigard citizens to vote "YES" on Ballot Measure 34-333. Your support is indispensable in sustaining the progress and prosperity of our cherished Downtown community.

For more information about the Tigard Downtown Alliance and its activities and programs, please go to EXPLOREDOWNTOWNTIGARD.COM

Kevin Bates, TDA President
Nicholas De Salvo, TDA Vice President
Kevin Watkins, TDA Secretary
Chris Sjolín, TDA Board Member
Steve DeAngelo, Emeritus

This information furnished by:
Kyle Knepper, Executive Director
Tigard Downtown Alliance

Argument in Favor

MEMBERS OF TIGARD'S PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD SUPPORT MEASURE 34-333

The Tigard Public Safety Advisory Board (PSAB) was created by the City Council in 2020 in response to the murder of George Floyd. PSAB members were responsible for reviewing Tigard's public safety practices, having community inclusive conversations about these practices, and making recommendations on these practices to improve the safety and well-being of every member of our community.

We support the renewal of Tigard's Public Safety Levy because ensuring fair and equitable treatment for all Tigard community members requires adequate staffing and comprehensive training for the Tigard Police Department. The current levy, approved by Tigard voters in 2020, not only provided funding for 8 additional patrol officers but also prioritized advanced training in crisis intervention and de-escalation for all patrol officers in Tigard, an initiative consistent with the PSAB's recommendations.

We particularly appreciate the assignment of an officer to conduct focused patrols in Tigard's downtown district to foster stronger relationships and understanding between the community and law enforcement. Renewing the public safety levy will allow the police department to maintain its current staffing levels and prevent any potential cutbacks.

Responding appropriately to calls for police service that involve complex societal issues such as mental health or homelessness requires not only time and patience but also specialized training. We believe in the value of this training and support the levy renewal to continue and enhance these essential programs.

Equity is an essential element of quality public safety services. Renewing the levy not only advances equity but also represents a worthwhile investment in the quality of life within our community.

We urge you to join us in voting "Yes" on Measure 34-333. Together, we can uphold safety, justice, and inclusivity for all community members of Tigard.

PSAB Members:

Jimmy D. Brown
Patty Lofgren
Liz Newton, Former Tigard City Councilor
Shaun Stuhldryer
John Trinh
Valerie Sasaki

This information furnished by:
Valerie Sasaki

Argument in Favor

A Great Learning Environment is Based on Safety

As Tigard-Tualatin School Board members, we know the important role that School Resource Officers (SROs) play in ensuring safety in our schools. We support this public safety levy renewal.

SROs build rapport with students by greeting them as they arrive at school and talking to them during breaks and at lunchtime. The level of trust that is developed helps our students be more likely to share problems they are experiencing or concerns they have about peers.

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SROs work with our educators to intervene early and prevent student disagreements from escalating. They also respond to anonymous tips that come through the Safe Oregon tip line to prevent safety concerns from intensifying or becoming actualized.

SROs share their training and experience during emergency drill procedures. Our administrators rely on their support during the drills and their input on making the procedures even more effective.

Our SROs have been trained in crisis intervention and de-escalation strategies and are an invaluable resource for our schools when our students experience a mental health crisis.

Strong partnerships between our schools and community police officers build greater opportunities for a positive climate and culture within our school district.

School Resource Officers and their training in advanced crisis intervention strategies are vital to keeping our students and staff safe.

Members of Tigard-Tualatin School Board

Tristan Irvin, Chair
David Jaimes, Vice Chair
Kristen Miles, Director
Crystal Weston, Director
Jill Zurschmeide, Director

This information furnished by:
Tristan Irvin

Argument in Favor

Tigard Tualatin Student Union Supports Renewal of Tigard's Public Safety Levy

We are Tigard-Tualatin School District students. We support the renewal of Tigard's public safety levy. We want to explain why.

Tigard High School students have a good relationship with the Tigard Police Department and are treated with respect. We have confidence that our police officers are committed to our wellbeing. We talk to friends in other high schools in the Portland area, and we know some of them don't feel that way. We want to preserve that positive relationship.

The work of School Resource Officers like Nick Nunn is highly valued. He communicates with students and assists with the school's efforts to show ways of dealing with difficult situations in a constructive manner. We know that he sees student wellbeing as his "Job One." Tigard High is a safe place, and Officer Nunn helps to make that happen. The original public safety levy in 2020 allowed the Tigard Police Department to add one School Resource Officer. This impacted our schools and students directly.

Social justice matters to us. Every member of the Tigard community should be treated fairly and with compassion. We know that police officers face difficult situations every day. The 2020 public safety levy allowed the Tigard Police Department to provide advanced training in crisis intervention and de-escalation to its officers. We value the Police Department's commitment to providing compassionate resources for youth mental health. Renewal of the levy will allow this essential skill training to continue.

Renewal of Tigard's public safety levy will allow these benefits

to continue for students at Tigard High and at other schools in Tigard. For the good of our schools and our entire community, we ask you to vote "YES" on Measure 34-333.

For more information about the Tigard Tualatin Student Union, please visit our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/tigardtualatinsu>

Owen Ahlbrecht, TTSU Tigard President
Olivia Trone, TTSU Tualatin President

This information furnished by:
Owen Ahlbrecht

Argument in Favor

Tigard Police Officers Urge Your YES Vote to RENEW Tigard's Safety Levy - Measure 34-333

Tigard police officers have a mission to protect and serve all who live, play and work in the City of Tigard. **By renewing this tax levy, you are maintaining the police staffing necessary to accomplish our mission.**

Tigard and the region continue to grow. This means more calls for service and more complex investigations, requiring additional time to complete the calls. In 2022, the Tigard Police Department saw **1,000 more calls** than in 2021. The complexity of calls has also increased, often requiring several officers to spend significant time resolving the issue. Maintaining our staffing levels helps manage this additional workload and allow officers to be more proactive.

As part of the voter approved 2020 safety levy, tax dollars were allocated to provide advanced training in crisis intervention and de-escalation techniques. Tigard police officers have received over 1,500 hours of crisis management training due to this levy. By renewing the levy, officers will continue to participate in advanced crisis intervention and de-escalation training to better serve Tigard's community.

Measure 34-333 enables Tigard Police to:

- Maintain the current number of sworn officers
- Maintain neighborhood patrols & community policing
- Protect Tigard's kids by maintaining the number of School Resource Officers
- Continue advanced training in crisis Intervention and de-escalation

Together, we can uphold our vision of a safer and more livable Community.

We urge you to continue your support for the Tigard Police Department and Tigard's future!

Vote YES to RENEW Tigard's Safety Levy - Measure 34-333

Nicholas Nunn, President

Gabe Stone, Vice President

Tigard Police Officers' Association

This information furnished by:
Nicholas Nunn
Tigard Police Officers' Association

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Houselessness Service Providers Support Renewal of Tigard's Public Safety Levy

As organizations dedicated to supporting individuals and families experiencing houselessness, we prioritize their well-being and advocate for compassionate and effective public safety services. Through our interactions with the Tigard Police Department, we have consistently observed fair and respectful treatment towards our clients. It's evident that the officers genuinely aim to assist and make a positive difference.

Addressing issues related to houselessness requires specialized skills in crisis intervention and de-escalation. The training provided to Tigard's police officers through the 2020 levy has been invaluable in handling these complex situations. We strongly believe that continuing and expanding such training through the renewal of the levy is crucial.

Responding compassionately to individuals experiencing houselessness demands patience and time. Adequate staffing levels are essential for officers to dedicate the necessary time and attention to these challenging circumstances, alongside other community needs. Renewing the public safety levy will enable the Tigard Police Department to maintain its current staffing levels and prevent detrimental cutbacks.

Every individual, regardless of housing status, deserves top-quality public safety services. By voting "YES" on Measure 34-333, you can ensure that our community continues to receive the level of service necessary to support those most in need.

Kim Marshall, Executive Director
Project Homeless Connect

Dr. Vernon Baker, Executive Director
Just Compassion of East Washington County

Rose Money, Executive Director
Family Promise of Tualatin Valley

This information furnished by:
Tom Murphy
Keep Tigard Safe

Argument in Favor

ELECTED LEADERS ASK YOU TO RENEW PUBLIC SAFETY LEVY BY VOTING YES! MEASURE 34-333

Some of us are Democrats.

Some of us are Republicans.

Some of us are independent.

On the issue of this community's need for public safety services that reflect our shared values, we stand together.

As elected community leaders, we know well that Tigard is a special place. It's reflected in the people, families, businesses, and community organizations. It's also in the feeling of safety that we have in living and working here.

We all agree our community's safety must be a priority. According to a 2023 national survey, Tigard's participants overwhelmingly feel safe in our community and want to have safety continue to be a priority focus of the city.

We know from discussions with our partners at Tigard that the city continues to experience a high demand for priority calls.

Maintaining officer staffing will be essential to address this critical need.

This renewal maintains critical staffing. We urge you to vote YES. Public safety is not a partisan issue. We stand united in our support for this measure.

Join us in voting YES for the Tigard Public Safety Levy Renewal.

Ben Bowman, State Representative
Courtney Neron, State Representative
Aaron Woods, State Senator
Dacia Grayber, State Representative
Roy Rogers, Washington County Commissioner
Kevin Barton, Washington County District Attorney
Margaret Doherty, Former State Representative
Jason Snider, Former Tigard Mayor
John Cook, Former Tigard Mayor
Craig Dirksen, Former Tigard Mayor
John Goodhouse, Former Tigard City Councilor
Tom Anderson, Former Tigard City Councilor
Marc Woodard, Former Tigard City Councilor

This information furnished by:
Ben Bowman

Argument in Favor

Firefighters Support Adequately Staffed Police Departments

As firefighters, we are first responders along with city police officers. We are two tightly connected links in the chain of public safety, which also includes the sheriff's office, ambulance crews and public works.

We know that first-rate public safety is achieved when every link in that chain is as strong as possible. As such, we strongly support efforts like this one in Tigard, Measure 34-333, that aim to sustain optimal levels of police officers in our busy and growing, and sometimes hectic communities.

Strong police coverage can be the difference between life and death.

Tigard officers carry automatic external defibrillators and are trained in CPR. With quicker response times, Tigard police officers responding to people in cardiac arrest can start CPR immediately and attach the AED. This increases the chances for survivability. Together we can save more lives.

Strong police coverage means safer emergency scenes for firefighters.

Some emergency calls require the Tigard Police Department to respond with the firefighters. Firefighters sometimes arrive before the Tigard Police. When this happens, we must wait at a safe distance until Tigard Police arrive and determine the scene is safe. This can cause a delay in our medical response. This levy means faster response times for Tigard PD, safer scenes for firefighters and a faster medical response.

We believe this levy is a smart and strategic investment in public safety in Tigard.

PLEASE JOIN FIREFIGHTERS IN SUPPORTING MEASURE 34-333

This information furnished by:
Ron Morgan
Tualatin Valley Fire Fighters Union

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Argument in Favor

Mayor Lueb and City Councilors Urge You to Vote YES to Maintain Tigard's Public Safety Service Levels

Community policing has become more complex in recent years because society's challenges keep changing, and community members expect more from our law enforcement professionals. In response to these demands and to sustain service levels, Tigard voters in 2020 united in support of a public safety levy. This levy aimed to ensure effective response times, uphold accountability, and build trust within our community.

We urge you to vote Yes on this levy renewal because it is a responsible and sustainable way to fund the vital services provided by our dedicated law enforcement professionals. **By maintaining our current tax rate, we can ensure the continued effectiveness of our public safety initiatives without placing an additional financial burden on our community.**

This renewal is instrumental in retaining crucial personnel, including eight patrol officers and one School Resource Officer. These officers play an important role in maintaining a visible and proactive presence in our neighborhoods, schools, and business communities. The renewal will also continue to fund advanced training in Crisis Intervention and De-escalation, ensuring that our law enforcement professionals have the skills and expertise necessary to handle the challenges they face in the line of duty.

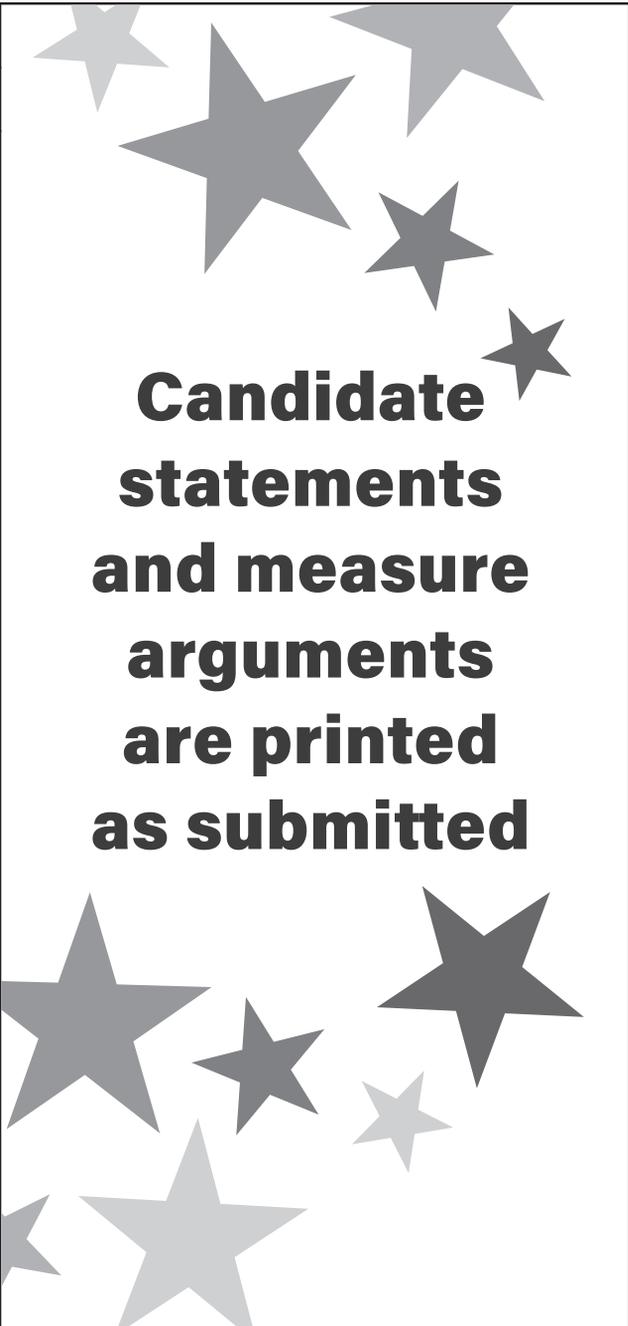
Join your friends and neighbors and vote YES on this investment in the safety and resilience of our community.

Together, let's continue to prioritize the well-being of our community by ensuring that Tigard remains a safe and thriving place to call home.

Tigard City Council Members:

Heidi Lueb, Mayor
Yi-Kang Hu, Council President
Jeanette Shaw, Councilor
Maureen Wolf, Councilor
Madi Vogel, Youth Councilor

This information furnished by:
Yi-Kang Hu



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City of Tigard

Measure No. 34-334

Ballot Title

Adopts New Charter for Tigard City Government

Question: Shall Tigard adopt a new City Charter that retains current form of government, adds two Councilors, and amends term limits?

Summary: In 2023, the City conducted the first comprehensive review and update to Tigard's City Charter since it was adopted in 1962. The City convened a community-led process to review the Charter and develop recommendations. For 8 months, the 14-person Charter Review Committee studied city charters from around the state, state and local laws, and other resources to propose changes for Tigard's City Charter. The committee ultimately proposed a revised Charter. Key proposed changes include:

- Expanding City Council from five to seven members.
- Updating term limits, setting term limits as two consecutive terms as Councilor and two consecutive terms as Mayor, for a total of no more than four consecutive terms.

Other changes would include deferring to state law on areas such as public meetings and elections. The new charter would keep Tigard's same form of government. Elected officials would be elected in the same manner, and laws would be passed in the same way as today.

This measure would not increase Tigard's tax rate.

Explanatory Statement

This measure would adopt a new City Charter for the City of Tigard. A city charter acts as the constitution for the City – it outlines the principles, structures, and processes of government. Like the federal and state constitutions, the City of Tigard's Charter describes the roles and powers of the Mayor, City Council, and City officers, as well as setting the framework for how the City conducts business.

Tigard's existing Charter was approved by voters in 1962. It has been amended several times over the last 62 years but has not been reviewed comprehensively until now.

A community-led Charter Review Committee met 15 times over eight months to review the current City Charter, study charters from around the State, and recommend the proposed Tigard City Charter.

The community-led Charter Review Committee proposed several amendments. If passed, the proposed Charter would, among other things:

- Add two Councilors to City Council. This change would increase City Council to seven members. The total Council would be composed of six Councilors and the Mayor. Most cities the size of Tigard in Oregon have six Councilors.
- Set term limits as two consecutive terms as Councilor and two consecutive terms as Mayor, for a total of no more than four consecutive terms.
- Add a Preamble that explicitly states Tigard's values and claims 'Home Rule' authority.
- Defer to existing state statutes where applicable. The areas impacted by this change would include public records, public meetings, public improvements, elections, and urban renewal.
- Make changes to certain requirements for Councilors, such as creating Charter expectations for how Council conducts itself, eliminating the requirement that a sitting Councilor resign their Council seat to run for Mayor, and

shortening the Council President's term from two years to one year.

- Add two new requirements for elected office. In addition to being a qualified elector and resident of Tigard, a candidate would also need to be registered to vote in Tigard and have resided in Tigard for at least one year.
- Require that voter-initiated Charter amendments be held at a primary or general election.
- Remove Section 51 which prohibits the City of Tigard from using water from the Willamette River without voter approval.
- Remove Section 53 which requires the City of Tigard to oppose the construction of a new high-capacity transit corridor without voter approval.

A full copy of the proposed Charter can be found at www.tigard-or.gov/Charter.

If passed, the proposed Charter would go into effect on July 1, 2024. If the proposed measure does not pass, the existing Charter will remain in place and none of the changes described will occur.

If the proposed Charter is adopted, the financial impact would be due to the addition of two Councilors. Councilors currently receive a stipend of \$7,500 per year. The expected total cost is estimated at \$100,000, including City benefits, travel, and other indirect costs. This would be paid from the City's general fund through existing revenue streams. The proposed Charter would not increase taxes.

Submitted by:
Steve Rymer
City Manager

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

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Argument in Favor

Dear Neighbors,

We are writing to share why we support the proposal before our community to modernize and update Tigard's City Charter. As the committee tasked by the City to review the existing Charter, **we urge you to join us in supporting these commonsense updates to our charter.**

There has not been a comprehensive review and update to Tigard's City Charter since the city was founded.

Unsurprisingly, our current Charter is outdated and unclear on several key questions. It simply doesn't meet the needs of 2024 Tigard.

To create a community driven solution, the City brought us together, a group of 14 community members to review the charter and give our input. **We represent the diversity of our community, across age, race, gender, professional and political experience, and time lived in Tigard.**

For eight months we carefully studied city charters from around the state, state and local laws, academic resources, and non-partisan papers. We then proposed changes for Tigard's City Charter. **We met, discussed, and debated the nuances of the Charter for 30+ hours to develop the proposed changes.**

We took our job seriously and are proud of the final proposed Charter on your ballot today.

We recommended that many of the foundational elements of Tigard's city government remain the same. This includes how people are elected and how laws are passed. Along with some technical updates, the two main changes we recommended are:

- Add two councilors to City Council to allow for greater representation.
- Clarify language about term limits.

These updates will make our city government more efficient and responsive to the community. **Our Charter needs commonsense modernization, and now is the time to deliver this for all of Tigard.**

Sincerely,

Karen Emerson
Derek Lawson
Lindsey Washburn
Nathan Jackson
Dolly Specht
William Simpson
Zeena Pinto
Carol Krager
Holly Fenton
Jeanette Shaw
Jason Snider
Margaret Doherty
John Cook

This information furnished by:
John Cook

Argument in Favor

Vote Yes for A Smarter Charter

The City Charter is the City of Tigard's governing document. **It has never been comprehensively reviewed and amended**

since it was adopted in 1962, over 62 years ago, when Tigard's population was approximately 1,800.

Recognizing the need for our City Charter to reflect our evolving needs and growing population, the City Council took a proactive step. It convened a community-led Charter Review Committee to review the entire Charter. The goal was to make the Charter easier to read, reflect updated state statutes, identify areas where the Charter falls short of Tigard's current needs, and have a smarter charter.

Over eight months, the Committee diligently met and reviewed many resources to propose changes for Tigard's City Charter. Their comprehensive review recommended that many foundational pieces remained the same, like keeping our Council-Manager form of government and how our elected officials are voted on.

One key change the Committee proposed is to expand the City Council from five members to seven. This would ensure more voices are heard from different parts of Tigard when making important decisions and distribute the workload of governing tasks more evenly, **leading to better oversight of city operations and increased responsiveness to constituent needs.**

The Committee also recommended that City Council have the authority to decide how to use water from the Willamette River. As neighboring cities embrace this vital resource, Tigard must have the flexibility to secure our water future. They also recommended removing outdated provisions, such as the requirement for automatic opposition to high-capacity transit projects. Tigard voters approved a light rail plan in 2016 and our Charter should evolve in alignment with the needs and priorities of modern Tigard.

Join your Tigard City Council and the Charter Review Committee and vote YES for a Smarter Charter.

Tigard City Council

Heidi Lueb, Mayor

Yi-Kang Hu, Council President

Jeanette Shaw, Councilor

Maureen Wolf, Councilor

Jai Raj Singh, Councilor

Madi Vogel, Youth Councilor

This information furnished by:
Jeanette M. Shaw

Banks Fire District #13

Measure No. 34-335

Ballot Title

Local Option Renewal Levy to Maintain Fire, Emergency Services

Question: Shall Banks Fire District maintain fire and emergency medical services by levying \$0.97 per \$1,000 AV for five years?

Summary: Banks Fire District #13 provides fire and emergency medical services to 136 square miles, covering the communities of Banks, Buxton, Manning and Timber. Operation are funded through a property tax and local option levy. The Board of Directors is asking voters to renew the current local option levy of \$0.97 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

By renewing the current Local Option Levy the Banks Fire District will:

- Ensure current response times and levels of service delivery of emergency calls are maintained.
- Ensure the Banks Fire District is staffed 24 hours a day by continuing to fund current programs.
- Ensures the District will be able to continue to provide fire life safety programs, building and apparatus maintenance, fire prevention education, maintain regular office hours, continue community classes and expand volunteer firefighter recruitment and retention.

If approved, the continuation of this current levy, without an increase, will generate the revenue necessary to continue to meet rising operations expenses and maintain current response capabilities for the next 5 years.

Explanatory Statement

What services does Banks Fire District provide?

Banks Fire is the first to respond to medical emergencies and fires in its service area. Fire prevention, fire investigation, public education and rescue service are also provided.

Who does the District serve?

Banks Fire provides fire and emergency medical services to 136 square miles, covering the communities of Banks, Buxton, Manning and Timber and surrounding areas.

How many first responders does the District have?

Banks Fire has four full-time firefighter/EMS personnel including the fire chief, two firefighter/paramedics and one firefighter/EMT-Advanced. All four respond to fire and medical emergencies. One of the firefighter/paramedics is our EMS Officer and the other firefighter/paramedic is our volunteer coordinator. The firefighter/EMT-Advanced is our training officer. The training officer, EMS officer and volunteer coordinator all work two 24 hour shifts per week and have at least two interns working the same 24-hour shifts ensuring the district has 24 hour/7 day a week coverage.

The District also has 64 volunteers including:

- Student Interns are enrolled in college level firefighter/EMS courses. Each intern works two 24 hour shifts per week.
- Tour-of-duty volunteers are trained firefighter/EMTs or paramedics gaining experience to become career firefighters.
- Community based volunteers are local residents who have received the required firefighter and/or emergency medical training.

What is the size of the response crew?

Currently, Banks Fire responds to most calls with 3 or 4 member crews. Commonly a response crew includes one full-time staff member (firefighter/EMT or paramedic) and up to three volunteers.

How is the district funded?

The district is funded through a permanent property tax base and a voter approved local option levy that will expire in 2025. The district also applies for grants when appropriate.

How would the replacement levy funds be used?

The levy would:

- Support and maintain current response times and number of responders on emergency calls.
- Ensure staffing of the District continues to be 24-hours per day by funding the Student Intern Program and maintain operations and training center at the Hornshuh Creek Station 14.
- Ensure the community programs, including fire prevention, CPR classes and other community-based classes continue.

What if the levy is not approved?

The district has seen an increase in calls of 108% in the past ten years. Increased costs come with increased calls. If the replacement levy fails, the number of responders on each emergency call would decline, average response times would increase, and there would no longer be 24 hour a day staffing of the district. Community education and prevention programs would be reduced.

What is the cost to property taxpayers?

There is no increase to the current rate of \$0.97 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The average assessed value of a home in the district is approximately \$236,838, resulting in an average monthly cost of \$18.00. This is a renewal with no additional increase to the current LOL in place.

Need more information?

Visit the District's website at www.banksfire.org.

Submitted by:
Rodney Linz, Fire Chief

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

Banks Fire District #13

Measure No. 34-335 Arguments

Argument in Favor

BANKS FIRE DISTRICT BOARD SUPPORTS MEASURE 34-335

As the voter-elected Board of Directors for Banks Fire District, we support referring Measure 34-335 to the ballot. This renews the current operating levy with no increase in taxes.

Banks Fire District 13 is your fire department and first-responder for medical emergencies. We provide services to the community of Banks Fire District covering 136 square miles. Currently Banks Fire has 64 volunteers and 4 career firefighters. In the last 2 out of 3 years we have responded to over 900 calls each year which is a significant increase from years past. We have an average response time of just over 2 minutes which is impressive for a volunteer fire department.

Our objective is to provide highly skilled firefighters and medically trained first responders as economically as possible. Our citizens also want us to respond with the proper equipment as quickly and as efficiently as possible. We want to continue to exceed expectations; this measure will allow us to continue to provide excellent service.

This measure will:

- Ensures current response times and number of responders on emergency calls are maintained.
- Allow the district to maintain service levels while responding to a substantial increase in emergency calls.
- Ensure Banks Fire District Station 13 is staffed 24 hours a day by fully funding the current administrative staff, as well as 4 career firefighters and the Student Intern program. Also maintains operations and training center at Hornshuh Creek Station 14.
- Ensure services including fire prevention and CPR classes are continued at the current level.

YES on Measure 34-335

The average assessed value of a home in our district is approximately \$236,838, making the average cost per month \$18.00. We are humbled by the continuing support of the citizens in the communities we serve.

This information furnished by:
Kevin Henning
Banks Fire District Board Chair

Argument in Favor

BANKS FIRE DISTRICT VOLUNTEERS SUPPORT MEASURE 34-335

YES on Measure 34-335

There is **no tax rate increase** with this measure!

In 2023, 64 volunteers and 4 career firefighters responded to over 900 calls, more than double the calls from 12 years ago. These men and woman are highly trained and certified thanks to your continued support. As firefighters and medical providers, we know that our community has high expectations of us and our equipment. We strive to exceed your expectations.

Our volunteers take great pride in building their firefighter and medical skills on a continual basis. At the Banks Main Station

and at Hornshuh Creek Station #14 in Buxton, we train on high and low angle rope rescue, vehicle extrication, firefighting, wildland firefighting, and medical training among other skills and certifications. Our objective is to provide the community low cost emergency services as we cover and serve 136 square miles for Banks, Buxton, Manning, Timber and surrounding areas. By approving this measure you continue to support:

- The ability to provide additional firefighter training to continue and maintain the high level and quality of service to the communities Banks Fire District serves.
- Upgrade and maintain firefighter equipment in addition to maintaining and improving safety practices.
- Continue to ensure the active recruitment of new volunteers and Student Interns for Banks Fire District.

Please join us in voting YES on Measure 34-335 to renew the existing levy at the current rate.

There is no change in the tax rate to the taxpayers with the passage of this measure. The average assessed value of a home in our district is approximately \$236,838, making the average cost per month \$18.00. The district volunteers continue to be humbled by the support we receive from the communities we serve.

Banks Fire District Volunteers

This information furnished by:
Sean McGonigal
Banks Volunteer Fire Association



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17455 SW Farmington Rd, Ste. 26A
Aloha, OR 97007

BANKS

Banks City Hall/Library

42461 NW Market Street
Banks, OR 97106

BEAVERTON

Beaverton City (Near Library)

Curbside on Hall Boulevard,
between 3rd and 5th Streets
Beaverton, OR 97005

Beaverton Library-Murray Scholls

11200 SW Murray Scholls Pl, Ste. 102
Beaverton, OR 97007

Bethany Library

15325 NW Central Dr, Ste J-8
Portland, OR 97229

Cedar Mill Community Library

1080 NW Saltzman Rd
Portland, OR 97229

Washington County Service Center East

3700 SW Murray Blvd
Beaverton, OR 97005

West Slope Community Library

3678 SW 78th Ave
Portland, OR 97225

CORNELIUS

Cornelius City Hall

1355 N Barlow St
Cornelius, OR 97113

FOREST GROVE

Forest Grove City Library

Pacific Ave & Birch St
Forest Grove, OR 97116

GARDEN HOME

Garden Home Community Library

7475 SW Oleson Rd
Portland, OR 97223

HILLSBORO

Hillsboro Main Library

2850 NE Brookwood Pkwy
Hillsboro, OR 97124

Hillsboro Public Library-Shute Park

775 SE 10th Ave
Hillsboro, OR 97123

Washington County Elections

2925 NE Aloclek Dr, Ste 170
Hillsboro, OR 97124

Washington Co. Sheriff's Office/Jail Parking Lot

SW Dennis Ave & SW Washington Street
Hillsboro, OR 97124

Westside Commons

801 NE 34th Ave
Hillsboro, OR 97124

KING CITY

King City City Hall

15300 SW 116th Ave
King City, OR 97224

NORTH PLAINS

North Plains City Hall

31360 NW Commercial St
North Plains, OR 97133

SHERWOOD

Sherwood City Hall

22560 SW Pine St
Sherwood, OR 97140

TIGARD

Tigard City Hall

13125 SW Hall Blvd
Tigard, OR 97223

TUALATIN

Tualatin City Hall

18880 SW Martinazzi Ave
Tualatin, OR 97062

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Banks School District No. 13

Measure No. 34-336

Ballot Title

Bonds to Improve Safety, Health, Security; Update/Repair Schools, Facilities

Question: Shall District improve safety, health, security; repair, update, improve facilities; renovate high school; issue \$49,310,000 in principal amount of bonds? If the bonds are approved, they will be payable from taxes on property or property ownership that are not subject to the limits of sections 11 and 11b, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Summary: Banks School District No. 13 bond measure would finance capital costs, expected to include:

- Replacement of most of the high school through construction of a new two-story classroom building
- Repair/replace roofing
- Improved heating, cooling, and ventilation
- Seismic upgrades
- Replacement of some existing buildings with failing safety, mechanical systems, earthquake vulnerabilities
- Physical threat security upgrades at schools, including controlled access, security visibility

Bonds may be issued in multiple series; each maturing within 31 years from issuance.

District is first on waitlist for a minimum \$5,400,000 state grant if measure passes.

If approved, District's bond tax rate is expected to increase from current rate of \$1.80/\$1,000 of assessed value to an estimated total District bond tax rate of \$2.99/\$1,000 of assessed value (not real market value). For a property with an assessed value of \$250,000, the expected increase of this measure would be approximately \$25/month. Actual levy rates and costs will change based on final interest rates and assessed value fluctuations.

Explanatory Statement

The Banks School District No. 13 is proposing a bond measure aimed at upgrading safety, health, and security while modernizing and repairing existing school facilities. This measure, if approved, will provide funding to address infrastructure needs and ensure a conducive learning environment for all students.

This proposed bond measure would fund capital projects across various school facilities within the district. These capital projects encompass a wide range of areas, including safety upgrades, structural upgrades, and facility renovations.

The proposed bond measure would allocate funds for several key initiatives:

Renovation of most of the high school with the construction of a **new two-story classroom building**.

Repair and replacement of roofing to address structural integrity and prevent leaks.

Upgrades to heating, cooling, and ventilation systems to upgrade indoor air quality and comfort.

Implementation of **seismic upgrades** to ensure the safety and resilience of school buildings during earthquakes.

Replacement of outdated safety and mechanical systems, which pose risks to students and staff.

Installation of **physical threat security upgrades**, such as controlled access and upgraded security visibility, to mitigate potential risks.

What Would the Proposed Bond Measure Cost, if Passed?

The proposed bond issuance is for \$49,310,000 in bonds that may be issued in series, each maturing within 31 years from issuance. If passed, funding to repay the bonds will be generated through property taxes, with an estimated increase of \$1.19 per \$1,000 of assessed value (not market value). For a property assessed at \$250,000, this would result in an approximate monthly increase of \$25. Actual rates will differ and depend on interest rates incurred and assessed value growth.

Additional Benefits: Potential OSCIM Grant

Banks School District is currently positioned as first on waitlist for a minimum \$5,400,000 state grant if measure passes through the Oregon School Capital Improvement Matching (OSCIM) grant program. This grant is contingent upon the passage of the bond measure in Banks and the failure of a bond initiative in a preceding district on the OSCIM grant "first in time" list.

Accountability

The Banks School District 2024 proposed bond measure would ensure community involvement and fiscal accountability through the establishment of a Bond Oversight Committee, composed of community representatives, to oversee fund utilization transparently. The proposed bond emphasizes efficient use of funds by upgrading existing buildings, prioritizing critical infrastructure upgrades, and providing opportunities for community input in building design decisions. If the measure is passed, Banks School District would emphasize openness and transparency so that the public can track how funds from the bonds are spent, including conducting regular audits to ensure funds are used as intended.

For more information please visit our website: <https://banks.k12.or.us/2024bond>

Submitted by:
Brian Sica
Superintendent

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

Banks School District No. 13

Measure No. 34-336 Arguments

Argument in Favor

Dear Banks Residents,

I want to emphasize the importance of supporting the Banks School District Bond on your May ballot. The projects the bond seeks to complete are not just aspirational; they are essential. Delaying them will only escalate costs due to inflation. By passing the bond now, you're making a **strategic financial decision** that not only addresses urgent needs but also **saves money in the long run**.

The bond measure addresses crucial issues facing our schools today. Our current buildings are in need of significant upgrades to address challenges such as leaky roofs, heating, cooling, ventilation issues, and safety vulnerabilities. Plus we've all experienced the traffic congestion when school gets out. This bond will provide the necessary funds to modernize these aspects, **ensuring our students have access to an environment conducive to learning**.

The school district has a proven track record of fiscal responsibility. Right now, the fixes needed exceed the annual budget allocation, which is why **passing this bond is imperative**. A community oversight board and regular audits will ensure that your tax dollars are spent wisely and transparently.

Additionally, the district has maximized grant opportunities, further supplementing the bond. With over \$5 million in state grants **contingent on the bond's passage**, we have a **unique opportunity to leverage additional resources for our schools**.

I urge you to vote yes for the Banks School District Bond, Measure 34-336. **Let's prioritize the future of our students and community by investing wisely in our schools today.**

State Senator Suzanne Weber

This information furnished by:
Susan Bair
Yes For Banks Schools

Argument in Favor

Banks' Educators are Voting YES on 34-336

Our Students Deserve Better!!

Our Banks Schools community is resilient. Despite challenges in their learning environment, students and educators have found paths to endure and achieve. Students should focus on new learning experiences and educators should focus on securing our students' futures, not the security and safety of our buildings in which they visit every day.

A YES on 34-336 Demonstrates that Our Community Values Student Excellence

The health and safety of our facilities does not reflect the love and care this community pours into our students on a daily basis. Our students deserve facilities that mirror the level of dedication and commitment of our community. Measure 34-336 is a reflection of our community's values.

Build Healthy Schools

Modernizing school buildings ensures that our facilities last longer and provide our students with a safe and healthy learning environment. The funding from this bond measure will update air ventilation systems, improve seismic safety, and repair or replace roofs, keeping our schools in good shape. Our students deserve healthy and safe schools. This measure will also allow the district to build new, modern facilities to replace our oldest buildings, in addition to repair and upgrade school buildings across the district.

Banks Education Association and Banks Classified Association represents educators working in the Banks School District. This includes licensed teachers, instructional assistants, specialists and counselors.

THE BANKS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AND THE BANKS CLASSIFIED ASSOCIATION URGES YOU TO VOTE YES ON 34-336 FOR BETTER BANKS SCHOOLS!

This information furnished by:
Susan Bair
Yes For Banks Schools

Argument in Favor

BANKS SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENTS URGE A YES VOTE FOR MEASURE 34-336!

As high school students here in Banks we see the urgent need for the investments Measure 34-336 will make in our schools every day. Measure 34-336 would raise \$49.3 million to fund classroom and campus improvements, which would provide updated classroom space where we can worry about learning algebra rather than worry about getting hit by water leaking through the roof.

HEALTH, SAFETY, AND SECURITY

We deserve to feel safe and healthy in our classrooms and school buildings. Measure 34-336 funds investments in new ventilation systems, roofs, and seismic infrastructure upgrades. It will also add physical threat security upgrades at the schools making sure that only people who should be in our schools have access to them.

MODERN SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Funding from the bond will also build a new two-story building to replace a large section of Banks High School classrooms, while keeping the sections that we love, like our gym.

These investments will help support our families, neighbors, and friends for many years to come; building a stronger future for the community we love. We all need Banks' adults to stand up for our future.

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

Banks Students ask you to Vote YES on Measure 34-336!

Dennis Klein, Banks High School Senior
Madison Grossnickle, Banks High School Senior
Emily Jordan, Banks High School Senior
Robby Harris, Banks High School Junior
Sophie Schoolmeester, Banks High School Sophomore

This information furnished by:
Susan Bair
Yes For Banks Schools

Argument in Favor

Banks Businesses Say: Vote YES for Banks Schools

A YES vote on Measure 34-336 is an efficient investment in a better future for our community.

The Banks School Bond is critical to keeping our schools and community strong. As businesses in the local community, we know that schools serve as the foundation for a healthy

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economy. Our schools prepare students for college, trade schools and the workforce, and contribute to a vibrant community. Our students deserve better than what exists now. Our students deserve to learn in facilities that demonstrate the importance of education to our community.

Measure 34-336 Creates a Safer and Healthier Environment for Learning. This bond will provide better buildings, air ventilation systems and improved seismic safety. It will invest in critical repairs and replace the district's oldest buildings, keeping our schools in good shape for the future.

"Mike Lyda and Lyda Excavating, Inc. 100% support the upcoming school bond. Our community has been in need of school upgrades for years and it is now a dire need. Whether you have kids in the program or not, having good, safe, and modern facilities is a necessity for the success of our community. There is tremendous pride in our community and it should show with our facilities. I couldn't think of a more appropriate endeavor than a magnificent updated school. Banks has had great success both scholastically and in sports. Let's ensure this continued success with beautiful facilities! Go Braves!" - Mike Lyda, **Lyda Excavating, Inc.**

"Our kids are our future and they deserve to learn in a safe environment with the best resources available. I'm proud to support this school bond measure." - Mark Standley Jr., **Bighorn Logging, Vice President.**

Mike Lyda, Lyda Excavating, Inc.
Mark Standley Jr., Bighorn Logging, Vice President

This information furnished by:
Susan Bair
Yes For Banks Schools

Argument in Favor

Banks' Special Education Families are Voting YES on 34-336

Dignity and Access Demand Action!

Like any student, our students with disabilities or special needs deserve access to a safe, secure, and supportive learning environment. Deficiencies in school buildings that impede or interrupt a typical student can block access or even threaten the dignity of our students that depend on accommodations and support. When accommodations and infrastructure are lacking, a disability may take focus, but when the proper supports are in place the focus can return to where it belongs, on every student's success and pride.

A YES Vote Demonstrates that Our Community Values Student Access

The warm care and respect that the community demonstrates when interacting with our students is unique and exemplary. Measure 34-336 is an opportunity to reflect that care in the accessibility and safety posture of our schools. Measure 34-336 is an opportunity to align our community values with the infrastructure of our schools, and reaffirm the idea that every student deserves to learn and grow in a safe and supportive learning environment.

Banks Special Education Families urge you to Vote YES on Measure 34-366!

The Savage Family
The Schlegel Family
The Williams Family
Jennifer Hill

This information furnished by:
Susan Bair
Yes For Banks Schools

Argument in Favor

Please Join Us and Support a Brighter Future for Banks Schools!

The Banks School Board outlines our findings and plans in proposing this bond measure.

What the bond covers:

The primary focus of the bond money will be on the high school with other projects at the middle and elementary schools.

- Two-story high school classroom wing replacing most of the learning spaces.
- Traffic flow enhancements.
- Replace obsolete HVAC equipment and roofs.
- Threat security upgrades for schools and campus.
- Fire, life safety and seismic upgrades.

How work will take place:

Construction will be completed in phases with the following goals:

- Minimize disruption of operating schools.
- Minimize the use and costs of temporary classrooms.
- Replace buildings of low utilization and functions first.

Cost of the project:

The funding of the proposed projects is as follows:

- Bond: Estimated increase in the bond tax rate from \$1.80 to \$2.99 per \$1,000 of tax assessed value
- **Tax** assessed value is typically 50-60% of **market** assessed value. A **market** value of \$500,000 will typically equal a tax assessed value of approximately \$275,000 (see your tax statement). \$275,000 times \$1.19/thousand, equals a property tax increase of approximately \$330 per year.
- OSCIIM grant: Banks has been approved up to \$6M grant, if bond passes.
- Oregon Seismic Grant: Competitive grant awarded by the state, awaiting results for \$2.5M grant.
- Renew Americas School: Working within a consortium of smaller districts applied for Federal grant for energy conservation, dollar amount unknown.

Why are we proposing it now:

- Extensive evaluation has determined that there is a pressing need to replace failing, obsolete and functionally inadequate structures and building systems.
- Over the past ten years maintenance costs have risen to approximately \$1,500,000 a year.
- Existing bonds will be paid off in 2027.

Help us build a better future for our students. Join us in voting YES for our Banks Schools!

Sincerely,
Ron Frame, Dan Streblov, Corissa Mazurkiewicz, Will Moore, Leslee Sipp

This information furnished by:
Susan Bair
Yes For Banks Schools

Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District

Measure No. 34-337

Ballot Title

Five-Year Levy to Preserve Park, Recreation Operations; Improve Safety, Maintenance

Question: Shall district preserve operations, improve safety, maintenance with a levy \$0.50 per \$1,000 assessed value, for five years beginning 2024-2025? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD) is facing a \$16 million budget shortfall as revenue has not kept up with inflation and rising labor and maintenance costs. This measure would preserve current service levels and programming.

Without additional funding, THPRD will cut services and close facilities, including reducing garbage pickup and restroom cleaning, restroom closures, elimination of afterschool and preschool programming, and reduced safety services staff, class offerings, and facility hours across the entire district.

Services and programs to be funded by this measure include but are not limited to:

- Maintain weekly parks and trails garbage pickup.
- Keep public restrooms open and clean.
- Preserve afterschool and preschool programming for children.
- Prevent the closure of three pools and two splash pads.
- Preserve over 250 part-time and 50 full-time parks & recreation positions, including lifeguards, safety and maintenance staff, class instructors, childcare staff, and more.
- Fund a new registration system.

The levy is estimated to cost a residential property with an average assessed value of \$303,021, \$12.68 per month.

Estimated revenue:

- \$15,311,000.00 in 2024/25
- \$15,770,000.00 in 2025/26
- \$16,243,000.00 in 2026/27
- \$16,730,000.00 in 2027/28
- \$17,232,000.00 in 2028/29
- Five-year total: \$81,286,000.00

Explanatory Statement

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District serves more than 270,000 people in Beaverton and unincorporated Washington County. The district is 50+ square miles, with six recreation centers, eight swimming pools, 120 parks, 70 miles of trails, 162 natural areas, and more. The district offers programming for all ages and abilities.

The THPRD Board of Directors is asking voters to consider a five-year operating levy to maintain existing service levels and improve park and trail safety. The proposed levy would fund staff positions in park maintenance, nature and trails, park patrol staff responding to safety incidents, and programming staff and instructors teaching classes and providing childcare for preschool programs, afterschool programs, and more.

If approved, the levy would:

• **Provide weekly garbage collection and routine maintenance at the district's parks and trails.** Without levy funding, the district would reduce the number of times parks and trails are serviced. Some park sites may only be visited once or twice a month for garbage collection and routine maintenance.

• **Continue frequent restroom cleanings throughout the week and will keep existing restrooms open and available to the public.** Without levy funding, many restrooms would be closed.

• **Keep preschool and afterschool programs operational.** Without levy funding, the district would discontinue childcare programs.

• **Keep all THPRD pools and splash pads open.** Without levy funding, THPRD would close facilities, including at least three pools and two splash pads.

• **Fund 250 part-time and 50 full-time parks and recreation positions** such as lifeguards, safety and maintenance staff, class instructors, childcare staff, and more.

• **Maintain facility hours.** Without levy support, the district would reduce facility hours. Some may be closed additional days or hours.

• **Maintain safety in parks, facilities, trails, and natural areas.** The levy would fund existing safety services personnel to respond to safety concerns.

• **Fund a replacement online registration system.**

The proposed local option levy rate is \$0.50 per \$1,000 assessed property value (not market value). A homeowner with an average assessed value of \$303,021 would experience an estimated increase in property taxes of \$12.68 per month or \$152.12 a year. The cost estimates were developed based on the average assessed value of residential property within the district.

Why did the Board Forward the Local Option Levy to the Voters

Many issues such as inflation, the labor market, and more made it so revenues coming into the district are not keeping up with expenses. Of greatest impact, two-thirds of the district's yearly funding comes from property taxes, which can only be increased three percent a year per state law, without voter approval. With expenses rising faster than three percent a year, the district asked a group of community members to consider these issues.

A Levy Task Force was formed, made up of district residents, and they recommended that THPRD ask voters to consider a local option levy to address the funding gap. The task force looked at numerous funding options and recommended a levy to address the funding shortfall.

Submitted by:
Doug Menke, General Manager

No Arguments in Opposition of this measure were filed.

Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation District

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Argument in Favor

The outstanding parks, trails, and recreation services we have in greater Beaverton play a vital role in our quality of life and economic development. They are a big reason why people want to live, work, and play here and have an impact on why businesses want to open and stay here.

Beaverton is thriving today because of the value we place on our public resources and private businesses. An investment in THPRD is an investment in the future of our community.

Let's keep the Beaverton area a great place for people, families, and businesses to grow for years to come. Vote YES on the THPRD local option levy.

Beaverton Area Chamber of Commerce

This information furnished by:
Alfredo Moreno
Friends of Alfredo Moreno

Argument in Favor

Beaverton Educators Urge you to VOTE YES on 34-337

We are the Beaverton Education Association, made up of teachers and staff across the Beaverton School District, and **we urge your YES vote on Measure 34-337!** This levy is vital for maintaining essential services provided by THPRD, benefiting students and families across Beaverton.

Preserve After School Programs and Camps

THPRD After School and camp programs foster growth, learning, and socialization for students beyond the classroom. These programs provide crucial and affordable childcare options for families district-wide.

Keep sports fields and parks clean and safe

THPRD maintains over 100 parks, including 34 school-linked sports fields. This levy will allow THPRD to retain the staff needed to keep these areas clean and safe for our students and their families.

Save Rec Mobiles

THPRD Rec Mobiles offer free athletic, artistic, and educational programs for students at schools, parks, and housing complexes district-wide. These mobile units come fully equipped with sports and recreation equipment, arts and craft supplies, and more, providing valuable enrichment opportunities for students of all ages and abilities.

Maintain Access to All Classes and Facilities

THPRD facilities serve as safe spaces for recreation and learning after school hours. Their affordable skill-building classes and workshops benefit students of all ages and their families. Without the levy funds, some facility hours and classes will be cut.

Your YES vote ensures that THPRD can continue serving our community and our youth. **Beaverton Educators urge you to Vote YES on Measure 34-337!**

This information furnished by:
Katie Lukins
Beaverton Education Association

Argument in Favor

Our Parks and Recreation systems play a vital role in bolstering the academic success of our community's youth. As a mom, and member of Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District's (THPRD) Board of Directors, I urge you to join me in voting **YES on 34-337!**

Oregon is a childcare desert. There is simply not enough care for children ages 0-5 in our community. THPRD preschool programs provide accessible opportunities and Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) services to help ensure our youngest community members are ready to thrive when they arrive in kindergarten. Passing this measure ensures families have access to childcare. Strong childcare systems are crucial to the economic development of our community.

THPRD after-school programming ensures that our school-age children have consistent and safe places to play, mentors to aid with homework completion, and have nutritional snacks after school. Extensive research concludes that children who have access to sport and movement after school develop stronger social emotional skills. The strengthening of these skills and improving mental health through movement, lay an important foundation that benefits outcomes, grades, and classroom behavior.

In March, our Governor called on our schools to partner with after-school and summer programming organizations to aid in recovering learning losses related to pandemic closures. In the 2024 Oregon Legislative Session, our elected leaders voted to increase funding to our state's programs. That one time increase to programming funds is helpful **AND by our community** voting to **pass measure 34-337**, we are investing in sustainable funding for these programs at the local level.

Simply put - our children **THRIVE** in large part due to the benefits of Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District. When our children thrive, our community thrives, and we invest in our future.

Endorsed by:

BEAVERTON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Elected Community Leaders in Education:

Dr. Tammy Carpenter
Ugonna Enyinnaya
Sunita Garg
Susan Greenberg
Dr. Karen Pérez-Da Silva
Dr. Melissa Potter
Justice Rajee

This information furnished by:
Barbie Minor
Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District

Argument in Favor

Like many of you, we care deeply about the quality of parks and recreation resources available to us in the greater Beaverton area. As the largest special district in the state of Oregon, the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District serves about 270,000 residents in and around Beaverton – not counting the thousands of other Oregonians who visit to recreate in our community throughout the year.

With the passage of the levy, THPRD would be able to:

- **Maintain park and trail maintenance levels**
- **Preserve staff and teacher levels**

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- Continue the district's preschool and THRIVE after school programs
- Keep facilities open and maintain service hours
- Continue robust program offerings and community events
- And ensure completion of a new and improved online registration platform

The decision to ask our neighbors to approve the first THPRD operating levy in several decades was not made lightly. We know the real life impact any increase in taxes can have and, alongside a community levy task force, studied all possible scenarios before reaching this conclusion.

THPRD enjoys a 66-percent community approval rating and has a well-earned reputation as one of the best park and recreation providers in the state. As the board of directors, we could not stand by and allow our service levels to decline so significantly without empowering voters to make the ultimate decision about what type of parks and recreation opportunities they want there in greater Beaverton.

We believe in the work the District does and the impact it has on people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. We believe an investment in THPRD is an investment in the overall well-being of this growing community that we're so proud to share with all of you.

We ask you to vote **YES** on the **THPRD operating levy**.

**Endorsed by the
THPRD Board of Directors:**

Alfredo Moreno
Barbie Minor
Tya Ping
Felicita Montebianco
Miles Palacios

This information furnished by:
Miles Palacios
THPRD Board of Directors

Argument in Favor

THPRD is a critical partner to jurisdictions in the region. While many residents may view them simply as a park provider, to jurisdictions like the City of Beaverton, Washington County and Metro, they are so much more. THPRD provides after school care, a place for kids to learn to swim, Beaverton's only 55-and-better center, and is a protector of natural resources.

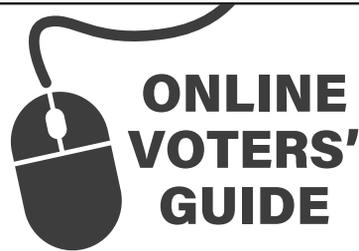
They are also an employer and economic engine, hosting tournaments and guests from around the country. During the pandemic, when residents were stuck at home, the parks and trails were a refuge for so many as a way to access fresh air, exercise, and care for mental well-being.

THPRD makes our community great - we encourage you to vote yes on 34-337!

Metro President Lynn Peterson, Washington County Chair Kathryn Harrington, Beaverton Mayor Lacey Beaty Washington County Commissioners Pam Treece and Nafisa Fai Beaverton Councilors John Duggar, Ashley Hartmeier-Prigg, Nadia Hasan, Edward Kimmi, Kevin Teater, and Allison Tivnon Metro Councilors Juan Carlos González and Gerrit Rosenthal

This information furnished by:
Felicita Montebianco, Miles Palacios
THPRD Board of Directors

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17455 SW Farmington Rd, Ste. 26A
Aloha, OR 97007

BANKS

Banks City Hall/Library

42461 NW Market Street
Banks, OR 97106

BEAVERTON

Beaverton City (Near Library)

Curbside on Hall Boulevard,
between 3rd and 5th Streets
Beaverton, OR 97005

Beaverton Library-Murray Scholls

11200 SW Murray Scholls Pl, Ste. 102
Beaverton, OR 97007

Bethany Library

15325 NW Central Dr, Ste J-8
Portland, OR 97229

Cedar Mill Community Library

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Portland, OR 97229

Washington County Service Center East

3700 SW Murray Blvd
Beaverton, OR 97005

West Slope Community Library

3678 SW 78th Ave
Portland, OR 97225

CORNELIUS

Cornelius City Hall

1355 N Barlow St
Cornelius, OR 97113

FOREST GROVE

Forest Grove City Library

Pacific Ave & Birch St
Forest Grove, OR 97116

GARDEN HOME

Garden Home Community Library

7475 SW Oleson Rd
Portland, OR 97223

HILLSBORO

Hillsboro Main Library

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Hillsboro, OR 97124

Hillsboro Public Library-Shute Park

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Hillsboro, OR 97123

Washington County Elections

2925 NE Aloclek Dr, Ste 170
Hillsboro, OR 97124

Washington Co. Sheriff's Office/Jail Parking Lot

SW Dennis Ave & SW Washington Street
Hillsboro, OR 97124

Westside Commons

801 NE 34th Ave
Hillsboro, OR 97124

KING CITY

King City City Hall

15300 SW 116th Ave
King City, OR 97224

NORTH PLAINS

North Plains City Hall

31360 NW Commercial St
North Plains, OR 97133

SHERWOOD

Sherwood City Hall

22560 SW Pine St
Sherwood, OR 97140

TIGARD

Tigard City Hall

13125 SW Hall Blvd
Tigard, OR 97223

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Tualatin City Hall

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Tualatin, OR 97062

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